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IAP Services

March 18, 2020



Dear [REDACTED]:

Re: You are entitled to part of the information you requested – 2020-00090-ENV

Environment received your application for access to information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* on January 23, 2020.

In your application, you requested a copy of the following records:

A copy of the 2017 report by protected areas planners on Owls Head provincial park and any corresponding emails/records.

You are entitled to part of the records requested. However, we have removed some of the information from this record according to subsection 5(2) of the *Act*. The severed information is exempt from disclosure under the *Act* for the following reasons:

- Section 14: advice by or for a public body or minister.
- Section 20: unreasonable invasion of personal privacy.

The remainder of the records are enclosed.

You have the right to ask for a review of this decision by the Information Access and Privacy Commissioner (formerly the Review Officer). You have 60 days from the date of this letter to exercise this right. If you wish to ask for a review, you may do so on Form 7, a copy of which is attached. Send the completed form to the Information Access and Privacy Commissioner, P.O. Box 181, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2M4.

Please be advised that a de-identified copy of this disclosure letter and the attached response to your FOIPOP application will be made public after 14 days. The package will be posted online at informationaccess.novascotia.ca. The letter will not include your name, address or any other personal information that you have supplied in the course of making your application under FOIPOP.

Please contact Lauren Smith at 902-424-3786 or by e-mail at Lauren.Smith@novascotia.ca, if you need further assistance in regard to this application.

Yours truly,

Intended for Public Use

Lauren Smith
IAP Administrator

Attach.

From: [Labor, Peter](#)
To: [Maass, Oliver C](#)
Subject: Re: Owls Head PP - description
Date: July 26, 2017 5:18:19 PM

Great - thanks!

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Maass, Oliver C
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 4:53 PM
To: Labor, Peter
Subject: Owls Head PP - description

Hi Peter,

Here is a description, as discussed. I had some trouble with formatting within the email, so have included a Word version as attachment in case that is useful.

I gleaned info from the P&PA Plan, interactive map, and NSNT and WITAP websites. I did not call [REDACTED].

Oliver

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Property Description

- Consists of two separate parcels, totaling about 680 acres, or 276 hectares. (PID 00489591 = ~650 acres; PID 40751273 = ~ 32 acres)
- Includes road frontage at both Little Harbour and Southwest Cove.

Ecological and Recreation Values

- Predominantly rugged coastal barrens with wetlands. The bedrock-ridged topography is very prominent.
 - Elevations range from sea-level to about 25 m above sea level.
 - Includes over 4.5 km of coastal frontage, with mix of exposed and sheltered coast, including about 100m of sand beach (which is part of a larger beach on private land which Nova Scotia Nature Trust is seeking to protect).
 - Piping Plover have nested here, according to DNR.
- The property is one of a limited number of mainland parcels within the NSNT branded "100 Wild Islands" area and has good potential for hiking and shoreline access off public roads, and perhaps camping.
- The property can also be accessed by kayak and other small craft and contributes to the "wild coast" experience of this area.

History & Current Context

- The property has for many decades been assigned to DNR's parks program as part of the Province's commitment to develop the Eastern Shore Seaside Park System (this initiative followed the withdrawal of a federal proposal to establish a national park on the Eastern Shore in the 1970s).
- The property is referred to by DNR as an "existing park" in the 2013 Parks and Protected Areas Plan (p.54), though it has yet to be legally designated. The interactive map which accompanied the P&PA Plan indicates the status as "pending designation".
- Because of this property's history and status with DNR, it was not included within lands that were designated as Eastern Shore Islands Wilderness Area in 2015.
- The property is within the Nova Scotia Nature Trust's "100 Wild Islands" campaign area. When NSNT reports on progress in protecting lands within this area, it includes provincial parks and protected areas, including the Owls Head PP property. It has been considered by NSNT to have

the same status as nearby Clam Harbour Beach and Taylor Head provincial parks, as well as Eastern Shore Islands Wilderness Area.

- NSNT is working to secure protection of several adjacent private land coastal parcels and has protected several nearby islands.
- The Owls Head PP property is within the geographic area of interest to the Wild Islands Tourism Advancement Partnership (WITAP) project, which has as its mission "To position and advance Musquodoboit Harbour-Sherbrooke as a dynamic new in-demand destination offering the best-designed touring, outdoor & nature infrastructure and experiences in Nova Scotia".

From: [Murphy, Andrew \(ENV\)](#)
 To: [Martin, Frances R](#); [Labor, Peter](#)
 Subject: FW: Owls Head PP
 Date: July 27, 2017 9:10:23 AM
 Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Frances,
 Information on Owls Head is below. Note the recommendation [REDACTED]
 Andrew

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From: Labor, Peter

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 5:37 PM

To: Murphy, Andrew (ENV) <Andrew.J.Murphy@novascotia.ca>

Subject: Owls Head PP

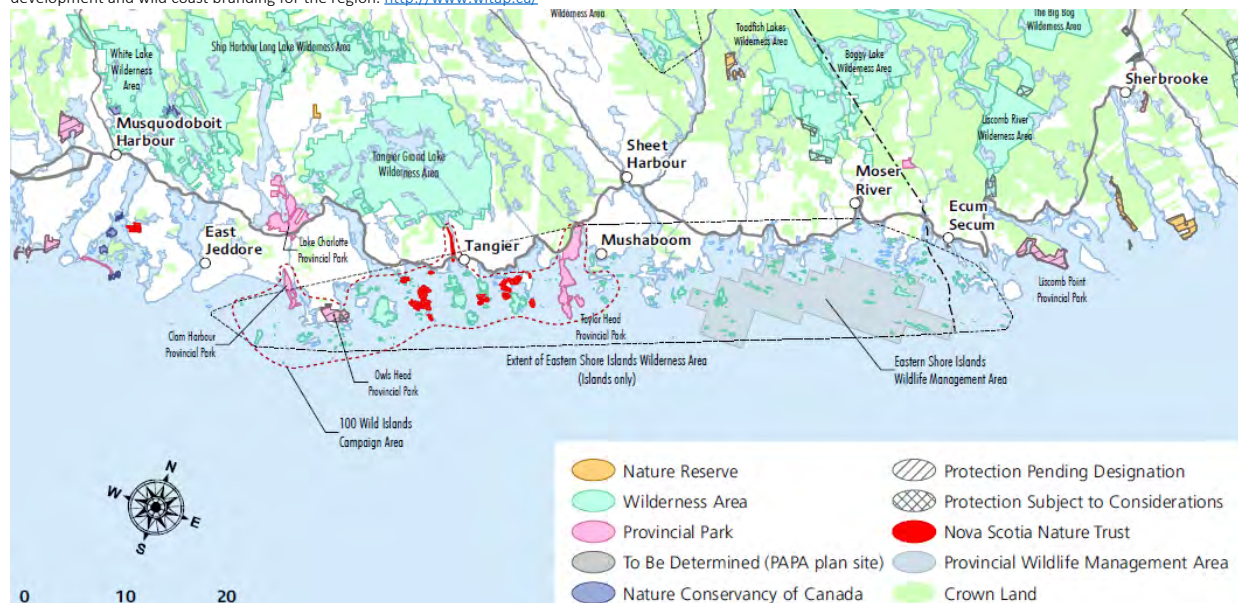
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History & Current Context

- The property has long been assigned to DNR's parks program as part of the Province's commitment to develop the Eastern Shore Seaside Park System (this initiative followed the withdrawal of a federal proposal to establish a national park on the Eastern Shore in the 1970s).
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- The Owls Head PP property has been included in the Wild Islands Tourism Advancement Partnership (WITAP) project, which has as its mission "To position and advance Musquodoboit Harbour-Sherbrooke as a dynamic new in-demand destination offering the best-designed touring, outdoor & nature infrastructure and experiences in Nova Scotia". Owls Head, along with two other park sites (Taylor Head and Liscombe Point) have been identified by WITAP as key coastal "anchors" that complement the tourism development and wild coast branding for the region. <http://www.witap.ca/>



I have not been involved in any conversations regarding changes to the intent of designating this site as a provincial park. I expect that DNR Parks staff would be best able speak to matters related to consultation, planning, etc. for the site.

Given the above, [REDACTED]

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Peter

From: [Labor, Peter](#)
To: [Maass, Oliver C](#)
Subject: RE: Owls Head PP - description
Date: August 14, 2017 9:40:31 AM

Yes – I followed up

From: Maass, Oliver C
Sent: Tuesday, August 01, 2017 1:37 PM
To: Labor, Peter <Peter.Labor@novascotia.ca>
Subject: RE: Owls Head PP - description
Just wondering if you followed up on this?

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From: [Labor, Peter](#)
To: [Bragg, Peter D](#)
Subject: RE: Little Harbour / Light House Links
Date: September 27, 2017 12:31:50 PM

Can you provide the PIDs? We are assuming this is the lands associated with Owls Head Provincial Park Reserve, but I don't want to confuse locations.

peter

From: Bragg, Peter D
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 11:54 AM
To: Labor, Peter <Peter.Labor@novascotia.ca>
Subject: Re: Little Harbour / Light House Links

Peter,

His main question is:

All I want to know at this point in time is why are those PIDs on the list for proposed protected lands? IE: rare species of plants animals etc.....

Thanks,

Peter

From: Bragg, Peter D
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 11:38 AM
To: Labor, Peter <Peter.Labor@novascotia.ca>
Subject: Little Harbour / Light House Links

Peter,

Could you send me an overview of the issue with Little Harbour and the Light House Links?

I see we have a meeting on it with DNR on the 3rd, but the local mla has some questions and I wanted to be able to answer them as best I could.

Thanks,

Peter

From: [Labor, Peter](#)
To: [Bragg, Peter D](#)
Subject: RE: Little Harbour / Light House Links
Date: September 27, 2017 12:49:25 PM
Attachments: [Eastern Shore Islands - STEP Report Graphic - 20160407.pdf](#)
[halOwlsHead.pdf](#)

Peter,

Assuming that the lands in question are part of Owls Head Provincial Park Reserve...

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<http://www.witap.ca/>

Note: as this is a provincial park reserve, Matt Parker at DNR would be the key contact for additional information.

peter

From: Bragg, Peter D

Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 12:34 PM

To: Labor, Peter <Peter.Labor@novascotia.ca>

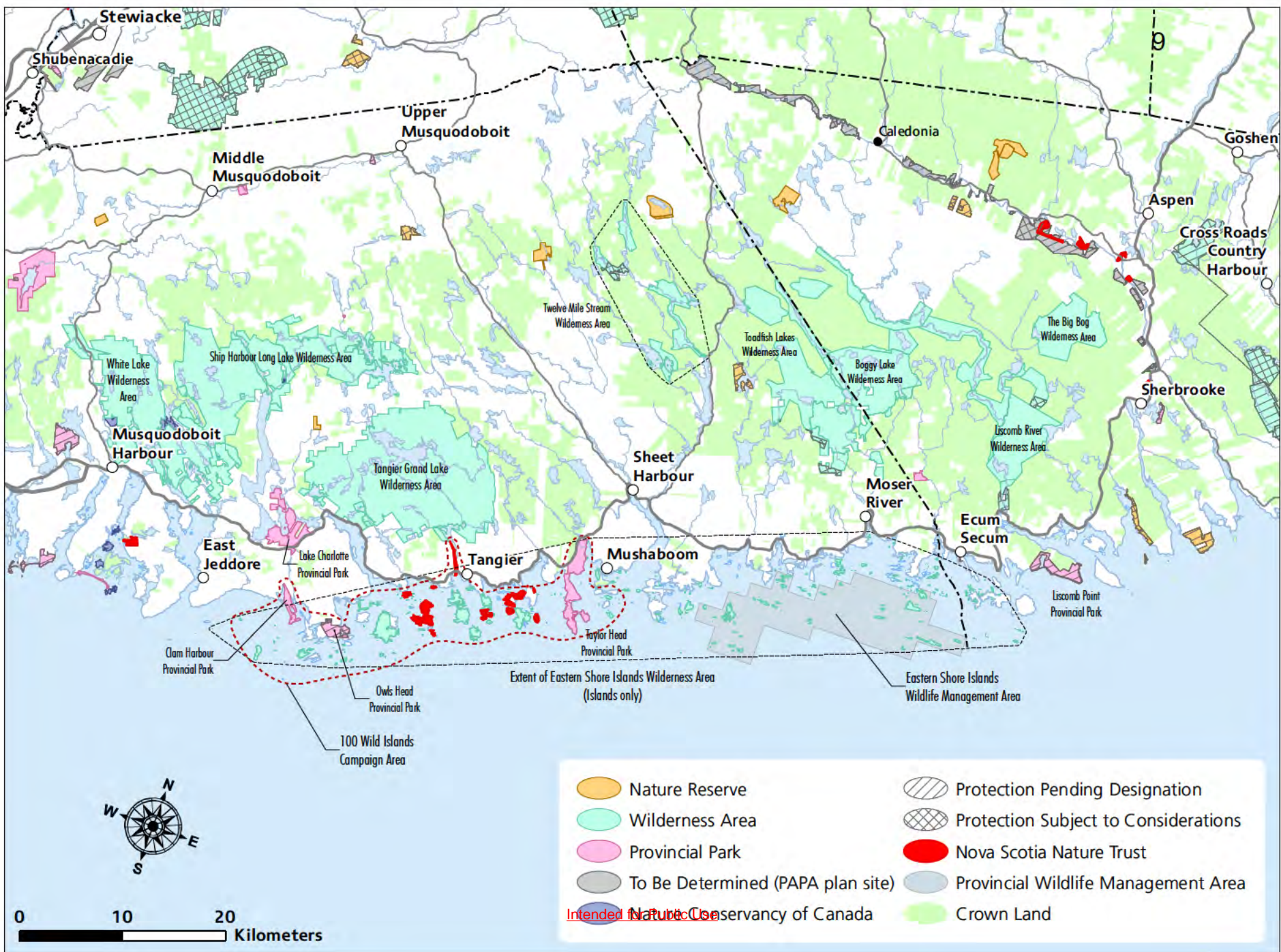
Subject: Re: Little Harbour / Light House Links

Yes I believe those are the ones.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 27, 2017, at 12:31 PM, Labor, Peter <Peter.Labor@novascotia.ca> wrote:




















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Owls Head Provincial Park and Park Reserve Series

6° Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Projection, Zone 20,
Central Meridian 63°00' West, North American Datum (NAD) 1983.
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|  Building |  Unpaved Road |
|  Water Body |  Track (2m & wider) |
|  River / Stream |  Trail / Footpath |
|  County Boundary |  Railway |
| |  Abandoned Railway |

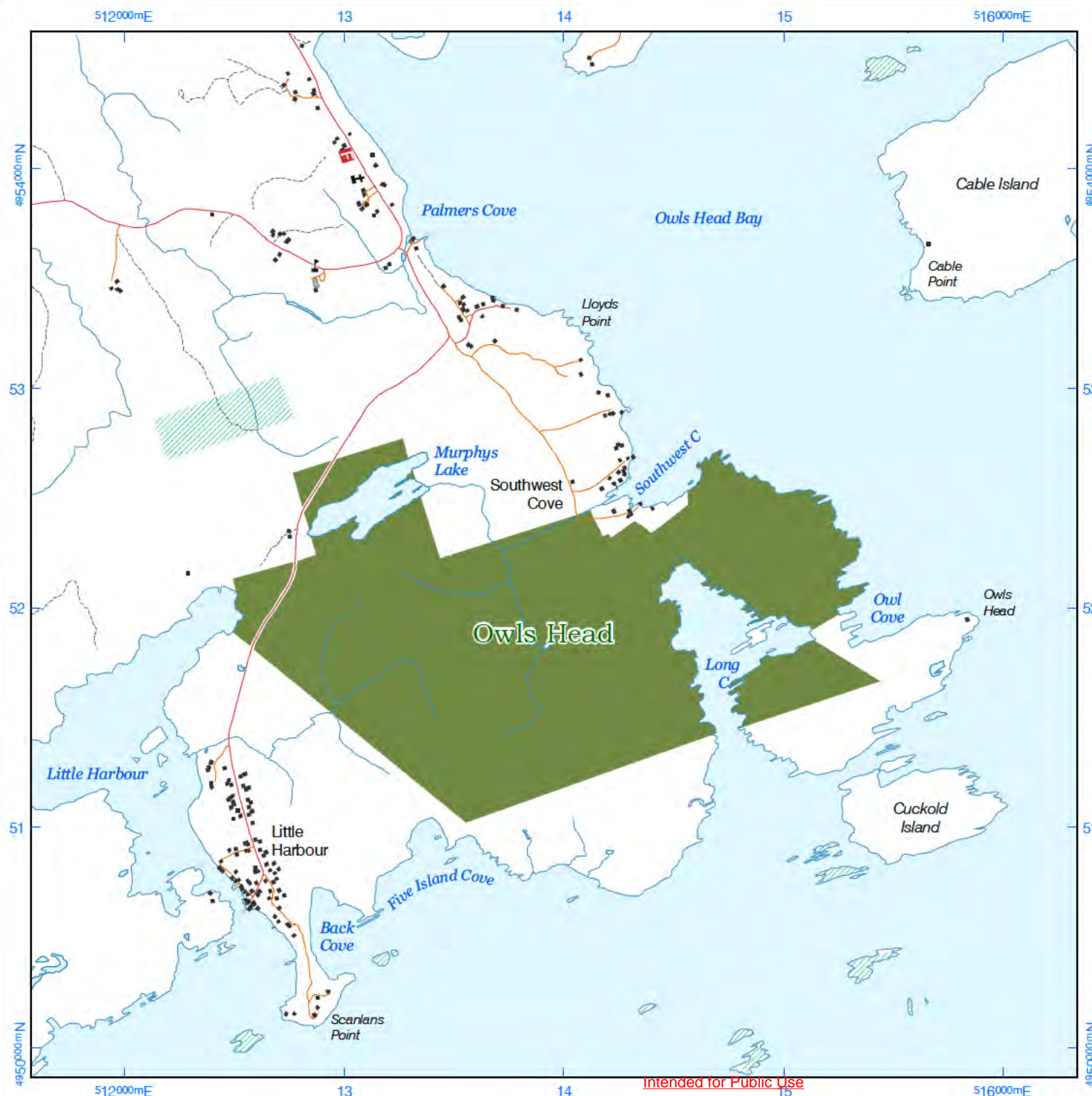
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|  Park Reserve |
|  Wilderness Area |
|  Nature Reserve |
|  National Historic Site, National Park |
|  Crown Land |

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Data Sources:
Nova Scotia Topographic Database 2010; Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations
Wilderness Areas and Nature Reserves 2012; NS Department of Environment
Crown Land, Provincial Parks and Park Reserves 2012; Restricted and Limited
Use Lands 2007; NS Department of Natural Resources

Produced by the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, 2012.
The Province of Nova Scotia accepts no liability for
any errors, deficiencies, or faults on this map.



From: [Bragg, Peter D](#)
To: [Labor, Peter](#)
Subject: RE: Little Harbour / Light House Links
Date: September 27, 2017 12:50:58 PM

THanks

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From: [Labor, Peter](#)
To: [Maass, Oliver C](#)
Subject: RE: Owls Head Park Reserve
Date: October 2, 2017 9:07:12 AM
Attachments: [Re Owls Head PP - description.msg](#)

From: Maass, Oliver C
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 9:04 AM
To: Labor, Peter <Peter.Labor@novascotia.ca>
Subject: RE: Owls Head Park Reserve
 Thanks. But I did not compile anything on this for you.
 Perhaps Kermit or Dave?
 Oliver

From: Labor, Peter
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 5:08 PM
To: Maass, Oliver C <Oliver.Maass@novascotia.ca>
Subject: Re: Owls Head Park Reserve
 I provided background info on Owls Head to Peter Bragg earlier this week - same info you compiled previously.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Peter

Not Responsive

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Maass, Oliver C
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 4:05 PM
To: Labor, Peter
Subject: Owls Head Park Reserve

Hi Peter,
 Just checking to make sure I have all the latest on the scheduled briefing on Owls Head next Tuesday.

Do we know if our Deputy has been briefed? Peter Bragg or Minister Rankin?

Not Responsive

[REDACTED]

Will our DM and Minister be going to this meeting with any understanding of the issues?
 I have received no formal communication on any of the issues myself. I did talk informally to Matt about Owls Head the other day.
 Oliver

From: [Labor, Peter](#)
To: [Murphy, Andrew \(ENV\)](#)
Subject: Re: Little Harbour / Light House Links
Date: October 18, 2017 5:50:25 PM

Wasn't it attached to the email?

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Murphy, Andrew (ENV)
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 5:44 PM
To: Labor, Peter
Subject: RE: Little Harbour / Light House Links

Thank you. Can you share with me the map that you share previously that positions this site within the broader 100 Islands region.

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From: [Labor, Peter](#)
To: [Boates, J Sherman](#); [deGooyer, Kermit G](#); [Labor, Peter](#); [Maass, Oliver C](#); [MacKinnon, David S](#); [MacQuarrie, Bruce A](#); [Parker, Matt S](#); [Ryan, Robert](#); [Smith, Allan G](#)
Subject: owls head photos
Date: November 7, 2017 5:21:27 PM

I have placed a slide deck with some of the owls head field visit observations in the shared folder (on level above 13% tech so that it can be accessed by EDs if needed).

peter

From: [Labor, Peter](#)
To: [Murphy, Andrew \(ENV\)](#); [Maass, Oliver C](#)
Subject: RE: One more thing...
Date: November 7, 2017 6:10:47 PM
Attachments: [owls head field assessment Oct 2017.pptx](#)

Andrew,

I chatted briefly with France about Owls Head on our way back from meeting with CCH. I let her know that we did field work, identified park-related values, and that we needed direction on who is doing what (see below). [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Other considerations here that we have not discussed: coastal protection expectations; municipal development requirements, Mi'kmaq and public consultation obligations (including in relation to site being highlighted in P&PA Plan).

Bruce MacQuarrie indicated at our 13% tech meeting today that Leslie asked him to reiterate that DNR staff will work on this, and it was not assigned to the 13% tech committee to follow up – so that needs to be clarified by Deputies. I indicated that it would be difficult for NSE/Tech Committee to do more without having additional information about the proposal from the developer.

We shared some photos with Tech Committee members from our field, and talked about park values, and the significant challenges to land development in this rugged area. A deck containing a few of these observations is now available in the shared P&PA folder (see attached).

p

From: Murphy, Andrew (ENV)
Sent: Tuesday, November 07, 2017 6:01 PM
To: Labor, Peter <Peter.Labor@novascotia.ca>; Maass, Oliver C <Oliver.Maass@novascotia.ca>
Subject: One more thing...

The Minister also asked about owls head and the golf course proposal. Can either of you update me on what you know about status? I haven't heard anything more about it since the last time we [Peter and I] met with the deputy about this.

Thanks,

Andrew

Andrew Murphy

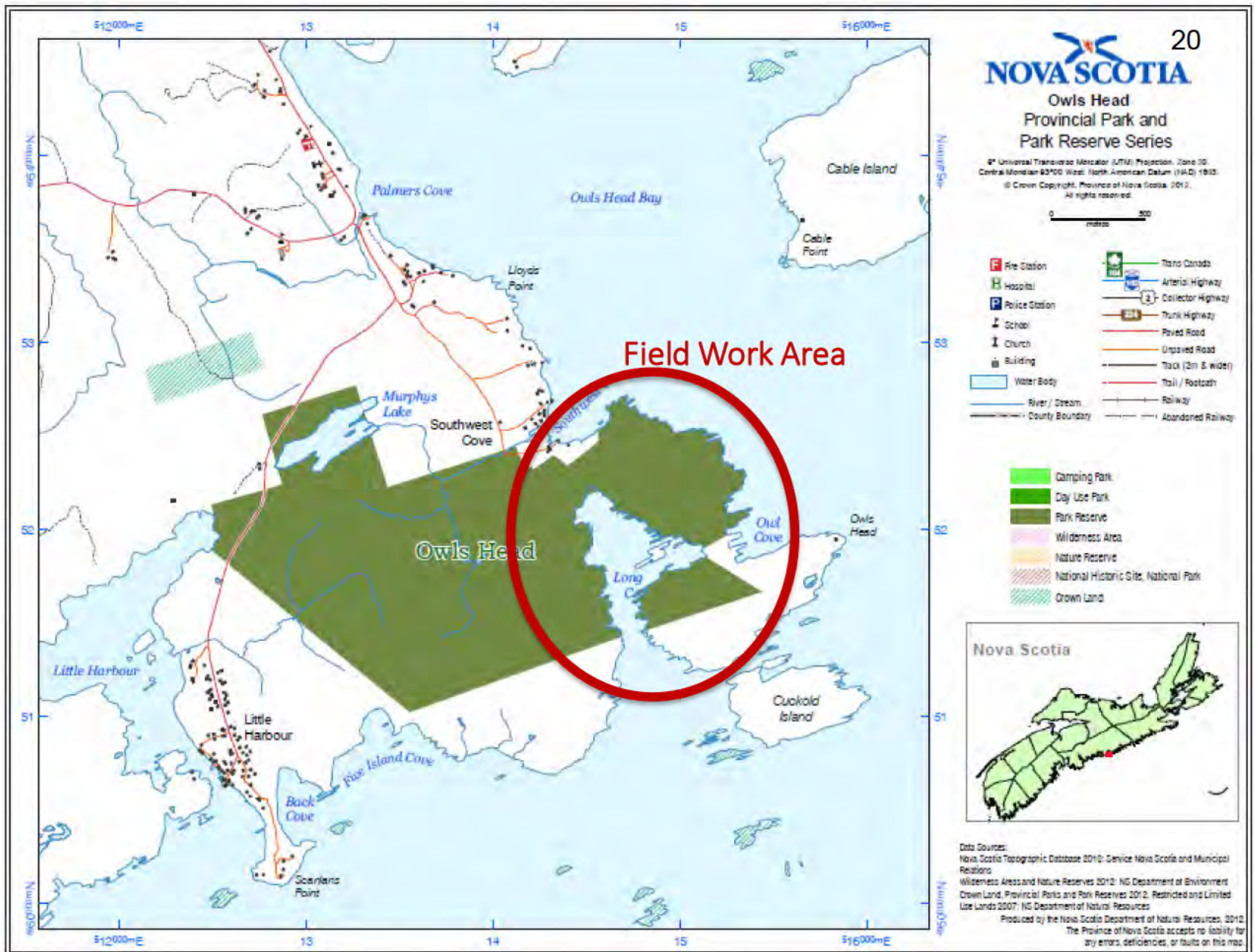
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Nova Scotia Environment

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Owls Head Park Reserve

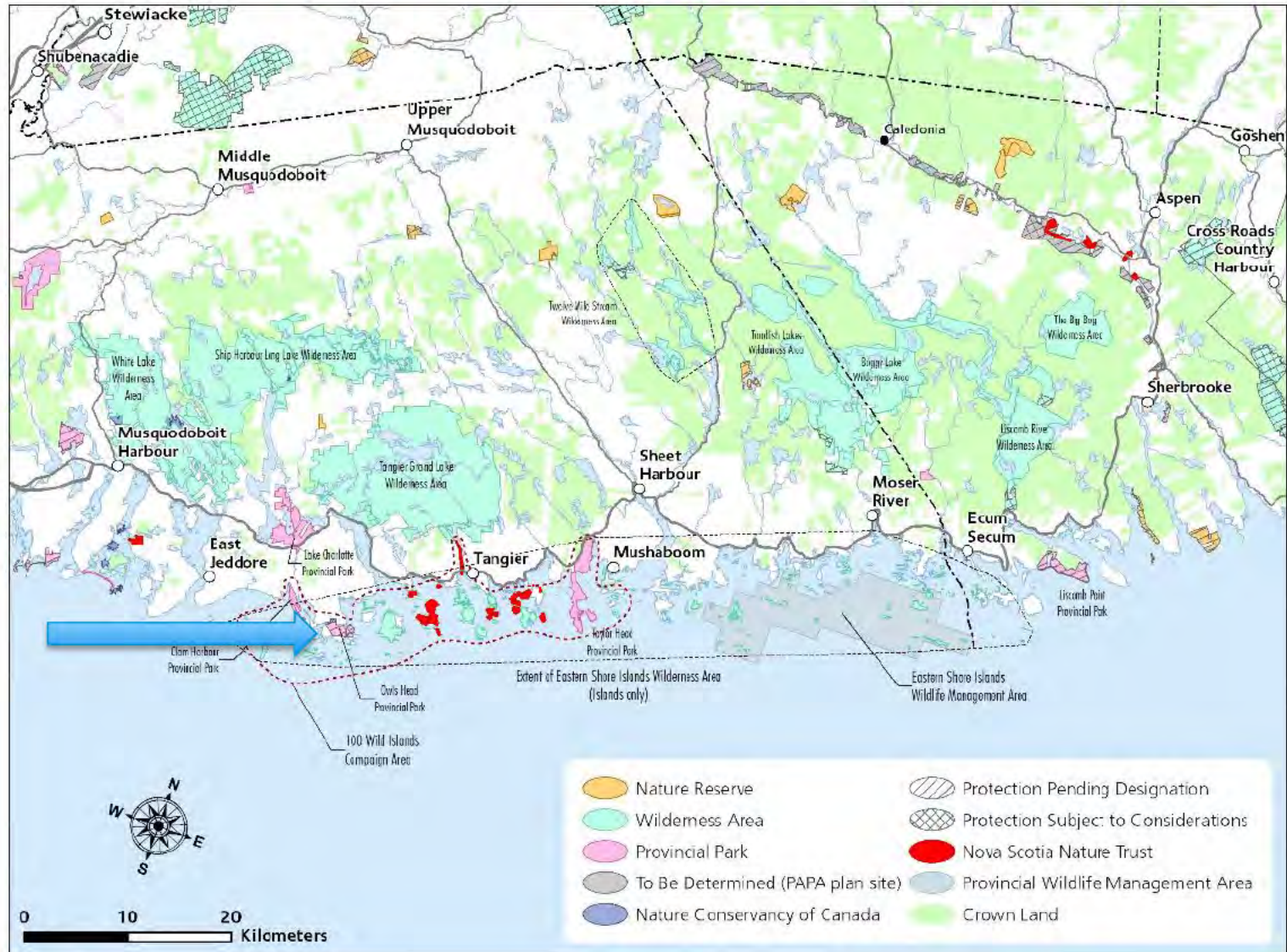
Field Visit – October 24, 2017



Observations

- Park-related values
 - Coastal access
 - Scenic recreation / tourism opportunities
 - Compelling natural/geological landscape
 - “Gateway” connection to wild islands (WITAP) area
- Development considerations
 - Long history as “park” site
 - Rugged terrain with thin soils and prominent quartzite ridges – challenge for transforming the landscape
 - Local and regional community interests unknown

WITAP Project Area



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MacKinnon, David S

From: Labor, Peter
Sent: January 10, 2018 5:01 PM
To: deGooyer, Kermit G; Maass, Oliver C; Cameron, Robert P; MacKinnon, David S
Subject: FW: background on ecology of Owl's Head

FYI

From: Murphy, Andrew (ENV)
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 4:29 PM
To: Labor, Peter <Peter.Labor@novascotia.ca>
Subject: FW: background on ecology of Owl's Head

FYI

From: Martin, Frances R
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 3:57 PM
To: Murphy, Andrew (ENV) <Andrew.J.Murphy@novascotia.ca>; Bragg, Peter D <Peter.Bragg@novascotia.ca>
Subject: FW: background on ecology of Owl's Head

fyi

From: Towers, Julie K
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 8:10 AM
To: Martin, Frances R <Frances.Martin@novascotia.ca>
Subject: background on ecology of Owl's Head

FYI – summary of biodiversity information on the site:

Two species at risk (Piping plover -nationally and provincially endangered; and barn swallow - nationally threatened, provincially endangered), occur on and immediately adjacent to the Crown parcel, and the site is particularly important for the globally rare *Coastal Broom Crowberry Heathland Ecosystem*.

There are nine sites in NS where we know this globally significant ecosystem occurs. One site is in a Wilderness Area (Bonnett Lake Barrens in Guysborough County) and two sites are in provincial parks / park reserves (West Dover and Owl's Head).

Almost the entire area is dominated by treeless or sparsely treed ecosystems. These ecosystems include a mix of open wetland, heathland (barrens), beaches, grassland, and rock outcrop. Provincial government land includes one of only nine sites in the province for the globally rare *Coastal Broom Crowberry Heathland Ecosystem*. Across its global range, this ecosystem type is only known from Nova Scotia and possibly parts of Maine. The ecosystem has been defined as part of a collaborative project between NSDNR, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Saint Mary's University, and the Atlantic Canada Conservation Centre under funding from the Atlantic Ecosystems Initiative (<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-funding/programs/atlantic-ecosystems-initiatives-guidelines-2016-2019.html>).

Julie Towers

Deputy Minister
NS Department of Natural Resources
1701 Hollis Street
Halifax NS B3J 3M8
902-424-4121

MacKinnon, David S

From: Labor, Peter
Sent: November 7, 2017 5:21 PM
To: Boates, J Sherman; deGooyer, Kermit G; Labor, Peter; Maass, Oliver C; MacKinnon, David S; MacQuarrie, Bruce A; Parker, Matt S; Ryan, Robert; Smith, Allan G
Subject: owls head photos

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peter

MacKinnon, David S

From: Maass, Oliver C
Sent: October 26, 2017 2:03 PM
To: Labor, Peter
Cc: deGooyer, Kermit G; MacKinnon, David S
Subject: Owls Head images / clips

Hi Peter,

FYI - Images from our field day on October 24th are saved here in separate folders named Oliver, Kermit and Dave::

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This includes 7 video clips in a folder in the Oliver folder, and a couple in the Kermit folder.

Oliver

MacKinnon, David S

From: MacKinnon, David S
Sent: October 26, 2017 12:27 PM
To: Maass, Oliver C
Subject: RE: Owls Head images

Ok – I've copied them over.
D.

From: Maass, Oliver C
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 3:32 PM
To: MacKinnon, David S <David.MacKinnon2@novascotia.ca>
Subject: Owls Head images

Dave, here is the folder location for Owls Head images:

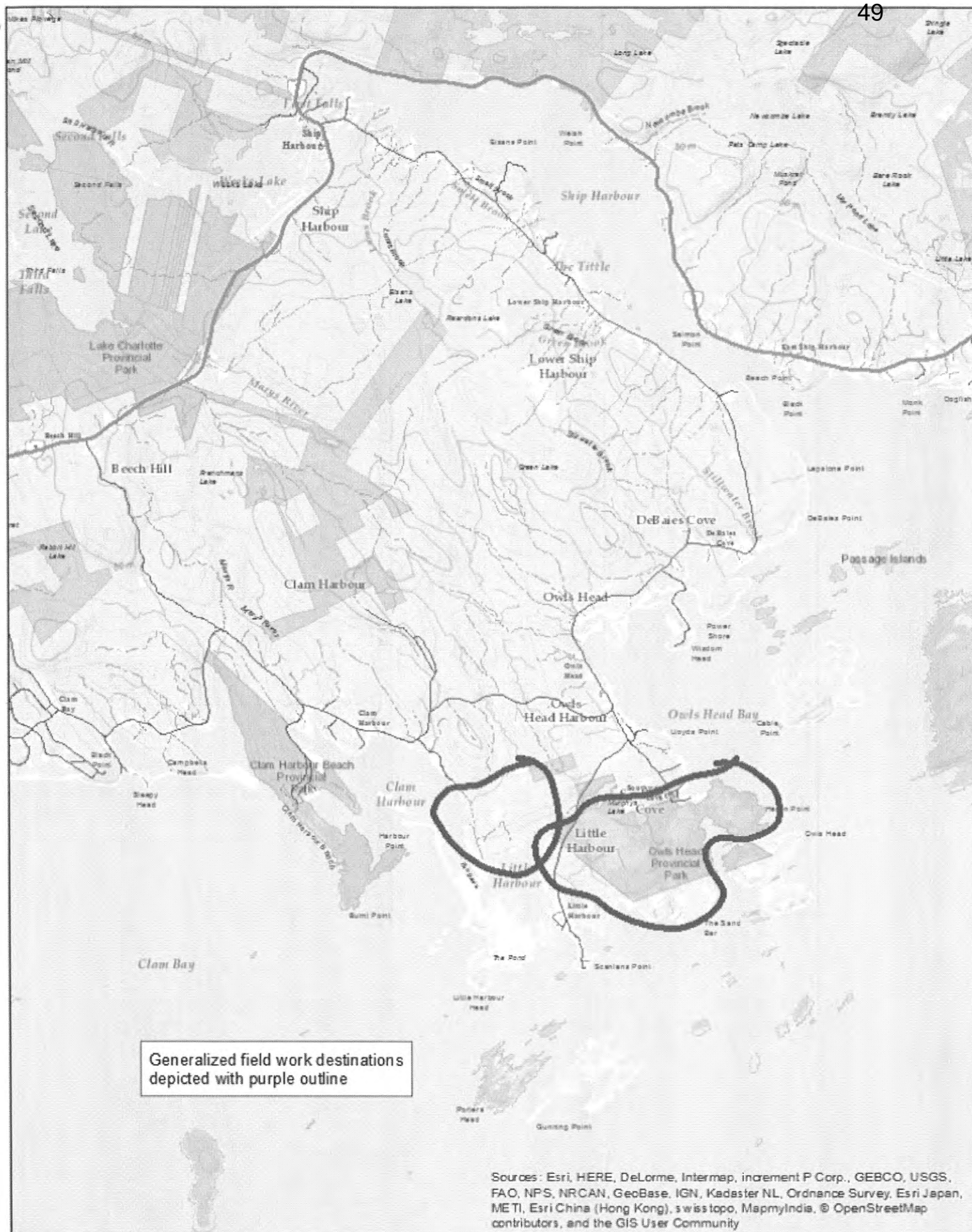
15(1)(k)

Oliver

MacKinnon, David S

From: deGooyer, Kermit G
Sent: October 23, 2017 3:47 PM
To: Morehouse, Neil S; [REDACTED]@eastlink.ca
Cc: Maass, Oliver C; MacKinnon, David S; Labor, Peter
Subject: Remote Plan - Owls Head
Attachments: RLP_OwlsHead.jpg; SWP_Owls_Head.doc

I will bring paper copies tomorrow.



SAFE WORK PRACTICE

WORKING IN WILDERNESS LOCATION

SCHEDULE 2: WILDERNESS LOCATION PLAN

Last Revised: 01/2013

Each individual employee who will be working in a wilderness location* must prepare a wilderness location plan (include map). A copy of the plan should be kept by the employee, a copy held by the contact person identified in the check in plan, a copy held at the employee's office, and a copy held by the employee's supervisor (or delegate). **Prior to departure, the plan must be reviewed and approved by the employee's supervisor (or delegate).** Employee and Supervisor must be familiar with all Safe Work Procedures which pertain to the proposed work activities and potential hazardous situations.

*Remote Wilderness Location - any setting more than 500 metres from an occupied building or a parked passenger vehicle used to access a work site, and/or when there is no reasonable expectation of immediate rescue and evacuation should an employee become lost or injured).

Employee Name(s):		Other Participant(s):	
Kermit deGooyer		Peter Labor, David MacKinnon, Oliver Maass	
WORK SITES AND VEHICLES			
Location:	Owls Head Provincial Park Reserve	Location Contact(s):	
Date(s):	October 24, 2017		
Remote Access Description (attach map): Driving in Branch Ford Escape to Little Harbour or thereabouts. Will walk through Crown block known as Owls Head Provincial Park Reserve and likely some nearby private lands. See purple circles on attached map.			
Vehicle(s), Model & Year, Colour, Plate #:		2013 Ford Escape; black; FDS 190	
FIRST AID TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT REQUIRED			
The First Aid Regulations require (confirm with initials):			
Current Standard First Aid Certificate:			KD et al
Access at all times to a First Aid Kit: #2 in their vehicle and field office:			KD
Kit #1 equivalent while working away from their vehicle or field office:			KD
Remote Area Personal Safety (RAPS) Kit:			KD

COMMUNICATION WITH AND FROM REMOTE WILDERNESS LOCATIONS			
Employees are required to have or be able to access and know how to operate a suitable communication device(s) which is most likely to function reliably at all remote locations to be visited (identified as follows):			
Cell Phone Number:	(902) 240-5257 (Kermit), (902) 233-3840 (Oliver), (902) 478-0646 (Dave), (902) 499-6086 (Peter)	Satellite Phone Number:	n/a

SAFE WORK PRACTICE WORKING IN WILDERNESS LOCATION

Landline Telephone Number:		Beacon Number:	
Alternative Communication:			
CHECK-IN PLAN			
Contact Person:		Phone Number:	
Time of Return	8:00 pm		
If contact has not been made by the time of return, the contact person must call 911. Then the contact person shall call the employee's supervisor/delegate.			
Supervisor/delegate (work hours):	Neil Morehouse	Phone Number:	902-424-0232 (W)
Supervisor/delegate (after hours):	Neil Morehouse	Phone Number:	902-717-4880 (c) [REDACTED] (h) 201
TRANSPORTATION OF INJURED EMPLOYEES FROM REMOTE LOCATIONS			
Identified options for transportation of injured worker(s) from site specific remote wilderness location work are as:			
By vehicle from forest access road network			
Location of the nearest emergency care facilities open during normal working hours:			
1) QE2 Health Services Centre. 5909 Veterans Memorial Ln, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7; (902) 473-2700 2) Twin Oaks Memorial Hospital., 7704 Highway 7. Musquodoboit Harbour, NS B0J 2L0. (902) 889-2200.			
APPROVAL			
Manager/delegate Signature:		Date	

Truro (902) 893-5880

SAFE WORK PRACTICE

WORKING IN WILDERNESS LOCATION

Instructions to Contact Person, Supervisor or Employees for Overdue Employee Working in a Remote Wilderness Location

General

The following information is considered a general procedure to locate an overdue employee working in a remote wilderness location. This procedure assumes that the employee has completed a Remote Wilderness Location Plan and map which has been approved by the employee's supervisor (or delegate). The Remote Wilderness Location Plan includes, among other things, a contact person, an estimated time of arrival, emergency phone numbers, and a map showing the location of the field work.

Employees will have training, Personal Protective Equipment, and access to a Remote Area Personal Safety (RAPS) Kit, as follows:

Training

First Aid
Wilderness Travel and Survival Skills
Appropriate Other Training or Equivalent for Activity (Small Craft, ATV, Snowmobile, etc.)

Personal Protective Equipment

Appropriate protective clothing and footwear for activity
First Aid Kit

Remote Area Personal Survival Kit, including

map and compass
locating device as appropriate (cell phone, radio, pocket flare, whistle)
equipment for fire starting and temporary shelter

Procedure for locating and overdue employee

If the contact person identified on the remote location plan has not heard from the employee by the scheduled time of return (as shown on the remote location plan):

1. The contact person identified on the Remote Wilderness Location Plan:
 - a. Calls 911 and provides details as outlined in the Remote Wilderness Location Plan, including contact information for the employee's supervisor or delegate
 - b. Calls the employee's supervisor or delegate, as indicated on the remote location plan, to notify that person that the employee has not checked in and that 911 has

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- been called.
- c. If the supervisor or delegate cannot be reached;
 - i. During office hours, call the NSE Protected Areas office
2. The supervisor or delegate (who also has copy of the Remote Wilderness Location Plan) immediately initiates the following procedure:
- a. Attempt to contact the employee by cell phone, satellite phone or radio. Check email for beacon signals or indicators of an emergency.
 - b. Contact the Integrated Emergency Service (911) to discuss coordination of efforts to locate the missing employee. RCMP will determine if Ground Search and Rescue should be called in. Confer and co-operate fully with RCMP and Ground Search and Rescue until the employee is found.
 - c. As appropriate, based on discussions with Integrated Emergency Services:
 - i. call the DNR 24 hour general emergency line;
 - ii. using available resources (NSE/DNR staff familiar with and located in area, helicopter, etc.) determine if the employee's vehicle is still parked at the location identified in the Remote Wilderness Location Plan;
 - iii. as time and conditions permit, use available resources to conduct a preliminary search along the route shown in the Remote Wilderness Location Plan.

Notes or Additional Comments:

Mackinnon, David S

From: Maass, Oliver C
Sent: October 23, 2017 10:20 AM
To: Labor, Peter; MacKinnon, David S; deGooyer, Kermit G
Subject: Owls Head field trip

Here's our tentative plan for tomorrow:

Kermit will take the Escape home tonight and pick me up at my home just after 8:30 am. We'll pick Peter up at the parking lot at Home Depot (near Bayers Lake Business Park) around 9 am and then drive around the Bedford Basin and meet Dave at the Sobeys at the junction of HW 107 and 7/Main Street.

Dave may bring a kayak with which he can gain a perspective (and photos) from the water.

We are likely to travel beyond 500 m from the vehicle, so we'll prepare a remote location plan and map.

Oliver

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| Fire Station | Trans Canada |
| Hospital | Arterial Highway |
| Police Station | Collector Highway |
| School | Trunk Highway |
| Church | Paved Road |
| Building | Unpaved Road |
| Water Body | Track (2m & wider) |
| River / Stream | Trail / Footpath |
| County Boundary | Railway |
| | Abandoned Railway |

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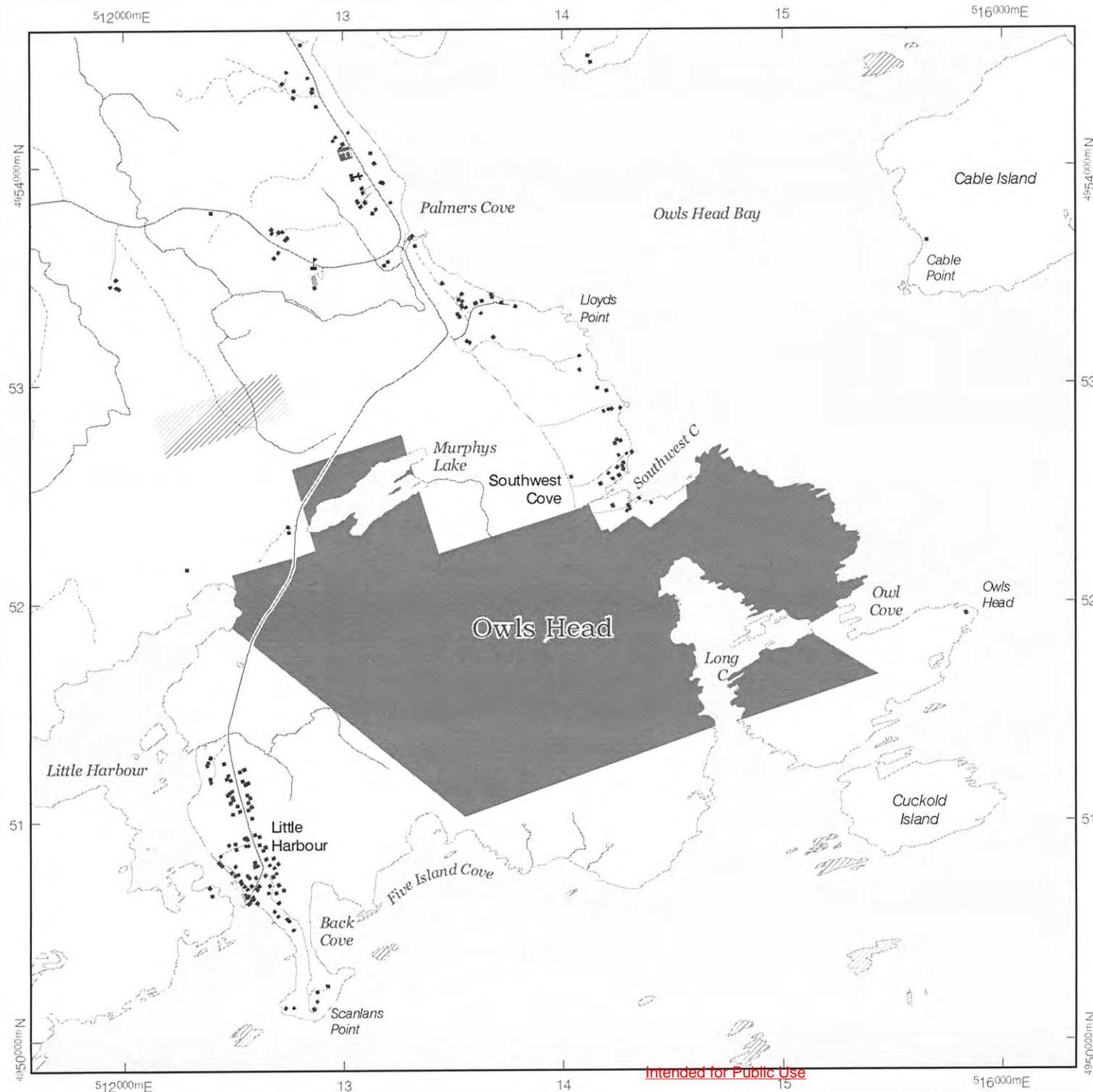
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Data Sources:
Nova Scotia Topographic Database 2010; Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations

Wilderness Areas and Nature Reserves 2012; NS Department of Environment
Crown Land, Provincial Parks and Park Reserves 2012; Restricted and Limited
Use Lands 2007; NS Department of Natural Resources

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MacKinnon, David S

From: MacKinnon, David S
Sent: October 2, 2017 9:15 AM
To: Maass, Oliver C; deGooyer, Kermit G
Subject: FW: Eastern Shore PIDs

-----Original Message-----

From: MacKinnon, David S
 Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 3:16 PM
 To: Murphy, Andrew (ENV) <Andrew.J.Murphy@novascotia.ca>
 Cc: Labor, Peter <Peter.Labor@novascotia.ca>
 Subject: Eastern Shore PIDs

Hi Andrew - The PID list you provided (40747578, 00555847, 00489591, 41307992, 40751273, 00555284) are the properties that make up Owl's Head Provincial Park. It is listed in the Parks and PAs plan as an existing park, but it is not designated under the Parks Act (hence its listing in the plan). DNR has quite a few of these "operational parks" and park reserves - not designated but still managed as parks.

Dave

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MacKinnon, David S

From: Maass, Oliver C
Sent: October 2, 2017 9:02 AM
To: deGooyer, Kermit G
Cc: MacKinnon, David S
Subject: FW: Owls Head Park Reserve

Hi Kermit, Dave:
 Did either of you compile info on Owls Head PP for Peter?
 I'll be in a briefing tomorrow and don't know what info we sent up the line.
 Thanks,
 Oliver

From: Labor, Peter
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 5:08 PM
To: Maass, Oliver C <Oliver.Maass@novascotia.ca>
Subject: Re: Owls Head Park Reserve

I provided background info on Owls Head to Peter Bragg earlier this week - same info you compiled previously.

Peter

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Maass, Oliver C
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 4:05 PM
To: Labor, Peter
Subject: Owls Head Park Reserve

Hi Peter,

Just checking to make sure I have all the latest on the scheduled briefing on Owls Head next Tuesday.
 Do we know if our Deputy has been briefed? Peter Bragg or Minister Rankin?

Will our DM and Minister be going to this meeting with any understanding of the issues?

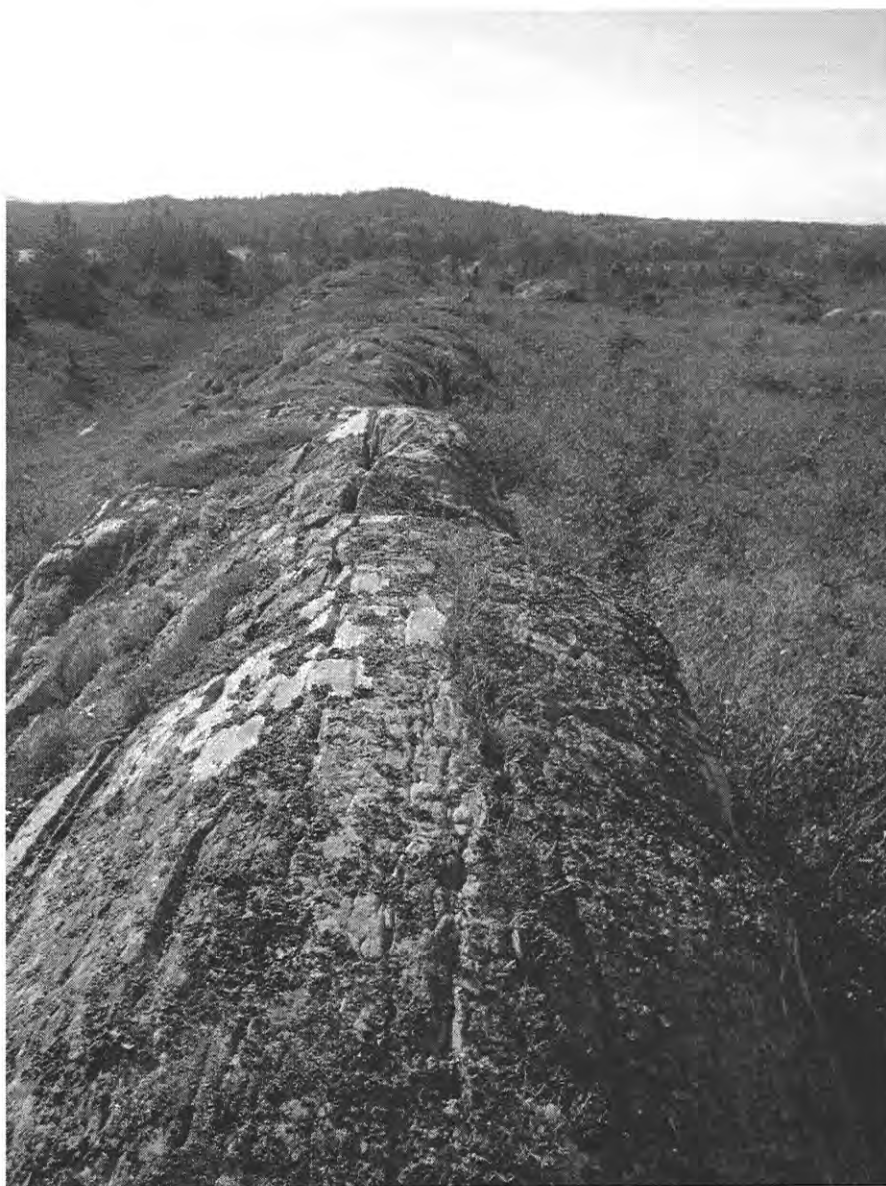
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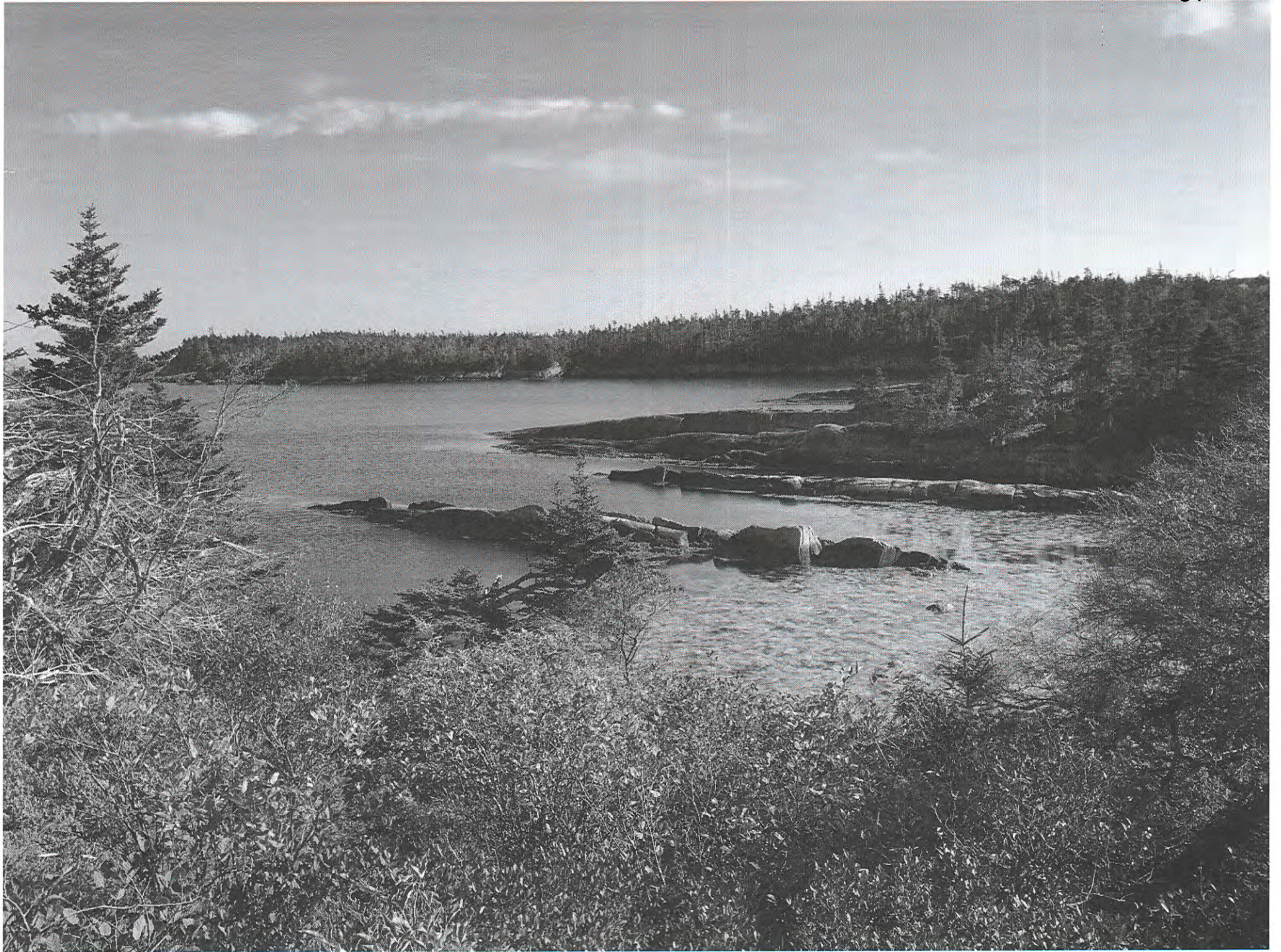
I have received no formal communication on any of the issues myself. I did talk informally to Matt about Owls Head the other day.

Oliver

















From: Labor, Peter
 To: Murphy, Andrew (ENV)
 Subject: owls head - additional info
 Date: December 5, 2018 10:33:00 AM
 Attachments: [owls head field assessment_Oct_2017.pptx](#)
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Our Parks and Protected Areas

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S/N #	Name and Designation	Area (ha) and status*	County	Area (ha) for potential protection**	Comments / Special Considerations
680	Mount William Provincial Park	28 (existing)	HIM		To be managed as a supporting park
681	Musquodoboit Valley Provincial Park	66.99 (existing)	HIM		To be managed as a supporting park
683	New France Provincial Park	85.71 (new)	Digby		To be managed as a supporting park
684	New Harbour Provincial Park	29.16 (existing)	Guysborough		To be managed as a supporting park
687	North Annapolis Provincial Park	81.99 (existing)	Inverness		To be managed as a supporting park
689	North Mountain Provincial Park	43.81 (existing)	Annapolis		To be managed as a supporting park
690	Northport Beach Provincial Park	11.1 (existing)	Cumberland		To be managed as a supporting park
691	Oakfield Provincial Park	55.62 (existing)	HIM		To be managed as a supporting park
692	Ogden Lake Provincial Park	2.46 (existing)	Yamouth		To be managed as a supporting park
693	Orangedale Provincial Park	49.88 (existing)	Inverness		To be managed as a supporting park
694	Owls Head Provincial Park	26.72 (existing)	HIM		To be managed as a supporting park
695	Paces Lake Provincial Park	399.36 (existing)	HIM		To be managed as a supporting park
696	Pearls Cove Provincial Park	52.44 (existing)	Guysborough		To be managed as a supporting park
697	Pembroke Beach Provincial Park	1.34 (existing)	Yamouth		To be managed as a supporting park
698	Petersfield Provincial Park	22.81 (existing)	CBRM		To be managed as a core park
699	Petit-de-Gras Provincial Park	464.2 (new)	Richmond		To be managed as a supporting park
700	Pinehurst Provincial Park	33.33 (existing)	Lunenburg		To be managed as a supporting park
701	Plaster Provincial Park	17.13 (existing)	Victoria		To be managed as a supporting park
702	Point Michaud Beach Provincial Park	60.6 (existing)	Richmond		To be managed as a supporting park

*includes lands subject to special considerations. **subject to special considerations

Park reserves

- 6 (1) The Governor in Council may set aside and reserve Crown land as park reserve for the purpose of protecting those lands that have the potential to be a provincial park.
- (2) The Minister may develop programs and policies deemed necessary to control and develop a park reserve.
- (3) No person shall grant or transfer any Crown land constituted as a park reserve unless permitted by the regulations or authorized by the Minister.
- (4) The Governor in Council may, by regulation, declare any provision of this Act or the regulations to be applicable to a park reserve as if it were a provincial park. *R.S., c. 367, s. 6.*