



# OWLS HEAD PROVINCIAL PARK AND THE NEED FOR PUBLIC TRUST LAW

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In March 2019, the Nova Scotia government secretly removed Owls Head Provincial Park from Our Parks and Protected Areas Plan in order to enter into a Letter of Offer with a private developer.

On April 1, 2021, biologist Bob Bancroft and local group Eastern Shore Forest Watch Association took the provincial government to court over the delisting. Nova Scotia Supreme Court Justice Christa Brothers recognized several important points in the case but ultimately ruled that there is “no recognized common law duty of procedural fairness owed by the Crown to the public at large.”

**WE THINK THAT THIS SHOULD CHANGE.**

Nature Nova Scotia is joining the fight to save Owls Head.



Bob and Eastern Shore Forest Watch Association are heading to the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal to fight for Owls Head Provincial Park and a new age of environmental law in Canada. The underlying question in this appeal is whether Nova Scotians ought to be informed before the government makes decisions affecting the fate of ecologically important public lands. We want to prevent other protected areas from becoming the next Owls Head.

An anonymous donor has generously offered Nature Nova Scotia \$5,000 in support of the Owls Head legal fund, asking that we match that amount through fundraising by January 1st. Each dollar our supporters contribute will unlock \$1 in matching funds, up to a total of \$5,000. You can help us get there by donating today. Donate online via our Canada Helps page or send a cheque, attention Nature Nova Scotia, to the Museum of Natural History.