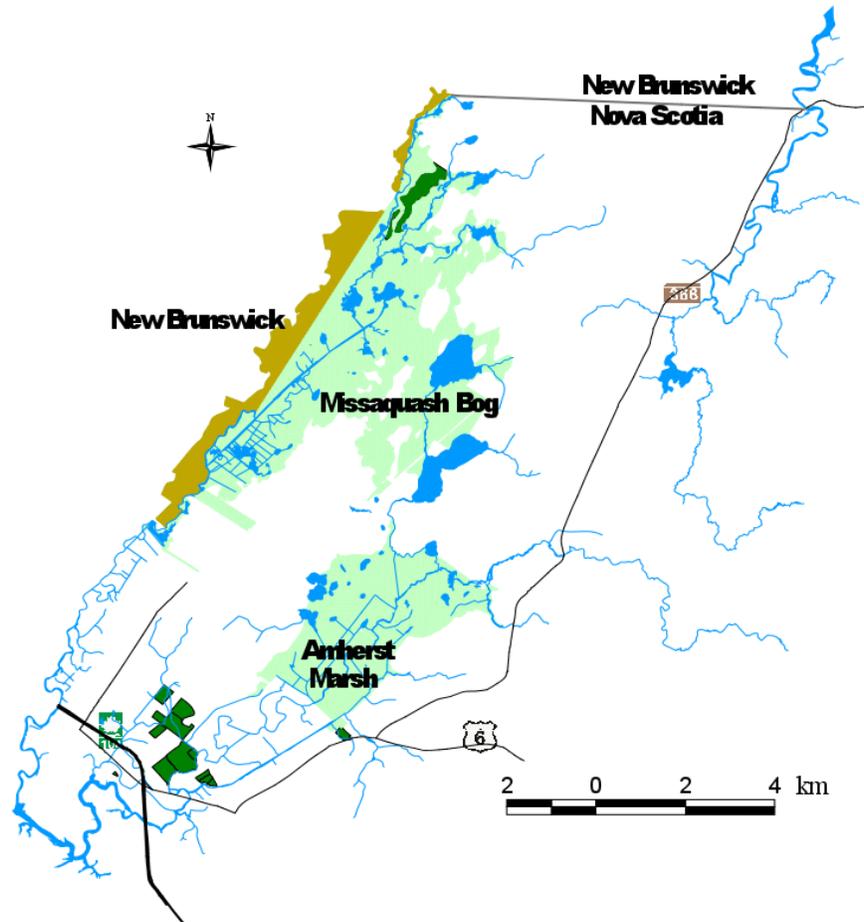


Proposed Missaquash/East Amherst Wildlife Management Area



The proposed Missaquash/East Amherst Wildlife Management Area is located within the low lying Isthmus of Chignecto which connects Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The complex consists of 2916 hectares of provincially owned land, shown in light green on the above map, and 179 hectares of land owned by Ducks Unlimited Canada, shown in dark green. Two other parcels of land, shown in brown on the map, are located in New Brunswick but owned by the Province of Nova Scotia. These two parcels have a total area of 258.6 hectares. An additional 372 hectares of lakes, ponds and canals brings the total area to roughly 3726 hectares.

Although the region has a complex land use history, large portions of the proposed management area are not easily accessible and provide the aesthetics of “wilderness”. The complex provides staging habitat for large flocks of migrating waterfowl and shorebirds, nesting habitat for a

diversity of waterbirds, and year-round habitat for other wildlife. The area is heavily used by people for nature watching, canoeing, trapping and hunting.

The proposed wildlife management area could include the existing Hackmatack Lake and Round Lake Sanctuary. The Department of Natural Resources and Ducks Unlimited Canada jointly manage the lands to achieve the long-term waterfowl and wetland conservation objectives of the North American Waterfowl Plan and the Eastern Habitat Joint Venture.

The area includes 314 hectares of forested land. Most of the remainder is wetland and is maintained in a flooded condition.

The proposed wildlife management area will be managed primarily for the protection and enhancement of wetland habitat. Management practices will strive to provide optimum habitat conditions for a wide range of wildlife species as well as recreational and educational opportunities. Hunting and trapping will be allowed in season.

