



Nova Scotia
Environmental Network
Connecting for a Sustainable Future

Eco Connections Newsletter February 2017

ACTION ALERT: Reinstate funding to the Canadian Environmental Network. SIGN THE [PETITION HERE!](#)

The Canadian Environmental Network and its provincial affiliate networks need your help!

Historically, the Canadian Environmental Network and its provincial affiliate networks received annual core funding from the Government of Canada. This was used to facilitate networking on environmental issues across the country, coordinate national and provincial issue-based caucuses, coordinate ENGO participation in federal public consultation processes, and maintain open lines of communication between ENGOs and the federal government.

In 2011, as part of the across-the-board cuts to civil society organizations by the previous federal government, all federal funding to the RCEN and its provincial affiliate networks was cut. This left the national network and most of the affiliates with functioning primarily on a voluntary basis with limited capacity to do their work.

There is hope that the current government will provide for renewed funding in its upcoming budget. This funding is crucial for the survival of the national network and many of the provincial affiliate networks. A proposal has been submitted. It now needs strong and immediate support from environmental groups and individuals across the country. This is where you come in!

Please take a few minutes to write to Prime Minister Trudeau and your MP telling them why you value the RCEN, your provincial affiliate network, or environmental networking at the national level in general. Feel free to use the template letter provided below. You can personalize it based on your experience or simply copy and paste.

Trudeau's email is justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca and you can find your MP's email here:
<http://www.parl.gc.ca/Parliamentarians/en/members>

Let's show our federal politicians that a strong, well-connected grassroots environmental community is essential to a strong Canada! See template letter to the Prime Minister [HERE](#).

Welcome!

*Below you will find **events** (starting on page 2), various **jobs postings** (page 7), lots of **opportunities** to have your voice heard (page 8), and **news** (page 15). *Eco Connections* is published on a monthly basis around the middle of each month. To have your submissions included or to receive the *Eco Connections* directly, email: nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com.*

Get in touch!

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NovaScotiaEnvironmentalNetwork
Website: <http://nseenvironmentalnetwork.com/events>
Email: nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com

Membership: Membership Matters!

We look forward to new and renewing members' input on issues of importance to you. We know that NSEN can be a conduit and resource hub for your concerns and an opportunity to communicate with others in order to create the political will for a healthier environment in Nova Scotia. Please feel free to write to the newsletter in these regards.

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

Renew your membership, let your fellow organizations know about us! The bigger our numbers, stronger our voice! There is a lot of enthusiasm for re-energizing the network, membership is key. If your membership has lapsed please renew or if

you know of other organizations who are new or newly forming please encourage them to renew. **Do you see your events listed below? Then please support the work!** ☺

We would like to reemphasize that numbers count- the number of organizations and number of members per group. Please let us know of your membership numbers since this is a number we can show put a high priority on the environment. There are many opportunities for open dialogue and working in partnership across the province. Help us build our numbers and expertise. JOIN TODAY! See details of benefits and how to join here: <http://nsenvironmentalnetwork.com/how-to-join>.

Looking for board members: We're looking for you! NSEN is looking to expand the board. Having a board is the cornerstone of a strong network and NSEN is obviously a province-wide organization and we would like this province-wide reach of the network to be reflected in the makeup of our board! It's easy to join in via teleconference. We encourage participation from members from all regions of the province. Be in touch with me and I'll send your email to the board: nsenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com.

Specifically we're looking for those interested in being:

- Fundraiser

NSEN CAUCUSES

Climate Change Caucus:

If you would like to get involved in helping to shape Canada's response to climate change, join NSEN's Climate Caucus. We want to get started on this important work now to be ready for the roll out of initiatives expected this fall. Province-wide representation is needed if we are to be successful in meeting our climate commitments. Teleconference is available to facilitate participation from all regions. Contact Heather Johannesen: heatherj@ns.sympatico.ca to sign up! Check out NSEN's Climate Caucus webpage: <https://nsenvironmentalnetwork.com/about/caucuses/climate-change>

Water Caucus:

The next NSEN Water Caucus meeting will be Thursday March 2nd at 11AM 2017. Be in touch for more info: Amy Buckland-Nicks: amy@coastalaction.org and Kelly Schnare kellyb@sierraclub.ca.

Environmental and Sustainability Education Caucus:

The next NSEN ESWECAUS meeting will be Friday March 3rd at the Clean Foundation. Be in touch with Karen for further details: karenmckendry@eastlink.ca

Like the Caucus on Facebook! www.facebook.com/Environmental-and-Sustainability-Education-Caucus-ESEC-215913805454788 ! Once you click the page, you can hit "like" and then it will allow you to 1) post to the page, if you want to share upcoming events/info/etc., and 2) see everything that's posted to the page in your newsfeed.

The purpose of the Facebook page is to further the ESEC's primary mission of raising the profile of environmental education in NS, increasing communication and connecting environmental educators.

See more of the members of the ESE Caucus here: <https://nsenvironmentalnetwork.com/about/caucuses/esec/>

Other Caucuses: Find out how you can get involved: <http://nsenvironmentalnetwork.com/about/caucuses/>

Upcoming Member Events & Events of Interest

February

Hello - I'm pleased to invite you to an upcoming Maritime-wide **workshop co-hosted by the Atlantic Salmon Federation, Fundy Model Forest and the Nova Scotia Salmon Association.** The Workshop will be Wednesday February 15th, centrally and conveniently located just across the Tantramar Marsh in Sackville NB. There is no cost to register and lunch will be provided so registration is required. This will be a great way to connect with people working for endangered and threatened Atlantic Salmon in their local watersheds in the Inner Bay and across the Maritimes.

Wednesday February 15 9-4 PM

Tantramar Veterans Memorial Civic Center, 182 Main Street, Sackville, N.B.

To register: Email: nairn@fundymodelforest.net by telephone: 506.432.7575 or go to <http://www.fundymodelforest.net/en/news/register-for-upcoming-events.html>

Celebrate Winter Walk Day with the Ecology Action Centre!

Winter is still a great time to walk and be outside! Schools and youth groups are invited to walk at school or around the neighbourhood, walk to school, or go for a hike on Winter Walk Day. Registration is now open and will remain open until the end of February. For more information or to register, please visit <http://saferoutesns.ca/programs/winter-walk-day>. Registered schools/youth groups will receive an organizer kit and qualify to win one of two \$50 MEC cards.

Winter Walk Day is a partnership of the Ecology Action Centre, Heart & Stroke Walkabout and Recreation Nova Scotia's Take the Roof Off Winter campaign, which promotes healthy outdoor winter activity in Nova Scotia.

Build your own Stringed Instrument: February 18th-19th.

Join us for an exciting weekend of wood crafting and musical skill building at the Deanery Project in Ship Harbour. The workshop, suitable for all ages and skill levels will be taught by Paul Schwartz, and held at The Deanery Project. Participants will learn to design, build, tune and play a (1, 3, or 4) stringed instrument of their choice, with Band Practice following on Sunday.

Materials, meals and accommodation included in \$190 registration fee, with member and low-wage discounts available).

Lauren Latour

Outreach & Communications

The Deanery Project

laureneclatour@gmail.com

Dalhousie College of Sustainability schedule is here:

[<https://www.dal.ca/faculty/sustainability/news-and-events/ess-lecture-series-schedule.html>](https://www.dal.ca/faculty/sustainability/news-and-events/ess-lecture-series-schedule.html)

Winter 2017 Term: ESS Lecture Series

Unless otherwise noted, all lectures begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday nights in Ondaatje Hall, 6135 University Avenue, Marion McCain Arts & Social Sciences building.

All welcome. Free of charge. Limited seating -- please arrive early.

16 February. Public Policy and Environmental Advocacy

Lois Corbett, Executive Director, Conservation Council of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB.

Lois Corbett is the Executive Director of the [Conservation Council of New Brunswick](#)—a non-profit organization that creates awareness of environmental problems and advances practical solutions through research, education and interventions. An expert in public policy, Lois has previously worked with three Ontario Ministers of the Environment as a Senior Policy Advisor and has 30 years of experience in the environmental field, including as Executive Director of the Toronto Environmental Alliance and Halifax's own Ecology Action Centre.

2 March. Climate Journalism

Mike de Souza, Managing Editor, National Observer, Ottawa, ON.

Mike de Souza has covered politics as a radio, television and print journalist for over a decade, focusing on energy and environment policies in government and industry. He is currently the Ottawa-based Managing Editor of the [National Observer](#) and has previously worked for Reuters, Postmedia and The Montreal Gazette. Mike has a BA in Journalism from Concordia University. Some of Mike's important work explores high-level climate change denial, scientist suppression, and controversial oil, pipeline, and energy deals.

9 March. Solid Waste Management: Social, Environmental and Economic Sustainability

Andrew Wort, Principal, Fordingbridge Environmental Consultants, Dieppe, NB

Andrew Wort is the Principal of Fordingbridge Consultants, a consulting company specializing in strategic planning and management services in the solid waste management industry. His worldwide projects focus on recovery, collection, separation processes and disaster waste management projects. Andrew works tirelessly to bring facilities up to code on the best solid waste management practices, including those in New Brunswick and most recently, in Ecuador.

16 March. Film Screening and Skype Discussion: Minimalism: A Documentary About the Important Things (2016)

Matt D'Avella, Director/Producer, Catalyst, New York, NY

Minimalism: A Documentary About the Important Things follows duo Joshua Fields Millburn and Ryan Nicodemus, known to their millions of readers as "[The Minimalists](#)." The film examines the many flavours of minimalism by taking the audience inside the lives of minimalists from all walks of life—families, entrepreneurs, architects, artists, journalists, scientists, and even a former Wall Street broker—all of whom are striving to live a meaningful life with less.

Minimalism is a tool to rid yourself of life's excess in favor of focusing on what's important—so you can find happiness, fulfillment, and freedom.

Following the film, we'll talk with Director and Executive Producer **Matt D'Avella** who is an award-winning documentary filmmaker, commercial director and the head of [Catalyst Studio](#) in NYC. He is a graduate of Temple University.

[Watch the trailer here.](#)

23 March. *Hosting Conversations that Matter: Leadership for Collaboration*

Toke Moeller, Co-Founder and CEO, Interchange, Copenhagen, Denmark

Toke Moeller has been a pioneer in the fields of sustainable entrepreneurship, participatory leadership, educational renewal and social responsibility since the early 1970s. He is the co-founder and CEO of [InterChange](#) in Denmark—a training and consulting company with a focus on organizing, designing, hosting and facilitating conferences that offer collaborative learning and deep dialogues.

His primary focus is on personal and societal renewal and convening conversations in order to collectively and strategically find wiser and sustainable solutions to problems that matter at this time. He is co-creator of the Art of Hosting participatory leadership approach that uses personal practice and collaborative innovation to address complex and systemic issues and a co-founder of The Flow Game.

30 March. *Living Lightly on the Earth: Building an Ark for Prince Edward Island*

Steven Mannell, Architect, Director of the Dalhousie College of Sustainability, Halifax, NS

Steven Mannell has been the director of Dalhousie's College of Sustainability since its launch in 2009 and is an accomplished architect and a passionate environmentalist. Steve has a Bachelor in Environmental Studies and a Bachelor of Architecture, both from the University of Waterloo and co-teaches the first year Introduction to Sustainability (SUST 1000) and Honours Thesis (SUST 4800) courses each year.

The Ark, in Spry Point PEI, was a UN Habitat's Canadian Urban Demonstration Project, built to explore self-sufficient housing in the wake of the 1970s' energy crisis. Heated by the sun and powered by the wind, this short-lived example of ecological architecture and social living sparked discussions about living in harmony with the environment. This year, to celebrate the Ark's 40th anniversary, Steve curated the exhibit at the [Confederation Centre Art Gallery](#) in Charlottetown PEI exploring the design and impact of the Ark. (On display until April 2017).

Read about the project in [Canadian Architect](#)

Look to these Green Teacher webinars for fresh new ideas for both in and out of the classroom.

We have four exciting webinars scheduled for this Winter/Spring. You will find the details for these sessions below. All of our webinars are free, but you must register in advance.

The Power of Positive, Inspiring Solutions

presented by Guy Dauncey

Monday, February 20, 2017 at 7:30pm EST

[Register Here](#)

Judging by Guy's experience speaking in high schools, the new generation, following Gen X and the Millennials, is Gen W – Generation Worry. When he asks students: "When you *think* about the future of our world, what do you *feel* – Hope, or Worry?" Very few hands go up for "hope"—almost all go up for "worry". Our need as educators is to generate hope – to turn Gen W into Gen H. The webinar will showcase the power of positive, inspiring solutions to the worries that are causing so many young people to lose hope, including the climate crisis, the wider ecological crisis, which includes the oceans filling up with plastic, and larger economic and political worries. It will show how, using a positive three-step approach, you can turn worry into hope, and then into action.

To Unplug or Plug In

presented by Justin Hougham and Steve Kerlin

Monday, March 27, 2017 at 7:30pm EST

[Register Here](#)

While the right mobile digital technologies can do much to enhance environmental education, it is important to take time to review and select both the technology and the apps that will work best for your educational situation. Our two presenters will walk you through the steps, and thereby avoid the common pitfalls.

Time to Depave Paradise? *presented by Alix Taylor*

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 7:30pm EST

[Register Here](#)

There is a new movement afoot in communities across North America. Communities are coming together to remove unwanted pavement and creating vibrant green spaces. The hands-on depaving process captures the hearts and energy of volunteers who work together to make schoolyards and neighbourhoods more livable and resilient. In her presentation, Alix will tell us more about the depave movement, and indicate what one needs to get involved in this important greening initiative.

In addition to these wonderful webinars, we have two Fall 2017 webinars (Best Practices in School Gardens and Eco-System Monitoring) which are open for registration. For more information visit our [Upcoming Webinars](#) page.

All webinars are free to attend live, and for 30 days following

To view the archive of over 65 webinars you must be a Green Teacher [subscriber](#).

Besides receiving the next four issues, subscribers now enjoy full access to all past webinars, and 350 magazine articles and activities, which have been cataloged according to topic and age level.

National Fair Trade Conference 2017: Learn. Share. Connect. is nearly upon us, and we'd love to see you there!

Event details:

Dates: February 24, 25 & 26, 2017

Location: World Trade & Convention Centre, Halifax Nova Scotia

Accommodation: The Prince George Hotel

Keynotes:

Gavin Fridell, Canada Research Chair in International Development Studies

James Mwai, Director of Policy, Research and Advocacy, Fairtrade Africa

Andres Gonzalez Aguilera, Co-operativa Manduvira, Paraguay

Three keynotes plus 27 sessions, and 2 evening events lined up, which should make for a fun and exciting three days. Full details are online at <http://cftn.ca/conference>

March and onward...

To the Ends of the Earth Film Screening and Energy Problems, Energy Solutions Panel Discussion

Sierra Club Canada Foundation is proud to sponsor *To the Ends of the Earth*, an award-winning feature documentary about the state of our energy system today - from the rise of extreme energy, the end of economic growth, to the people caught in the middle.

To the Ends of the Earth, directed by David LaVallee, brings forward the voices of those who not only denounce the rise of extreme energy, but also envision the new world that is taking shape in its stead: a future beyond the resource pyramid, a post-growth economy that offers a just society.

Energy Problems, Energy Solutions Panel following the film will include: Dalhousie researcher Dr. Lindy Weilgart (featured in the documentary), Peggy Cameron of Black River Wind, and Robin Tress of the Council of Canadians.

WHERE: NS Museum of Natural History, 1747 Summer St., Halifax, NS

WHEN: Wednesday, March 1, 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

TICKETS: \$10 Regular, \$5 Unwaged / Student. Buy tickets online at

EventBrite <http://bit.ly/2kN1Mop> to guarantee you spot (SPACE IS LIMITED!)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/737009296472535>

"To the Ends of the Earth" official trailer: <https://vimeo.com/188932447>

For more information, please contact: Gretchen Fitzgerald, National Program Director, Sierra Club Canada Foundation

Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust Holds AGM on Sunday, March 5, 2017

The Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust (FBWHT) will be holding its Annual General Meeting from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 5th at the Estabrooks Centre, 4408 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Lewis Lake. Since our last meeting, much has evolved and this will be your opportunity to hear from Trust Chair, Harry Ward, and the other Trustees, about the activities this past year, as well as future plans. The Trust's Board of Trustees looks forward to hearing your feedback about our work and to receiving your input into the future direction of the Trust.

There will be an election of Trustees and interested individuals are encouraged to offer for a position on the Board. Interested persons can contact [Harry Ward](#) or be nominated at the meeting. The election of Trustees will be held in accordance with the By-Laws of the Trust.

At the conclusion of the business portion of our meeting, we'll welcome guest speaker Bruce Stewart from [Cultural Resource Management Group Ltd.](#) who will present "An Archaeological Overview of the old Greenhead Settlement".

Doors open at 1:30 p.m. to give everyone a chance to sign up as Trust Members for 2017. Membership fees are collected annually \$10/person or \$15/family and funds directly support the preservation and conservation work of the Trust.

The meeting will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact Chair Harry Ward.

All are welcome.

NS Hiking Summit April 28-30, Tatamagouche

Hike Nova Scotia invites individuals and groups with an interest in hiking, walking and snowshoeing to the sixth annual Nova Scotia Hiking Summit from Friday, April 28 to Sunday, April 30 in Tatamagouche. The summit is a celebration of hiking culture, including best practices, stories, networking opportunities and hikes. It is hosted by Hike NS, the Cobequid Eco-Trails Society and the Municipality of Colchester. The event is supported by the NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage.

There is limited space, so please register early to secure your spot. Registration is \$30 for paid Hike NS members and \$40 for non-members (who get a membership with their registration). Registration includes: access to hike events and socials; access to Saturday sessions; Saturday morning and afternoon coffee/snack breaks; Saturday lunch. There are optional suppers at an additional cost. Registration does not include accommodation or other meals – you must arrange them on your own. The deadline for registration is April 24, 2017. Learn more and register online at www.hikenovascotia.ca/projects/hiking-summit/.

The Natural Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) is pleased to invite your organization to participate in Canada's largest celebration of science, technology, engineering and mathematics — Science Odyssey / l'Odysée des sciences.

With particular emphasis on Canadian youth, the event will feature 10 days of discovery and innovation from May 12-21, 2017 to foster an understanding of how science, technology and innovation shape our daily lives.

In 2016, Science Odyssey mobilized close to 400 organizations that hosted over 600 activities in more than 200 locations across the country. The event aims to connect Canadians with researchers, scientists, government, academia, community organizations, museums and science centres through engaging, fun and inspiring experiences.

Hundreds of Science Odyssey events will again take place all across Canada in 2017. NSERC is interested in partnering with organizations that currently deliver a range of science and engineering outreach activities.

To facilitate cross-promotion of activities, NSERC will develop and share marketing materials with partners. Social media will be employed in addition to traditional public relations.

Science Odyssey partnership is an excellent opportunity to further engage and attract your target audience to your local events. We invite your organization to bring forward activities that you may already have planned during this time period or, if possible, to align the dates of your upcoming events with the dates of Science Odyssey.

For additional information, please contact scienceodyssey@nserc-crsng.gc.ca. We would be most pleased to include your organization as a Science Odyssey 2017 partner.

Thank you.

Margaret Kennedy

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Who? Unpacked - Zero Waste Store

What? As a zero waste store, we stock package-free food, home, and body products that are affordable and local.

Where & When? Pop-up shops begin in May 2017 at farmer's markets and events in HRM.

Why? Much of our landfill waste is packaging and single-use items like straws and plastic cutlery. The cost of a product's packaging is up to 15% of its purchase price. Unpacked's goal is to encourage customers to divert household waste while accessing healthy and affordable local products. Good for your health, your budget, and the planet.

Connect with us!

www.unpackedhalifax.com for our email list

[facebook.com/unpackedhalifax](https://www.facebook.com/unpackedhalifax)

@unpackedhalifax on Twitter and Instagram

[N.S. Celebration of Nature 2017](#)

Nature Conference, Field Trips, Nature N.S. Annual General Meeting

Place: [Milford House](#)

Time: May 26-28

[More Details Here Later](#)

Hybrid, multi-site course on ecosystem approaches to health

May-June 2017

Are you preoccupied by complex issues influencing the health of ecosystems, communities, humans and/or animals?

Discover innovative and dynamic approaches for better understanding the multiple factors which influence health – ecosystem approaches to health – with an experienced, pan-Canadian team. During this intensive course you will learn methods for carrying out research and interventions on issues at the confluence of health, the environment and society. This part online, part face-to-face graduate level course on ecosystem approaches to health is being offered at four sites: INRS-Institut Armand-Frappier, University of Guelph, University of Northern British Columbia and University of Toronto. About half of the time (8-9 sessions) will be conducted as simultaneous webinars and about half of the time (face to face time plus field trips) will be locally run sessions.

This course is available to graduate students from all disciplines and also to professionals interested in these themes.

We offer a rigorous, hands-on pedagogical approach, illustrated through a case study, focused on “the role of universities in their watersheds.”

For those interested in taking the course, please contact us at copeh-can@uqam.ca.

GROUNDWORK: ART OF SKILLFUL COLLABORATION FOR MEANINGFUL IMPACT

March 28-29, 2017 // Halifax, NS // For more & to register: www.artofhostingns.ca/groundwork.html

This 2-day introduction explores the nature of organizing and collaborating. It uncovers the foundations of powerful collaboration by exploring a practice through which we cultivate the conditions that support people to self-organize and do their best work together.

Job Postings:

Job Listing: Interpretive Centre Coordinator - Clerk 4 (445)

Competition ID 445 - Posted 02/07/2017 - 02/21/2017 - Job Category (1) - NSGEU - NSPG - Natural Resources - SHUBENACADIE - Temporary - Full Time

Interpretive Centre Coordinator - Clerk 4 Temporary, SHUBENACADIE
Natural Resources

Our goal is to be a diverse workforce that is representative, at all job levels, of the citizens we serve. The Government of Nova Scotia has an Employment Equity Policy and we welcome applications from Aboriginal People, African Nova Scotians and Other Racially Visible Persons, Persons with Disabilities and Women in occupations or positions where they are under-represented. If you are a member of one of the equity groups, you are encouraged to self-identify, on your application form, cover letter, or on your resume.

Duties

Under the direction of the Manager Wildlife Park, the Coordinator participates with planning, development, organization, implementation, delivery and evaluation of wildlife, wetland, natural resources, environmental and special interest programs offered through the Shubenacadie Provincial Wildlife Park. This position oversees the day-to-day operation of the Centre and includes recruitment, training, supervision and scheduling of a Head Nature Interpreter and a team of Nature Interpreters. Responsible for researching, buying, merchandizing and maintaining inventory controls for resale products. Maintaining the social media accounts of the facility and interacting with facility visitors. Ensures excellence in retail and visitor services and oversees statistical reporting, special offers, discounts and that cash handling and Centre operational procedures are followed and adhere to facility and Departmental policies and procedures.

Qualifications

Supervisory experience in a customer service environment. Valid First Aid/CPR certification. Valid NS Drivers License. Hazard assessment and Identification certification. A clear NS Child Abuse Register and Criminal check. WHMIS Supervises up to four Seasonal Nature Interpreters and two Seasonal Head Natural Interpreters with a varying number of volunteers and students during periods of employment and must ensure all pertinent policies and procedures are followed by such staff and volunteers. Supervises groups visiting the facility for instructional or general participatory purposes.

Special Statement

Attendance to the Shubenacadie Provincial Wildlife Park is approx. 103,000 annually. This position is based on a nine month employment period and duties may change depending on workload, funding and unforeseeable circumstances. Must be able to adapt to flexible working situations and requirements on a daily basis, including working weekends, evenings, occasional overtime or overnight stays.

Pay Grade: CL 22

Salary Range: \$1,691.00 - \$1,871.00 Bi-Weekly

Posting Closing Date: 02/21/2017

EOI Close Date: 02/14/2017

This is a bargaining unit position initially restricted to current civil service employees represented by the Nova Scotia Government Employees Union. Applicants applying for this opportunity must clearly indicate in their covering letter or

resume that he/she is currently a Nova Scotia Government Civil Service Employee and a member of the NSGEU and include their Employee ID. Failure to do so means that your application will not be given first consideration and will only be included if external applications are pursued. Your Employee Self-Serve access will allow you to confirm what your employment status and ID number are prior to applying for this restricted position.

External applicants and current casual Nova Scotia Government employees will only be considered if there are no qualified Nova Scotia Government Civil Service NSGEU bargaining unit candidates.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

For questions or concerns, please contact Competitions@novascotia.ca

Position: Consultant - Energy Efficiency & Demand-Side Resources <https://GoodWork.ca/988083>

Organization: Dunsky Energy Consulting

Location: anywhere in North America

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates are invited to send their C.V., cover letter and relevant writing samples (if available) to:

jointheteam@dunsky.com

In the body of your email, please indicate your desired salary range, a possible start date, as well as where you heard about this posting. Applications will be considered until the position has been filled.

Position: Engagement and Philanthropy Facilitator <https://GoodWork.ca/926083>

Organization: Nova Scotia Nature Trust

Location: Dartmouth, Halifax Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia

Position Requirements:

The position will involve travel throughout the province and both evening and weekend work. It will also involve some 'field' travel involving visiting Nature Trust protected areas, travelling by boat, hiking or paddling. The candidate must have a valid driver's license.

Compensation:

Commensurate with experience. We offer health benefits, retirement savings benefits and potential for flex-time.

Application Process:

Please send cover letter, resume and list of 3 references to:

Christina Nunn, Office and Volunteer Coordinator

Nova Scotia Nature Trust

PO Box 284 Station Main, Dartmouth, NS B2Y 3Y3

Email: office@nsnt.ca

Start Date:

As soon as possible. The search committee will begin to consider potential candidates immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

Due to the anticipated volume of applications, we will only be contacting shortlisted candidates. We do greatly appreciate your interest in the work of the Nature Trust! We encourage you to explore our volunteer program as we have many opportunities you might enjoy.

Environmental Opportunities:

In follow-up to the consultation document entitled *Proposed Regulatory Framework for Coal Mining*, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) would like to invite you to a face-to-face information session. Please see below for the information sessions that are currently being planned for your area and reply to this email (ec.ermc-cmr.ec@canada.ca) indicating in the space provided below who will be joining us from your organization and at which events. If possible, a response by COB Monday February 13th, 2017 would be appreciated.

If there is no interest in participating in these events, please disregard this email.

Information Sessions

Truro, Nova Scotia

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

8:15 AM – 2:45 PM (Atlantic Time)

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

8:15 AM – 2:45 PM (Central Time)

Edmonton, Alberta

Thursday, March 2, 2017

8:15 AM – 2:45 PM (Mountain Time) – Time to be confirmed

Vancouver, British Columbia

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

8:15 AM – 2:45 PM (Pacific Time) – Time to be confirmed

NAME	REPRESENTATIVE OF ORGANIZATION/COMPANY	CONTACT INFORMATION		SESSION
		E-MAIL	PHONE NUMBER	

Regards,

James Arnott

Manager, Regulatory Development and Analysis, Mining and Processing Division

Environment and Climate Change Canada / Government of Canada

james.arnott@canada.ca / Tel: [819-420-7725](tel:819-420-7725)

To Potential Park Event Sponsor

On behalf of the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, I would like to invite you to apply to have your event(s) listed in the **2017 Nova Scotia Provincial Parks Guide**. The comprehensive **Nova Scotia Provincial Parks Guide** showcases to our visitors the broad range of nature-based activities that are delivered in our provincial parks system. Thanks to agencies, organizations and individuals, programming continues to enhance the experiences of both Nova Scotians and visitors to our province.

The Nova Scotia Provincial Parks Guide will be widely distributed around the province to tourist bureaus, libraries, recreation centres, and local businesses. If requested, **Posters** are available for your event(s) and will be mailed to event organizers for use in local promotions. All approved events will also be listed on the Nova Scotia Provincial Parks website at www.novascotiaparks.ca. If an event is rescheduled or cancelled, event leaders are required to advise us as soon as possible so that we may post this notice on the website. You may also be interested in posting your event on the Nova Scotia Provincial Parks FaceBook page.

Attached please find the following documentation that will assist you in the application process:

Important Information (please read before filling out the event application)

NS Provincial Parks Rules & Regulations

Event Application (complete & return)

Risk Acknowledgement & Indemnity Agreement (complete & return)

Remote Location Outdoor Excursions Risk Management Plan (complete & return, if applicable to your event)

Please note that we will be accepting applications for events held in provincial camping and/or day-use parks only. We ask that you complete the Event Application as well the Risk Acknowledgement & Indemnity Agreement and either email them to pamela.grace@novascotia.ca, return to the mailing address listed on the application form, or fax them to **(902) 893-5613**. You may also complete the application form online from the Nova Scotia Provincial Parks website by following this link: <http://parks.novascotia.ca/register-an-event>. Please note that all event applications submitted will be subject to review and approval. In some cases, a permit may be required prior to approval of an event. You will be notified if a permit is required.

Please note the deadline for applications is **Friday, February 17th, 2017**. If you have any questions, contact me at either [\(902\) 893-5371](tel:902-893-5371) or pamela.grace@novascotia.ca. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Pam Grace

Outdoor Recreation Specialist

Seeking Donations for The Bluff Trail Stewardship Program

Dear Friends of WRWEO and The Bluff Wilderness Hiking Trail:

As you know, WRWEO wants to initiate The Bluff Trail Stewardship Program (BTSP) in collaboration with the St. Margaret’s Bay Stewardship Association. The stewardship program is designed to reduce the harmful human impacts on The Bluff Tail and to ensure that the Bluff Trail can continue as a favourite destination for naturalists and outdoor adventurers.

To date, our request for donations from WRWEO members and friends have yielded encouraging results. We have received nearly \$2000.00 in donations, but will require two or three times that amount if we are going to build a successful and sustainable program.

An anonymous funder has offered to help boost our efforts. They have pledged to match any donations (up to a total of \$3 000.00) until March 1st, 2017. That means that a \$10.00 donation from you will be matched to generate a \$20.00 donation for the stewardship program.

Money donated by WRWEO members and friends will be used to leverage additional funding from other sources including the Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust which is currently developing a process for grants to support education, research, conservation, restoration, and recreation projects in the Five Bridge Wilderness Area. The more donations we raise, the more funding we will be able to leverage. We welcome even the most modest contribution and sincerely thank you for your support. Please make a donation today.

Donations can be made by a cheque written to: St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association and mailed to WRWEO 3650 Hammonds Plains Road, Suite 14, Unit 300, Upper Tantallon, Nova Scotia B3Z 4R3 or online through the Canada Helps portal on the Heart of the Bay website (<http://www.heartofthebay.ca/donate>) - select: Bluff Wilderness Trail as the fund you wish to support. Thanks!

For more information on The Bluff Trail Stewardship Program visit <https://goo.gl/c2wV8Y>

If you have any questions, please feel to contact me at [902-876-7377](tel:902-876-7377)

Sincerely,

Kimberly Berry
Chair, WRWEO

Women for Nature Grant for Youth Nature Leadership

All across Canada, people and organizations inspire us with their leadership and devotion to our natural world. They commit their time and energy not for credit but for the results. They choose to take up the call to protect, engage and advocate on behalf of nature. They act as a strong voice for nature for our children's futures.

[Women for Nature](#) are leaders who care deeply about nature and want to inspire others to make a difference. In particular, they want to encourage, foster and nurture youth (under 30) who want to demonstrate their leadership for nature. To that end, Women for Nature have established a grant/bursary for a young person to develop and implement a project inspired by some of the objectives in the recently published [Nature Playbook](#).

This Women for Nature sponsored grant of \$1,000 will support project implementation in the year 2017, in celebration of the role that nature has played in our Canadian culture and identity. Interested applicants should submit either a two page essay or short video outlining their proposed project. Project ideas will be evaluated by a Women for Nature Grant Bursary Committee based on the following criteria:

- Potential impact and benefits of the project;
- Public engagement and reach of the project;
- Possible involvement of Women for Nature members;
- Creativity and clarity of the proposed project;
- Effective use of the grant;
- Must occur within Canada and adhere to CRA spending guidelines for charities; and
- Only one grant submission per applicant.

The successful winner may choose to be matched with up to three Women for Nature mentors who would be selected according to the scope and location of the winning project.

The successful project winner will be asked to share their experience and results in a blog or video which may be published by Nature Canada and may be, along with information about the grant recipient, shared widely through our web site, and other forms of media.

Submissions to be received no later than 5:00 pm (Eastern Time) on April 1, 2017. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered. All applicants will be notified of the Selection Committee's decision before May 1, 2017. This Women for Nature Youth Nature Leadership grant is administered by Nature Canada. Nature Canada employees, children or relatives of employees are not eligible for this grant.

Sackville Rivers Association Small Change Fund Project is now live.

Here is the link that you can share with people in your network to help raise funds for the

SRA: <https://smallchangefund.org/project/b9CWW8pcxRQSdj945>.

\$2,000 is our GOAL this year and we hope you can help us reach that goal!!.

Use of Funds:

Equipment and Aquarium Unit Replacements and Repairs - \$1,000

New equipment purchase (for in-classroom equipment - aquariums, chiller units) - \$1,000

The Sackville Rivers Association (SRA), is a not for profit, registered charitable, volunteer based community group in existence since 1988 with approximately 200 members, concerned with the health of the Sackville River Watershed. The SRA's mandate is to:

- Protect and where necessary restore the Sackville River Watershed,
- Provide educational programs to encourage stewardship and awareness,
- Establish a Conservation Corridor along the length of the Sackville River, and
- Provide advice and support to other watershed groups

In the past, the SRA has undertaken many projects, ranging from salmon habitat restoration to environmental education. Our efforts are concentrated on protecting and restoring salmon habitat, reconnecting fragmented salmon habitat, rebuilding salmon habitats through restocking, and educating the public through our two educational in-classroom programs River Rangers and Fish Friends. We are also working on developing a watershed management plan for the Sackville River Watershed, based on our existing Sackville River Ecosystem Plan (SREP).

If you'd like to find out more, please visit our website at <http://sackvillerrivers.ns.ca/>.

This is to advise that on February 6, 2017, **Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal registered the Highway 101 Digby to Marshalltown Corridor Project for environmental assessment, in accordance with Part IV of the Environment Act.**

The purpose of the proposed undertaking is to construct a new Highway 101 for the section from near Digby to Marshalltown. This involves the construction, operation, and maintenance of a new 4 km four-lane highway from the exit 26 near Digby to Middle Cross Road in Marshalltown. The new highway will be constructed initially as a two-lane, controlled access corridor with a design speed of 110 km/hr and posted speed of 100 km/hr. Construction for the initial two lanes is planned to begin in 2017. Sufficient right of way will be purchased, so a four-lane highway can be constructed; however, the schedule for this construction has not been determined. The new highway corridor will replace an uncontrolled access section of the existing Highway 101.

On February 6, 2017, all project information including the Registration Document will be available on Nova Scotia Environment website at <http://www.novascotia.ca/nse/ea/>.

Please note that comments must be provided no later than **March 8, 2017** to be considered in this environmental assessment. **Comments are requested to be provided via e-mail if possible.**

On or before March 28, 2017, the Minister of Environment will decide if the project can be granted conditional environmental assessment approval. All submissions received, including personal information, will be made available for public review upon request.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Helen Yeh

Environmental Assessment Officer

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Volunteer Group Leader for Citizens' Climate Lobby Halifax

Looking for a volunteer leader to take over as soon as possible as group leader for the Nova Scotia chapter of a well-organized and effective international organization, Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) Canada, a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots advocacy organization with a twin focus: to create the political will for a livable planet and to empower people to claim their political and personal power. CCL's approach to creating political will for carbon pricing is based on a proven model developed by the poverty-reduction and citizen empowerment organization RESULTS. Unique in the climate arena, CCL's roots can also be traced to the principles of nonviolence and compassion that guided the social revolutions led by Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. If you're looking to help achieve reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and to gain transferable interpersonal, communication, computer and organizational skills, this is an ideal group with whom to work. Present group leader started the Nova Scotia chapter in 2011 and, due to personal reasons, needs to find a replacement as soon as possible to carry on this important work. No expertise in climate science is necessary. Just a desire

as a citizen to see appropriate action being applied politically in Nova Scotia in this area of dire concern. Contact [902-429-1571](tel:902-429-1571) for further information.

The David Suzuki Foundation is offering three \$50,000 research fellowships to support young scholars in Canada. Among the student fellowships, is one to support Indigenous science and knowledge. We're specifically looking for a young Indigenous Scholar to lead a project on Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Climate Change. Details are available on the David Suzuki Fellowships website: <http://ow.ly/7gUy305L5Na>

Creative Industries Fund: Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage is now accepting applications for a new \$2 million Creative Industries Fund. This fund has been designed, in consultation with stakeholders, to invest in the growth of the creative industries. Businesses, not-for-profits, social enterprises and sector associations operating in the creative sectors are eligible for funding. For more information click [HERE](#).

New 150 Forward Fund now open (Nova Scotia): As part of Canada's 150th celebration, Nova Scotia's 150 Forward Fund is now open for communities and groups to apply for funding for your community project or event. For more information click [HERE](#). Next round opened Dec. 1, 2016.

Hi Solar Friends,

Can you help to make Nova Scotia a place that relies 100% on renewable energy?

Are you an owner of a solar energy system? Do you want to inspire others by your example? We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in having their system and story featured on our website as a case study.

We need case studies for

Passive Solar

Solar Thermal

Hot air

Hot water

Solar Electricity (PV)

Concentrated

Ideally, case study volunteers would have owned their solar energy systems for a minimum of two years and are willing to share information about their systems such as the details of its design, energy production and costs. We will do the rest.

Why do we want to do this?

- Clearly show Nova Scotians the economic and environmental benefits of adopting solar energy.
- Make our website the recognized clearing house for solar energy information.

If you are interested please contact me before December 20, 2016:

Ian Guppy

Solar NS Communications Committee

guppy@ns.sympatico.ca

Phone: [902-425-5121](tel:902-425-5121)

Naturalists wanted. The Wild Wednesdays beach and woodlands guided walks program at Thomas Raddall Natural Environment Park seeks naturalists in the Shelburne/Queens area willing to lead two-hour walks on Wednesday afternoons this coming July and August. Wild Wednesdays, entering its second year, is a project of the Harrison Lewis Coastal Discovery Centre. If you have an area of special interest and expertise related to what plants and animals are found by the seashore and adjoining woods and barrens, and would be willing to give up a couple of hours on one or more Wednesday afternoon, please contact us for details. Harrison Lewis Centre, Sandy Bay, East Port L'Hebert. Phone [902-646-1554](tel:902-646-1554), or email hlc@eastlink.ca

Care to **support** the Harrison Lewis Centre's Wild Wednesday program, helping provide teaching materials, transportation for seniors, or in other ways? We are a **registered charity** and can provide CRA-accredited receipts for donations, monetary or otherwise, with a value of \$10 or more.

Got some beef to air? Got some news to share? Got some questions? Got some ideas? Got some plans?

This Friday evening, every Friday evening, is the Solar Nova Scotia Sup'n'Share!

We're there at 5:00 sharp, have supper and catch up.

When: Every Friday evening, 5:00pm

Where: Lion's Head Tavern, 3081 Robie St. Ask the waiter to point out our table.

Seeya there!

My name is Nicole LeBrun and I am current enrolled in the **Environmental Engineering program at the NSCC Waterfront campus**. As a class we are asked to do an applied research project that will take place over the course of the year. As part of the project we are encouraged to reach out to local community organisations or larger organisation in the hope that they will be currently working on a project that we students can help with and also use as our applied research project. I was wondering if you, or anyone at the local level was working on a project regarding environmental conservation, restoration, engineering or any other environmental work.

Thank you very much for your time.

Nicole LeBrun

nicolelebrun4@hotmail.com

ACOA has issued a **Call to Action** inviting Atlantic Canadian companies, communities and non-profit organizations to develop proposals for projects that promote clean growth through clean technology. The Agency has **earmarked \$20 million** for clean technology projects in 2016-17. Applications should be submitted on or before **March 31, 2017**.

Please share with clients who may be interested. I will also follow-up with the ACOA Area Account Manager to see if she can pop in to give an overview of the program to Dartmouth staff as part of our Speaker/Info Series.

Objectives of ACOA's Clean Technology Initiative

- To encourage Atlantic Canadian businesses, communities and non-profit organizations to access ACOA programs to develop clean technology products, services or processes;
- To help companies adapt and adopt clean technology that make their work processes more efficient and less costly;
- To help communities and non-profit organizations become more eco-friendly through the adoption or adaptation of clean technologies in community facilities;
- To help non-profit organizations such as institutions of higher learning conduct research and development on clean technology products, services and processes;
- To promote clean growth as a way to grow the economy of Atlantic Canada; and
- To diversify the region's economy, open up new markets and generate good jobs for Atlantic Canadians.

What types of projects will ACOA consider assisting?

ACOA will consider assisting various types of projects, including those proposed by:

- businesses in the clean technology sector that wish to start up or expand through the development or upgrade of newer, cleaner technologies; organizations from other sectors looking to develop, adapt or adopt products, services or processes that promote clean growth; organizations that wish to implement more clean processes; and communities and non-profit organizations looking to become more eco-friendly through the adoption or adaptation of clean technologies in their facilities.

<http://www.acoa-apeca.gc.ca/eng/ImLookingFor/ProgramInformation/Pages/Clean-Technology-Initiative.aspx>

Watch for Wildlife (W4W) NS is a new wildlife vehicle collision prevention program that encourages and enables Nova Scotians and visitors to the province to drive with an awareness of wildlife on roads, and do what they can to prevent collisions with wildlife. It is also about providing drivers contact numbers and information about how to respond in case a collision does happen.

If you want a magnet or sticker to put on your car so you can be a reminder to others as you drive to Watch for Wildlife, please get in touch. Please see our website: www.watchforwildlife.ca

And follow or like us if you do at: Facebook www.facebook.com/watchforwildlifens/ Twitter @watch4wildlife

Sign up to receive newsletters on school environment and health issues from CASLE. Send your request to info@casle.ca

In this month's newsletter:

1. Research has now shown there is no doubt that Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) affects learning and well-being.

<http://www.chgeharvard.org/resource/impact-green-buildings-cognitive-function>

2. Nova Scotia remains in the forefront of regions that address indoor environment quality issues actively. CASLE and the government departments have been collaborating for two decades to create and maintain healthy schools.

3. The US Environmental Protection Agency is continuing its series of on-line courses in school environmental health:

https://www.epa.gov/iaq-schools/iaq-knowledge-action-professional-training-webinar-series?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

4. Canadians for A Safe Learning Environment (CASLE) website www.casle.ca in its new format is accessible to tablets and phones, and contains updated practical information on a wide range of topics relevant to healthy schools and healthy school children. Please circulate the web address widely.

Hello,

I am writing to you today to encourage your organization and its members to **take advantage of wage subsidies** of up to \$15,000 for interns in environmental and clean technology fields. The wage subsidies are available from the [Environmental Youth Corps \(EYC\) Internship Program](#) and the [Clean Tech Internship Program](#) which are supported by Environment and Climate Change Canada's *Science Horizons*. To be eligible, interns must be recent graduates in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM). These programs support the creation of new green jobs for youth, to help young Canadians gain valuable work experience, learn about our natural environment and contribute to economic growth in environmental sectors.

I encourage you to share this information at your convenience. Furthermore, I invite you to visit the embedded links for more information and to apply.

Regards,

Geoff

I.R. Geoffrey Mercer

Regional Director General - Acting

Regional Director General's Office - Atlantic and Quebec Regions

Environment and Climate Change Canada

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Free Home Upgrades for Your Clients and Participants

Help your program participants save money on heating bills this winter, be healthier and feel more comfortable in their homes year-round – find out if they are eligible for HomeWarming. HomeWarming offers a free home energy assessments and energy efficiency upgrades to income-qualified homeowners. For more information and application forms, visit www.HomeWarming.ca. If you would like to have materials to promote <http://homewarming.ca/>, get in touch with Michael at mmackay@clean.ns.ca.

Do you have shredded sneakers, torn trousers or holy socks ready for trashing? **Since 2013, all worn or unusable textiles and fabrics of any material and in any condition (except chemically contaminated) can be reused/ recycled. Collection sites are all over HRM and Nova Scotia.** AFTeR began in 2013 as a group of six organizations that collect used clothing to fund social causes such as helping children at risk, combatting disease, and supporting marginalized citizens and those facing crisis. This is accomplished with the added benefit of keeping the textile materials out of our landfills. AFTeR member charities are experts in the collection and repurposing of used textiles and footwear. <http://afterwear.ca/wp/donate/>

Environment and Climate Change Canada is inviting you to comment on the proposed *Recovery Strategy for the Bicknell's Thrush (Catharus bicknelli) in Canada.*

The Bicknell's Thrush (*Catharus bicknelli*) was listed as a threatened species in Schedule 1 of the Species at Risk Act (SARA) in 2012. The Bicknell's Thrush is a rare, range-restricted forest bird. During the breeding season, the species inhabits inland forests at elevations ranging from 380 to 1,100 m, as well as coastal lowland forests in Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and the northeastern United States. It winters in the Greater Antilles, with the bulk of its population occurring in the Dominican Republic (Hispaniola). All the available indices on population trends for the species in Canada indicate a decline in abundance and range. The main threat facing the Bicknell's Thrush is habitat loss and degradation. The wintering area is particularly subject to pressures such as subsistence farming, logging and human-caused fires. In the breeding range, Bicknell's Thrush habitats are mainly affected by forestry practices as well as the creation of wind farms.

On December 20, 2016, the proposed *Recovery Strategy for the Bicknell's Thrush (Catharus bicknelli) in Canada* was posted on the Species at Risk Public Registry. A recovery strategy is a planning document that identifies what needs to be done to stop or reverse the decline of a species. It sets population and distribution objectives and identifies the broad strategies and general approaches to meet them. You can read the proposed Recovery Strategy and comment at:

http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default_e.cfm?documentID=3057.

This document will remain on the registry for a 60-day comment period ending February 18, 2017.

After the public comment period of 60 days, Environment and Climate Change Canada will then review comments and integrate them as appropriate, after which the final version of the recovery strategy will be posted on the Species at Risk Public Registry.

The Government of Canada is committed to working with interested parties to ensure that species at risk are protected. The *Species at Risk Act* supports this commitment by providing the public with an opportunity to comment on proposed recovery documents.

Environment and Climate Change Canada is inviting you to comment on the Action Plan for Multiple Species of Atlantic Coastal Plain Flora in Canada.

The primary focus of this action plan is on the five federally listed endangered and threatened Atlantic Coastal Plain Flora (ACPF) species: Pink Coreopsis (*Coreopsis rosea*); Thread-leaved Sundew (*Drosera filiformis*); Goldencrest (*Lophiola aurea*); Plymouth Gentian (*Sabatia kennedyana*); and Water Pennywort (*Hydrocotyle umbellata*). However, this plan also addresses other high priority ACPF species including: Eastern Baccharis (*Baccharis halmifolia*); Sweet Pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia*); Tubercled Spike-rush (*Eleocharis tuberculosa*); New Jersey Rush (*Juncus caesariensis*); Redroot (*Lachnanthes caroliniana*); Eastern Lilaepsis (*Lilaepsis chinensis*); Spotted Pondweed (*Potamogeton pulcher*); and Long's Bulrush (*Scirpus longii*). Critical habitat was fully identified in the *Amended Recovery Strategy and Management Plan for Multiple Species of Atlantic Coastal Plain Flora in Canada* for Pink Coreopsis, Water Pennywort, Plymouth Gentian, Thread-leaved Sundew and Goldencrest. No critical habitat is identified in the proposed action plan.

This action plan, to be implemented in Nova Scotia, addresses the objectives and recommended strategic approaches outlined in the Amended Recovery Strategy and Management Plan. Recovery measures are organized according to the seven objectives identified in the Amended Recovery Strategy and Management Plan and the implementation schedule identifies which threats the measures address, indicates the level of priority for each action, and delineates timelines.

You can read the proposed action plan and comment at:

http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default_e.cfm?documentID=3056.

After the public comment period ends on February 18, 2017, Environment and Climate Change Canada will review comments and integrate them as appropriate, after which the final version of the action plan will be posted on the Species at Risk Public Registry.

Thank you for your interest in the protection of species at risk in Canada.

[Subscribe](#) to receive updates on public consultations added to the Species at Risk Public Registry.

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) would like to inform you of the development of a coal mining effluent regulation under the *Fisheries Act*. To that end, the attached consultation document entitled **Proposed Regulatory Framework for Coal Mining** has been developed to inform interested parties and to solicit feedback. Please refer to the document for information on how to provide feedback. The deadline for providing feedback is March 31, 2017.

ECCC would also like to inform you that we are planning face-to-face information sessions with interested parties on the *Proposed Regulatory Framework for Coal Mining* in February and March 2017. In order to plan for these information sessions, please let us know if you wish to participate by emailing ec.ermc-cmrd.ec@canada.ca. If at all possible, a response by COB Monday February 6th, 2017 would be appreciated. We will contact participants with more information as it becomes available.

We are making every effort to deliver this message to the appropriate person at your organization. If you believe that you are not the right person, please let us know or forward it to the appropriate person.

Should you have any questions, please contact james.arnott@canada.ca (819-420-7725) or lorie.cummings@canada.ca (819-420-7705).

Sincerely,

James Arnott

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Environment and Climate Change Canada / Government of Canada

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Water Access Cottage/Camp Lot - Looking for folks committed to Sustainability

Have you been looking for some land close to Halifax? We are looking to subdivide our water access lot on Mill Lake at Hubbards. We will only do so if we find some folks with compatible values to protect and steward the land and water. The lot would have 250ft of water frontage @ 1-2 acres (pending subdivision) with access to an adjacent woodlot. It is a 5 minutes boat trip down the lake. Parking & boat slip are available. Power line around the lake or you can go totally off-grid with solar and paddle. If interested call Nancy or Cathy at [\(902\) 454-3542](tel:902-454-3542).

Environmental News:

So far this year, the girls in **Sacred Heart School of Halifax's Environment Committee** have been raising awareness about the issue of climate change and other environmental problems within the school. They have made presentations about the devastating effects of animal agriculture and the misuse of disposable plastics to both the high school and elementary schools. They have also organised a successful screening of the documentary called "Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret," a film that shows how animal product consumption is a major contributor to climate change. In addition, the club has

enjoyed several guest speakers including Danielle Horne, who spoke about the Envirothon competition and two speakers from Development and Peace who spoke about how teens are capable of making positive changes in their own communities. In January, the committee members taught the elementary students how to properly sort their garbage and recyclables and are planning to make a presentation to the international students in their school. In the coming months, they will be promoting Earth Hour in the elementary and high schools and inviting a guest speaker to celebrate Earth Day.



“Do Oil and Water Mix: Strategies to Protect Our Offshore” was a successful CPONS event Jan 29th at Mahone Bay Centre. Over 125 people attend the great panel with a good mix of display tables set up by like-minded local and national organizations. Event included a helpful strategy discussion to wrap up.

<http://canadians.org/blog/do-oil-and-water-mix-clearly-not-says-south-shore-protect-offshore-ns-event>



Conservative Party leadership frontrunner and television personality Kevin O’Leary said if he’s elected Prime Minister he won’t let any provincial government get in the way of economic development.

Read full story at <http://thechronicleherald.ca/novascotia/1436902-exclusive-o-leary-says-he-would-force-n.s.-to-allow-fracking>

The January-February 2017 **Newsletter of the Halifax North West Trails Association** is [here](#).

IMPORTANT NEWS!

Many of you have used our National Parks, Keji and Cape Breton Highlands as well as the many historic sites.

This year, one can enter for free, all across Canada with a pass, available by application.

Check out their site www.parkscanada.ca & <http://www.letstalkparkscanada.ca/participate>

View the [January 2017](#) edition of the **Organic Friends' E-Zine**, brought to you by the Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada (OACC).

January 2017 Coastal Update edition is now available and ready for you to view:

<http://coinatlantic.ca/index.php/aczisc-coastal-update-e-newsletter/latest-issue> or through social media pages (*Facebook*, *Twitter*).

Interested in receiving the Eco Connections directly? Email me with your request! nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com

We would like to hear your news! Please send updates of environmental concerns/activities in your community and we will post them in the newsletter and on our Facebook page.



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Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/NovaScotiaEnvironmentalNetwork

Find past EcoConnections here: <http://nseenvironmentalnetwork.com/resources>

NSEN Events webpage: <http://nseenvironmentalnetwork.com/events>

The Nova Scotia Environmental Network connects environmental organizations across the province – together we are stronger!