



During the spring of 2018, the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC) and a subcommittee of the New England Association of Environmental Biologists (NEAEB) met to discuss the formation of a new NEIWPCC workgroup for **Northeast Aquatic Biologists (NAB)**. NEIWPCC agreed to sponsor this workgroup to provide a forum for state and federal aquatic biologists to meet and share information and continue to benefit from presentations and open discussion and regional collaboration. Components of this agreement include regular NEIWPCC workgroup meetings of the Northeast Aquatic Biologists state and federal members and the hosting of an annual, regional, Northeast Aquatic Biologists Conference. This conference is intended to replace the conference that was hosted by NEAEB each spring.

As such, the second Northeast Aquatic Biologists Conference will be held in Newport, RI, March 4-6, 2020. This conference, a partnership with member states, NEIWPCC and EPA, continues the longstanding legacy and tradition of NEAEB with an emphasis on providing relevant content, materials, and a desire to provide a forum for a professional exchange of knowledge among aquatic biologists. Continuing with the long standing tradition of the former NEAEB conference, **the NAB Conference is open to all registrants.**

The NAB workgroup will meet in person twice per year, and a planning team will help to put on the annual NAB conference, rotating it among NEIWPCC's member states. Unique to the NAB workgroup is a workgroup co-chair, which will be a member of the state that is hosting the current year's conference. The 2020 conference will be held in Newport, RI, and Katie DeGoosh-DiMarzio will be acting as co-chair along with NEIWPCC Water Quality Division Director, Richard Friesner.

To learn more about the Northeast Aquatic Biologist Workgroup, visit www.neiwpcc.org/nab.

Please reach out to Richard (rfriesner@neiwpcc.org) or Katie (katie.degoosh@dem.ri.gov) with any questions.