

Avian Botulism Monitoring Datasheet

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council "Beach Rangers"



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Date	Shoreline Surveyed (ex: 1234 N Lakeshore Dr. to 1/4 mile past the Crooked Tree)	County	Length (mi)	Corm / Loon		Grebes		Gulls		Scoters	Non-Bird	
				Double-Crested Cormorant	Common Loon	Horned Grebe	Rednecked Grebe	Herring Gull	Ringbilled Gull	Whitewing Scoter	Lake Sturgeon	Squirrel

Monitor assigned shoreline once per week during September, October, and November. Reporting seeing nothing is just as important as reporting birds. Consult Dead Bird Guide for help with identification. Mark birds with spray paint/nail polish to avoid double-counting. Dispose (in trash bags using rubber gloves) or bury carcasses if possible. Report very fresh birds to the Watershed Council to be collected for necropsy. Report banded birds to Tip of the Mitt with band description and ID's. Report, photograph, and GPS banded loons or if you find more than 4-5 loons to Damon McCormick at 906 202 0602 or d1m@commoncoast.org. Turn in datasheet to Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council 426 Bay St. Petoskey, MI 49770 by January 1 of next year to be included in research. Thank You! Caroline Keson, Coordinator, 231-347-1181, caroline@watershedcouncil.org

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Additional Questions

Algae: None, Light, Medium, or Heavy	Carcasses appeared to drift from which direction(s)?	Primary Location of Carcasses (bays, points, or both?)	Carcasses scavenged by wildlife? (Yes, no, unsure)	Carcasses found higher than waves could wash them? (Yes, No, Unsure)	Other Birds/Fish/Wildlife (note species if known and number) and Comments

Common Other Birds/Fish/Wildlife include: Common Merganser, Redbreasted Merganser, Longtailed Duck, Red-Throated Loon, Surf Scoter, Mallard Duck, Canada Goose, Common Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Round Goby, Alewife, Carp