# **River Inhabitants Nature Reserve**



#### County

Inverness

#### Size

718 ha

#### Classification

Nature Reserve

#### Status

Expansion

#### **Conditions Apply?**

Yes

## Overview

Forest and wetlands along River Inhabitants

## **Ecological Values**

Rich wetlands, floodplains, oxbow lakes and 1.4 kms of river frontage

River Inhabitants provides important habitat for Atlantic Salmon and brook trout

Habitat for nationally threatened and provincially vulnerable Wood Turtle

Good potential for disturbed areas to recover to a natural condition over time

#### **Outdoor Recreation Values**

Canoeing, fishing, hunting and trapping

## **Forestry Values**

Western portion dominated by young forest regenerating from past cutting

Most of western parcel under forest management since 1980s or earlier, including cutting, planting, and spacing

Over 3 km of access roads

Small portion of area along River Inhabitants currently unavailable for forestry due to DNR old forest policy

## **Other Resource Values**

High mineral potential

High petroleum potential

Medium wind potential

## **Conditions**

Legal protection of 509 ha delayed until 2020

Portion (213 ha) subject to expiry of gypsum and gas storage rights

Portion (112 ha) subject to wood supply analysis

#### **Exclusions and Vehicle Access**

Power line corridor excluded

## **Additional Comments**

Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.

