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Enter to Win the #KingTideNH2017 Photo Contest, November 5-7, 2017

Portsmouth, NH –The New Hampshire Coastal Adaptation Workgroup (CAW) is excited to announce the return of the New Hampshire King Tide Photo Contest on November 5-7, 2017, when it calls on citizens to help document the effect of higher than normal tides on New Hampshire’s coast.

The term “King Tide” refers to the highest high tides that occur multiple times a year when the moon is in alignment with the sun and closest to the earth. These higher than normal tides often can cause coastal flooding, especially in low-lying areas, and are increasingly viewed as harbingers of what could become the “new normal” as sea levels rise. Photographing King Tides is an effective way to help communities identify areas prone to coastal flooding, visualize potential impacts of sea-level rise, and start planning for the future.

Participation in the contest is easy and everyone is encouraged to enter by posting up to three photos to Facebook, Instagram, and/or Twitter using the hashtag #KingTideNH2017 (note that accounts and/or posts must be public in order to be eligible). Those wishing to participate outside of social media may enter by sending submissions to nhcoastaladaptation@gmail.com. All entries must be photographed along New Hampshire’s tidal shoreline at approximately high tide on November 5-7, 2017. The Contest Submission Period ends at 12:00 PM ET on November 9, 2017. For complete contest rules, terms and conditions, please visit: <http://m1e.net/c?168996516-OpfRsU/YKPa2c%40392091268-91zFU08n9pA3U>

A panel of local judges will select the 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place photos based on two criteria: 1) effectiveness at conveying the high tide and associated flooding vulnerability, and 2) photographic composition. In addition to the top three photos, a People’s Choice prize will be awarded to the photo that receives the most “Likes” in the CAW #KingTideNH2017 Photo Contest Facebook album by 12:00 PM ET on November 17, 2017. To view the CAW #KingTideNH2017 Photo Contest Facebook album, visit: <http://m1e.net/c?168996516-jpxkWz68fSC2c%40392091270-iObsQcc9oGD.2>

Winners will be announced on November 20, 2017 and will be able to “pick their prize” from a published list of donated prizes. An exhibit of select contest photos will be on display at several Seacoast area locations throughout 2017 and 2018. Details for these displays are forthcoming and will be announced following the contest on the CAW website: <http://m1e.net/c?168996516-MYg44.WFWFVb2%40392091272-yXPClNIXC73M>

For all contest updates, follow @nhcaw on Twitter and @nhcoastaladaptation on Facebook and Instagram.

For questions, please contact Nathalie Morison with the NHDES Coastal Program at nathalie.morison@des.nh.gov or at (603) 559-0029.

The New Hampshire Coastal Adaptation Workgroup (CAW) is a collaboration of 20+ organizations working to ensure that New Hampshire’s coastal watershed communities are resourceful, ready, and resilient to extreme weather and long term climate change. To learn more, visit: <http://m1e.net/c?168996516-QzZ6REdUEcGyE%40392091274-Y0BNe.5vCpKu6>

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