

Eastern Shore Islands Wilderness Area



County

Guysborough, Halifax

Size

1844 ha

Classification

Wilderness Area

Status

New

Conditions Apply?

Yes.

Overview

Archipelago of over 400 coastal islands and headlands stretching from Clam Harbour to Liscomb Point

Ecological Values

Seabird nesting colonies

Staging and feeding areas for waterfowl

Wide variety of coastal habitats including saltmarshes, beaches, estuarine flats, and coastal barrens

Outdoor Recreation Values

Opportunities for short or multi-day sea kayaking excursions

Sailing and other boating-related activities among the islands

Camping and coastal hiking

Forestry Values

Low importance for forestry

Other Resource Values

Medium mineral potential

Low petroleum potential

Medium-high wind potential

Conditions

Legal protection of several islands (95 ha) pending confirmation of Crown ownership.

Exclusions and Vehicle Access

Additional Comments

The proposed wilderness area includes the islands of the existing Eastern Shore Wildlife Management Area, as well as additional Crown islands.

The islands of the wildlife management area are regulated under the Wildlife Act, primarily to protect nesting seabirds. For this reason, access to these islands has been seasonally restricted.

The whole proposed area would be managed under the Wilderness Areas Protection Act, which generally allows low-impact recreational use. Current access restrictions under the Wildlife Act would only apply to those islands that are also part of the wildlife management area.

Camp structure issue

