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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – *Update on the State of the Estuaries* 2/18/13**

PORTSMOUTH, NH: The nonprofit Gundalow Company's *2013 Contemporary Coastal Issues* series begins this month with an update on the 2012 State of the Estuaries Report recently completed by the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership.

The public is invited on Monday, February 18 for "*Coming Together for Clean Water Solutions,*" a free presentation and interactive discussion with Rachel Rouillard, PREP Director and Jill Farrell, Community Impact Program Manager. The PREP report highlights a three- year study of 22 key indicators designed to provide a better understanding of the health and vitality of the Great Bay and Hampton and Seabrook Estuaries.

This presentation is the first in a year-long series hosted by the Gundalow Company at 60 Marcy Street, Portsmouth. Beverages and snacks will be served beginning at 6:30 PM; with the program running 7:00-8:30 PM. The next Contemporary Coastal Issues program will feature Peter Wellenberger, the Great Bay-Piscataqua Waterkeeper on Monday, March 18. Please contact 603.433.9505 or [bmaurer@gundalow.org](mailto:bmaurer@gundalow.org) with questions.

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