

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PACKAGE Marine Conservation Network Plan

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Public Engagement Package



Feedback Survey



Interactive Map



Webinar + Virtual Q&As

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This document provides information on online resources that support the public engagement on the marine conservation network plan for the Scotian Shelf-Bay of Fundy Bioregion.

The network plan is made up of existing marine protected areas (MPAs) and other effective areabased conservation measures (OECMs), current Areas of Interest for *Oceans Act* MPA establishment, and proposed network sites for future consideration. It includes sites for Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Parks Canada, and the Canadian Wildlife Service of Environment and Climate Change Canada.

The purpose of the public engagement is to give Canadians an opportunity to provide feedback on the network plan.

This package provides a guide to all network plan engagement communications products.

PUBLIC SURVEY

The survey is the primary way that Fisheries and Oceans Canada will collect public feedback during the engagement period. It includes questions on general marine conservation topics, as well as an opportunity to provide feedback on any of the potential conservation network sites.

Provinces, First Nations and key stakeholders can continue to provide feedback through other mechanisms like mail and email.

URL: <u>https://questionnaire.simplesurvey.com/f/s.aspx?</u> <u>s=4ec78a97-ee87-42c3-abd9-</u> ba0297065ece&lang=EN

KEY DATES

Engagement Period:

• April 29 to June 29, 2024

Virtual Q&A Sessions:

- May 8th from 3-4pm
- May 8th from 6-7pm
- June 5th from 3-4pm
- June 5th from 6-7pm

INTERACTIVE MAP

The interactive map allows users to explore both the existing and proposed sites that make up the marine conservation network plan.

Information provided on each proposed site includes size, lead federal agency (where applicable), conservation features, and existing human uses.

URL: <u>https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/oceans/networks-</u> reseaux/scotian-shelf-plateau-neo-ecossais-baybaie-fundy/sites-eng.html

Questions? Contact us: MaritimesMPAs@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

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PRE-RECORDED WEBINAR

A pre-recorded webinar will be available on the DFO YouTube channel throughout the engagement period.

The webinar includes an overview of:

- Marine protected areas and how they benefit the environment.
- What a marine conservation network is and how it was made.
- The Scotian Shelf–Bay of Fundy marine conservation network plan.
- · How you can get involved.

URL: https://youtu.be/MSwcfBRwf4o

MORE RESOURCES

Learn more about the approach for developing the marine conservation network:

https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/oceans/networksreseaux/scotian-shelf-plateau-neo-ecossais-baybaie-fundy/development-developpement-eng.html

Watch our video on protecting Canada's oceans through marine conservation networks: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvatPPLiOM0

Have questions about a Parks Canada or Canadian Wildlife Service network site? Contact them directly:

- Parks Canada: Information@pc.gc.ca
- Canadian Wildlife Service: Enviroinfo@ec.gc.ca

LIVE VIRTUAL Q&A SESSIONS

After watching the pre-recorded webinar, if you have remaining questions on the marine conservation network plan, please join one of our live Q&A sessions hosted through Microsoft Teams. These sessions will allow participants to ask their questions to practitioners from Fisheries & Oceans Canada, Parks Canada, and the Canadian Wildlife Service of Environment and Climate Change Canada.

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