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Water Talks
“The American Eel: Our Most Mysterious Fish”

[Union, NH, February 19, 2019] Due to the popular success of last year’s **“Water Talks”**, the Acton Wakefield Watersheds Alliance (AWWA), the Gafney Library in Sanbornville, NH and the Acton Public Library in Acton, ME have joined together again this year for a new round of **“Water Talks”**, a free series of presentations by experts in their fields. The talks are **free and open to the public** and the location will alternate between the Wakefield Opera House (2 High St, Sanbornville) and the Acton Town Hall (35 H Road, Acton). Light refreshments will be served.

Join us for the first one on **March 20, 2 PM, at the Wakefield Opera House**. Back by popular demand, Alyson Eberhardt of the New Hampshire Sea Grant & Cooperative Extension will present "The American Eel: Our Most Mysterious Fish". Eels live in fresh water and estuaries and only leave these habitats to enter the Atlantic Ocean to start their spawning migration to the Sargasso Sea. If you’ve never given much thought to the life cycle of the eel and the cutthroat world of eel poaching, prepare to be amazed!

The next three Water Talks will be as follows:

- April 17, 2 PM, Acton Town Hall, Roberta Hill of the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program will speak about invasive aquatic species.
- May 8, 2 PM, Wakefield Opera House, Don Kretchmer of DK Water Resources Consulting, will speak about local fish.
- June 12, 2 PM, Acton Town Hall, Pam Hunt of NH Audubon will speak about dragonflies and damselflies.

The **Acton Wakefield Watersheds Alliance**, a non-profit established in 2005, is dedicated to protecting and restoring the water quality of the lakes, ponds, rivers and streams of Wakefield, New Hampshire and the border region of Acton, Maine. Find us www.awwatersheds.org or on Facebook.

The **Gafney Library** serves the towns of Wakefield and Brookfield and looks forward to having the opportunity to present this series of educational, relative and informative talks to its residents. Find us at www.gafneylibrary.org or on Facebook.

The **Acton Public Library** is a 501(c)(3) located in a quaint one-room school house serving the town of Acton with summer reading programs for all ages, seasonal FUNdraisers and more. Find us at www.acton.lib.me.us or on Facebook.

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