

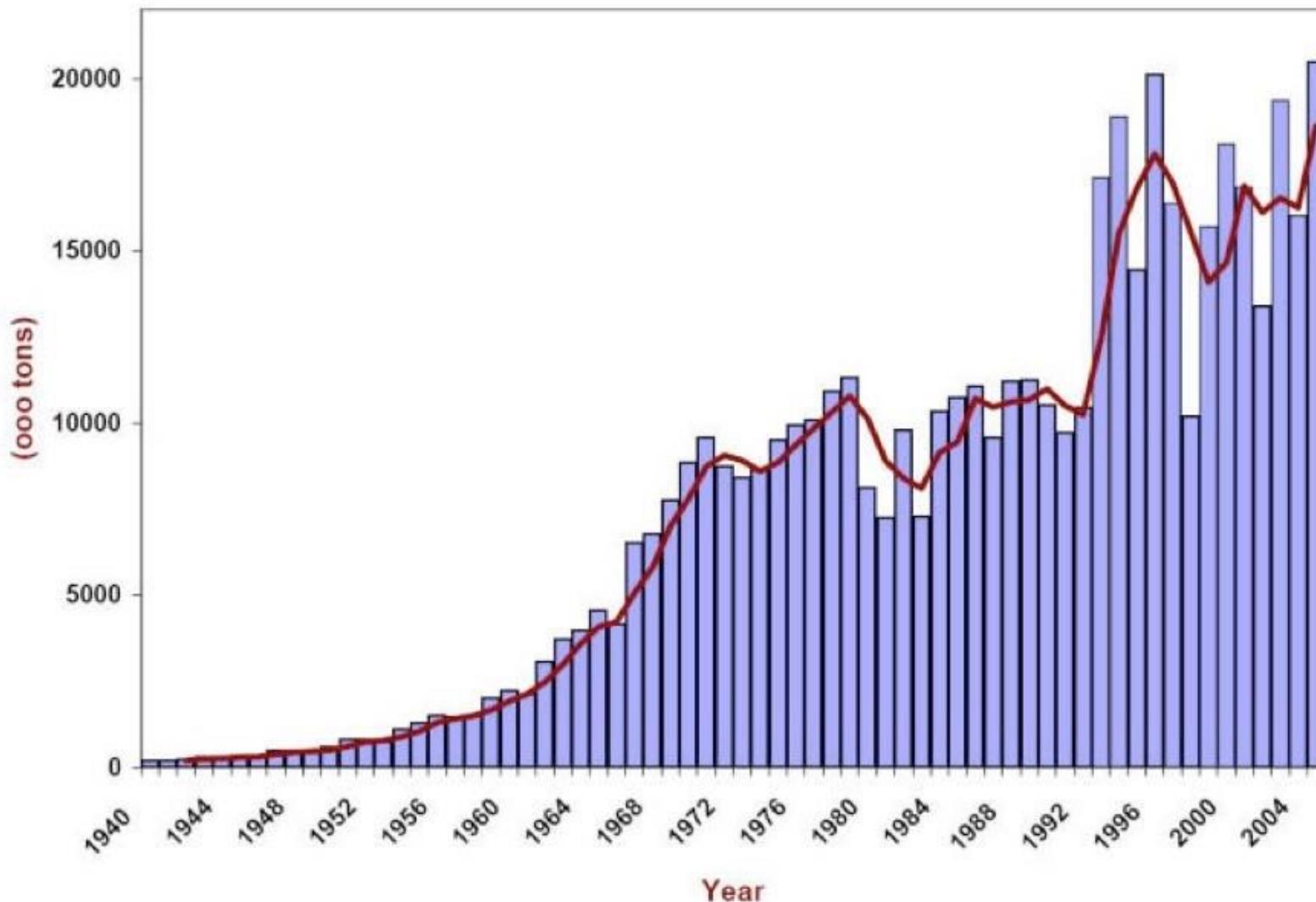
The State of Chlorides in New Hampshire



Ted Diers, NHDES



Salt use in the US



Source: Salt Institute

Why salt matters ...



Landscaping

Toxic for fish



Infrastructure

Wells

Other issues

- Density of runoff water
 - Effect on phosphorus
- Combination effects
 - Chloride PLUS
 - acidic PLUS
 - low DO

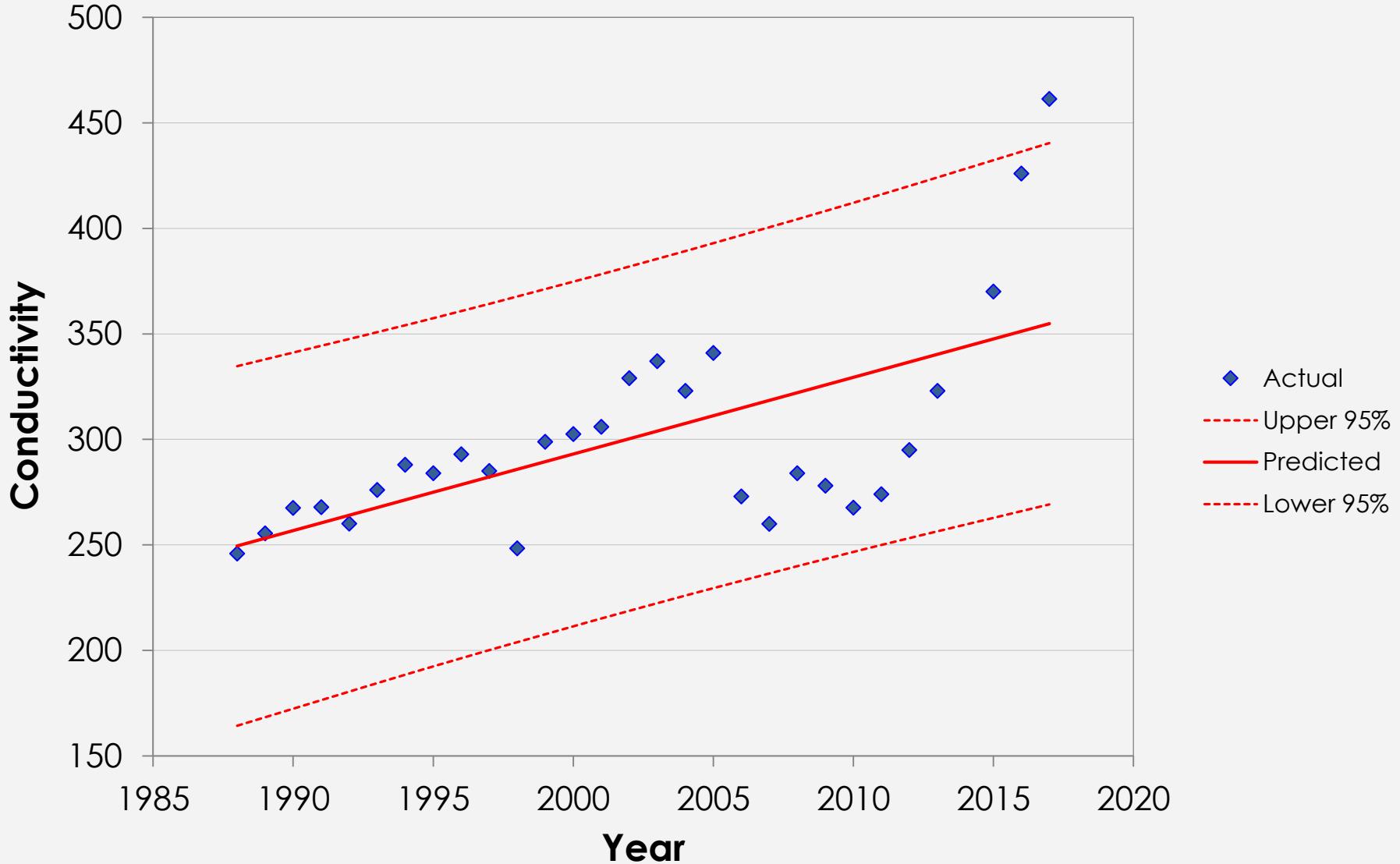


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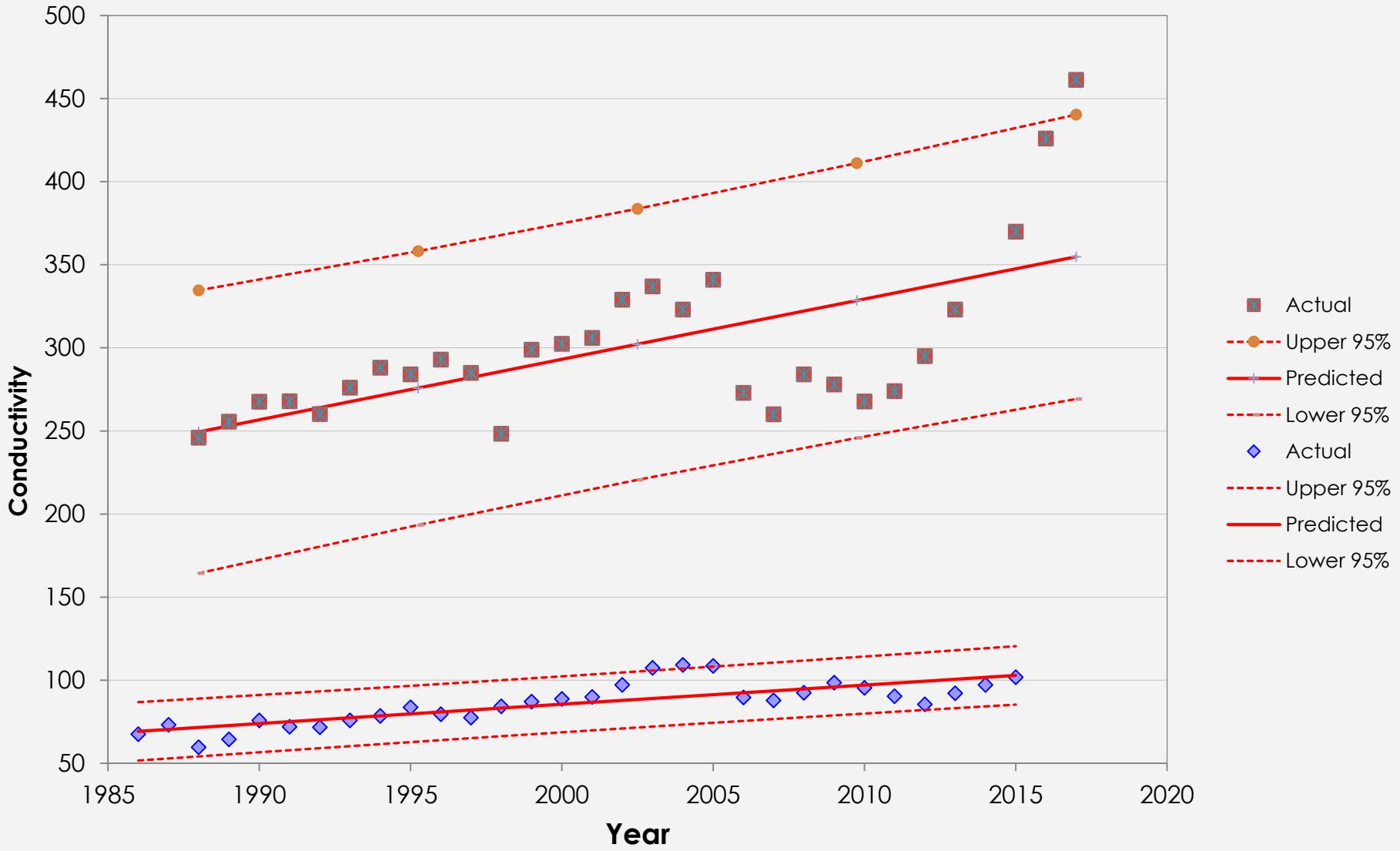


Salt Water

Cobbetts Pond Conductivity Trend



Conductivity Trends in Cobbetts Pond and Lake Sunapee



Salt sources?

- Highway - I93 is ~10% of loading
- Roads and parking lots
- Household winter maintenance
- Septic systems and water softeners
- Salt storage





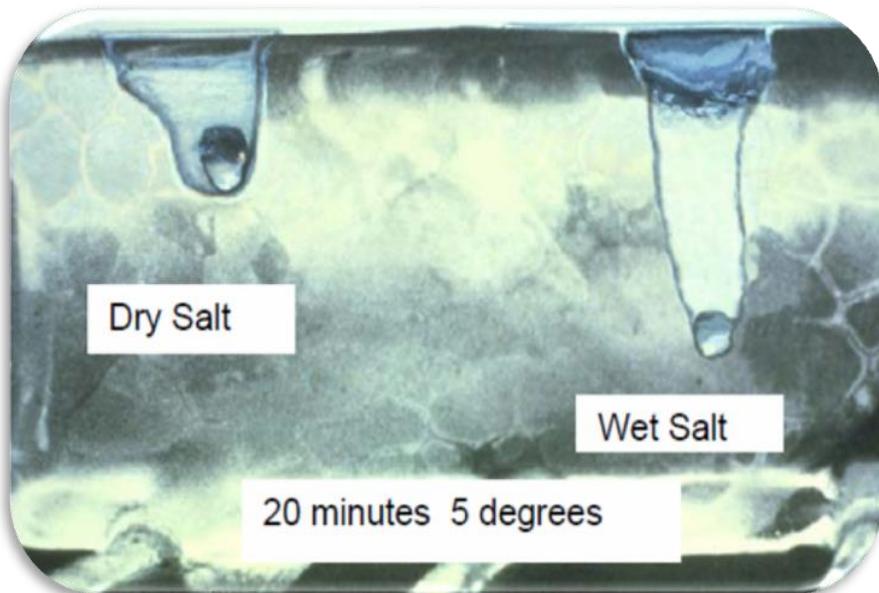
The issue is over-application!

How to reduce?



Training and Liability

- Training
- Certification
- Liability protection
- Like ski-areas

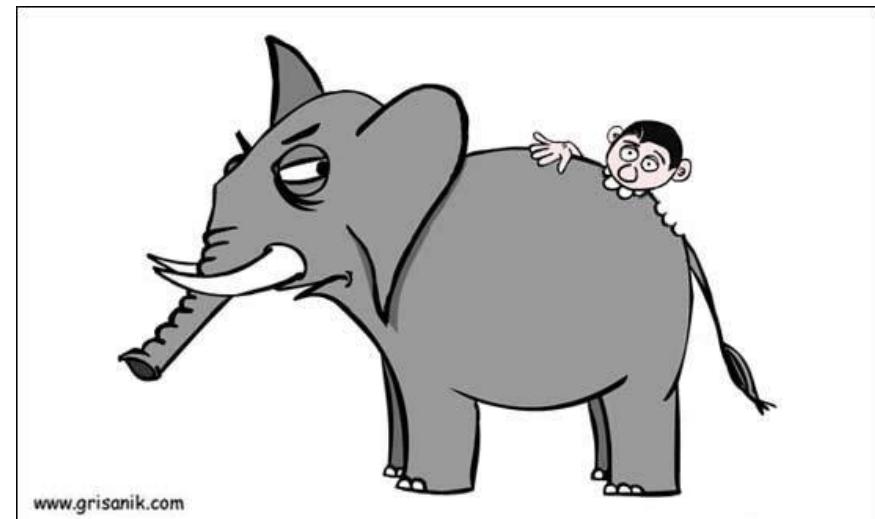


Source: Wisconsin DOT Transportation Bulletin #22



Many solutions, take small bites

- Focus on highest contributing watersheds
- Understand sources
- Identify Potential Low Salt Roads
- Reduce all salt sources
- Work with towns and NHDOT
- Green SnowPro
- Keep monitoring!



Discussion



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