

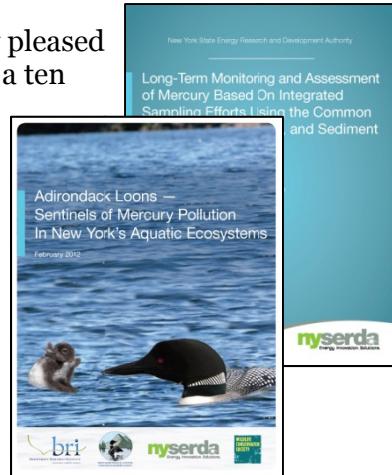


BRI'S ADIRONDACK CENTER FOR LOON CONSERVATION

~~ HIGHLIGHTS OF 2012 ~~

- **Release of Adirondack Loon Reports!** This summer, we were very pleased to release a scientific report that summarized our research findings over a ten year period about the impact of environmental mercury pollution to the Adirondack loon population. We traced mercury contamination throughout the food web, from zooplankton to loons, and found that mercury exposure in loons increased their risk of reproductive harm and has potential population impacts.

A general audience report was also released which provides an overview of Common Loon natural history, information about conservation concerns affecting their populations, and a summary of our scientific research on the Adirondack loon population. Additionally, a four-page summary brochure showcases the results of this long-term study in the Adirondack Park to assess the effect of mercury contamination on wildlife and aquatic ecosystems, using the Common Loon as an indicator species.



Visit our website, www.briloon.org/adkloon, to download these informative reports!

- **Launch of New Study on Adirondack Loon Migration:**



In the summer of 2012, we started using geolocators, a small GPS-type tag that fits on the band of a loon, to discover more about the migratory pathways and wintering areas of Adirondack loons. This innovative technology is lightweight and non-invasive, and will enable us to learn exciting new information about the wintering habits of our Adirondack breeding loon population.



- **Initiation of Fishing Line Recycling Program:** To address the growing threat of fishing line entanglement to Adirondack loons, we are launching a fishing line recycling program throughout the Park. We are developing outreach materials to increase public and angler awareness about this increasing threat to loons and other wildlife, and we will be offering fishing line recycling containers to collaborating organizations and community groups throughout the Park, including lake associations, fish and game clubs, and tackle shops.

- **Tunes for Loons!:** We were thrilled to have mezzo-soprano Jennifer Dudley join us this summer for two exciting concerts in Lake Placid and Old Forge. Jennifer enthralled us with wonderful jazz/musical theater bird songs to increase public awareness about our ongoing loon conservation efforts in the Adirondacks. *We are very grateful to Jennifer Dudley and the excellent musicians who accompanied her – Drew Benware and Daniel Saulpaugh – to provide us with such marvelous entertainment. We hope you can join us for our 2013 summer events!*



For more information about our exciting Adirondack loon research and conservation initiatives, please contact:

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