



## ADIRONDACK CENTER FOR LOON CONSERVATION 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- ***We became an independent nonprofit organization!*** With the help of our donors and the Adirondack community, the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation achieved a momentous milestone this spring when we took wing, and fledged into an independent nonprofit organization!

Our mission remains the same—we are dedicated to conducting rigorous science and engaging educational programming to promote the conservation of Common Loons in and beyond the Adirondack Park.

We are deeply honored to have a wonderful and exceptionally talented Board of Directors leading us, including: Board Chair, Chandler Ralph, Linda Cohen, Kathleen Colson, Cathy Dove, Kate Fish, Susan Friedmann, Susan Semegram, Ramsay Tanham, and Connie Weatherup. And we are most grateful to Beverly Bridger for her excellent guidance this year as a member of our incorporating board. We hope you enjoy getting to know them!



- ***The Adirondack Loon Center moved to 15 Broadway in Saranac Lake:*** This new location, owned by Main Street Saranac Lake Development LLC, provides us more space for our offices, gift shop, and our upcoming educational exhibits on loon natural history and their conservation. We look forward to having you visit next summer to see our new exhibits and learn more about loons!
- ***Adirondack loon research update:*** Thanks to continued support from NYSEDA and our many donors, we continued our field research this summer using Common Loons as an indicator of the impacts of mercury pollution on Adirondack aquatic ecosystems. Our field staff monitored almost 100 Adirondack lakes looking for more than 350 banded loons to determine if they successfully raised chicks. Additionally, we sampled 15 loons on 7 lakes to learn more about their health and mercury exposure, including recapturing an old “friend” – the very first Adirondack loon we ever banded back in 1998! It was fantastic to sample her again, after all these years!



- ***Loon Rescues:*** Our loon rescues are one of the most rewarding aspects of our work – from freeing a loon entangled in fishing line to saving one who is iced in, it is so wonderful to know we are making a true difference in the lives of Adirondack loons. For example, this summer, we documented that one of the most tangled fishing line birds we rescued back in 2016 was now raising two chicks!
- ***Please welcome Barbara Brisson and Valerie Buxton to our staff!*** As our new Communications Director and Office Manager, Barbara is the “behind the scenes” guru who keeps us running smoothly. Her wealth of experience in communications, event planning, retail, and a variety of other skills greatly adds to our capabilities. Dr. Valerie Buxton will be joining us this winter as our new Research Biologist. With a PhD in Natural Resources, Val’s knowledge in avian field research, study design, and statistical analysis will significantly expand our research program. We are excited to work with her!

***We hope you enjoy following our work all year long at [www.adkloon.org](http://www.adkloon.org)  
and on our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/adkloon/](http://www.facebook.com/adkloon/)!***

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