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	Average Annual Daily Traffic
ACCDC	Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre
AIA	Archaeological Impact Assessment
AIS	Aquatic Invasive Species
AQMS	Air Quality Management System
ASL	Above Sea Level
CAAQS	Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standard
CALA	Canadian Association of Laboratory Accreditation
CCME	Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment
CEPA	Canadian Environmental Protection Act
CER	Canada's Energy Regulator
CFC	Chlorofluorocarbon
CH ₄	Methane
CM	Centimetre
CO	Carbon Monoxide
CO ₂	Carbon Dioxide
CO ₂ e	Carbon Dioxide Equivalent
COSEWIC	Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada
CWS	Canadian Wildlife Service
DAS	Disposal at Sea
DFO	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
DFO-SCH	Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Small Craft Harbour
E	Endangered
EC	Environment Canada
ECCC	Environment and Climate Change Canada
ECC	Environmental Components of Concern
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EMP	Environmental Management Plan
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ESC	Erosion and Sediment Control
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FI	Flash Characteristic
FSC	
	Food, Social, Ceremonial
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GBA+	Gender-based Analysis +
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GMHA	Grand Manan Harbour Authority
ha	Hectares
H ₂ S	Hydrogen Sulphide
HFC	Hydrofluorocarbon
Hsig	Significant Wave Height
IA	Impact Assessment
IAA	Impact Assessment Act
IAAC	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
IBA	Important Bird Area
IECP	Indigenous Engagement and Consultation Plan
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
ISGQ	Interim Sediment Quality Guideline
km/h	Kilometres per Hour
kWh	Kilowatt-hour

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SEED Significance of Environmental Effects Determination
SF ₆ Sulphur Hexafluoride
SLR Sea Level Rise
SO ₂ Sulphur Dioxide
SOCI Species of Conservation Interest
SWNB Southwest New Brunswick
the Agency Responsible Authority's Guide
the Project Study Area
TOC Total Organic Carbon
TSP Total Suspended Particulate
UBHS Underwater Benthic Habitat Survey
UNFCCC United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
VC Valued Component
WAWA Watercourse and Wetland Alteration
WESP-AC Wetland Ecosystem Services Protocol for Atlantic Canada
WNNB Wolastoqey Nation in New Brunswick
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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PROJECT NAME, PROPONENT AND CONTACT INFORMATION

The Small Craft Harbour (SCH) branch of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is proposing to construct a new SCH facility on Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick (NB), specifically in the waters to the northeast of Woodwards Cove. The new facility is required to relieve the overcrowding of vessels at the other harbours on Grand Manan and is anticipated to serve a mixture of both fisheries and aquaculture vessels.

WSP E&I Canada Limited (WSP) was retained by Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) to provide environmental consulting services to assist in the completion an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and to prepare this Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in support of the registration of the Project under the NB EIA process and the federal Impact Assessment (IA) process.

1.1.1 PROJECT NAME

New Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) - Small Craft Harbours (SCH) Facility Construction, Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan, New Brunswick (NB).

Short Name: New DFO-SCH Harbour Development near Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan, NB.

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1.2 PURPOSE AND NEED FOR THE UNDERTAKING

The objective of this project is to complete the planning and design and environmental component studies to support an environmental impact assessment registration for the development of a new DFO-SCH facility near Woodwards Cove on Grand Manan Island in New Brunswick. The existing DFO-SCH facility at Woodwards Cove consists of a single rigid structure that is limited to tidal access only. The structure is in advanced stages of deterioration and has been barricaded since August of 2020 due to its unsafe condition and has since been rocked over.

The construction of a new facility near Woodwards Cove is required to expand the berthage capacity within the network of facilities currently managed by the Grand Manan Harbour Authority (GMHA). In addition to Woodwards Cove, the network of facilities managed by the GMHA includes North Head; Ingalls Head; Seal Cove; as well as a facility on White Head Island.

At peak season, the existing facilities within the GMHA network are operating beyond berthing capacity. In response to the strong market conditions for the various species harvested by the fleet based out of Grand Manan, the number of vessels in the fleet continues to increase along with the vessel size, compounding overcrowding at the existing facilities.

The new facility near Woodwards Cove is intended to provide berthing for approximately 100 vessels as required to resolve overcrowding from the existing facilities and to accommodate the continued expansion of the fleet.

1.3 PROJECT COMPONENTS

The facility will consist of the following elements: access road; causeway; service area; rubble mound breakwater; capital dredging (requirements for drilling and blasting are anticipated); rigid marginal wharf (loading and offloading structure); floating wharves (berthage structures); and electrical service (Figure 1-1). The project components are further elaborated in Section 2.0.

1.4 ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROJECT

Several alternative locations (footprints) and alternative means to the project have been investigated. Alternative means of creating the required berthage expansion has been investigated at existing facilities on Grand Manan. The existing facility at Woodwards Cove has reached the end of its service life and has been barricaded since August of 2020 and has now been rocked over. The existing structure only permitted vessel access tidally. The capital and maintenance dredge requirements to develop a full tidal access facility in the location of the existing

structure would be cost prohibitive and impractical. Other existing harbours on Grand Manan do not have sufficient area or water depth to allow for berthing of an additional 90-100 vessels to accommodate the expanding size of the fleet and the increasing size of vessels being used in the industry.

The current design footprint and location are the result of multiple iterations of options assessment and configuration to determine the most efficient design to allow for the number and size of vessels to berth, while taking into account the need for the proposed facility to provide full tidal access and to minimize dredging requirements. Other considerations included in the identification of the proposed Project footprint are:

- Identifying a site which minimizes dredging requirements as well as impacts to cultural and natural resources, and also considers constraints and risks with regards to real estate requirements;
- Designing the facility to provide full tidal access, safe berthage and protection from adverse sea conditions for 100 vessels;
- Ensuring design requirements comply with environmental regulations; meet applicable sustainable development objectives; and accommodate First Nations interests;
- Ensuring that design requirements support a high level of health and safety during all phases of the project implementation; and
- Ensuring prudent expenditure of public funds.

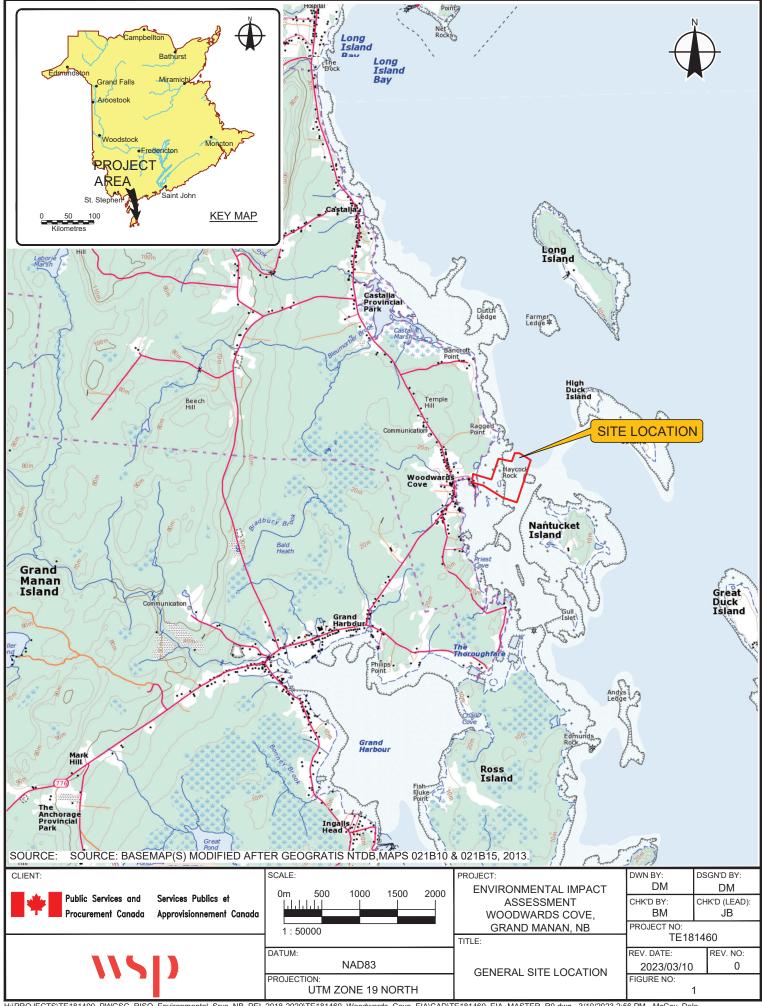
1.5 STRUCTURE OF THE DOCUMENT

The activities and results of the assessment are presented as follows:

Section 1.0	Provides basic information to describe the need and justification for the Project and its proponent.
Section 2.0	Provides a description of the Project and activities.
Section 3.0	Describes the scope of the EIA, as well as the temporal and spatial boundaries.
Section 4.0	Describes the existing environmental and socio-economic setting of the Study Area.
Section 5.0	Describes the impact assessment of all the environmental and socio-economic issues identified as relevant for the proposed Project.
Section 6.0	Describes cumulative effects.
Section 7.0	Describes the consultation program.
Section 8.0	Gender Based Analysis + Assessment.
Section 9.0	Follow up requirements.
Section 10.0	Summary of residual effects.
Section 11.0	Conclusion.
Section 12.0	Sign off pages.

List of Supporting Documents.

Section 13.0



2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

2.1 PROJECT LOCATION

The project is currently proposed to be constructed in the waters to the northeast of Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan, NB. (Figure 2-1). Currently the project is in a design and planning phase. The design elements described in this section will be incorporated into the final design although small changes in the final design may arise. The project footprint described in this EIA are the maximum extents of the project regardless of slight design changes that may occur as design and planning are finalised.

2.2 PROJECT COMPONENTS

The new facility is anticipated to include an access road, causeway, a service/parking area, a marginal wharf, a rock breakwater, dredging, floating wharves with electrical service, a launch/haul-out ramp.

2.3 CONSTRUCTION PHASE

An access road will be built to connect Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road to the new SCH facility. Parking, vessel service areas, and small accessory buildings (as required) will be constructed. In order to prepare the new harbour basin, marine sediment will be dredged, rock removal may be carried out by mechanical means and/or drilling and blasting. Excavated materials will be reused in the development of the facility, such as within the construction of parking and service areas. Disposal at sea of dredged material is not anticipated to occur. A rock breakwater surrounding the new SCH facility will have an overlapped entrance to reduce effects on vessels inside the basin from wave agitation. Within the harbour, a marginal wharf for vessel loading and offloading and floating wharves for vessel berthage will be constructed, with the latter anchored by pipe piles and accessed by gangway.

Project commencement is subject to DFO-SCH operational priorities and funding, as well as the receipt of other regulatory approval processes, which could therefore delay the completion of the project. Upon funding approval, it is expected that the construction will be undertaken in three phases over a 5–9-year period. Construction may not occur in a continuous fashion and is dependent on funding and approvals.

The facility design will meet the minimum requirements set by statutory codes and regulations including the DFO SCH Harbour Accommodations Guidelines.

During construction, temporary marine access roads may be required, but will be removed prior to completion of the project.

The access road and causeway will be constructed by the same means as the breakwater (described below). Starting from the upland and progressing from there toward the water. The approximately 10 m wide access road (road across the upland) will consist of clearing, grubbing within the footprint and placement and compaction of granular materials.

A rubble mound breakwater would be constructed of core stone material, lined with filter stone and 1-2 layers of armour stone material ranging in size from 1-10 tonnes. The proposed breakwater would have an approximate length of 1500 metres (m). The side slopes would be 1.5:1. The structure would have crest heights that range

between 10.4 and 11.5 m above chart datum. The core stone, filter stone and armour stone breakwater materials could be sourced from on-island quarries and trucked or barged from off island and/or trucked and then accurately placed on the harbour bottom by excavators.

Capital dredging will be conducted to ensure all navigable areas are set to a -3.0m chart datum for safe navigation and operability of the new structures. The dredge material will be placed in the service containment cell to be constructed on site. The anticipated dredge volume is approximately 80,000 cubic metres and the anticipated dredge area is approximately 60,000 m². The exact method of dredging will be determined by the contractor.

Dredge material will be contained within the section behind the marginal wharf and also within the section of the road that provides access to the floats. The containment cell will be used to manage excavated material originating from the construction of the facility. The containment cell will be constructed on the south side of the harbour and once filled, will provide an additional service area for harbour users. The rock berm used to create the containment cell will consist of a layer of core stone, over topped with filter stone, followed by a layer of armour stone. The berm will have a seaward and leeward slope of 1.5:1. The overall footprint of the containment cell will be approximately 20,000 m². The containment cell construction will consist of the use of heavy equipment such as excavators and haul trucks and will be constructed using the same method/sequence as the breakwater.

Phase II is anticipated to be completed in two to three years once funding and permits are received. This phase consists of marginal wharf construction and floating wharf construction complete with anchorage piling installation. The likely method of pile installation will be pile driving with drilling as required to advance piles into bedrock for rock socketing.

The marginal wharf will be approximately 100m in length and will be of steel pipe construction with cast in place concrete deck and guard.

For the floating wharf anchorage piling installation, there would be approximately 40 steel pipes complete with rock sockets. The pipe pile driving operation would be off and on as the work proceeds over during this phase. The exact methodology and timing will be determined by the contractor.

Phase III is anticipated to be completed in 1-2 years once funding and permits are received. This phase consists of the electrical system for shore power and lighting, service area completion (i.e., paving, installation of concrete launch/haul out ramp) and any other facility requirements.

The proposed activities are anticipated to commence in Summer 2024, and be completed by Summer, 2033, however project commencement is subject to DFO-SCH operational priorities and funding, as well as the receipt of other regulatory approval processes, which could therefore delay the start, phasing and/or completion of the project.

The project will require the transportation of materials, workers and equipment throughout the property during construction. This will be accomplished using a variety of vehicles such as haul trucks of various sizes, heavy equipment such as excavators; as well as light vehicles such as pick-up trucks and cars. Barges may also be employed for delivery of rock sourced from off island, if required.

2.4 OPERATION PHASE

DFO-SCH's Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and site-specific Emergency Response Plans cover operational aspects of environmental management at Small Craft Harbour facilities and constitute the basis for the environmentally-responsible management of harbour operations (i.e., fueling, waste disposal, activities at the

property and on the water). The proposed physical works will adhere to these environmental management standards established by DFO-SCH. The proposed project is intended to improve current overcrowding conditions at other harbours on Grand Manan. A third party will provide a fuel truck for vessels at the marginal wharf. There may be a fueling facility installed at the marginal wharf in the future by a supplier in a sublease arrangement with the Harbour Authority. The maximum amount of fuel that would be stored at the wharf facility would be 20,000 litres. Any required permits for the fuel storage facility would be acquired by the service provider prior to installation as required and is thus not considered further in the effects assessment in this EIA. A waste oil management structure will be installed for all waste oil. Operation of that facility will be overseen by DFO-SCH and the Grand Manan Harbour Authority and will meet storage requirements. All requirements for operation and maintenance of the waste oil facility will be included in the EMP for the SCH.

Minor works, and maintenance activities will be conducted on as-needed basis and will undergo separate impact assessment and legislative review as future stand-alone project(s), as and if required.

2.5 DECOMMISSIONING PHASE

There is currently no plan to decommission or abandon the Woodwards Cove SCH. The very nature of the proposed project is intended to ensure the viability and safety of the harbour facility primarily for commercial fisheries and navigation.

At the time of decommissioning, DFO-SCH will develop a site-specific re-use or reclamation plan that is appropriate for the applicable environmental legislation and DFO policies. The decommissioning of facilities would undergo separate impact assessment and legislative review as a future stand-alone project.

Environmental effects resulting from the abandonment or decommissioning of the proposed physical works, or the SCH facility are not considered further in this assessment.

2.6 CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

The three project phases are as follows:

- Phase I: This phase may have a duration of two to four years. Phase I will consist of an access road, causeway, containment cell (future service area), capital dredging and breakwater construction;
- Phase II: This phase will have a duration of two to three years and will consist of marginal wharf construction and floating wharf construction complete with anchorage piling installation; and
- Phase III: This phase will have a duration of one to two years and will consist of installation of the electrical system for shore power and lighting, service area completion; and any other facility requirements.

Phase I could commence as early as Summer of 2024 and will consist of access road and causeway construction, containment cell (future service area), capital dredging and breakwater construction.



3 APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY

3.1 REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

3.1.1 RATIONALE FOR THE APPLICATION OF SECTION 82 OF IAA

The following points constitute the rationale for the application of Section 82 of the federal *Impact Assessment Act*:

- The Project is on land that will be transferred to the federal government as part of this project;
- DFO-SCH is proposing the project, as the proponent;
- DFO-SCH is likely to require a Fisheries Act Authorization, or other federal regulatory approval;
- DFO-SCH is proposing to provide financial assistance to another party to enable the project to proceed; and
- DFO-SCH is proposing to grant a license or interest in federal land to enable the project to proceed.

3.1.2 OTHER AUTHORITIES AND RATIONALE FOR INVOLVEMENT

The waterlot is currently under the jurisdiction of the province of New Brunswick thus requiring a provincial Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Certificate of Determination as well as a License of Occupation from the province. The access road will require a provincial Watercourse and Wetland Alteration (WAWA) permit. A permit will be required from Transport Canada under the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act* for the in-water portion of the facility.

3.2 SCOPE OF THE PROJECT AND ITS ASSESSMENT

Since the Project is not a known designated physical activity under the IAA, the scope of the EIA is to be carried out in accordance with the requirements and guidance of the Province of New Brunswick's (NB) Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation, NB Reg 87-83 under the *Clean Environment Act*, including Additional Information requirements for Ports, Harbours, and Wharves pursuant to Section 5(2) of the EIA regulation. It is anticipated that DFO-SCH will be seeking from the Province of NB a transfer of land and waterlot as part of this project. The EIA will be completed to a standard that meets both the provincial EIA as well as federal IAA legislation so that it may satisfy both legislative requirements in the event that the project property is acquired prior to construction start-up (and therefore making Section 82 of the IAA applicable).

3.3 METHODOLOGY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

To facilitate the review of identified issues, an understanding and description of the environment within which the activities will occur, or potentially have an influence on, was developed from a review of existing information. Potential positive and negative interactions between Project activities and the environment were identified.

Where negative interactions were anticipated and potential effects were a concern, methods for mitigating the effects were proposed.

An environmental assessment is a complete process, which should begin at the earliest stages of planning and remain in force throughout the life of a project, moving through a series of steps:

- Describing the project and establishing environmental baseline conditions.
- Scoping the issues and establishing the boundaries of the assessment.
- Assessing the potential environmental effects of the project, including residual and cumulative effects.
- Identifying potential mitigation measures to eliminate or minimize potential adverse effects.
- Environmental effects monitoring and follow-up programs.

For the purpose of this EIA, the interactions (effects) between Project activities and Environmental Components of Concern (ECCs) are examined to select a defined set of Valued Components (VCs) that will be assessed. The significance of potential interactions and the likelihood of the interactions are also considered. Possible measures to mitigate impacts are identified and, where residual impacts (those impacts that remain after the application of mitigation) are identified, measures to compensate have been considered. Impact of malfunctions and accidents, as well as cumulative effects, are included in the evaluation of the environmental effects.

The technique of Beanlands and Duinker (1983) and the guidance provided by various federal and provincial documents were employed to assist in the design and conduct of the environmental assessment. This approach emphasizes the use of VCs as the focal points for impact assessment. Generally, VCs are defined as those aspects of the ecosystem or associated socio-economic systems that are important to humans.

The environmental assessment focuses on the evaluation of potential interactions between project components and activities on the one side, and VCs that were identified through an issues-scoping process on the other side. Two approaches were taken for identifying VCs, upon which the assessment focuses. First, those parameters for which Provincial and Federal Regulations are in place were identified. Second, a scoping exercise was conducted, based upon previous EIA experience with similar Project components, consultation, and available information related to the environment near the Project site. As suggested by Beanlands and Duinker (1983), VCs were determined on the basis of perceived public concerns related to social, cultural, economic, or aesthetic values. The VCs were also chosen to reflect the scientific concerns of the professional community.

Issues scoping is an important part in the VC identification process. The issues scoping process for this assessment included: review of past projects, relevant environmental and scientific reports; review of public concerns; regulatory agency consultation; and the study team's professional judgment.

The first step in the selection of VCs involved issues scoping to identify ECCs, and was based on:

- Concerns expressed by various stakeholders, including the scientific community, as well as comments from the public, government departments and agencies.
- Review of applicable statutes and regulations.
- Review of similar projects such as Gunning Cove, and Centreville (Digby County), NS, and Seal Cove, NB.
- Consideration of available literature and reference materials.
- Perceived public concerns related to social, cultural, economic, or aesthetic values.

The approach to the selection of VCs involves an initial evaluation to determine the likelihood of an interaction or linkage (pathway) between ECCs and project activities, including all the components of the Project. Where linkages between ECCs and project activities exist and potential effects are of concern, these components are selected as VCs and subject to further analyses.

ECCs with existing federal or provincial environmental regulations, such as endangered species and migratory species, are all of concern and were selected as VCs. Issues that regulators were concerned about were also selected as VCs, e.g., presence of critical habitat for Bank Swallow was identified by Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS). In addition, any issues raised by the public, as well as most ECCs with an existing pathway, have been selected as VC. If not, the exclusion is explained.

The assessment of the potential effects of the environment on the Project, including extreme weather events, was conducted during the Project design phase. Extreme events that apply include sea level rise and storms. Storms and wave run up are referenced with regard to the ability of the facility to withstand these events and protect the fleet within the facility. Any mitigation project design modifications that may have been required were incorporated in the final project design that is described in this document.

3.4 TEMPORAL AND SPATIAL BOUNDARIES OF THE PROJECT

The traditional approach to project bounding involves assessing changes to the environment within the physical boundaries of development. Beanlands and Duinker (1983) determined that in order to properly evaluate impacts, physical and biological properties must be determined temporally and spatially. This approach has been taken for the determination of bounds for the assessment of the proposed Project. The effects of a specific project activity on a VC may differ in both space and time from the effect of any other activity. Some project activities may have long-term consequences, while others will be of short duration.

Temporal project bounding for the proposed Project includes the relatively shorter-term construction activities (over 7-10 years) as well as the long-term operation of the harbour facility and its decommissioning, including Site remediation. There is no anticipated temporal variability, since an expansion of the facility is unlikely. Typically, the duration of the effects will vary with the VC and the Project activity.

Therefore, different temporal boundaries may be used to reflect:

- the nature and duration of the effect;
- the characteristics of the indicator; and
- the types of actions and projects that will need to be considered within the cumulative effects assessment.

For the purposes of this Study, the temporal bounds for the Project have been categorized into three stages:

- Construction Period.
- Operations and Maintenance.
- Decommissioning/Refurbishment.

The spatial boundaries for assessing potential effects will typically be established by determining the spatial extent of an effect of a Project component or activity. The physical boundaries of the Site are as illustrated on Figure 2-1.

The physical (spatial) boundaries of the Project (Study Area) may vary depending on the individual VC. For example, for endangered plant species, the Project boundaries will be restricted to the upland and wetland adjacent to the new access road. However, for socio-economic impacts, the boundary extends the Study Area to include Grand Manan at a minimum.

Scientific and technical knowledge, input from the public, professional experience and traditional knowledge will be used to develop the temporal and spatial boundaries.

3.5 APPROACH TO THE DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

The assessment or determination of the significance of potential effects will be based on the Responsible Authority's Guide developed by the Agency, with consideration of other relevant Federal and Provincial regulatory requirements.

The Responsible Authority's Guide has been successfully applied to similar projects in the past and has been widely accepted by government and regulatory agencies within Canada, as the standard for the completion of EIAs.

The Reference Guide entitled "Determining Whether A Project Is Likely To Cause Significant Adverse Environmental Effects" included in the Responsible Authority's Guide (The Agency, 1994) will be used as the basis for determining the significance of identified potential effects. This determination consists of the following steps:

- determine whether the environmental effect is adverse;
- determine whether the adverse environmental effect is significant; and
- determine whether the significant environmental effect is likely.

Significance of adverse effects will be directly related to regulatory guidelines and statute requirements where applicable. The assessment will determine whether the residual environmental effects of the Project are significant or non-significant after application of mitigation measures.

For the purposes of the EIA, an effect will be defined as the change effected on a VC(s) as a result of Project activities. A Project induced change may affect specific groups, populations, or species, resulting in modification of the VC(s) in terms of an increase or decrease in its nature (characteristics), abundance, or distribution. Effects will be categorized as either negative (adverse) or positive. Any adverse effects will be determined to be significant or non-significant in consideration of assessment criteria discussed above. The Assessment will focus on those interactions between the VCs and Project activities, which are likely.

4 EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

4.1 PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Woodwards Cove is located on the eastern shore of Grand Manan Island in the southern Bay of Fundy, New Brunswick. The Bay of Fundy is subject to large tidal fluctuations, with tides in the Grand Manan area reaching 7.3 m. Shorelines in the area are largely composed of cobble. Under the National Ecological Framework of Canada (n.d.), the Fundy Coast Ecoregion, which lies within the Atlantic Maritime Ecozone, is strongly influenced by the Atlantic Ocean. The ecoregion has cool, wet summers with high winds, high humidity, and fog, and mild, wet winters. The forests are typically coniferous forest that is predominantly red spruce (*Picea rubens*), balsam fir (*Abies balsamea*), and red maple (*Acer rubrum*) with occasional white spruce (*Picea glauca*), white birch (*Betula papyrifera*), and yellow birch (*Betula alleghaniensis*). In areas with higher elevations, sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*), and American beech (*Fagus grandifolia*) are also present.

4.1.1 BEDROCK

Within the Atlantic Maritime Ecozone, the Fundy Coast Ecoregion has bedrock composed of Proterozoic, Palaeozoic, and Mesozoic strata rising from sea level to about 215 m above sea level (asl) inland. Discontinuous, stony glacial till dominates the highlands, and loamy tills, sandy fluvioglacial sediments, and silty marine deposits are present in the lowlands. The soil type in the region is predominantly Humo-Ferric Podzols; Mesisols are found in flat bogs in lowland areas while Regosols and Gleysols are found in diked and drained salt marshes (Ecological Framework of Canada n.d.).

4.1.2 SURFICIAL GEOLOGY

Based on available geology maps (Department of Natural Resources and Energy 2000), the surficial geology of the general area at the site consists of blankets and plains; sand, silt, some gravel and clay; generally 0.5 to 3.0 m thick. The bedrock geology in the Woodwards Cove area consists of limestone, quartzite, argillite, dolomite, conglomerate and includes gneissic rocks of uncertain age and origin (Rampton et al. 1984). Regional surface drainage appears to be outward from the SCH property towards the Bay of Fundy (Conestoga-Rovers 2011).

4.1.2.1 SEDIMENT QUALITY

Sediment quality was determined by two marine sediment sampling programs. A total of 11 samples were collected by Gemtec on September 9, 2022 with a drill rig to depth. GHD completed a program on September 28, 2022 collecting 18 samples using a mix of grab samples and core tubes. The Gemtec results are presented in the GHD report (2022) attached in Appendix A.

Both programs submitted the samples to laboratories accredited by the Canadian Association of Laboratory Accreditation (CALA). All samples were analysed for the following parameters:

- Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) low level analysis;
- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) (Quantification by Gas Chromatography- Electron Capture Detection-Congener and Homologue Group Method);

- Metals (ICP 23 metals scan plus mercury); and
- Total Organic Carbon (TOC).

Additionally, the 18 samples collected by GHD were analysed for grain-size by laser diffraction with 2-millimetre (mm) sieve.

Sample results were compared to *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* (CEPA) Disposal at Sea (DAS) Regulations (Lower Level of the National Action List) and the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) Interim Sediment Quality Guidelines (ISGQs).

For the 11 Gemtec samples there were no exceedances of the CEPA DAS guidelines. Seven of the samples exceeded the ISQGs for arsenic and copper.

For the 18 GHD samples there were no exceedances of the CEPA DAS guidelines. Two samples exceeded the ISQGs for individual PAH compounds, though total PAH concentrations for the samples were below the CEPA DAS guidelines.

Grains size analysis indicated the substrate was comprised predominantly of sand (93.2.%) with lesser amounts of gravel (3.6%), silt (2.7%), and clay (0.5%).

4.1.2.2 SEDIMENT TRANSPORT AND COASTAL EROSION

In order to investigate sediment transport patterns with the new layout, a comparative modelling exercise was conducted with the MIKE21 ST (Sediment Transport) module. It was driven with a four-day spring tide water level as well as sustained 1-year return period wave conditions (two days from the northeast, followed by two days from the east). These sustained storm conditions were used to generate an amplified response for use in comparison between existing conditions and the proposed layout (CBCL 2022).

Due to an absence of long-term sediment transport measurements, despite an observed short-term stability of the nearshore (as confirmed from comparison of 2016 and 2021 bathymetric survey data), a sediment transport model could not be calibrated but could be used to investigate trends. The survey differences from 2016 to 2021 show stability throughout the area, except for localized ripples, typically <0.1 m high and a slight shift in a sand bar towards the northeast corner of the proposed harbour.

Results of the comparative simulation suggest that:

- Given the frequent bedrock exposure along the coastline and absence of major rivers, there is limited
 natural sediment supply. The limited sediment supply combined with infrequent wave attack over rapidly
 varying tide levels will limit natural sediment transport at the site.
- The projected changes in sediment transport patterns from the proposed layout are expected to be relatively modest. The model does not flag the risk of harbour sedimentation, although some long-term settling of fines (not modelled, and not measured in the bathymetric survey differences) remains a possibility.
- Sediment transport rates over the clam bed to the south of the proposed harbour maybe attenuated immediately alongside the access road, which may result in moderate localized deposition. All the available information and modelling suggests that the expected changes to the clam bed level may be relatively modest.

None of the above features are expected to significantly impact harbour sedimentation rates, which are expected to be low.

In terms of shoreline erosion, there are typically two processes that drive the process in our region:

- 1. Variations in longshore sediment transport, typically resulting from consistent obliquely angled waves combined with shoreline features that could limit transport (changes in shoreline orientation, rocky cliffs, rivers/inlets, groynes/breakwaters). This is known to occur in a number of locations on PEI's western shore for example.
- 2. Big storm events with large waves combined with large storm surge on typically depth limited locations, that result in loss of sediment as it moves from the beach to offshore. Recent examples include Fiona and Dorian's impacts on PEI's north shore.

For Woodwards Cove, it is unlikely that process #2 would apply. The CBCL report presents wave model results that are not depth limited, and that increases of water level (like 0.5 m SLR) do not have significant impacts on waves.

Regarding process #1, in the CBCL report a review was done of historic aerial photos, and they did not indicate any long-term trends in shoreline changes. Based on shoreline area in the aerial imagery, it is likely that the dominant longshore sediment transport direction is north to south. This is based on the shape of the sandy beach areas in relation to the rocky outcrops on the coast. Construction of the SCH has the potential to restrict sediment transport that bypasses the location, but as it is downdrift of the coastal properties, this will have no impact on the sediment transport potential approaching from the north. Although we mention a direction of longshore sediment transport, it is likely that the net amount of sand moved by this process is relatively small, given that there do not appear to be significant long-term trends present.

The wave modelling results that compare the existing conditions with the proposed layout results, show that the SCH provides sheltering from oncoming waves approaching from the east to south directions. For waves approaching from the north to northeast, the SCH is not anticipated to have any impact on wave heights reaching the shore. The CBCL model results show there is an expected change in the tidal flow at this location, this is not a typical mechanism that could result in shoreline erosion. Any movement of sediment resulting from the ebb flow is likely to be cancelled out by the flood flow.

4.1.3 SFISMICITY

New Brunswick falls within the Northern Appalachians Seismic Zone which includes most of New Brunswick (including Grand Manan) and extends into New England as far as Boston. According to Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) Eastern Canada is located in a stable continental region within the North American Plate and, as a result, has a relatively low rate of earthquake activity (Earthquakes Canada, 2023).

4.1.4 CLIMATE

Canadian Climate Normals are based on long-term meteorological data collected by ECCC from 1981 to 2010 (ECCC 2022). The climate station closest to the Project with available data is Pennfield, NB, located approximately 45 km north of the Site.

Average temperatures range between 15.6°C in July to -7.1°C in January, with an average temperature of 5.2°C. The highest daily temperature recorded was 37.2°C in May 1977 and the lowest was -36.5°C in January 1982.

The total precipitation averages 1237 millimetres (mm) per year. Rainfall occurs every month, ranging from 60.6 mm in February to 132.2 mm in November. The highest daily rainfall on record was 111 mm in August 1981. Snowfall occurs from November to April, ranging from 8.3 centimetres (cm) to 53.5 cm. The highest daily snowfall on record was 38 cm in January 2000.

Historical climate data for the City of Eastport, Maine has been included because it is slightly closer to the site, approximately 30 km to the northwest. The annual average temperature is 6.7°C. Average daily high temperatures range from -1.1°C in January to 23.6°C in July and August. Daily minimum temperatures range from -10.2°C in January to 12.5°C in August. Extreme temperatures in Eastport for the entire period of record (1926 to 2005) range from a low of -30.6°C to a high of 36.7°C. Sea breezes in coastal areas help to reduce the frequency of high temperatures that occur more often in inland areas (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) 2014).

Winds blow predominantly from the west and northwest in the cold months and from the south and southwest in the warm months, with average speeds of 15 km/h in the winter to 20 km/h in the summer. Stronger winds blow primarily from the west. During winter, significant storms may occur with high winds and heavy rain or snow (FERC 2014). Section 4.1.6 contains wind roses from MSC50 off the coast of Grand Manan Island.

The waters in the Bay of Fundy are among the foggiest areas in the world. Seasons that produce the greatest contrast in temperature between sea surface and the air produce the densest fog. For this reason, fog is generally more prevalent in summer than winter; however, fog can develop any day of the year. Fog occurs an average of 112 days per year in Eastport, and heavy fog with visibility less than a quarter mile occurs 35 to 40 days per year (FERC 2014).

4.1.5 CURRENTS

The Project footprint is protected from open-ocean swell waves by Grand Manan Island but is exposed to wind-generated waves from the north, northeast, east, southeast, and south directions. The largest of these waves are from the east direction and have a modelled significant wave height (Hsig) of 3.3 m (3.4 m with 2070 sea level rise (SLR) conditions). Current speeds in the Bay of Fundy and around Grand Manan Island can be high (in excess of 2 metres per second (m/s) to the south of Grand Manan), but in the vicinity of the proposed harbour, the modelled current speeds are much lower (Figures 4-1 and 4-2), up to 0.35 m/s (CBCL 2022).

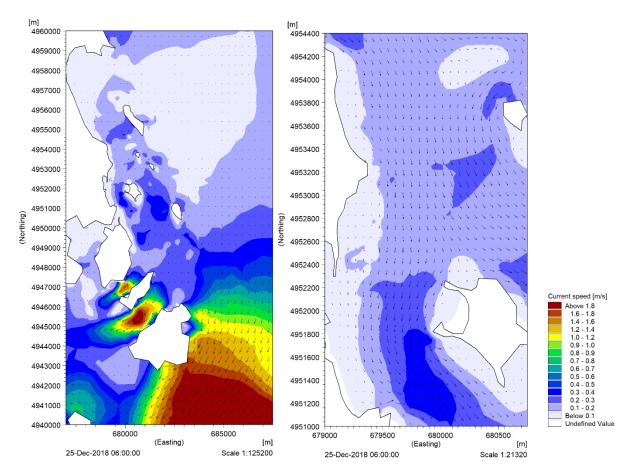


Figure 4-1 Modelled Ebb (Right) and Flood (Left) Flows around the East Coast of Grand Manan Island under Existing Conditions (CBCL 2022)

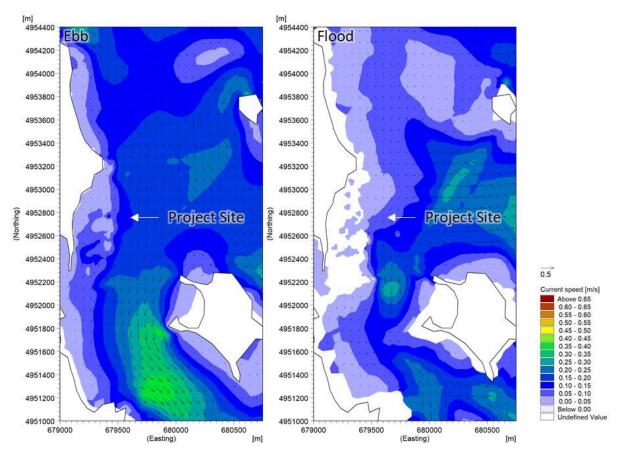


Figure 4-2 Modelled Local Ebb (Left) and Flood (Right) Current Speed under Existing Conditions (CBCL 2022)

4.1.6 WIND

Winds blow predominantly from the west and northwest in the cold months and from the south and southwest in the warm months (Figure 4-3), with average speeds of 15 kilometres per hour (km/h) in the winter to 20 km/h in the summer. Stronger winds blow primarily from the west. During winter, significant storms may occur with high winds and heavy rain or snow (FERC 2014).

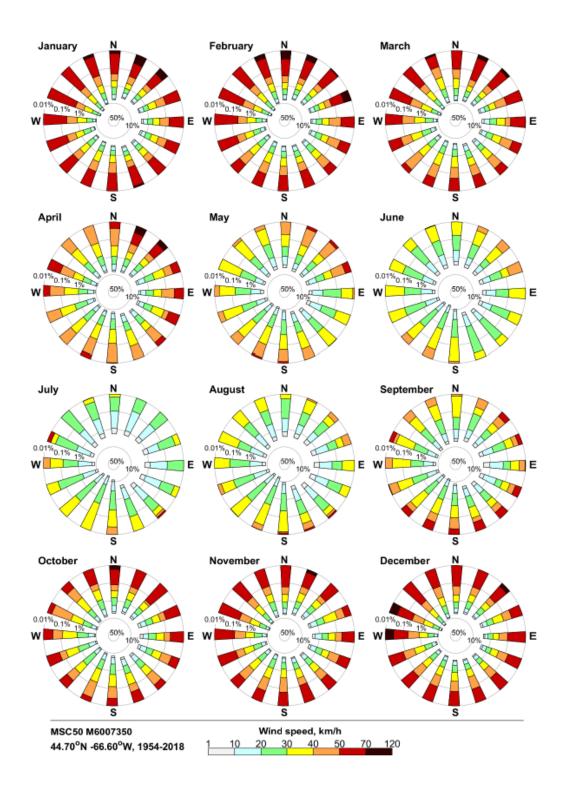


Figure 4-3 Annual Windspeed (km/h) from MSC50 off the Coast of Grand Manan Island (CBCL 2022)

4.1.7 AIR QUALITY

Air quality is influenced by the concentrations of air contaminants in the atmosphere. Air contaminants are emitted by both natural and anthropogenic sources and are transported, dispersed, or concentrated by meteorological and topographical conditions. Air contaminants eventually settle or are washed out of the atmosphere by rain and are deposited on vegetation, livestock, soil, water surfaces, and other objects. In some cases, contaminants may be redistributed into the atmosphere by wind.

Air quality in NB is monitored by stations operated by both the province and industry. In the southern air zone, which includes a large portion of New Brunswick's southern coastline along the Bay of Fundy, and borders the State of Maine in the west, there are five provincial stations in Saint John and one station in Saint Andrews. There are four industrial monitoring stations in Saint John and one in Lake Utopia, near Pennfield, NB (NB Department of Environment and Local Government 2022).

Air Quality objects, as reflected in Table 4-1, have two or more objectives for each pollutant, each with an associated "averaging period". This is to ensure that the objectives properly address a variety of exposure scenarios, including short-term peaks, long-term exposure to lower levels, and potential combinations.

Table 4-1 New Brunswick Air Quality Objectives

Pollutant	Averaging Period					
	1 HOUR 8 HOUR		24 HOUR	1 YEAR		
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	35,000 μg/m³	15,000 μg/m³	N1/A	N1/0		
	(30 ppm)	(13 ppm)	N/A	N/A		
Hydrogen Sulphide (H₂S)	15 μg/m³	N1/A	5 μg/m³	N1/0		
	(11 ppb)	N/A	(3.5 ppb)	N/A		
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂)	400 μg/m³	21/0		100 μg/m³		
	(210 ppb)	N/A	(105 ppb)	(52 ppb)		
Sulphur Dioxide (SO ₂)*	900 μg/m³	N1/A	300 μg/m³	60 μg/m³		
(339 ppm) N/A		N/A	(113 ppb)	(23 ppb)		
Total Suspended Particulate (TSP)	N/A	N/A	120 μg/m³	70 μg/m³		

Notes:

In 2012, the Canadian Council of Ministers of Environment (CCME) introduced a new Air Quality Management System (AQMS) for Canada. The AQMS provides a common approach for all Canadian jurisdictions to measure, manage, and report on air quality. The key drivers for air quality improvement in the AQMS are the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS). The adoption of CAAQS by the CCME provides a non-binding, common benchmark for air quality in all Canadian jurisdictions. At present, CAAQS have been adopted for four air pollutants: fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), ground level ozone (O₃), sulphur dioxide (SO₂), and nitrogen dioxide (NO₂).

^{*}The objective of sulphur dioxide is 50% lower in Charlotte County (NB Department of Environment and Local Government 2022)

The CAAQS PM_{2.5} target value is 27 μ g/m³ over a 24-hour averaging period, based on the 98th percentile annual ambient measurements averaged over three consecutive years (CCME, 2021). The CAAQS ground-level ozone target value is 62 ppb over an 8-hour averaging period, which is based on 4th highest annual ambient measurement, averaged over three consecutive years.

There were no exceedances of PM_{2.5}, O₃, SO₂, or NO₂ from monitoring stations between Saint Andrews and Saint John.

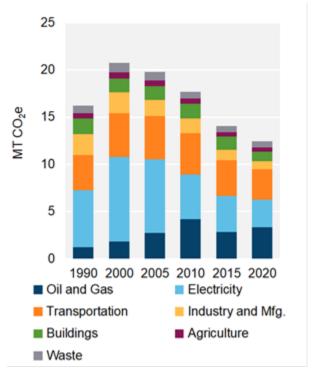
Similarly, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) maintains air quality monitoring stations throughout the county. The only station near the Project is an O_3 station located at the Sipayik First Nation, near Perry, ME (EPA 2022). The average O_3 values over 312 data points in 2021 and 2022 was 29.4 ppb, well below the CAAQS target of 62 ppb.

4.1.7.1 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

According to Canada's Energy Regulator (CER, 2023), New Brunswick's GHG emissions in 2020 were 12.4 megatonnes (MT) of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e). New Brunswick's emissions have declined 23% since 1990 and 37% since 2005.

New Brunswick's emissions per capita are 15.9 tonnes CO₂e– 10% below the Canadian average of 17.7 tonnes per capita.

The largest emitting sectors in New Brunswick are oil and gas (primarily petroleum refining) at 27% of emissions, transportation at 26%, and electricity generation at 23% (Figure 4-4).



Note: Data for Canada's GHG emissions are produced annually by Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC). GHG data for 2021 will be available on ECCC's website in April 2023.

Figure 4-4 Largest Emitting Sectors - New Brunswick Oil and Gas

New Brunswick GHG emissions from the oil and gas sector in 2020 were 3.4 MT CO₂e. Of this total, 3.3 MT were attributable to petroleum refining, and 0.1 MT were attributable to production, processing, and transmission.

In 2020, New Brunswick's power sector emitted 2.9 MT CO₂e emissions, which represents about 5% of Canada's GHG emissions from power generation. Through a renewable portfolio standard, the province of New Brunswick aimed to increase renewables' share of electricity serving in-province sales to 40% in 2020. In the 2020-2021 fiscal year, 51% of power sold in the province came from renewable sources.

The greenhouse gas (GHG) intensity of New Brunswick's electricity grid, measured as the GHGs emitted in the generation of the province's electric power, was 290 grams of CO_2e per kilowatt-hour (g of CO_2e/kWh) in 2020. This is a 28% reduction from the province's 2005 level of 400 g of CO_2e/kWh . The national average in 2020 was 110 g of CO_2e/kWh (Figure 4-5).

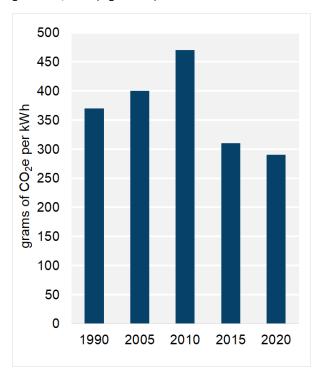


Figure 4-5 GHG National average in 2020

The GHG mitigation assessment examines the direct GHG emissions arising as a result of the Project, and presents potential mitigations, with the aim of reviewing the manner in which the Project may contribute to the achievement of Canada's GHG reduction targets in the future. The Project boundaries encompass Grand Manan Island. Emissions would be generated by fuel consumption resulting from trucking, the operation of heavy equipment during construction, the transport of fisheries products from the wharf to processing facilities, and harbour staff and user vehicles during operations. A change in the local air quality or from a human perception perspective and/or a large incremental contribution to CO₂ levels would be considered a negative effect.

Greenhouse gases considered for the assessment include carbon dioxide (CO_2), methane (CH_4) and nitrous oxide (N_2O). However, as the assessed emissions are all the result of fuel combustion, CO_2 emissions are, by far, the dominant contributor to total equivalent GHGs (i.e., carbon dioxide equivalent – CO_2e).

Direct emissions from the Project arise from the combustion of fuel in construction and maintenance vehicles and equipment. Emissions resulting from the incremental increase in traffic resulting from the Project are also considered. A summary of emission sources and their inclusion in the assessment is provided in Table 4-2.

Table 4-2 Emission Sources, Assumptions, and Inclusion in Assessment

SOURCE	ASSUMPTIONS	INCLUSION IN ASSESSMENT			
Emissions during construction	Combustion emissions from construction vehicles and equipment	Quantitative Assessment			
Emissions during maintenance	Emissions from on-site operation and maintenance activities	Quantitative Assessment			
Changes in traffic emissions resulting from the Project	The Project would result in incremental increase to small vehicle movements Quantitative Assessm associated with facility staff and users.				

Based on the current design a total of 5 diesel gravel trucks will operate 10 hours per day for 220 days per annum, resulting in 2,200 hours each per year. Placement of rock fill will involve one grader, one roller, two front end loaders and two excavators each operating 8 hours per day for 200 days per annum resulting in 1600 hours per annum for each piece of heavy equipment. The resulting emissions are presented in Table 4-3. It should be noted that these would be ideal conditions and are therefore conservative in terms of numbers of vehicle movements per day.

Table 4-3 Construction Phase Direct Emissions

Source Description	Operating Hours	Engine Output (HP)	Utilization Factor	Fuel Usage (L)	# <u>of</u> Equipment	CO ₂ (kg)	CH₄ (kg)	N₂O (kg)	CO₂e (tonnes)
Dump Truck	2200	340	40%	56,100	5	752,026	20.5	6.17	754
Grader Profiler and Finishing Machine	1600	225	40%	27,000	1	72,388	2.0	0.59	72
Rollers and Compactors	1600	50	20%	3,000	1	8,043	0.2	0.07	8
Loader	1600	120	40%	14,400	2	77,213	2.1	0.63	77
Tracked Excavator with Shovel	1600	120	40%	14,400	1	38,607	1.1	0.32	38
Tracked Excavator with Compactor	1600	120	40%	14,400	1	38,607	1.1	0.32	38

Operations and Maintenance Phase

Emissions generating activity would be related to the movement of wharf staff and users on local and facility access roads, which would primarily involve pickup trucks and larger vehicles for fisheries product transport. Based on the 100-berth harbour capacity this would result in a maximum of about 200 round trips per day. Not all berths would generate vehicle movement every day. For the purposes of the analysis it is assumed that vehicles would be primarily pickup trucks, about 50 per day, each operating about 2 hours per day for 325 days per annum, resulting in a total of 32,500 hours per annum. The resulting emissions are presented in Table 4-4.

Emissions resulting from vessel movement have been excluded from the analysis.

Table 4-4 Operations Phase Direct Emissions

Source Description	Operating Hours	Engine Output (HP)	Utilization Factor	Fuel Usage (L)	# <u>of</u> Equipment	CO ₂ (kg)	CH₄ (kg)	N₂O (kg)	CO₂e (tonnes)
Pickup Truck	6500	300	40%	146,251	50	1,960,496	53.4	16,09	1,966

Since the majority of the boats that will occupy the new berths are already at other (overcrowded) harbours on Grand Manan, the incremental effect will come from construction. As a percent of provincial emissions, the wharf emissions are about 0.005% for construction and 0.013% for annual operations.

4.1.8 ACOUSTIC ENVIRONMENT

The Island of Gran Manan has an existing noise by-law; Grand Manan Bylaw No. 30-01: A By-Law of The Municipality of Grand Manan Respecting Disturbances by Excessive Noises and Nuisances (Village of Grand Manan 2022).

Section 5, 8 and 9 of this by-law notes the following:

Section 5: A noise likely to cause a public nuisance or otherwise disturb any resident or residents of the Village is any noise or sound of such volume or nature which causes annoyance to any resident or residents, including but not limited to noise caused by shouting, singing, whistling, music, motor vehicles including motorcycles, motor bikes and All Terrain Vehicles, snowmobiles, pneumatic hammers, construction equipment and machinery, and an animal.

Section 8: The Provisions of this By-Law shall not apply to:

- a) Agents, servants or employees of the Municipality of Grand Manan who are performing work on behalf of the Municipality;
- b) Construction work of an emergency nature;
- c) Emergency vehicles;
- d) Snow removal equipment;
- e) Alarms sounding not more than twenty minutes;
- f) Trucks operating on a designated truck route; and
- g) Equipment related to the operation of a fishing or aquaculture related nature.

Section 9: This By-Law shall not apply to noise caused by pneumatic hammers, construction equipment and machinery, and vehicles of business or trade between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 pm on a weekday and Saturday.

Generally, the project area is subject to noise related to ongoing business operations of the adjacent fish plant which includes trucking and other vehicular traffic. The setting would be considered rural in nature.

4.1.9 GROUNDWATER

The regional groundwater flow, based on topographic mapping, is generally to the east towards the Bay of Fundy (CBCL 2022).

4.1.9.1 SURFACE WATER

The principal surface water in the area is the Bay of Fundy. There is a small open water portion of the adjacent wetland that will not be affected by the project.

4.2 BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

4.2.1 TERRESTRIAL WILDLIFE

Only nine terrestrial mammals are considered to be native to the island (Huynh 2018, Huynh et al. 2021), while others now considered common were introduced by humans. Introduced species include the house mouse, American red squirrel, muskrat, white-tailed deer, and racoon (Ingersoll and Gorham 1978, Forbes et al. 2010). Other species common to the mainland, such as the eastern chipmunk, porcupine, and skunk are absent on Grand Manan (Forbes et al., 2010). Undated woodland caribou antlers found offshore of Grand Manan lend the possibility that these animals once inhabited the island (Miller et al., 2000). It is also thought that Grand Manan was free of terrestrial and freshwater amphibians and reptiles until the mid-19th Century when the American toad and a species of frog were introduced by human settlers (McAlpine 2010). No incidental observations of these species were noted during field studies.

4.2.2 TERRESTRIAL FLORA

Two rare plant surveys were completed (Englobe, 2022a) within the project footprint:

- spring surveys on the 30 and 31 of May, 2022, to identify spring ephemerals; and
- summer surveys on the 10 and 11 of August, 2022 (during wetland delineations described in Section 4.2.4) to identify late plants.

The results of the rare plant surveys conducted identified two S3 (uncommon in province) species of conservation concern; the Seabeach dock (*Rumex pallidus*) and the Field Sedge (*Carex conoidea*). These plants, however, are not federally or provincially protected. The potential for the presence of other rare species within the project footprint is considered high based on three other S3S4 species and six other S4 (widespread, common and apparently secure in province) species observed within the project footprint.

The complete CBCL report can be found in Appendix F of this report.

4.2.3 MARINE FLORA

On the 20 and 21 of June, 2022, an Underwater Benthic Habitat Survey (UBHS) and Benthic Community Sampling and Taxonomic Assessment was completed in the marine waters northeast of Woodwards Cove (see Appendix G of this report for the Englobe UBHS report). The complete Englobe report can be found in Appendix F. The program included an underwater video recording along 14 transect lines for a total length of 3,000 m. Video analysis indicated that two distinct habitats are evident: one being the intertidal zone and one deeper water zone defined by the southeast and northeast areas of the site.

Macroflora species observed in the intertidal zone consisted of green algae (including what is likely *Spongomorpha sp.*), sea lettuce (*Ulva sp.*) and various wrack species (including both rockweed (*Ascophyllum nodosum*) and wrack (*Fucus* sp.)). Seaweed cover in the intertidal zone was sparse and only present where rock and boulder habitat were noted.

The deeper water zones were observed to contain diverse macrofloral life which provide habitat for a number of benthic creatures. Eelgrass was observed in varying quantities at select intervals and other macroflora species commonly observed along all transects included various low relief green algae and brown algae tufts (including sea lettuce, rockweed, wrack, sea colander (*Agarum cribosum*), purple laver (*Porphyra sp.*), sugar kelp (*Saccharina latissimia*) and winged kelp (*Alaria esculenta*) as well as crustose algae on hard surfaces. Trace vegetative debris and shell debris were observed along all transects. The seaweed species noted in the UBHS are commonly observed in the intertidal and subtidal environments o the outer Bay of Fundy.

4.2.4 WETLANDS

Both collectively and as individual units, wetland resources serve a variety of important ecological and socio-economic functions. Wetlands function in the maintenance of surface and groundwater resources and quality, as well as in the provision of wildlife habitat. The value of wetlands to society and their ecological value are derived from their biological productivity and biodiversity.

Desktop studies revealed that a provincially mapped wetland west of the proposed facility, thus a wetland delineation and functional assessment were required in order to supplement environmental permitting and to help characterize the existing biophysical environment for the Environmental Assessment (Englobe, 2022a). In mid-August, 2022, the wetland delineation was performed in accordance with the Protocol for Wetland Delineation in NB (2021) following the principles and methods of the US Army Corp of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual (2012), adapted for the Northeast and North Central regions of the US. The determination procedures follow a three-parameter approach, using indicators established for vegetation, soils and hydrology to identify the presence of wetlands. Functional assessment of wetlands was completed by Englobe using the Manual for Wetland Ecosystem Services Protocol for Atlantic Canada (WESP-AC) for Tidal Wetlands, associated Supplemental Information and WESP-AC Tidal Calculators. The Tidal WESP-AC information resources and models were chosen based on the type of wetlands encountered and the specific region in Atlantic Canada.

Wetland Identification and Delineation

A wetland delineation was conducted by Englobe and the complete report can be found in Appendix E. The wetland delineation survey identified four wetlands within the project footprint. The largest wetland is a mixed wetland type (freshwater marsh/saltmarsh/shrub wetland) occupying approximately 2.51 hectares (ha) within the project footprint and further extended outside of the assessment area. In addition, two watercourses and a pond were identified within this wetland complex. Three small saltmarshes were identified along the eastern shoreline with areal extents of 0.05 ha, 0.60 ha, and 0.01 ha.

The functional assessment determined that the large, mixed wetland complex scored higher ratings for storm surge interception, waterbird habitat, biodiversity maintenance, and wetland stability as well as public use and recognition. The three small saltmarshes scored higher ratings for organic nutrient support, waterbird habitat, biodiversity maintenance, wetland stability and public use and recognition.

4.2.5 AVIFAUNA

The avian survey program at Woodwards Cove consisted of multiple surveys between March and October 2022 Please see Appendix B for the complete CBCL reports. Data were also collected by PRGI during the same winter and spring periods surveyed. The objective of the CBCL survey program was to describe and quantify the bird populations in and around the Project footprint during each season (winter residents, spring migration, breeding and fall migration). Special consideration was given to target and document any species at risk (SAR) and Species of Conservation Interest (SOCI) that are potentially present. Targeted surveys for Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*, SARA, Schedule 1, Threatened) and Leach's Storm Petrel (*Oceanodroma leucorhoa*, SARA, Schedule 1, Threatened) were completed in concert with the breeding bird surveys. Targeted surveys were conducted in suitable habitat within a 5 km radius of the Project Area, including nearby islands, to determine possible usage by these species in and around the Project Area (see CBCL report in Appendix B, Figure 2). Further detail on the biology and habitat needs of the SAR birds targeted and the surveys for these species is provided in the CBCL reports in Appendix B.

As stated in the CBCL (2023) reports, Bank Swallow is an aerial insectivorous bird that breeds in colonies on vertical or near-vertical natural banks or bluffs or in human-made habitats. They excavate nest burrows in sand or soil substrates along riverbanks, lakes and ocean bluffs in addition to aggregate pits, road cuts and stock piles. Breeding sites are often within 500 m of open terrestrial habitats used for foraging such as grasslands, wetlands, meadows, pastures, and cropland (ECCC, 2022). The Project Area is within an area identified as critical habitat for Bank Swallow and Bank Swallows have been previously observed in the Project Area. The aim of the targeted survey and the habitat assessment was to note any Bank Swallow individuals (and their behaviour) and identify and confirm any critical habitat within and surrounding the Project Area.

Leach's Storm-Petrel is a small seabird that nests in underground burrows on coastal and offshore islands. During the breeding season, the adults travel far from the breeding colonies (400-800 km) to forage in the open ocean and return to nesting islands only at night to feed young (COSEWIC, 2020). Leach's Storm-Petrel establish breeding colonies on islands that are vegetated and with well-drained soils suitable for excavating underground burrows. The islands chosen for nesting are generally free of mammalian predators and usually occupied by other nesting seabirds, such as gulls (COSEWIC, 2020). The aim of the targeted survey and the habitat assessment was to observe and record suitable nesting habitat for Leach's Storm-Petrel in the Project Area and on islands in the vicinity of the Project Area.

Observations of behaviour, breeding evidence, life stage and habitat of the species observed was documented during each survey. A desktop analysis of available avian observational data, relevant habitat features, and areas of significance was completed prior to the commencement of each survey type. Survey methods were composed of a combination of point counts, coastal scans (high and low tide conditions), area searches, and standardized playback protocol as follows:

- Point Counts: To determine which avian species use various habitat types found within the Project footprint for foraging during migration and the breeding period. This survey targets songbirds and other birds with breeding calls.
- Coastal Scans: To determine which avian species use the shoreline, waters within the Project footprint, and surrounding islands for foraging and nesting. This survey targets shorebirds, raptors, waterfowl, and seabirds.
- Area Search: To determine whether Bank Swallow and Leach's Storm Petrel habitat (nesting and foraging) is present within 5 km of the Project footprint.

 Nocturnal Owl Survey: To determine whether owl species use the Project footprint and immediate surrounding habitat for nesting or foraging.

A total of five SAR and 25 SOCI were recorded during the March through September 2022 period (CBCL, 2022). Of the five SAR recorded, three are protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act* (MBCA, 1994): the bank swallow (*Riparia riparia*), barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) and horned grebe (*Podiceps auritus*). The remaining two are not migratory birds, thus not protected under the MBCA, but are listed as Endangered (E) under the *NB Species at Risk Act* (NBSARA): the Bald Eagle (*Halieetus leucocephalus*) and the Peregrine Falcon – *anatum/tundrius* subspecies (*Falco peregrinus anatum/tundrius*). Of the 25 SOCI recorded, 23 are protected under the MBCA.

CBCL birders conducted the targeted field survey for Bank Swallow and its habitat on June 7 and 29, 2022. Areas identified as possible Bank Swallow nesting and foraging habitat during the desktop analysis were surveyed on foot and via boat and assessed for biophysical features and attributes of critical habitat as defined by the species recovery strategy. All coastline within 5 km of the Project Area was inspected for suitable nesting habitat on foot or by boat and the coastlines of islands within 5 km of the Project Area were surveyed by boat. The islands circumnavigated by boat included Long Island, High Duck Island, Low Duck Island, Nantucket Island, and Great Duck Island. Suitable habitat that met the criteria of biophysical features and attributes of Bank Swallow nesting habitat as defined in Table 6 of the Bank Swallow Recovery Strategy (COSEWIC, 2022) was georeferenced when encountered. Suitable nesting habitat was recorded on Birds Canada Bank Swallow Colony Record Forms. Foraging habitats within the critical habitat polygon of the 5 km radius were also investigated and described when encountered in the field. See Appendix C of the CBCL report (in Appendix B of this report) for the Birds Canada Bank Swallow Colony Record Forms.

The targeted field survey for Leach's Storm-Petrel nesting habitat occurred on June 7 and 29, 2022. Burrows on the rock outcrops in the Project Areas were surveyed on foot and islands within 5 km of the Project Area were examined for possible nesting habitat features via boat. CBCL biologists did not land on islands to investigate islands on foot as to not disturb the breeding bird colonies present. No Leach's Storm Petrel were observed during surveys.

Three individual Bank Swallows were observed foraging among other swallow species along the end of Bancroft Point Road toward the northern end of the Project Area on June 7, 2022. Four Bank Swallow colonies were confirmed to be located on High Duck Island and Low Duck Island on June 29, 2022, during the boat-based Bank Swallow habitat Assessment. This included three colonies on High Duck Island of about 15 to 20 active nests per colony and another colony of about three active nests on Low Duck Island. These nesting colonies are located outside of the current critical habitat mapping area of this species. Bank Swallows were observed flying around High Duck Island via spotting scope during a fall migration survey on July 20, 2022. Further details can be found in the CBCL report in Appendix B. No biophysical features with key attributes of suitable Bank Swallow nesting habitat were observed in the Project Area. The biophysical features with key attributes of suitable foraging habitat for Bank Swallow within the Project Area include the open area along the coastline (meadows, beach) and open water (ponds and wetlands). Please refer to the CBCL report in Appendix B for more detail of the Bank Swallow habitat assessment. It should be noted that High Duck and Low Duck Islands are both over 1.5 km from the project site.

Two waterbodies with associated wetlands located within the Project Area meet the biophysical attributes of critical foraging habitat for Bank Swallow. The entire coastline (beach, mudflat, and shallow water) in the Project Area would also provide foraging opportunities for Bank Swallow, and the areas of the coastal shoreline near the southernmost pond supports areas of saltmarsh which meets the biophysical features of Bank Swallow critical habitat. Many areas of open vegetated country containing grassland and shrubland communities (which also meet

the biophysical attributes of foraging critical habitat for Bank Swallow) are present along the developed areas around the roads and buildings of the Project Area. Outside of the project area there are saltmarshes, creeks, and other wetlands such as bogs that would produce insects and provide foraging opportunities for Bank Swallow.

No SAR or SOCI birds were observed nesting directly within the Project footprint; however, all SAR and SOCI recorded were using the site for foraging / feeding.

4.2.6 FISH AND FISH HABITAT

Fish assemblages around Grand Manan have been determined by research conducted in Passamaquoddy Bay (MacDonald et. al. 1984; FERC 2014). The species assemblage is a mix of nearshore species (i.e., Mummichog (Fundulus heteroclitus), Tomcod (Microgadus tomcod), and Atlantic Silverside (Menidia menidia)), deep water species (i.e., Redfish (Sebastes sp.), Atlantic Wolffish (Anarhichas lupus), and Atlantic halibut (Hippoglossus hippoglossus)), and diadromous species (i.e., Striped Bass (Morone saxatilis), Atlantic Salmon (Salmo salar), and Rainbow Smelt (Osmerus mordax)). Each species presence in Grand Manan waters depends on the season and/or migratory strategy. A full list of the fish species with a possibility to be found in the waters around Woodwards Cove is presented in Table 4-5. Fish species at risk are covered in Section 4.2.9.

Table 4-5 Fish Species of the Outer Bay of Fundy

- Atlantic Hagfish (Myxine glutinosa)
- Alewife (Alosa pseudoharengus)
- American Anglerfish (Lophius americanus)
- American Eel (Anguilla rostrata)
- American Fourspot Flounder (Hippoglossina oblonga)
- American Plaice (Hippoglossoides platessoides)
- American Sand Lance (Ammodytes americanus)
- American Shad (Alosa sapidissima)
- Atlantic Cod (Gadus morhua)
- Atlantic Halibut (Hippoglossus hippoglossus)
- Atlantic Herring (Clupea harengus)
- Atlantic Hookear Sculpin (*Artediellus uncinatus*)
- Atlantic Mackerel (Scomber scombrus)
- Inner Bay of Fundy Atlantic Salmon (Salmo salar)
- Outer Bay of Fundy Atlantic Salmon (Salmo salar)
- Atlantic Silverside (Menidia menidia)
- Atlantic Sturgeon (Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus)
- Atlantic Wolffish (Anarhichas lupus)
- Barndoor Skate (Dipturus laevis)
- Blackspotted Stickleback (Gasterosteus wheatlandi)
- Blueback Herring (Alosa aestivalis)
- Butterfish (Poronatus triacanthus)

- Capelin (Mallotus villosus)
- Daubed Shanny (Leptoclinus maculatus)
- Fourbeard Rockling (Enchelyopus cimbrius)
- Fourspine Stickleback (Apeltes quadracus)
- Grubby (Myoxocephalus aenaeus)
- Gulf Snailfish (Liparis coheni)
- Haddock (Melanogrammus aeglefinus)
- Inquiline Snailfish (Liparis inquilinus)
- Little Skate (Leucoraja erinacea)
- Longhorn Sculpin (Myoxocephalus octodecemspinosus)
- Lumpfish (Cyclopterus lumpus)
- Marlin-spike Grenadier (Nezumia bairdii)
- Moustache Sculpin (Triglops murrayi)
- Mummichog (Fundulus heteroclitus)
- Ninespine Stickleback (Pungitius pungitius)
- Northern Pipefish (Syngnathus fuscus)
- Ocean Pout (Zoarces americanus)
- Pollock (Pollachius virens)
- Radiated Shanny (Ulvaria subbifurcata)
- Rainbow Smelt (Osmerus mordax)
- Redfish (Sebastes sp.)

- Red Hake (Urophycis chuss)
- Rock Gunnel (Pholis gunnellus)
- Sea Raven (Hemitripterus americanus)
- Shorthorn Sculpin (*Myoxocephalus scorpius*)
- Silver Hake (Merluccius bilinearis)
- Smooth Flounder (Pleuronectes putnami)
- Smooth Skate (Malacoraja senta)
- Snakeblenny (Lumpenus lumpretaeformis)
- Spiny Dogfish (Squalus acanthias)
- Striped Bass (Morone saxatilis)
- Thorny Skate (Amblyraja radiata)
- Threespine Stickleback (Gasterosteus aculeatus)
- Tomcod (Microgadus tomcod)
- White Hake (Urophycis tenuis)
- White Shark (Carcharodon carcharias)
- Windowpane Flounder (Scophthalmus aquosus)
- Winter Flounder (Pseudopleuronectes americanus)
- Winter Skate (Leucoraja ocellata)
- Witch Flounder (Glyptocephalus cynoglossus)
- Wrymouth (Cryptacanthodes maculatus)
- Yellowtail Flounder (Limanda ferruginea)

4.2.7 INVERTEBRATES

The softshell clam (*Mya arenaria*) is not only an ecologically important bivalve, but also important to the recreational, commercial, and Food, Social, Ceremonial (FSC) fisheries of the Peskotomuhkati Nation. Softshell clams live in the intertidal zone and up to a depth of 9 m along New Brunswick waters (Fisheries and Oceans Canada, 1996).

The softshell clam harvest on Grand Manan is part of the Southwest New Brunswick (SWNB) region, which is one of only three harvest regions in the Bay of Fundy. Due to contamination, specifically water quality and/or sanitary pollution, the harvesting of all bivalves except for sea scallops has been closed at Woodward's Cove (PO Number MSN-2019-292) since 2019 (Canadian Shellfish Sanitation Program 2022). A single depuration license which must be renewed annually, has been issued for the area. A depuration license allows individuals to harvest clams from a closed area and are subject to a strict monitoring program. Clams present in the Woodwards Cove area are capable of seeding the beach at Woodwards Cove as well as other beaches and are therefore key to a healthy clam population in the Bay of Fundy. To understand the potential impact of the construction, multiple factors must be considered; an estimate on current population number, average length of softshell clams and length frequency present to estimate total number of harvestable, and non-harvestable softshell clams, as well as total numbers of sexually mature and immature softshell clams in the area. In addition, habitat features are delineated, to add information to estimate total density accurately and to understand impacted habitat in square meters for softshell clams.

The Passamaquoddy Recognition Group Inc performed a field survey in September 2022 for a Softshell Clam Population and Habitat Assessment at Woodwards Cove (see report in Appendix C). It is important to note that the assessment was completed after a commercial harvest took place at Woodwards Cove.

In general, the population within the assessment area at Woodwards Cove was found to be quite stable with a wide range of ages present with in the area, a strong adult spawning population, a largely harvestable population through harvesting occurs, and evidence of settlement within the area.

The UBHS conducted within the intertidal and subtidal portions of the waterlot (Englobe 2022b) identified several other invertebrate species. The report noted uncommon to abundant occurrences of:

- Barnacle (Semibalanus sp.);
- Periwinkle (Littorina littorea);
- Limpet (Gastropoda);
- Sand Dollar (Echinarachnius parma);
- Lugworm (Arenicola marina) castings;
- Sea cucumber (Cucumaria sp.);
- Green Sea Urchin (Strongylocentrotus droebachiensis);
- Blue Mussel (Mytilus edulis);
- Hermit Crab (Pagarus sp.);
- Rock Crab (Cancer irroratus);
- Green Crab (Carcinus maenas);

- Razor Clam (Ensis leei); and
- Scallop (Placopecten magellanicus).

Other common invertebrates with potential to be around the Project site include American Lobster (*Homarus americanus*), Jonah Crab (*Cancer borealis*), Rough and Smooth Periwinkle (*Littorina saxatilis; Littorina obtusata*), Sea Stars (*Asterias* sp.), and various species of Whelks.

4.2.8 MARINE MAMMALS

The Bay of Fundy is home to several species of marine mammals, some of which are passing through on their seasonal migrations and others that are year-round residents. Sightings recorded by observers on whale-watching vessels in the outer Bay of Fundy included thirteen different species (Offshore Energy Research Association (OERA) 2015). Whales, dolphins, and porpoises are broadly grouped into two categories, the odontocetes or toothed whales and mysticetes, the baleen whales. Seven species of odontocetes were noted in the outer Bay including Atlantic White-sided Dolphin (*Lagenorhynchus acutus*), White-beaked Dolphin (*Lagenorhynchus albirostris*), Common Dolphin (*Delphinus delphis*), Long-finned Pilot Whale (*Globicephala melas*), Harbour Porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), and Sperm Whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*). Six species of mysticetes were noted including North Atlantic Right Whale (*Eubalaena glacialis*), Humpback Whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), Minke Whale (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*), Fin (or Finback) Whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*), Blue Whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*) and Sei Whale (*Balaenoptera borealis*). Critical habitat for the North Atlantic Right Whale is located in Grand Manan Basin, approximately 9 km east of the Project site (Brown, et al. 2009).

Two species of pinnipeds can be found in the outer Bay of Fundy, the Harbour Seal (*Phoca vitulina*) and Grey Seal (*Halichoerus grypus*). Harbour Seals are common throughout the rocky shorelines of the outer Bay (Boulva and McLaren 1979). The Grey Seal is less common but does occur in small numbers in the outer Bay (Mansfield 1988).

A monitoring program for the geotechnical drilling was conducted over 6 weeks in August and September 2022. Two harbour porpoises were noted on one day of the program. Pinnipeds were noted on 10 of the 27 days of the monitoring program.

4.2.9 SPECIES-AT-RISK

The following section focuses on Species-at-Risk (SAR) (i.e., endangered, threatened, of special concern, and rare species), which may be subject to potential disturbance as a result of Project development. Available information on the known occurrence of floral and faunal SAR in the Study Area was compiled and reviewed to determine their presence relative to the proposed infrastructure. Sources included published and unpublished listings of occurrences of such species and these are described below.

The federal *Species-at-Risk Act* (SARA) came into force in June 2003 as part of a three-part national strategy for the protection of wildlife SAR, which also includes commitments under the Accord for the Protection of SAR and activities under the Habitat Stewardship Program for SAR. The listing process begins with a species assessment that is conducted by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC). Based on a status report, species specialist subcommittees assess and assign the status of a wildlife species believed to be at some degree of risk. SARA uses the COSEWIC scientific assessment when making the listing decision. Once a species is added to Schedule 1 it benefits from all the legal protection afforded, and the mandatory recovery planning required under SARA. The Act provides federal legislation to prevent wildlife species from becoming extinct and to provide for their recovery. Under the Act, an ongoing process of monitoring, assessment, response, recovery, and

evaluation will be undertaken to improve the species status and ecosystem. The prohibitions and offences portions of the Act came into effect in June 2004. The status of species protected under SARA can be found at the SAR Public Registry (SARPR) online at http://www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca.

COSEWIC and SARA categorize rare species into three main groups according to their status within the Province:

- Endangered: A wildlife species facing imminent extirpation or extinction.
- Threatened: A wildlife species likely to become endangered if limiting factors are not reversed.
- Special Concern: A wildlife species that may become a threatened or endangered species due to a combination of biological characteristics and identified threats.

NB provides additional species protection through its own *Species at Risk Act* (NBSARA), which has been adapted from the repealed *Endangered Species Act* in 2012. Under this Act, an endangered species (or sub-species) is any indigenous species of fauna or flora threatened with imminent extinction or imminent extirpation throughout all, or a significant portion, of its range and designated by regulation as endangered. This Act prohibits the killing of, or interference with any member of an endangered species, or the habitat of an endangered or regionally endangered species.

The Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre (ACCDC) is part of the NatureServe network, a non-government agency which maintains conservation data for the Atlantic Provinces. An information response was received from the ACCDC on 25 March 2023 for a list of occurrences of rare and endangered flora and fauna within a 10 km radius of the Site. S1, S2, and S3 ranked species are considered to be extremely rare to uncommon within its range in the Province whereas S4 and S5 ranked species are considered to be widespread, abundant to common and apparently or demonstrably secure in the Province.

The ACCDC report identified, 10,978 records of 217 avian species, 248 records of 168 vascular plant species 150 records of 69 invertebrate species, 33 records of 4 marine mammal species, 10 records of 6 vertebrate species, 2 records of 1 fungus species and 1 record of 1 nonvascular plant species.

The DFO Aquatic SAR mapping tool (2022) identified seven SARA listed species with the potential to be in the region, including fin whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*; special concern), blue whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*, endangered), North Atlantic right whale (*Eubalaena glacialis*, endangered), leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*, endangered), white shark (*Carcharodon carcharias*, endangered), Atlantic wolffish (*Anarhichas lupus*, special concern), and Inner Bay of Fundy Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*; endangered).

It is unlikely blue whales will be present around the Project site. The largest concentrations of blue whales are in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, southern and eastern coasts of Newfoundland and in the shelf waters off Nova Scotia (COSEWIC 2002).

A summary of the results of the ACCDC report and DFO SAR mapping tool are presented in Table 4-6.

Table 4-6 SARA Listed Species Reported by ACCDC

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	SARA	COSEWIC	ACCDC							
AVIAN SPECIES											
Bank Swallow	Riparia riparia	Threatened	Threatened	S2B							
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	Threatened (under review)	Special Concern	S2B							
Barrow's Goldeneye - Eastern pop.	Bucephala islandica (Eastern pop.)	Special Concern	Special Concern	S2S3N, S3M							
Bicknell's Thrush	Catharus bicknelli	Threatened	Threatened	S2B							
Bobolink	Dolichonyx oryzivorus	Threatened	Special Concern	S3B							
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Calidris subruficollis	Special Concern	Special Concern	SNA							
Burrowing Owl	Athene cunicularia	Endangered	Endangered	SNA							
Canada Warbler	Cardellina canadensis	Threatened	Special Concern	S3S4B							
Chimney Swift	Chaetura pelagica	Threatened	Threatened	S2S3B, S2M							
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Contopus virens	Special Concern	Special Concern	S3B							
Evening Grosbeak	Coccothraustes vespertinus	Special Concern	Special Concern	S3B, S3S4N, SUM							
Horned Grebe	Podiceps auritus	Special Concern	Special Concern	S4N							
Hudsonian Godwit	Limosa haemastica	Not Listed	Threatened	S3M							
Leach's Storm-Petrel	Hydrobates leucorhous	Not Listed	Threatened	S1S2B							
Lesser Yellowlegs	Tringa flavipes	Not Listed	Threatened	S3M							
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Contopus cooperi	Threatened	Special Concern	S3B							
Peregrine Falcon - anatum/tundrius	Falco peregrinus pop. 1	Special Concern	Not Listed	S1B, S3M							
Piping Plover melodus ssp	Charadrius melodus melodus	Endangered	Endangered	S1B							
Red Knot rufa ssp	Calidris canutus rufa	Endangered	Endangered	S2M							
Red-necked Phalarope	Phalaropus lobatus	Special Concern	Special Concern	S3M							
Rusty Blackbird	Euphagus carolinus	Special Concern	Special Concern	S3M							
Short-eared Owl	Asio flammeus	Special Concern	Special Concern	S1, S2B							
Wood Thrush	Hylocichla mustelina	Threatened	Threatened	S1S2B							
	INVERTE	BRATES									
Monarch	Danaus plexippus	Special Concern	Endangered	S2S3?B							
Leatherback Sea Turtle	Dermochelys coriacea	Endangered	Endangered								
	MARINE M	AMMALS									
Fin Whale	Balaenoptera physalus	Special Concern	Special Concern	S2S3							
Blue Whale	Balaenoptera musculus	Endangered	Endangered								
North Atlantic Right Whale	Eubalaena glacialis	Endangered	Endangered								
Harbour Porpoise - Northwest Atlantic pop.	Phocoena phocoena pop. 1	Not Listed	Special Concern	S4							
	TERRESTRIAL V	/ERTEBRATES									
Woodland Caribou (Atlantic- Gaspésie pop.)	Rangifer tarandus pop. 2	Endangered	Endangered	SX							

Fish										
White Shark	Carcharodon carcharias	Endangered	Endangered							
Atlantic Salmon (Inner Bay of Fundy pop.)	Salmo salar	Endangered	Endangered							
Atlantic Wolffish	Anarhichas lupus	Special Concern	Special Concern							

Notes:

4.3 SOCIO-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

4.3.1 POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS

In the 2021 Census of Population conducted by Statistics Canada, Grand Manan Island had a population of 2,595 living in 1,179 of its 1,408 total private dwellings, a change of 10% from its 2016 population of 2,360. With a land area of 150.56 km² (58.13 sq mi), it had a population density of 17.2/km² (44.6/sq mi) in 2021. The average household size was 2.2 people per house. The median age of the population was 43.6 in 2021.

The Village of Grand Manan is part of the Grand Manan Parish. The Grand Manan Parish is an amalgamation of villages which occurred in 1995 and includes the villages of Grand Harbour, North Head and Seal Cove, along with local service districts of Castalia, Woodwards Cove. Woodwards Cove is a small fishing community with approximately 43 resident families.

4.3.2 INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

A preliminary analysis was undertaken by the Crown to identify First Nations who may have interests that are potentially impacted by the Project. The list of First Nations identified is as follows:

Mi'gmaq:

- Natoaganeg (Eel Ground)
- Ugpi'ganjig (Eel River Bar)
- Elsipogtog (Big Cove)
- Esgenoôpetitj (Burnt Church)
- Amlamgog (Fort Folly)
- L'nui Menikuk (Indian Island)
- Metepenagiag (Red Bank)
- Oinpegitjoig (Pabineau)
- Tjipogtog (Bouctouche)

Wolastogey:

- Bilijk (Kingsclear)
- Matawaskiye (Madawaska)
- Welamukotuk (Oromocto)
- Sitansisk (Saint Mary's)
- Neqotkuk (Tobique)
- Wotstak (Woodstock)

The Peskotomuhkati Nation at Skutik was also included in consideration of a claim currently in progress.

4.3.3 LOCAL ECONOMY

The Project footprint is located in Woodwards Cove, 3.0 km north of Grand Harbour, and 3.7 km south of Castalia along the east coast of Grand Manan Island in the Gulf of Maine.

Grand Manan's economy is dependent on commercial fishing, aquaculture and tourism. There is currently 482.3 hectares of land/water leased for finfish aquaculture around Grand Manan Island (DFO, 2023). Together with the

⁻⁻⁻ Species were not identified in the ACCDC report

lobster, crab, herring and scallop fisheries much of the island's economy revolves around marine industries. Tourism has also been a rapidly growing sector on the island. Grand Manan is a destination for bird watchers, whale watchers, kayakers and campers.

4.3.4 LOCAL GOVERNANCE, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

4.3.4.1 LOCAL GOVERNANCE

The Island of Grand Manan is an incorporated Village under the Local Governance Act which came into force on January 1, 2018. The Act sets out the powers and responsibilities of New Brunswick's various local entities. It also provides the legislative framework for the general operation of municipalities, rural communities, regional municipalities, and the administration of the province's unincorporated areas. The Village was amalgamated on May 8, 1995 and comprises the former Villages of North Head, Grand Harbour and Seal Cove, and two former local service districts; Castalia and Woodwards Cove. Local decision making is conducted by the Village Council comprising a Mayor and nine Councillors. Land use planning and development matters are guided by the Grand Manan Rural Plan, By-law 56-22, adopted January 2023. The Village has adopted several supporting regulations including a Building By-law and Planning Advisory Committee By-law. The Village manages a comprehensive array of services and amenities including: arena, animal control, fire department, fitness centre, pool, visitor information centre, waste and recycling management, gymnasium, parks and recreation facilities.

The objectives of the Rural Plan relevant to the project are as follows:

- to ensure land use occurs in an orderly, efficient, and equitable manner;
- to separate incompatible land uses while acknowledging and meeting the existing land use needs on the Island:
- to direct commercial and industrial development which support the local community and economy to appropriate locations;
- to acknowledge the importance of resource industries and ensure the preservation of these uses; and
- to encourage sustainable development methods in order to protect and mitigate negative impacts to the natural environment.

The NB Department of Environment and Local Government acts as a liaison with municipalities and rural communities and provides assistance on matters relating to finances, administration, governance and infrastructure. It is also responsible for overseeing the administration of the legislative and policy framework for local government. The department also provides assistance with local municipal activities, including advice regarding the exercise of their powers and administration, as well as obligations under the *Official Languages Act*.

4.3.4.2TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

The entire east coast of Grand Manan Island is served by Route 776, a provincial highway in New Brunswick. Route 776 has two terminals. The northern end terminates at the Coastal Transport Limited ferry terminal at the top of Ferry Wharf Road in North Head. The southern end of Route 776 terminates at Southwest Head at the Southwest Light, a Canadian Coast Guard light station. Between the two terminal points the road can be used to access Castalia, Woodwards Cove, Grand Harbour, Seal Cove, and Deep Cove. The community of Ingalls Head is the only major population centre on Grand Manan Island that cannot be accessed directly from Route 776.

The Project footprint will be linked to Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road, which connects to Route 776 in Woodwards Cove.

4.3.4.3 ELECTRICITY

New Brunswick Power Corporation (NB Power) generates most of the electricity in the province. NB Power operates a total of 13 hydro, coal, oil, and diesel-powered stations with a combined capacity of 3 130 MW. NB Power also operates the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station.

Grand Manan Island is powered by NB Power who installed a submarine cable in 1978, which runs between Deer Island and Campobello Island, and Campobello Island to Grand Manan Island. In the instance of power outage, the island is powered by several commercial generators.

4.3.4.4 CULTURAL / INSTITUTIONAL

The project area is located in the community of Woodwards Cove and is close proximity to both Grand Harbour (3 km to the south) and Castalia (3.7 km to the north). Grand Manan Island is part of the Parish of Grand Manan which includes two churches, Church of the Ascension in North Head, and St. Paul's in Grand Harbour. Grand Manan Community School serves the island and is kindergarten to grade 12, it is part of the Anglophone South School District.

4.3.4.5 HEALTH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES INFRASTRUCTURE

There is one hospital located in North Head (Horizon's Grand Manan Hospital), that serves Grand Manan Island. The hospital provides services such as management of chronic disease, women's health issues, seniors' outreach, and youth-at-risk outreach in the community. Patients who arrive at the hospital requiring complex investigative services, and specialized services like childbirth or critical care are transferred by ground or air ambulance to the tertiary hospital in Saint John, Horizon's Saint John Regional Hospital.

4.3.5 VISUAL LANDSCAPE

Currently the site is mostly undeveloped, however, there is evidence that portions of the site have been developed and/or disturbed (infilled/tree-cleared). There are gravel roads intersecting PID Nos. 15010267 and 15166150, including providing vehicle access to the beach (CBCL 2023b). A walking trail (between houses on W.C. Breakwater Road and the beach) was noted on PID Nos. 15008451 and 01218213 and there was also evidence of infilling and scattered debris on PID Nos. 15008451, 01218213 and 15010267 (CBCL 2023b). The Project footprint includes undeveloped land, tidal flats, wetlands, and a large water lot – where the harbour development will take place.

The nearest residence to the project footprint is on PID 15146775. The other PIDs on the coast facing the waterlot are undeveloped other then the M.G. Fisheries fish plant at PID 01218239. See Figure 2 in the CBCL report in Appendix E.

4.3.6 LAND/WATERLOTUSE

Current land use within the Project footprint is described in the Table 4-7 from the Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment Conducted by CBCL.

Table 4-7 Current Landuse within Project Footprint

PIDS	CIVIC ADDRESSES	LOT SIZE	CURRENT LAND USE	PROPERTY OWNERS	OCCUPANTS/ TENANTS	SITE ACCESS	SITE BUILDINGS	OTHER RELEVANT SITE FEATURES
15008451, 01218239, 01218213 and 01285915	Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road on Grand Manan, NB	~0.12 Ha	Commercial	M. G. Fisheries LTD.	None	Woodwards Cove Breakwater Cove on Grand Manan, NB.	None	A wetland in the western portion and a parking and laydown area in the eastern portion.
01218130, 01218213, 01285915, 15008493, 15010267, 15166150, and 15164775.	Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road on Grand Manan, NB	~0.13 Ha	Commercial (PID Nos. 01218130, 01218213, 01285915, and 15008493). and residential (PID Nos. 15010267, 15166150 and 15164775)	(15010267), (15166150 and 15164775) and M. G. Fisheries LTD (01218130, 01218213, 01285915, and 15008493).	None	Woodwards Cove Breakwater Cove on Grand Manan, NB.	None	Contains portions of coastline along the Bay of Fundy.
N/A	N/A	~27.3 Ha	Commercial	Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development	None	Woodwards Cove Breakwater Cove on Grand Manan, NB.	None	Contains a tidal water lot in the Bay of Fundy, including three (3) small islands.

Notes:

Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment Conducted by CBCL Appendix D.

4.3.7 HERITAGE AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCE USE

An Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) was undertaken within the Project footprint at Woodwards Cove on Grand Manan Island to determine if archaeological resources were present. The assessment was conducted by the Archaeological Services Branch of the New Brunswick Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture in the summer of 2022. Visual inspection and sub-surface testing did not identify archaeological resources within the project area. A possible quartzite toolstone source was identified and systematically sampled within the intertidal zone. The report recommends that, if possible, this feature should be left intact. A near shore peat deposit was also identified which has the potential to contain millennia-old terrestrial deposits. If this feature will be impacted by project related ground disturbance (e.g., dredging, excavation) archaeological monitoring and sampling of the feature should be undertaken by a permitted archaeologist or certified archaeological field technician to ensure that archaeological resources are not present.

No further archaeological assessment was recommended for the remaining project area. However, if the project area is amended to include areas not evaluated under the current study, additional archaeological assessment may be required. A protocol for the accidental discovery of archaeological resources should also be developed and included in a project specific Environmental Management Plan.

5 EFFECTS ASSESSMENT

The planning, construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning phases of the proposed Project will have the potential to affect the biological, bio-physical and socio-economic environments. This section will describe potential interactions between the Project and the environmental components. The assessment conducted follows the six-step process outlined below:

- · describing the Project activities;
- identifying and describing the environmental component(s) that will be affected;
- describing the impact of any interaction between the environment and the Project;
- describing the mitigation measures;
- identifying any residual environmental effects after mitigation measures are applied; and
- determining the importance of effects after mitigation measures have been applied.

This process, detailed in Section 3.0, was followed to ensure that interactions between the Project components and the environment were adequately described, that the likely environmental effects are identified and properly assessed, and that the importance of any residual effect is determined.

The analysis of the identified Environmental Components of Concern (ECCs) and the list of Valued Components (VCs) within the Study Area's spatial and temporal bounds are presented in Table 5.2. As per the EIA methodology described in Section 3.0, VCs were identified based on potential public concerns related to environmental, social, cultural, economic or aesthetic values as well as the scientific concerns of the professional community. These VCs and pathways were further analysed against potential interactions with Project components resulting in a summary of potential environmental impacts.

5.1 DETERMINATION OF VECS

The assessment, or determination of the significance of potential effects, is normally based on the framework/criteria provided by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC), with consideration of other relevant provincial and federal requirements, as well as the process and guidelines presented by the New Brunswick "Guide to Environmental Impact Assessment in New Brunswick" (NBDELG, 2018).

The Reference Guide entitled "Determining Whether A Project Is Likely To Cause Significant Adverse Environmental Effects" included within the Responsible Authority's Guide (the Agency, 1994) is used as the basis for determining the significance of identified potential effects. This determination consists of the following steps:

- determine whether the environmental effect is adverse;
- determine whether the adverse environmental effect is significant; and
- determine whether the significant environmental effect is likely.

Although the terms "adverse," "significant" and "likely" are not directly defined, the Agency (1994) provides criteria to facilitate interpretation (Table 5-1). The following interpretations are drawn from the same document. The significance of adverse effects will be directly related to regulatory guidelines and statute requirements where applicable. The determination as to whether the residual environmental effects of the Project are significant or non-significant after application of mitigative measures is made during the EIA.

Table 5-1 Criteria to be Considered in the Assessment of Potential Environmental Effects

KEY TERMS	CRITERIA								
Adverse	Loss of species of special status (i.e. species-at-risk).								
	Reductions in species diversity.								
	Loss of critical/productive habitat.								
	Transformation of natural landscapes.								
	Toxic effects on human health.								
	Reductions in the capacity of renewable resources to meet the needs of present and future Generations.								
	 Loss of current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes by Aboriginal persons. 								
	Foreclosure of future resource use or production.								
Significant	Magnitude.								
	Reversibility.								
	Geographic extent.								
	Duration.								
	Frequency								
	Ecological context.								
Likely	Probability of occurrence.								
	Scientific uncertainty.								

As noted in Table 5-1 the significance of project-related impacts is determined in consideration of the impact's frequency, duration, and geographical extent as well as magnitude relative to natural or background levels, and whether they are reversible in nature. These criteria are further defined in Table 5-2.

Table 5-2 Assessment Criteria for Determination of Significance

	Magnitude, in general terms, may vary among issues, but is a factor that accounts for size, intensity, concentration, importance, volume and social or monetary value. It is rated as compared with background conditions, protective standards, or normal variability.						
Magnitude	Small	Relative to natural or background levels					
	Moderate	Relative to natural or background levels					
	Large	Relative to natural or background levels					
Reversibility	Reversible	Effects can be reversed					
Reversibility	Irreversible	Effects are permanent					
Coographia	Immediate	Confined to project site					
Geographic Extent	Local	Effects beyond immediate project site but not regional in scale					
Extent	Regional	Effects on a wide scale					
	Short-term	Between 0 and 6 months in duration					
Duration	Medium-term	Between 6 months and 2 years					
	Long-term	Beyond 2 years					
	Once	Occurs only once					
Frequency	Intermittent	Occurs occasionally at irregular intervals					
	Continuous	Occurs on a regular basis and regular intervals					

Table 5-3 Issues Scoping: Summary of VEC Selection and Pathway Analysis

ENVIRONMENT/ RESOURCES	ENVIRONMENTAL/SOCIO- ECONOMIC COMPONENTS OF CONCERN (ECC)	PATHWAY		ECC AVOIDED DURING SITE SELECTION		vc		INTERACTIONS WITH PROJECT ACTIVITIES/COMPONENTS AND POSSIBLE PATHWAYS	RATIONALE FOR INCLUSION/EXCLUSION AS VALUED ENVIRONMENTAL/SOCIO- ECONOMIC COMPONENT (VC)	
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO			
Geophysical Environment	Soil and Soil Quality	X			X		Х	Construction: clearing and grubbing for access road, excavation, spills, compaction, erosion Operations: spills from vehicles accessing facility	Excluded: soil and soil quality issues included with Land Use as well as Accidents and Malfunctions VCs	
	Geology (Acid Rock Drainage)	Х		Х			Х		Excluded: Bedrock is not considered to possess acid generating materials and excavated rock will be kept in salt water.	
	Seismicity	Х			Х		Х	Operations: Seismic activity could affect structural integrity of facilities	Excluded: NB not an active seismic region	
	Hydrogeology/Groundwater	Х			Х	Х		Construction: possible blasting and spills	Included as blasting has the potential to affect groundwater wells and the saltwater intake at fish plant.	
	Sub-surface Resources		Х		Х		Х		Excluded: Project will not interact with subsurface resources.	
Aquatic Environment	Fish Habitat	Х			Х	Х		Construction: in water work during construction	Included. Construction of the harbour has potential for harmful alteration, disruption, or destruction of fish habitat.	
	Surface Hydrology		Х	Х			Х		Excluded: No in-stream activity.	
	Surface Water Quality	Х			Х		Х	Construction activities	Excluded: waterbodies addressed in wetlands and fish habitat VCs	
Terrestrial Environment	Habitat	Х			Х		Х	Construction: clearing and grubbing, excavation	Excluded: Habitat is addressed within Fauna and Species At Risk VCs, below	
	Fauna • Mammals		х		х		х	Construction, operations and decom: noise, visual impacts and the presence of humans (workers in the area), habitat loss by clearing	Included: Protected by regulation. Some minor project interaction with terrestrial mammals.	
	Local and Migratory BirdsBats	X X			X X	X X		and grubbing, excavation, equipment: silt run-off, infilling; fuel spills. Operations: noise from vessels and workers, lights, barrier effect, toxic leaks and spills, habitat destruction		

ENVIRONMENT/ RESOURCES	ENVIRONMENTAL/SOCIO- ECONOMIC COMPONENTS OF CONCERN (ECC)	PATHWAY		ECC AVOIDED DURING SITE SELECTION		vc		INTERACTIONS WITH PROJECT ACTIVITIES/COMPONENTS AND POSSIBLE PATHWAYS	RATIONALE FOR INCLUSION/EXCLUSION AS VALUED ENVIRONMENTAL/SOCIO- ECONOMIC COMPONENT (VC)	
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO			
	 Species-at-Risk Flora Species-at-Risk Fauna Species-at-Risk 	х	х	х	х	х	х	Construction/decom: noise, visual impacts and the presence of humans (workers in the area), habitat loss by clearing and grubbing, excavation, equipment, fuel spills. Operations: noise from vessels and workers, lights, barrier effect, toxic leaks and spills, habitat destruction	Included: Protected by statute/regulation. If a species is endangered, effects on individuals may be considered significant.	
	Designated Areas Wildlife Management/ Protection Areas National Wildlife Areas/Migratory Bird Sanctuaries Designated Wetlands Critical Natural Areas Nature Reserves National and Provincial Parks		х	X			x	Construction/decom: noise, visual impacts and the presence of humans (workers in the area), habitat loss by clearing and grubbing, excavation, equipment, fuel spills. Operations: noise from vessels and workers, lights, barrier effect, toxic leaks and spills, habitat destruction	Excluded: Avoided during site selection.	
	Wetlands	Х			Х	Х		Construction/decom: Clearing, ground disturbance, and const. related activity may generate site run-off or accidental fuel or chemical spills.	Included: A small potential exists for construction site erosion/ sedimentation or accidental spills to enter the nearby wetland.	
Atmospheric Environment	Air Quality • Ambient air (Human Health and Safety)	Х			Х	Х		Construction/decom: Dust from construction and transport equipment, construction equipment, air emissions (exhaust fumes, leaks, vapour), dust.	Included: Protected by statute/regulation (SO ₂ , NO _x , PM etc.). Minor quantities will be produced during construction and operation of project.	
Socio-Economic Enviro			1	1						
Local Economy and Community	 Population Demographics Local Economy (expenditures, local business and employment) Industry and Commerce 	X X			X X	x x		Construction/decom.: Employment opportunities for local population, operational expenditures. Operations & Maintenance: new permanent employment opportunities.	Included: Potential to increase beneficial effects of local construction, operational expenditures and employment. Potential negative effect due to possible traffic delays due to trucking particularly during tourist season.	

ENVIRONMENT/ RESOURCES	ENVIRONMENTAL/SOCIO- ECONOMIC COMPONENTS OF CONCERN (ECC)	PATH	IWAY	AVO DUF SI	CC IDED RING VC TE CTION		/C	INTERACTIONS WITH PROJECT ACTIVITIES/COMPONENTS AND POSSIBLE PATHWAYS	RATIONALE FOR INCLUSION/EXCLUSION AS VALUED ENVIRONMENTAL/SOCIO- ECONOMIC COMPONENT (VC)
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO		
	Recreation and Tourism	Х			Х		Х	Construction: presence of heavy equipment Operations: Visual appearance	Excluded: Addressed in Visual Landscape and Local Economy
Land Use	Industry/Commercial		Х		Х		Х	Construction: large construction equipment Operations: new permanent employment opportunities.	Excluded: Potential to increase beneficial effects of local construction, operational expenditures and employment addressed as Local Economy
	Planned Development		Х	Х			Х		Excluded: No new land use developments planned in Study Area other than the proposed project
	Residential	X			Х		Х	Construction/decom: clearing and grubbing, excavation, equipment: noise, air emissions, dust. Operations: light, noise, leaks/spills.	Excluded: Included with other VECs (Air Quality, Human Health and Safety; Accidents and Malfunctions, Visual Landscape)
	Cultural/Institutional		Х	Х			Х		Excluded: Project activities will not interact with cultural or institutional resources.
	• Fisheries	Х			Х		Х	Operations: Increased safety and berthage for fishers.	Excluded: Effects on fisheries are addressed in the Aquatic Environment VEC, above
	Transportation Infrastructure	Х			Х	Х		Construction: large equipment and trucking.	Included: Construction requires large construction equipment and trucking on local roadways during tourist season, this could cause traffic delays, aggravation and damage to roads.
Community Emergency Services	Medical ServicesFire Protection ServicesPolice Protection Services	X X			X		X X	Construction: potential for accidents and malfunctions during all construction activities. Operations: potential for accidents and	Excluded: Addressed within Accident and Malfunctions
		Х			Х		Х	malfunctions during all maintenance activities.	
Heritage and Archaeological Resources	Indigenous ResourcesHistoric Resources	X X			X X	X X		Construction/decom. clearing and grubbing, excavation, surface disruption.	Included: Potential for undocumented resources to be exposed during construction activities.
First Nation/Indigenous Communities	Indigenous FisheriesTraditional Land uses	X			X X	X X		Operations: potential for Indigenous fishers to use new facility.	Included: potential to interact with traditional use plants in nearby wetland, potential benefit to Indigenous community to use new facility.

ENVIRONMENT/ RESOURCES	ENVIRONMENTAL/SOCIO- ECONOMIC COMPONENTS OF CONCERN (ECC)	PATH	IWAY	AVO DUI SI	CCC DIDED RING VC ITE CTION		c	INTERACTIONS WITH PROJECT ACTIVITIES/COMPONENTS AND POSSIBLE PATHWAYS	RATIONALE FOR INCLUSION/EXCLUSION AS VALUED ENVIRONMENTAL/SOCIO- ECONOMIC COMPONENT (VC)
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO		
Human Health and Safety	Occupation Health and Safety	X			X	X		Construction: during all construction activities there is the potential for workplace injuries, whether by accidents or equipment malfunctions. Placement of rock and trucking Operation: noise from vessels and trucking and there is the potential for workplace injuries, whether by accidents or equipment malfunctions.	Included: potential workplace accidents and mechanical failures. Noise from construction activities is temporary and is subjected to local bylaws.
Aesthetics and Visual Landscape	• ViewScape	Х			Х	Х		Operation: presence of facility.	Included: viewscape will be changed for the local resident for the lifetime of the project.
Accidents and	Soils and Soil Quality	Х			Х	Х		Construction: Spills, accidental release of	All potential effects due to accidents and
Malfunctions	 Wetlands Hydrogeology/ Groundwater Water resources Air Quality Human and Occupational Health and Safety 	X X X X			X X X X	X X X X		hazardous substances, traffic accidents. Operations: spills and accidental release of hazardous substances, traffic accidents.	malfunctions.

5.1.1 AIR QUALITY

Vehicles and equipment produce gaseous emissions (CO, CO₂, and unburned hydrocarbons) from the combustion of fuels, gas, or diesel. In addition, dust and other airborne substances particulate matter (PM) may be generated by vehicle movement on unpaved surfaces. The primary air quality concern is the effect of PM, mainly fugitive dust, on the surrounding environment. Generally, emissions may cause occasional nuisance problems on construction sites; however, they typically do not present problems outside the immediate construction area.

5.1.1.1 POTENTIAL INTERACTIONS AND EFFECTS

- Construction and mobilization of equipment will cause increased levels of greenhouse gas emissions, VOCs, and particulate matter from diesel combustion. Significance: Moderate, Reversible, Local, Short-term, Intermittent.
- Particulate matter (dust) levels will be higher during dry, windy periods of construction. Significance: *Moderate, Reversible, Local, Short-term, Intermittent*.

Dust generated as a result of the construction activities and transport of equipment/materials may cause a disruption to adjacent land-owners. Significance: *Moderate, Reversible, Local, Short-term, Intermittent*.

Accidents/Malfunctions:

Degradation of air quality due to improperly maintained equipment. Significance: *Small, Reversible, Immediate, Short-term, and Intermittent*.

5.1.1.2 MITIGATION MEASURES

- All equipment and project related vehicles are to be kept in good state of repair.
- Idling of equipment and project related vehicles is to be limited to the extent necessary.
- Dust suppression by the application of water must be employed when required. The project authority shall determine locations where water is to be applied, the amount of water to be applied, and the times at which it shall be applied. Waste oil must not to be used for dust control under any circumstances.
- The number of truck trips to and from the site will be minimized to the extent possible.

5.1.1.3 RESIDUAL EFFECTS AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

It is anticipated that the residual adverse effects of the Project on the environment will be minimal after the mitigation measures listed above are implemented.

5.1.2 ACOUSTIC ENVIRONMENT

The majority of noise and vibration will be generated during the construction phase of the project. There will be noise associated with operation and potentially with decommissioning (when and if it occurs).

5.1.2.1 POTENTIAL INTERACTIONS AND EFFECTS

• Potential increases to noise and vibration generated as a result of transportation, construction operation activities. Significance: *Moderate, Reversible, Local, Short-term, Intermittent*.

5.1.2.2 MITIGATION MEASURES

- Construction activities must be carried out during times acceptable to local authorities and smaller, less
 disturbing equipment will be used where possible.
- Vehicles and equipment will be maintained in good working order.
- All machinery must be well muffled at all times. The contractor should avoid any sharp or loud noises (e.g., horns or whistles) and should maintain constant noise levels to the extent practical. If necessary, trucks may be required to avoid the use of "hammer" braking along specific sections of the route, while radio communication should replace whistle blasts and horns.

5.1.2.3 RESIDUAL EFFECTS AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

It is anticipated that the residual adverse effects of the Project on the environment will be minimal after the mitigation measures listed above are implemented.

5.1.3 SURFACE WATER

During all phases of the project the potential exists to affect local surface waters including in the marine environment.

5.1.3.1 POTENTIAL INTERACTIONS AND EFFECTS

Construction:

- Activities may result in construction-related debris or toxic materials affecting groundwater and/or surface water quality. Significance: Small, Reversible, Immediate, Short-term, Intermittent.
- Activities resulting in exposing bare soils may result in increased erosion and sedimentation into nearby surface waters (i.e., on-site wetlands). Significance: *Small, Reversible, Immediate, Short-term, Intermittent*.

Operation:

• Release of contaminants into marine environment during rain events and surficial run-off. Significance: *Moderate, Reversible, Local, Long-term, Intermittent*.

Accidents/Malfunctions:

 Release of hazardous materials into marine environment and/or ground water from equipment malfunction, accidental spills, or unplanned serious events, such as collisions. Significance: *Moderate, Reversible, Immediate, Short-term, Once*.

5.1.3.2 MITIGATION MEASURES

- An erosion and sediment control plan will be developed for the site by the contractor during construction and
 operation activities that minimizes risk of sedimentation to the surrounding environment.
- Should blasting be necessary it is recommended that a pre-blast survey of any nearby (i.e., within 500m) groundwater wells be identified and sampled prior to and after blasting to ensure that no changes to groundwater quality or quantity have occurred.
- Ensure that machinery arrives on site in a clean condition and is maintained free of fluid leaks.

- Wash, refuel, and service machinery and store fuel and other materials for the machinery in such a way as to prevent any deleterious substances from entering the water.
- Do not wash down equipment within a 30-meter buffer zone of a wetland, watercourse, or other identified environmentally sensitive area including the marine environment.
- Any construction-related material used must be clean and non-toxic (i.e., free of fuel, oil, grease, and/or any contaminants).
- Construction material and debris is not to become waterborne.
- Weather conditions are to be assessed daily to determine the risk of extreme weather in the Project footprints. Avoid work during periods when ECCC has issued a rainfall warning for the work area.
- Develop a response plan that is to be implemented immediately in the event of a spill of a deleterious substance and keep an emergency spill kit on-site.
- On-site crews must have emergency spill clean-up equipment, adequate for the activity involved, and it must
 be on-site. Spill equipment will include, as a minimum, at least one 250 L (i.e., 55 gallon) overpack spill kit
 containing items to prevent a spill from spreading; absorbent booms, pillows, and mats; rubber gloves; and
 plastic disposal bags. All spills or leaks must be promptly contained, cleaned up, and reported to the 24-Hour
 Environmental Emergencies Report System (1-800-565-1633).
- A site management and monitoring plan will be developed and implemented to monitor for potential impacts
 to surface water (including the marine environment) resulting from site activities. Should monitoring indicate
 potential issues, an adaptive management approach will be followed, and additional mitigation measures will
 be implemented.

5.1.3.3 RESIDUAL EFFECTS AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

It is anticipated that the residual adverse effects of the Project on the environment will be minimal after the mitigation measures listed above are implemented.

5.1.4 TERRESTRIAL WILDLIFE

5.1.4.1 SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION

A significant adverse effect on wildlife would be one which results in contravention of the *New Brunswick Fish and Wildlife Act*, SARA or NBSARA provisions. For non-SARA or non-NBSARA listed priority species, one which causes a decline in abundance and/or a change in distribution beyond which natural recruitment (reproduction and immigration from unaffected areas) would not return the population to its pre-project level within several (three to five) generations. An adverse effect that does not cause such declines or changes is not considered to be significant.

5.1.4.2 POTENTIAL INTERACTIONS AND EFFECTS

Construction:

 Potential increases to noise, presence of humans, habitat loss, dust and vibration generated as a result of transportation and construction activities and equipment. Significance: Moderate, Reversible, Local, Shortterm, Intermittent.

Operation:

• Increased vehicle traffic accessing the new harbour resulting in increased noise from vessels and workers, may have an effect on terrestrial fauna. Significance: *Moderate, Reversible, Immediate, Long-term, Intermittent.*

Accidents and Malfunctions:

Release of hazardous materials into terrestrial environment and/or adjacent wetland from equipment
malfunction, accidental spills, or unplanned serious events, such as collisions. Significance: Moderate,
reversible, immediate, short-term, once.

5.1.4.3 MITIGATION MEASURES

Construction Phase

- Reduce Project footprint and temporary work areas to the extent possible.
- Clearing and grubbing should be restricted to areas necessary to carry out the Project.
- Dust prevention and abatement measures shall be implemented.
- Workers will be instructed to maintain good housekeeping practices and not leave any food items and garbage
 at the Project site in order to avoid attracting omnivorous predators which may disturb or cause direct
 mortality or injury to wildlife (including birds).
- All construction equipment should have appropriate noise-muffling equipment installed and in good working
 order in order to minimize noise disturbance. The duration of noise disturbance should be minimized. Lighting
 should be restricted to areas where it is necessary.

Operation Phase

- All posted speed limits will be strictly adhered to.
- Seasonal weight restrictions will be strictly adhered to.
- Accidental spillage that occurs during hauling will be promptly removed from the highway following appropriate safety procedures.

5.1.4.4 RESIDUAL EFFECTS AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

With the successful implementation of the mitigation measures described above, Project activities related to construction, operation and maintenance of Project components are not likely to result in significant adverse residual effects on terrestrial fauna, including priority species.

5.1.5 TERRESTRIAL FLORA

5.1.5.1 SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION

A significant adverse effect on terrestrial habitat and vegetation would be one which results in contravention of SARA or NBSARA provisions, or for non-SARA or non-NBSARA listed priority species, a decline in abundance and/or change in distribution beyond which natural recruitment (reproduction and immigration from unaffected areas) would not return the population to its pre-project level within several (three to five) generations. A significant adverse effect on sensitive/critical habitat would be a permanent net loss of habitat function. A positive effect is one that may enhance the quality of habitat, increase species diversity, or increase the area of valued habitat.

5.1.5.2 POTENTIAL INTERACTIONS AND EFFECTS

Construction Phase

Construction activities associated with the Project may result in temporary or permanent adverse effects on terrestrial flora. Potential adverse effects to terrestrial flora can result from site and roadbed preparation (e.g., clearing, grubbing, grading), as well as associated dust, erosion and sedimentation, and possible introduction of invasive species. Potential effects on terrestrial and aquatic flora, habitat, communities and individuals during construction may also occur as a result of accidental events. Effects can be limited to the footprint of the Project or may extend to adjacent lands as indicated below.

During construction, potential adverse effects on vegetation and habitat include:

- Direct and indirect mortality of plants.
- Temporary or permanent loss or alteration of habitat and habitat availability.
- Impairment or displacement from introduction of invasive species.
- Mortality or impaired growth due to accidental events.
- Potential increases to dust generated as a result of transportation and construction activities. Significance: Small, Reversible, Local, Short-term, Intermittent.
- Construction activities will result in disturbed areas without cover of natural vegetation. Open soil surfaces can
 encourage the establishment of non-native and potentially invasive species of plants. *Moderate, Reversible,*Local, Short-term, Intermittent.
- Seeds, roots or rootable fragments of invasive species may be stuck to construction equipment, transportation
 vehicles or shoes of workers. Introduction of non-native or invasive species may lead to alteration of nearby
 habitat and may have an adverse effect on the abundance and diversity of native flora. Moderate, Reversible,
 Local, Short-term, Intermittent.

Operation:

• Increased vehicle traffic accessing the new harbour may have an effect on terrestrial flora via the generation of dust and/or the introduction of invasive species. Significance: Small, Reversible, Immediate, Long-term, Intermittent.

Accidents/Malfunctions:

Release of hazardous materials into the terrestrial environment and/or adjacent wetland from equipment
malfunction, accidental spills, or unplanned serious events, such as collisions. Significance: *Moderate, Reversible, Immediate, Short-term, Once*.

5.1.5.3 MITIGATION MEASURES

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Construction Phase

- Mark Project boundaries to prevent accidental impacts outside the work area.
- Dust prevention and abatement measures will also protect local flora and habitats.
- Stabilize and rehabilitate areas of temporary disturbance as soon as practical.

INTRODUCTION OF INVASIVE SPECIES

Construction Phase

- Construction and transportation equipment should be cleaned of vegetation and soil residues and inspected before entering the Project site.
- Maintain an on-going log of past and present usage and wash downs of all equipment to illustrate mitigation measures undertaken against contamination by alien species.
- Areas of exposed soil should be re-vegetated as soon as practical, following completion of work activities.
- Use only non-invasive plant species for restoration.

SEDIMENTATION

Construction Phase

- Install sediment and erosion control measures as outlined in guidance documents (i.e., erosion and sediment control plan) and/or permit approvals.
- Undertake regular inspection of sediment and erosion control measures to ensure they have remained in place and are working properly.
- Promote growth of vegetation in areas adjacent to wetlands following disturbance. Use temporary measures
 (e.g. jute mats or mulch) until permanent cover has been established.

Construction and Operations/Maintenance Phase

Limit removal of vegetation.

CONTAMINATION

Construction Phase

- Ensure that machinery arrives on-site in a clean condition and is maintained free of fluid leaks.
- Do not dump petroleum products or any other deleterious substances on ground. Be diligent and take all necessary precautions to avoid spills and contamination of the soil (both surface and subsurface) when handling petroleum products on site and during fueling and servicing of vehicles and equipment.
- All on-site chemicals and petroleum, oils, and lubricants, or POLs should also be stored at a designated fueling and material storage site with secondary containment at least 30 m from any surface waters.
- Workers should be trained in spill clean-up.
- A response plan must be developed and implemented immediately in the event of a sediment release or spill of a deleterious substance.
- On-site, crews must have emergency spill clean-up equipment adequate for the activity involved, and it must be on site. Spill equipment will include, as a minimum, at least one 250 L (i.e., 55 gallon) overpack spill kit containing items to prevent a spill from spreading; absorbent booms, pillows, and mats; rubber gloves; and plastic disposal bags. All spills or leaks must be promptly contained, cleaned up, and reported to the 24-Hour Environmental Emergencies Report System (1-800-565-1633).

5.1.5.4 RESIDUAL EFFECTS AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

With the implementation of the recommended mitigation measures, Project activities are not likely to result in significant adverse residual effects on flora (including priority species) and terrestrial habitats.

5.1.6 MARINE FLORA

5.1.6.1 SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION

A significant adverse effect on marine flora would be one which results in contravention of priority species, a decline in abundance and/or change in distribution beyond which natural recruitment (reproduction and immigration from unaffected areas) would not return the population to its pre-project level within several (three to five) generations. A significant adverse effect on sensitive/critical habitat would be a permanent net loss of habitat function. A positive effect is one that may enhance the quality of habitat, increase species diversity, or increase the area of valued habitat.

5.1.6.2 POTENTIAL INTERACTIONS AND EFFECTS

Construction Phase

Construction activities associated with the Project may result in temporary or permanent adverse effects on marine flora. Potential effects on marine flora, habitat, communities and individuals during construction may also occur as a result of accidental events. Effects can be limited to the footprint of the Project or may extend to adjacent waters as indicated below. Rock placed for the breakwaters and access road will support the growth of seaweed species.

During construction, potential adverse effects on vegetation and habitat include:

- direct and indirect mortality of eelgrass and/ or seaweed;
- temporary or permanent loss or alteration of marine habitat and habitat availability; and
- mortality or impaired growth due to accidental events.

Construction:

- Permanent loss of marine flora due to placement of rock for breakwaters and access road. Significance: Small, Irreversible, Immediate, Long-term, Once.
- Loss of marine flora as a result of capital dredging activities. Significance: Small, Irreversible, Immediate, Longterm, Once.

Operation:

- Potential impacts to marine flora from prop wash generated by vessels in the harbour basin. Significance: Small, Reversible, Immediate, Long-term, Continuous.
- Loss of marine flora as a result of shading from floating docks. Significance: *Moderate, Reversible, Immediate, Long-term, Continuous*.

Accidents/Malfunctions:

 Release of hazardous materials into the marine environment from equipment malfunction, accidental spills, or unplanned serious events, such as collisions. Significance: Moderate, reversible, immediate, short-term, once.

5.1.6.3 MITIGATION MEASURES

CONTAMINATION

Construction and Operation/Maintenance Phase

- Ensure that machinery arrives on-site in a clean condition to minimize transport of invasive species and POLs and is maintained free of fluid leaks.
- Biodegradable fluids should be considered for use in place of petroleum products whenever possible, as a standard for best practices.
- Do not dump petroleum products or any other deleterious substances on ground. Be diligent and take all necessary precautions to avoid spills and contamination of the soil (both surface and subsurface) when handling petroleum products on site and during fueling and servicing of vehicles and equipment.
- All on-site chemicals and petroleum, oils, and lubricants, or POLs should also be stored at a designated fueling and material storage site with secondary containment at least 30 m from any surface waters.
- Workers should be trained in spill clean-up.
- A response plan must be developed and implemented immediately in the event of a sediment release or spill of a deleterious substance.
- On-site, crews must have emergency spill clean-up equipment adequate for the activity involved, and it must be on site. Spill equipment will include, as a minimum, at least one 250 L (i.e., 55 gallon) overpack spill kit containing items to prevent a spill from spreading; absorbent booms, pillows, and mats; rubber gloves; and plastic disposal bags. All spills or leaks must be promptly contained, cleaned up, and reported to the 24-Hour Environmental Emergencies Report System (1-800-565-1633).
- Inclusion of operator environmental awareness training.

5.1.6.4 RESIDUAL EFFECTS AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

With the implementation of the recommended mitigation measures, Project activities are not likely to result in significant adverse residual effects on marine flora.

5.1.7 WETLANDS

5.1.7.1 SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION

The Federal government established a "no net loss of wetland function" policy in co-operation with the Provinces (EC, 1991). In addition to the provincial Watercourse and Wetland Alteration Guidelines, in 2003 the Province also created a Wetland Conservation Policy with commitments to the "no net loss of wetland function" objective and identifying specific wetlands and wetland types as Provincially Significant. Activities proposed within Provincially Significant Wetlands are usually subject to severe restrictions.

The focal purpose of the Federal Policy on Wetland Conservation policy is the sustainable management of wetland resources (both for wildlife and humans) and is underpinned by a commitment to "no net loss of wetland function". This policy has been strongly applied and several specific guidance documents are available to federal employees including:

- The Federal Policy on Wetland Conservation (EC, 1991);
- Implementing "No Net Loss" Goals To Conserve Wetlands In Canada (North American Wetlands Conservation Council (NAWCC), 1992);
- Wetland Evaluation Guide (Bond et al., 1992);
- The Federal Policy on Wetland Conservation; Implementation Guide for Federal Land Managers (EC, 1996);
- Wetlands Environmental Assessment Guideline (Milko, 1998);
- Wetlands and Government (NAWCC, 1999); and
- Wetland Mitigation in Canada (NAWCC, 2000).

A significant adverse effect from the Project on wetlands is defined as an effect that is likely to cause a permanent net loss of flora and wetland function as established during the wetland evaluation. A positive effect is one that may enhance the quality of wetland habitat/function, increase species diversity, or increase the area of valued habitat. All work will be completed within the wetland buffer with no construction activities taking place within the wetland therefore no direct loss of wetland is anticipated as a result of this project.

5.1.7.2 POTENTIAL INTERACTIONS AND EFFECTS

Construction within the Project footprint could result in adverse effects on wetland function and species diversity due to:

- Erosion and sedimentation;
- Introduction of invasive species; or
- Release of hazardous materials.

Construction:

- Potential increases to dust generated as a result of transportation and construction activities. Significance: Moderate, Reversible, Local, Short-term, Intermittent.
- Construction activities will result in disturbed areas without cover of natural vegetation. Open soil surfaces can
 encourage erosion and the establishment of non-native and potentially invasive species of plants. *Moderate,*Reversible, Local, Short-term, Intermittent.
- Seeds, roots or rootable fragments of invasive species may be stuck to construction equipment, transportation
 vehicles or shoes of workers. Introduction of non-native or invasive species may lead to alteration of nearby
 habitat and may have an adverse effect on the abundance and diversity of native flora. Moderate, Reversible,
 Local, Short-term, Intermittent.

Accidents/Malfunctions:

• Release of hazardous materials into the wetland from equipment malfunction, accidental spills, or unplanned serious events, such as collisions. Significance: *Moderate, Reversible, Immediate, Short-term, Once*.

5.1.7.3 MITIGATION MEASURES

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Construction Phase

- The Project footprint and temporary laydown areas will be reduced to that which is absolutely necessary.
- The Project boundaries will be physically delineated to prevent accidental impacts outside the work area.
- Dust prevention and abatement measures will also protect wetland plants and habitats.
- Stabilize and rehabilitate areas of temporary disturbance as soon as practicable.

SEDIMENTATION

Construction Phase

- Install sediment and erosion control measures as outlined in guidance documents and/or permit approvals.
- Undertake regular inspection of sediment and erosion control measures to ensure they have remained in place and are working properly.
- The site should be inspected prior to, during, and after a rainfall event.
- Promote growth of vegetation in areas adjacent to wetlands following disturbance. Use temporary measures (e.g. jute mats or mulch) until permanent cover has been established.

CONTAMINATION

Construction Phase

- Ensure that machinery arrives on-site in a clean condition and is maintained free of fluid leaks.
- Do not dump petroleum products or any other deleterious substances on ground. Be diligent and take all
 necessary precautions to avoid spills and contamination of the soil when handling petroleum products on site
 and during fueling and servicing of vehicles and equipment.
- All on-site chemicals and POLs should be stored at a designated fueling and material storage site with secondary containment at least 30 m from any surface waters.
- Workers should be trained in spill clean-up.
- A response plan must be developed and implemented immediately in the event of a sediment release or spill of a deleterious substance.
- On-site, crews must have emergency spill clean-up equipment adequate for the activity involved, and it must be on site. Spill equipment will include, as a minimum, at least one 250 L (i.e., 55 gallon) overpack spill kit containing items to prevent a spill from spreading; absorbent booms, pillows, and mats; rubber gloves; and plastic disposal bags. All spills or leaks must be promptly contained, cleaned up, and reported to the 24-Hour Environmental Emergencies Report System (1-800-565-1633).

5.1.7.4 RESIDUAL EFFECTS AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

With the implementation of the recommended mitigation measures, Project activities are not likely to result in significant adverse residual effects on wetlands.

5.1.8 AVIFAUNA

As stated in the CBCL bird survey reports (CBCL 2022) in Appendix B, Grand Manan Island is known as an important breeding and migratory stopover area for many bird species. The coastal zone and open water around the island has been designated as an Important Bird Area (IBA) because concentrations of the following bird species have been observed to exceed at least one of the IBA thresholds (sub-regional, regional or global) during the spring, summer or fall period: Brant (*Branta bernicla*), Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*), Manx Shearwater (*Puffinus puffinus*), Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus melodus*), Razorbill (*Alca torda*), Rusty Blackbird (*Euphagus carolinus*) Sooty Shearwater (*Ardenna grisea*), and Wilson's Storm Petrel (*Oceanites oceanicus*), (Birds Canada, 2022). Additionally, an area on the western coastline of the island (which encompasses the Project Area) is designated as critical habitat for the federally threatened Bank Swallow (ECCC, 2022) and islands in the Grand Manan Archipelago host colonies of the federally threatened Leach's Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma leucorhoa*). Bank Swallows have been confirmed foraging in the Woodwards Cove area.

5.1.8.1 SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION

A significant adverse effect on avifauna (birds) would be one which results in contravention of MBCA, SARA or NBSARA provisions, or for non-SARA or non-NBSARA listed species, a decline in abundance and/or a change in distribution beyond which natural recruitment (reproduction and immigration from unaffected areas) would not return the population to its pre-Project level within several (three to five) generations.

5.1.8.2 POTENTIAL INTERACTIONS AND EFFECTS

Construction Phase

A potential impact on migratory birds and raptors, including priority species, will be the loss of nesting and foraging habitat. Further, vegetation clearing and grubbing activities may cause destruction of nests and nestlings or eggs if conducted during the breeding season. According to ECCC's general avoidance information for migratory birds, the Project site is located in breeding zone C3 and in this zone, the regional nesting period during which most migratory birds covered under the MBCA breed extends from mid-April to the end of August (ECCC, 2018c), although it is recognized that some avian species nest outside of this period, including corvids, owls, crossbills and waxwings.

No biophysical features with key attributes of suitable Bank Swallow nesting habitat were observed in the Project Area. The biophysical features with key attributes of suitable foraging habitat for Bank Swallow within the Project Area include the open area along the coastline (meadows, beach) and open water (ponds and wetlands).

In addition to habitat loss, disturbance due to construction activities may have deleterious effects on animals in and near the Project footprint. Anthropogenic noise can interfere with normal avian behaviour such as feeding, migrating, and breeding. Nesting birds may be startled from their nests, resulting in decreased productivity due to increased predation of young, and to adult birds altering foraging behaviour (Beale, 2007); as well, birds may leave the Project footprint and be forced to move to less favourable nesting sites (Larkin, 1996). There are few studies defining an effective distance due to noise disturbance; field studies have shown effects up to 200 m from the edge of area of disturbance. The distance of effect is related to noise volume, frequency/duration, and quality. Negative effects from noise vary from species to species because of interspecies differences in both hearing abilities and in behavioural and physiological responses to stimuli. In addition to interspecies differences, there is considerable intraspecies variation in vulnerability to effects of noise, for example in different times of year (i.e., different stages of the breeding cycle) and different life stages (Blumstein et al., 2005). The effects of noise on the

site due to construction are expected to be temporary and short-term; there will be a long-term but lower magnitude increase in ambient noise due to traffic (road vehicles and vessel traffic). The upland disturbance as a result of this project is small in relation to the overall project footprint, which is mainly in the marine environment.

Construction:

- Potential loss of nesting habitat in the terrestrial areas of the Project. Significance: Small, Permanent, Immediate, Long-term, Once.
- Potential increases to noise, dust and vibration generated as a result of transportation and construction activities. Significance: *Moderate, Reversible, Local, Long-term, Intermittent*.
- Disturbance to Bank Swallows foraging over the waters around Woodwards Cove. Significance: *Small, Reversible, Local, Long-term, Intermittent*.
- To minimize interference of nesting activities from noise and human presence, workers will be instructed to refrain from entering surrounding undisturbed habitat areas where no work is done, as those areas likely hold the largest number of birds.

Operations and Maintenance Phase

Increased human presence associated with the operation phase is expected to result in an increase in populations of species that are adapted to human environments, including European Starlings, American Robins, Gulls, Common Grackles and Rock Pigeons; these species may compete with native woodland and forest edge birds.

Roadways are a source of anthropogenic noise and light, and as such, their presence disproportionately effects species that are not well adapted to human presence (Jacobsen 2005); these species tend to be replaced by species that are less subject to disturbance, such as those listed above.

Operation:

- Increased vehicle traffic accessing the new harbour may have an effect on terrestrial flora. Significance: *Small, Reversible, Immediate, Long-term, Intermittent*.
- Disturbance to Bank Swallows foraging over the waters around Woodwards Cove. Significance: *Small, Reversible, Local, Long-term, Continuous*.

Accidents/Malfunctions:

 Release of hazardous materials into the terrestrial and/or marine environment from equipment malfunction, accidental spills, or unplanned serious events, such as collisions. Significance: Moderate, Reversible, Immediate, Short-term, Once.

5.1.8.3 MITIGATION MEASURES

Construction Phase

- Limit Project footprint and temporary work areas to the extent practical.
- Clearing and grubbing should be restricted to areas necessary to carry out the Project.
- Vegetation clearing will be avoided during the nesting season (April 10 to August 31).
- Lights are to be shielded and aimed downwards and in the opposite direction of bird nesting habitats.
- All work to be conducted in accordance with the Migratory Birds Convention Act, which outlines that no
 migratory bird nests or eggs will be moved or obstructed during the construction or operational phase of the

project. Should construction begin between April and August, a site visit and/or nest survey shall be conducted to ensure no impact to migratory birds or species at risk (e.g., Bank Swallows, Barn Swallows, Bobolink) prior to the start of construction. Should additional migratory birds or species at risk be identified on or near the project site, additional mitigation measures (e.g., timing or buffers) and federal/provincial coordination may be required.

- Large (>2 m high) stockpiles of sand and soil may be used by bank swallows to dig burrows for nesting. To prevent this either cover the stockpiles or maintain slopes of the pile such that they are less than 70°.
- Deterrent devices, such as plastic owls (Great Horned Owls), will discourage bank swallows from establishing a colony in suitable banks. Deterrent devices should be in place prior to breeding season.
- The Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) Birds and Oil Response Plan Guidance will be followed in the event of a petroleum spill in or near the water.
- Should nests or chicks of migratory birds or raptors be encountered during work, immediately stop work in that area and notify Departmental Representative for directives to be followed. Should a nest site be discovered:
 - The nest site and neighbouring vegetation will not be disturbed until nesting is completed.
 - Work undertaken immediately adjacent to such areas will be minimized until nesting is completed.
 - The nest location shall be protected with a buffer zone appropriate to the species as determined in consultation with the appropriate regulators (ECCC-CWS for species protected under the MBCA; provincial department of natural resources for raptors). The buffer shall stay in place until August 31st or the time when chicks have naturally fledged from the area. A nest shall not be marked, or the tree/shrub in which it is situated, using flagging tape or other similar material; this increases the visibility of the nest and the risk of predation.
- Adherence to Section 33 of SARA that prohibits damaging or destroying the residence of a listed threatened, endangered, or extirpated species.
- Do not approach concentrations of seabirds, waterfowl, or shorebirds when accessing the construction site, accessing wharves, or transporting supplies.
- Dust-prevention measures and dust abatement measures shall be implemented.
- Workers will be instructed to maintain good housekeeping practices and not leave any food items and garbage
 at the Project site in order to avoid attracting omnivorous predators which may disturb or cause direct
 mortality or injury to wildlife (including birds).
- To minimize interference of nesting activities from noise and human presence, workers will be instructed to refrain from entering surrounding undisturbed habitat areas where no work is done, as those areas likely hold the largest number of birds.
- Should impacts on migratory birds or their nests be detected during construction, further mitigation will be developed in consultation with NBNRED and ECCC.

Operation Phase

- Vessels are expected to be maintained in good order and have appropriate noise-muffling equipment installed to minimize noise disturbance. The duration of noise disturbance should be minimized.
- Lighting should be restricted to areas where it is necessary and should be shielded downwards if practical, to reduce attraction of night-flying birds.

5.1.8.4 RESIDUAL EFFECTS AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

With the successful implementation of the mitigation measures described above, Project activities related to construction, operation and maintenance of Project components are not likely to result in significant adverse residual adverse effects on migratory birds and raptors, including priority species.

5.1.9 FISH AND FISH HABITAT

5.1.9.1 SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION

A significant adverse effect on fish and fish habitat, including marine invertebrates, would be one which results in contravention of the *Fisheries Act*, SARA or NBSARA provisions. For non-SARA or non-NBSARA listed priority species, one which would result in the death of fish or the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat.

The legislative authority for the management and conservation of fish and fish habitat in Canada is provided by the federal *Fisheries Act*. Section 2(1) of the *Fisheries Act* defines fish habitat as: "water frequented by fish and any other areas on which fish depend directly or indirectly to carry out their life processes, including spawning grounds and nursery, rearing, food supply and migration areas."

The main provision of the *Fisheries Act* regarding the protection of fish habitat is Section 35. Section 35(1) states that: "No person shall carry on any work, undertaking or activity that results in the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat.

Furthermore, Section 36(3) states that "no person shall deposit or permit the deposit of a deleterious substance of any type in water frequented by fish or in any place under any conditions where the deleterious substance or any other deleterious substance that results from the deposit of the deleterious substance may enter any such water".

The SARA states: "The Act aims to prevent wildlife species from becoming extirpated or extinct, to provide for the recovery of wildlife species that are extirpated, endangered or threatened as a result of human activity, and to manage species of special concern to prevent them from becoming endangered or threatened". If a species is listed under Schedule 1 of SARA as extirpated, endangered or threatened, it is an offence to kill, harm, harass, capture or take an individual (s. 32[1]), and that species has legal protection related to the species' residence and critical habitat as specified in SARA (s. 56, 58[1]) (ECCC, 2016).

The NBSARA prohibits the killing or disturbing SAR, destroying or disturbing its residence, and destroying or disturbing of core habitat. Penalties, both for individuals and corporations, can be incurred when the Act is violated (NBDNR, 2012).

Based on the above, a significant adverse residual environmental effect on the aquatic environment is defined as a Project-related environmental effect that:

- results in the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat (as defined by the *Fisheries Act*), that occur as a result of Project activities without federal approval and/or without required implement approval conditions (e.g., offsetting plan) after mitigation measures are implemented;
- project-related activities that, after the implementation of mitigation measures, result in the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat and cannot be remedied with an appropriate offsetting plan;

- results in the deposition of a deleterious substance (under Section 36(3) of the Fisheries Act) into the aquatic environment;
- results in the exceedance of water quality guidelines outlined in the conditions of approval; or
- results in the death, harm harassment or capture of a species listed as extirpated, endangered, or threatened under Schedule 1 of SARA, after mitigation measures are implemented.

A positive effect is one that enhances the quality or area of habitat or increases species diversity.

5.1.9.2 POTENTIAL INTERACTIONS AND EFFECTS

The construction, operation and maintenance of the SCH may result in adverse effects on water quality and fish and fish habitat. DFO has developed Pathways of Effects (PoE) diagrams (DFO, 2014) to identify stressors which ultimately lead to effects in the aquatic environment. PoEs that may be relevant to the proposed project include:

- placement of material or structures in water;
- use of industrial equipment; and
- use of explosives.

Construction:

- Permanent loss of clam harvesting area in the footprint of the causeway. Small, Irreversible, Immediate, Longterm, Once.
- Permanent loss of aquatic habitat due to placement of rock for breakwaters and causeway. Significance: Small, Irreversible, Immediate, Long-term, Once.
- Death of fish due to placement of rock for breakwaters and causeway and blasting. Significance: *Small, Irreversible, Immediate, Long-term, Once*.
- Introduction of aquatic invasive species (AIS) from construction equipment working in or over the water. Significance: *Moderate, Reversible, Local, Long-term, Once*.
- Loss of aquatic habitat from capital dredging activities, including mechanical means of rock removal. *Small, Reversible, Immediate, Short-term, Once*.

Operation:

- Introduction of AIS from commercial vessels moving between harbours. Significance: *Moderate, Reversible, Local, Short-term, Once*.
- Loss of clam harvesting area due to a 125 m exclusion zone around Small Craft Harbours. Significance: Small,
 Irreversible, Immediate, long-term, Continuous.

Accidents/Malfunctions:

Release of hazardous materials, including concrete, into the marine environment from equipment
malfunction, accidental spills, or unplanned serious events, such as collisions. Significance: Moderate,
Reversible, Immediate, Short-term, Once.

5.1.9.3 MITIGATION MEASURES

The following documentation is applicable for both construction and operation and maintenance phases of the project. They offer specific guidance for the mitigation measures below.

- New Brunswick Watercourse and Wetland Alteration Regulation.
- Guidelines for the Use of Explosives In or Near Canadian Fisheries Waters (Wright and Hopky 1998).

General

During construction activities:

- Weather conditions are to be assessed on a daily basis to determine the risk of extreme weather in the project areas. Avoid work during periods which ECCC has issued rainfall or wave warning for the work area.
- All material used for construction of temporary in-water access roads and causeways must be clean and free
 from excessive fines, organics, debris and non-toxic (i.e., free of fuel, oil, grease and/or any other
 contaminants), non-ore bearing and from a provincially approved, non-water source.
- Construction material and debris are not to become waterborne. Do not dispose of any materials or waste into the marine environment.
- To maintain Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) measures during construction, all installed ESC measures will be periodically inspected (especially before and after a rainfall event) and any exposed soil will be protected with either temporary or permanent covers after grading.
- Operate machinery in the dry, in stable areas and out of the water.
- All equipment to be used in or over the marine environment is to be free from leaks or coating of
 hydrocarbon-based fluids and/or lubricants harmful to the environment. Hoses and tanks are to be inspected
 on a regular basis to prevent fractures and breaks.
- A response plan must be developed and implemented immediately in the event of a sediment release or spill of a deleterious substance.
- On-site, crews must have emergency spill clean-up equipment adequate for the activity involved, and it must be on site. Spill equipment will include, as a minimum, at least one 250 L (i.e., 55 gallon) overpack spill kit containing items to prevent a spill from spreading; absorbent booms, pillows, and mats; rubber gloves; and plastic disposal bags. All spills or leaks must be promptly contained, cleaned up, and reported to the 24-Hour Environmental Emergencies Report System (1-800-565-1633)

Sedimentation

During construction, erosion and sedimentation control measures will be used, including but not limited to:

- Install sediment and erosion control measures carried out according to "NB Watercourse Alterations Technical Guidelines".
- Educate all construction personnel about the Project and importance of ESC measures and plans.
- Visual monitoring for suspended solids must occur daily. If any changes occur in the turbidity of the water in
 the vicinity of the work area as a result of construction activities, the work must be immediately stopped to
 determine if further mitigation measures are required. This will occur during all phases of the work,
 undertaking or activity.
- Use only clean material (e.g., rocks, armourstone) for works, undertakings and activities.

- Machinery will operate from land or infrastructure above the high-water mark in a manner that minimizes disturbance.
- Employ suitable operational and engineering controls as approved by the Site Manager around the work area. Controls must be in place and shall be upgraded and maintained, such that release of sediment is avoided as the result of the authorized work, undertaking or activity.
- To maintain ESC measures during construction, all installed ESC measures will be periodically inspected
 (especially before and after a rainfall event) and any exposed soil will be protected with either temporary or
 permanent covers after grading.
- Maintain sufficient staff and equipment to manage erosion and sediment control during storm events and other emergencies; All in water work will be carried out strictly in accordance with NBDELG and DFO Approvals, Terms and Conditions, and Letters of Advice.
- Erodible soils will be stabilized using slope roughening, riprap, filter fabric, or by re-establishing vegetation by seeding and rehabilitating by mulching, erosion control blankets, or sod, immediately after grading.

Contamination

During construction and operations/maintenance:

- Machinery will operate from land or infrastructure above the high-water mark in a manner that minimizes disturbance.
- Biodegradable fluids should be considered for use in place of petroleum products whenever possible, as a standard for best practices.
- Do not dispose of petroleum products or any other deleterious substances on ground.
- Be diligent and take all necessary precautions to avoid spills and contamination of the soil (both surface and subsurface) when handling petroleum products on site and during fueling and servicing of vehicles and equipment.
- All on-site chemicals and POLs should also be stored at a designated fueling and material storage site with secondary containment at least 30 m from any aquatic environment.
- No washing, fueling, or maintenance of vehicles or equipment in the vicinity of any aquatic environment without secondary containment.
- Ensure pumps operating within 50 m of any aquatic environment utilize an appropriate secondary containment system.
- The following protection procedures are intended to minimize the potential effect of accidental releases and the cleaning of concrete pouring equipment in the terrestrial and/or marine environment:
 - Stop concrete placement during in moderate to heavy rain [2.6-7.6 mm/hr or more] to prevent leaching contaminants into aquatic environment:
 - When concrete repair work is necessary on structures, place staging next to the face to prevent concrete from falling into the water, or install a cofferdam to enclose the work area;
 - Use sealant on corners and seams of formwork to prevent leakage;
 - Use splash panels and/or tarps during placement operations to prevent concrete from entering the water;
 - Remove any accidental spill of concrete prior to solidification;

- Notify the Departmental Representative of all accidental releases of concrete into fish bearing waters and contact applicable federal and provincial regulators immediately; and
- Wash water from the cleaning of concrete trucks will be discharged either at the concrete manufacturer's
 place of business or to a designated area off-site.

Aquatic Invasive Species

During construction and operations/maintenance:

- Be aware of the risk for contamination of the fish habitat at the site as a result of aquatic invasive species being introduced into the marine environment;
- To minimize the possibility the spread of aquatic invasive (alien) species, all construction equipment which will be immersed into the water or has the possibility of coming into contact with such water during the course of the work, must be cleaned and washed to ensure that they are free of marine growth and alien species;
- Cleaning and washing of equipment shall be performed immediately upon their arrival at the site and before use in or over the water body;
- Conduct cleaning and washing operations as follows:
 - Scrape and remove heavy accumulation of mud and dispose appropriately.
 - Wash all surfaces of equipment by use of a pressurized fresh water supply.
 - Immediately follow with application of a heavy sprayed coating of undiluted vinegar or other environmentally approved cleaning agent to thoroughly remove all plant matter, animals and sediments.
 - Check and remove all plant, animal and sediment matter from all bilges and filters.
 - Drain standing water from equipment and let fully dry before use.
 - Upon removal from the water, drain standing water from equipment and let fully dry before removal off the site.
- Maintain an on-going log of past and present usage and wash downs of all equipment (Record of Assurance Logbook) to illustrate mitigation measures undertaken against fish habitat contamination by alien species.
- Write data in a hard cover bound logbook to include the following:
 - Date and location where equipment was previously used in a watercourse or wetland.
 - Type of work performed.
 - Dates of wash down for each piece of equipment.
 - Cleaning method and cleaning agent(s) used.
- Keep Record of Assurance Logbook updated from project to project. Upon request, submit logbook to Departmental Representative for review; and
- The Departmental Representative has the right to request a video inspection of the equipment, including hulls, to ensure that they are free of marine growth and invasive species prior to mobilization to the site.

Fish Habitat

- Completion of an offsetting plan, if required.
- Adherence to any conditions outlined in a *Fisheries Act* Authorization.

Blasting and Excavations

- Authorization will be acquired from DFO prior to the use of any explosives in or near a watercourse.
- Blasting will be conducted in accordance with the Guidelines for the use of Explosives in or Near Canadian
 Fisheries Waters and relevant federal and provincial guidelines.

5.1.9.4 RESIDUAL EFFECTS AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

With the successful implementation of the mitigation measures described above, Project activities related to construction, operation and maintenance of Project components are not likely to result in significant adverse residual adverse effects on fish and fish habitat, including priority species.

5.1.10 MARINE MAMMALS

5.1.10.1 SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION

A significant adverse effect on marine mammals would be one which results in contravention of the Marine Mammal Regulations (SOR/93-56) of the *Fisheries Act*, SARA or NBSARA provisions or one which causes a decline in abundance and/or a change in distribution beyond which natural recruitment (reproduction and immigration from unaffected areas) would not return the population to its pre-project level. An adverse effect that does not cause such declines or changes is not considered to be significant.

5.1.10.2 POTENTIAL INTERACTIONS AND EFFECTS

Construction:

• Potential increases to noise and vibration and pressure changes generated as a result of construction activities and blasting. Significance: *Moderate, Reversible, Local, Short-term, Intermittent*.

Operation:

• Increased vessel traffic accessing the new harbour. Significance: *Moderate, Reversible, Immediate, Long-term, Intermittent*.

Accidents and Malfunctions:

Release of hazardous materials into terrestrial environment and/or adjacent wetland or marine waters from
equipment malfunction, accidental spills, or unplanned serious events, such as collisions. Significance:
Moderate, Reversible, Immediate, Short-term, Once.

5.1.10.3 MITIGATION MEASURES

Construction and Operations and Maintenance Phase

- Reduce Project footprint and temporary work areas to the extent possible.
- All construction equipment should have appropriate noise-muffling equipment installed and in good working
 order in order to minimize noise disturbance. The duration of noise disturbance should be minimized. Lighting
 should be restricted to areas where it is necessary.
- Authorization will be acquired from DFO prior to the use of any explosives in or near a watercourse.

- Blasting will be conducted in accordance with the Guidelines for the use of Explosives in or Near Canadian Fisheries Waters and relevant federal and provincial guidelines.
- Adherence to Marine Mammal Regulations regarding disturbance to marine mammals.

Operation Phase

Restrict vessel speed limits.

5.1.10.4 RESIDUAL EFFECTS AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

With the successful implementation of the mitigation measures described above, Project activities related to construction, operation and maintenance of Project components are not likely to result in significant adverse residual effects on marine mammals, including priority species.

5.1.11 SPECIES-AT-RISK

5.1.11.1 SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION

A significant adverse effect on species at risk would be one which results in contravention of SARA or NBSARA

5.1.11.2 POTENTIAL INTERACTIONS AND EFFECTS

Potential interactions with species at risk have been described in Sections 5.1.8, 5.1.9, and 5.1.10.

5.1.11.3 MITIGATION MEASURES

Mitigation for species at risk have been described in Sections 5.1.8, 5.1.9, and 5.1.10.

5.1.11.4 RESIDUAL EFFECTS AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

With the successful implementation of the mitigation measures described above, Project activities related to construction, operation and maintenance of Project components are not likely to result in significant adverse residual effects on species at risk.

5.1.12 INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

DFO-SCH carried out a Duty to Consult assessment for the proposed harbour development east of Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan, New Brunswick in accordance with its Preliminary Duty to Consult Assessment Guide. This Guide is intended to provide basic information to DFO-SCH in the Maritimes and Gulf Regions and to assist its Program Managers in making informed, prudent decisions that take into account statutory and other legal obligations, as well as policy objectives, related to Indigenous and treaty rights. The Supreme Court of Canada has held that the Crown has a duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate when the Crown contemplates conduct that might adversely impact potential or established Indigenous or treaty rights. While there may be other reasons to undertake consultations (e.g., good governance, policy-based, etc.), three elements are required for a legal duty to consult to arise:

- 1 There is contemplated or proposed Crown conduct.
- 2 The Crown has knowledge of potential or established Indigenous or treaty rights.
- 3 The potential or established Indigenous or treaty rights may be adversely impacted by the Crown.

5.1.12.1 POTENTIAL INTERACTIONS AND EFFECTS

DFO-SCH determined through this assessment that a Duty to Consult did arise for the proposed project and that the scope of such Consultation would be high given the likelihood of potential impacts to Indigenous and Treaty Rights.

DFO-SCH also determined, based on the many regulatory authorities that would be involved in the proposed project, that effort should be made to coordinate consultation to ensure efficiency and ease of First Nations involvement. As the proponent of the new harbour facility, DFO-SCH proposed to lead engagement and consultation efforts with Indigenous Peoples and aggregates/consultation organizations in a "one window" and "whole of government" approach. This means that information and communications between all Governments/Departments holding a Duty to Consult and the First Nations or their representative consultation organizations would be through DFO-SCH (unless otherwise requested by a First Nation or their consultation aggregate). DFO-SCH formalized this approach in an Indigenous Engagement and Consultation Plan (IECP) which was reviewed and agreed upon by DFO – Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program, Transport Canada – Navigation Protection Program, Environment and Climate Change Canada, as well as the New Brunswick Department of Aboriginal Affairs.

5.1.12.2 MITIGATION MEASURES

To provide a basis for effective and timely engagement, DFO-SCH has an established program with First Nations and consultation aggregates to share information on proposed program/projects/divesture as engagement, prior to any potential consultation. This engagement program was established with the intent to invest in this relationship to build collaboration, consensus and new ways to work together, prior to consultation.

DFO-SCH arranges and conducts meetings with the following First Nations and Indigenous Peoples representative groups in New Brunswick:

- Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'tagnn Inc. (MTI) (representing 9 of 10 Mi'gmag First Nations).
- Kopit Lodge (representing Elsipogtog First Nation).
- Wolastoqey Nation in New Brunswick (WNNB) (representing Wolastoqey First Nations).
- Passamaquoddy Recognition Group Inc. (PRGI) (representing Peskotomuhkati Nation at Skutik).

This engagement has provided First Nations and Indigenous Peoples representative groups the opportunity to:

- Learn about programs/projects/divestures prior to impact assessment and consultation process;
- Identify potential impacts on Indigenous and treaty rights, and provide input and comments on important issues, interests or values; and
- Identify Indigenous knowledge or studies that may inform the impact assessment and decision-making phases.

5.1.13 LOCAL ECONOMY, LOCAL GOVERNANCE, COMMUNITY SERVICES, TOURISM, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Effects on the local economy and population will result from expenditures on the temporary labour force and materials during construction and on permanent/seasonal jobs and repairs and maintenance during operations.

5.1.13.1SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION

A net contribution to the local economy would be considered a positive effect. A net loss to the local economy would be considered a negative effect. A reasonable net gain in population which can be accommodated by the local services and amenities would be considered a positive effect. A large influx of non-resident workers which would strain local resources would be considered a negative effect.

5.1.13.2 POTENTIAL INTERACTIONS AND EFFECTS

Construction Phase

The construction cost for this project is yet to be determined however, for the purposes of this EIA we are assuming a hypothetical construction cost of \$80 million and applying the accepted rule of thumb for New Brunswick of a 50/50 split between labour and materials.

The resulting \$40 million for wages, assuming a median salary of \$65K per annum, would result in a total of about 615 person years of employment, or, assuming a 5-year construction period and a reasonable annual distribution, about 120 person years per annum.

Given the nature of the project, the majority of the jobs would be heavily weighted towards truck drivers and heavy equipment operators. It is assumed that sufficient truckers and general labourers exist on the Island, and other trades will be sourced on the mainland. For the purposes of the analysis, we have assumed that about 60 construction workers will reside on Grand Manan, either billeted or in local commercial roofed accommodation. This represents a 2.3% increase in the population of the Island, which cannot be considered a demographic shock causing issues with local governance or the delivery of local services.

The resulting \$40 million for materials would be spent on rock fill and armour stone for the breakwaters and materials for the development of access roads and the wharf surface, as well as ancillary amenities (lighting, etc.). It is anticipated that much of the rock can be sourced from local on-Island quarries; the other materials would be delivered by marine transport from off-Island sources. Assuming 50% of material costs would be locally sourced, this would result in \$4 million per annum accruing to the Grand Manan economy. Significance: *Moderate*, *Reversible*, *Regional*, *Long-term*, *Intermittent*.

Operations and Maintenance Phase

Harbour operations employment would typically comprise about 6 positions: harbour master / wharfinger, security personnel, maintenance crew, general purpose hands. The average salary for harbour employment in NB is about \$25 / hour and assuming 2,000 hours per annum and 30% benefits would result in a net incremental increase in local wages and salaries of about \$400,000 per annum. There would also be a net benefit to local contractors resulting from maintenance and repair activities. The accepted rule of thumb for O&M costs is in the range of 5 – 10% of capital value per annum. The final capital (assessed) value of the project has not been determined but for example, since the wharf is a relatively simple structure, assuming 5% of say, a \$10 million value, results in expenditures of \$500,000 per annum.

In total the operations and maintenance phase would result in approximately \$1 million accruing to the local economy. Significance: *Moderate, Reversible, Regional, Long-term, Continuous*.

5.1.13.3 MITIGATION MEASURES

Construction Phase

The largely positive effects could be optimized by maximizing local, on-Island hiring to the extent possible and by generating awareness on Grand Manan of employment opportunities and skills requirements so that training may be undertaken to ensure the prospective work force is job-ready and available when construction begins.

Local homeowners and commercial accommodation operators should be made aware of the potential influx of non-resident work force which could spur investment in renovations / expansion of existing facilities and/or the development of new facilities.

Operations and Maintenance Phase

The largely positive effects could be optimized by maximizing local, on-Island hiring to the extent possible and by generating awareness on Grand Manan of employment opportunities and skills requirements so that training may be undertaken to ensure the prospective work force is job-ready and available when operations begin.

5.1.13.4 RESIDUAL EFFECTS AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

There are no anticipated direct adverse effects on demographics and the Grand Manan economy. A positive residual effect is expected due to new employment opportunities, increased local expenditures and a manageable potential population increase as a result of the Project.

5.1.14 LAND/WATERLOTUSE

5.1.14.1SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION

A significant effect on existing and planned land uses outside of the Project footprint is one that results in a permanent change in current use of land or future opportunities to develop land, or a permanent loss of existing recreational opportunities.

5.1.14.2 POTENTIAL INTERACTIONS AND EFFECTS

Construction Phase

No direct adverse effects are anticipated on local land uses from construction or operation of the proposed Project, as the work will remain within the defined Project footprint.

Direct effects to physical VCs (e.g., groundwater, atmospheric environment) may result in indirect adverse effects on local land use during construction. For example, access road preparation involves ground disturbance and use of equipment which will result in temporary, short-term air emissions and noise. While these have potential to temporarily affect land use, effects on air quality will be reduced via mitigation measures and, as a result, these emissions will likely not result in significant adverse effects to the air quality within the vicinity of the Project footprint. Significance: *Moderate, Reversible, Local, Long-term, Intermittent*.

Operations and Maintenance Phase

Indirect effects on local land use may also occur during operation from direct effects to these same physical VCs potentially affected during construction. Significance: *Moderate, Reversible, Local, Long-term, Continuous*.

5.1.14.3 MITIGATION MEASURES

No direct adverse effects are anticipated on local land uses from construction or operation of the proposed Project.

5.1.14.4 RESIDUAL EFFECTS AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

There are no anticipated direct adverse effects on existing and planned land uses in the Project footprint. A positive residual effect is expected due to new recreation opportunities as a direct result of the Project.

Indirect adverse effects on local land use may result from direct effects on the VCs of groundwater, air quality and noise. As the effect assessments on these VCs determined that no significant adverse effects are expected from the proposed Project, no resulting significant adverse effects to land use are anticipated.

5.1.14.5 MITIGATION MEASURES

- Advise the Canadian Coast Guard, Marine Communications and Traffic Services (MCTS) Sydney at (902) 564-7751 (toll-free 1-800-686-8676) or via email: navwarn.mctssydney@innav.gc.ca sufficiently in advance of commencement of work, when deploying cautionary buoys, when discontinuing the cautionary buoys and upon completion of work, so that appropriate navigational warnings may be issued.
- During construction, place a cautionary buoy, carrying a 1nm nominal range yellow light with flash characteristic (FI)4s, 150mm retro-reflective tape and an integrated radar reflector in the immediate area of the breakwater.
- Construction material and debris are not allowed to become waterborne.
- All works and associated equipment shall be removed from the waterway at owner's expense in the event the operation of the works is terminated.
- Any rocks or debris in the vicinity of the proposed breakwater resulting from any construction activity are to be cleared so as to provide a clear approach for vessels navigating in the area.
- Vessels shall be allowed safe access through the work site at all times, and shall be assisted as necessary.
- Transport hazardous materials and hazardous waste in compliance with the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act*.

5.1.14.6 RESIDUAL EFFECTS AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

There are no anticipated direct adverse effects on existing and planned levels of vessel traffic in the Project footprint. A positive residual effect is expected due to new and upgraded marine infrastructure for vessel use as a direct result of the Project.

5.1.15 VISUAL LANDSCAPE

5.1.15.1SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION

Effects on the physical qualities that are intrinsic to local vistas and view planes from shoreline vantage points will result from the presence of the breakwaters and wharf infrastructure above normal sea levels (low and high tide), and lighting on the wharf and on vessels entering and exiting the harbour during both construction and operations. Visual impact analysis typically considers colour, texture, form, proportion, dominance and scale. A noticeable change from a human perception perspective to these factors would be considered a negative effect.

5.1.15.2 POTENTIAL INTERACTIONS AND EFFECTS

Construction Phase:

The unloading of rock fill from gravel trucks for the breakwaters, and the movement of excavators and other heavy equipment will be visible from certain shoreline locations. This activity is anticipated to be phased over four to five years and thus the impact on the viewshed will be gradual. To some extent it is expected that receptors would become accustomed to the activity over this period. There may be construction activity occurring during the night, which would require lighting.

Operations and Maintenance Phase:

Figure 5-1 indicates how the completed project would appear to a receptor viewing from the shore of Woodwards Cove. There is a noticeable change in terms of dominance and scale to the viewshed looking to the east and southeast. The breakwater crest elevation is three to four metres above sea level at high tide.

Vessel movement would typically be along a north-south direction parallel to the shore to enter and exit the harbour. Vessel lighting (which can be intense) would be visible before sunrise and after dusk.

5.1.15.3 MITIGATION MEASURES

Construction Phase:

Local property owners and businesses with a line of sight to the construction work should be made aware of the anticipated level of activity and the changes to the viewshed. Open communication will be kept with residents throughout construction.

Operations and Maintenance Phase:

The harbour will present a permanent change to the viewshed in the general Woodwards Cove vicinity. The impact of this change to human perception will be both physical and psychological. Over the construction period it is anticipated that Grand Manan residents will gradually become accustomed to the presence of the facility and recognize its importance to the fishing and aquaculture industries and the economy of the Island, which would serve to lessen any negative positions.

5.1.15.4 RESIDUAL EFFECTS AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

There would be a direct adverse effect on the existing view shed and ambient lighting levels.



Figure 5-1 High Tide - Proposed - Vessel

5.1.16 LAND-BASED TRANSPORTATION

5.1.16.1SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION

Effects on the Grand Manan transportation system will result from the movement of workers travelling, gravel trucks providing rock fill, and flatbed trailers moving heavy equipment (excavators, bulldozers, etc.), to the project site during construction, and Harbour Authority staff and wharf users during operations. A reduction in the Level of Service to the local transportation network would be considered a negative effect.

Currently the load restriction for roads in Grand Manan is 43,500 kg (43.5 tonnes), the lowest category in NB. For the purposes of the analysis it is assumed that this limit will not be exceeded.

5.1.16.2 POTENTIAL INTERACTIONS AND EFFECTS

Construction Phase

Approximately one million tonnes of rock fill will be required for the wharf and breakwaters. The placement of this volume of material is anticipated to be phased over four to five years (assume five years).

Construction phase effects can be determined by assuming two scenarios related to the delivery of rock fill to the project site:

- Scenario 1: 100% of rock fill requirement is sourced on Grand Manan Island.
- Scenario 2: 50% of rock fill requirement is sourced on Grand Manan Island, and 50% is delivered directly to the project site by marine transport (barge).

Scenario 1

Discussions indicate that local contractor trucks have a maximum load capacity of 14 short tons (12.7 tonnes). Thus, weight restrictions will not be an issue.

Assuming 1 million tonnes over 5 years = 200,000 tonnes / year.

Assuming year-round only business day movement and some reduction for inclement weather (excluding weekends and holidays) = 200,000 / 220 days which results in 900 tonnes / day.

Based on the haul capacity this results in 72 trucks / day, and assuming a 10-hour workday results in about seven trucks / hr. There are several potential quarry sites on Grand Manan but for most locations the truck travel time would be in the order of 10 minutes. Allowing for loading / unloading / placement activities each round trip would be at least 45 minutes per truck. It is assumed that about seven deliveries per hour is probably the maximum that could be handled at the project site.

Thus, for any given location between the selected quarry and the project site there would be about 15 round-trip truck movements per hour. In order to assess the impact of this activity it is necessary to compare it with the recent traffic counts for Grand Manan roads. Discussions with NBDTI indicate there is very little traffic count information for Grand Manan. There are no permanent counters on the island; only one temporary counter on Route 776. The AADT information is not broken out from the average annual daily traffic (AADT). The 2019 traffic volume map (most recent available) indicates that back to 2015, the average AADT count of 3450 for Grand Manan has been unchanged.

Based on the historical context, an incremental 10 - 12 truck trips (round trip) / hr or about 100 daily counts, represents a 3% increase over existing traffic levels which should not affect the current Level of Service. There will be effects related to noise, dust, and safety for which mitigation is provided.

Scenario 2

Assuming 500,000 tonnes over 5 years = 100,000 tonnes / year.

Adopting the same assumptions as for Scenario 1, delivering this volume of rock fill to the project site would result in about four trucks / hr. However, it is to be anticipated that the contractor may decide to deliver this volume in a shorter time frame. Thus, trucking round trips would be the same as for Scenario 1, but occur over a shorter period, with a similar impact on Level of Service.

Operations and Maintenance Phase

Transportation activity would be related to the movement of wharf staff and users on local and facility access roads, which would primarily involve pickup trucks and larger vehicles for fisheries product transport. Based on the 100-berth harbour capacity this would result in a maximum of about 200 round trips per day. This activity would be spread over a 16-hour period resulting in 13 round trips per hour, a level of activity which would have limited effect on the current Level of Service.

5.1.16.3 MITIGATION MEASURES

Construction Phase

All project related vehicle movements must comply with applicable traffic safety and management regulations and guidelines published by Transport Canada and the New Brunswick Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Grand Manan residents should be made aware of project related vehicle activity and encouraged to exercise due caution on roads and at intersections used by project vehicles.

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5.1.16.4 RESIDUAL EFFECTS AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

There are no anticipated direct adverse effects on the Level of Service of the Grand Manan transportation network.

5.1.17 HERITAGE AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

The Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) conducted by New Brunswick Museum in June 2022 evaluates the risk of encountering archaeological or heritage resources as low. However, the AIA recognizes that the potential will always exist to encounter archaeological and heritage resources during future excavation work.

A possible quartzite toolstone source was identified and systematically sampled within the intertidal zone. If possible, this feature should be left intact. A near shore peat deposit was also identified which has the potential to contain millennia-old terrestrial deposits. If this feature will be impacted by project related ground disturbance (e.g., dredging, excavation) archaeological monitoring and sampling of the feature should be undertaken by a permitted archaeologist or certified archaeological field technician to ensure that archaeological resources are not present.

No further archaeological assessment is recommended for the remaining project area. However, if the project area is amended to include areas not evaluated under the current study, additional archaeological assessment may be required.

5.1.17.1SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION

A significant adverse effect on cultural and archaeological resources is defined as one which results in a permanent disturbance or destruction of an archaeological, cultural or heritage resource considered by provincial heritage regulators to be of major importance where this effect is not mitigated or compensated.

5.1.17.2 POTENTIAL INTERACTIONS AND EFFECTS

Ground disturbing activities associated with construction of this Project could have adverse effects on archaeological resources. If unmitigated, activities such as grubbing, grading, and excavation could result in the permanent loss of irreplaceable cultural and archaeological resources and the knowledge that can be gained from them. Significance: *Moderate, Irreversible, Local, Long-term, Once*.

5.1.17.3 MITIGATION MEASURES

As cultural and archaeological features are non-renewable resources and any impact is permanent, clearly-defined mitigative measures are necessary to avoid a significant residual environmental effect. These mitigations include:

- Completion a program of subsurface archaeological testing prior to any disturbance in the immediate area;
- Implementation of a Contingency Plan (see below); and
- Implementation of training of contractors prior to construction on the Contingency Plan, to ensure that any suspected discovery is reported.

CONTINGENCY PLAN

A protocol for the accidental discovery of archaeological resources will be developed and included in a project specific Environmental Management Plan.

5.1.17.4 RESIDUAL EFFECTS AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

Given the mitigative measures above including contingency planning, no significant adverse residual environmental effects on cultural and archaeological resources are anticipated.

5.2 EFFECTS OF THE ENVIRONMENT ON THE PROJECT

Project infrastructure is subject to the nature of the environment in which it is located. The main concerns identified for the Project is the potential for severe weather. A significant effect of the environment on the Project would be one that results in:

- a long-term delay in Project schedule during construction;
- a long-term interruption in service during operation;
- damage to facility infrastructure such that human health and safety is at risk; or
- damage to facility infrastructure that would not be technically or economically feasible to repair.

Minor effects of the environment on the Project would be ones that result in a short-term delay in construction schedule, frequent short-term disruptions in service, and increased operating or maintenance costs.

5.2.1 SEVERE WEATHER

Stormy weather is commonplace in New Brunswick throughout the year with thunderstorms occurring on average between 10 to 20 days. Generally New Brunswick's storms are more severe and frequent during the winter months, packing strong winds with rain, freezing rain, and snow mixes (EC, 1990). In recent years, New Brunswick has been experiencing more extreme storm and rainfall events. Future trends predict total precipitation increasing and mostly in the form of rain.

Grand Manan has a humid continental climate. The climate in spring, summer and fall is very comfortable but winter has an inconsistent weather pattern with snow, rain, freezing rain and mild weather. Since 2000, the average annual precipitation has been 859.8 mm with August being the driest month (35 mm) and October (112 mm) the wettest (Weather Atlas, 2023).

Heavy rain can result in stoppages of outdoor work, particularly during construction. If unusual wet periods or excessive rain do occur, this can result in Project delays and an associated delay in completion and additional cost. Heavy rainfall events may also cause work-site erosion during the construction phase. A potential exists for failure of erosion and sediment control structures due to such precipitation events. Such a failure could result in the release of sediment-laden runoff to receiving watercourses with potential adverse environmental effects on fish and fish habitat. Local flooding may occur at work sites during extreme precipitation events.

Severe snowfall can affect winter construction or contribute to unusual flooding during snowmelt. It has the potential to increase structural loadings on facility and temporary buildings. Exceptional early snowfall could delay construction and result in additional work for snow clearing and removal. This could increase construction costs. Early snow cover can minimize or prevent ground freezing, and this may also affect winter construction intended at improving work progress and accessibility. Freezing rain, hail, ice and snow can interfere with the operation of vehicles on the highway, as it can cause slippery driving conditions and limit visibility.

5.2.2 CLIMATE CHANGE

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) defines climate change as "a change of climate which can be attributed directly or indirectly to human activity that alters the composition of the global atmosphere and which is in addition to natural climate variability observed over comparable time periods" (Government of Canada, 2010b). Emissions of GHGs (including CO₂, methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), ozone (O₃), sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), and chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)) released into the atmosphere primarily through anthropogenic activities such as the burning of fossil fuels are contributing to global climate change (Government of Canada, 2010b).

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is an international organization of the world's leading climate scientists and is affiliated with the United Nations. According to the IPCC, human activities have already resulted in an overall global warming of 1.0°C and is forecasted to reach 1.5 between 2030 and 2052 should it continue to increase at the current rate (IPCC, 2018).

The increase in average temperatures is projected to be accompanied by an increase in severe weather events, and a rise in sea levels. Severe weather events include flood, drought and storms, and the rise in sea levels will increase the number and severity (height) of storm surges, the wave energy and erosion (Lemmen et al., 2008).

5.2.3 SIGNIFICANCE OF EFFECTS

Project design will consider the potential effects of the environment on the Project. Climate change and severe weather will be considered in the Project design, particularly in the engineering design of the breakwater infrastructure. Environmental management and mitigation measures outlined in the EIA will be implemented during construction and operation together with monitoring of the effectiveness of the infrastructure to continue to provide safe vessel berthage. Adverse significant effects of the environment on the project are therefore not likely to occur.

6 CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

The effect of a project on the environment may not be fully reflected by the individual interactions of project components or activities with VECs. In many cases, individual projects and/or project components produce environmental effects that are not significant. However, when cumulatively combined with the effects of other project components or other projects and activities, these small effects may become important.

The basis for considering which of the cumulative environmental effects should be addressed, are provided in the Responsible Authority's Guide (the Agency, 1994), and supplemented by the Cumulative Effects Practitioners Guide (Hegmann et al., 1999). The assessment has considered any potential cumulative effects that may result from the Project construction or operation in concert with any other projects and activities known for the reasonably foreseeable future (five years). The assessment of cumulative effects is done between both the Project and other projects and between Project components.

Climate change is the main factor that would act in a cumulative manner with the proposed facility. Sea level rise and storm surge have been taken into account in the design of the facility. The potential for the presence of this facility to affect currents and sedimentation have also been thoroughly considered in the design of the proposed project.

The proposed facility is being planned to service the fishing and aquaculture industries on Grand Manan, Currently, there is an overcrowding issue at all the existing harbours on Grand Manan which would be relieved with the construction and operation of the proposed facility.

The other existing wharf at Woodwards Cove has been rocked over and is no longer in use and will not be refurbished. There are, therefore, no other existing harbour projects in the immediate area.

To our knowledge there are no other planned harbour or similar projects in the vicinity of the current proposed project.

7 CONSULTATION PROGRAM

Consultation with Provincial agencies such as the NBELG has been ongoing since the inception of the Project and continues as it evolves. The Provincial EIA process also requires consultation with all interested stakeholders. PSPC / DFO have been and will continue to be, an integral part of that process.

7.1 REGULATORY CONSULTATION

WSP and the Proponent have maintained ongoing consultation with representatives from several federal and provincial regulatory agencies, local government representatives, and resource managers in order to identify any issues specific to the proposed Project and identify appropriate mitigation strategies. The agencies consulted, have been coordinated through the provincial Technical Review Committee. Individual consultations are listed in Table 7-1.

7.2 INDIGENOUS CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

To provide a basis for effective and timely engagement, DFO-SCH has an established program with First Nations and consultation aggregates to share information on proposed program/projects/divesture as engagement, prior to any potential consultation. This engagement program was established with the intent to invest in this relationship to build collaboration, consensus and new ways to work together, prior to consultation.

DFO-SCH arranges and conducts meetings with the following First Nations and Indigenous Peoples representative groups in New Brunswick:

- Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'tagnn Inc. (MTI) (representing 9 of 10 Mi'gmag First Nations).
- Kopit Lodge (representing Elsipogtog First Nation).
- Wolastogey Nation in New Brunswick (WNNB) (representing Wolastogey First Nations).
- Passamaquoddy Recognition Group Inc. (PRGI) (representing Peskotomuhkati Nation at Skutik).

This engagement has provided First Nations and Indigenous Peoples representative groups the opportunity to:

- Learn about programs/projects/divestures prior to impact assessment and consultation process;
- Identify potential impacts on Indigenous and treaty rights, and provide input and comments on important issues, interests or values; and
- Identify Indigenous knowledge or studies that may inform the impact assessment and decision-making phases.

DFO-SCH presented the proposed Harbour Development Project concept in meetings held with representatives from MTI, PRGI, and WNNB in July, August, and October 2021, respectively. These meetings were held on Grand Manan Island to allow for representatives to visit the proposed development site and gain some initial perspective on the area of interest and have an opportunity to seek information from SCH staff as well as the local Harbour Authority representatives.

Letters offering to consult were submitted by DFO-SCH to First Nations and representative consultation aggregates on December 7, 2021, with a requested response date of January 28, 2022. Responses were received from MTI, PRGI, and WNNB accepting the offer of consultation. No response has been received from Elsipogtog First Nation

(nor Kopit Lodge on their behalf). A follow-up letter was submitted to Elsipogtog First Nation on February 2, 2023 providing an update on the proposed project and affirmed the Crown's commitment towards Consultation if the First Nation had interest in the project.

DFO-SCH and PSPC (on DFO-SCH's behalf) have been meeting with PRGI, WNNB, and MTI to keep these organizations apprised of advancements on the project, specifically in terms of design and environmental component studies. In order to inform both the Environmental Impact Assessment as well as support Consultation, DFO-SCH has been facilitating Indigenous involvement in component study and data collection efforts. Information gathered (through direct data collection or comments received from review of results) have been incorporated and addressed in the various studies included in this Environmental Impact Assessment.

DFO-SCH is also supporting the provision of Indigenous Knowledge to further inform the assessment of impacts on Indigenous and Treaty Rights potentially resulting from the proposed project. PRGI and MTI are completing Indigenous Knowledge Studies while WNNB is undertaking an Indigenous Resource and Land Use Study. Information derived from these studies as well as through Consultation will be incorporated into this Environmental Impact Assessment, as appropriate and with permission from the consultation aggregates.

7.3 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The NB EIA regulation requires consultation with the public. For this project an open house format was used and was well advertised prior the event.

A Public Open House was held October 13, 2022, from 4 to 8 pm at the Grand Manan Curling Club, 24 Curling Club Road, Grand Manan, New Brunswick (NB). Bilingual notices (Appendix I) of the meeting were placed with local print and radio media in advance of the session. Project Team members from PSPC, DFO and WSP participated in the event as well as the Mayor and members of the Council of the Village of Grand Manan and representatives of the Grand Manan Harbour Authority. Project Team members were available to respond to questions and concerns, as well as present information using poster displays. Over the course of the event, 26 people attended.

The Open House event was advertised by means of the following activities:

• Placement of the public notice (Appendix I) in the following print media approximately ten (10) days prior to the event.

Publication	Occurrences	Date(s)
St. Croix Courier	1	October 4
Telegraph-Journal	1	October 6
Acadie Nouvelle	2	October 6 and October 10

- Paper copy flyers of the public notice were distributed the week of October 3rd, as bulk non-addressed mail to 964 Grand Manan and Whitehead Island, households and businesses by the admail process which is a thirdparty service used by Canada Post.
- Posting of the public notice by the Grand Manan Girls and Boys Club at the following locations:
 - High Seas Convenience;
 - Vicky's Convenience;
 - Island Home Hardware;

- Grand Harbour Post Office;
- Harbour Grille;
- Grand Manan Community Centre;
- Village of Grand Manan office;
- Castalia Convenience;
- Grand Isle Drug Store;
- Coastal Transport office; and
- North Head Post Office.

The open house event was deemed to be a success. The relatively low turnout despite the extensive advertising effort coupled with the tone of the attendees' comments can generally be interpreted to indicate that there are few concerns among Grand Manan residents and other stakeholders regarding the proposed project. There were several positive comments regarding the need for a new harbour facility provided potential environmental and socioeconomic effects could be mitigated.

7.4 CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS AND INTEREST GROUPS

Direct email invitations to the Open House were sent to stakeholders identified by the Village Council, PSPC, DFO and WSP. This correspondence also encouraged the expression of concerns, observations and general comments regarding the proposed Project.

Table 7-1 provides a list of persons contacted, and their affiliation.

Table 7-1 Contact List

ORGANIZATION	CONTACT PERSON
Council of the Village of Grand Manan	Bonnie Morse Mayor
Grand Manan Harbour Authority	Bonnie Morse
Grand Manan Whale and Seabird Research Station	Heather Koopman koopmanh@uncw.edu
	Andrew Westgate westgatea@uncw.edu
M.G. Fisheries Ltd	Earle Wayne Green
Greenlaw Mountain Hawk Watch	Todd Watts buteobuz@gmail.com
Acadian Seaplants Ltd.	Paul Watson pwatson@acadian.ca Director of New Brunswick and Maine Operations

Fundy Baykeeper	Matt Abbott		
Conservation Council of New Brunswick	marine@conservationcouncil.ca		
Canadian Whale Institute/Campahalle	Moira Brown		
Canadian Whale Institute/Campobello			
Whale Rescue Team	Senior Scientist		
	moirabrown@rightwhales.ca		
www.canadianwhaleinstitute.ca			
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Bowdoin Scientific Station on Kent Island.	Patricia Jones		
	Director		
	pjones3@bowdoin.edu		
	pjoness@bowdom.edd		
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	Assistant Director		
Sea Urchin Harvesters	Russell Ingalls		
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7.5 ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Open House participants and other correspondence indicated that the most frequently asked questions are as follows:

- What will be the potential impact (noise, light pollution, visual intrusion) on adjacent properties?
- How will dust and blowing debris be managed during construction?

- What is the duration of construction?
- Will there be any blasting, and will there be pre-blast surveys?
- Will there be any impact to the wetland (to the west of the site)? Any changes to the water levels in the wetland will affect our dug well.
- How will this wetland be protected?
- What is the chemistry of the sediment? Is there any arsenic concentration? Bacteria levels?
- How will the clam harvest areas be protected?
- What is the rationale for the project?
- How will the wharf lighting de designed and will there be any light pollution at night?
- What are the potential impacts on birds?
- How will the project impact Castalia Provincial Park?
- Will the new breakwater and increased aquaculture activity attract invasive species?
- Why not repair / upgrade existing harbours on Grand Manan?
- How will the proposed harbour affect the current vista from my property?
- How have the First Nations been consulted?

7.6 ONGOING ENGAGEMENT

There were several requests for a post-Open House debrief from invitees and attendees. These individuals were sent an information package comprising a summary of the displays, which is presented at Appendix J.

Communication is ongoing with stakeholders, landowners and interest groups to address any questions that arise.

8 GENDER-BASED ANALYSIS +

8.1 PURPOSE

The Government of Canada is committed to supporting the full implementation of Gender-based analysis + (GBA+) across federal departments and agencies. GBA+ helps to ensure that the development of policies, programs and legislation includes the consideration of differential impacts on diverse groups.

The purpose of this section is to provide a structured approach for the Gender Based Analysis + (GBA+).

GBA+ should begin as soon as the department has identified a need for a new or updated program or project—it should inform options to be used to support policy and funding decisions.

GBA+ considerations are incorporated throughout the submission: from Design, Delivery and Implementation through to the Results. These considerations include:

- Identify likely GBA+ impacts or risks, and explain how they influence program design;
- Set out a plan to monitor performance, from a GBA+ perspective; and,
- Articulate plans for collecting disaggregated data to support ongoing GBA+ (monitoring, evaluations).

8.2 SUMMARY OF GBA+ CONSIDERATIONS

The DFO-SCH Woodwards Cove Harbour Development project has identified GBA+ consideration for the impact of construction and operation of the harbour development across many dimensions including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, race, national and ethnic origin, indigenous origin or identity, age, socio-economic condition, place of residence and disability.

This analysis has identified 3 key GBA+ areas for consideration as detailed below.

Improve Inclusion of Women in Trades

 The construction tender documents could include a section to encourage the general contractor to develop and implement a meaningful Women in Trades Engagement Plan.

Enhance Indigenous Relations

- DFO-SCH and PSPC have engaged and are engaged in ongoing consultation with Indigenous groups throughout the EIA process to conduct studies that are part of the baseline studies for this project.
- Continue data sharing and open communication with interested communities.
- As a continuation of this engagement, the construction tender documents could include the requirement for the general contractor develop an Indigenous Participation Plan and subcontract with Indigenous-owned businesses.

Improve Workplace Safety

- The overall aim of this project is to relieve overcrowding at other harbours on Grand Manan which in turn improves safety of the harbour users.
- Ensure proper signage is in place during construction to assist in control of heavy equipment movements and to avoid interactions of vehicles and workers on foot on-site.
- Proper berthing for vessels should eliminate unnecessary vessel movements as each vessel should have its own berth.
- During operation proper equipment to assist in offloading catch and provisioning vessels will improve worker safety by reducing some sources of physical strain.

9 FOLLOW-UP

To have a better understanding of the population at the clam assessment area, a follow-up assessment will be completed prior to next-years harvest. Details of a follow up assessment program are in the PRGI report in Appendix C.

Other follow up programs may include those associated with the anticipated Fisheries Authorization. Details will be determined through further review by DFO-FFHPP and the proponent.

10 SUMMARY OF RESIDUAL EFFECTS

No significant adverse residual environmental effects of the project (after considering the application of mitigation measures) are anticipated.

11 CONCLUSION

With the implementation of the mitigation measures detailed in this report, no significant adverse environmental impacts are anticipated as a result of the proposed project.

Conclusion on Significance of Adverse Environmental Effects (Sections 82-83):

The DFO-SCH has evaluated the project in accordance with Section 82 of the *Impact Assessment Act*, 2019. On the basis of this evaluation, the department has determined that the project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects with mitigation and therefore can proceed using mitigation measures as outlined.

12 SIGN-OFF PAGES

Decision

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Appendix A

Marine Sediment Sampling Program Report (GHD)



Marine Sediment Sampling Program

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Executive Summary

GHD Limited (GHD) was retained by Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC), on behalf of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), to complete a Marine Sediment Sampling Program (MSSP) for Woodwards Cove, Charlotte County, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick (NB) in preparation for proposed harbour development, involving marine sediment dredging.

In order to fulfill Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) disposal at sea (DAS) permitting requirements, marine sediment characterization of the material within the Woodwards Cove harbour basin is required.

On September 28th, 2022, a total of 18 sediment samples (22-WC-SED1 through 22-WC-SED18) were collected on the coast of the pre-existing harbour (Woodwards Cove Breakwater). The sediment samples were submitted to AGAT Laboratories (AGAT) in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia (NS) for analysis of total organic carbon (TOC), grain size (laser diffraction, with a 2 millimeter [mm] sieve), total metals (including mercury), low level total polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and total polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Sediment analytical results were screened to the CEPA DAS Regulations (Lower Level of the National Action List) and the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) Interim Sediment Quality Guidelines (ISGQs).

The analytical results for the sediment samples analyzed are summarized below:

- Grain size distribution was predominantly sand (average of 93.2.%) with lesser amounts of gravel (average of 3.6%), silt (average of 2.7%), and clay (average 0.5%).
- The average TOC in sediment was 0.56%.
- PCB results were non-detect (below detection limits [<0.010 mg/kg]) for all congeners in all sediment samples.
- Metal concentrations were below applicable guidelines.
- PAH results were generally below applicable guidelines with the exception of 22-WC-SED12 and 22-WC-SED15.

This work was completed under the standing offer agreement EP897-220109/004/PWD noted as the NB/PE Environmental Services Regional Individual Standing Offer (RISO) Agreement.

Additionally, GEMTEC was retained by Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) to complete an opportunistic geotechnical investigation at Woodwards Cove. A total of 11 soil samples were collected for analysis of geotechnical classification and chemical analysis.

The analytical program provided by GEMTEC included geotechnical classification tests including moisture content, density and a soils grading chart (T88) as well as chemical analysis for total PCBs, metals (plus mercury), PAHs (low level), TOC, and moisture. Geotechnical classification tests were completed by GEMTEC while chemical analysis of soils were completed by Bureau Veritas Laboratories (BV) in Bedford, NS. Further details on this investigation are provided under separate cover; however, analytical results are discussed in this report.

The analytical results for the samples collected by GEMTEC are summarized below:

- The average TOC for samples collected at Woodwards Cove was 7.6%.
- PCB concentrations were non-detect and therefore below applicable guidelines.
- Metal concentrations were below applicable guidelines.
- PAH results were below applicable guidelines.

The statements made in this Executive Summary are subject to the same limitations included in Section 6.0 (Study Limitations) and are to be read in conjunction with the remainder of this report.

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1. Introduction

GHD Limited (GHD) was retained by Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC), on behalf of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), to complete a Marine Sediment Sampling Program (MSSP) at Woodwards Cove, located in Charlotte County in Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick (NB) (see Figure 1 Site Location Map in Appendix A).

The area in which this study was completed is within the proposed new harbour development, involving marine sediment dredging, at Woodwards Cove. In order to fulfill Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) disposal at sea (DAS) permitting requirements, marine sediment characterization of the material within the proposed Woodwards Cove harbour basin is required.

2. Marine Sediment Sampling Program

2.1 Methodology

On September 28th, 2022, the MSSP was conducted to assess sediment conditions in the proposed dredging area within the Woodwards Cove harbour basin. The work was completed by Diversified Divers Inc. (DDI) of Hazelbrook, Prince Edward Island (PE), under the supervision of GHD. The diving team/crew consisted of a boat operator (with dive gear as backup) and two divers. The divers collected a total of 18 sediment samples (22-WC-SED1 through 22-WC-SED18) from the Woodwards Cove harbour basin. The sediment sample locations are presented in Figure 2 in Appendix A.

The coordinates of each sample location are listed in Table 1 as latitude and longitude (Datum: NAD83 CSRS). These coordinates were used to navigate to the sample locations with a pre-programmed Global Positioning System (GPS) unit capable of sub metre accuracy and locations were marked with a weighted buoy. Tide elevation at wharf, water depth, and sample depth were recorded at the time of sample collection and are presented in Table 1 below.

Divers collected representative harbour bottom sediment samples, with an attempt to achieve dredge grade where possible, for physical and chemical characterization using core-sampler probes to determine sediment stratigraphy. Samples were collected and brought to surface where GHD personnel documented the core-samples with photographs and transferred the sediment samples into pre-labelled laboratory supplied glass jars and prepared them for shipping. Samples were stored in a cooler with ice immediately after sample collection and for shipment to the laboratory. A minimum of 1.25 L of sediment was collected to meet sample volume requirements for the required analysis and to have extra sample in the event of container breakage.

Photographs were taken of both the Woodwards Cove harbour and of each sediment sample collected. The photographs are included in Appendix B.

In addition to the work completed by GHD, GEMTEC was retained by PSPC to carry out an opportunistic geotechnical investigation to characterize overlying sediments and bedrock in support of harbour development at Woodwards Cove. The geotechnical investigation included Dynamic Cone Penetration Tests (Pen cone tests) and borehole drilling. The majority of soil samples were collected by split spoon using a 35 mm inside diameter split barrel sampler. A total of 11 soil samples were collected for analysis of geotechnical classification and chemical analysis. Further details on this geotechnical investigation are provided under separate cover. It is also noted that as an environmental protection measure, the Passamaquoddy Recognition Group Inc. monitored for cetaceans, white sharks and sea turtles for the length of the geotechnical drilling program to minimize the likelihood of impacts. Monitoring occurred over 24 working days. Two harbour porpoises were observed on one day. For their protection, work was temporarily halted. Pinnipeds were also observed in the area over the course of the activities. No impacts were observed.

Table 1 Sediment and Biota Observation Description Summary

Sample ID	Date /	Tide Elevation	Water Depth	Sample Depth		oordinates 33 CSRS)	Description	Biota
	Time	(masl)	(m)	(m)	Latitude	Longitude	(sediment substrate)	
22-WC-SED1	9/28/22 8:44	2.9	1.00	0.6	44.70504	-66.73461	Fine, smooth, grey sediment	No
22-WC-SED2	9/28/22 9:47	2.5	2.80	1.5	44.70474	-66.73387	Sandy, red brown fine grained sediment.	No
22-WC-SED3	9/28/22 10:26	2.45	4.37	2.5	44.70480	-66.73300	Grainy, slick, grey, brown sand	No
22-WC-SED4	9/28/22 10:05	2.7	3.70	1.0	44.70444	-66.73258	Smooth sandy brown substrate	No
22-WC-SED5	9/28/22 10:15	2.6	4.20	2.5	44.70495	-66.73216	Smooth orange, brown sediment	No
22-WC-SED6	9/28/22 10:36	2.6	5.10	2.0	44.70534	-66.73278	Smooth grainy orange, brown sand	Yes – Hermit crab
22-WC-SED7	9/28/22 9:35	2.6	3.35	3.0	44.70528	-66.73366	Smooth brown sand	No
22-WC-SED8	9/28/22 8:51	2.7	1.50	2.5	44.70567	-66.73434	Smooth grey, brown sand	No
22-WC-SED9	9/28/22 9:01	2.8	2.20	1.5	44.70629	-66.73405	Brown, grey smooth sand	No
22-WC-SED10	9/28/22 9:28	2.6	3.87	1.5	44.70586	-66.73341	Fine brown sand	No
22-WC-SED11	9/28/22 10:52	2.2	6.00	3.0	44.70595	-66.73256	Fine smooth sand, orange, brown	No
22-WC-SED12	9/28/22 10:43	1.7	5.03	2.0	44.70555	-66.73199	Smooth brown sand	No
22-WC-SED13	9/28/22 11:08	1.5	6.09	2.5	44.70036	-67.52728	Brown, orange sandy material	Yes- Worm
22-WC-SED14	9/28/22 11:20	1.4	6.38	4.0	44.70662	-66.73229	Medium coarse- grained sand, brown, orange. Tightly packed sediment	No
22-WC-SED15	9/28/22 9:18	2.5	3.58	2.5	44.70651	-66.73311	Brown, grey smooth sand	No
22-WC-SED16	9/28/22 9:10	2.6	2.6	1.5	44.70695	-66.73372	Coarse and fine grained black, brown sand, some organics and pebbles	No
22-WC-SED17	9/28/22 11:26	1.3	6.64	4.0	44.70719	-66.73147	Smooth loose brown sand	Yes- Sand dollar
22-WC-SED18	9/28/22 11:35	1.3	7.18	2.5	44.70748	-66.73186	Rocky grey, brown sand	No
F-09					44.70680	-66.73350		

Table 1 Sediment and Biota Observation Description Summary

Sample ID	Date / Time	Tide Elevation	Water Depth	Sample Depth		oordinates 3 CSRS)	Description	Biota
	Time	(masl)	(m)	(m)	Latitude	Longitude	(sediment substrate)	
F-12					44.70618	-66.73380		
F-14					44.70577	-66.73403		
F-18					44.70492	-66.73445		
G-14					44.70571	-66.73372		
H-11					44.70624	-66.73315		
H-15					44.70540	-66.73352		
J-05					44.70734	-66.73188		
J-18					44.70458	-66.73326		
L-18					44.70444	-66.73265		

Note: "---" No Data

2.2 Laboratory Analytical Program

Following sample collection, samples were submitted to AGAT Laboratories (AGAT) in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia (NS) for analysis. AGAT is an accredited by the Canadian Association for Laboratory Accreditation Inc. (CALA) and the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) for the specified tests.

The sediment samples were analyzed for the following parameters:

- Grain size by laser diffraction with 2-millimetre (mm) sieve
- Total Organic Carbon (TOC)
- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) (Quantification by Gas Chromatography- Electron Capture Detection- Congener and Homologue Group Method)
- Metals (ICP 23 metals scan plus mercury)
- Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) low level analysis

3. Analytical Results

The analytical results of the sediment samples obtained from the Woodwards Cove harbour basin are summarized below. Analytical result tables, including analytical results of the GEMTEC geotechnical investigation, are provided in Appendix C. Laboratory certificates of analysis from GHD's sediment chemistry analysis and GEMTEC's borehole data collection are provided in Appendix D.

3.1 Grain Size

3.1.1 GHD Program

The laboratory reported that the grain size distribution for the sediment samples collected at the Woodwards Cove harbour basin was predominantly sand (average of 93.2.%) with lesser amounts of gravel (average of 3.6%), silt (average of 2.7%), and clay (average 0.5%).

Grain size results are shown on Figure 2 and 4 (Appendix A) and are provided in Table F-1A (Appendix C).

3.1.2 GEMTEC Program

GEMTEC completed geotechnical classification tests including moisture content, density, and a soils grading chart (T88). The findings of the geotechnical classification tests completed are provided in Appendix E.

3.2 Total Organic Carbon

3.2.1 GHD Program

TOC concentrations in the 18 samples (22 WC- SED1 through 22 WC-SED18) collected at Woodwards Cove ranged from 0.35 to 0.85%. The average TOC for sediment samples collected at Woodwards Cove was 0.56%.

The TOC results from the GHD program are provided in Table F-2A (Appendix C).

3.2.2 GEMTEC Program

TOC concentrations in the 11 samples (3-F09, 7-F12, 12-H15-2, 4-H11-1, 4-H11-2, 1-J05, 18-L18, J18, F18, and G14) collected at Woodwards Cove ranged from 17 to 1.1%. The average TOC for samples collected at Woodwards Cove was 7.6%.

The TOC results from the GEMTEC program are provided in Table F-2B (Appendix C).

3.3 Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)

3.3.1 GHD Program

PCB concentrations in the 18 samples (22 WC- SED1 through 22 WC-SED18) collected at Woodwards Cove were non-detect (below detection limits [<0.010 mg/kg]) for all congeners in all sediment samples. Total PCBs were below the guidelines for the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) Disposal at Sea Regulations (Lower Level of the National Action List) and Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) Interim Sediment Quality Guidelines (ISQGs).

The PCB results are provided in Table F-3A (Appendix C).

3.3.2 GEMTEC Program

PCB concentrations in the 11 samples (3-F09, 7-F12, 12-H15-2, 4-H11-1, 4-H11-2, 1-J05, 18-L18, J18, F18, and G14) collected at Woodwards Cove were below guidelines for the CEPA DAS (Lower Level of the National Action List) and CCME ISQGs.

The PCB results from the GEMTEC program are provided in Table F-3B (Appendix C).

3.4 Metals

3.4.1 GHD Program

Metals concentrations in the 18 samples (22 WC- SED1 through 22 WC-SED18) collected at Woodwards Cove were below guidelines for the CEPA DAS (Lower Level of the National Action List) and CCME ISQGs.

The metals results are provided in Table F-4A (Appendix C).

3.4.2 GEMTEC Program

Metals concentrations in the 11 samples (3-F09, 7-F12, 12-H15-2, 4-H11-1, 4-H11-2, 1-J05, 18-L18, J18, F18, and G14) collected at Woodwards Cove were below guidelines for the CEPA DAS (Lower Level of the National Action List) and CCME ISQGs, with the exception of the following:

- Samples H15-1, H15-2, H11-2, J05 and J18 reported copper concentrations exceeding the ISQGs; and.
- Samples Jo5 and J18 reported arsenic concentrations exceeding the IQSGs.

The metals results are provided in Table F-4B (Appendix C).

3.5 Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)

3.5.1 GHD Program

PAH concentrations in the 18 samples (22 WC- SED1 through 22 WC-SED18) collected from Woodwards Cove were below guidelines for the CEPA DAS (Lower Level of the National Action List) and CCME ISQGs with the exception of sample 22-WC-SED12 and 22-WC-SED15. Sample 22-WC-SED12 exceeded the CCME ISQGs guidelines for acenaphthylene. Sample 22-WC-SED15 exceeded the CCME ISQGs for acenaphthylene, benzo(a)anthracene, fluoranthene, phenanthrene, and pyrene. Total PAH concentrations for the samples were below the CEPA DAS guidelines.

The PAHs results are provided in Table F-5A (Appendix C).

3.5.2 GEMTEC Program

PAH concentrations in the 11 samples (3-F09, 7-F12, 12-H15-2, 4-H11-1, 4-H11-2, 1-J05, 18-L18, J18, F18, and G14) collected from Woodwards Cove were below guidelines for the CEPA DAS (Lower Level of the National Action List) and CCME ISQGs.

The PAHs results are provided in Table F-5B (Appendix C).

4. Quality Assurance/Quality Control

The quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) program was designed to ensure that the quality of the samples submitted for analysis are representative of the field conditions without interference from other sources. The QA/QC program also ensures that analytical results are reported accurately and precisely.

Sediment sampling protocols utilized in this investigation included the use of uncontaminated sampling materials and equipment, and minimal sample handling. The samples were placed in lab supplied jars and maintained in cool storage during sample collection and handling and during shipment to the laboratory.

The laboratory undertakes internal duplicate analysis for QA/QC purposes. To assess the quality of the analytical data, a review of the internal laboratory QA/QC results was completed and included a review of laboratory duplicate analysis, method blanks, spike samples, and QA/QC standards. The QA/QC results are reported on the laboratory certificates of analysis included in Appendix D.

Based on laboratory methods, sampling program design, and field observations, GHD concluded that the dataset of Site sediment sample results collected by GHD is complete and the analytical data is representative. In addition, the frequency of QC samples is deemed appropriate given the number of samples that were submitted for analysis.

5. Conclusions

GHD was retained by PSPC to complete a MSSP at Woodwards Cove, located in Grand Manan Island, NB.

On September 28th, 2022, a total of 18 sediment samples (22-WC-SED1 through 22-WC-SED18) were collected from the Woodwards Cove harbour basin. The sediment samples were submitted to AGAT in Dartmouth, NS for analysis. The 18 sediment samples were analyzed for TOC, grain size distribution, PAHs, PCBs, and Metals.

The analytical results for the samples collected by GHD are summarized below:

- Grain size distribution is predominantly sand (average of 93.2.%) with lesser amounts of gravel (average of 3.6%), silt (average of 2.7%), and clay (average 0.5%).
- The average TOC in sediment was 0.56%.
- PCB concentrations were non-detect and therefore below applicable guidelines.
- Metal concentrations were below applicable guidelines.
- PAH results were below applicable guidelines with the exception of 22-WC-SED12 and 22-WC-SED15 which had
 exceedances of the CCME ISQGs.

Additionally, GEMTEC was retained by PWGSC to complete a geotechnical investigation at Woodwards Cove. A total of 11 soil samples were collected for analysis of geotechnical classification and chemical analysis.

The analytical program provided by GEMTEC included geotechnical classification tests including moisture content, density and a soils grading chart (T88) as well as chemical analysis for total PCBs, metals (plus mercury), PAHs (low level), TOC, and moisture. Geotechnical classification tests were completed by GEMTEC while chemical analysis of soils were completed by BV in Bedford, NS.

The analytical results for the samples collected by GEMTEC are summarized below:

- The average TOC for samples collected at Woodwards Cove was 7.6%.
- PCB concentrations were non-detect and therefore below applicable guidelines.
- Metal concentrations were below applicable guidelines.
- PAH results were below applicable guidelines.

6. Study Limitations

This work was completed under the standing offer agreement EP897-220109/004/PWD noted as the NB/PE Environmental Services Regional Individual Standing Offer Agreement. This report has been prepared for the sole benefit of Public Services Procurement Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada. The report may not be relied upon by any other person or entity without the express written consent of GHD Limited, Public Services and Procurement Canada, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Any use which a third party makes of this report and any reliance on decisions made based on it, are the responsibility of such third parties. GHD Limited accepts no responsibility for damages, if any, suffered by any third party as a result of decisions or actions made based on this report.

The conclusions and recommendations presented represent the best judgment of the assessor based on current environmental standards and on the observed site conditions. Due to the nature of the investigation and the limited data available, the assessor cannot warrant against undiscovered environmental liabilities.

The conclusions are based on results from specific testing and/or sampling locations, and can only be extrapolated to an undefined limited area around these locations. The extent of the limited area depends on the sediment conditions, as well as the history of the site reflecting natural, construction and other activities. In addition, analysis has been

carried out for a limited number of physical/chemical parameters, and it should not be inferred that other chemical species are not present.

Should additional information become available, GHD Limited requests that this information be brought to our attention so that GHD Limited may re-assess the conclusions presented herein.

7. Closure

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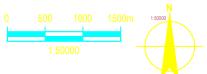
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Appendices

Appendix A Site Figures





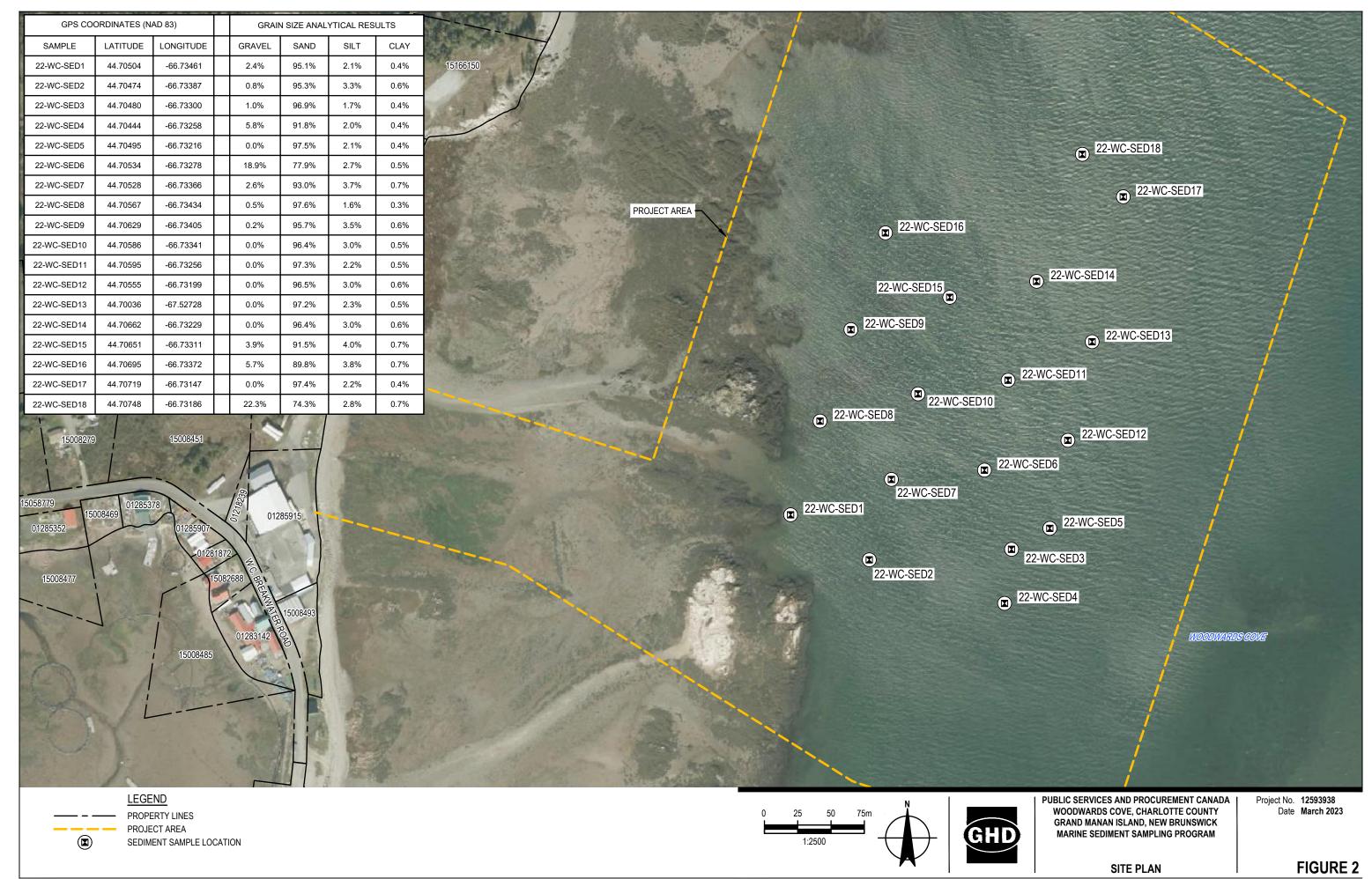


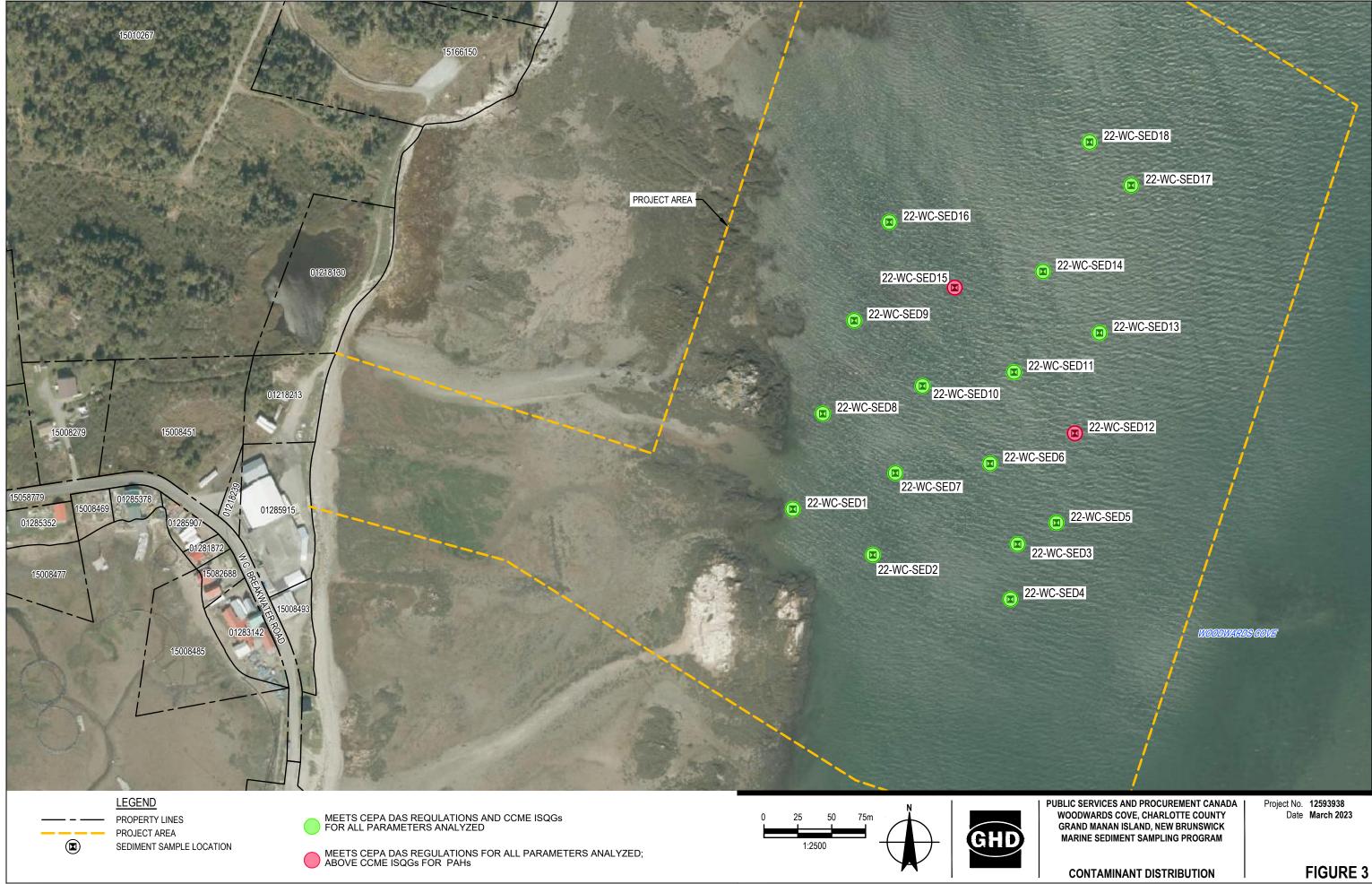
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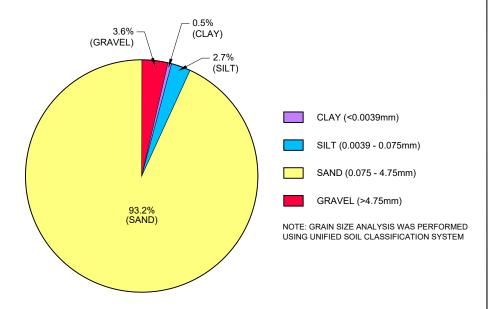
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FIGURE 1

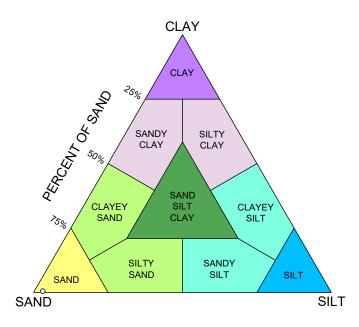




SUBSTRATE COMPOSITION AVERAGE FROM SAMPLING LOCATIONS (%)



SHEPARD'S CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



O GRAIN SIZE ANALYSIS AVERAGE FOR SAMPLES 22-WC-SED1 TO 22-WCB-SED18



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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION PLOTS

FIGURE 4

Appendix B Site Photographs

Site Photographs



Photo 1 Woodwards Cove, facing west, September 28, 2022.



Photo 2 Woodwards Cove, facing east, September 28, 2022.



Photo 3 Woodwards Cove, facing west, September 28, 2022.









Photo 6 and 7 22-WC-SED3 and 22-WC-SED4













Photo 10 and 11 22-WC-SED7 and 22-WC-SED8









Photo 14 and 15 22-WC-SED11 and 22-WC-SED12



Photo 16 and 17 22-WC-SED13 and 22-WC-SED14







Photo 18 and 19 22-WC-SED15 and 22-WC-SED16



Photo 20 and 21 22-WC-SED17 and 22-WC-SED18





Appendix C

Analytical Summary Tables

Table F-1A: Particle Size Results for Marine Sediments - Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick

											Wo	entification odwards C GHD Limite								
Parameter	RDL	Units	22-WC- SED1	22-WC- SED2	22-WC- SED3	22-WC- SED4	22-WC- SED5	22-WC- SED6	22-WC- SED7	22-WC- SED8	22-WC- SED9	22-WC- SED10	22-WC- SED11	22-WC- SED12	22-WC- SED13	22-WC- SED14	22-WC- SED15	22-WC- SED16	22-WC- SED17	22-WC- SED18
												28-Sep-22								
Particle Size Distribution (>2000)	0.1	%	97.6	99.2	99.0	94.2	100.0	81.1	97.4	99.5	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	96.1	94.3	100.0	77.7
Particle Size Distribution (2000)	0.1	%	97.6	99.2	99.0	94.2	100.0	81.1	97.4	99.5	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	96.1	94.3	100.0	77.7
Particle Size Distribution (1000)	0.1	%	95.8	97.4	99.0	94.1	100.0	78.8	97.3	99.3	99.8	99.9	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0	95.8	92.8	99.9	74.7
Particle Size Distribution (850)	0.1	%	94.6	95.9	99.0	93.4	100.0	76.7	96.6	98.4	99.3	99.2	100.0	100.0	99.4	100.0	94.6	91.7	99.2	71.8
Particle Size Distribution (500)	0.1	%	87.9	89.8	98.8	90.4	99.9	69.1	92.7	93.6	95.3	94.2	99.9	99.9	97.3	99.9	89.3	85.8	95.7	62.8
Particle Size Distribution (425)	0.1	%	82.4	88.2	96.4	87.8	98.6	67.0	92.2	88.5	94.8	92.3	98.1	97.9	95.9	98.5	88.5	84.8	92.2	59.1
Particle Size Distribution (250)	0.1	%	34.1	54.8	40.5	36.3	48.7	36.6	67.6	37.0	66.8	60.1	45.4	46.4	50.2	50.0	65.7	62.2	39.9	25.5
Particle Size Distribution (180)	0.1	%	10.1	20.6	9.0	8.4	13.2	13.7	30.1	10.2	28.9	24.6	12.6	13.5	15.2	15.5	31.2	28.4	11.4	9.7
Particle Size Distribution (150)	0.1	%	5.4	10.5	4.0	4.3	5.9	7.8	15.7	4.9	14.9	12.5	6.3	7.1	7.0	8.0	17.0	15.2	5.8	6.4
Particle Size Distribution (125)	0.1	%	3.7	6.3	3.0	3.4	3.8	5.2	8.7	3.2	8.1	6.8	4.4	5.1	4.3	5.4	9.5	8.6	3.9	5
Particle Size Distribution (75)	0.1	%	2.6	4.1	2.2	2.5	2.6	3.4	4.8	2.1	4.5	3.8	2.9	3.7	2.9	3.7	5.0	4.8	2.7	3.6
Particle Size Distribution (62.5)	0.1	%	2.5	3.9	2.1	2.4	2.5	3.2	4.4	2.0	4.1	3.6	2.7	3.5	2.8	3.6	4.6	4.4	2.6	3.4
Particle Size Distribution (44)	0.1	%	2.2	3.4	1.9	2.2	2.3	2.7	3.8	1.7	3.6	3.1	2.4	3.2	2.5	3.2	4.0	3.8	2.4	3.1
Particle Size Distribution (31)	0.1	%	1.9	2.0	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.6	2.2	1.0	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.9	1.5	1.9	2.3	2.2	1.4	1.9
Particle Size Distribution (20)	0.1	%	1.5	1.6	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.7	0.7	1.6	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.1	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.1	1.5
Particle Size Distribution (16)	0.1	%	1.9	3.0	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.4	3.2	1.5	3.1	2.7	2.1	2.8	2.2	2.8	3.4	3.2	2.1	2.7
Particle Size Distribution (11)	0.1	%	1.0	2.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.9	2.5	1.1	2.4	2.1	1.7	2.2	1.7	2.2	2.7	2.5	1.7	2.2
Particle Size Distribution (7.8)	0.1	%	0.7	1.2	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.3	0.6	1.2	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.2	0.8	1.2
Particle Size Distribution (6.6)	0.1	%	0.6	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.1	0.5	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.1	0.7	1
Particle Size Distribution (3.9)	0.1	%	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.7
Particle Size Distribution (2)	0.1	%	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Particle Size Distribution (1.3)	0.1	%	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Particle Size Distribution (Gravel)	0.1	%	2.4	0.8	1.0	5.8	0.0	18.9	2.6	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9	5.7	0.0	22.3
Particle Size Distribution (Sand)	0.1	%	95.1	95.3	96.9	91.8	97.5	77.9	93.0	97.6	95.7	96.4	97.3	96.5	97.2	96.4	91.5	89.8	97.4	74.3
Particle Size Distribution (Silt)	0.1	%	2.1	3.3	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.7	3.7	1.6	3.5	3.0	2.2	3.0	2.3	3.0	4.0	3.8	2.2	2.8
Particle Size Distribution (Clay)	0.1	%	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.7

Table F-1B: Particle Size Results for Soil- Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick

					Sam	ple Identifica Woodward GEMT	s Cove	ale		
Parameter	RDL	Units	18-L18	J18	4-H11-2	12-H15-1	G14	F18	12-H-15-2	1-J05
						9-Sep-	22			
D ₁₀	-	-	0.16	-	-	-	0.01	0.08	-	-
D ₁₅	-	-	0.20	-	-	-	0.03	0.13	-	-
D ₃₀	-	-	1.81	0.00	-	0.00	0.2	0.18	0.01	-
D ₅₀	-	-	9.03	0.09	0.00	0.04	1.13	0.23	0.05	0.00
D ₆₀	-	-	13.32	0.21	0.01	0.07	1.99	0.26	0.08	0.01
D ₈₅	-	-	24.55	4.52	0.06	0.29	8.51	0.57	1.81	0.20
%5-75µm	-	-	2.7	17.3	35.4	27.9	14.7	5.6	30.2	22.7
Particle Size Distribution (Gravel)	0.1	%	60.3	35.6	2.7	1.4	22.5	56.0	14.7	6.8
Particle Size Distribution (Sand)	0.1	%	14.5	36.9	17.3	31.3	4.2	87.1	5.6	3.1
Particle Size Distribution (Silt)	0.1	%	0	10.4	35.4	54.2	5.6	35.0	30.2	29.2
Particle Size Distribution (Clay)	0.1	%	3.2	34.8	27.9	34.1	0.9	18.6	22.7	57.8

Table F-2A: FOC, TOC and Percentage Moisture Results for Marine Sediments - Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick

						-					Sampl	e Identification a	nd Date							
												Woodwards Cov	e							
Parameter												GHD Limited								
	RDL	Units	22-WC- SED1	22-WC- SED2	22-WC- SED3	22-WC- SED4	22-WC- SED5	22-WC- SED6	22-WC- SED7	22-WC- SED8	22-WC- SED9	22-WC-SED10	22-WC- SED11	22-WC- SED12		22-WC- SED14	22-WC- SED15	22-WC- SED16	22-WC- SED17	22-WC- SED18
												28-Sep-22								
Fraction Organic Carbon in Soil	0.0015	-	0.0044	0.0049	0.0040	0.0035	0.0035	0.0049	0.0058	0.0054	0.0058	0.0063	0.0063	0.0067	0.0058	0.0062	0.0063	0.0058	0.0058	0.0085
Total Organic Carbon in Soil	0.1	%	0.44	0.49	0.4	0.35	0.35	0.49	0.58	0.54	0.58	0.63	0.63	0.67	0.58	0.62	0.63	0.58	0.58	0.85
% Moisture	1	%	22	27	21	24	23	22	25	68	25	24	24	25	25	25	24	25	24	20

Table F-2B: FOC, TOC and Percentage Moisture Results for Soil - Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick

Table 1-2B. 1 Oc, 100 and 1 erce					,		Sample Idei		and Date				
							Wood	dwards Co	ve				
							(SEMTEC					
arameter	RDL	Units	3-F09	7-F12	12-H15-1	12-H15-2	4-H11-1	4-H11-2	1-J05	18-L18	J18	F18	G14
							9	9-Sep-22					
Fraction Organic Carbon in Soil	0.0015	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Organic Carbon in Soil	0.1	%	2.9	8.5	2.0	1.7	2.1	2.3	1.5	1.1	1.3	3.2	17
% Moisture ^A	1	%	15	15	20	29	17	18	22	14	20	19	13
% Moisture ^B	1	%	- 1	-	23.91	16.78	-	22.76	24.86	9.99	20.84	26.92	13.48

^A % Moisture data receieved from Bureu Veritas Laboratory Certificate of Analysis ^B % Moisture data receieved from GEMTEC Certificate of Analysis

Table F-3A: PCB Results for Marine Sediments - Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick

											Sample Id	entification	and Date								CCME Sediment Quality	CEPA Disposal at Sea
											Wo	odwards Co	ove								Guidelines ⁽¹⁾	Regulations (2)
												GHD Limited	d								Guideillies	Regulations
Parameter	RDL	Units	22-WC-	22-WC-	22-WC-	22-WC-	22-WC-	22-WC-		22-WC-	22-WC-	22-WC-	22-WC-	22-WC-	22-WC-	22-WC-	22-WC-	22-WC-	22-WC-	22-WC-	Interim Sediment Quality	Lower Level of the
			SED1	SED2	SED3	SED4	SED5	SED6	22-WC-SED7	SED8	SED9	SED10	SED11	SED12	SED13	SED14	SED15	SED16	SED17	SED18	Guidelines (ISQGs)	National Action List
												28-Sep-22									Marii	ie
PCB 17+18	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 28+31	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 33	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 52	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 49	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 44	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 74	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 70	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 95	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 101	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 99	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 87	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 110	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 82	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 151	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 149	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 118	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 153	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 132	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 105	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 158+138	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 187	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 183	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 128	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 177	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 171	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 156	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 180	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 191	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 169	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 170	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 199	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 208	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 195	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 194	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 205	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010		<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 206	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
PCB 209	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
Total Trichlorobiphenyl	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
Total Tetrachlorobiphenyl	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
Total Pentachlorobiphenyl	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
Total Hexachlorobiphenyl	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
Total Heptachlorobiphenyl	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
Total Nanashlanshinhand	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
Total Nonachlorobiphenyl	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	-	-
Total Decachlorobiphenyl	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	0.0045	- 0.4
Total PCBs	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	0.0215	0.1
PCB 16	-	%	78.70	78.90	94.80	85.70	102.00	110.00	96.60	86.00	84.00	85.00	97.40	95.40	73.40	78.80	79.60	94.80	67.60	77.10	-	-
PCB 65	-	%	76.60	77.80	98.50	90.20	107.00	115.00	101.00	91.40	86.20	89.80	103.00	99.30	76.70	82.40	79.50	92.50	71.20	81.60	-	-
PCB 166	-	%	67.90	68.20	81.30	73.30	89.90	95.50	84.80	76.50	73.60	74.70	84.80	83.00	64.20	70.10	70.50	82.40	61.60	70.90	-	-
PCB 200	- 0.4	%	80.30	78.50	95.40	84.60	104.00	110.00	97.20	89.60	85.20	86.40	98.10	97.80	75.20	83.80	81.70	95.80	71.50	82.30	-	-
Moisture	0.1	%	27.80	25.90	26.70	23.60	30.10	22.50	28.60	26.90	30.40	27.70	25.30	27.80	28.90	29.50	28.90	28.90	24.60	20.20	-	-

<u>Underline/Bold</u> Exceeds CEPA Disposal at Sea Regulations

< - Not detected at associated detection limit

⁽¹⁾ CCME = Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment - Sediment Quality Guidelines for the Protection of Aquatic Life (marine)

⁽²⁾ CEPA = Canadian Environmental Protection Act

Shading Exceeds CCME ISQG

Table F-3B: PCB Results for Soil - Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick

							Sample	Identification	and Date				
							V	loodwards Co	ve				
								GEMTEC					
Parameter	RDL	Units	3-F09	7-F12	12-H15-1	12-H15-2	4-H11-1	4-H11-2	1-J05	18-L18	J18	F18	G14
								9-Sep-22					
PCB 17+18	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 28+31	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 33	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 52	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 49	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 44	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 74	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 70	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 95	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 101	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 99	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 87	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 110	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 82	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 151	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 149	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 118	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 153	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 132	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 105	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 158+138	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 187	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 183	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 128	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 177	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 171	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 156	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 180	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 191	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 169	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 170	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 199	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 208	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 195	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 194	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 205	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 206	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 209	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
Total Trichlorobiphenyl	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
Total Tetrachlorobiphenyl	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
Total Pentachlorobiphenyl	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
Total Hexachlorobiphenyl	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
Total Heptachlorobiphenyl	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
Total Octachlorobiphenyl	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
Total Nonachlorobiphenyl	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
Total Decachlorobiphenyl	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
Total PCBs	0.010	mg/kg	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 16	-	%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PCB 65	-	%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PCB 166	-	%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PCB 200	-	%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Moisture	0.1	%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes

< - Not detected at associated detection limit

Table F-4A: Metals Results for Marine Sediments - Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick

	lais Results					,		.,		S	ample Ide	ntification a	and Date									
											Woo	dwards Co	/e								CCME Sediment Quality Guidelines ⁽¹⁾	CEPA Disposal at Sea Regulations ⁽²⁾
Parameter	RDL	Units									Gŀ	ID Limited									Guidelines	Regulations
			22-WC- SED1	22-WC- SED2	22-WC- SED3	22-WC- SED4	22-WC- SED5	22-WC- SED6	22-WC- SED7	22-WC- SED8	22-WC- SED9	22-WC- SED10	22-WC- SED11	22-WC- SED12	22-WC- SED13	22-WC- SED14	22-WC- SED15	22-WC- SED16	22-WC- SED17	22-WC- SED18	Interim Sediment Quality Guidelines (ISQGs)	Lower Level of the National Action List
											2	8-Sep-22									Mari	ne
Aluminum	10		5990	6210	4820	5260	5750	5340	6660	6000	6910	6290	5590	5160	5330	5110	6420	6950	5190	5430	-	-
Antimony	2.0		<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	-	-
Arsenic	2.0		4.1	5.0	4.0	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.2	5.5	4.8	4.4	4.2	3.9	4.2	4.4	4.9	4.6	4.8	7.24	-
Barium	5.0		6.2	5.5	<5.0	<5.0	5.1	<5.0	8.0	<5.0	6.5	7.4	7.0	<5.0	5.4	6.7	6.2	6.0	<5.0	5.7	-	-
Beryllium	1.2		<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	-	-
Bismuth	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Boron	50		<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	-	-
Cadmium	0.30		< 0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	0.7	0.60
Chromium	2.0		10.1	11.5	9.9	10.6	11.1	10.2	11.6	10.5	12.1	11.4	9.9	9.9	9.6	10.0	13.0	12.6	10.9	9.8	52.3	-
Cobalt	1.0		3.1	3.3	2.6	2.7	3.1	2.8	3.4	3.0	3.7	3.4	2.9	2.7	2.9	2.8	3.7	3.8	3.0	2.9	-	-
Copper	2.0		3.8	3.7	2.9	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.8	3.3	4.3	4.2	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.8	4.2	4.4	3.0	3.2	18.7	-
Iron	50		8640	8860	6970	7380	8140	7470	8990	8450	9810	8950	7490	7040	7480	7350	9520	10200	8010	8110	-	-
Lead	0.50		3.16	3.55	3.42	3.46	3.37	3.99	3.88	2.87	3.81	4.06	4.21	3.26	3.32	3.60	3.83	3.52	3.82	3.68	30.2	-
Lithium	2.0	mg/kg	15.70	15.20	13.30	14.30	14.90	14.30	16.10	14.70	16.70	15.40	15.00	13.90	13.30	13.20	15.20	16.30	13.80	14.40	-	-
Manganese	2.0		135	135	121	112	138	112	142	138	154	151	135	123	123	134	149	161	137	116	-	-
Mercury	0.03		< 0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	< 0.03	0.13	0.75
Molybdenum	2.0		<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	-	-
Nickel	2.0		6.2	6.8	5.4	5.9	6.4	6.1	7.0	6.3	7.6	6.8	5.9	5.6	6.3	6.0	7.6	7.8	6.4	6.3	-	-
Rubidium	2.0		2.8	3.0	2.4	2.6	2.9	2.9	3.2	2.7	3.3	2.9	2.8	2.7	3.0	2.8	3.5	3.4	2.8	3.3	-	-
Selenium	1.0		<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	-	-
Silver	0.50		< 0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	< 0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	< 0.50	-	-
Strontium	5.0		9.5	10.6	7.6	7.1	9.7	9.4	11.4	8.8	12.1	11.1	9.4	9.4	9.8	9.9	11.2	11.5	9.5	8.1	-	-
Thallium	0.10		<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	-	-
Tin	1.0		3.4	3.7	3.0	3.4	3.8	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.4	2.9	2.6	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.5	3.9	-	-
Uranium	0.10		0.34	0.24	0.20	0.20	0.22	0.22	0.26	0.23	0.25	0.24	0.22	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.32	0.29	0.24	0.26	-	-
Vanadium	2.0		17.1	18.2	15.3	16.7	17.4	15.8	17.9	16.8	19.2	18.4	16.1	15.6	14.7	15.2	18.4	18.9	16.8	16.2	-	-
Zinc	5.0		20	20.9	16.1	17	19.0	18.0	21.6	19.9	23.2	22.6	18.1	17.4	18.7	17.3	22.6	24.0	18.4	19.0	124	-

Notes

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Table F-4B: Metals Results for Soil - Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick

							Sample I	dentification	and Date				
							W	oodwards Co	ve				
Parameter	RDL	Units						GEMTEC					
			3-F09	7-F12	12-H15-1	12-H15-2	4-H11-1	4-H11-2	1-J05	18-L18	J18	F18	G14
								9-Sep-22					
Aluminum	10		7700	4900	21000	18000	7500	25000	23000	7700	18000	7000	5200
Antimony	2.0		<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0
Arsenic	2.0		2.2	4.1	12	13	2.4	14	15	3.0	17	2.3	2.9
Barium	5.0		6.2	11	51	45	6.0	75	62	5.3	54	<5.0	5.5
Beryllium	1.0		<1.0	<1.0	1.0	<1.0	<1.0	1.2	1.2	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0
Bismuth	2.0		<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0
Boron	50		<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50
Cadmium	0.30		<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30
Chromium	2.0		11	8.8	38	33	17	46	43	33	36	15	8.5
Cobalt	1.0		6.6	3.4	15	13	4.7	19	17	5.1	14	4.6	6.8
Copper	2.0		6.3	4.1	23	29	5.0	30	28	9.6	23	5.5	6.7
Iron	50		20000	17000	37000	32000	14000	44000	43000	16000	34000	14000	19000
Lead	0.50		2.9	2.8	15	12	4.4	19	17	3.4	14	2.9	3.1
Lithium	2.0	mg/kg	13	7.6	41	30	14	47	46	14	34	14	6.7
Manganese	2.0		220	750	670	670	200	940	530	210	620	190	2000
Mercury	0.010		<0.010	<0.010	0.010	<0.010	<0.010	0.013	0.015	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
Molybdenum	2.0		<2.0	2.1	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	3.4	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0
Nickel	2.0		6.6	5.1	39	33	10	47	44	10	35	9.3	6.4
Rubidium	2.0		3.1	4.3	26	18	3.2	32	29	3.1	21	3.2	5.3
Selenium	0.50		<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	0.91	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50
Silver	0.50		<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50
Strontium	5.0		23	32	34	35	16	36	24	14	25	10	13
Thallium	0.10]	<0.10	<0.10	0.17	0.12	<0.10	0.19	0.16	<0.10	0.14	<0.10	<0.10
Tin	1.0]	<1.0	<1.0	1.1	<1.0	<1.0	1.2	1.3	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0
Uranium	0.10	1	0.68	0.82	1.1	0.94	0.49	1.5	1.1	0.40	1.4	0.71	2.0
Vanadium	2.0]	17	10	45	47	25	50	48	23	43	22	13
Zinc	5.0]	45	24	76	63	30	89	84	31	68	28	18

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Table F-5A: PAH Results for Marine Sediments - Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick

Table F-SA. FAR Results	IOI Maille	Seamle	1113 - 11000	iwaius co	ve, Granu n	nanan isiai	iu, itew bit	IIISWICK														
										s	ample Ider	ntification a									CCME Sediment Quality Guidelines ⁽¹⁾	CEPA Disposal at Sea Regulations ⁽²⁾
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Parameter	RDL	Units									GH	D Limited										
r arameter	RDL	Office	22-WC- SED1	22-WC- SED2	22-WC- SED3	22-WC- SED4	22-WC- SED5	22-WC- SED6	22-WC- SED7	22-WC- SED8	22-WC- SED9	22-WC- SED10	22-WC- SED11	22-WC- SED12	22-WC- SED13	22-WC- SED14	22-WC- SED15	22-WC- SED16	22-WC- SED17	22-WC- SED18	Interim Sediment Quality Guidelines (ISQGs)	Lower Level of the National Action List
											2	8-Sep-22									Ma	rine
1-Methylnaphthalene	0.05		<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	< 0.05	<0.05	-	-
2-Methylnaphthalene	0.02		<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	0.0202	-
Acenaphthene	0.00671	·	<0.00671	<0.00671	<0.00671	<0.00671	<0.00671	<0.00671	<0.00671	<0.00671	<0.00671	<0.00671	<0.00671	<0.00671	<0.00671	<0.00671	<0.00671	<0.00671	<0.00671	<0.00671	0.00671	-
Acenaphthylene	0.005	·	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	0.011	<0.005	<0.005	0.016	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	0.00587	-
Anthracene	0.03		<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	0.0469	-
Benzo(a)anthracene	0.01		<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.04	<0.01	<0.01	0.09	<0.01	0.05	0.03	0.0748	-
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.01		<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.03	<0.01	<0.01	0.06	<0.01	0.03	<0.01	0.0888	-
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	0.05		<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	-	-
Benzo(j+k)fluoranthene	0.05		<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	80.0	<0.05	< 0.05	<0.05	-	-
Benzo(ghi)perylene	0.01	mg/kg	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.03	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	-	-
Chrysene	0.01	mg/kg	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.08	<0.01	0.04	0.03	0.108	-
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	0.006		<0.006	<0.006	<0.006	<0.006	<0.006	<0.006	<0.006	<0.006	<0.006	<0.006	<0.006	<0.006	<0.006	<0.006	<0.006	<0.006	<0.006	<0.006	0.00622	-
Fluoranthene	0.05		<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	0.11	<0.05	<0.05	0.19	<0.05	0.09	0.06	0.113	-
Fluorene	0.01		<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.0212	-
Indeno(1,2,3)pyrene	0.01		<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.02	<0.01	<0.01	0.04	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	-	-
Naphthalene	0.01		<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.0346	-
Perylene	0.05		<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	-	-
Phenanthrene	0.03		<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	0.07	<0.03	<0.03	0.11	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	0.0867	-
Pyrene	0.05		<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	0.09	<0.05	<0.05	0.16	<0.05	0.07	0.05	0.153	-
Total PAH	0.5		<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	1.00	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	-	2.5

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Table F-5B: PAH Results for Soil - Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick

Table F-3B. PAR Results	101 0011 1	rood ma	us cove,	orana wa	nan islana	, New Bran	OWIOK							
			Sample Identification and Date											
			Woodwards Cove											
								GEM1	ΓEC					
Parameter	RDL	Units												
			3-F09	7-F12	12-H15-1	12-H15-2	4-H11-1	4-H11-2	1-J05	18-L18	J18	F18	G14	
			0.00						. 555	10 210	0.0			
								9-Sep	. 22					
1-Methylnaphthalene	0.0050		<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	9-Sep <0.0050	< 0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	
2-Methylnaphthalene	0.0050		<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	
Acenaphthene	0.0050		<0.0050	<0.0050		0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	
Acenaphthylene	0.0050		<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	
Anthracene	0.0050		<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	0.0099	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	
Benzo(a)anthracene	0.0050		0.012	0.011	<0.0050	<0.0050	0.0033	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.0050		0.012	0.010	<0.0050	<0.0050	0.013	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	0.0050		0.0096	0.0072	<0.0050	<0.0050	0.0096	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	
Benzo(j+k)fluoranthene	0.0050		<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	
Benzo(ghi)perylene	0.0050	mg/kg	0.0063	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	0.0064	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	
Chrysene	0.0050		0.011	0.0099	<0.0050	<0.0050	0.013	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	0.0050		<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	
Fluoranthene	0.0050		0.024	0.025	<0.0050	<0.0050	0.031	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	0.0098	<0.0050	
Fluorene	0.0050		<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	
Indeno(1,2,3)pyrene	0.0050		<0.010 (1)	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	0.0062	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	
Naphthalene	0.0050		<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	
Perylene	0.0050		<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	
Phenanthrene	0.0050		0.011	0.022	<0.0050	<0.0050	0.013	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	0.0078	<0.0050	
Pyrene	0.0050		0.021	0.019	<0.0050	<0.0050	0.026	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	0.0083	<0.0050	

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Marine Sediment - Available Metals in Soil

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		SAMPLE DESC	CRIPTION:	22-WC-SED1	22-WC-SED2	22-WC-SED3	22-WC-SED4	22-WC-SED5	22-WC-SED6	22-WC-SED7	22-WC-SED8	
		DATE S	PLE TYPE: SAMPLED:	Sediment 2022-09-28 08:44	Sediment 2022-09-28 09:47	Sediment 2022-09-28 10:26	Sediment 2022-09-28 10:05	Sediment 2022-09-28 10:15	Sediment 2022-09-28 10:46	Sediment 2022-09-28 09:35	Sediment 2022-09-28 08:51	
Parameter	Unit	G/S	RDL	4362737	4363161	4363162	4363163	4363164	4363165	4363166	4363167	
Aluminum	mg/kg		10	5990	6210	4820	5260	5750	5340	6660	6000	
Antimony	mg/kg		2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	
Arsenic	mg/kg		2.0	4.1	5.0	4.0	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.2	
Barium	mg/kg		5.0	6.2	5.5	<5.0	<5.0	5.1	<5.0	8.0	<5.0	
Beryllium	mg/kg		1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	
Boron	mg/kg		50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	
Cadmium	mg/kg		0.30	< 0.30	< 0.30	< 0.30	< 0.30	< 0.30	< 0.30	< 0.30	< 0.30	
Chromium	mg/kg		2.0	10.1	11.5	9.9	10.6	11.1	10.2	11.6	10.5	
Cobalt	mg/kg		1.0	3.1	3.3	2.6	2.7	3.1	2.8	3.4	3.0	
Copper	mg/kg		2.0	3.8	3.7	2.9	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.8	3.3	
Iron	mg/kg		50	8640	8860	6970	7380	8140	7470	8990	8450	
Lead	mg/kg		0.50	3.16	3.55	3.42	3.46	3.37	3.99	3.88	2.87	
Lithium	mg/kg		2.0	15.7	15.2	13.3	14.3	14.9	14.3	16.1	14.7	
Manganese	mg/kg		2.0	135	135	121	112	138	112	142	138	
Molybdenum	mg/kg		2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	
Nickel	mg/kg		2.0	6.2	6.8	5.4	5.9	6.4	6.1	7.0	6.3	
Rubidium	mg/kg		2.0	2.8	3.0	2.4	2.6	2.9	2.9	3.2	2.7	
Selenium	mg/kg		1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	
Silver	mg/kg		0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50	<0.50	< 0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	< 0.50	
Strontium	mg/kg		5.0	9.5	10.6	7.6	7.1	9.7	9.4	11.4	8.8	
Thallium	mg/kg		0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	
Tin	mg/kg		1.0	3.4	3.7	3.0	3.4	3.8	3.4	3.2	3.3	
Uranium	mg/kg		0.10	0.34	0.24	0.20	0.20	0.22	0.22	0.26	0.23	
Vanadium	mg/kg		2.0	17.1	18.2	15.3	16.7	17.4	15.8	17.9	16.8	
Zinc	mg/kg		5.0	19.9	20.9	16.1	17.3	19.0	18.0	21.6	19.9	

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		SAMPLE DESCRIP	PTION:	22-WC-SED9	22-WC-SED10	22-WC-SED11	22-WC-SED12	22-WC-SED13	22-WC-SED14	22-WC-SED15	22-WC-SED16	
		SAMPLE DATE SAM		Sediment 2022-09-28 09:01	Sediment 2022-09-28 09:28	Sediment 2022-09-28 10:52	Sediment 2022-09-28 10:43	Sediment 2022-09-28 08:44	Sediment 2022-09-28 08:44	Sediment 2022-09-28 08:44	Sediment 2022-09-28 08:44	
Parameter	Unit	G/S F	RDL	4363168	4363169	4363170	4363171	4363172	4363173	4363174	4363175	
Aluminum	mg/kg		10	6910	6290	5590	5160	5330	5110	6420	6950	
Antimony	mg/kg		2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	
Arsenic	mg/kg		2.0	5.5	4.8	4.4	4.2	3.9	4.2	4.4	4.9	
Barium	mg/kg		5.0	6.5	7.4	7.0	<5.0	5.4	6.7	6.2	6.0	
Beryllium	mg/kg		1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	<1.2	
Boron	mg/kg		50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	
Cadmium	mg/kg	C	0.30	< 0.30	< 0.30	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	< 0.30	<0.30	< 0.30	
Chromium	mg/kg		2.0	12.1	11.4	9.9	9.9	9.6	10.0	13.0	12.6	
Cobalt	mg/kg		1.0	3.7	3.4	2.9	2.7	2.9	2.8	3.7	3.8	
Copper	mg/kg		2.0	4.3	4.2	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.8	4.2	4.4	
Iron	mg/kg		50	9810	8950	7490	7040	7480	7350	9520	10200	
Lead	mg/kg	C	0.50	3.81	4.06	4.21	3.26	3.32	3.60	3.83	3.52	
Lithium	mg/kg		2.0	16.7	15.4	15.0	13.9	13.3	13.2	15.2	16.3	
Manganese	mg/kg		2.0	154	151	135	123	123	134	149	161	
Molybdenum	mg/kg		2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	
Nickel	mg/kg		2.0	7.6	6.8	5.9	5.6	6.3	6.0	7.6	7.8	
Rubidium	mg/kg		2.0	3.3	2.9	2.8	2.7	3.0	2.8	3.5	3.4	
Selenium	mg/kg		1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	
Silver	mg/kg	C	0.50	<0.50	< 0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	< 0.50	
Strontium	mg/kg		5.0	12.1	11.1	9.4	9.4	9.8	9.9	11.2	11.5	
Thallium	mg/kg	C	0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	
Tin	mg/kg		1.0	3.6	3.6	3.4	2.9	2.6	3.7	3.7	3.9	
Uranium	mg/kg	C	0.10	0.25	0.24	0.22	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.32	0.29	
Vanadium	mg/kg		2.0	19.2	18.4	16.1	15.6	14.7	15.2	18.4	18.9	
Zinc	mg/kg		5.0	23.2	22.6	18.1	17.4	18.7	17.3	22.6	24.0	

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		SAMPLE DESCRIPTION: SAMPLE TYPE: DATE SAMPLED:	Sediment	22-WC-SED18 Sediment 2022-09-28 08:44	
Parameter	Unit	G/S RDL	4363176	4363177	
Aluminum	mg/kg	10	5190	5430	
Antimony	mg/kg	2.0	<2.0	<2.0	
Arsenic	mg/kg	2.0	4.6	4.8	
Barium	mg/kg	5.0	<5.0	5.7	
Beryllium	mg/kg	1.2	<1.2	<1.2	
Boron	mg/kg	50	<50	<50	
Cadmium	mg/kg	0.30	<0.30	<0.30	
Chromium	mg/kg	2.0	10.9	9.8	
Cobalt	mg/kg	1.0	3.0	2.9	
Copper	mg/kg	2.0	3.0	3.2	
Iron	mg/kg	50	8010	8110	
Lead	mg/kg	0.50	3.82	3.68	
Lithium	mg/kg	2.0	13.8	14.4	
Manganese	mg/kg	2.0	137	116	
Molybdenum	mg/kg	2.0	<2.0	<2.0	
Nickel	mg/kg	2.0	6.4	6.3	
Rubidium	mg/kg	2.0	2.8	3.3	
Selenium	mg/kg	1.0	<1.0	<1.0	
Silver	mg/kg	0.50	<0.50	<0.50	
Strontium	mg/kg	5.0	9.5	8.1	
Thallium	mg/kg	0.10	<0.10	<0.10	
Γin	mg/kg	1.0	3.5	3.9	
Uranium	mg/kg	0.10	0.24	0.26	
Vanadium	mg/kg	2.0	16.8	16.2	
Zinc	mg/kg	5.0	18.4	19.0	

Comments: RDL - Reported Detection Limit; G / S - Guideline / Standard

4362737-4363177 Results are based on the dry weight of the sample.

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Marine Sediment - Mercury Analysis in Soil

DATE RECEIVED: 2022-09-30									DATE REPORTI	ED: 2022-10-13	
		SAMPLE DES	CRIPTION:	22-WC-SED1	22-WC-SED2	22-WC-SED3	22-WC-SED4	22-WC-SED5	22-WC-SED6	22-WC-SED7	22-WC-SED8
		SAM	PLE TYPE:	Sediment							
		DATE	SAMPLED:	2022-09-28 08:44	2022-09-28 09:47	2022-09-28 10:26	2022-09-28 10:05	2022-09-28 10:15	2022-09-28 10:46	2022-09-28 09:35	2022-09-28 08:51
Parameter	Unit	G/S	RDL	4362737	4363161	4363162	4363163	4363164	4363165	4363166	4363167
Mercury	mg/kg		0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03
		SAMPLE DES	CRIPTION:	22-WC-SED9	22-WC-SED10	22-WC-SED11	22-WC-SED12	22-WC-SED13	22-WC-SED14	22-WC-SED15	22-WC-SED16
		SAM	PLE TYPE:	Sediment							
		DATE	SAMPLED:	2022-09-28 09:01	2022-09-28 09:28	2022-09-28 10:52	2022-09-28 10:43	2022-09-28 08:44	2022-09-28 08:44	2022-09-28 08:44	2022-09-28 08:44
Parameter	Unit	G/S	RDL	4363168	4363169	4363170	4363171	4363172	4363173	4363174	4363175
Mercury	mg/kg		0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03
		SAMPLE DES	CRIPTION:	22-WC-SED17	22-WC-SED18						
		SAM	PLE TYPE:	Sediment	Sediment						
		DATE	SAMPLED:	2022-09-28 08:44	2022-09-28 08:44						
Parameter	Unit	G/S	RDL	4363176	4363177						

< 0.03

Comments: RDL - Reported Detection Limit; G / S - Guideline / Standard

mg/kg

0.03

< 0.03

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Soil Analysis - Total Organic Carbon (W-B Wet Oxidation)

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		SAMPLE DES	CRIPTION:	22-WC-SED1	22-WC-SED2	22-WC-SED3	22-WC-SED4	22-WC-SED5	22-WC-SED6	22-WC-SED7	22-WC-SED8
		SAM	PLE TYPE:	Sediment							
		DATE	SAMPLED:	2022-09-28 08:44	2022-09-28 09:47	2022-09-28 10:26	2022-09-28 10:05	2022-09-28 10:15	2022-09-28 10:46	2022-09-28 09:35	2022-09-28 08:51
Parameter	Unit	G/S	RDL	4362737	4363161	4363162	4363163	4363164	4363165	4363166	4363167
Total Organic Carbon	%		0.10	0.44	0.49	0.40	0.35	0.35	0.49	0.58	0.54
Fraction Organic Carbon in Soil			0.0015	0.0044	0.0049	0.0040	0.0035	0.0035	0.0049	0.0058	0.0054
		SAMPLE DES	CRIPTION:	22-WC-SED9	22-WC-SED10	22-WC-SED11	22-WC-SED12	22-WC-SED13	22-WC-SED14	22-WC-SED15	22-WC-SED16
		_	PLE TYPE: SAMPLED:	Sediment 2022-09-28 09:01	Sediment 2022-09-28 09:28	Sediment 2022-09-28 10:52	Sediment 2022-09-28 10:43	Sediment 2022-09-28 08:44	Sediment 2022-09-28 08:44	Sediment 2022-09-28 08:44	Sediment 2022-09-28 08:44
Parameter	Unit	G/S	RDL	4363168	4363169	4363170	4363171	4363172	4363173	4363174	4363175
Total Organic Carbon	%		0.10	0.58	0.63	0.63	0.67	0.58	0.62	0.63	0.58
Fraction Organic Carbon in Soil			0.0015	0.0058	0.0063	0.0063	0.0067	0.0058	0.0062	0.0063	0.0058
		SAMPLE DES	CRIPTION:	22-WC-SED17	22-WC-SED18						
		SAM	PLE TYPE:	Sediment	Sediment						
		DATE	SAMPLED:	2022-09-28 08:44	2022-09-28 08:44						
Parameter	Unit	G/S	RDL	4363176	4363177						
Total Organic Carbon	%		0.10	0.58	0.85						
Fraction Organic Carbon in Soil			0.0015	0.0058	0.0085						

Comments: RDL - Reported Detection Limit; G / S - Guideline / Standard

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Marine Sediment Package - PAH in Sediment

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		SAMPLE DESCRIPTION:	22-WC-SED1	22-WC-SED2	22-WC-SED3	22-WC-SED4	22-WC-SED5	22-WC-SED6	22-WC-SED7	22-WC-SED8	
		SAMPLE TYPE: DATE SAMPLED:	Sediment 2022-09-28 08:44	Sediment 2022-09-28 09:47	Sediment 2022-09-28 10:26	Sediment 2022-09-28 10:05	Sediment 2022-09-28 10:15	Sediment 2022-09-28 10:46	Sediment 2022-09-28 09:35	Sediment 2022-09-28 08:51	
Parameter	Unit	G/S RDL	4362737	4363161	4363162	4363163	4363164	4363165	4363166	4363167	
1-Methylnaphthalene	mg/kg	0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	< 0.05	
2-Methylnaphthalene	mg/kg	0.02	< 0.02	<0.02	< 0.02	<0.02	< 0.02	<0.02	< 0.02	< 0.02	
Acenaphthene	mg/kg	0.00671	<0.00671	<0.00671	< 0.00671	<0.00671	<0.00671	<0.00671	< 0.00671	<0.00671	
Acenaphthylene	mg/kg	0.005	< 0.005	<0.005	< 0.005	<0.005	< 0.005	<0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	
Anthracene	mg/kg	0.03	<0.03	< 0.03	< 0.03	< 0.03	< 0.03	< 0.03	< 0.03	< 0.03	
Benzo(a)anthracene	mg/kg	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	
Benzo(a)pyrene	mg/kg	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	mg/kg	0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	
Benzo(j+k)fluoranthene	mg/kg	0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	
Benzo(ghi)perylene	mg/kg	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	
Chrysene	mg/kg	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	mg/kg	0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006	<0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006	
Fluoranthene	mg/kg	0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	
Fluorene	mg/kg	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	
Indeno(1,2,3)pyrene	mg/kg	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	
Naphthalene	mg/kg	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	
Perylene	mg/kg	0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	<0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	
Phenanthrene	mg/kg	0.03	< 0.03	< 0.03	< 0.03	< 0.03	< 0.03	< 0.03	< 0.03	< 0.03	
Pyrene	mg/kg	0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	
Total PAH	mg/Kg	0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	
Surrogate	Unit	Acceptable Limits									
Naphthalene-d8	%	50-140	78	86	85	87	84	84	90	83	
Terphenyl-d14	%	50-140	110	114	113	120	112	112	121	109	
Pyrene-d10 (%)	%	50-140	107	115	113	121	111	113	126	110	

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mg/kg

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mg/kg

mg/kg

mg/Kg

Unit

%

%

%

0.01

0.01

0.05

0.03

0.05

0.5

Acceptable Limits

50-140

50-140

50-140

< 0.01

< 0.01

< 0.05

< 0.03

< 0.05

< 0.5

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Indeno(1,2,3)pyrene

Surrogate

Naphthalene

Phenanthrene

Naphthalene-d8

Terphenyl-d14

Pyrene-d10 (%)

Perylene

Pyrene

Total PAH

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< 0.01

< 0.01

< 0.05

< 0.03

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86

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Marine Sediment Package - PAH in Sediment

SAMPLE DESCRIPTION: 22-WC-SED9 22-WC-SED10 22-WC-SED11 22-WC-SED12 22-WC-SED13 22-WC-SED14 22-WC-SED15 22-WC-SED16 **SAMPLE TYPE:** Sediment Sediment Sediment Sediment Sediment Sediment Sediment Sediment DATE SAMPLED: 2022-09-28 2022-09-28 2022-09-28 2022-09-28 2022-09-28 2022-09-28 2022-09-28 2022-09-28 08:44 09:01 09:28 10:52 10:43 08:44 08:44 08:44 4363169 **Parameter** Unit G/S **RDL** 4363168 4363170 4363171 4363172 4363173 4363174 4363175 1-Methylnaphthalene mg/kg 0.05 < 0.05 < 0.05 < 0.05 < 0.05 < 0.05 < 0.05 < 0.05 < 0.05 < 0.02 2-Methylnaphthalene mg/kg 0.02 < 0.02 < 0.02 < 0.02 < 0.02 < 0.02 < 0.02 < 0.02 0.00671 <0.00671 <0.00671 < 0.00671 < 0.00671 < 0.00671 Acenaphthene < 0.00671 < 0.00671 < 0.00671 mg/kg Acenaphthylene 0.005 < 0.005 < 0.005 < 0.005 0.011 < 0.005 < 0.005 0.016 < 0.005 mg/kg 0.03 < 0.03 < 0.03 < 0.03 < 0.03 < 0.03 < 0.03 < 0.03 < 0.03 Anthracene mg/kg Benzo(a)anthracene 0.01 < 0.01 < 0.01 < 0.01 0.04 < 0.01 < 0.01 0.09 < 0.01 mg/kg < 0.01 Benzo(a)pyrene mg/kg 0.01 < 0.01 < 0.01 0.03 < 0.01 < 0.01 0.06 < 0.01 Benzo(b)fluoranthene mg/kg 0.05 < 0.05 < 0.05 < 0.05 < 0.05 < 0.05 < 0.05 < 0.05 < 0.05 Benzo(j+k)fluoranthene mg/kg 0.05 < 0.05 < 0.05 < 0.05 < 0.05 < 0.05 < 0.05 80.0 < 0.05 Benzo(ghi)perylene mg/kg 0.01 < 0.01 < 0.01 < 0.01 < 0.01 < 0.01 < 0.01 0.03 < 0.01 Chrysene mg/kg 0.01 < 0.01 < 0.01 < 0.01 < 0.01 < 0.01 < 0.01 80.0 < 0.01 < 0.006 < 0.006 < 0.006 < 0.006 <0.006 Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene mg/kg 0.006 < 0.006 < 0.006 < 0.006 Fluoranthene 0.05 < 0.05 < 0.05 <0.05 0.11 < 0.05 < 0.05 0.19 < 0.05 mg/kg Fluorene mg/kg 0.01 < 0.01 < 0.01 < 0.01 < 0.01 < 0.01 < 0.01 0.01 < 0.01

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		SAMPLE DESCRIPTION:		22-WC-SED18	
		SAMPLE TYPE:	Sediment 2022-09-28	Sediment 2022-09-28	
		DATE SAMPLED:	2022-09-26 08:44	2022-09-26 08:44	
Parameter	Unit	G/S RDL	4363176	4363177	
1-Methylnaphthalene	mg/kg	0.05	<0.05	<0.05	
2-Methylnaphthalene	mg/kg	0.02	< 0.02	< 0.02	
Acenaphthene	mg/kg	0.00671	< 0.00671	<0.00671	
Acenaphthylene	mg/kg	0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	
Anthracene	mg/kg	0.03	< 0.03	<0.03	
Benzo(a)anthracene	mg/kg	0.01	0.05	0.03	
Benzo(a)pyrene	mg/kg	0.01	0.03	<0.01	
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	mg/kg	0.05	< 0.05	<0.05	
Benzo(j+k)fluoranthene	mg/kg	0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	
Benzo(ghi)perylene	mg/kg	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	
Chrysene	mg/kg	0.01	0.04	0.03	
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	mg/kg	0.006	< 0.006	<0.006	
Fluoranthene	mg/kg	0.05	0.09	0.06	
Fluorene	mg/kg	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	
ndeno(1,2,3)pyrene	mg/kg	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	
Naphthalene	mg/kg	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	
Perylene	mg/kg	0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	
Phenanthrene	mg/kg	0.03	<0.03	<0.03	
Pyrene	mg/kg	0.05	0.07	0.05	
Total PAH	mg/Kg	0.5	<0.5	<0.5	
Surrogate	Unit	Acceptable Limits			
Naphthalene-d8	%	50-140	89	85	
Terphenyl-d14	%	50-140	117	112	
Pyrene-d10 (%)	%	50-140	118	112	

Comments: RDL - Reported Detection Limit; G / S - Guideline / Standard

4362737-4363177 Results are based on the dry weight of the soil.

Benzo(b)fluoranthene may include contributions from benzo(j)fluoranthene, if also present in the sample.

Benzo(j+k)fluoranthene is not an accredited parameter.

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					Moistu	ire							
DATE RECEIVED: 2022-09-30								DATE REPORTED: 2022-10-13					
		SAMPLE DES	CRIPTION:	22-WC-SED1	22-WC-SED2	22-WC-SED3	22-WC-SED4	22-WC-SED5	22-WC-SED6	22-WC-SED7	22-WC-SED8		
		SAM	PLE TYPE:	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment		
		DATE	SAMPLED:	2022-09-28 08:44	2022-09-28 09:47	2022-09-28 10:26	2022-09-28 10:05	2022-09-28 10:15	2022-09-28 10:46	2022-09-28 09:35	2022-09-28 08:51		
Parameter	Unit	G/S	RDL	4362737	4363161	4363162	4363163	4363164	4363165	4363166	4363167		
% Moisture	%		1	22	27	21	24	23	22	25	68		
		SAMPLE DES	CRIPTION:	22-WC-SED9	22-WC-SED10	22-WC-SED11	22-WC-SED12	22-WC-SED13	22-WC-SED14	22-WC-SED15	22-WC-SED16		
		SAM	PLE TYPE:	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment		
		DATE	SAMPLED:	2022-09-28 09:01	2022-09-28 09:28	2022-09-28 10:52	2022-09-28 10:43	2022-09-28 08:44	2022-09-28 08:44	2022-09-28 08:44	2022-09-28 08:44		
Parameter	Unit	G/S	RDL	4363168	4363169	4363170	4363171	4363172	4363173	4363174	4363175		
% Moisture	%		1	25	24	24	25	25	25	24	25		
		SAMPLE DES	CRIPTION:	22-WC-SED17	22-WC-SED18								
		SAM	PLE TYPE:	Sediment	Sediment								
		DATE	SAMPLED:	2022-09-28 08:44	2022-09-28 08:44								
Parameter	Unit	G/S	RDL	4363176	4363177								
% Moisture	%		1	24	20								

RDL - Reported Detection Limit; G / S - Guideline / Standard Comments:

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PCB Congeners & Homologs (soil)

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		SAMPLE	TYPE:	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment
		DATE SAM	PLED:	2022-09-28	2022-09-28	2022-09-28	2022-09-28	2022-09-28	2022-09-28	2022-09-28	2022-09-28
Parameter.	Hait	0.46	.DI	08:44	09:47	10:26	10:05	10:15	10:46	09:35	08:51
Parameter PCP 47:40	Unit		.010	4362737 <0.010	4363161 <0.010	4363162 <0.010	4363163 <0.010	4363164 <0.010	4363165 <0.010	4363166	4363167
PCB 17+18	mg/kg									<0.010	<0.010
PCB 28+31	mg/kg		010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 33	mg/kg		010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 52	mg/kg		010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 49	mg/kg		010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 44	mg/kg		010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 74	mg/kg		010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 70	mg/kg		010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 95	mg/kg		.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 101	mg/kg		010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 99	mg/kg		010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 87	mg/kg		010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 110	mg/kg		010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 82	mg/kg	0	010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 151	mg/kg	0	010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 149	mg/kg	0	010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 118	mg/kg	0	010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 153	mg/kg	0	010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
PCB 132	mg/kg	0	010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 105	mg/kg	0	010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 158+138	mg/kg	0	010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 187	mg/kg	0	010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 183	mg/kg	0	010	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
PCB 128	mg/kg	0	010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 177	mg/kg	0	010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 171	mg/kg	0	010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 156	mg/kg		.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 180	mg/kg		010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 191	mg/kg		010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010

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Parameter	Unit	G/S	RDL	4362737	4363161	4363162	4363163	4363164	4363165	4363166	4363167	
PCB 169	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	
PCB 170	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	
PCB 199	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	
PCB 208	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	
PCB 195	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	
PCB 194	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	
PCB 205	mg/kg		0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	
PCB 206	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	
PCB 209	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	
Total Trichlorobiphenyl	mg/kg		0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	
Total Tetrachlorobiphenyl	mg/kg		0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	
Total Pentachlorobiphenyl	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	
Total Hexachlorobiphenyl	mg/kg		0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	
Total Heptachlorobiphenyl	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	
Total Octachlorobiphenyl	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	
Total Nonachlorobiphenyl	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	
Total Decachlorobiphenyl	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	
Total PCB Congeners	mg/kg	0.1	0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	
Moisture	%		0.1	27.8	25.9	26.7	23.6	30.1	22.5	28.6	26.9	
Surrogate	Unit	Acceptable	e Limits									
PCB 16	%	60-14	10	78.7	78.9	94.8	85.7	102	110	96.6	86.0	
PCB 65	%	60-14	10	76.6	77.8	98.5	90.2	107	115	101	91.4	
PCB 166	%	60-14	10	67.9	68.2	81.3	73.3	89.9	95.5	84.8	76.5	
PCB 200	%	60-14	10	80.3	78.5	95.4	84.6	104	110	97.2	89.6	

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		SAMPLE TYP	E: Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment
		DATE SAMPLE		2022-09-28	2022-09-28	2022-09-28	2022-09-28	2022-09-28	2022-09-28	2022-09-28
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PCB 74	mg/kg	0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 70	mg/kg	0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 95	mg/kg	0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 101	mg/kg	0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 99	mg/kg	0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 87	mg/kg	0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
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PCB 149	mg/kg	0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 118	mg/kg	0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010
PCB 153	mg/kg	0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
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PCB 105	mg/kg	0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 158+138	mg/kg	0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 187	mg/kg	0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 183	mg/kg	0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 128	mg/kg	0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 177	mg/kg	0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 171	mg/kg	0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 156	mg/kg	0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 180	mg/kg	0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 191	mg/kg	0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010

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PCB Congeners & Homologs (soil)

DATE RECEIVED: 2022-09-30 DATE REPORTED: 2022-10-13

DATE RECEIVED. 2022-09-30					DATE REI ONTED. 2022-10-13					
		SAMPLE DESCRIPTI	ON: 22-WC-SED9	22-WC-SED10	22-WC-SED11	22-WC-SED12	22-WC-SED13	22-WC-SED14	22-WC-SED15	22-WC-SED16
		SAMPLE TY	PE: Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment
		DATE SAMPL	ED: 2022-09-28 09:01	2022-09-28 09:28	2022-09-28 10:52	2022-09-28 10:43	2022-09-28 08:44	2022-09-28 08:44	2022-09-28 08:44	2022-09-28 08:44
Parameter	Unit	G/S RD	4363168	4363169	4363170	4363171	4363172	4363173	4363174	4363175
PCB 169	mg/kg	0.01	0 <0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 170	mg/kg	0.01	0 <0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 199	mg/kg	0.01	0 <0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 208	mg/kg	0.01	0 <0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 195	mg/kg	0.01	0 <0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
PCB 194	mg/kg	0.01	0 <0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	<0.010
PCB 205	mg/kg	0.01	0 <0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010
PCB 206	mg/kg	0.01	0 <0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
PCB 209	mg/kg	0.01	0 <0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Total Trichlorobiphenyl	mg/kg	0.01	0 <0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
Total Tetrachlorobiphenyl	mg/kg	0.01	0 <0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
Total Pentachlorobiphenyl	mg/kg	0.01	0 <0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010
Total Hexachlorobiphenyl	mg/kg	0.01	0 <0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
Total Heptachlorobiphenyl	mg/kg	0.01	0 <0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010
Total Octachlorobiphenyl	mg/kg	0.01	0 <0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
Total Nonachlorobiphenyl	mg/kg	0.01	0 <0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
Total Decachlorobiphenyl	mg/kg	0.01	0 <0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	< 0.010
Total PCB Congeners	mg/kg	0.1 0.01	0 <0.010	<0.010	< 0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
Moisture	%	0.1	30.4	27.7	25.3	27.8	28.9	29.5	28.9	28.9
Surrogate	Unit	Acceptable Limi	ts							
PCB 16	%	60-140	84.0	85.0	97.4	95.4	73.4	78.8	79.6	94.8
PCB 65	%	60-140	86.2	89.8	103	99.3	76.7	82.4	79.5	92.5
PCB 166	%	60-140	73.6	74.7	84.8	83.0	64.2	70.1	70.5	82.4
PCB 200	%	60-140	85.2	86.4	98.1	97.8	75.2	83.8	81.7	95.8

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PCB Congeners & Homologs (soil)

DATE RECEIVED: 2022-09-30						DATE RE	PORTED: 2022-10-13
		SAMPLE DESCR SAMPLE		22-WC-SED17 Sediment	22-WC-SED18 Sediment		
_		DATE SAI		2022-09-28 08:44	2022-09-28 08:44		
Parameter	Unit		RDL	4363176	4363177		
PCB 17+18	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010		
PCB 28+31	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010		
PCB 33	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010		
PCB 52	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010		
PCB 49	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010		
PCB 44	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010		
PCB 74 PCB 70	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010		
PCB 70	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010 <0.010	<0.010 <0.010		
PCB 101	mg/kg				<0.010		
PCB 99	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010			
	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010 <0.010		
PCB 87	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010			
PCB 110	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010 <0.010		
PCB 82 PCB 151	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010 <0.010	<0.010		
PCB 149	mg/kg			<0.010	<0.010		
	mg/kg		0.010				
PCB 118 PCB 153	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010 <0.010	<0.010 <0.010		
PCB 132	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010		
PCB 132 PCB 105	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010		
	mg/kg						
PCB 158+138	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010		
PCB 187	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010		
PCB 183	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010		
PCB 128	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010		
PCB 177	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010		
PCB 171	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010		

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0.010

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PCB 156

PCB 180

PCB 191

< 0.010

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PCB Congeners & Homologs (soil)

				PCB Co	ngeners & Hon	iologs (soli)	
DATE RECEIVED: 2022-09-30							DATE REPORTED: 2022-10-13
		SAMPLE DESC	RIPTION:	22-WC-SED17	22-WC-SED18		
		SAMP	LE TYPE:	Sediment	Sediment		
		DATE S	AMPLED:	2022-09-28 08:44	2022-09-28 08:44		
Parameter	Unit	G/S	RDL	4363176	4363177		
PCB 169	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010		
PCB 170	mg/kg		0.010	< 0.010	<0.010		
PCB 199	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010		
PCB 208	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010		
PCB 195	mg/kg		0.010	< 0.010	<0.010		
PCB 194	mg/kg		0.010	< 0.010	<0.010		
PCB 205	mg/kg		0.010	< 0.010	<0.010		
PCB 206	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010		
PCB 209	mg/kg		0.010	< 0.010	<0.010		
Total Trichlorobiphenyl	mg/kg		0.010	< 0.010	<0.010		
Total Tetrachlorobiphenyl	mg/kg		0.010	< 0.010	<0.010		
Total Pentachlorobiphenyl	mg/kg		0.010	< 0.010	<0.010		
Total Hexachlorobiphenyl	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010		
Total Heptachlorobiphenyl	mg/kg		0.010	<0.010	<0.010		
Total Octachlorobiphenyl	mg/kg		0.010	< 0.010	<0.010		
Total Nonachlorobiphenyl	mg/kg		0.010	< 0.010	<0.010		
Total Decachlorobiphenyl	mg/kg		0.010	< 0.010	<0.010		
Total PCB Congeners	mg/kg	0.1	0.010	<0.010	<0.010		
Moisture	%		0.1	24.6	20.2		
Surrogate	Unit	Acceptable	Limits				
PCB 16	%	60-14	10	67.6	77.1		
PCB 65	%	60-14	10	71.2	81.6		
PCB 166	%	60-14	10	61.6	70.9		
PCB 200	%	60-14	10	71.5	82.3		

Comments: RDL - Reported Detection Limit; G / S - Guideline / Standard: Refers to Env Canada Disposal at Sea

Guideline values are for general reference only. The guidelines provided may or may not be relevant for the intended use. Refer directly to the applicable standard for regulatory interpretation.

4362737-4363177 Elevated RDLs indicate the degree of sample dilutions prior to the analysis to keep analytes within the calibration range or reduce matrix interference.

Analysis performed at AGAT Montréal (unless marked by *)

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Quality Assurance

CLIENT NAME: GHD LIMITED

PROJECT: 12593938

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RPT Date: Oct 13, 2022		DUPLICATE				REFERENCE MATERIAL		AL METHOD BLANK SPIK			KE MATRIX SPIKE		KF		
PARAMETER	Batch	Sample	Dup #1	Dup #2	- RPD	Method Blank	Measured	Acce	ptable nits	Recovery	Acce	ptable nits	Recovery	Acce	ptable
PARAMETER	Batch	ld	Dup #1	Dup #2	KFD		Value	Lower	Upper	Recovery	Lower	Upper	Recovery	Lower	Upper
Marine Sediment - Available I	Metals in Soil														
Aluminum	4363171	4363171	5160	5030	2.6%	< 10	106%	80%	120%	107%	80%	120%	NA	70%	130%
Antimony	4363171	4363171	<2.0	<2.0	NA	< 2.0	73%	80%	120%	178%	80%	120%	115%	70%	130%
Arsenic	4363171	4363171	4.2	4.2	NA	< 2.0	102%	80%	120%	99%	80%	120%	108%	70%	130%
Barium	4363171	4363171	<5.0	<5.0	NA	< 5.0	109%	80%	120%	111%	80%	120%	89%	70%	130%
Beryllium	4363171	4363171	<2.0	<2.0	NA	< 2.0	105%	80%	120%	104%	80%	120%	112%	70%	130%
Boron	4363171	4363171	<50	<50	NA	< 50	104%	80%	120%	107%	80%	120%	119%	70%	130%
Cadmium	4363171	4363171	< 0.30	< 0.30	NA	< 0.30	100%	80%	120%	97%	80%	120%	84%	70%	130%
Chromium	4363171	4363171	9.9	9.6	NA	< 2.0	97%	80%	120%	98%	80%	120%	NA	70%	130%
Cobalt	4363171	4363171	2.7	2.6	NA	< 1.0	100%	80%	120%	97%	80%	120%	113%	70%	130%
Copper	4363171	4363171	2.8	2.6	NA	< 2.0	102%	80%	120%	100%	80%	120%	97%	70%	130%
ron	4363171	4363171	7040	6860	2.7%	< 50	100%	80%	120%	98%	80%	120%	NA	70%	130%
.ead	4363171	4363171	3.26	3.15	3.4%	< 0.50	110%	80%	120%	110%	80%	120%	85%	70%	130%
ithium	4363171	4363171	13.9	13.5	2.8%	< 2.0	106%	70%	130%	107%	70%	130%	163%	70%	130%
/langanese	4363171	4363171	123	116	5.6%	< 2.0	100%	80%	120%	97%	80%	120%	NA	70%	130%
Nolybdenum	4363171	4363171	<2.0	<2.0	NA	< 2.0	96%	80%	120%	95%	80%	120%	87%	70%	130%
lickel	4363171	4363171	5.6	5.5	NA	< 2.0	102%	80%	120%	106%	80%	120%	116%	70%	130%
Rubidium	4363171	4363171	2.7	2.6	NA	< 2.0	97%	80%	120%	94%	80%	120%	90%	70%	130%
Selenium	4363171	4363171	<1.0	<1.0	NA	< 1.0	102%	80%	120%	94%	80%	120%	90%	70%	130%
Silver	4363171	4363171	< 0.50	< 0.50	NA	< 0.50	101%	80%	120%	92%	80%	120%	87%	70%	130%
Strontium	4363171	4363171	9.4	8.3	NA	< 5.0	94%	80%	120%	93%	80%	120%	118%	70%	130%
hallium	4363171	4363171	<0.10	<0.10	NA	< 0.10	110%	80%	120%	110%	80%	120%	35%	70%	130%
īn	4363171	4363171	2.9	3.2	NA	< 1.0	97%	80%	120%	96%	80%	120%	111%	70%	130%
Jranium	4363171	4363171	0.21	0.20	NA	< 0.10	101%	80%	120%	100%	80%	120%	75%	70%	130%
/anadium	4363171	4363171	15.6	14.9	4.2%	< 2.0	97%	80%	120%	92%	80%	120%	NA	70%	130%
Zinc	4363171	4363171	17.4	16.3	NA	< 5.0	101%	80%	120%	101%	80%	120%	100%	70%	130%
comments: Reference Material: clank spike: Less than 10% of el fatrix spike: Less than 10% of e	lements not with	nin acceptai	nce limits.	n acceptan	ce limits.										
Marine Sediment - Mercury A	nalysis in Soil														
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Comments: Matrix spike NA: Spike level < native concentration. Matrix spike acceptance limits do not apply and are not calculated. Duplicate NA: results are less than 5X the RDL and RDP will not be calculated.

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Soil Analysis - Total Organic Carbon (W-B Wet Oxidation)

AGAT QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORT (V1)

Total Organic Carbon

4363166 4363166

0.54

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103% 80% 120%

7.1%

< 0.10

98%

80% 120%



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Trace Organics Analysis															
RPT Date: Oct 13, 2022				UPLICATI	Ē		REFERE	NCE MA	TERIAL	METHOD	BLANK	SPIKE	MAT	RIX SPI	KE
PARAMETER	Batch	Sample	Dup #1	Dup #2	RPD	Method Blank	Measured		ptable nits	Recovery	Lir	ptable nits	Recovery		ptable nits
		ld					Value	Lower	Upper		Lower	Upper		Lower	Uppe
PCB Congeners & Homologs	s (soil)	•	•			•									•
PCB 17+18	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	74%	60%	140%	76%	60%	140%
PCB 28+31	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	< 0.010	NA	< 0.010	73%	60%	140%	78%	60%	140%	82%	60%	140%
PCB 33	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	< 0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	75%	60%	140%	77%	60%	140%
PCB 52	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	78%	60%	140%	72%	60%	140%	75%	60%	140%
PCB 49	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	78%	60%	140%	81%	60%	140%
PCB 44	4363172	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	72%	60%	140%	76%	60%	140%
PCB 74	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	75%	60%	140%	80%	60%	140%
PCB 70	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	76%	60%	140%	80%	60%	140%
PCB 95	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	75%	60%	140%	78%	60%	140%
PCB 101	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	91%	60%	140%	71%	60%	140%	70%	60%	140%
PCB 99	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	61%	60%	140%	60%	60%	140%
PCB 87	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	< 0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	72%	60%	140%	71%	60%	140%
PCB 110	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	< 0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	78%	60%	140%	83%	60%	140%
PCB 82	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	< 0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	61%	60%	140%	62%	60%	140%
PCB 151	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	72%	60%	140%	74%	60%	140%
PCB 149	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	70%	60%	140%	78%	60%	140%
PCB 118	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	77%	60%	140%	68%	60%	140%	76%	60%	140%
PCB 153	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	78%	60%	140%	69%	60%	140%	74%	60%	140%
PCB 132	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	< 0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	75%	60%	140%	80%	60%	140%
PCB 105	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	70%	60%	140%	79%	60%	140%
PCB 158+138	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	72%	60%	140%	79%	60%	140%
PCB 187	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	69%	60%	140%	77%	60%	140%
PCB 183	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	60%	60%	140%	68%	60%	140%
PCB 128	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	< 0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	69%	60%	140%	76%	60%	140%
PCB 177	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	65%	60%	140%	74%	60%	140%
PCB 171	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	61%	60%	140%	69%	60%	140%
PCB 156	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	66%	60%	140%	74%	60%	140%
PCB 180	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	76%	60%	140%	61%	60%	140%	67%	60%	140%
PCB 191	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	< 0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	79%	60%	140%	107%	60%	140%
PCB 169	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	68%	60%	140%	76%	60%	140%
PCB 170	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	69%	60%	140%	75%	60%	140%
PCB 199	4363172		<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA		140%	69%		140%	74%		140%
PCB 208	4363172 4		<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%		63%		140%	71%		140%
PCB 195	4363172 4		<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA		140%	66%		140%	72%		140%
PCB 194	4363172 4		<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA		140%	63%		140%	70%		140%
PCB 205	4363172 4	1363172	<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA	60%	140%	69%	60%	140%	74%	60%	140%
PCB 206	4363172 4		<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA		140%	62%		140%	64%		140%
PCB 209	4363172 4		<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	NA		140%	68%		140%	73%		140%
Total PCB Congeners	4363172		<0.010	<0.010	NA	< 0.010	79%		140%	70%		140%	75%		140%

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Trace Organics Analysis (Continued)															
RPT Date: Oct 13, 2022			E	UPLICAT	E		REFEREN	ICE MA	TERIAL	METHOD	BLANK	SPIKE	MAT	RIX SPI	KE
PARAMETER	Batch	Sample Id	Dup #1	Dup #2	RPD	Method Blank	Measured Value	Acceptable Limits		Recovery	Acceptable Limits		Recovery	Acceptable Limits	
PARAMETER			·	·			Value	Lower	Upper	,		Upper			Upper
PCB 16	4363172 4	1363172	73.4	79.8	8.4%	97	110%	60%	140%	82%	60%	140%	74%	60%	140%
PCB 65	4363172 4	1363172	76.7	83.9	9.0%	101	93%	60%	140%	83%	60%	140%	76%	60%	140%
PCB 166	4363172 4	1363172	64.2	69.0	7.3%	80	80%	60%	140%	67%	60%	140%	65%	60%	140%
PCB 200	4363172 4	1363172	75.2	81.8	8.4%	95	93%	60%	140%	80%	60%	140%	76%	60%	140%

Comments: NA: Non applicable

If the RPD value is NA, the results of the duplicates are under 5X the RDL and will not be calculated.

NA as the percent recovery for the matrix spike indicates that the result is not provided due to the heterogeneity of the sample or the spiked analyte concentration was lower than the matrix contribution

NA in the spike blank or RM indicates that it is not required by the procedure.

L'écart acceptable est applicable pour 90% des composés. Pour les 10% des composés restant, un écart de 10% de plus du critère applicable est accepté.

Marine Sedimen	t Package -	PAH IN	Sediment

1-Methylnaphthalene	1	4362737	< 0.05	< 0.05	NA	< 0.05	125%	50%	140%	111%	50%	140%	128%	50%	140%
2-Methylnaphthalene	1	4362737	< 0.02	< 0.02	NA	< 0.02	109%	50%	140%	92%	50%	140%	120%	50%	140%
Acenaphthene	1	4362737	< 0.00671	< 0.00671	NA	< 0.00671	120%	50%	140%	95%	50%	140%	104%	50%	140%
Acenaphthylene	1	4362737	< 0.005	< 0.005	NA	< 0.005	111%	50%	140%	95%	50%	140%	103%	50%	140%
Anthracene	1	4362737	< 0.03	< 0.03	NA	< 0.03	88%	50%	140%	74%	50%	140%	96%	50%	140%
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Benzo(a)anthracene	1	4362737	< 0.01	< 0.01	NA	< 0.01	109%	50%	140%	98%	50%	140%	112%	50%	140%
Benzo(a)pyrene	1	4362737	< 0.01	< 0.01	NA	< 0.01	84%	50%	140%	75%	50%	140%	88%	50%	140%
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	1	4362737	< 0.05	< 0.05	NA	< 0.05	95%	50%	140%	120%	50%	140%	70%	50%	140%
Benzo(j+k)fluoranthene	1	4362737	< 0.05	< 0.05	NA	< 0.05	107%	50%	140%	106%	50%	140%	101%	50%	140%
Benzo(ghi)perylene	1	4362737	< 0.01	< 0.01	NA	< 0.01	102%	50%	140%	110%	50%	140%	129%	50%	140%
Chrysene	1	4362737	< 0.01	< 0.01	NA	< 0.01	103%	50%	140%	96%	50%	140%	109%	50%	140%
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	1	4362737	< 0.006	< 0.006	NA	< 0.006	89%	50%	140%	103%	50%	140%	118%	50%	140%
Fluoranthene	1	4362737	< 0.05	< 0.05	NA	< 0.05	98%	50%	140%	77%	50%	140%	163%	50%	140%
Fluorene	1	4362737	< 0.01	< 0.01	NA	< 0.01	116%	50%	140%	94%	50%	140%	109%	50%	140%
Indeno(1,2,3)pyrene	1	4362737	< 0.01	< 0.01	NA	< 0.01	120%	50%	140%	121%	50%	140%	134%	50%	140%
Naphthalene	1	4362737	< 0.01	< 0.01	NA	< 0.01	102%	50%	140%	82%	50%	140%	116%	50%	140%
Perylene	1	4362737	< 0.05	< 0.05	NA	< 0.05	115%	50%	140%	105%	50%	140%	116%	50%	140%
Phenanthrene	1	4362737	< 0.03	< 0.03	NA	< 0.03	126%	50%	140%	97%	50%	140%	112%	50%	140%
Pyrene	1	4362737	< 0.05	< 0.05	NA	< 0.05	95%	50%	140%	77%	50%	140%	161%	50%	140%
Total PAH	1	4362737	0.02	<0.01	NA	< 0.5	0%			0%			0%		

Comments: If Matrix spike value is NA, the spiked analyte concentration was lower than that of the matrix contribution.

If RPD value is NA, the results of the duplicates are less than 5x the RDL and the RPD will not be calculated.

Matrix spike: More than 90% of the elements met acceptance limits and overall data quality is acceptable for use. For a multi-element scan up to 10% of analytes may exceed the quoted limits.

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Trace Organics Analysis (Continued)															
RPT Date: Oct 13, 2022 DUPLICATE						REFEREN	NCE MA	TERIAL	METHOD	BLANK	SPIKE	MAT	RIX SPI	KE	
PARAMETER Batch Sa			ple Dup #1	Dup #2	RPD	Method Blank	Measured		ptable nits	Recovery	Lin	ptable nits	Recovery	Lin	ptable nits
		ld	"	'			Value	Lower	Upper		Lower	Upper		Lower	Upper

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QC Exceedance

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RPT Date: Oct 13, 2022	_	REFERENC	E MATE	RIAL	METHOD	BLANK	SPIKE	MAT	TRIX SPI	IKE
PARAMETER	Sample Id	Measured	Acceptable Limits		Recovery	Acceptable Limits		Recovery	Acceptable Limits	
		Value	Lower	Upper		Lower	Upper			Upper
Marine Sediment - Available Metals in Soil										
Antimony	4363171	73%	80%	120%	178%	80%	120%	115%	70%	130%
Lithium	4363171	106%	70%	130%	107%	70%	130%	163%	70%	130%
Thallium	4363171	110%	80%	120%	110%	80%	120%	35%	70%	130%

Comments: Reference Material: Less than 10% of elements not within acceptance limits.

Blank spike: Less than 10% of elements not within acceptance limits. Matrix spike: Less than 10% of elements not within acceptance limits.



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RPT Date: Oct 13, 2022		REFERENC	E MATERIAL		METHOD	BLANK SPIKE		MAT	RIX SPI	KE
PARAMETER	Sample Id	Measured	Acceptable Limits		Recovery	Acceptable Limits		Recovery	Acceptable Limits	
		Value	Lower	Upper			Upper	,	Lower	Upper
Marine Sediment Package - PAH in Sediment										
Fluoranthene	4362737	98%	50%	140%	77%	50%	140%	163%	50%	140%
Pyrene	4362737	95%	50%	140%	77%	50%	140%	161%	50%	140%

Comments: If Matrix spike value is NA, the spiked analyte concentration was lower than that of the matrix contribution.

If RPD value is NA, the results of the duplicates are less than 5x the RDL and the RPD will not be calculated.

Matrix spike: More than 90% of the elements met acceptance limits and overall data quality is acceptable for use. For a multi-element scan up to 10% of analytes may exceed the quoted limits.

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PARAMETER	AGAT S.O.P	LITERATURE REFERENCE	ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUE
Soil Analysis			
Aluminum	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP/MS
Antimony	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP/MS
Arsenic	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP/MS
Barium	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP/MS
Beryllium	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP/MS
Boron	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP/MS
Cadmium	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP/MS
Chromium	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP/MS
Cobalt	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP/MS
Copper	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP/MS
Iron	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP/MS
Lead	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP-MS
Lithium	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP-MS
Manganese	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP/MS
Molybdenum	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP/MS
Nickel	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP/MS
Rubidium	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP-MS
Selenium	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP/MS
Silver	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP/MS
Strontium	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP/MS
Thallium	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP/MS
Tin	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP/MS
Uranium	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP/MS
Vanadium	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP/MS
Zinc	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP/MS
Mercury	MET-121-6105 & MET-121-6103	EPA SW 846 6020A/3050B & SM 3125	ICP-MS
Total Organic Carbon	SOIL 0480; SOIL 0110; SOIL 0120	Organic Carbon, SSSA, 1996 & Skjemstad 2008	SPECTROPHOTOMETER

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PARAMETER	AGAT S.O.P	LITERATURE REFERENCE	ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUE
Trace Organics Analysis			72
1-Methylnaphthalene	ORG-120-5119	EPA 3570/8270E	GC/MS
2-Methylnaphthalene	ORG-120-5119	EPA 3570/8270E	GC/MS
Acenaphthene	ORG-120-5119	EPA 3570/8270E	GC/MS
Acenaphthylene	ORG-120-5119	EPA 3570/8270E	GC/MS
Anthracene	ORG-120-5119	EPA 3570/8270E	GC/MS
Benzo(a)anthracene	ORG-120-5119	EPA 3570/8270E	GC/MS
Benzo(a)pyrene	ORG-120-5119	EPA 3570/8270E	GC/MS
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	ORG-120-5119	EPA 3570/8270E	GC/MS
Benzo(j+k)fluoranthene	ORG-120-5119	EPA 3570/8270E	GC/MS
Benzo(ghi)perylene	ORG-120-5119	EPA 3570/8270E	GC/MS
Chrysene	ORG-120-5119	EPA 3570/8270E	GC/MS
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	ORG-120-5119	EPA 3570/8270E	GC/MS
Fluoranthene	ORG-120-5119	EPA 3570/8270E	GC/MS
Fluorene	ORG-120-5119	EPA 3570/8270E	GC/MS
Indeno(1,2,3)pyrene	ORG-120-5119 ORG-120-5119	EPA 3570/8270E EPA 3570/8270E	GC/MS
Naphthalene	ORG-120-5119 ORG-120-5119	EPA 3570/8270E EPA 3570/8270E	GC/MS
Perylene	ORG-120-5119	EPA 3570/8270E EPA 3570/8270E	GC/MS
Phenanthrene	ORG-120-5119	EPA 3570/8270E EPA 3570/8270E	GC/MS
Pyrene	ORG-120-5119	EPA 3570/8270E EPA 3570/8270E	GC/MS
•	ORG-120-5119	EPA 3570/8270E EPA 3570/8270E	GC/MS
Naphthalene-d8 Terphenyl-d14	ORG-120-5119 ORG-120-5119	EPA 3570/8270E EPA 3570/8270E	GC/MS
• •			GC/MS
Pyrene-d10 (%) Total PAH	ORG-120-5119	EPA 3570/8270E	CALCULATION
	LAB 121 4024	CSSS 70.2	
% Moisture PCB 17+18	LAB-131-4024	CSSS 70.2	GRAVIMETRIC
PCB 17+16 PCB 28+31	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 20+31	ORG-100-5107F.001 ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0 MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS GC/MS
PCB 52			
	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 49	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 44 PCB 74	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS GC/MS
	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	
PCB 70	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 95	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 101	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 99	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 87	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 110	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 82	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 151	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 149	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 118	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 153	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 132	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 105	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 158+138	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 187	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 183	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 128	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 177	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS

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PARAMETER	AGAT S.O.P	LITERATURE REFERENCE	ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUE
PCB 171	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 156	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 180	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 191	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 169	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 170	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 199	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 208	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 195	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 194	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 205	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 206	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 209	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
Total Trichlorobiphenyl	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
Total Tetrachlorobiphenyl	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
Total Pentachlorobiphenyl	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
Total Hexachlorobiphenyl	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
Total Heptachlorobiphenyl	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
Total Octachlorobiphenyl	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
Total Nonachlorobiphenyl	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
Total Decachlorobiphenyl	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
Total PCB Congeners	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 16	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 65	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 166	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
PCB 200	ORG-100-5107F.001	MA.400-BPC 1.0	GC/MS
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Appendix B

Avian Surveys Report (CBCL)

Winter Avian Survey Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan, New Brunswick

FINAL REPORT

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Dear Tamara:

RE: Report for the Winter Avian Survey, at Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan, Charlotte County, New Brunswick - Standing Offer: EP897-220109/005/PWD

CBCL Limited (CBCL) is pleased to provide you with this final report outlining the results of the winter avian surveys conducted at Woodwards Cove, New Brunswick, on March 9 and 10, 2022, and March 15 and 16, 2022. This final is presented to Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) following the completion of the winter avian field survey and the *Species Observation Summary* report.

Should you have any questions or require clarification of any matter raised in this submission, please contact the undersigned at your convenience. We appreciate the continued opportunity to work with PSPC and the Peskotomuhkati Nation on this project.

Yours very truly,

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Acronyms

AC CDC Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre

CBCL CBCL Limited cm Centimetre

CWS Canadian Wildlife Service

DDT Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane

DFO Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada

E Endangered km Kilometre m Metre

MBBA Maritime Breeding Bird Atlas

MBCA Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994

MBU 11 Marine Biogeographic Unit 11

NAR Not at Risk
NA Not Assessed
NB New Brunswick
NL Not Listed

PSPC Public Services and Procurement Canada

SAR Species at Risk
SARA Species at Risk Act
SC Special Concern
SCH Small Craft Harbour

SOCI Species of Conservation Interest

U Unknown

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Small Craft Harbour (SCH) branch of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is proposing to construct a new SCH facility on Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick specifically in the waters to the northeast of Woodward's Cove (the Project Area). The construction of the new SCH facility will include an access road, a service/parking area, a marginal wharf, a rock breakwater, dredging, floating wharves with electrical service, a launch, and a haul-out ramp. The new facility will be protected by a rock breakwater. The proposed project footprint of the new SCH facility will be contained within the Project Area as per Figure 2 of the TOR. The Project Area is defined in Figure 1 (see map in Appendix A) and includes the land and coastline within 500 m of the proposed project footprint.

CBCL Limited (CBCL) was retained to conduct surveys and provide quantitative information on the breeding and migratory avian populations in and around the Project Area. Findings of the survey will be used to help support an environmental assessment for the construction of the new SCH facility. A winter avian survey was conducted within at Woodwards Cove to detail the resident avian populations present within the Project Area and the proposed footprint of the project including the access road (Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road). The avian survey program consisted of a desktop habitat analysis and multiple rounds of field surveys within forested and coastal areas in the Project Area at Woodwards Cove. The purpose of the desktop analysis was to assess usage of the Project Area by resident and migratory birds in winter, as well as to identify relevant habitat features and areas of significance for birds. Following the desktop exercise, CBCL developed and conducted a winter avian survey program to target the following species groups: shorebirds, diving and wading ducks, seabirds, passerines, and raptors.

During both the desktop analysis and field survey program, particular but not exclusive consideration was given to Species at Risk (SAR) and Species of Conservation Interest (SOCI). Coastal surveys were conducted during both low and high tide periods to assess the use by birds during the varying tide heights and shoreline exposure.

CBCL collaborated with the Peskotomuhkati Nation to conduct the winter avian survey program. This report summarizes the data collected by CBCL and the Peskotomuhkati Nation in the Woodwards Cove Project Area.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The main island of Grand Manan and the numerous nearby islands that encompass the Grand Manan Archipelago are known as an important breeding ground, migratory stopover, and wintering location for numerous bird species. A 10-kilometre band of the open water around the island and a one-kilometre strip of the coastal zone of the main island has been designated as an Important Bird Area (IBA). The following bird species have been observed in significant numbers that surpass at least one of the IBA thresholds (sub-regional, regional, or global): Brant (*Branta bernicla*), Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*), Manx Shearwater (*Puffinus puffinus*), Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus melodus*), Razorbill (*Alca torda*), Rusty Blackbird (*Euphagus*)

carolinus) Sooty Shearwater (*Ardenna grisea*), and Wilson's Storm Petrel (*Oceanites oceanicus*), (Birds Canada, 2022). The nearshore waters and coastline of the main Grand Manan Island is known as an important wintering area for many bird species including Razorbills, Brant and Purple Sandpipers (*Calidris maritima*). A study was needed to effectively describe the resident avian populations present within the Project Area in during the winter months (December to March).

3.0 SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY

CBCL completed a desktop analysis and winter bird survey program to determine the usage of the Project Area by resident and migratory birds in winter (December to March). Emphasis was given to SAR, SOCI and their habitats. This includes species listed under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) and/or provincial legislation; designated, under review or identified as candidate species by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC); and/or with rarity ranks (species with subnational ranks of S1 to S3S4) assigned by the province and/or the Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre (AC CDC). The information gathered during the desktop exercise informed the development of the winter bird surveys.

3.1 Desktop Analysis

During the desktop analysis, CBCL compiled a list of species that have previously been reported from or near the Project Area and/or are likely to occur during the winter study period. CBCL gathered information from the following publicly available sources:

- Maritime Breeding Birds Atlas (MBBA)
- Atlantic Canada Shorebird Survey (ACSS)
- Colonial Waterbirds Database (Atlantic Region)
- Important Bird Areas
- eBird
- iNaturalist
- Nature NB
- Christmas Bird Count

Information provided by PSPC was also reviewed for the desktop exercise. This included data from the AC CDC and Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS). Information on habitat types present in the Project Area was gathered from aerial imagery and ecological mapping layers available from the Province of New Brunswick.

3.2 Winter Avian Survey Program

The survey protocol for the winter avian survey program was developed based on the reference document *A Framework for the Scientific Assessment of Potential Project Impacts of Birds* (Hanson et al., 2009), the seasonal period, avian species expected to occur onsite, and habitat types present within the Project Area. The survey program was designed to target shorebirds, diving and wading ducks, seabirds, passerines, and raptors with emphasis given to SAR, SOCI,

colonial waterbirds, and migratory shorebirds that may use the Project Area in the winter. The Project Area includes the land and coastline within 500 m of the proposed project footprint, see Figure 1.

The field survey consisted of eleven survey stations along the coastline and an area search through accessible habitats in the Project Area, see Figure 2. At each coastal survey station, a visual sweep (approximately 180°) was conducted using a spotting scope to survey for seabirds and other waterbirds, including birds utilizing the habitats of the islands offshore of Woodwards Cove (Nantucket Island, High Duck Island, and Low Duck Island) where visible. Each coastal survey station was surveyed for a varied duration (but typically 10-20 minutes per station) to accurately count all species within the visual area of the survey location. All species detected visually or by sound were recorded, and individuals were monitored throughout the duration of the survey to limit double counting. Binoculars were also used to observe and identify birds within the Project Area. Notes on environmental conditions for each survey station was collected as well as specific information on each species observed including, bird behaviour, approximate distance from shoreline and age/sex (if applicable), see Table 1 for the full list of data collected at each survey station.

The field survey program was conducted during two rounds, one round of surveys was conducted on March 9 and 10, 2022 and another round was conducted on March 15 and 16, 2022. The first round was conducted by Todd Watts (Wildlife Specialist and Species at Risk Coordinator, Peskotomuhkati Nation) and the second round of surveys was conducted by CBCL biologists along with a representative of the Peskotomuhkati Nation, Jarrett Paul. During each round the coastal survey was completed during both low and high tides. Access to the coastal survey stations were limited by tide height and all eleven stations were not surveyed during each round of surveys. Between the two rounds, data from the coastal survey stations was collected during three low tide periods and four high tide periods to assess the use by birds during the varying tide heights and shoreline exposure. The second survey round included an area search within the upland habitats. Habitat features and usage by species was recorded during the field surveys. When SAR/SOCI were observed during the field survey, additional details were noted (behaviour, life stage, proximity to Project Area and habitat usage) and were reported to the PSPC project manager within 24 hours.

A brief summary of species and other observations was provided to the PSPC project manager at the conclusion of each survey day. Survey data was submitted to eBird and the AC CDC as requested by PSPC. All source files and data layers used to create figures will be submitted to PSPC with the final report.

Table 1. Data collected during CBCL winter avian surveys at Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan, NB on March 9 and 10, 2022 and March 15 and 16, 2022.

Survey / Environmental Conditions Data	Species Information Data
Survey date	Species name(s)
Start/end times	Number of individuals
Surveyor names	Waypoint location

Survey / Environmental Conditions Data	Species Information Data								
 Location Site Tide State (e.g., high, mid-rising, mid, mid-falling, low) Sea State (e.g., calm, rippled, wavy, choppy, rough, stormy) Temperature (°C) Cloud cover (%) Precipitation (e.g., rain, snow, rain & snow, drizzle, none) Glare conditions (e.g., none, minimal, medium, high) 	 Method of observation (e.g., visually, audibly) Sex/Age (if applicable) Activity (e.g., in flight, on water, on land, etc.) Location in reference to shoreline: nearshore (≤ 250 m), mid-shore (251 m ≥ 1000 m), farshore (>1000 m) 								

4.0 RESULTS

The following sections outline the findings of the desktop analysis and the winter avian field program.

4.1 Desktop Analysis

The entire Project Area is within the Grand Manan Archipelago Important Bird Area (IBA), see Figure 1. In winter, the Grand Manan Archipelago IBA is known to host globally significant numbers of Razorbill, Bonaparte's Gull (*Chroicocephalus philadelphia*), and Brant, as well as continentally significant numbers of Dovekie (*Alle alle*), Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*), and Purple Sandpiper (Bird Studies Canada, 2015). Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*), Common Eider (*Somateria mollissima*), and Harlequin Duck (*Histrionicus histrionicus*) often winter in notable numbers in the IBA.

The majority of the Project Area is within an area identified as candidate critical habitat for Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*) in the proposed Recovery Strategy for the species (ECCC, 2021), see Figure 1. Critical habitat for Bicknell's Thrush (*Catharus bicknelli*) is identified just south of the Project Area (ECCC, 2020).

The review of bird species observations revealed that over 200 bird species have been recorded on Grand Manan Island. The eBird data revealed 160 species have been recorded on the island during the winter birding period (December to March from 1900 to 2022). Of these 160 species, nine are SAR and 45 are SOCI. See Appendix B – Table B.2 for the complete list of winter period species records extracted from Grand Manan Island eBird observations.

The Grand Manan archipelago falls within the Marine Biogeographic Unit 11 (MBU 11 NB) Bird Conservation Region (Environment Canada, 2013). Forty-four species in this unit are designated as priority species of conservation concern. Several of these species are birds that have been observed on the island during the winter bird period. A list of the MBU 11 NB priority species is provided in Appendix B – Table B.3.

4.2 Field Survey

The results below summarize the findings of both rounds of the field surveys conducted by Todd Watts of Peskotomuhkati Nation and CBCL. A separate brief field summary report of the first round of the survey was prepared by Todd Watts and is included in Appendix E.

4.2.1 Bird Species Observed

A total of 31 species were observed in the Project Area during the two rounds of bird surveys on March 9 to 10, 2022 and March 15 to 16, 2022. The most abundant species observed were Common Eider (432 individuals), Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis* – 416 individuals), and Herring Gull (354 individuals). The majority of the bird individuals during the winter surveys were observed in coastal habitats (the open ocean or roosting on rock outcrops in the area between the shoreline within the Project Area and the offshore islands). See Appendix C – Table C.1. for a summary table of all species observed during the winter avian survey and Appendix D for all datasheets from the survey.

Of the 31 species observed, two are SAR¹, and ten are SOCI, see Table 2 for full list of SAR and SOCI observed. The SAR birds observed were Bald Eagle, and Peregrine Falcon. Additionally, 19 of the species observed are protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994* (MBCA 1994). Further details of the SAR observations are given in the subsections below.

No evidence of major bird congregations were found during the surveys.

Table 2. Summary of SAR and SOCI bird species observed during the winter avian surveys, March 9 to 10, 2022 and March 15 to 16, 2022 at Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan, NB.

Common Name	Scientific Name	SARA Ranking	Provincial Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	Listed as Priority Species in MBU 11 NB	Total No. of Individuals Recorded
Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	NAR	Е	S5	No	5
Peregrine Falcon - anatum/tundrius subspecies	Falco peregrinus pop. 1	NL	E	S1B, S3M	No	1
Black Guillemot	Cepphus grylle	NA	NA	S3B	No	5

¹ Please note that after submission of the draft report it was determined that the observation of Harlequin Duck, by Todd Watts of Peskotomuhkati Nation was false due to a data entry error. This observation has been removed from this final report.

Common Name	Scientific Name	SARA Ranking	Provincial Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	Listed as Priority Species in MBU 11 NB	Total No. of Individuals Recorded
Black Scoter	Melanitta americana	NA	NA	S1S2N, S3M	Yes	32
Bufflehead	NA	NA	S3N	No	20	
Common Eider	Somateria mollissima	NA	NA	S2S3B, S2S3N, S4M	Yes	432
Common Murre	Uria aalge	NA	NA	S1B	Yes	8
Great Black- backed Gull	Larus marinus	NA	NA	S3	No	37
Red-breasted Merganser	Mergus serrator	NA	NA	S3B, S4S5N,S 5M	No	77
Snowy Owl	Bubo scandiacus	NA	NA	S1N, S2S3M	No	at least 12
Surf Scoter	Melanitta perspicillata	NA	NA	S2N, S4M	Yes	90
White-winged Scoter	Melanitta deglandi	NA	NA	S2N, S4M	No	31

¹Environment Canada. 2013. Bird Conservation Strategy for Bird Conservation Region 14 and Marine Biogeographic Units 11 and 12 in New Brunswick: Atlantic Northern Forest, Bay of Fundy, and Gulf of St. Lawrence – *Abridged Version*.

²This species was not directly observed but sign of the species was noted within the Study Area (owl pellets and feathers).

E – Endangered; SC – Special Concern; NA – Not Assessed; NAR – Not at Risk; NL – Not Listed

Bald Eagle - Haliaeetus leucocephalus

New Brunswick Species at Risk Act – Endangered

Five individual Bald Eagles were observed in the Project Area during the second round of winter avian surveys, consisting of one adult and four juveniles. The adult Bald Eagle was observed on the morning of March 15, 2022, flying from the shoreline of Woodwards Cove toward High Duck Island. A single juvenile Bald Eagle was observed mid-day, flying over the shoreline of Woodwards Cove on March 15, 2022. On the morning of March 16, 2022, a single juvenile Bald Eagle was observed perching on a rock in the water between the Woodwards Cove shoreline and High Duck Island. At this same time, two more juvenile Bald Eagles were observed sparring with one another on the Northwest point of Nantucket Island. It is possible that the juvenile eagle observed on March 15 was one of the individuals observed on March 16.

Bald Eagles typically begin nesting in February in New Brunswick and begin to breed in April through to mid-May (Government of New Brunswick, 2022). Bald Eagles use sticks and plant materials to build large nest atop trees—typically White Pine (*Pinus glauca*)—and prefer sites near open water for hunting fish, the main component in their diets (Government of New Brunswick, 2022). Bald Eagle fledglings leave the nest by late-August (Government of New Brunswick, 2022).

Bald Eagles are recovering from significant losses to human persecution and insecticide use of DDT (dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane) during the 1940s (Buelher, 2000). The most current threat to Bald Eagle populations in Canada is habitat destruction by development along coastlines, which may alter and disturb prime nesting, feeding, and roosting habitats (Buelher, 2000).

Peregrine Falcon, anatum/tundrius subspecies (Falco peregrinus pop. 1)

New Brunswick Species at Risk Act - Endangered

One Peregrine Falcon was observed in the Project Area during the coastal surveys on March 16, 2022. The adult Peregrine Falcon was perched on a rock outcrop in the water between Woodwards Cove and the northern point of Nantucket Island.

Peregrine Falcons inhabit various habitats, including coastal zones of Canada, and typically nest alone on cliff ledges or crevices, but may also nest on the ledges of tall buildings or bridges (SARA, 2011). The cliffs along the northern end of Grand Manan may provide Peregrine Falcons with adequate nest sites, including the various island within the Grand Manan archipelago. Peregrine Falcons are known to go further than 30 km from their nest sites for hunting (Heward and McAlpine, 1993).

Peregrine Falcons can be negatively impacted urbanization of areas due to changes in food distribution but can usually modify their diet based on prey species present in the area, although Peregrine Falcons are highly adaptive to changing their prey-type (SARA, 2011). The main causes of mortality of Peregrine Falcon fledgling are collisions with buildings and vehicles (SARA, 2011). Insecticide use of DDT in the 1940s has also shown to negatively impact Peregrine Falcon productivity (SARA, 2011; Heward and McAlpine, 1993), similarly to Bald Eagles.

4.2.2 Habitats in the Project Area

The Project Area in the vicinity of Woodwards Cove contains various coastal habitats to support a diversity of avian species throughout the year. The coastal zone is composed of rocky shores and beaches with coarse-grain sand and rocky substrates. Extensive tidal flats and rocky shore are exposed at low tides.

Large rock outcrop islands which remain exposed during high tide are accessible from the shoreline at low tide. Some of these rock outcrops have patches of soil and vegetation with tidal pools on the lower ledges.

Islands offshore from the Project Area (Nantucket Island, High Duck Island and Low Duck Island) were being utilized by birds for foraging and resting. Habitats of the offshore islands could not be clearly described from the distance of the coastal survey stations, but some features were noted. The height of the coastlines of these islands vary from sea-level beaches to cliffs several metres high, with particularly high cliffs on High Duck Island.

The terrestrial lands of the Project Area include wetlands, forest, and herbaceous to shrubby field habitats. Two of the wetlands are associated with open water ponds and one is a forested swamp. The more southern open water wetland has a shrub shore dominated by Sweetgale (*Myrica gale*) and Alder species (*Alnus* spp.). The pond in the northern section near ragged point has significant cover of emergent vegetation including cattails. The forested wetland is dominated by Eastern White Cedar (*Thuja occidentalis*), Tamarack (*Larix laricina*), and Black Spruce. The other forested habitats of the Project Area are typical of coastal forests in the region dominated by White Spruce (*Picea glauca*), Balsam Fir (*Abies balsamea*), White Birch (*Betula papyrifera*), and Red Spruce (*Picea rubens*).

The southern portion of the Project Area is highly developed behind the beach along Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road. Many buildings are within the area of the breakwater and heavy machinery was being used at the end of the breakwater during the survey. Several residential buildings with cleared lawns are present in the northern portion of the Project Area.

See Appendix F for a photo log of the various habitats observed in the Project Area.

4.2.3 Habitat Suitability for SAR birds and Other Bird Species

Little, if any, suitable nesting habitat for Bank Swallow was observed in the Project Area. Although it is unclear what species could utilize the burrows observed, Bank Swallow could be considered. Cliffs along the shoreline outside of the Project Area to the north did have areas of vertical cliffs with exposed soil over 0.5 m (habitat typically associated with nesting Bank Swallow) but no evidence of nesting was observed (old, excavated burrows). The cliffs observed on High Duck Island (from distance of approximately 1 km), seemed to be higher with more exposed substrate and could provide suitable nesting habitat for Bank Swallow. The

wetland and open habitats of the Project Area could provide suitable foraging habitat for Bank Swallow.

The coastal forests observed in the Project Area did not seem to meet the attributes of nesting and foraging habitat for Bicknell's Thrush (dense coniferous forest with short, stunted growth) but this species is known from such coastal forests of Grand Manan. During a winter avian survey, it was noted by Todd Watts that possible habitat for Bicknell's Thrush occurs in the vicinity of theaccess road. Although this area does contain some spruce and fir trees, it doesn't seem to meet the stem density that is typically associated with the breeding habitat of this species in coastal lowland areas.

The coastal mudflats and rocky shores of the Project Area provide suitable foraging habitat for many species observed during the winter avian survey and likely provide suitable wintering habitat for Purple Sandpiper though none were observed during the survey. The tidal shoreline habitats would provide suitable habitat for coastal-feeding migrants, such as most shorebirds, during migration.

The forests of the Project Area contained many large snags (standing dead wood) which may provide habitat for various land bird species which utilize cavities for nesting (e.g., Black-capped Chickadee (*Poecile atricapillus*), Wood Duck (*Aix sponsa*)), various owl and woodpecker species. The forests also provide deadwood for foraging insectivorous species (e.g., Brown Creeper (*Certhia americana*), White-breasted nuthatch (*Sitta canadensis*), Red-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta canadensis*)) and various woodpecker species.

The wetlands of the Project Area with cattails and sedges around the open ponds could provide foraging and nesting habitat for various species including Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) and Rusty Blackbird (*Euphagus carolinus*).

4.2.4 Incidental Observations

Numerous burrows were found in the soil and vegetation substrate of three of the rock outcrop islands in the Project Area, see Figure 2 for burrow locations and Appendix F for photos of the observed burrows. The burrows were approximately 5 cm in width and appeared to be dug out by an animal, with chewed roots and vegetation around some of the openings. Tunnels through the grass were observed near some of the burrows. Various animal sign was found on two of the island outcrops with the burrows. Two types of scat were observed on the outcrop island near Ragged Point and feathers and pellets of Snowy Owl were found on an island outcrop further from the shoreline south of Ragged Point (across from the pond). The owl feathers had appeared to be pulled into one of the clusters of burrows.

5.0 SUMMARY

All bird species detected in the Project Area during the winter avian surveys were species expected for the habitats and time of year based on the desktop analysis. Bird species composition did not vary greatly between the two rounds of the survey. The two SAR birds seen during the surveys (Bald Eagle and Peregrine Falcon) are known to occur on Grand Manan Island in winter. Burrows in the substrate were observed on offshore island outcrops, but it is unclear what species may have created or use them. It is possible that a bird species such as

Bank Swallow or Leach's Storm Petrel could utilize the burrows, but more information is required.

It was noted in the assessment by Todd Watts (Wildlife Specialist/Species at Risk Coordinator Peskotomuhkati Nation at Skutik, see Appendix E) that the location of the burrow clusters suggested possible use by Bank Swallow or Leach's Storm Petrel. CBCL did not observe any direct evidence to indicate that an avian species made or use the burrows. Meadow Vole, Leach's Storm-Petrel and Bank Swallow should be considered, and more investigation is needed to determine their origins. Meadow Voles (Microtus pennsylvanicus) are known to make tunnels through grass and snow within their territories; however, no Meadow Voles or sign of Meadow Vole were observed. Leach's Storm-Petrel (Oceanodroma leucorhoa) is known to nest in similar ground burrows on the small islands within the Grand Manan archipelago, and while there is no evidence indicating Leach's Storm-Petrel nests on the main Grand Manan Island, it should not be ruled out that these burrows may be used by Leach's Storm-Petrel. Bank Swallow typically nest in vertical or near-vertical structures with excavatable substrates. It was also observed on one of the outcrop islands that Snowy Owl feathers were being pulled into some of the burrows. If this activity is intentional, it may be a mammal (likely rodent) using the feathers as nesting material, also indicating that the animal is presently living within the burrows during the winter months. The scat found on the outcrop islands appeared to be from a weasel species, such as American Mink (Neogale vison) or Short-tailed Weasel (Mustela erminea), while the other scat, which contained rosehips, appeared to be from a North American Raccoon (Procyon lotor). It is currently unknown whether there is any correlation between the scat and the burrows.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

CBCL recommends continuing with avian and SAR surveys into the spring to collect data on site use of springtime migratory birds and early breeding bird species within the Study Area. Point Count surveys and nocturnal owl surveys are recommended to be conducted before the end of May as late-March to mid-May is the recommended time window to detect the presence of spring birds. Point counts, area searches, and owl surveys should be conducted throughout the Study Area, particularly in forested areas and wetlands that fall within the Study Area.

CBCL also recommends a further investigation into the origins of the burrows on the rock outcrops to identify what species is using them. Surveys should be conducted to overlap with the nesting seasons of Bank Swallow and Leach's Storm-Petrel.

The cliffs on High Duck Island may provide nesting habitat for SAR such as Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*), among other bird species. The offshore islands could be surveyed from a closer vantage (such as via boat) to assess the bird species utilizing the island habitats.

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8.0 CLOSING

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The conclusions present represent the best judgement of the assessors based on the observed site conditions. Due to the nature of the investigations, the assessors cannot warrant against undiscovered environmental conditions or liabilities.

Should additional information become available, CBCL requests that this information be brought to our attention so that we may re-assess the conclusions presented herein.

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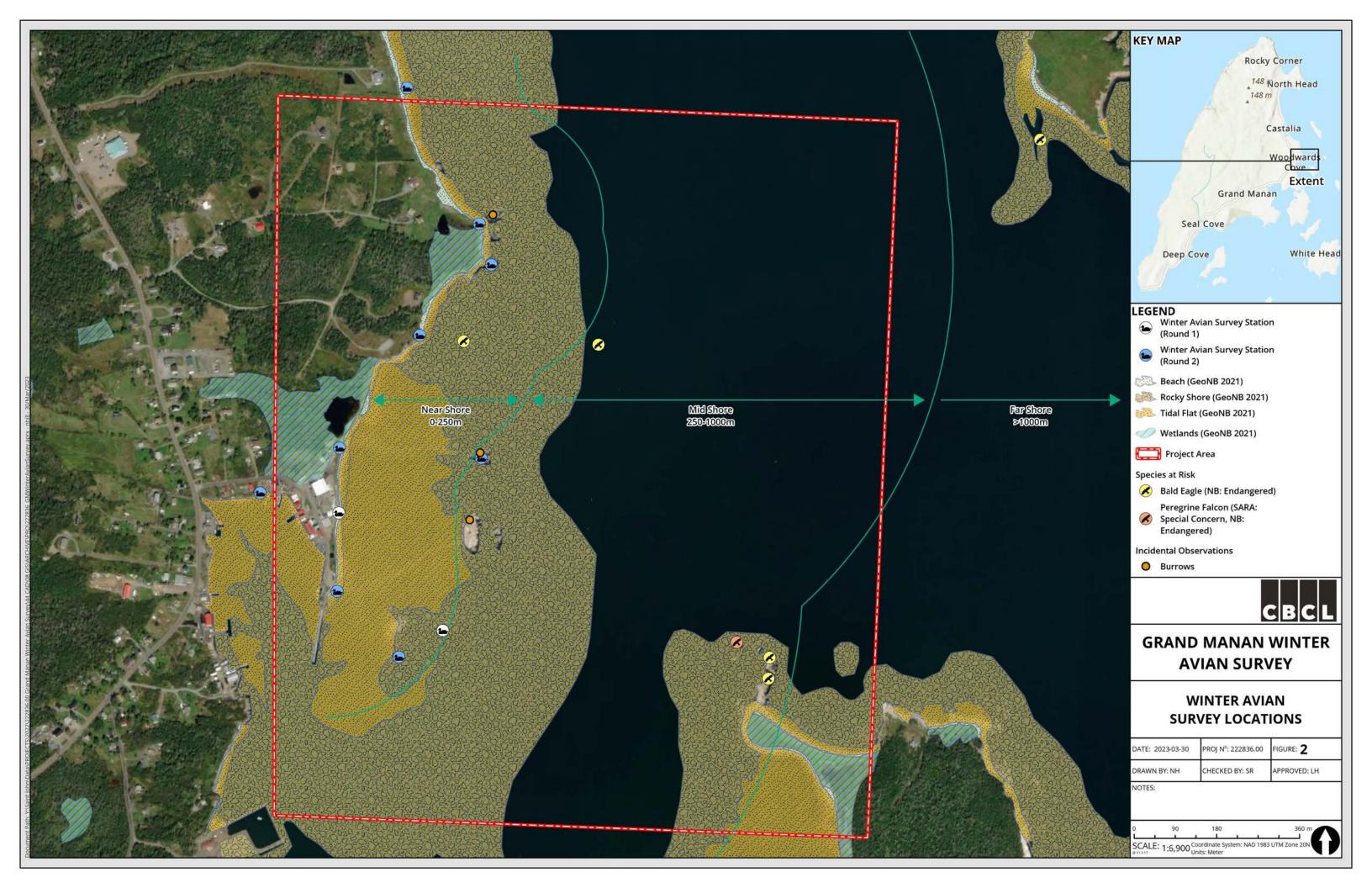
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APPENDIX B Desktop Analysis Results Tables

Table B.1. Summary of Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre (AC CDC) desktop analysis of the bird species records from a 5 km radius of the Project Area in Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick.

Common Name	Scientific Name	SARA Rank	COSEWIC Status	AC CDC S-Rank
Piping Plover melodus ssp	Charadrius melodus melodus	E	E	S1B,S1M
Red Knot rufa subspecies	Calidris canutus rufa	E	E,SC	S2M
Burrowing Owl	Athene cunicularia	Е	Е	SNA
Peregrine Falcon - anatum/tundrius	Falco peregrinus pop. 1	NL	NAR	S1B,S3M
Short-eared Owl	Asio flammeus	SC	SC	S2B,S2M
Barrow's Goldeneye - Eastern pop.	Bucephala islandica (Eastern pop.)	SC	SC	S2M,S2N
Rusty Blackbird	Euphagus carolinus	SC	SC	S3B,S3M
Evening Grosbeak	Coccothraustes vespertinus	SC	SC	S3B,S3S4N,SUM
Red-necked Phalarope	Phalaropus lobatus	SC	SC	S3M
Eastern Wood- Pewee	Contopus virens	SC	SC	S4B,S4M
Horned Grebe	Podiceps auritus	SC	SC	S4N,S4M
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Calidris subruficollis	SC	SC	SNA
Wood Thrush	Hylocichla mustelina	Т	Т	S1S2B,S1S2M
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	Т	Т	S2B,S2M
Bicknell's Thrush	Catharus bicknelli	Т	Т	S2B,S2M
Chimney Swift	Chaetura pelagica	Т	Т	S2S3B,S2M
Bank Swallow	Riparia riparia	Т	Т	S2S3B,S2S3M
Bobolink	Dolichonyx oryzivorus	Т	Т	S3B,S3M
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Contopus cooperi	Т	SC	S3B,S3M
Canada Warbler	Cardellina canadensis	Т	SC	S3B,S3M
European Golden-Plover	Pluvialis apricaria			SNA
Carolina Wren	Thryothorus ludovicianus			S1

Common Name	Scientific Name	SARA Rank	COSEWIC Status	AC CDC S-Rank
Greater	Tringa			S1B,S5M
Yellowlegs	melanoleuca			,
Upland	Bartramia			S1B,S1M
Sandpiper	longicauda			
Wilson's	Phalaropus			S1B,S1M
Phalarope	tricolor			,
Laughing Gull	Leucophaeus			S1B,S1M
3 9 3 3	atricilla			, -
Purple Martin	Progne subis			S1B,S1M
Common Murre	Uria aalge			S1B,S3N,S3M
Lesser Scaup	Aythya affinis			S1B,S4M
Greater Scaup	Aythya marila			S1B,S4M,S2N
Horned Lark	Eremophila			S1B,S4N,S5M
Homeu Laik	alpestris			01D,0411,00111
Arctic Tern	Sterna			S1B,SUM
Alctic Telli	paradisaea			31B,30W
Atlantic Puffin	Fratercula			S1B,SUN,SUM
Allanlic Fullin				31B,30N,30W
Black-headed	arctica Chroicocephalus			S1N,S2M
Gull	ridibundus			31N,32IVI
				CANLCOCOM
Brant	Branta bernicla			S1N,S2S3M
House Wren	Troglodytes			S1S2B,S1S2M
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Green Heron	Butorides			S1S2B,S1S2M
5	virescens			0.1000 0.10014
Black-crowned	Nycticorax			S1S2B,S1S2M
Night-heron	nycticorax			
Willow	Empidonax			S1S2B,S1S2M
Flycatcher	traillii			
Black-legged	Rissa tridactyla			S1S2B,S4N,S5M
Kittiwake				
Baird's	Calidris bairdii			S1S2M
Sandpiper				
Northern	Mimus			S2B,S2M
Mockingbird	polyglottos			
Brown Thrasher	Toxostoma			S2B,S2M
	rufum			
Razorbill	Alca torda			S2B,S3N,S3M
Pine Grosbeak	Pinicola			S2B,S4S5N,S4S5M
	enucleator			
Solitary	Tringa solitaria			S2B,S5M
Sandpiper				
Snow Goose	Anser			S2M
	caerulescens			
Great	Phalacrocorax			S2N,S2M
Cormorant	carbo			

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King Eider	Somateria spectabilis			S2N,S2M
Glaucous Gull	Larus hyperboreus			S2N,S2M
Long-eared Owl	Asio otus			S2S3
Cliff Swallow	Petrochelidon pyrrhonota			S2S3B,S2S3M
Great Crested Flycatcher	Myiarchus crinitus			S2S3B,S2S3M
Northern Shoveler	Spatula clypeata			S2S3B,S2S3M
American	Pluvialis			S2S3M
Golden-Plover	dominica			
Lapland	Calcarius			S2S3N,SUM
Longspur	lapponicus			,
Black Guillemot	Cepphus grylle			S3
Red Crossbill	Loxia curvirostra			S3
Pine Siskin	Spinus pinus			S3
Killdeer	Charadrius vociferus			S3B,S3M
Willet	Tringa semipalmata			S3B,S3M
Baltimore Oriole	Icterus galbula			S3B,S3M
Warbling Vireo	Vireo gilvus			S3B,S3M
Black-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus erythropthalmus			S3B,S3M
Brown-headed Cowbird	Molothrus ater			S3B,S3M
Turkey Vulture	Cathartes aura			S3B,S3M
Indigo Bunting	Passerina cyanea			S3B,S3M
Scarlet Tanager	Piranga olivacea			S3B,S3M
Common Eider	Somateria mollissima			S3B,S4M,S3N
Cape May Warbler	Setophaga tigrina			S3B,S4S5M
Northern Pintail	Anas acuta			S3B,S5M
Red-breasted Merganser	Mergus serrator			S3B,S5M,S4S5N
Ruddy Turnstone	Arenaria interpres			S3M
Red Phalarope	Phalaropus fulicarius			S3M

Common Name	Scientific Name	SARA Rank	COSEWIC Status	AC CDC S-Rank
Black Scoter	Melanitta			S3M,S1S2N
	americana			
Bufflehead	Bucephala			S3M,S2N
	albeola			,
Purple	Calidris maritima			S3M,S3N
Sandpiper				,
Thick-billed	Uria Iomvia			S3N,S3M
Murre				,
Eastern Kingbird	Tyrannus			S3S4B,S3S4M
· ·	tyrannus			·
Spotted	Actitis			S3S4B,S5M
Sandpiper	macularius			,
Ring-billed Gull	Larus			S3S4B,S5M
5	delawarensis			, '
Wilson's Snipe	Gallinago			S3S4B,S5M
'	delicata			,
Blackpoll	Setophaga			S3S4B,S5M
Warbler	striata			,
Semipalmated	Calidris pusilla			S3S4M
Sandpiper	January Paremen			
Pectoral	Calidris			S3S4M
Sandpiper	melanotos			
Black-bellied	Pluvialis			S3S4M
Plover	squatarola			000
Sanderling	Calidris alba			S3S4M,S1N
Boreal	Poecile			S4
Chickadee	hudsonicus			
Northern	Cardinalis			S4
Cardinal	cardinalis			
White-breasted	Sitta			S4
Nuthatch	carolinensis			
Black-backed	Picoides			S4
Woodpecker	arcticus			
Wood Duck	Aix sponsa			S4B,S4M
Wood Buok	7 lix oporiou			0 15,0 1111
Sora	Porzana			S4B,S4M
	carolina			3 15,5 1111
Veery	Catharus			S4B,S4M
. 551,	fuscescens			3 15,5 1111
Gray Catbird	Dumetella			S4B,S4M
Jia, Jawiia	carolinensis			J 12,5 11VI
Red-winged	Agelaius			S4B,S4M
Blackbird	phoeniceus			5 1D,5 11VI
Tree Swallow	Tachycineta			S4B,S4M
1100 Ovvaliov	bicolor			J-D,O-IVI
Rose-breasted	Pheucticus			S4B,S4M
Grosbeak	ludovicianus			J-D,O-IVI
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Common Name	Scientific Name	SARA Rank	COSEWIC Status	AC CDC S-Rank
Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodias			S4B,S4M
Blue-winged Teal	Spatula discors			S4B,S4M
American	Mareca			S4B,S4S5M
Wigeon	americana			
Bay-breasted	Setophaga			S4B,S4S5M
Warbler	castanea			
American Kestrel	Falco sparverius			S4B,S4S5M
Mourning	Geothlypis			S4B,S5M
Warbler	philadelphia			
Ruby-crowned	Regulus			S4B,S5M
Kinglet	calendula			
Lincoln's	Melospiza			S4B,S5M
Sparrow	lincolnii			
Tennessee	Oreothlypis			S4B,S5M
Warbler	peregrina			
Green-winged Teal	Anas crecca			S4B,S5M
Northern	Parkesia			S4B,S5M
Waterthrush	noveboracensis			
Hooded	Lophodytes			S4B,S5M
Merganser	cucullatus			
Wilson's	Cardellina			S4B,S5M
Warbler	pusilla			
Common	Bucephala			S4B,S5M,S4N
Goldeneye	clangula			
Short-billed	Limnodromus			S4M
Dowitcher	griseus			
White-rumped	Calidris			S4M
Sandpiper	fuscicollis			
Least Sandpiper	Calidris minutilla			S4M
Dunlin	Calidris alpina			S4M
Hudsonian	Numenius			S4M
Whimbrel	phaeopus			
	hudsonicus			
American Pipit	Anthus rubescens			S4M
Long-tailed				S4M,S4N
•	Clangula			34IVI,34IN
Duck	hyemalis			CACED CEM
Savannah	Passerculus			S4S5B,S5M
Sparrow	sandwichensis			CACED CEM
Osprey	Pandion			S4S5B,S5M
	haliaetus			

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Yellow-bellied	Empidonax			S4S5B,S5M
Flycatcher	flaviventris			
Purple Finch	Haemorhous			S4S5B,SUN,S5M
	purpureus			
Ruffed Grouse	Bonasa			S5
	umbellus			
Red-breasted	Sitta canadensis			S5
Nuthatch				
Herring Gull	Larus			S5
-	argentatus			
Great Black-	Larus marinus			S5
backed Gull				
American Crow	Corvus			S5
	brachyrhynchos			
Golden-crowned	Regulus satrapa			S5
Kinglet				
Downy	Dryobates			S5
Woodpecker	pubescens			
Dark-eyed	Junco hyemalis			S5
Junco				
Black-capped	Poecile			S5
Chickadee	atricapillus			
American	Spinus tristis			S5
Goldfinch				
Common Raven	Corvus corax			S5
Blue Jay	Cyanocitta			S5
	cristata			
White-winged	Loxia leucoptera			S5
Crossbill	,			
Hairy	Dryobates			S5
Woodpecker	villosus			
Barred Owl	Strix varia			S5
American Black	Anas rubripes			S5B,S4N,S5M
Duck	,			
Mallard	Anas			S5B,S4N,S5M
	platyrhynchos			
Common	Quiscalus			S5B,S5M
Grackle	quiscula			, ,
Common	Geothlypis			S5B,S5M
Yellowthroat	trichas			, ,
Cedar Waxwing	Bombycilla			S5B,S5M
	cedrorum			
White-throated	Zonotrichia			S5B,S5M
Sparrow	albicollis			, -
Least Flycatcher	Empidonax			S5B,S5M
	minimus			<u> </u>

Common Name	Scientific Name	SARA Rank	COSEWIC Status	AC CDC S-Rank
Swainson's	Catharus			S5B,S5M
Thrush	ustulatus			,
Blue-headed	Vireo solitarius			S5B,S5M
Vireo				
Chestnut-sided	Setophaga			S5B,S5M
Warbler	pensylvanica			
Hermit Thrush	Catharus			S5B,S5M
	guttatus			
Black-throated	Setophaga			S5B,S5M
Green Warbler	virens			
Alder Flycatcher	Empidonax			S5B,S5M
•	alnorum			·
Song Sparrow	Melospiza			S5B,S5M
5 .	melodia			·
Northern Flicker	Colaptes			S5B,S5M
	auratus			
Ovenbird	Seiurus			S5B,S5M
	aurocapilla			
Red-eyed Vireo	Vireo olivaceus			S5B,S5M
Chipping	Spizella			S5B,S5M
Sparrow	passerina			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Swamp Sparrow	Melospiza			S5B,S5M
	georgiana			,
Winter Wren	Troglodytes			S5B,S5M
	hiemalis			·
Blackburnian	Setophaga			S5B,S5M
Warbler	fusca			·
Northern Parula	Setophaga			S5B,S5M
	americana			·
Yellow Warbler	Setophaga			S5B,S5M
	petechia			
Black-and-White	Mniotilta varia			S5B,S5M
Warbler				·
American Robin	Turdus			S5B,S5M
	migratorius			
Black-throated	Setophaga			S5B,S5M
Blue Warbler	caerulescens			
Ruby-throated	Archilochus			S5B,S5M
Hummingbird	colubris			
Broad-winged	Buteo			S5B,S5M
Hawk	platypterus			
Ring-necked	Aythya collaris			S5B,S5M
Duck				
Magnolia	Setophaga			S5B,S5M
Warbler	magnolia magnolia			
American	Setophaga			S5B,S5M
Redstart	ruticilla			

Common Name	Scientific Name	SARA Rank	COSEWIC Status	AC CDC S-Rank
Nashville	Oreothlypis			S5B,S5M
Warbler	ruficapilla			
Yellow-rumped	Setophaga			S5B,S5M
Warbler	coronata			
Northern Saw-	Aegolius			S5B,S5M
whet Owl	acadicus			
Palm Warbler	Setophaga palmarum			S5B,S5M
American Woodcock	Scolopax minor			S5B,S5M
Eastern Phoebe	Sayornis phoebe			S5B,S5M
Philadelphia Vireo	Vireo philadelphicus			S5B,S5M
Belted Kingfisher	Megaceryle alcyon			S5B,S5M
Pine Warbler	Setophaga pinus			S5B,S5M
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura			S5B,S5M,S4N
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis			S5M
Great Shearwater	Ardenna gravis			S5N,S5M
Snow Bunting	Plectrophenax nivalis			S5N,S5M
Northern Gannet	Morus bassanus			SHB,S5M
Marbled Godwit	Limosa fedoa			SNA
Ring-necked	Phasianus			SNA
Pheasant	colchicus			
European	Sturnus vulgaris			SNA
Starling				
Rock Pigeon	Columba livia			SNA
Long-billed	Limnodromus			SNA
Dowitcher	scolopaceus			
American	Haematopus			SNA
Oystercatcher	palliatus .			
Ruff	Calidris pugnax			SNA
Curlew Sandpiper	Calidris ferruginea			SNA
Western Sandpiper	Calidris mauri			SNA
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus			SNA
American Avocet	Recurvirostra americana			SNA
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Common Name	Scientific Name	SARA Rank	COSEWIC Status	AC CDC S-Rank
Common Ringed Plover	Charadrius hiaticula			SNA
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus americanus			SNA
House Finch	Haemorhous mexicanus			SNA
Semipalmated Plover	Charadrius semipalmatus			SNRB,S4S5M
Stilt Sandpiper	Calidris himantopus			SUM
Snowy Owl	Bubo scandiacus			S1N,S2S3M
Boreal Owl	Aegolius funereus			S1S2B,SUM
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo			S3B,SUM
Red-necked Grebe	Podiceps grisegena			S3M,S2N
Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus			S4
Northern Goshawk	Accipiter gentilis			S4
Nelson's Sparrow	Ammospiza nelsoni			S4B,S4M
Eastern Bluebird	Sialia sialis			S4B,S4M
Common Loon	Gavia immer			S4B,S4M,S4N
Northern Harrier	Circus hudsonius			S4B,S4S5M
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Accipiter striatus			S4B,S5M
Merlin	Falco columbarius			S5B,S5M
Double-crested Cormorant	Phalacrocorax auritus			S5B,S5M
Gyrfalcon	Falco rusticolus			SNA
Leach's Storm- Petrel	Oceanodroma leucorhoa			S2B,SUM
Hudsonian Godwit	Limosa haemastica			S3S4M
Lesser Yellowlegs	Tringa flavipes			S4M

E = Endangered, T = Threatened, SC = Special Concern, NAR = Not at Risk, NL = Not Listed

Table B.2. Summary of eBird data of bird species observed from December to March (1900-2022) on Grand Manan Island, including the associated archipelago, showing species name, conservation rankings, rarity ranking within the province of New Brunswick (NB). New Brunswick, as a part of the desktop analysis component for the winter avian survey of Woodwards Cove on Grand Manan Island –species at risk (SAR) – indicated by red highlight, and species of conservation interest (SOCI) – indicated by blue highlight.

Common Name	Scientific Name	SARA Rank	COSEWIC Rank	AC CDC Rank (NB)
Snow Goose	Anser caerulescens	NAR	NAR	S2M
Greater White- fronted Goose	Anser albifrons	NAR	NAR	SNA
Brant	Branta bernicla	NAR	NAR	S1N,S2S3M
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	NAR	NAR	S5M
Wood Duck	Aix sponsa	NAR	NAR	S4B,S4M
Northern Shoveler	Spatula clypeata	NAR	NAR	S2S3B,S2S3M
Gadwall	Mareca strepera	NAR	NAR	S2B
Eurasian Wigeon	Mareca penelope	NAR	NAR	SNA
American Wigeon	Mareca americana	NAR	NAR	S4B,S4S5M
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	NAR	NAR	S5B,S4N,S5M
American Black Duck	Anas rubripes	NAR	NAR	S5B,S4N,S5M
Northern Pintail	Anas acuta	NAR	NAR	S3B,S5M
Green-winged Teal	Anas crecca	NAR	NAR	S4B,S5M
Canvasback	Aythya valisineria	NAR	NAR	SNA
Ring-necked Duck	Aythya collaris	NAR	NAR	S5B,S5M
Tufted Duck	Aythya fuligula	NAR	NAR	SNA
Greater Scaup	Aythya marila	NAR	NAR	S1B,S4M,S2N
Lesser Scaup	Aythya affinis	NAR	NAR	S1B,S4M
King Eider	Somateria spectabilis	NAR	NAR	S2N,S2M
Common Eider	Somateria mollissima	NAR	NAR	S3B,S4M,S3N
Harlequin Duck – Eastern pop.	Histrionicus histrionicus pop.	SC	E	S2N
Surf Scoter	Melanitta perspicilatta	NAR	NAR	S4N
White-winged Scoter	Melanitta deglandi	NAR	NAR	S4N

Common Name	Scientific Name	SARA Rank	COSEWIC Rank	AC CDC Rank (NB)
Long-tailed	Clangula	NAR	NAR	S4M,S4N
Duck	hyemalis			
Bufflehead	Bucephala albeola	NAR	NAR	S3M,S2N
Common	Bucephala	NAR	NAR	S4B,S5M,S4N
Goldeneye	clangula			
Barrow's	Bucephala	SC	SC	S2M,S2N
Goldeneye -	islandica			, -
Eastern pop.	(Eastern pop.)			
Hooded	Lophodytes	NAR	NAR	S4B,S5M
Merganser	cucullatus			,
Common	Mergus	NAR	NAR	S5
Merganser	merganser			
Red-breasted	Mergus serrator	NAR	NAR	S3B,S5M,S4S5N
Merganser				, ,
Ruffed Grouse	Bonasa umbellus	NAR	NAR	S5
Spruce Grouse	Falcipennis canadensis	NAR	NAR	S4
Ring-necked	Phasianus	NAR	NAR	SNA
Pheasant	colchicus	147.413	TW II C	01471
Horned Grebe	Podiceps auritus	SC	SC	S4N,S4M
Red-necked	Podiceps	NAR	NAR	S3M,S2N
Grebe	grisegena	147 (1)	TW II C	00111,0211
Rock Pigeon	Columba livia	NAR	NAR	SNA
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura	NAR	NAR	S5
American Coot	Fulica americana	NAR	NAR	S1B
Sandhill Crane	Antigone canadensis	NAR	NAR	SNA
Killdeer	Charadrius vociferus	NAR	NAR	S3B,S3M
Ruddy Turnstone	Arenaria interpres	NAR	NAR	S3M
Red Knot rufa	Calidris canutus	E	E,SC	S2M
subspecies	rufa			
Sanderling	Calidris alba	NAR	NAR	S3S4M,S1N
Dunlin	Calidris alpina	NAR	NAR	S4M
Purple	Calidris maritima	NAR	NAR	S3M,S3N
Sandpiper				
American	Scolopax minor	NAR	NAR	S5B,S5M
Woodcock				
Wilson's Snipe	Gallinago delicata	NAR	NAR	S3S4B,S5M
Greater	Tringa	NAR	NAR	S1?B,S5M
Yellowlegs	melanoleuca			,
Dovekie	Alle alle	NAR	NAR	S5N

Common Name	Scientific Name	SARA Rank	COSEWIC Rank	AC CDC Rank (NB)
Common Murre	Uria aalge	NAR	NAR	S1B,S3N,S3M
Thick-billed Murre	Uria Iomvia	NAR	NAR	S3N,S3M
Razorbill	Alca torda	NAR	NAR	S2B,S3N,S3M
Black Guillemot	Cepphus grylle	NAR	NAR	S3
Atlantic Puffin	Fratercula arctica	NAR	NAR	S1B,SUN,SUM
Black-legged Kittiwake	Rissa tridactyla	NAR	NAR	S1S2B,S4N,S5M
Sabine's Gull	Xema sabini	NAR	NAR	SNA
Bonapart's Gull	Chroicocephalus philadelphia	NAR	NAR	S5M
Ring-billed Gull	Larus delawarensis	NAR	NAR	S3S4B,S5M
Herring Gull	Larus argentatus	NAR	NAR	S5
Iceland Gull	Larus glaucoides	NAR	NAR	S4N
Lesser Black- backed Gull	Larus fuscus	NAR	NAR	SNA
Glaucous Gull	Larus hyperboreus	NAR	NAR	S2N,S2M
Great Black- backed Gull	Larus marinus	NAR	NAR	S5
Red-throated Loon	Gavia stellata	NAR	NAR	S4N
Common Loon	Gavia immer	NAR	NAR	S4B,S4M,S4N
Northern Fulmar	Fulmarus glacialis	NAR	NAR	S5N
Northern Gannet	Morus bassanus	NAR	NAR	SHB,S5M
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	NAR	NAR	S2N,S2M
Double-crested Cormorant	Phalacrocorax auritus	NAR	NAR	S5B,S5M
American Bittern	Botaurus Ientiginosus	NAR	NAR	S3S4B
Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodias	NAR	NAR	S4B,S4M
Black-crowned Night-heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	NAR	NAR	S1S2B,S1S2M
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Nyctanassa violacea	NAR	NAR	SNA
Turkey Vulture	Cathartes aura	NAR	NAR	S3B,S3M
Golden Eagle	Aquila chrysaetos	NAR	NAR	SNA
Northern Harrier	Circus hudsonius	NAR	NAR	S4B,S4S5M

Common Name	Scientific Name	SARA Rank	COSEWIC Rank	AC CDC Rank (NB)	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Accipiter striatus	NAR	NAR	S4B,S5M	
Cooper's Hawk	Accipiter cooperii	NAR	NAR	S1?B	
Northern Goshawk	Accipiter gentilis	NAR	NAR	S4	
Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	NAR	NAR	S4	
Broad-winged Hawk	Buteo platypterus	NAR	NAR	S5B,S5M	
Red-tailed Hawk	Buteo jamaicensis	NAR	NAR	S5	
Rough-legged Hawk	Buteo lagopus	NAR	NAR	S3N	
Snowy Owl	Bubo scandiacus	NAR	NAR	S1N,S2S3M	
Barred Owl	Strix varia	NAR	NAR	S5	
Short-eared Owl	Asio flammeus	SC	SC	S2B,S2M	
Northern Saw- whet Owl	Aegolius acadicus	NAR	NAR	S5B,S5M	
Belted Kingfisher	Megaceryle alcyon	NAR	NAR	S5B,S5M	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Empidonax flaviventris	NAR	NAR	S4S5B,S5M	
Red-bellied Sapsucker	Sphyrapicus ruber	NAR	NAR	SNA	
Downy Woodpecker	Dryobates pubescens	NAR	NAR	S5	
Hairy Woodpecker	Dryobates villosus	NAR	NAR	S5	
Northern Flicker	Colaptes auratus	NAR	NAR	S5B,S5M	
American Kestrel	Falco sparverius	NAR	NAR	S4B,S4S5M	
Merlin	Falco columbarius	NAR	NAR	S5B,S5M	
Peregrine Falcon - anatum/tundrius	Falco peregrinus pop. 1	NL	NAR	S1B,S3M	
Eastern Phoebe	Sayornis phoebe	NAR	NAR	S5B,S5M	
Northern Shrike	Lanius borealis	NAR	NAR	S3S4N	
Blue Jay	Cyanocitta cristata	NAR	NAR	S5	
American Crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos	NAR	NAR	S5	
Common Raven	Corvus corax	NAR	NAR	S5	

Common Name	Scientific Name	SARA Rank	COSEWIC Rank	AC CDC Rank (NB)	
Black-capped	Poecile	NAR	NAR	S5	
Chickadee	atricapillus				
Boreal	Poecile	NAR	NAR	S4	
Chickadee	hudsonicus				
Horned Lark	Eremophila alpestris	NAR	NAR	S1B,S4N,S5M	
Tree Swallow	Tachycineta bicolor	NAR	NAR	S4B,S4M	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Regulus calendula	NAR	NAR	S4B,S5M	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Regulus satrapa	NAR	NAR	S5	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta canadensis	NAR	NAR	S5	
White-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta carolinensis	NAR	NAR	S4	
Brown Creeper	Certhia americana	NAR	NAR	S5	
Winter Wren	Troglodytes hiemalis	NAR	NAR	S5B,S5M	
Carolina Wren	Thryothorus Iudovicianus	NAR	NAR	S1	
European Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	NAR	NAR	SNA	
Gray Catbird	Dumetella carolinensis	NAR	NAR	S4B,S4M	
Brown Thrasher	Toxostoma rufum	NAR	NAR	S2B,S2M	
Eastern Mockingbird		NAR	NAR	S2B	
Varied Thrush	Ixoreus naevius	NAR	NAR	SNA	
Hermit Thrush	Catharus guttatus	NAR	NAR	S5B,S5M	
American Robin	Turdus migratorius	NAR	NAR	S5B,S5M	
Bohemian Waxwing	Bombycilla garrulus	NAR	NAR	S5N	
Cedar Waxwing	Bombycilla cedrorum	NAR	NAR	S5B,S5M	
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	NAR	NAR	SNA	
American Pipit	Anthus rubescens	NAR NAR S4M		S4M	
Evening Grosbeak	Coccothraustes vespertinus	SC	SC	S3B,S3S4N,SUM	
Pine Grosbeak	Pinicola enucleator	NAR	NAR	S2B,S4S5N,S4S5M	

Common Name	Scientific Name	SARA Rank	COSEWIC Rank	AC CDC Rank (NB)
Common Grackle	Quiscalus quiscula	NAR	NAR	S5B,S5M
Black-and-White Warbler	Mniotilta varia	NAR	NAR	S5B,S5M
Orange- crowned Warbler	Oreothlypis celata	NAR	NAR	SNA
Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas	NAR	NAR	S5B,S5M
Palm Warbler	Setophaga palmarum	NAR	NAR	S5B,S5M
Pine Warbler	Setophaga pinus	NAR	NAR	S5B,S5M
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Setophaga coronata	NAR	NAR	S5B,S5M
Northern Cardinal	Cardinalis cardinalis	NAR	NAR	S4
Painted Bunting	Passerina ciris	NAR	NAR	SNA

Common Name	Scientific Name	SARA Rank	COSEWIC Rank	AC CDC Rank (NB)	
House Finch	Haemorhous mexicanus	NAR	NAR	SNA	
Purple Finch	Haemorhous purpureus	NAR	NAR	S4S5B,SUN,S5M	
Common Redpoll	Acanthis flammea	NAR	NAR	S5N	
Hoary Redpoll	Acanthis hornemanni	NAR	NAR	SNA	
Red Crossbill	Loxia curvirostra	NAR	NAR	S3	
White-winged Crossbill	Loxia leucoptera	NAR	NAR	S5	
Pine Siskin	Spinus pinus	NAR	NAR	S3	
American Goldfinch	Spinus tristis	NAR	NAR	S5	
Lapland Longspur	Calcarius Iapponicus	NAR	NAR	S2S3N,SUM	
Snow Bunting	Plectrophenax nivalis	NAR	NAR	S5N,S5M	
Chipping Sparrow	Spizella passerina	NAR	NAR	S5B,S5M	
Field Sparrow	Spizella pusilla	NAR	NAR	SNA	
American Tree Sparrow	Spizelloides arborea	NAR	NAR	S5N	
Fox Sparrow	Passerina iliaca	NAR	NAR	S3S4B	
Dark-eyed Junco	Junco hyemalis	NAR	NAR	S5	
White-crowned Sparrow	Zonotrichia leucophrys	NAR	NAR	SNA	
White-throated Sparrow	Zonotrichia albicollis	NAR	NAR	S5B,S5M	
Vesper Sparrow	Pooecetes gramineus	NAR	NAR	S2B	
Savannah Sparrow	Passerculus sandwichensis	NAR	NAR	S4S5B,S5M	
Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia	NAR	NAR	S5B,S5M	
Lincoln's Sparrow	Melospiza lincolnii	NAR	NAR	S4B,S5M	
Swamp Sparrow	Melospiza georgiana	NAR	NAR	S5B,S5M	
Yellow-breasted Chat	Icteria virens	Е	NAR	SNA	
Red-winged Blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus	NAR	NAR	S4B,S4M	
Brown-headed Cowbird	Molothrus ater	NAR	NAR	S2B	
Rusty Blackbird	Euphagus carolinus	SC	SC	S3B,S3M	

Table B.3. Summary of priority species in Marine Biogeographic Unit 11 New Brunswick (MBU 11 NB), species' conservation status within Canada and New Brunswick, rarity rankings within New Brunswick, and population objectives set by Environment Canada (*Bird Conservation Strategy for Bird Conservation Region 14 and Marine Biogeographic Units 11 and 12 in New Brunswick: Atlantic Northern Forest, Bay of Fundy and Gulf of St. Lawrence – Abridged Version, Environment Canada, 2013*).

Species Name	Scientific Name	Bird Group	Conservation Status & Rarity Rank ¹	Population Objective set by Environment Canada
Black-bellied Plover	Pluvialis	Shorebird	No status S3S4M	Assess/Maintain
Dunlin	squatarola Calidris alpina	Shorebird	No status S4M	Assess/Maintain ²
Hudsonian Godwit	Limosa haemastica	Shorebird	COSEWIC - threatened S3M	Assess/Maintain
Least Sandpiper	Calidris minutilla	Shorebird	No status S4M	Assess/Maintain
Lesser Yellowlegs	Tringa flavipes	Shorebird	COSEWIC – threatened S3M	Assess/Maintain
Piping Plover (melodus subspecies)	Charadrius melodus melodus	Shorebird	SARA – endangered COSEWIC – endangered NB SARA – endangered S1B	Recovery objective
Purple Sandpiper	Calidris maritima	Shorebird	No status S3N	Assess/Maintain
Red Knot (<i>rufa</i> subspecies)	Calidris canutus rufa	Shorebird	SARA – endangered COSEWIC – endangered S2M	Assess/Maintain
Red Phalarope	Phalaropus fulicarius	Shorebird	No status S3M	Assess/Maintain ²
Red-necked Phalarope	Phalaropus lobatus	Shorebird	No status S3M	Assess/Maintain
Sanderling	Calidris alba	Shorebird	No status S1N,S3S4M	Assess/Maintain
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Calidris pusilla	Shorebird	No status S3M	Increase 100%
Solitary Sandpiper	Tringa solitaria	Shorebird	No status S2B,S4S5M	Assess/Maintain ²
Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus	Shorebird	No status S3M	Assess/Maintain
Willet	Tringa semipalmata	Shorebird	No status S3B	Increase 50%

Species Name	Scientific Name	Bird Group	Conservation Status & Rarity Rank ¹	Population Objective set by Environment Canada
Arctic Tern	Sterna paradisaea	Waterbird	No status S1B,SUM	Assess/Maintain
Black-legged Kittiwake	Rissa tridactyla	Waterbird	No status S1B	Assess/Maintain
Bonaparte's Gull	Chroicocephalus philadelphia	Waterbird	No status S5M	Assess/Maintain
Common Loon	Gavia immer	Waterbird	No status S4B,S4N	Assess/Maintain
Common Murre	Uria aalge	Waterbird	No status S1B	Assess/Maintain
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	Waterbird	No status S3B,SUM	Assess/Maintain
Dovekie	Alle alle	Waterbird	No status S4N,S4M	Assess/Maintain
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	Waterbird	No status S2N	Assess/Maintain
Great Shearwater	Ardenna gravis	Waterbird	No status S5N,S5M	Assess/Maintain
Horned Grebe	Podiceps auratus	Waterbird	SARA – endangered ³ COSEWIC – endangered ³ / special concern ⁴ S3N	Assess/Maintain
Leach's Storm- Petrel	Hydrobates leucorhous	Waterbird	No status S1S2B	Assess/Maintain
Manx Shearwater	Puffinus puffinus	Waterbird	No status S4N,S4M	Assess/Maintain
Razorbill	Alca torda	Waterbird	No status S1B	Assess/Maintain
Red-necked Grebe	Podiceps grisegena	Waterbird	No status S2N,S3M	Assess/Maintain
Red-throated Loon	Gavia stellata	Waterbird	No status S4N,S5M	Assess/Maintain
Roseate Tern	Sterna dougallii	Waterbird	SARA – endangered COSEWIC – endangered S1B	Recovery objective
Sooty Shearwater	Ardenna grisea	Waterbird	No status S4N,S4M	Assess/Maintain
Thick-billed Murre	Uria Iomvia	Waterbird	No status S3N,S3M	Assess/Maintain
American Black Duck	Anas rubripes	Waterfowl	No status S5B,S4N	Maintain current
Barrow's Goldeneye (Eastern)	Bucephala islandica	Waterfowl	SARA – special concern	Assess/Maintain

Species Name	Scientific Name	Bird Group	Conservation Status & Rarity Rank ¹	Population Objective set by Environment Canada
			COSEWIC – special concern S2S3N,S3M	
Black Scoter	Melanitta americana	Waterfowl	No status S1S2N,S3M	Assess/Maintain
Canada Goose (North Atlantic)	Branta canadensis	Waterfowl	No status SUB,S5M	Maintain current
Canada Goose (Temperate – breeding in Eastern Canada) ⁵	Branta canadensis	Waterfowl	No status SUB,S5M	Decrease
Common Eider	Somateria mollissima	Waterfowl	No status S2S3B,S2S3N,S4M	Increase 50%
Common Goldeneye	Bucephala albeola	Waterfowl	No status S4B,S4N,S5M	Assess/Maintain
Green-winged Teal	Anas crecca	Waterfowl	No status S4B,S5M	Increase 50%
Harlequin Duck (Eastern)	Histrionicus histrionicus population 1	Waterfowl	SARA – special concern COSEWIC – special concern NB SARA - endangered S1B,S1S2N,S2M	Assess/Maintain
Surf Scoter	Melanitta perspicillata	Waterfowl	No status S2N,S4M	Assess/Maintain

¹Rarity rank is for the province of New Brunswick

²A recent assessment (Andres et al. 2012) now suggests that some of these shorebird species are stable (e.g. Dunlin, Least Sandpiper and Solitary Sandpiper) while others are declining (Ruddy Turnstone). These shorebird priority species were selected in 2009 (based on Andres (2009). Subsequent database versions will be modified to account for this information.

³Status applies to the Magdalen Islands Population of Horned Grebe

⁴Status applies to the Western Population of Horned Grebe.

⁵Canada Goose (Temperate - breeding in Eastern Canada) was added as a priority species due to management concerns (e.g., overabundance and problem geese).

APPENDIX C Field Survey Results Tables

Table C.1. Summary, conservation status, rarity and priority¹ ranking of all species observed during the winter avian surveys conducted on March 9 and 10, 2022 and March 15 and 16, 2022 at Woodwards Cove, Charlotte County, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick.

Common Name	Scientific Name	SARA Ranking	Provincial Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	Listed as Priority Species in MBU 11 NB	Total No. of Individuals Recorded
Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	NAR	E	S5	No	5
Peregrine Falcon – anatum/tundrius subspecies	Falco peregrinus pop. 1	SC	E	S1B,S3 M	No	1
Black Guillemot	Cepphus grylle	NA	NA	S3B	No	5
Black Scoter	Melanitta americana	NA	NA	S1S2N, S3M	Yes	32
Bufflehead	Bucephala albeola	NA	NA	S3N	No	20
Common Eider	Somateria mollissima	NA	NA	S2S3B, S2S3N, S4M	Yes	432
Common Murre	Uria aalge	NA	NA	S1B	Yes	8
Great Black- backed Gull	Larus marinus	NA	NA	S3	No	37
Red-breasted Merganser	Mergus serrator	NA	NA	S3B, S4S5N, S5M	No	77
Snowy Owl	Bubo scandiacus	NA	NA	S1N, S2S3M	No	at least 12
Surf Scoter	Melanitta perspicillata	NA	NA	S2N,S4 M	Yes	90
White-winged Scoter	Melinite deglandi	NA	NA	S2N,S4 M	No	31
American Black Duck	Anas rubripes	NA	NA	S5B,S4N	Yes	197
American Crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos	NA	NA	S5	No	49
Black-capped Chickadee	Poecile atricapillus	NA	NA	S5	No	10
Blue Jay	Cyanocitta cristata	NA	NA	S5	No	2
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	NA	NA	SUB,S5 M	Yes	416

Common Name	Scientific Name	SARA Ranking	Provincial Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	Listed as Priority Species in MBU 11 NB	Total No. of Individuals Recorded
Common Goldeneye	Bucephala clangula	NA	NA	S4B,S4N ,S5M	Yes	59
Common Loon	Gavia immer	NA	NA	S4B,S4N	Yes	45
Common Raven	Corvus corax	NA	NA	S5	No	2
Double-crested Cormorant	Phalacrocorax auritus	NA	NA	S5B	No	11
European Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	NA	NA	SNA	No	1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Regulus satrapa	NA	NA	S5	No	2
Herring Gull	Larus argentatus	NA	NA	S5	No	354
Long-tailed Duck	Clangula hyemalis	NA	NA	S4N	Yes	80
Northern Harrier	Circus hudsonicus	NA	NA	S4B, S4S5M	No	1
Purple Finch	Haemorhous purpureus	NA	NA	S4S5B, SUN,S5 M	No	1
Red-winged Blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus	NA	NA	S4B	No	1
Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia	NA	NA	S5B	No	2
Goldeneye Species ³	Bucephala sp.	U	U	U	Yes	5
Scoter Species ³	Melanitta sp.	U	U	U	Yes and No ⁴	8

¹Environment Canada. 2013. Bird Conservation Strategy for Bird Conservation Region 14 and Marine Biogeographic Units 11 and 12 in New Brunswick: Atlantic Northern Forest, Bay of Fundy, and Gulf of St. Lawrence – *Abridged Version*. ²This species was not directly observed but sign of the species was noted within the Project Area (owl pellets and feathers).

E – Endangered

SC - Special Concern

NA - Not Assessed

NAR - Not at Risk

U-Unknown

³Exact species were not identified due to environmental conditions (i.e., waves) and/or behavioural activity (i.e., frequent diving).

⁴Surf Scoter and White-Winged Scoter are listed as priority MBU 11 NB species; however, Black Scoter are not.

APPENDIX D Field Datasheets

Woodward's Cove Avian Winter Survey

Todd Watts

Wildlife Specialist/Species at Risk Co-ordinator

Peskotomukati Nation at Skutik

Date: March 09, 2022 Time (start/end): 11:50AM -2PM

Surveyors: Todd Watts Location: Woodward's Cove

HUMAN ACTIVITY: Earth mover and dump truck active along breakwater, at edge of cove/harbor.

WEATHER & WATER

Tide: Low

Sea State: Rippled

Temperature: Unknown

Wind Speed: Beaufort 2

Wind Direction: South

Cloud Cover: 100%

Precipitation: None

Glare Conditions: Little to none

BIRD OBSERVATIONS

Species	Method of Detection (Audible or Visually)	# of Individuals	Waypoint	Sex/Age	Activity/Behavior (in flight, on water, foraging etc.)	Location (In reference to shoreline) ¹	Notes
Canada Goose	Visual	1	N/A	Unknown	In flight	Over water, moving towards land	
American Black Duck	Visual	31	N/A	Unknown	Foraging	Inland and near shore	"Inland" birds were in the intertidal zone.
Common Eider	Visual	45	N/A	15 male, 30 female	Foraging	Near shore and off shore	
Surf Scoter	Visual	6	N/A	5 male, 1 female	Foraging	Off shore	
White-winged Scoter	Visual	3	N/A	2 male, 1 female	Foraging	Off shore	
Black Scoter	Visual	11	N/A	9 male, 2 female	Foraging	Off shore	
Long-tailed Duck	Visual	1	N/A	1 male	Foraging	Off shore	
Common Goldeneye	Visual	35	N/A	16 male, 19 female	Foraging	Off shore	
Goldeneye species	Visual	5	N/A	Unknown	Foraging	Off shore	
Red-breasted Merganser	Visual	2	N/A	2 female	Foraging	Near shore	

¹Inland, near shore, offshore, outside project area

Common	Visual	3	N/A	Unknown	Foraging	Off shore	
Loon							
Herring Gull	Visual	18	N/A	Unknown	Foraging	Various locations	
Great Black- backed Gull	Visual	1	N/A	Unknown	Foraging	Off shore	
American Crow	Visual	12	N/A	Unknown	Foraging	Inland areas	"Inland" refers to gravel beaches at water's edge

¹Inland, near shore, offshore, outside project area

Woodward's Cove Avian Winter Survey

Todd Watts

Wildlife Specialist/Species at Risk Co-ordinator

Peskotomukati Nation at Skutik

Date: March 10, 2022 Time (start/end): 9:45AM 11:15PM

Surveyors: Todd Watts Location: Woodward's Cove

HUMAN ACTIVITY: None

WEATHER & WATER

Tide: Low

Sea State: Rippled

Temperature: Unknown

Wind Speed: Beaufort 2

Wind Direction: West

Cloud Cover: 70%

Precipitation: None

Glare Conditions: Present over a limited portion of the project area. However, glare had little to no

effect on the detectability of birds.

BIRD OBSERVATIONS

Species	Method of Detection (Audible or Visually)	# of Individuals	Waypoint	Sex/Age	Activity/Behavior (in flight, on water, foraging etc.)	Location (In reference to shoreline) ¹	Notes
American Black Duck	Visual	26	N/A	Unknown	Foraging	Inland and near shore	"Inland" birds were in the intertidal zone.
Common Eider	Visual	58	N/A	23 male, 35 female	Foraging	Near shore and off shore	
Surf Scoter	Visual	24	N/A	3 male, 21 female and/or 1 st - year male	Foraging	Off shore	
White-winged Scoter	Visual	1	N/A	1 male	Foraging	Off shore	
Scoter species	Visual	8	N/A	Unknown	Foraging	Off shore	Observed briefly through binoculars (they dove)
Long-tailed Duck	Visual	6	N/A	3 male, 1 female, 2 uncertain	Foraging	Off shore	
Common Goldeneye	Visual	3	N/A	1 male, 2 female	Foraging	Off shore	
Red-breasted Merganser	Visual	6	N/A	1 male, 3 female, 2 uncertain	Foraging	Near and off shore	
Common Loon	Visual	2	N/A	Unknown	Foraging	Off shore	

¹Inland, near shore, offshore, outside project area

Herring Gull	Visual	28	N/A	Unknown	Foraging	Various locations	
Great Black- backed Gull	Visual	3	N/A	Unknown	Foraging	Off shore	
American Crow	Visual	11	N/A	Unknown	Foraging	Inland areas	"Inland" refers to gravel beaches at water's edge

¹Inland, near shore, offshore, outside project area

Woodward's Cove Avian Winter Survey

Todd Watts

Wildlife Specialist/Species at Risk Co-ordinator

Peskotomukati Nation at Skutik

Date: March 09, 2022 Time (start/end): 3:55PM -4:20PM

Surveyors: Todd Watts Location: Woodward's Cove

HUMAN ACTIVITY: Earth mover and dump truck active along breakwater, at edge of cove/harbor.

WEATHER & WATER

Tide: High

Sea State: Rippled

Temperature: Unknown

Wind Speed: Beaufort 2

Wind Direction: Southwest

Cloud Cover: 100%

Precipitation: None

Glare Conditions: None

BIRD OBSERVATIONS

Species	Method of Detection (Audible or Visually)	# of Individuals	Waypoint	Sex/Age	Activity/Behavior (in flight, on water, foraging etc.)	Location (In reference to shoreline) ¹	Notes
American Black Duck	Visual	51	N/A	Unknown	Foraging	Near shore	
Mallard	Visual	1	N/A	1 male	Foraging	Near shore	
Common Eider	Visual	25	N/A	12 male, 13 female	Foraging	Near shore and off shore	
Harlequin Duck	Visual	1	44.7053 - 66.7407	1 male	On frozen water	Inland	Incidental - Observed after survey, while driving past one of the frozen ponds.
Surf Scoter	Visual	6	N/A	2 male, 3 female, 1 undetermined	Foraging	Off shore	
White-winged Scoter	Visual	1	N/A	1 male	Foraging	Off shore	
Long-tailed Duck	Visual	14	N/A	8 male, 6 female	Foraging	Off shore	
Bufflehead	Visual	9	N/A	3 male, 6 female	Foraging	Near shore	
Common Goldeneye	Visual	4	N/A	2 male, 2 female	Foraging	Off shore	
Red-breasted Merganser	Visual	2	N/A	2 male	Foraging	Off shore	

¹Inland, near shore, offshore, outside project area

Common	Visual	8	N/A	Unknown	Foraging	Off shore	
Loon							
Herring Gull	Visual	45	N/A	Unknown	Foraging	Various locations	Some of these birds might have been
							outside of the project area
Great Black-	Visual	11	N/A	Unknown	Foraging	Various locations	Some of these birds might have been
backed Gull							outside of the project area
American	Visual	14	N/A	Unknown	Foraging	Inland areas	"Inland" refers to gravel beaches at
Crow							water's edge

¹Inland, near shore, offshore, outside project area

Woodward's Cove Avian Winter Survey

Todd Watts

Wildlife Specialist/Species at Risk Co-ordinator

Peskotomukati Nation at Skutik

Date: March 10, 2022 Time (start/end): 4:45PM - 5:15PM

Surveyors: Todd Watts Location: Woodward's Cove

HUMAN ACTIVITY: None

WEATHER & WATER

Tide: High

Sea State: Rippled

Temperature: Unknown

Wind Speed: Beaufort 2, gusts to 3

Wind Direction: Southwest

Cloud Cover: 70%

Precipitation: None

Glare Conditions: Limited to a portion of the

cove/harbor. No notable impact on data collection.

BIRD OBSERVATIONS

Species	Method of Detection (Audible or Visually)	# of Individuals	Waypoint	Sex/Age	Activity/Behavior (in flight, on water, foraging etc.)	Location (In reference to shoreline) ¹	Notes
American Black Duck	Visual	51	N/A	Unknown	Foraging	Near shore	
Common Eider	Visual	25	N/A	7 male, 18 female	Foraging	Near shore and off shore	
Surf Scoter	Visual	6	N/A	1 male, 5 female and/or 1st - year male	Foraging	Off shore	
Long-tailed Duck	Visual	15	N/A	2 male, 2 female, 11 uncertain	Foraging	Off shore	
Bufflehead	Visual	4	N/A	1 male, 3 female			
Common Goldeneye	Visual	1	N/A	1 female	Foraging	Off shore	
Red-breasted Merganser	Visual	1	N/A	1 male	Foraging	Near shore	
Common Loon	Visual	3	N/A	Unknown	Foraging	Off shore	
Herring Gull	Visual	29	N/A	Unknown	Foraging	Various locations	
Great Black- backed Gull	Visual	7	N/A	Unknown	Foraging	Various locations	

¹Inland, near shore, offshore, outside project area

American	Visual	4	N/A	Unknown	Foraging	Inland areas	"Inland" refers to gravel beaches at water's
Crow							edge

 $^{^{1}}$ Inland, near shore, offshore, outside project area

CBCL Limited Winter Avian Survey Form 2022

Surveyors: Sarah Robinson, Lydia Giffin, **Location/Site**: Woodwards Cove, Grand

Sub-contractor Manan Island, NB

HUMAN ACTIVITY Please give approx. numbers of shoreline users observed during the survey,

or circle:

No Activity

Environmental Conditions

Tide: (High) (Mid-High) Mid Mid-Low Low

Sea State: (Calm) Rippled Wavy Choppy Rough Stormy

Temperature (°C): 3

Wind Speed (km)/direction:

Cloud Cover (%): 100

Precipitation:RainSnowRain & SnowNone

Glare Conditions: Minimal

Notes: Potential habitat for Bank Swallow about mid-way along coastline of High Duck Island. Pictures taken.

Please take photos of the general habitat, anything of interest pertaining to the survey, and if possible, species you encounter.

Species Observations

Species	Method of Detection (Audibly or Visually)	# Of Individuals	Waypoint	Sex/Age	Activity/Behavior (in flight, on water, foraging etc.)	Location (In reference to shoreline) ¹	Notes
American Black Duck	Visually	21	411 (SR)	Adults	Foraging near shore	Near shore	11 foraging near shore
Herring Gull	Visually	44	411 (SR)	2 juveniles 42 adults	Foraging, flying, swimming	Nearshore, mid shore	2 juveniles near shore, 26 foraging near shore, 18 mid shore
American Crow	Visually	9	411 (SR)	n/a	flying	near shore	9 flying near shore
Canada Goose	Visually	9	411 (SR)	male and female near shore	flying and foraging on shoreline	mid shore, near shore	7 flying mid shore over water, 2 foraging on shoreline
Common Loon	Visually	3	411 (SR)	nonbreeding plumage	swimming	mid shore	3 swimming in water mid shore
Bald Eagle	Visually	2	411 (SR)	adult & juvenile	flying	near shore and far shore	Adult flying overhead near shore, juvenile flying far shore
Long-tailed Duck	Visually	8	411 (SR)		swimming	mid shore	
Song Sparrow	Audibly	2	411 (SR)	presumed breeding males	vocalizing	near shore	2 singing in wetland behind beach

¹Inland, near shore, offshore, outside project area

Red-winged Blackbird	Audibly	1	411 (SR)	presumed breeding male	vocalizing	near shore	singing behind beach
Double-crested Cormorant	Visually	4	411 (SR)	adults	roosting	mid shore	perched on wood in water, mid shore
Common Eider	Visually	42	411 (SR)	33 female, 9 male	swimming	mid shore	all swimming mid shore
Bufflehead	Visually	3	411 (SR)	2 female, 1 male	swimming	near shore	swimming near shore
Black-capped Chickadee	Audibly	4	411 (SR)	unknown	vocalizing	near shore	4 chirping in forest
Great Black- Backed Gull	Visually	1	411 (SR)	adult	flying	mid shore	flying mid shore
Purple Finch	Audibly	1	411 (SR)	presumed breeding male	vocalizing	near shore	singing behind beach
Common Murre	Visually	2	411 (SR)	nonbreeding plumage	swimming	mid shore	swimming mid shore
Surf Scoter	Visually	5	412 (SR)	adults	swimming	mid shore	
Red-breasted Merganser	Visually	5	412 (SR)	adults	swimming	mid shore	
Common Eider	Visually	36	412 (SR)	30 female, 6 male	swimming	mid shore	

¹Inland, near shore, offshore, outside project area

Common Loon	Visually	3	412 (SR)	nonbreeding plumage	swimming	mid shore	
Common Murre	Visually	3	412 (SR)	nonbreeding plumage	swimming	mid shore	
Long-tailed Duck	Visually	21	412 (SR)	adults	swimming	mid shore	
Black Guillemot	Visually	1	412 (SR)	nonbreeding plumage	swimming	mid shore	
Herring Gull	Visually	11	412 (SR)	adults	flying and swimming	mid shore	
Great Black- backed Gull	Visually	1	412 (SR)	adult	swimming	mid shore	
Bufflehead	Visually	3	413 (SR)	3 males	swimming	mid shore	
Great Black- backed Gull	Visually	1	413 (SR)	adult	flying	mid shore	
Common Eider	Visually	9	413 (SR)	6 female, 3 male	swimming	mid shore	
Common Loon	Visually	2	413 (SR)	nonbreeding plumage	swimming	mid shore	

¹Inland, near shore, offshore, outside project area

Red-breasted Merganser	Visually	11	413 (SR)	8 female, 3 males	swimming	mid shore	
Herring Gull	Visually	6	413 (SR)	adults	flying	mid shore	
Common Goldeneye	Visually	6	413 (SR)	4 females, 2 males	swimming	mid shore	
White-winged Scoter	Visually	4	413 (SR)	1 female, 3 males	swimming	mid shore	
Surf Scoter	Visually	6	413 (SR)	2 females, 4 males	swimming	mid shore	
Black Scoter	Visually	2	413 (SR)		flying	mid shore	
Long-tailed Duck	Visually	5	413 (SR)	4 females, 1 male	flying	mid shore	
Black Guillemot	Visually	1	413 (SR)	adult	swimming	mid shore	
Canada Goose	Visually	5	414 (SR)	unknown	flying	mid shore	5 flying over water
American Crow	Visually	2	414 (SR)	n/a	flying	mid shore	2 flying over beach
Common Raven	Audibly	1	414 (SR)	n/a	vocalizing	near shore	1 calling

¹Inland, near shore, offshore, outside project area

Herring Gull	Visually	2	414 (SR)	adults	flying	near shore	2 flying
Black-capped Chickadee	Visually	6	415 (SR)	adults	singing and foraging	near shore	6 observed in forest behind beach during area search (not at an actual survey location but within Study Area)
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Visually	2	415 (SR)	adults – 1 male, 1 unknown	singing and foraging	near shore	2 observed in forest behind beach during area search (not at an actual survey location but within Study Area)

¹Inland, near shore, offshore, outside project area

CBCL Limited Winter Avian Survey Form 2022

Surveyors: Sarah Robinson, Lydia Giffin, Location/Site: Woodwards Cove, Grand

Sub-contractor Manan Island, NB

HUMAN ACTIVITY Please give approx. numbers of shoreline users observed during the survey,

or circle:

No Activity

Environmental Conditions

Tide: High Mid-High Mid Mid-Low Low

Sea State: Calm (Rippled) Wavy Choppy Rough Stormy

Temperature (°C): 8

Wind Speed (km)/direction:

Cloud Cover (%): 50

Precipitation: Rain Snow Rain & Snow None

Glare Conditions: some

Notes: WP 417 (SR) burrows & owl pellets -- likely SNOW due to feathers in area. Burrows appear to be rodent -- chewed vegetation at entrance. Owl feathers pulled into holes for nesting material. 3x owl pellets. All on top of rock outcrop. On Nantucket Island -- beach/rocky shore/mudflat/salt marsh. Low Duck & High Duck Island are connected at low tide. WP 419 (SR) Burrows on rock outcrop. Scat with rosehips.

Please take photos of the general habitat, anything of interest pertaining to the survey, and if possible, species you encounter.

Species Observations

Species	Method of Detection (Audibly or Visually)	# Of Individuals	Waypoint	Sex/Age	Activity/Behavior (in flight, on water, foraging etc.)	Location (In reference to shoreline) ¹	Notes
Herring Gull	Visually	52	416 (SR)	Adult	flying, swimming, roosting	near shore, mid shore, far shore	Various locations
American Black Duck	Visually	7	416 (SR)	n/a	foraging, swimming	near shore and mid shore	
Common Eider	Visually	18	416 (SR)	11 females, 7 males	swimming	mid shore	
Bufflehead	Visually	3	416 (SR)	1 male, 2 female	flying	mid shore	
Long-tailed Duck	Visually	3	416 (SR)	1 male, 2 female	flying	mid shore	
Great Black- backed Gull	Visually	3	416 (SR)	adults	swimming	mid shore	
White-winged Scoter	Visually	5	416 (SR)	1 female, 4 males	swimming	mid shore	
American Crow	Visually	6	416 (SR)	n/a	foraging, roosting	far shore	On Nantucket Island (outside Study Area)
Common Raven	Audibly	1	416 (SR)	n/a	vocalizing	near shore	calling

¹Inland, near shore, offshore, outside project area

Common Goldeneye	Visually	8	416 (SR)	5 females, 3 males	swimming	mid shore	
Common Loon	Visually	3	416 (SR)	nonbreeding plumage	swimming	mid shore	
Black Scoter	Visually	11	416 (SR)	unknown	swimming	mid shore and far shore	
Surf Scoter	Visually	1	416 (SR)	1 male	swimming	mid shore	
Common Eider	Visually	3	417 (SR)		swimming, flying	mid shore	
Common Loon	Visually	2	417 (SR)	nonbreeding plumage	swimming	mid shore	
Black Scoter	Visually	3	417 (SR)	2 females, 1 male	swimming	mid shore	
Great Black- backed Gull	Visually	2	417 (SR)	adults	swimming	mid shore	
Red-breasted Merganser	Visually	1	417 (SR)	1 male	swimming	mid shore	
American Crow	Visually	1	417 (SR)	n/a	flying	mid shore	
Surf Scoter	Visually	1	417 (SR)	1 male	swimming	mid shore	

¹Inland, near shore, offshore, outside project area

Common Eider	Visually	20	418 (SR)	13 females, 7 males	swimming	mid shore	
Surf Scoter	Visually	12	418 (SR)		swimming	mid shore	
Herring Gull	Visually	10	418 (SR)	adults	swimming, flying	mid shore	
Canada Goose	Visually	120	418 (SR)	unknown	flying	near shore	flying over beach
Northern Harrier	Visually	1	418 (SR)	female	roosting/hunting	far shore	On top of rock on Duck Islands
Great Black- backed Gull	Visually	1	418 (SR)	adult	swimming	mid shore	
Common Loon	Visually	1	418 (SR)	nonbreeding plumage	swimming	mid shore	
Red-breasted Merganser	Visually	3	418 (SR)	1 female, 2 males	swimming	mid shore	
American Black Duck	Visually	2	418 (SR)	n/a	swimming	mid shore	
American Crow	Visually	2	418 (SR)	n/a	flying	mid shore	
Herring Gull	Visually	12	420 (SR)	adults	roosting/flying	mid shore	5 roosting, 7 flying

¹Inland, near shore, offshore, outside project area

Common Eider	Visually	27	420 (SR)	19 females, 7 males, 1 juvenile male	swimming	mid shore	
Surf Scoter	Visually	11	420 (SR)	3 females, 8 males	swimming	mid shore	
American Crow	Visually	4	420 (SR)	n/a	flying/foraging	mid shore	
White-winged Scoter	Visually	4	420 (SR)	2 females, 2 males	swimming	mid shore	
Common Loon	Visually	1	420 (SR)	nonbreeding plumage	swimming	mid shore	
Canada Goose	Visually	65	420 (SR)	unknown	swimming	mid shore	all swimming in a flock in the water mid shore

¹Inland, near shore, offshore, outside project area

CBCL Limited Winter Avian Survey Form 2022

Date: March 16, 2022 **Time (start/end):** 8:40 – 12:15

Surveyors: Sarah Robinson, Lydia Giffin, **Location/Site**: Woodwards Cove, Grand

Sub-contractor Manan Island, NB

HUMAN ACTIVITY Please give approx. numbers of shoreline users observed during the survey,

or circle:

Human Activity – Construction noise heard (coming from docks).

Environmental Conditions

Tide: High (Mid-High) Mid Mid-Low Low

Sea State: Calm Rippled Wavy Choppy Rough Stormy

Temperature (°C): 2

Wind Speed (km)/direction:

Cloud Cover (%): 100

Precipitation: (Rain) Snow Rain & Snow None

Glare Conditions: Minimal

Notes: WP 421 (SR) Wetland where road will go.

Grass shrub trees on edge. WP 423 (SR)

Construction noise heard -- coming from docks.

Please take photos of the general habitat, anything of interest pertaining to the survey, and if possible, species you encounter.

Species Observations

Species	Method of Detection (Audibly or Visually)	# Of Individuals	Waypoint	Sex/Age	Activity/Behavior (in flight, on water, foraging etc.)	Location (In reference to shoreline) ¹	Notes
Canada Goose	Visually	25	422 (SR)		On water	Mid shore	
Herring Gull	Visually	6	422 (SR)	5 adults, 1 Juvenile		Mid shore	
American Black Duck	Visually	2	422 (SR)		2 flying	Mid shore	
Bufflehead	Visually	3	422 (SR)	2 female, 1 male		Mid shore	
European Starling	Visually	1	422 (SR)		Sitting on a pole		
Blue Jay	Visually/Audibly	2	422 (SR)				Vocalizing at feeder at house behind beach.
American Crow	Audibly	3	422 (SR)				Vocalizing in distance
Bufflehead	Visually	4	423 (SR)	2 females, 2 males		Mid shore	
Great Black- backed Gull	Visually	2	423 (SR)			Mid shore	

¹Inland, near shore, offshore, outside project area

Surf Scoter	Visually	3	423 (SR)	1 female, 2 male		Mid shore	
Herring Gull	Visually	10	423 (SR)		Foraging, flying, roosting	Mid shore/Far shore	
Common Eider	Visually	8	423 (SR)	6 females, 2 males		Mid shore	
White-winged Scoter	Visually	5	423 (SR)	1 female, 4 males		Mid shore	
American Crow	Visually	6	423 (SR)			Mid shore/far shore	
Peregrine Falcon - anatum/tundrius	Visually	1	423 (SR)			Mid shore	Sitting on rick between shore and Nantucket Island. Picture taken.
Common Murre	Visually	1	423 (SR)			Mid shore	
Common Loon	Visually	1	423 (SR)			Mid shore	
Bald Eagle	Visually	1	423 (SR)			Mid shore	Juvenile sitting on rock off Nantucket Island
Bufflehead	Visually	4	423 (SR)	1 female, 3 male		Mid shore	
Canada Goose	Visually	150	423 (SR)		On water, foraging	Near shore, mid shore, far shore	Male and female pair on shore, 28 swimming mid shore, 120 far shore on Low Duck Island

¹Inland, near shore, offshore, outside project area

American Black Duck	Visually	6	412 (SR)			Mid shore	
Herring Gull	Visually	20	412 (SR)		Roosting, on water	Mid shore	
Great Black- backed Gull	Visually	1	412 (SR)			Mid shore	
White-winged Scoter	Visually	6	412 (SR)	3 female, 3 male	Flying	Mid shore	
American Crow	Visually/Audible	4	412 (SR)		Flying, roosting	Mid shore	Vocalizing
Common Eider	Visually	30	412 (SR)	26 Female, 2 adult males, 1 juvenile male		Mid shore	
Black Scoter	Visually	4	412 (SR)	3 female, 1 male		Mid shore	
Common Loon	Visually	5	412 (SR)		On water	Mid shore	In winter plumage
Surf Scoter	Visually	4	412 (SR)	3 female, 1 male		Mid shore	
Red-breasted Merganser	Visually	4	412 (SR)	2 female, 2 males		Mid shore	

¹Inland, near shore, offshore, outside project area

Bald Eagle	Visually	2	412 (SR)	2 juveniles	In flight, on shore	Mid shore	One fighting with juvenile noted at Nantucket Island.
Great Black- backed Gull	Visually	3	413 (SR)		Roosting, On water	Mid shore	
Common Eider	Visually	17	413 (SR)	10 female, 7 male		Mid shore	
Herring Gull	Visually	27	413 (SR)		On water, flying	Mid shore	
Red-breasted Merganser	Visually	14	413 (SR)	5 females, 9 males		Mid shore	
Surf Scoter	Visually	2	413 (SR)	1 female, 1 male		Mid shore	
White-winged Scoter	Visually	1	413 (SR)	1 male		Mid shore	
Common Goldeneye	Visually	2	413 (SR)	1 male, 1 female		Mid shore	
American Crow	Visually	1	413 (SR)		Flying	Mid shore	
Common Loon	Visually	6	413 (SR)		On water	Mid shore	Non-Breeding
Black Scoter	Visually	1	420 (SR)			Mid shore	

¹Inland, near shore, offshore, outside project area

Red-breasted Merganser	Visually	30	420 (SR)	16 female, 14 males		Mid shore	
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Herring Gull	Visually	34	420 (SR)		Flying, roosting	Mid shore	
Common Eider	Visually	69	420 (SR)	37 female, 32 male	On water, flying	Mid shore	
Double-crested Cormorant	Visually	7	420 (SR)		Roosting	Mid shore	On structures in water
American Crow	Visually	4	420 (SR)		Flying, foraging on island	Mid shore	
Common Loon	Visually	2	420 (SR)		On water	Mid shore	Non-breeding
Long-tailed Duck	Visually	7	420 (SR)	3 female, 4 male		Mid shore	
Common Murre	Visually	2	420 (SR)		On water	Mid shore	
Surf Scoter	Visually	3	420 (SR)	3 males	On water	Mid shore	
White-winged Scoter	Visually	1	420 (SR)	1 male	On water	Mid shore	
Black Guillemot	Visually	3	413 (SR)		On water	Mid shore	

¹Inland, near shore, offshore, outside project area

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Canada Goose	Visually	41	420 (SR)		On water, flying	Mid shore	

APPENDIX E Peskotomuhkati Nation at Skutik First Round Survey Summary Report

Summary Report Woodward's Cove Winter Avian Survey March 2022

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Introduction – The Small Craft Harbour branch of the Fisheries and Oceans Canada proposes to construct a new harbour facility at Woodward's Cove, Grand Manan, NB. Public Services and Procurement Canada produced terms of reference for work intended to provide "quantitative information on the resident avian populations in the project area".

The Peskotomukati Nation at Skutik is participating in the collect of this data, in part, as a sub-contractor.

Objectives - Surveys were designed to gather data on winter avian use of the project area. This area includes marine environments and coastlines within 500m of the project's physical footprint. Birds expected to be detected within the area include seaducks, other "waterfowl" (loons, grebes, etc.), raptors and "passerines".

The project area also includes the route of a planned access road. Data on landbird use of this area was also determined to be off some importance. However, significant concentrations of birds were not expected to be encountered during the winter survey.

Background knowledge — Coastal areas within the Fundy Isles and Quoddy Region are known to harbor significant concentrations of seaducks and other "waterfowl" throughout much of the year. Concentrations are typically at their greatest during fall and spring migration, as well as, during the winter months. Within the Quoddy Region, spring migration typically brings the greatest number of birds through the region. Black Scoter, Surf Scoter and Common Eider are the most numerous of the migrants. However, large concentrations of White-winged Scoter, Red-throated Loons, Common Loons and Long-tailed Ducks can also occur. Some of these birds can stage at various locations for varying periods of time. The number of birds (waterfowl) moving over the area during fall migrations are generally much smaller and the species composition of birds utilizing the area is different than those occurring during spring migration.

Winter concentrations of seaducks and "waterfowl" within the region can be of regional, continental and global significance. Some species have been an important food source for the Peskotomukati. The concentrations occur regularly at a variety of locations along the coastline of Grand Manan, other portions of the Grand Manan Archipelago, coastlines of the Western Isles, coastal Charlotte County and at off-shore sites.

Woodward's Cove exists within the Grand Manan Archipelago Important Bird Area (IBA). The IBA was designated in recognition of it hosting continental and global concentrations of "waterfowl".

Raptor populations occur on Grand Manan and some migration along the island's coastline, as well as, through the island's interior does occur. These movements are not well documented. Even so, we do know that raptors from Nova Scotia and mainland portions of New Brunswick do move over the island, sometimes in notable numbers. During migration, diversity of species can be great, even though overall numbers might be low when compared to mainland areas.

Various "passerines" breed on the island, including several species at risk. A very wide variety migrate over the islands with many individuals stopping over for various periods of time. The island is known as a migrant trap, providing important habitat for numerous species during migration. Fall migration brings the greatest quantity and perhaps diversity of species to the archipelago.

Methods and equipment – A desktop exercise identified relevant habitat features. Prior knowledge of local and regional avian populations assisted in creation of data collection methods.

An onsite inspection of the site occurred on March 8, 2022, the day before commencement of data collection.

Data was collected within the project area under generally fair-weather conditions, during high and low tides. Counts were conducted from individual vantage points and through exploration the intertidal zone, coastlines and access road routes. As is pertinent for data collection of this type, efforts were made to avoid double-counting individual birds and/or groups of birds.

A 25 power, tripod mounted spotting scope was used to spot, identify and count birds observed within the project area. Binoculars were also utilized in a similar manner. Naked eye scans were an additional component of surveys. Auditory clues of avian presence were also sought.

Data was not submitted to eBird or ACCDC.

Observations – On March 09, 2022 data collection commenced at 11:50AM. Low tide occurred around 10:20AM. Field observations began with a thorough scan of the project area, utilizing a 25x, tripod mounted spotting scope. These observations took place at a high point of land (an exposed ledge), near water's edge (44.7024 -66.7360). All avian species seen or heard were noted. Images capturing a 360-degree view of the marine environment were taken (these images included the intertidal zone).

After noting the presence of all detectable birds, the edge of the intertidal zone was explored in a northerly direction. This movement through the intertidal zone continued to the northern limit of the project area. Along the way, species observed within the intertidal zone, as well as, on or over the water were recorded (unless they had already been noted during the stationary count). While moving through the intertidal zone, exposed ledges were explored in an attempt to locate evidence of bird nests and/or burrows.

Burrows were observed at two locations. Both were exposed ledges with small patches of grass. Nineteen completed burrows were noted at the first ledge (44.7059 -66.7352). An additional thirteen burrows were noted at the second (44. 7108 -66.7358). Images of both locations were captured. Failed excavations were also noted.

Later in the day (4:45PM), at high tide, a stationary count was conducted. Once again, a high point of land was chosen to collect data and 25x, tripod mounted spotting scope was used. This high point of land (44.7046 -66.7390) was located near the centre of the project site, provided unobstructed views encompassing nearly the entire project area. Portions of the project area not visible included the cove/harbor and marine areas hidden behind outcrops near the northern edge of the project area.

After conducting the stationary count, the project area was observed for thirty minutes in an attempt to note significant changes in the number or species of birds present (no changes were noted).

On March 10, 2022, data collection commenced at 9:45AM. Observation began at the harbor breakwater, noting birds present within the harbor. The channel leading out the harbor was then explored to the 44.7024 -66.7360. At this exposed ledge, the site of low tide data collection conducted the day before, a thorough scan of the marine environment including the intertidal zone commenced. Once again, a 25x, tripod mounted spotting scope was utilized.

After noting the presence of all detectable birds, the edge of the intertidal zone was explored in a northerly direction. This movement through the intertidal zone continued to the northern limit of the project area. Along the way, species observed within the intertidal zone, as well as, on or over the water were recorded (unless they had already been noted during the stationary count). While moving through the intertidal zone, an exposed ledge not explored on March 9 was checked for evidence of bird nests and/or burrows.

At this ledge (44.70458 -66.7354), an additional five burrows were noted and photographed.

Later in the day (4:45PM), at high tide, a stationary count was conducted. Once again, a high point of land was chosen to collect data and 25x, tripod mounted spotting scope was used. This high point of land (44.7046 -66.7390) was located near the centre of the project site, provided unobstructed views encompassing nearly the entire project area. Portions of the project area not visible included the cove/harbor and marine areas hidden behind outcrops near the northern edge of the project area.

After conducting the stationary count, a scan of the cove/harbor area was conducted, adding all additional detections to the first count.

Results: Efforts on March 9-10, 2022 resulted in detection of sixteen avian species occurring within the project area. Each species was represented by one to fifty-eight individuals. Common

Eider, American Black Duck, Common Goldeneye and Herring Gull were the most numerous. Only one species, American Black Duck was observed in a significant concentration within the project area. A small concentration of gulls was observed on a spit of land extending from Nantucket Island. This spit appears to be outside of the project area. The other species observed at the site tended to be very dispersed, often in very low numbers.

Evidence suggesting recent use of the area by colonial nesting birds was recorded. Entrance burrow size and the location of the burrow clusters suggested possible use by Bank Swallow or Leach's Storm Petrel, species listed as Threatened on Schedule 1 of the federal Species at Risk Public Registry. Colonies appear to have been present on three exposed ledges within the intertidal zone.

Discussion and conclusions: While Woodward's Cove is located within the Grand Manan Archipelago Important Bird Area, as well as the avian rich Fundy Isles and Quoddy Region, no evidence of major bird concentrations were noted during our surveys. The number of birds observed at the project site appears to be representative of "average" sites within the larger Quoddy Region. However, it should be noted that concentrations of wintering seaducks and other "waterfowl" often diminish during the "winter" months. Peak numbers often occur near the end of "fall" migration, so the numbers recorded during late winter are not necessarily representative of "winter" numbers as a whole.

On the survey dates, significant concentrations of waterfowl were observed at other locations on Grand Manan. Some were as close as Bancroft Point and the waters off Castalia Marsh. At the time, waters off Southwestern Head hosted numerous rafts of alcids, primarily Razorbills. Over four thousand were noted, which speaks to the richness of the area.

The burrows found on three exposed rock ledges within the project site appear to have been excavated by colonial nesting birds such as Bank Swallows or Leach's Storm-Petrels. The COSEWIC assessment and status report for Bank Swallow states that the species is threatened, experiencing short and long-term declines. Locally and regionally, these declines are very notable with numerous colonies having been lost or suffered a reduction of size in recent decades. Leach's Storm-Petrel, has also been assessed as threatened by COSEWIC and is on the IUCN Red List. In New Brunswick and other parts of Atlantic Canada, the species is listed as S2B.

The Fundy Engineering site plan included in the TOR suggest that the larger two of the three burrow sites will be directly impacted by construction. The third site, being quite close to the others, appears likely to be impacted, though somewhat indirectly. In the opinion of this researcher, such losses are not acceptable.

The wetlands within or adjacent to the project site appear to be appropriate habitat for American Black Duck (ABDU), a species that was observed in abundance during the winter avian surveys. Construction of the wharf road would directly impact potential nesting habitat. North American populations of this species have experienced significant declines. Further loss of wetland habitats and ABDU breeding areas are not sustainable.

Possible habitat for Bicknell's Thrush occurs at the site, in the vicinity of the access road. Further study is needed.

APPENDIX F Photo Log

Appendix E: Photo Log



Photo 1: Sand and rock beach in southern portion of Project Area.



Photo 2: Sand beach with grasses, wrack, and salt pans.



Photo 3: Pond and wetland behind beach in southern end of Project Area.



Photo 4: Heavy-rock shoreline in Project Area.



Photo 5: Cobble beach with large boulders, moving north in Project Area.



Photo 6: Second pond and wetland behind beach, moving north in Project Area. Note shoreline becomes more residential.



Photo 7: Exposed tidal flats at low tide in southern portion of Project Area.



Photo 8: Cobble beach along docks and Commercial/Industrial area in southern portion of Project Area.



Photo 9: Looking out to Nantucket Island from southern shoreline in Project Area.



Photo 10: Exposed rock outcrop islands with grass habitat in southern portion of Project Area.



Photo 11: Habitat on top of rock outcrop islands is exposed at all tide heights.



Photo 12: Exposed outcrop with vegetation where some burrows were found (bottom left corner).



Photo 13: Tidal flats walked to access the burrows at low tide.



Photo 14: Looking out to High Duck Island and Low Duck Island form shore, showing rocky foraging flats exposed at low tide.



Photo 15: High Duck Island cliffside, looking through spotting scope from Project Area shoreline – possible Bank Swallow habitat.



Photo 16: Cobble and boulder beach in very northern portion of Project Area.



Photo 17: Duck blind found along shore in Project Area.



Photo 18: Looking into harbour from docks behind beach in very southern portion of the Project Area. Fish pens are within this area.



Photo 19: Second rock outcrop island with burrows in northern portion of Project Area – note the vegetation on top of the rock.



Photo 20: Open water with exposed rocks for roosting birds.



Photo 21: Edge habitat between coastal forest and shrubland behind beach in southern portion of Project Area.



Photo 22: Gravel road behind beach in coastal forest.



Photo 23: Coastal forest behind beach.



Photo 24: Wetland within coastal forest behind beach.



Photo 25: Wetland within coastal forest behind beach showing open water.



Photo 26: Wetland along southern access road to beach.



Photo 27: Wetland along southern access road to beach—note residence which had bird feeders, drawing in small bird species to area.



Photo 28: Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) on rock in open water between Project Area and Nantucket Island (March 16, 2022).



Photo 29: A Canada Goose (*Branta* canadensis) foraging along the salt pans and grasses on the southern end of the beach (March 15, 2022). There was a pair of Canada Geese here March 15 and 16, 2022.



Photo 30: A male Common Goldeneye (*Bucephala clangula*) resting on open water along the Project Area (March 15, 2022).



Photo 31: A female Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*) roosting on some exposed rock in the water (March 15, 2022).



Photo 32: A burrow on the exposed rock outcrop.



Photo 33: A burrow on the exposed outcrops.



Photo 34: A burrow on the exposed rock outcrop.



Photo 35: Movement tunnels in the grasses among the burrows.



Photo 36: Feathers appeared to be being pulled into some of the burrows.



Photo 37: Snowy Owl feathers and owl pellet found on top of the exposed rock outcrop with the burrows in the southern portion of the Project Area.



Photo 38: Two more owl pellets from the same outcrop as Photo 37.



Photo 39: Scat found on the exposed, rock outcrop in the northern portion of the Project Area.



Photo 40: Scat containing rose seeds found on the exposed, rock outcrops with burrows in the northern portion of the Project Area.

Breeding and Migratory Avian Surveys Report Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan, Charlotte County, New Brunswick

FINAL REPORT

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CBCL Limited (CBCL) is pleased to provide you with the final report outlining results of the breeding bird and fall migratory surveys at Woodwards Cove, New Brunswick, between June and October 2022. This final report combines the previously submitted summary report delivered to Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) following the completion of the breeding bird survey program, coastal survey, and habitat assessment for Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*) and Leach's Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma leucorhoa*) with the results of the fall migratory survey program.

Should you have any questions or require clarification of any matter raised in this submission, please contact the undersigned at your convenience. We appreciate the continued opportunity to work with PSPC, the Peskotomuhkati Nation and Wolastoqey Nation in New Brunswick on this project.

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Acronyms

AC CDC Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre

CBCL CBCL Limited

COSEWIC The Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada

CWS Canadian Wildlife Service

DFO Department of Fisheries and Ocean Canada

E Endangered km Kilometre m Metre

MBBA Maritime Breeding Bird Atlas

MBCA, 1994 Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994

MBU 11 Marine Biogeographic Unit 11

NA Not Assessed
NAR Not at Risk
NB New Brunswick
NL Not Listed

PSPC Public Services and Procurement Canada

SAR Species at Risk
SARA Species at Risk Act
SC Special Concern
SCH Small Craft Harbour

SOCI Species of Conservation Interest

T Threatened V Vulnerable

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Small Craft Harbour (SCH) branch of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is proposing to construct a new SCH facility on Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick specifically in the waters to the northeast of Woodward's Cove (the Project Area). The construction of the new SCH facility will include an access road, a service/parking area, a marginal wharf, a rock breakwater, dredging, floating wharves with electrical service, a launch, and a haul-out ramp. The new facility will be protected by a rock breakwater. The proposed project footprint of the new SCH facility will be contained within the Project Area as per Figure 2 of the TOR. The Project Area is defined in Figure 1 (see map in Appendix A) and includes the land and coastline within 500 m of the proposed project footprint.

CBCL Limited (CBCL) was retained to conduct surveys and provide quantitative information on the breeding and migratory avian populations in and around the Project Area. Findings of the surveys will be used to help support an environmental assessment for the construction of the new SCH facility. Breeding bird, fall migration, and coastal surveys were conducted within the Project Area to inventory the species and abundance of birds possibly breeding and utilizing the upland and coastal habitats of the Project Area during the breeding and autumn migratory seasons (June to October). The avian survey program consisted of a desktop habitat analysis and multiple rounds of field surveys within forested and coastal areas in the Project Area at Woodwards Cove and targeted surveys for SAR within 5km of the Project Area. During both the desktop analysis and field survey program, particular but not exclusive consideration was given to Species at Risk (SAR) and Species of Conservation Interest (SOCI). Coastal surveys were conducted during both low and high tide periods to assess the use by birds during the varying tide heights and shoreline exposure.

Targeted surveys and habitat assessments for two SAR birds—Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*, SARA, Schedule 1, Threatened) and Leach's Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma leucorhoa*, SARA, Schedule 1, Threatened)—were conducted in suitable habitat within a 5 km radius of the Project Area, including nearby islands, to determine possible usage by these species in and around the Project Area (see Appendix A, Figure 2). Further detail on the biology and habitat needs of the SAR birds targeted and the surveys for these species is provided below.

Bank Swallow is an aerial insectivorous bird that breeds in colonies on vertical or near-vertical natural banks or bluffs or in human-made habitats. They excavate nest burrows in sand or soil substrates along riverbanks, lakes and ocean bluffs in addition to aggregate pits, road cuts and stock piles. Breeding sites are often within 500 m of open terrestrial habitats used for foraging such as grasslands, wetlands, meadows, pastures, and cropland (ECCC, 2022). The Project Area is within an area identified as critical habitat for Bank Swallow and Bank Swallows have been previously observed in the Project Area (CBCL, 2022a). The aim of the targeted survey and the habitat assessment is to note any Bank Swallow individuals (and their behaviour) and identify and confirm any critical habitat within and surrounding the Project Area.

Leach's Storm-Petrel is a small seabird that nests in underground burrows on coastal and offshore islands. During the breeding season, the adults travel far from the breeding colonies (400-800 km) to forage in the open ocean and return to nesting islands only at night to feed young (COSEWIC, 2020).

Leach's Storm-Petrel establish breeding colonies on islands that are vegetated and with well-drained soils suitable for excavating underground burrows. The islands chosen for nesting are generally free of mammalian predators and usually occupied by other nesting seabirds, such as gulls (COSEWIC, 2020). The aim of the targeted survey and the habitat assessment is to observe and record suitable nesting habitat for Leach's Storm-Petrel in the Project Area and on islands in the vicinity of the Project Area.

CBCL collaborated with the Peskotomuhkati Nation and the Wolastoqey Nation in New Brunswick to conduct the winter avian survey program. This report summarizes the data collected by CBCL and the Peskotomuhkati Nation in the Woodwards Cove Project Area.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The main island of Grand Manan and the numerous nearby islands that encompass the Grand Manan Archipelago are known as an important breeding ground, migratory stopover, and wintering location for numerous bird species. A 10-kilometre band of the open water around the island and a one-kilometre strip of the coastal zone of the main island has been designated as an Important Bird Area (IBA). The following bird species have been observed in significant numbers that surpass at least one of the IBA thresholds (sub-regional, regional, or global): Brant (*Branta bernicla*), Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*), Manx Shearwater (*Puffinus puffinus*), Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus melodus*), Razorbill (*Alca torda*), Rusty Blackbird (*Euphagus carolinus*) Sooty Shearwater (*Ardenna grisea*), and Wilson's Storm Petrel (*Oceanites oceanicus*), (Birds Canada, 2022). The islands in the Grand Manan Archipelago (south on the main island of Grand Manan) are known to host colonies of the federally threatened Leach's Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma leucorhoa*). Additionally, an area on the western coastline of the island (which overlaps with the Project Area) has been identified as an area containing critical habitat for the federally threatened Bank Swallow (ECCC, 2022). Critical habitat for Bank Swallow occurs within critical habitat units at any location that meets the biophysical features and attributes in the species recovery strategy (ECCC, 2022).

3.0 SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY

CBCL completed a desktop analysis, a breeding bird and fall migration survey program, and targeted survey and habitat assessment for Bank Swallow and Leach's Storm-Petrel. Aspects of the specific survey components were informed via consultation with the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS). CWS provided critical habitat mapping and information, relevant survey data for Purple Sandpiper, colonial waterbirds and waterfowl as well as Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas data, Atlantic Canada Shorebird Survey data, information on shorebird migratory stopover habitat and additional sources of information that should be referenced to determine usage of the area by birds during different seasons.

The goal of this work was to determine the usage of the Project Area and areas surrounding the Project Area by breeding and migratory birds with particular emphasis given to SAR, SOCI, and their habitats. This includes species listed under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) and/or provincial

legislation; designated, under review or identified as candidate species by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC); and/or with rarity ranks (species with subnational ranks of S1 to S3S4) assigned by the Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre (AC CDC). Additional consideration was given to identify possible concentration areas of migratory birds (breeding, staging, and wintering habitat), breeding and nesting habitat of species high in the food chain and species that are identified as Bird Conservation Region priority species. The information gathered during the desktop exercise informed the development and execution of the bird survey program.

3.1 Desktop Analysis

During the desktop analysis, CBCL compiled a list of species that have previously been reported from or near the Project Area and/or are likely to occur during the breeding and fall migratory period. CBCL gathered information from the following publicly available sources:

- Maritime Breeding Birds Atlas (MBBA)
- Atlantic Canada Shorebird Survey (ACSS)
- Colonial Waterbirds Database (Atlantic Region)
- Important Bird Areas
- eBird
- iNaturalist
- Nature NB

Information provided by PSPC was also reviewed for the desktop exercise. This included data from the AC CDC and CWS. Information on habitat types present in the Project Area was gathered from aerial imagery and ecological mapping layers available from the Province of New Brunswick.

3.2 Breeding Bird Point-Count Surveys

Point-count surveys were completed in accordance with the Maritimes Breeding Bird Survey guidelines (MBBA, 2006). Two rounds of point-count surveys were conducted on June 7 (round one) and 29 (round two), 2022. Each point-count survey consisted of six point-count locations. Surveys began a half hour prior to sunrise. Observers recorded all birds observed both audibly and visually at each of the six locations for a duration of 5 minutes. Habitat features and usage by individuals was recorded during the point-count surveys. When SAR/SOCI were observed during the point-count surveys, additional details were noted (behaviour, life stage, and habitat usage) and were reported to the PSPC project manager within 24 hours.

Table 1. Field survey schedule for all bird surveys conducted at Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan Island from June to October 2022, including survey period, survey program and survey dates.

Survey Period	Survey Program	Survey Date(s)
-	Point Count	Round 1 – June 7, 2022
	1 ont count	Round 2 – June 29, 2022
	Coastal Survey	Round 1 – June 6 and 7, 2022
		Round 2 – June 29, 2022
Breeding Bird	Bank Swallow Habitat	
	Assessment – Main Island	June 7, 2022
	Coastline Survey	
	Bank Swallow Habitat	lun - 20, 2022
	Assessment – Boat-based Island	June 29, 2022
	Survey	Round 1 – July 20, 2022
		Round 2 – August 4, 2022
		Round 3 – August 17, 2022
	Point Count	Round 4 – August 30, 2022
		Round 5 – September 15, 2022
		Round 6 – September 22, 2022
		Round 7 – September 28, 2022
		Round 8 – October 20, 2022
		Round 1 – July 20, 2022
		Round 2 – August 3, 2022
		Round 3 – August 16, 2022
Fall Migration	High Tide Coastal Survey	Round 4 – August 30, 2022
		Round 5 – September 14, 2022
		Round 6 – September 22, 2022
		Round 7 – October 20, 2022
		Round 1 – July 1, 2022
		Round 2 – August 4, 2022 Round 3 – August 17, 2022
		Round 4 – August 30, 2022
	Low Tide Coastal Survey	Round 5 – September 15, 2022
		Round 6 – September 22, 2022
		Round 7 – September 27, 2022
		Round 8 – October 20, 2022

3.3 Breeding Bird Coastal Avian Surveys

The survey protocol for the breeding bird coastal survey program was developed based on the protocol used during the March 2022 CBCL winter avian surveys (CBCL, 2022b). This protocol was developed to align with the objectives of *A Framework for the Scientific Assessment of Potential Project Impacts of* Birds (Hanson et al., 2009), with consideration of the seasonal period, avian species expected to occur onsite, and habitat types present within the Project Area. The survey program was designed to target shorebirds, diving and wading ducks, seabirds, passerines, and

raptors with emphasis given to SAR, SOCI, colonial waterbirds, and migratory shorebirds that may use the Project Area in the breeding and fall season. Each survey was broken in distances of near shore (0 m to 250 m), mid shore (251 m to 1000 m) and far shore (1001 m and greater) to indicate the location and distance of the bird(s) observed to the Project Area shoreline (see Appendix A, Figure 1 for map of distance bands).

A total of two rounds were completed on June 6 and 7, 2022 (round one), and June 29, 2022 (round two). See Table 1 for the complete field survey schedule. Two low tide surveys and one high tide survey were completed at locations along the shoreline of the Project Area. Incidental avian observations during the boat-based Bank Swallow and Leach's Storm-Petrel targeted survey and habitat assessment on June 29, 2022, were recorded during high tide as well.

3.4 Targeted Survey and Habitat Assessment for Bank Swallow and Leach's Storm-Petrel

An initial desktop analysis was performed to identify suitable Bank Swallow habitat using GIS and aerial imagery. The desktop habitat assessment focused on nesting and foraging habitat within a 5 km radius of the Project Area. A habitat model created by the AC CDC was used to identify areas with possible nesting habitat. This model uses a lidar-derived digital elevation model to detect slopes (>45°) that could provide suitable physical structure for nesting. We prioritized steep slopes (>70°) for our field survey including areas away from the coast/shorelines that could represent suitable nesting habitat.

The targeted field survey for Bank Swallow and its habitat occurred on June 7 and 29, 2022. Areas identified as possible Bank Swallow nesting and foraging habitat during the desktop analysis were surveyed on foot and via boat and assessed for biophysical features and attributes of critical habitat as defined by the species recovery strategy. All coastline within 5 km of the Project Area was inspected for suitable nesting habitat on foot or by boat and the coastlines of islands within 5 km of the Project Area were surveyed by boat. The islands circumnavigated by boat included Long Island, High Duck Island, Low Duck Island, Nantucket Island, and Great Duck Island. Suitable habitat that met the criteria of biophysical features and attributes of Bank Swallow nesting habitat as defined in Table 6 of the Bank Swallow Recovery Strategy (COSEWIC, 2022) was georeferenced when encountered. Suitable nesting habitat was recorded on Birds Canada Bank Swallow Colony Record Forms. Foraging habitats within the critical habitat polygon of the 5 km radius were also investigated and described when encountered in the field. See Appendix C for the Birds Canada Bank Swallow Colony Record Forms.

The targeted field survey for Leach's Storm-Petrel nesting habitat occurred on June 7 and 29, 2022. Burrows on the rock outcrops in the Project Areas were surveyed on foot and islands within 5 km of the Project Area were examined for possible nesting habitat features via boat. CBCL biologists did not land on islands to investigate islands on foot as to not disturb the breeding bird colonies present.

3.5 Fall Migration Point-Count Surveys

The fall migratory surveys followed a protocol similar to the breeding bird surveys (see section 3.2) but consisted of eight rounds of surveys distributed through the fall migration period. The point-count surveys were conducted on July 20 (round one), August 4 (round two), 17 (round three), and 30 (round four), September 15 (round five), 22 (round six), and 28 (round seven) and October 20 (round eight), 2022. See Table 1 for the complete field survey schedule. Each point-count survey consisted of six point-count locations. Surveys began a half hour prior to sunrise. Observers surveyed at each of the six locations for a duration of 5 minutes and recorded all birds observed both audibly and visually. Habitat features and usage by species was recorded during the point-count surveys. When SAR/ SOCI were observed during the point-count surveys, additional details were noted (behaviour, life stage, and habitat usage) and were reported to the PSPC project manager within 24 hours.

3.6 Fall Migration Coastal Avian Surveys

The fall migration coastal avian survey program followed a protocol similar to the breeding bird coastal survey program (see section 3.3) but consisted of fifteen rounds of surveys distributed through the fall migration period at locations along the shoreline of the Project Area. Seven rounds were completed for high tide surveys on July 20 (round one), August 3 (round two), 16 (round three), and 30 (round four), September 14 (round five), and 22 (round six), and October 20 (round seven), 2022. Eight rounds were completed for low tide surveys on July 20 (round one), August 4 (round two), 17 (round three), and 30 (round four), September 15 (round five), 22 (round six), and 27 (round seven), and October 20 (round eight), 2022. See Table 1 for the complete field survey schedule.

4.0 RESULTS

4.1 Desktop Analysis

The review of bird species observations revealed that over 300 bird species have been recorded on Grand Manan Island. The eBird data revealed 306 species recorded on the island between June and October (1900 to 2022) with 194 species have been recorded on the island during the peak breeding period (June). A high percentage of the total species recorded for Grand Manan occur infrequently throughout the breeding and migratory period with about a third of all species recorded on the island (116 of 306 species) listed as accidental and/or transient by the AC CDC. The month with the greatest number of unique species recorded across all years of the eBird database is September with 249 species recorded in that month. See Appendix B, Table B.1 for the complete list of species from the breeding and fall migratory period extracted from eBird for Grand Manan Island during the desktop analysis.

The Grand Manan archipelago falls within the Marine Biogeographic Unit 11 (MBU 11 NB) Bird Conservation Region (Environment Canada, 2013). Forty-four species in this unit are designated as priority species of conservation concern. Several of these species are birds that have been observed on the island during the winter bird period. A list of the MBU 11 NB priority species is provided in Appendix B, Table B.2.

The MBBA data shows 124 species recorded during the Woodwards Cove Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) route between 1973 and 2012 (no data exists for the following years: 1974 to 1980, 1982, 1988 to 1990, 1992, 1994, 2001, 2003, 2005 to 2011, and 2013 to 2019). Twenty-three of the 124 species were recorded every year the BBS survey was conducted, and the most numerous species recorded across all years were Herring Gull, American Robin and Common Eider. See Appendix B, Table B.3 for a summary of the Woodwards Cove MBBA data.

4.2 Avian Survey Program

4.2.1 Summary of Breeding and Fall Avian Survey Program

A total of 83 species were observed in the Project Area, within 5 km of the Project Area (including the nearby islands: Long Island, Low Duck Island, High Duck Island, Nantucket Island, and Great Duck Island) over the duration of the avian survey program between June and October 2022. See Appendix B, Table B.4 for full list of species observed. Four SAR and 19 SOCI were observed. Details of the observations for the four SAR over the duration of the survey program are given below.

<u>Bald Eagle – Haliaeetus leucocephalus</u> SARA – Not Listed COSEWIC – Not at Risk

New Brunswick Species at Risk Act – Endangered

Three Bald Eagles were observed in and around the Project Area during the second round of breeding bird surveys, consisting of two adults and one juvenile. A pair of adult Bald Eagles were first observed on June 6 and 7, 2022, and were observed in the same territory on subsequent coastal surveys on June 6, 7, and 29, 2022, and during the on-foot Bank Swallow Habitat Assessment on June 29, 2022. These pairs are likely the same two Bald Eagles with an established territory in the area. One of the adult Bald Eagles was observed eating off a washed-up dead White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) on June 7, 2022. Another single adult was observed from Bancroft Point Road during the on-foot Bank Swallow Habitat Assessment and is likely to be one of these adult Bald Eagles due to proximity in observations. One juvenile Bald Eagle—of about 2 years old in age—was observed flying over Low Duck Island on June 29, 2022, during the boat Bank Swallow habitat assessment.

A total of three Bald Eagles were observed in and around the Project Area during the fall migration high tide coastal surveys. The Bald Eagles observations were recorded on August 3 and 16, and September 14, 2022. Two adult Bald Eagles were observed flying between Nantucket Island and Bancroft Point Road on August 3 and September 14, 2022, and recorded only audibly on August 16, 2022. A total of two Bald Eagles were observed in around the Project Area during the fall migration low tide coastal surveys. Both Bald Eagles were juveniles and recorded on August 4, 2022. During this observation, one juvenile Bald Eagle flew out to the north point of Nantucket Island to join another roosting juvenile Bald Eagle. These juvenile Bald Eagles were about one to two years old by feather colouration. See Appendix A, Figure 2 and 3 for location of the Bald Eagle observations.

Bald Eagles typically begin nesting in February in New Brunswick and begin to breed in April through to mid-May (Government of New Brunswick, 2022). Bald Eagles use sticks and plant materials to

build large nest atop trees—typically White Pine (Pinus glauca)—and prefer sites near open water for hunting fish, the main component in their diets (Government of New Brunswick, 2022). Bald Eagle fledglings leave the nest by late-August (Government of New Brunswick, 2022).

Bald Eagles are recovering from significant losses to human persecution and insecticide use of DDT (dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane) during the 1940s (Buelher, 2000). The most current threat to Bald Eagle populations in Canada is habitat destruction by development along coastlines, which may alter and disturb prime nesting, feeding, and roosting habitats (Buelher, 2000).

Bank Swallow – Riparia riparia SARA, Schedule 1 – Threatened COSEWIC – Threatened

New Brunswick Species at Risk Act - Endangered

Three individual Bank Swallows were observed foraging among other swallow species along the end of Bancroft Point Road toward the northern end of the Project Area on June 7, 2022. Four Bank Swallow colonies were confirmed to be located on High Duck Island and Low Duck Island on June 29, 2022, during the boat-based Bank Swallow habitat Assessment. This included three colonies on High Duck Island of about 15 to 20 active nests per colony and another colony of about three active nests on Low Duck Island. These nesting colonies are located outside of the current critical habitat mapping area of this species. Bank Swallows were observed flying around High Duck Island via spotting scope during a fall migration survey on July 20, 2022. See Appendix A, Figure 2 and 3 for location of the Bank Swallow individuals and nesting colonies observed during the field program.

No biophysical features with key attributes of suitable Bank Swallow nesting habitat were observed in the Project Area. The biophysical features with key attributes of suitable foraging habitat for Bank Swallow within the Project Area include the open area along the coastline (meadows, beach) and open water (ponds and wetlands). See Section 4.2.3 for more detail of the Bank Swallow habitat assessment.

<u>Barn Swallow – Hirundo rustica</u>

SARA, Schedule 1 – Threatened (under consideration for status change)¹ COSEWIC – Special Concern

New Brunswick Species at Risk Act - Threatened

Barn Swallows were observed both within the Project Area and within 2.5 km of the Project Area, including Bancroft Point Road and Castalia Marsh. A total of 24 individuals were recorded during the breeding bird surveys on June 6, 7, and 29, 2022. A total of 15 individuals were recorded foraging within the Project Area. CBCL biologists determined that the Barn Swallows appear to be using a Quonset Hut immediately outside of the Project Area, along Shore Road, as nesting habitat. Five individual Barn Swallows were observed at the end of Bancroft Point during the on-foot Bank Swallow Habitat Assessment on June 7, 2022. The Barn Swallows at Bancroft Point Road are using a house

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¹ See https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/1147-790

and a barn as nesting habitat. Four Barn Swallows were observed in Castalia Marsh during the onfoot Bank Swallow Habitat Assessment on June 7, 2022. The Barn Swallows observed in Castalia Marsh were foraging over the salt marsh behind the beach and appear to only be using the site for foraging and potentially for night-time and migratory roosting.

A total of 14 Barn Swallows were observed within the Project Area on July 20 and August 3 and 30, 2022 during fall migration high tide surveys. Ten Barn Swallow adults were observed on July 20, 2022, flying and foraging along the Project Area shoreline. Two adult Barn Swallows and one juvenile Barn Swallow were observed on August 3, 2022, flying and foraging along the Project Area shoreline. One adult Barn Swallow was observed on August 30, 2022, flying and foraging along the Project Area shoreline.

Barn Swallows typically breeding in open areas (e.g., agricultural lands, wetlands) and construct their nest on structures that provides a horizontal sheltered nesting surface (e.g., caves, ledges in cliff faces, crevices, barns, garages, houses, bridges, road culverts, etc.).

There is no sign of Barn Swallows nesting immediately within the Project Area; however, Barn Swallows appear to be nesting in a Quonset hut meters from the Project Area boundary. The Project Area provides good foraging habitat for insects such as open areas (meadows, beach front) along the coastline and open water (ponds and wetlands).

<u>Lesser Yellowlegs – Tringa flavipes</u>

SARA, Schedule 1 – Not Listed (under consideration for status change)²

COSEWIC – Threatened

New Brunswick Species at Risk Act – Not Listed

Three Lesser Yellowlegs were recorded within the Project Area during a fall migration high tide coastal survey. The individuals were observed foraging in the wrack zone along the beach.

Lesser Yellowlegs typically nest on dry grounds near wetlands in the boreal forest and taiga of Canada and Alaska and is considered a migrant species in New Brunswick. The key factors for the decline in population for Lesser Yellowlegs includes loss of wetland and intertidal habitat during migratory and wintering periods, and hunting for sport and subsistence.

The Lesser Yellowlegs recorded were using the Project Area as a migratory stopover for foraging during their migration to their wintering grounds in the Caribbean and South America.

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² See https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/1495-1077

4.2.2 Breeding Bird Survey

4.2.2.1 Breeding Bird Habitat Assessment within the Project Area

A total of 59 species were observed within the Project Area and on or around the nearby islands (Long Island, Low Duck Island, High Duck Island, Nantucket Island, and Great Duck Island) during the two rounds of bird surveys on June 7 and 29, 2022. The most abundant species observed were Herring Gull (*Larus agentatus* – 916 observations), Double-crested Cormorant (*Nannopterum auritum* – 292 observations), and Common Eider (*Somateria mollissima* – 146 observations). See Appendix B, Table B.5 for a summary table of all species observed during the breeding bird point-count surveys, coastal surveys, and Bank Swallow and Leach's Storm-Petrel habitat assessment surveys.

Of the 59 species observed, three are listed as SAR and 13 are listed as SOCI. The SAR birds observed were Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), Bank Swallow, and Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*). Further details of the SAR observations are given in the Section 4.2.1 above. The SOCI birds observed including status ranks, breeding codes, and number of observations are listed in Appendix B, Table B.5. Additionally, 50 of the 59 species observed are protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, 1994.

4.2.2.2 Breeding Evidence in and near the Project Area

Three of the 59 species observed were confirmed to be breeding within the Project Area. These species include Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*), American Black Duck (*Anas rupribes*), and European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*). These three species were observed using the habitat within the Project Area for nesting and rearing young. Canada Geese were found nesting on the rock outcrops offshore and roosting and foraging on salt marsh grass and salt pan habitat at low tide. American Black Ducks were observed foraging in the open ocean as well as in the southern pond behind the beach with young. European Starlings were observed carrying nesting material near the buildings along Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road.

Common Eider, Herring Gull, Canada Goose, Bank Swallow, and Cliff Swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*) were confirmed to be using habitat on the Project Area's surrounding islands for nesting and rearing young. Islands surveyed surrounding the Project Area include Long Island, High Duck Island, Low Duck Island, Nantucket Island, and Great Duck Island. Common Eider and Herring Gull were observed nesting and with young on all five of the surveyed islands. Canada Geese were observed nesting on High Duck Island, Low Duck Island, and Nantucket Island. Bank Swallows were confirmed nesting on High Duck Island and Low Duck Island, which included observations of Bank Swallow adults feeding fledglings at burrow openings. Cliff Swallows were observed collecting mud on the shoreline of Long Island for their nests built on a house on Long Island.

Black-crowned Night-heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax* – S1S2B) were not directly observed nesting due to boat-restricted visual surveys to prevent the disruption of nesting colonial bird species; however, CBCL biologists were informed by the boat operator that Black-crowned Night-herons are known to nest on Long Island.

Barn Swallows were observed entering and exiting a Quonset hut on Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road and it is highly likely that the Barn Swallows are using this structure as a nesting site as evidenced by the observed behaviour of traveling to and from the hut. This Quonset hut is located within metres of the Project Area boundary.

See Appendix B, Table B.6 for a description of the Maritime Breeding Bird Atlas (MBBA) breeding evidence codes.

4.2.3 Targeted SAR Survey and Habitat Assessment

Three individual Bank Swallows were observed foraging among other swallow species along the end of Bancroft Point Road toward the northern end of the Project Area on June 7, 2022. See Appendix A, Figure 2 for location of Bank Swallow observations.

4.2.3.1 Bank Swallow Nesting Habitat

No biophysical features with key attributes of suitable Bank Swallow nesting habitat to meet the definition of critical habitat³ were observed in the Project Area. However, Bank Swallow nesting habitat was observed along two stretches of the main island coastline north of the Project Area (see Appendix A, Figure 3 for locations of suitable Bank Swallow nesting habitat). A 300 m stretch of coastline between Ragged Point and Bancroft Point (130 m north of the Project Area boundary) and a 2.4 km stretch of coastline north of Castalia Marsh (2.2km north of the Project Area boundary) contain sections of 0.5 m to 6 m high, steep erodible banks which meet the criteria of suitable Bank Swallow nesting habitat, however no Bank Swallows or nest burrows were observed in the areas searched on the main island of Grand Manan during this assessment. See Appendix D for photos of banks suitable as Bank Swallow nesting habitat observed during the field surveys.

Bank Swallow nesting habitat was observed on Long Island, High Duck Island, Low Duck Island, and Nantucket Island. A 350 m long section of coastline of Long Island (approximately 1.3 km northeast of the Project Area boundary) has 4 to 6 m high, soil cliff suitable for Bank Swallow nesting, however no Bank Swallows or burrows were observed. Four active Bank Swallow colonies were observed on High Duck Island (approx. 450 m northeast of the Project Area boundary) and Low Duck Island (approx. 950m east of the Project Area boundary). The burrows were excavated in a shallow bank face perched above a sheer bedrock cliff on both islands; see Appendix C for photos of the colonies observed. Three colonies of about 15 to 20 active nests per colony were observed on High Duck Island and a colony of about 3 active nests was observed on Low Duck Island. The nest burrows were difficult to count due to the low height of the bank face and the vegetation overhanging the bank. Nantucket has a 380 m long section of coastline (approx. 300 m south of the Project Area boundary) with a 4 to 6 m high cliff suitable for Bank Swallow nesting habitat. No Bank Swallows or burrows were observed on Nantucket Island.

No Bank Swallows or Bank Swallow nesting habitat were observed on Great Duck Island.

³ As defined in ECCC's (2022) Recovery Strategy for the Bank Swallow (Riparia riparia) in Canada.

4.2.3.2 Bank Swallow Foraging Habitat

Two waterbodies with associated wetlands located within the Project Area meet the biophysical attributes of critical foraging habitat for Bank Swallow. The first and larger of the two ponds and associated wetland habitat is bordered by Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road in the south. The wetland habitat includes forested, shrub, graminoid, and emergent vegetated habitats. The vegetation around the pond is mostly shrub dominated composed of Sweet Gale (Myrica gale) and Speckled Alder (*Alnus incana* sp. *rugosa*). A smaller pond near Ragged Point is associated with an area of cattail (*Typha* spp.) dominated wetland.

The entire coastline (beach, mudflat, and shallow water) in the Project Area would also provide foraging opportunities for Bank Swallow, and the areas of the coastal shoreline near the southernmost pond supports areas of saltmarsh which meets the biophysical features of Bank Swallow critical habitat. Bank Swallows were observed foraging with a group of other swallows over the shallow waters and along the beach in the Project Area during a previous survey (CBCL, 2022a). Many areas of open vegetated country containing grassland and shrubland communities (which also meet the biophysical attributes of foraging critical habitat for Bank Swallow) are present along the developed areas around the roads and buildings of the Project Area.

Outside of the project area there are saltmarshes, creeks, and other wetlands such as bogs that would produce insects and provide foraging opportunities for Bank Swallow. The largest wetland is Castalia Marsh, a large saltwater marsh protected by a barrier beach. The marsh is dominated by typical saltmarsh species such as cordgrass (*Sporobolus alterniflorus*, *S. michauxianus* and *S. pumilus*). Several streams flow into the marsh and the vegetation near the outflow of streams is more typical of freshwater marsh, such as cattails and alders.

4.2.3.3 Leach's Storm-Petrel Nesting Habitat

All of the coastal islands surveyed had habitat that could be suitable for Leach's Storm-Petrel nesting. The islands are assumed to be generally free of most mammalian predators (however muskrat is likely present [I. Pollet, pers. comm.]) and are vegetated with well-drained soils. Long and Nantucket islands has meadow and forested habitats while High Duck, Low Duck, and Great Duck are unforested and only host meadow habitat. Gulls were observed breeding on High Duck and Low Duck islands. While on the island CBCL biologists incidentally met Ingrid Pollet, a bird researcher and coauthor of the Leach's Storm-Petrel COSEWIC Assessment and Status Report. She was not aware of any known colonies of nesting Storm-Petrel on the islands in the vicinity of Woodwards Cove. In general, detection of Leach's Storm-Petrel nesting activity is difficult even at known breeding sites during brief island visits due to the species nocturnal behaviour and hidden burrow entrances (Stewart et al., 2015).

4.2.4 Fall Migratory Bird Surveys

4.2.4.1 Fall Migratory Bird Point-count Surveys

A total of 51 species were observed within the Project Area during the eight rounds of fall migration point-count bird surveys from July to October. The most abundant species observed were Herring Gull (671 observations), American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos* – 232 observations), and Song

Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia* – 153 observations). See Appendix B, Table B.7 for a summary table of all species observed during the fall migration bird point-count surveys.

Of the 51 species observed, one is listed as SAR and seven are listed as SOCI. The SAR bird observed was Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*). See Appendix A, Figure 3 for a map of observations. Further details of the SAR observations are given in the Section 4.2.1 above. The SOCI birds observed including status ranks, breeding codes, and number of observations are listed in Appendix B, Table B.7. Additionally, 43 of the 51 species observed are protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, 1994.

4.2.4.2 Fall Migration High Tide Coastal Avian Surveys

A total of 37 species were observed within the Project Area and on or around the nearby islands (Long Island, Low Duck Island, High Duck Island, Nantucket Island, and Great Duck Island) during the seven rounds of bird surveys from July to October 2022 (see Table 1 for the field survey schedule). The most abundant species observed were Herring Gull (6487 observations), Common Eider (1372 observations), and Double-crested Cormorant (733 observations). See Appendix B, Table B.8 for a summary table of all species observed during the fall migration high tide coastal surveys.

Of the 37 species observed, three are listed as SAR and 16 are listed as SOCI. The SAR birds observed were Bald Eagle, Barn Swallow, and Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes* – SARA Schedule 1 – Threatened; COSEWIC – Threatened; Province of NB – Not Listed). Further details of the SAR observations are given in the Section 4.2.1 above. The SOCI birds observed including status ranks, breeding codes, and number of observations are listed in Appendix B, Table B.1. Additionally, 30 of the 37 species observed are protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, 1994.

4.2.4.3 Fall Migration Low Tide Coastal Avian Surveys

A total of 30 species were observed within the Project Area and on or around the nearby islands (Long Island, Low Duck Island, High Duck Island, Nantucket Island, and Great Duck Island) during the eight rounds of bird surveys from July to October 2022 (See Table 2.1.1. for the field survey schedule). The most abundant species observed were Herring Gull (5054 observations), Common Eider (991 observations), and Double-crested Cormorant (302 observations). See Appendix B, Table B.9 for a summary table of all species observed during the fall migration low tide coastal surveys.

Of the 30 species observed, two are listed as SAR and 12 are listed as SOCI. The SAR birds observed were Bald Eagle and Bank Swallow. Details of the SAR observations are given in the Section 4.2.1 above. The SOCI birds observed including status ranks, breeding codes, and number of observations are listed in Appendix B, Table B.9. Additionally, 24 of the 30 species observed are protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, 1994.

5.0 SUMMARY

Grand Manan Island is an important breeding and migratory stop over for many bird species. Of the 83 species observed in the Project Area, four SAR (Bald Eagle, Bank Swallow, Barn Swallow and Lesser Yellowlegs) and 19 SOCI were observed. The SAR observations are summarized below:

- Bald Eagles were observed consistently during the breeding to fall survey program. It is
 unclear if the species breeds directly in the Project Area as no nesting evidence was
 observed. Bald Eagles are opportunistic foragers and will feed on fish aquatic birds and
 mammals as well as carrion. Areas along the open shoreline and terrestrial habitats, open
 water ponds and nearshore ocean habitat provide opportunities for live prey and carrion.
- Bank Swallows were observed in the Project Area during the breeding bird surveys. No
 Bank Swallow nesting habitat was observed in the Project Area, but many areas of foraging
 habitat were confirmed including the shallow nearshore ocean and associated mud flat
 habitat where individuals were observed foraging with other swallow species. Bank Swallow
 nesting colonies were observed only on two offshore islands within 5 km of the Project Area.
- Barn Swallows were observed in the Project Area during the breeding bird surveys in the
 open wetland and nearshore ocean habitats. No Barn Swallow nesting was observed in the
 Project Area, but individuals are likely breeding in a Quonset hut metres from the Project
 Area boundary on Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road.
- Lesser Yellowlegs were observed foraging in the beach wrack zone of the Project Area during the fall migratory surveys. This species is a migrant in New Brunswick typically found during suing coastal foraging areas as a migratory stopover during migration.
- Though no Leach's Storm Petrel were observed during the surveys, the offshore islands surveyed via boat are possibly suitable for Leach's Storm Petrel nesting habitat.

All of the 19 SOCI observed in the Project Area were observed in habitats in close proximity to the coastline (ponds and beach) or the open ocean. Within the Project Area, breeding evidence was observed in 13 of the 19 SOCI but confirmed breeding evidence was only observed on the offshore islands outside of the Project Area.

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Should additional information become available, CBCL requests that this information be brought to our attention so that we may re-assess the conclusions presented herein. Any changes to the Project alignment and design may result in a requirement to replicate or supplement the field program to capture any new information.

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APPENDIX A Figures







APPENDIX B Tables

Table B1. Summary of eBird recordings for all years from June to October on Grand Manan Island –including the associated archipelago, showing species name, conservation rankings, rarity ranking within the province of New Brunswick (NB) and what month(s) the species was recorded on eBird by birding period (Breeding Bird and/or Fall Migration).

Species Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status (COSEWIC)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Rank Note	Recorded during Breeding Bird Period (June)	Recorded during Fall Migration Period (July to October)
Alder Flycatcher	Empidonax alnorum		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes
						September – Yes October – No
American Avocet	Recurvirostra americana		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No
						August – Yes September – No October – No
American Bittern	Botaurus Ientiginosus		S4B,S4S5M	Breeding	No	July – No
						August – Yes September – Yes October – No
American Black Duck	Anas rubripes		S5B,S4N	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
American Coot	Fulica americana	NAR	S1B	Breeding	No	July – No August – No September – Yes October – No
American Crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos		S5		Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
American Goldfinch	Spinus tristis		S 5		Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
American Golden- Plover	Pluvialis dominica		S2S3M	Transient	No	July – No
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
American Kestrel	Falco sparverius		S4B,S4S5M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
American Oystercatcher	Haematopus palliatus		SNA	Accidental Non	Yes	July – No
oyster caterier	pullutus					August – Yes September – Yes October – No

Species Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status (COSEWIC)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Rank Note	Recorded during Breeding Bird Period (June)	Recorded during Fall Migration Period (July to October)
American Pipit	Anthus rubescens		S4M	Transient	No	July – No
						August – No September – Yes October – Yes
American Redstart	Setophaga ruticilla		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – No
American Robin	Turdus migratorius		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
American Wigeon	Mareca americana		S4B,S4S5M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
American Woodcock	Scolopax minor		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
W G G G G G G G G G G G G G G G G G G G						August – No September – Yes October – Yes
Arctic Tern	Sterna paradisaea		S1B,SUM	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Ash-throated Flycatcher	Myiarchus cinerascens		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No
Trycutcher	cirici asceris			rransent		August – No September – Yes October – No
Atlantic Puffin	Fratercula arctica		S1B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes
						September – Yes October – Yes
Baird's Sandpiper	Calidris bairdii		S1S2M	Transient	No	July – No August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus	NAR	S4		Yes	July – Yes
	leucocephalus					August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Baltimore Oriole	Icterus galbula		S2S3B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Bank Swallow	Riparia riparia	Т	S2B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – No

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Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	SC	S2B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Bay-breasted Warbler	Setophaga castanea		S4B,S4S5M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Belted Kingfisher	Megaceryle alcyon		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Black Guillemot	Cepphus grylle		S3B		Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Black Scoter	Melanitta americana⊡		S1S2N,S3M		Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Black Skimmer	Rynchops niger		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Black Tern	Chlidonias niger	NAR	S2B	Breeding	No	July – Yes August – No September – No October – No
Black Vulture	Coragyps atratus		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No August – Yes September – No October – No
Black-and-white Warbler	Mniotilta varia		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Black-backed Woodpecker	Picoides arcticus		S3		No	July – No August – Yes September – No October – No
Black-bellied Plover	Pluvialis squatarola		S3S4M	Transient	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Black-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus erythropthalmus		S3B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – No

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Blackburnian Warbler	Setophaga fusca		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes
						September – Yes October – No
Black-capped Chickadee	Poecile atricapillus		S5		Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax		S1S2B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus		S1N,S2M	Non	No	July – No August – No September – No October – Yes
Black-legged Kittiwake	Rissa tridactyla		S1B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Blackpoll Warbler	Setophaga striata		S3S4B,S5M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Black-throated Blue Warbler	Setophaga caerulescens		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Black-throated Green Warbler	Setophaga virens		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Blue Jay	Cyanocitta cristata		S5		Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – yes
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Polioptila caerulea		SNA	Accidental Transient	Yes	July – No August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Blue Grosbeak	Passerina caerulea		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No August – No September – Yes October – Yes

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Blue-headed Vireo	Vireo solitarius		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Blue-winged Teal	Spatula discors		S4B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Blue-winged Warbler	Vermivora cyanoptera		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Bobolink	Dolichonyx oryzivorus	Т	S3B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes
Bohemian Waxwing	Bombycilla garrulus		S4N	Non	No	October – Yes July – No August – No September – No October – Yes
Ronanarte's Gull	Chroicocephalus philadelphia		S5M	Transient	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Boreal Chickadee	Poecile hudsonicus		S3S4		Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Brant	Branta bernicla		S1N,S2S3M	Non	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – No October – Yes
Brewer's Blackbird	Euphagus cyanocephalus		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No August – No September – No October – Yes
Broad-winged Hawk	Buteo platypterus		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Brown Creeper	Certhia americana		S5		Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Brown Thrasher	Toxostoma rufum		S2S3B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – No September – Yes October – Yes

Species Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status (COSEWIC)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Rank Note	Recorded during Breeding Bird Period (June)	Recorded during Fall Migration Period (July to October)
Brown-headed Cowbird	Molothrus ater		S3B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
COWBIIG						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Calidris subruficollis	SC	SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No
						August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Bufflehead	Bucephala albeola		S3N	Transient	No	July – No
						August – No September – No October – Yes
Burrowing Owl	Athene cunicularia	E	SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No
						August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis		SUB,S5M	Exotic Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
				Dreeding.		August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Canada Jay	Perisoreus canadensis		S3S4		No	July – No
						August – Yes September – No October – No
Canada Warbler	Cardellina canadensis	SC	S3S4B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Cape May Warbler	Setophaga tigrina		S3B,S4S5M	Breeding	Yes	July – No
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Carolina Wren	Thryothorus Iudovicianus		S1		Yes	July – Yes
	i a a c i a					August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia	NAR	SNA	Transient	No	July – No
						August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Cedar Waxwing	Bombycilla cedrorum		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes

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Cerulean Warbler	Setophaga cerulea	E	SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No
				riansiene		August – No September – Yes October – No
Chestnut-collared Longspur	Calcarius ornatus	E	SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – Yes
						August – No September – No October – No
Chestnut-sided Warbler	Setophaga pensylvanica		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Chimney Swift	Chaetura pelagica	Т	S2S3B,S2M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Chipping Sparrow	Spizella passerina		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Chuck-will's-widow	Antrostomus carolinensis		SNA	Accidental Transient	Yes	July – No
	curomicisis			Hansene		August – No September – No October – No
Clapper Rail	Rallus crepitans		SNA	Accidental Transient	Yes	July – No
						August – No September – Yes October – Yes
Clay-colored Sparrow	Spizella pallida			Accidental Transient	No	July – No
						August – No September – Yes October – Yes
Cliff Swallow	Petrochelidon pyrrhonota		S2B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Common Eider	Somateria mollissima		S2S3B,S2S3N,S4M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Common Goldeneye	Bucephala clangula		S4B,S4N,S5M	Breeding	No	July – Yes
,						August – No September – Yes October – Yes
Common Grackle	Quiscalus quiscula		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes

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Common Loon	Gavia immer	NAR	S4B,S4N	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Common Merganser	Mergus merganser		S5B,S4N	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Common Murre	Uria aalge		S1B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Common Nighthawk	Chordeiles minor	SC	S3B,S4M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Common Raven	Corvus corax		S5		Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Common Redpoll	Acanthis flammea		S5N	Non	No	July – No August – No September – No October – Yes
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	NAR	S3B,SUM	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Connecticut Warbler	Oporornis agilis		SNA	Accidental Transient	Yes	July – No August – No September – Yes October – No
Cooper's Hawk	Accipiter cooperii	NAR	S1S2B	Breeding	Yes	July – No August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Cory's Shearwater	Calonectris diomedea		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No August – No September – Yes October – No
Curlew Sandpiper	Calidris ferruginea		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No August – No September – Yes October – No

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Dark-eyed Junco	Junco hyemalis		S5		Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Dickcissel	Spiza americana		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Double-crested Cormorant	Nannopterum auritum	NAR	S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Downy Woodpecker	Dryobates pubescens		S5		Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Dovekie	Alle alle		S4N,S4M	Non	No	July – No August – No September – No October – Yes
Dunlin	Calidris alpina		S4M	Transient	Yes	July – No August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Eastern Bluebird	Sialia sialis	NAR	S4B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Eastern Kingbird	Tyrannus tyrannus		S3S4B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Eastern Phoebe	Sayornis phoebe		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Eastern Towhee	Pipilo erythrophthalmus		SNA	Accidental Transient	Yes	July – No August – Yes September – No October – Yes
Eastern Wood- pewee	Contopus virens	SC	S3B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Eurasian Wigeon	Mareca penelope		SNA	Accidental Non	Yes	July – No August – No September – Yes October – No

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European Starling	Sturnus vulgaris		SNA	Exotic	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Evening Grosbeak	Coccothraustes vespertinus	SC	S3B,S3S4N,SUM	Breeding	Yes	July – No August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Field Sparrow	Spizella pusilla		SNA	Accidental Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – No September – Yes October – No
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	Tyrannus savana		SNA	Accidental Transient	Yes	July – No August – No September – No October – No
Forster's Tern	Sterna forsteri	DD	SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – Yes August – Yes September – No October – No
Fox Sparrow	Passerella iliaca		S4B,S5M	Breeding	No	July – No August – No September – Yes October – Yes
Fulvous Whistling- Duck	Dendrocygna bicolor		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No August – No September – Yes October – No
Gadwall	Mareca strepera		S2B,S3M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Glaucous Gull	Larus hyperboreus		S2N	Non	No	July – Yes August – No September – No October – Yes
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus		SNA	Accidental Transient	Yes	July – No August – No September – No October – No
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Regulus satrapa		S5		Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Golden-winged Warbler	Vermivora chrysoptera	Т	SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No August – No September – Yes October – No

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Gray Catbird	Dumetella carolinensis		S4B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Gray-cheeked Thrush	Catharus minimus		SUM	Transient	No	July – No
						August – No September – Yes October – Yes
Great Black-backed Gull	Larus marinus		S3		Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodias		S4B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo		S2N	Non	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Great Crested Flycatcher	Myiarchus crinitus		S3B	Breeding	Yes	July – No
,						August – Yes September – No October – Yes
Great Egret	Ardea alba		SNA	Accidental Non	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Great Horned Owl	Bubo virginianus		S4		No	July – No August – No
						September – No October – Yes
Great Shearwater	Ardenna gravis		S5N,S5M	Non	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Great Skua	Stercorarius skua		SNA	Accidental Non	No	July – No
						August – No September – Yes October – No
Greater Scaup	Aythya marila		S1B,S2N,S4M	Breeding	No	July – No August – Yes September – No October – No
Greater White- fronted Goose	Anser albifrons		SNA	Accidental Non	No	July – No
nonted doose						August – No September – Yes October – No

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Greater Yellowlegs	Tringa melanoleuca		S1?B,S4S5M	UnknownStatus Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
				Diccumg		August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Green Heron	Butorides virescens		S1S2B	Breeding	Yes	July – No
						August – No September – Yes October – No
Green-winged Teal	Anas crecca		S4B,S5M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Hairy Woodpecker	Dryobates villosus		S5		Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Harlequin Duck	Histrionicus histrionicus		S1B,S1S2N,S2M	Breeding	Yes	July – No
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Harris's Sparrow	Zonotrichia querula	SC	SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No
				Transent		August – No September – No October – Yes
Hermit Thrush	Catharus guttatus		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Herring Gull	Larus argentatus		S5		Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Hooded Merganser	Lophodytes cucullatus		S4S5B,S5M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Hooded Warbler	Setophaga citrina	NAR	SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No
						August – No September – No October – Yes
Horned Grebe	Podiceps auritus	SC	S3N	Non	No	July – No August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes

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Horned Lark	Eremophila alpestris		S1B,S4N,S5M	Breeding	No	July – No
	uipestris					August – No September – Yes October – Yes
House Finch	Haemorhous mexicanus		SNA	Exotic	No	July – No
	The Action 1					August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus		SNA	Exotic	No	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – No October – No
House Wren	Troglodytes aedon		S1S2B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – yes October – No
Hudsonian Godwit	Limosa haemastica	Т	S3M	Transient	No	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Iceland Gull	Larus glaucoides		S4N	Non	No	July – No August – No September – No October - Yes
Indigo Bunting	Passerina cyanea		S3B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – No October – Yes
Kentucky Warbler	Geothlypis formosa		SNA	Accidental	No	July – No
				Transient		August – Yes September – No October – No
Killdeer	Charadrius vociferus		S3B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
	vocijerus					August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
King Eider	Somateria spectabilis		S2N	Non	Yes	July – No
						August – No September – No October – Yes
Lapland Longspur	Calcarius Iapponicus		S2S3N,SUM	Non	No	July – No
						August – No September – Yes October – Yes

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Lark Bunting	Calamospiza melanocorys		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No August – Yes September – No October – No
Lark Sparrow	Chondestes grammacus		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Laughing Gull	Leucophaeus atricilla		S1B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Leach's Storm- Petrel	Hydrobates Ieucorhous	Т	S1S2B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Least Flycatcher	Empidonax minimus		S4S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Least Sandpiper	Calidris minutilla		S4M	Transient	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Least Tern	Sternula antillarum		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
LeConte's Sparrow	Ammospiza Ieconteii		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No August – No September – Yes October – No
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus		SUN	UnknownStatus Non	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Lesser Scaup	Aythya affinis		S1B,S4M	Breeding	No	July – Yes August – No September – No October – No
Lesser Yellowlegs	Tringa flavipes	Т	S3M	Transient	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Lincoln's Sparrow	Melospiza lincolnii		S3S4B,S4M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes

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Little Blue Heron	Egretta caerulea		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – Yes
				Hansient		August – Yes September – No October – No
Little Gull	Hydrocoloeus minutus		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No
	, matus			Transent		August – No September – Yes October – No
Little Stint	Calidris minuta		SNA	Accidental Transient	Yes	July – No
						August – Yes September – No October – No
Long-billed Dowitcher	Limnodromus scolopaceus		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No
						August – No September – Yes October – Yes
Long-tailed Duck	Clangula hyemalis		S4N	Non	Yes	July – No August – No September – Yes October – Yes
Marbled Godwit	Limosa fedoa		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No
						August – No September – Yes October – No
Magnolia Warbler	Setophaga magnolia		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos		S5B,S4N	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Manx Shearwater	Puffinus puffinus		S4N,S4M	Non	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Merlin	Falco columbarius	NAR	S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura		S5B,S4N	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Mourning Warbler	Geothlypis philadelphia		S4B,S5M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes

Species Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status (COSEWIC)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Rank Note	Recorded during Breeding Bird Period (June)	Recorded during Fall Migration Period (July to October)
Nashville Warbler	Leiothlypis ruficapilla		S4S5B,S5M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
	rayreapma					August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Nelson's Sparrow	Ammospiza nelsoni	NAR	S4B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Northern Cardinal	Cardinalis cardinalis		S4		No	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Northern Flicker	Colaptes auratus		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Northern Fulmar	Fulmarus glacialis		S4N,S5M	Non	No	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Northern Gannet	Morus bassanus		SHB	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Northern Goshawk	Accipiter gentilis	NAR	S4		Yes	July – No August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Northern Harrier	Circus hudsonius	NAR	S4B,S4S5M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Northern Mockingbird	Mimus polyglottos		S2B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Northern Parula	Setophaga americana		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Northern Pintail	Anas acuta		S3B,S5M	Breeding	No	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Northern Rough- winged Swallow	Stelgidopteryx serripennis		S1S2B	Breeding	No	July – Yes August – No September – No October – No

Species Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status (COSEWIC)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Rank Note	Recorded during Breeding Bird Period (June)	Recorded during Fall Migration Period (July to October)
Northern Saw-whet Owl	Aegolius acadicus		S5B	Breeding	No	July – No
						August – Yes September – No October – Yes
Northern Shoveler	Spatula clypeata		S3B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – No September – Yes October – No
Northern Shrike	Lanius borealis		S4N	Non	No	July – No August – No September – No October – Yes
Northern Waterthrush	Parkesia noveboracensis		S4B,S5M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Orange-crowned Warbler	Leiothlypis celata		SUM	Transient	No	July – No August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Orchard Oriole	Icterus spurius		SUB	Accidental Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – No September – Yes October – No
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Contopus cooperi	SC	S3B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus		S4S5B,S5M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Ovenbird	Seiurus aurocapilla		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes
Pacific Loon	ලිavia pacifica		SNA		No	October – No July – No August – No September – No October – Yes
Palm Warbler	Setophaga palmarum		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Parasitic Jaeger	Stercorarius parasiticus		S4M	Transient	No	July – Yes
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,					August –Yes September – Yes October – Yes

Species Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status (COSEWIC)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Rank Note	Recorded during Breeding Bird Period (June)	Recorded during Fall Migration Period (July to October)
Pectoral Sandpiper	Calidris melanotos		S3M	Transient	No	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus	NAR	S1B,S3M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Philadelpia Vireo	Vireo philadelphicus		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – No
						August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Pied-billed Grebe	Podilymbus podiceps		S4B	Breeding	No	July – No
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Pileated Woodpecker	Dryocopus pileatus		S5		No	July – Yes
						August – No September – No October – No
Pine Grosbeak	Pinicola enucleator		S2B,S4S5N,S4S5M	Breeding	No	July – Yes
						August – No September – No October – No
Pine Siskin	Spinus pinus		S3		Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Pine Warbler	Setophaga pinus		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Piping Plover	Charadrius melodus		S1B	Breeding	No	July – No
						August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Pomarine Jaeger	Stercorarius pomarinus		S4M	Transient	No	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Prairie Warbler	Setophaga discolor	NAR	SNA	Accidental Transient	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Prothonotary Warbler	Protonotaria citrea	E	SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No
						August – No September – Yes October – No

Species Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status (COSEWIC)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Rank Note	Recorded during Breeding Bird Period (June)	Recorded during Fall Migration Period (July to October)
Purple Finch	Haemorhous purpureus		S4S5B,SUN,S5M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes
						September – Yes October – Yes
Purple Martin	Progne subis		S1B	Breeding	No	July – No August – Yes September – No October – No
Purple Sandpiper	Calidris maritima		S3N	Non	Yes	July – No August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Razorbill	Alca torda		S1B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Red Crossbill	Loxia curvirostra		S3		Yes	July – Yes August – No September – Yes October – Yes
Red Knot	Calidris canutus	E,SC	S2M	Transient	Yes	July – No August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Red Phalarope	Phalaropus fulicarius		S3M	Transient	No	July – No August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Melanerpes carolinus		SNA	Accidental Breeding	No	July – Yes August – No September – No October – No
Red-breasted Merganser	Mergus serrator		S3B,S4S5N,S5M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta canadensis		S5		Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Red-eyed Vireo	Vireo olivaceus		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Red-headed Woodpecker	Melanerpes erythrocephalus	E	SNA	Accidental Non	No	July – No August – No September – No October – Yes

Species Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status (COSEWIC)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Rank Note	Recorded during Breeding Bird Period (June)	Recorded during Fall Migration Period (July to October)
Red-necked Grebe	Podiceps grisegena	NAR	S2N,S3M	Transient	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Red-necked Phalarope	Phalaropus lobatus	SC	S3M	Transient	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Red-shouldered Hawk	Buteo lineatus	NAR	S1S2B	Breeding	Yes	July – No
						August – No September – No October – No
Red-tailed Hawk	Buteo jamaicensis	NAR	S4		No	July – Yes August – No September – Yes October – Yes
Red-throated Loon	Gavia stellata		S4N,S5M	Transient	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Red-winged Blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus		S4B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Ring-billed Gull	Larus delawarensis		S2S3B,S4N,S5M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Ring-necked Duck	Aythya collaris		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Ring-necked Pheasant	Phasianus colchicus		SNA	Exotic	Yes	July – Yes
ricasant						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Rock Pigeon	Columba livia		SNA	Exotic	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Pheucticus Iudovicianus		S3B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
GIOSDEAK	nuuoviciunus					August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes

Species Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status (COSEWIC)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Rank Note	Recorded during Breeding Bird Period (June)	Recorded during Fall Migration Period (July to October)
Royal Tern	Thalasseus maximus		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No
	muximus			Hansient		August – Yes September – No October – No
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Corthylio calendula		S4S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Archilochus colubris		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Ruddy Duck	Oxyura jamaicensis		S1B,S2S3M	Breeding	No	July – No
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Ruddy Turnstone	Arenaria interpres		S3M	Transient	No	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Ruffed Grouse	Bonasa umbellus		S5		Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Rusty Blackbird	Euphagus carolinus	SC	S2S3B,S3M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Sabine's Gull	Xema sabini		SNA	Accidental Transient	Yes	July – No
						August – No September – No October – No
Sage Thrasher	Oreoscoptes montanus	E	SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – Yes
						August – No September – No October – No
Sanderling	Calidris alba		S1N,S3S4M	Transient	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Sandwich Tern	Thalasseus sandvicensis		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No
	3					August – Yes September – No October – No
Savannah Sparrow	Passerculus sandwichensis		S4S5B,S5M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
	2.000					August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes

Species Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status (COSEWIC)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Rank Note	Recorded during Breeding Bird Period (June)	Recorded during Fall Migration Period (July to October)
Say's Phoebe	Sayornis saya		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No
				Hansient		August – No September – Yes October – Yes
Scarlet Tanager	Piranga olivacea		S3B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Seaside Sparrow	Ammospiza maritima		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Semipalmated Plover	Charadrius semipalmatus		SNRB,S4S5M	UnknownStatus Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Calidris pusilla		S3M	Transient	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Accipiter striatus	NAR	S4B,S5M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Short-billed Dowitcher	Limnodromus griseus		S3M	Transient	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Snow Bunting	Plectrophenax nivalis		S5N	Non	No	July – No August – No September – No October – Yes
Snow Goose	Anser caerulescens		S3M	Transient	No	July – No August – No September – No October – Yes
Snowy Egret	Egretta thula		SNA	Accidental Non	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Solitary Sandpiper	Tringa solitaria		S2B,S4S5M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes

Species Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status (COSEWIC)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Rank Note	Recorded during Breeding Bird Period (June)	Recorded during Fall Migration Period (July to October)
Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes
Sooty Shearwater	Ardenna grisea		S4N,S4M	Non	Yes	October – Yes July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Sora	Porzana carolina		S4B	Breeding	Yes	July – No August – Yes September – Yes October – No
South Pole Skua	Stercorarius maccormicki			Accidental Non	No	July – No August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Spotted Sandpiper	Actitis macularius		S3S4B,S4M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Spruce Grouse	Canachites canadensis		S5		No	July – No August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Stilt Sandpiper	Calidris himantopus		SUM	Transient	No	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher	Myiodynastes luteiventris		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No August – No September – No October – Yes
Summer Tanager	Piranga rubra		SNA	Accidental Transient	Yes	July – No August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Surf Scoter	Melanitta perspicillata		S2N,S4M	Transient	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – yes
Swainson's Thrush	Catharus ustulatus		S4S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – No

Species Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status (COSEWIC)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Rank Note	Recorded during Breeding Bird Period (June)	Recorded during Fall Migration Period (July to October)
Swamp Sparrow	Melospiza georgiana		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
	georgianu					August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Tennessee Warbler	Leiothlypis peregrina		S4B,S5M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Tree Swallow	Tachycineta bicolor		S4B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Tricolored Heron	Egretta tricolor		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No
						August – Yes September – No October – No
Turkey Vulture	Cathartes aura		S4B	Breeding	No	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Veery	Catharus fuscescens		S4B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes
						August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Vesper Sparrow	Pooecetes gramineus		S2B	Breeding	No	July – No August – No September – Yes October – Yes
Virginia Rail	Rallus limicola		S4B	Breeding	No	July – Yes August – Yes September – No October – Yes
Warbling Vireo	Vireo gilvus		S3S4B	Breeding	Yes	July – No August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Western Kingbird	Tyrannus verticalis		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No
				Transent		August – No September – Yes October – Yes
Western Sandpiper	Calidris mauri		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No
						August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Western Tanager	Piranga ludoviciana		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No
						August – No September – Yes October – No

Species Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status (COSEWIC)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Rank Note	Recorded during Breeding Bird Period (June)	Recorded during Fall Migration Period (July to October)
Whimbrel	Numenius		S3M	Transient	No	July – Yes
	phaeopus					August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Whooper Swan	Cygnus cygnus				No	July – Yes August – No September – No October – No
White-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta carolinensis		S4		Yes	July – Yes August – No September – Yes October – Yes
White-crowned Sparrow	Zonotrichia Ieucophrys		S4M	Transient	No	July – No August – No September – Yes October – Yes
White-eyed Vireo	Vireo griseus		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No August – No September – No October – Yes
White-rumped Sandpiper	Calidris fuscicollis		S4M	Transient	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
White-throated Sparrow	Zonotrichia albicollis		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
White-winged Crossbill	Loxia leucoptera		S5		Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
White-winged Scoter	Melanitta deglandi		S2N,S4M	Transient	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Willet	Tringa semipalmata		S3B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Willow Flycatcher	Empidonax traillii		S1S2B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – No October – No

Species Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status (COSEWIC)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Rank Note	Recorded during Breeding Bird Period (June)	Recorded during Fall Migration Period (July to October)
Wilson's Phalarope	Phalaropus tricolor		S1B	Breeding	No	July – No
						August – Yes September – No October – No
Wilson's Snipe	Gallinago delicata		S3S4B,S5M	Breeding	Yes	July – No August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Wilson's Storm- Petrel	Oceanites oceanicus		S5N,S5M	Non	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Wilson's Warbler	Cardellina pusilla		S4B,S5M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Winter Wren	Troglodytes hiemalis		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Wood Duck	Aix sponsa		S4B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Wood Thrush	Hylocichla mustelina	Т	S1S2B	Breeding	No	July – Yes August – No September – No October – No
Worm-eating Warbler	Helmitheros vermivorum		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No August – No September – Yes October – Yes
Yellow Warbler	Setophaga petechia		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus americanus		SNA	Accidental Breeding	No	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Yellow-breasted Chat	Icteria virens	E	SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – No August – No September – Yes October – Yes
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus		SNA	Accidental Transient	No	July – Yes August – No September – Yes October – No

Species Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status (COSEWIC)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Rank Note	Recorded during Breeding Bird Period (June)	Recorded during Fall Migration Period (July to October)
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Empidonax flaviventris		S4S5B,S5M	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – No
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Sphyrapicus varius		S5B	Breeding	No	July – No August – No September – Yes October – Yes
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Setophaga coronata		S5B	Breeding	Yes	July – Yes August – Yes September – Yes October – Yes
Yellow-throated Vireo	Vireo flavifrons		S1?B	UnknownStatus Breeding	No	July – No August – No September – Yes October – Yes

Table B.2. Summary of priority species in Marine Biogeographic Unit 11 New Brunswick (MBU 11 NB), species' conservation status within Canada and New Brunswick, rarity rankings within New Brunswick, and population objectives set by Environment Canada (*Bird Conservation Strategy for Bird Conservation Region 14 and Marine Biogeographic Units 11 and 12 in New Brunswick: Atlantic Northern Forest, Bay of Fundy and Gulf of St. Lawrence – Abridged Version, Environment Canada, 2013*).

Species Name	Scientific Name	Bird Group	Conservation Status & Rarity Rank ¹	Population Objective set by Environment Canada
Black-bellied Plover	Pluvialis squatarola	Shorebird	No status S3S4M	Assess/Maintain
Dunlin	Calidris alpina	Shorebird	No status S4M	Assess/Maintain ²
Hudsonian Godwit	Limosa haemastica	Shorebird	COSEWIC - T S3M	Assess/Maintain
Least Sandpiper	Calidris minutilla	Shorebird	No status S4M	Assess/Maintain
Lesser Yellowlegs	Tringa flavipes	Shorebird	COSEWIC – T S3M	Assess/Maintain
Piping Plover (<i>melodus</i> subspecies)	Charadrius melodus melodus	Shorebird	SARA – E COSEWIC – E NB SARA – E S1B	Recovery objective
Purple Sandpiper	Calidris maritima	Shorebird	No status S3N	Assess/Maintain
Red Knot (<i>rufa</i> subspecies)	Calidris canutus rufa	Shorebird	SARA – E COSEWIC – E S2M	Assess/Maintain
Red Phalarope	Phalaropus fulicarius	Shorebird	No status S3M	Assess/Maintain ²
Red-necked Phalarope	Phalaropus lobatus	Shorebird	No status S3M	Assess/Maintain
Sanderling	Calidris alba	Shorebird	No status S1N,S3S4M	Assess/Maintain
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Calidris pusilla	Shorebird	No status S3M	Increase 100%
Solitary Sandpiper	Tringa solitaria	Shorebird	No status S2B,S4S5M	Assess/Maintain ²
Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus	Shorebird	No status S3M	Assess/Maintain
Willet	Tringa semipalmata	Shorebird	No status S3B	Increase 50%
Arctic Tern	Sterna paradisaea	Waterbird	No status S1B,SUM	Assess/Maintain
Black-legged Kittiwake	Rissa tridactyla	Waterbird	No status S1B	Assess/Maintain

Species Name	Scientific Name	Bird Group	Conservation Status & Rarity Rank ¹	Population Objective set by Environment Canada
Bonaparte's Gull	Chroicocephalus philadelphia	Waterbird	No status S5M	Assess/Maintain
Common Loon	Gavia immer	Waterbird	No status S4B,S4N	Assess/Maintain
Common Murre	Uria aalge	Waterbird	No status S1B	Assess/Maintain
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	Waterbird	No status S3B,SUM	Assess/Maintain
Dovekie	Alle alle	Waterbird	No status S4N,S4M	Assess/Maintain
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	Waterbird	No status S2N	Assess/Maintain
Great Shearwater	Ardenna gravis	Waterbird	No status S5N,S5M	Assess/Maintain
Horned Grebe	Podiceps auratus	Waterbird	SARA – E ³ / SC ⁴ COSEWIC – E ³ / SC ⁴ NB SARA – E ³ / SC ⁴ S3N	Assess/Maintain
Leach's Storm- Petrel	Hydrobates leucorhous	Waterbird	No status S1S2B	Assess/Maintain
Manx Shearwater	Puffinus puffinus	Waterbird	No status S4N,S4M	Assess/Maintain
Razorbill	Alca torda	Waterbird	No status S1B	Assess/Maintain
Red-necked Grebe	Podiceps grisegena	Waterbird	No status S2N,S3M	Assess/Maintain
Red-throated Loon	Gavia stellata	Waterbird	No status S4N,S5M	Assess/Maintain
Roseate Tern	Sterna dougallii	Waterbird	SARA – E COSEWIC – E NB SARA – E S1B	Recovery objective
Sooty Shearwater	Ardenna grisea	Waterbird	No status S4N,S4M	Assess/Maintain
Thick-billed Murre	Uria Iomvia	Waterbird	No status S3N,S3M	Assess/Maintain
American Black Duck	Anas rubripes	Waterfowl	No status S5B,S4N	Maintain current
Barrow's Goldeneye (Eastern)	Bucephala islandica	Waterfowl	SARA – SC COSEWIC – SC NB SARA – SC S2S3N,S3M	Assess/Maintain
Black Scoter	Melanitta americana	Waterfowl	No status	Assess/Maintain

Species Name	Scientific Name	Bird Group	Conservation Status & Rarity Rank ¹	Population Objective set by Environment Canada
			S1S2N,S3M	
Canada Goose (North Atlantic)	Branta canadensis	Waterfowl	No status SUB,S5M	Maintain current
Canada Goose (Temperate – breeding in Eastern Canada) ⁵	Branta canadensis	Waterfowl	No status SUB,S5M	Decrease
Common Eider	Somateria mollissima	Waterfowl	No status S2S3B,S2S3N,S4M	Increase 50%
Common Goldeneye	Bucephala albeola	Waterfowl	No status S4B,S4N,S5M	Assess/Maintain
Green-winged Teal	Anas crecca	Waterfowl	No status S4B,S5M	Increase 50%
Harlequin Duck (Eastern)	Histrionicus histrionicus population 1	Waterfowl	SARA – SC COSEWIC – SC NB SARA - E S1B,S1S2N,S2M	Assess/Maintain
Surf Scoter	Melanitta perspicillata	Waterfowl	No status S2N,S4M	Assess/Maintain

¹Rarity rank is for the province of New Brunswick

²A recent assessment (Andres et al. 2012) now suggests that some of these shorebird species are stable (e.g. Dunlin, Least Sandpiper and Solitary Sandpiper) while others are declining (Ruddy Turnstone). These shorebird priority species were selected in 2009 (based on Andres (2009). Subsequent database versions will be modified to account for this information.

³Status applies to the Magdalen Islands Population of Horned Grebe

⁴Status applies to the Western Population of Horned Grebe.

⁵Canada Goose (Temperate - breeding in Eastern Canada) was added as a priority species due to management concerns (e.g., overabundance and problem geese).

Table B.3. Summary of Maritime Breeding Bird Atlas data. Species recorded during Woodwards Cove Breeding Bird Survey route between 1973 and 2012.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Number of years recorded between 1973 and 2012	Total number of individuals recorded (all years)
Alder Flycatcher	Empidonax alnorum	18	807
American Bittern	Botaurus lentiginosus	1	1
American Black Duck	Anas rubripes	9	56
American Crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos	18	654
American Goldfinch	Spinus tristis	17	223
American Redstart	Setophaga ruticilla	18	463
American Robin	Turdus migratorius	18	1761
American Wigeon	Mareca americana	1	3
American Woodcock	Scolopax minor	7	9
Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	5	8
Bank Swallow	Riparia riparia	11	447
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	13	294
Barred Owl	Strix varia	1	1
Bay-breasted Warbler	Setophaga castanea	9	47
Belted Kingfisher	Megaceryle alcyon	2	2
Black Guillemot	Cepphus grylle	3	4
Black-and-white Warbler	Mniotilta varia	17	113
Black-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus erythropthalmus	3	5
Blackburnian Warbler	Setophaga fusca	12	42
Black-capped Chickadee	Poecile atricapillus	18	211
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	2	4
Blackpoll Warbler	Setophaga striata	11	24
Black-throated Blue Warbler	Setophaga caerulescens	1	1
Black-throated Green Warbler	Setophaga virens	18	429
Blue Jay	Cyanocitta cristata	17	128
Blue-headed Vireo	Vireo solitarius	5	24
Bobolink	Dolichonyx oryzivorus	8	106
Boreal Chickadee	Poecile hudsonicus	10	36
Broad-winged Hawk	Buteo platypterus	3	5
Brown Creeper	Certhia americana	3	5
Brown Thrasher	Toxostoma rufum	1	1
Brown-headed Cowbird	Molothrus ater	8	50
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	7	366
Canada Warbler	Cardellina canadensis	13	38
Cape May Warbler	Setophaga tigrina	6	26
Cedar Waxwing	Bombycilla cedrorum	18	357
Chestnut-sided Warbler	Setophaga pensylvanica	15	61

Common Name	Scientific Name	Number of years recorded between 1973 and 2012	Total number of individuals recorded (all years)
Chimney Swift	Chaetura pelagica	1	2
Chipping Sparrow	Spizella passerina	17	97
Cliff Swallow	Petrochelidon pyrrhonota	12	205
Common Eider	Somateria mollissima	17	1034
Common Grackle	Quiscalus quiscula	18	371
Common Loon	Gavia immer	6	73
Common Nighthawk	Chordeiles minor	3	3
Common Raven	Corvus corax	18	569
Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas	18	679
Dark-eyed Junco	Junco hyemalis	18	107
Double-crested Cormorant	Nannopterum auritum	12	81
Downy Woodpecker	Dryobates pubescens	14	29
Eastern Bluebird	Sialia sialis	1	2
Eastern Kingbird	Tyrannus tyrannus	7	9
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Contopus virens	3	3
European Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	18	872
Evening Grosbeak	Coccothraustes vespertinus	9	41
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Regulus satrapa	15	83
Great Black-backed Gull	Larus marinus	12	89
Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodias	2	2
Great Crested Flycatcher	Myiarchus crinitus	1	1
Great Horned Owl	Bubo virginianus	1	1
Green-winged Teal	Anas crecca	2	4
Grey Catbird	Dumetella carolinensis	18	218
Hairy Woodpecker	Dryobates villosus	12	30
Hermit Thrush	Catharus guttatus	18	122
Herring Gull	Larus argentatus	18	2885
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	10	108
House Wren	Troglodytes aedon	1	1
Killdeer	Charadrius vociferus	3	6
Least Flycatcher	Empidonax minimus	10	41
Lincoln's Sparrow	Melospiza lincolnii	10	22
Magnolia Warbler	Setophaga magnolia	16	122
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	1	1
Merlin	Falco columbarius	4	4
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura	17	340
Mourning Warbler	Geothlypis philadelphia	12	25
Nashville Warbler	Leiothlypis ruficapilla	17	205
Nelson's Sparrow	Ammospiza nelsoni	12	21
Northern Cardinal	Cardinalis cardinalis	7	18

Common Name	Scientific Name	Number of years recorded between 1973 and 2012	Total number of individuals recorded (all years)
Northern Flicker	Colaptes auratus	15	31
Northern Harrier	Circus hudsonius	3	3
Northern Mockingbird	Mimus polyglottos	2	2
Northern Parula	Setophaga americana	18	141
Northern Saw-whet Owl	Aegolius acadicus	1	1
Northern Waterthrush	Parkesia noveboracensis	7	11
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Contopus cooperi	3	9
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	7	9
Ovenbird	Seiurus aurocapilla	18	353
Palm Warbler	Setophaga palmarum	2	3
Pine Grosbeak	Pinicola enucleator	1	1
Pine Siskin	Spinus pinus	12	39
Purple Finch	Haemorhous purpureus	18	223
Red Crossbill	Loxia curvirostra	7	36
Red-breasted Merganser	Mergus serrator	3	7
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta canadensis	12	30
Red-eyed Vireo	Vireo olivaceus	18	393
Red-winged Blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus	11	55
Ring-billed Gull	Larus delawarensis	1	1
Ring-necked Pheasant	Phasianus colchicus	10	32
Rock Pigeon	Columba livia	3	7
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Pheucticus Iudovicianus	7	48
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Corthylio calendula	17	92
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Archilochus colubris	2	2
Ruffed Grouse	Bonasa umbellus	1	1
Rusty Blackbird	Euphagus carolinus	7	11
Savannah Sparrow	Passerculus sandwichensis	18	197
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Accipiter striatus	2	2
Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia	18	572
Spotted Sandpiper	Actitis macularius	8	18
Swainson's Thrush	Catharus ustulatus	17	696
Swamp Sparrow	Melospiza georgiana	4	9
Tennessee Warbler	Leiothlypis peregrina	8	27
Total individuals	, , , ,	18	21035
Total Species		18	1179
Tree Swallow	Tachycineta bicolor	17	620
Veery	Catharus fuscescens	12	46
Vesper Sparrow	Pooecetes gramineus	1	2
Warbling Vireo	Vireo gilvus	1	1
White-throated Sparrow	Zonotrichia albicollis	18	830

Common Name	Scientific Name	Number of years recorded between 1973 and 2012	Total number of individuals recorded (all years)
White-winged Crossbill	Loxia leucoptera	3	17
Willet	Tringa semipalmata	3	7
Wilson's Snipe	Gallinago delicata	5	8
Wilson's Warbler	Cardellina pusilla	4	4
Winter Wren	Troglodytes hiemalis	18	533
Yellow Warbler	Setophaga petechia	18	431
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Empidonax flaviventris	17	47
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Sphyrapicus varius	7	15
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Setophaga coronata	16	74

Table B.4. Summary of birds observed at Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick, in 2022 including species name, conservation rankings, rarity rankings, whether the species is a Marine Biogeographic Unit in New Brunswick Region 11 (MBU NB 11) priority species (see Table B.5. for priority species details).

Species Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	Priority Species in MBU NB 11 ¹
	Sı	pecies at Risk (SAR)		
Bald Eagle ²	Halieetus	COSEWIC – NAR	S4	No
	leucocephalus	Province of NB – E	34	INO
Bank Swallow	Riparia riparia	SARA – T		
		COSEWIC – T	S2B	No
		Province of NB – E		
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	SARA – T		
		COSEWIC – SC	S2B	No
		Province of NB – T		
Lesser Yellowlegs	Tringa flavipes	SARA - T		
		COSEWIC – T	S3M	Yes
		Province of NB –	33111	163
		NL		
		Conservation Interes	t (SOCI)	
Black-bellied	Pluvialis squatarola	NA	S3S4M	Yes
Plover		1071	333 1111	. 63
Black-crowned	Nycticorax	NA	S1S2B	No
Night-heron	nycticorax			
Black Guillemot	Cepphus grille	NA	S3B	No
Black Scoter	Melanitta americana	NA	S1S2N,S3M	Yes
Cliff Swallow	Petrochelidon	NA	S1B	No
	pyrrhonota	10/1	315	110
Common Eider	Somateria	NA	S2S3B,S2S3N,S4M	Yes
	mollissima	10/1		163
Common Murre	Uria aalge	NA	S1B	Yes
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	NAR	S3B,SUM	Yes
Gadwall	Mareca strepera	NA	S2B,S3M	No
Great Black-	Larus marinus	NA	S3	No
backed Gull	Edi do marmas	1471	33	140
Greater	Tringa melanoleuca	NA	S1?B,S4S5M	No
Yellowlegs		IVA	31:0,3433101	140
Northern Gannet	Morus bassanus	NA	SHB	No
Razorbill	Alca torda	NA	S1B	Yes
Red-breasted	Mergus serrator	NA	S3B,S4S5N,S5M	No
Merganser		IVA		INU
Ring-billed Gull	Larus delawarensis	NA	S2S3B,S4N,S5M	No
Semipalmated	Calidris pusilla	NA	S3M	Yes
Sandpiper				

Species Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	Priority Species in MBU NB 11 ¹
Spotted Sandpiper	Actitis macularius	NA	S3S4B,S4M	No
Surf Scoter	Melanitta perspicillata	NA	S2N,S4M	No
White-winged Scoter	Melanitta americana	NA	S2N,S4M	No
	Species Not at	Risk (NAR) or Not As	ssessed (NA)	
Alder Flycatcher	Empidonax alnorum	NA	S5B	No
American Black Duck	Anas rubripes	NA	S5B,S4N	Yes
American Crow ²	Corvus brachyrhynchos	NA	S 5	No
American Goldfinch	Spinus tristis	NA	S5	No
American Redstart	Setophaga ruticilla	NA	S5B	No
American Robin	Turdus migratorius	NA	S5B	No
American Wigeon	Mareca americana	NA	S4B,S4S5M	No
Belted Kingfisher ²	Megaceryle alcyon	NA	S5B	No
Black-and-white Warbler	Mniotilta varia	NA	S5B	No
Black-capped Chickadee	Poecile atricapillus	NA	S5	No
Black-throated Green Warbler	Setophaga virens	NA	S5B	No
Blue Jay	Cyanocitta cristata	NA	S5	No
Blue-winged Teal	Spatula discors	NA	S4B	No
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	NA	SUB,S5M	Yes
Cedar Waxwing	Bombycilla cedrorum	NA	S5B	No
Common Grackle ²	Quiscalus quiscula	NA	S5B	No
Common Raven ²	Corvus corax	NA	S5	No
Common Loon	Gavia immer	NA	S4B,S4N	Yes
Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas	NA	S5B	No
Double-crested Cormorant ²	Nannopterum auritum	NA	S5B	No
Downy Woodpecker	Dryobates pubescens	NA	S5	No
European Starling ²	Sturnus vulgaris	NA	SNA	No

Species Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	Priority Species in MBU NB 11 ¹
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Regulus satrapa	NA	S5	No
Gray Catbird	Dumetella carolinensis	NA	S4B	No
Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodius	NA	S4B	No
Green-winged Teal	Anas crecca	NA	S4B,S5M	Yes
Hairy Woodpecker	Dryobates villosus	NA	S 5	No
Hermit Thrush	Catharus guttatus	NA	S5B	No
Herring Gull	Larus argentatus	NA	S5	No
Least Flycatcher	Empidonax minimus	NA	S4S5B	No
Least Sandpiper	Calidris minutilla	NA	S4M	No
Long-tailed Duck	Clangula hyemalis	NA	S4N	No
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	NA	S5B,S4N	No
Merlin ²	Falco columbarius	NA	S5B	No
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura	NA	S5B,S4N	No
Nelson's Sparrow	Ammospiza nelson	NA	S4B	No
Northern Flicker	Colaptes auratus	NA	S5B	No
Northern Harrier ²	Circus hudsonius	NAR	S4B,S4S5M	No
Northern Parula	Setophaga americana	NA	S5B	No
Ovenbird	Seiurus aurocapilla	NA	S5B	No
Purple Finch	Haemorhous purpureus	NA	S4S5B,SUN,S4S5M	No
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta canadensis	NA	S5	No
Red-eyed Vireo	Vireo olivaceus	NA	S5B	No
Red-winged Blackbird ²	Agelaius phoeniceus	NA	S4B	No
Ring-necked Pheasant ²	Phasianus colchius	NA	SNA	No
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Corthylio calendula	NA	S4S5B	No
Savannah Sparrow	Passerculus sandwichensis	NA	S4S5B,S5M	No
Semipalmated Plover	Charadrius semipalmata	NA	SNRB,S4S5M	No
Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia	NA	S5B	No
Sora	Porzana carolina	NA	S4B	
Swamp Sparrow	Melospiza gerogiana	NA	S5B	No
Tree Swallow	Tachycineta bicolor	NA	S4B	No

Species Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	Priority Species in MBU NB 11 ¹
Unknown Woodpecker Species	Family Picoides	-	-	-
White-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta carolinensis	NA	S4	No
White-throated Sparrow	Zonotrichia albicollis	NA	S5B	No
White-winged Crossbill	Loxia leucoptera	NA	S5	No
Winter Wren	Trogolodytes hiemalis	NA	S5B	No
Yellow Warbler	Setophaga petechia	NA	S5B	No
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus americanus	NA	SNA	No
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Setophaga coronate	NA	S5B	No

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^{*}Breeding Code for the surrounding islands (Long Island, High Duck Island, Low Duck Island and Nantucket Island)

^{**}Black-crowned Night-heron were not directly observed nesting, but CBCL biologists were informed that this species is confirmed to nest on Long Island by the Boat Operator.

Table B.5. Summary of breeding bird surveys (two point-count surveys and three coastal surveys) conducted on June 7 and 29, 2022, at Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick, including species name, total number of individuals recorded, and Maritime Breeding Bird Atlas (MBBA) evidence code (see Table B.6. for descriptions of the MBBA evidence codes).

Species Name	Scientific Name	Total No. of Recorded Observations	MBBA Evidence Code		
Species at Risk (SAR)					
Bald Eagle ²	Halieetus leucocephalus	8	X		
Bank Swallow	Riparia riparia	50	X, CF*, NE*, NY*, FY*		
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	24	V		
	Species of Conservation	n Interest (SOCI)			
Black-bellied Plover	Pluvialis squatarola	2	X		
Black-crowned Night- heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	1	X, NY**		
Black Guillemot	Cepphus grille	9	X		
Black Scoter	Melanitta americana	11	P		
Cliff Swallow	Petrochelidon pyrrhonota	8	X		
Common Eider	Somateria mollissima	146	T, FY*		
Common Murre	Uria aalge	74	X		
Great Black-backed Gull	Larus marinus	25	X		
Greater Yellowlegs	Tringa melanoleuca	5			
Razorbill	Alca torda	4	Н		
Red-breasted Merganser	Mergus serrator	6	Р		
Spotted Sandpiper	Actitis macularius	1	Х		
Surf Scoter	Melanitta perspicillata	2	H		
3411 360161	Species Not at Risk (NAR) o		11		
Alder flycatcher	Empidonax alnorum	23	Т		
American Black Duck	Anas rubripes	31	FY		
American Crow ²	Corvus brachyrhynchos	112	Т		
American Goldfinch	Spinus tristis	20	Т		
American Redstart	Setophaga ruticilla	4	Т		
American Robin	Turdus migratorius	25	Т		
Belted Kingfisher ²	Megaceryle alcyon	2	Н		
Black-and-white Warbler	Mniotilta varia	1	Х		
Black-capped Chickadee	Poecile atricapillus	6	Т		
Blue Jay	Cyanocitta cristata	6	Т		
Blue-winged Teal	Spatula discors	1	X		
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	45	NE, NY		
Cedar Waxwing	Bombycilla cedrorum	43	T		
Common Grackle ²	Quiscalus quiscula	4	T		
Common Loon	Gavia immer	3	X		

Species Name	Scientific Name	Total No. of Recorded Observations	MBBA Evidence Code
	Species at Risk	(SAR)	
Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas	22	T
Double-crested	Nannopterum auritum	292	H, V*
Cormorant ²		292	п, V
Downy Woodpecker	Dryobates pubescens	4	Т
Purple Finch	Haemorhous purpureus	1	X
European Starling ²	Sturnus vulgaris	36	NY
Golden-crowned	Regulus satrapa	1	Х
Kinglet	Demonstration and the angle	2	11
Gray Catbird	Dumetella carolinensis	2	H
Hairy Woodpecker	Dryobates villosus	2	H
Hermit Thrush	Catharus guttatus	6	T
Herring Gull	Larus argentatus	916	H, NE*, FY*
Least Flycatcher	Empidonax minimus	1	X
Merlin ²	Falco columbarius	1	X
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura	14	Т
Nelson's Sparrow	Ammospiza nelson	7	Т
Northern Flicker	Colaptes auratus	2	Н
Northern Parula	Setophaga americana	1	X
Ovenbird	Seiurus aurocapilla	2	Н
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta canadensis	5	Т
Red-eyed Vireo	Vireo olivaceus	2	Н
Red-winged Blackbird ²	Agelaius phoeniceus	10	Р
Ring-necked Pheasant ²	Phasianus colchius	5	Т
Savannah Sparrow	Passerculus sandwichensis	5	Т
Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia	63	Т
Sora	Porzana carolina	3	Н
Tree Swallow	Tachycineta bicolor	17	Т
White-throated	Zanatuishin albiaallia	11	т
Sparrow	Zonotrichia albicollis	11	Т
White-winged Crossbill	Loxia leucoptera	10	Т
Yellow Warbler	Setophaga petechia	16	Т

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Table B.6. Maritime Breeding Bird Atlas Breeding Bird Evidence codes and their explanations.

Breeding Bird Evidence Code	Breeding Bird Evidence ID	Breeding Bird Evidence Code Explanation
Х	Observed	Species observed in its breeding season (no breeding evidence)
Н	Possible	Species observed in its breeding season in suitable nesting habitat
S		Singing male(s) present, or breeding calls heard, in suitable nesting habitat in breeding season
P	Probable	Pair observed in suitable nesting
Т		habitat in nesting season Permanent territory presumed through registration of territorial song, or the occurrence of an adult bird, at the same place, in breeding habitat, on at least two days a week or more apart, during its breeding season. Use discretion when using this code. "T" is not to be used for colonial birds, or species that might forage or loaf a long distance from their nesting site e.g. Kingfisher, Turkey Vulture, and male waterfowl
D		Courtship or display, including interaction between a male and a female or two males, including courtship feeding or copulation
V		Visiting probable nest site
A		Agitated behaviour or anxiety calls of an adult
В		Brood Patch on adult female or cloacal protuberance on adult male
N		Nest-building or excavation of nest hole by wrens and woodpeckers
NB	Confirmed	Nest building or carrying nest materials, for all species except wrens and woodpeckers

Breeding Bird Evidence Code	Breeding Bird Evidence ID	Breeding Bird Evidence Code Explanation
DD		Distraction display or injury feigning
NU		Used nest or egg shells found (occupied or laid within the period of the survey)
FY		Recently fledged young (nidicolous species) or downy young (nidifugous species), including incapable of sustained flight
AE		Adult leaving or entering nest sites in circumstances indicating occupied nest
FS		Adult carrying fecal sac
CF		Adult carrying food for young
NE		Nest containing eggs
NY		Nest with young seen or heard

Table B.7. Summary of fall migratory bird surveys (eight point-count surveys) conducted on July 20, August 4, 17, and 30, 2022, September 15, 22, and 28, 2022, and October 20, 2022 at Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick, including species name and total number of observations recorded.

Species Name	Scientific Name	Total No. of Recorded Observations		
Species at Risk (SAR)				
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	4		
Spec	cies of Conservation Interest (SOCI)			
Common Eider	Somateria mollissima	94		
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	2		
Gadwall	Mareca strepera	1		
Great Black-backed Gull	Larus marinus	25		
Greater Yellowlegs	Tringa melanoleuca	10		
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Calidris pusilla	3		
Spotted Sandpiper	Actitis macularius	1		
Sp	ecies Not at Risk or Not Assessed			
Alder Flycatcher	Empidonax alnorum	8		
American Black Duck	Anas rubripes	67		
American Crow ²	Corvus brachyrhynchos	232		
American Goldfinch	Spinus tristis	36		
American Robin	Turdus migratorius	16		
American Wigeon	Mareca americana	5		
Belted Kingfisher ²	Megaceryle alcyon	1		
Black-capped Chickadee	Poecile atricapillus	52		
Black-throated Green Warbler	Setophaga virens	1		
Blue Jay ²	Cyanocitta cristata	45		
Blue-winged Teal	Spatula discors	5		
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	56		
Cedar Waxwing	Bombycilla cedrorum	18		
Common Raven ²	Corvus corax	13		
Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas	11		
Double-crested Cormorant ²	Nannopterum auritum	26		
Downy Woodpecker	Dryobates pubescens	4		
European Starling ²	Sturnus vulgaris	35		
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Regulus satrapa	17		
Gray Catbird	Dumetella carolinensis	7		
Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodius	7		
Green-winged Teal	Anas crecca	13		
Herring Gull	Larus agrentatus	671		
Least Sandpiper	Calidris minutilla	3		
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	7		
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura	30		
Northern Flicker	Colaptes auratus	7		
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta canadensis	57		

Species Name	Scientific Name	Total No. of Recorded Observations
Red-eyed Vireo	Vireo olivaceus	6
Red-winged Blackbird ²	Agelaius phoeniceus	6
Ring-necked Pheasant ²	Phasianus colchius	2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Corthylio calendula	1
Savannah Sparrow	Passerculus sandwichensis	6
Semipalmated Plover	Charadrius semipalmata	45
Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia	153
Swamp Sparrow	Melospiza gerogiana	4
Unknown Woodpecker Species	Family Picoides	1
White-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta carolinensis	2
White-throated Sparrow	Zonotrichia albicollis	7
Winter Wren	Trogolodytes hiemalis	9
Yellow Warbler	Setophaga petechia	5
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus americanus	1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Setophaga coronate	7

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E = Endangered, T = Threatened, NAR = Not at Risk, NA = Not Assessed

BIRDS NOT PROTECTED UNDER THE MBCA 1994 = 8

Table B.8. Summary of fall migratory bird high tide coastal surveys (seven rounds conducted on July 20, August 3, 16, and 30, and September 14, and 22 and October 20, 2022) at Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick, including species name, conservation rankings, rarity rankings, whether the species is a Marine Biogeographic Unit in New Brunswick Region 11 (MBU NB 11) priority species (see Table B.3. for priority species details) and total number of observations recorded.

Species Name	Scientific Name	Total No. of Recorded Observations
Species at Risk (SAR)		
Bald Eagle ²	Haliaeetus lecuocephalus	3
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	14
Lesser Yellowlegs	Tringa flavipes	3
Species of Conservation Interested (SOCI)		
Black-bellied Plover	Pluvialis squatarola	4
Black Guillemot	Cepphus grille	52
Black Scoter	Melanitta americana	1
Common Eider	Somateria mollissima	1372
Common Murre	Uria aalge	20
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	4
Great Black-backed Gull	Larus marinus	255
Greater Yellowlegs	Tringa melanoleuca	4

²This species is not protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act* (1994).

Species Name	Scientific Name	Total No. of Recorded Observations
Northern Gannet	Morus bassanus	1
Razorbill	Alca torda	12
Red-breasted Merganser	Mergus serrator	2
Ring-billed Gull	Larus delawarensis	6
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Calidris pusilla	142
Spotted Sandpiper	Actitis macularius	13
Surf Scoter	Melanitta perspicillata	12
White-winged Scoter	Melanitta americana	6
Sį	pecies Not at Risk (NAR) or Not Asses	ssed (NA)
American Black Duck	Anas rubripes	60
American Crow ²	Corvus brachyrhynchos	134
American Goldfinch	Spinus tristus	11
Belted Kingfisher ²	Megaceryle alcyon	1
Black-capped Chickadee	Poecile atrocapillus	20
Blue Jay ²	Cyanocitta cristata	16
Blue-winged Teal	Spatula discors	2
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	180
Cedar Waxwing	Bombycilla cedrorum	6
Double-crested Cormorant ²	Nannopterum auritum	733
Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodias	17
Hermit Thrush	Catharus guttatus	2
Herring Gull	Larus argentatus	6487
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura	8
Northern Harrier ²	Circus hudsonius	2
Red-winged Blackbird ²	Agelaius phoeniceus	8
Semipalmated Plover	Charadrius semipalmata	362
Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia	89

¹Environment Canada. 2013. Bird Conservation Strategy for Bird Conservation Region 14 and Marine Biogeographic Units 11 and 12 in New Brunswick: Atlantic Northern Forest, Bay of Fundy, and Gulf of St. Lawrence – *Abridged Version*.

²This species is not protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act* (1994).

E = Endangered, T = Threatened, NAR = Not at Risk, NA = Not Assessed, NL = Not Listed

Table B.9. Summary of fall migratory bird low tide coastal surveys (eight rounds conducted on July 20, August 4, 17, and 30, and September 15, 22, and 27 and October 20, 2022) at Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick, including species name, conservation rankings, rarity rankings, whether the species is a Marine Biogeographic Unit in New Brunswick Region 11 (MBU NB 11) priority species (see Table B.3. for priority species details) and total number of observations recorded.

Species Name	Scientific Name	Total No. of Recorded Observations					
Species at Risk (SAR)							
Bald Eagle ²	Haliaeetus lecuocephalus	2					
Bank Swallow	Riparia riparia	20					
Species of Conservation Interest (SOCI)							
Black Guillemot	Cepphus grille	40					
Common Eider	Somateria mollissima	991					
Common Murre	Uria aalge	7					
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	4					
Great Black-backed Gull	Larus marinus	124					
Greater Yellowlegs	Tringa melanoleuca	3					
Razorbill	Alca torda	10					
Red-breasted Merganser	Mergus serrator	4					
Ring-billed Gull	Larus delawarensis	12					
Spotted Sandpiper	Actitis macularius	1					
Surf Scoter	Melanitta perspicillata	5					
White-winged Scoter	Melanitta americana	2					
Sį	pecies Not at Risk (NAR) or Not Asses	sed (NA)					
American Black Duck	Anas rubripes	21					
American Crow ²	Corvus brachyrhynchos	124					
Belted Kingfisher ²	Megaceryle alcyon	3					
Blue Jay ²	Cyanocitta cristata	6					
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	74					
Common Loon	Gavia immer	1					
Double-crested Cormorant ²	Nannopterum auritum	302					
Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodias	15					
Herring Gull	Larus argentatus	5054					
Long-tailed Duck	Clangula hyemalis	2					
Merlin ²	Falco columbarius	1					
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura	3					
Savannah Sparrow	Passerculus sandwichensis	2					
Semipalmated Plover	Charadrius semipalmata	80					
Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia	18					
Yellow Warbler	Setophaga petechia	1					

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APPENDIX C Birds Canada Bank Swallow Colony Record Forms



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me: S. ROMINSON Phone: sit Details		
te (dd-mm-yy): $29 - 06 - 22$ Start time (24hr): 19.00	End time	(24hr): 19:10
e and Habitat Details		
lony Location: WP-		(lat, long coordinates in decimal degrees)
e Description (access, nearest community, landowner deta Sandy bank ~ 3 m max in height	ils): <u>Just</u> . No	north of Project Anec. Digm of any BANS burnous.
lony size (estimated count of individuals): Small (<50)	□ Med	ium (50- 100) □ Large (>100) □
lony Habitat Type: ☐ Coastal Bluff ☐ Lakeshore Bluff ☐ neck one box only) ☐ Gravel Pit ☐ Sand Pit ☐ Road Cut	l River (>3m	wide) ☐ Stream (<3m wide) ☐ Dune
lditional Information		
Iony Length (lat, long coordinates in decimal degrees) art d oto of colony site: Yes No		ntes were obtained (e.g. GPS unit, Google Maps)
oto of colon, site. If yes I he	1	to 3 boxes representing the dominant
tewardship Indicator Dist.		within a 200 m radius surrounding the colony
roximity to rip rap/shoreline hardening (m)	roresteu	☐ Young, successional ☐ Mature
roximity to buildings (m) 50m	Open -	Grassland
roximity to roads (m) 150m	Dry	☐ Hayfield
	5.,	☐ Pasture/grazing land
ditional notes (e.g. other threats, activities, species		☐ Cropland
served):		☐ Abandoned cropland/fallow field
	Open –	☐ Marsh
	Wet	☐ Fen
		□ Bog
	Human-	☐ Industrial
	made	☐ Agricultural
		Residential
		☐ Commercial
	Other	□ cottages with lawns/fields □ behind beach



Observer Details	
Name: S. Robinson, L. Giffin Phone: Visit Details	Email:
Visit Details	
Date (dd-mm-yy): $07 - 66 - 22$ Start time (24hr): 900	End time (24hr): <u> 0:03</u>
Site and Habitat Details Castella to Ball field (Not	PA)
Colony Location: MP 446 - WP 448	
Site Description (access, nearest community, landowner details and the supplied of the supplin	are sand bank continues like that both and
Colony Habitat Type: ☑ Coastal Bluff ☐ Lakeshore Bluff ☐ (check one box only) ☐ Gravel Pit ☐ Sand Pit ☐ Road Cut	River (>3m wide) ☐ Stream (<3m wide) ☐ Dune
Additional Information	
Start End	low coordinates were obtained (e.g. GPS unit, Google Maps)
Photo of colony site: ☐ Yes ☐ No	Check up to 3 boxes representing the dominant
Stewardship Indicator Dist.	habitat(s) within a 200 m radius surrounding the colony Forested ☑ Young, successional
Proximity to rip rap/shoreline hardening (m)	☐ Mature
Proximity to buildings (m) 50 m	Open - Grassland
Proximity to roads (m) 100-500	Dry 🗆 Hayfield
Additional notes (e.g. other threats, activities, species	☐ Pasture/grazing land
observed):	☐ Cropland
•	☐ Abandoned cropland/fallow field Open — ☐ Marsh
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Name: SR, LG, AM	Phone:			Email:
Visit Details				
Date (dd-mm-yy): <u>07 - 06 -</u>	22 Start time (2	4hr): <u>1004</u>	End time	e (24hr): 10:4 4
Site and Habitat Details	ack to northurn f	rock outer	op (stairs	to exit to road)
Colony Location: WP448	WP450			(lat, long coordinates in decimal degrees)
- I Plan The Sand	y banks 103	bitat/n	0 Suitab	Dukbred Shoreline, increase to NP449 / vegetated Dank 46m/ I banks beyond stairs
Colony size (estimated count	of individuals):	Small (<50)	□ Med	lium (50- 100) Large (>100)
Colony Habitat Type: ☑ Coas (check one box only) ☐ Grav	tal Bluff □ Lakesh el Pit □ Sand Pit	nore Bluff [Road Cu	☐ River (>3m t □ Soil Pil	wide) □ Stream (<3m wide) □ Dune e □ Other
Additional Information		3		
Comments (has colony move	d - how far, size cha	ange): degrees) H	ow coordina	Unknown If Yes, for how long?years tes were obtained (e.g. GPS unit, Google Maps)
Stewardship Indicator		Dist		within a 200 m radius surrounding the colony
Proximity to rip rap/shoreling	ne hardening (m)	710m	Forested	☐ Young, successional
Proximity to buildings (m)		>50 m	Open -	☐ Mature ☐ Grassland Ball par K
Proximity to roads (m)		50-100	Dry	☐ Hayfield
Additional notes (e.g. other the observed):	nreats, activities, sp	pecies		☐ Pasture/grazing land ☐ Cropland ☐ Chandoned cropland/fallow field
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Bank Swallow Colony Record Form

Colony ID (if known):

Observer Details			
Name: SR, LG Phone:			Email:
Visit Details			
Date (dd-mm-yy): <u> </u>	1222	End time	(24hr):
Site and Habitat Details	\sim		
Colony Location: HghDuck Island WF	1310		(lat, long coordinates in decimal degrees)
Site Description (access, nearest community, landown South side of Islam) Bunk ~ 12m high , Sandy	ner detai	15): ~3. K	surrows on bank on
Colony size (estimated count of individuals): Small	l (<50)	☐ Medi	um (50- 100) □ Large (>100) □
Colony Habitat Type: ☐ Coastal Bluff ☐ Lakeshore B (check one box only) ☐ Gravel Pit ☐ Sand Pit ☐ Ro	Bluff 🗆	River (>3m	wide) □ Stream (<3m wide) □ Dune
Additional Information			
Colony History: has this site been used in previous year Comments (has colony moved - how far, size change): Colony Length (lat, long coordinates in decimal degree Start End	: es) Ho	w coordina	
Photo of colony site: ☐ Yes ☐ No			o 3 boxes representing the dominant
Stewardship Indicator D	ist.		within a 200 m radius surrounding the colony Voung, successional
Proximity to rip rap/shoreline hardening (m)		rorestea	☐ Mature
Proximity to buildings (m)		Open -	☑ Grassland
Proximity to roads (m)		Dry	☐ Hayfield
			☐ Pasture/grazing land
Additional notes (e.g. other threats, activities, species	6		☐ Cropland
observed):			☐ Abandoned cropland/fallow field
		Open –	☐ Marsh
CAGO		Wet	☐ Fen
CAGO GBHE		110	Bog
1		Human- made	☐ Industrial
GBBG		made	☐ Agricultural☐ Residential
HERG			☐ Commercial
DCC		Other	Treeless Bland

Manfreket Is, wp 3/1 -> 3/2 sortable bank w/ sand rock sobstate 5~12m cliff



Observer Details			
Name: Phone:			Email:
Visit Details			
Date (dd-mm-yy): $29-06-22$ Start time (24	hr): <u> </u>	End time	(24hr):
Site and Habitat Details			
Colony Location: LOW Duck Island	WP30	9	(lat, long coordinates in decimal degrees)
Site Description (access, nearest community, land			
Colony size (estimated count of individuals):	Small (<50)	□ Med	ium (50- 100)
Colony Habitat Type: ☐ Coastal Bluff ☐ Lakesho (check one box only) ☐ Gravel Pit ☐ Sand Pit			
Additional Information			
Comments (has colony moved - how far, size cha Colony Length (lat, long coordinates in decimal de Start End	egrees) H		
Photo of colony site: ☐ Yes ☐ No		Check up t	o 3 boxes representing the dominant
Charrandehin Indiantan	Dist /		within a 200 m radius surrounding the colony
Stewardship Indicator Proximity to rip rap/shoreline hardening (m)	Dist.	Forested	☐ Young, successional
Proximity to high rap/shoreline hardening (iii)			Mature
Proximity to roads (m)		Open -	Grassland
(m)		Dry	☐ Hayfield
Additional notes (e.g. other threats, activities, spe	ecies		☐ Pasture/grazing land☐ Cropland
observed):			☐ Cropland ☐ Abandoned cropland/fallow field
		Open –	☐ Marsh
COTE HERG SOSP		Wet	☐ Fen
			□ Bog
SOSP		Human-	☐ Industrial
		made	☐ Agricultural
			☐ Residential
			☐ Commercial
		Other	- Treeless Island



Bank Swallow Colony Record Form

Colony ID (if known): **Observer Details** Name: 5 RODINSON / Laiff Phone: ______ Email: _____ Visit Details Date (dd-mm-yy): <u>29-06-22</u> Start time (24hr): _____ End time (24hr):_____ Site and Habitat Details Colony Location: 307 HDH (lat, long coordinates in decimal degrees) Site Description (access, nearest community, landowner details): Same Medicond & medicus 10 nost Colony size (estimated count of individuals): Large (>100) □ Colony Habitat Type: ☐ Coastal Bluff ☐ Lakeshore Bluff ☐ River (>3m wide) ☐ Stream (<3m wide) ☐ Dune (check one box only) ☐ Gravel Pit ☐ Sand Pit ☐ Road Cut ☐ Soil Pile ☐ Other _____ Additional Information Colony History: has this site been used in previous years?

Yes

No

Unknown If Yes, for how long? ___years Comments (has colony moved - how far, size change): ______ Colony Length (lat, long coordinates in decimal degrees) How coordinates were obtained (e.g. GPS unit, Google Maps) End ______ Photo of colony site: ☐ Yes ☐ No Check up to 3 boxes representing the dominant habitat(s) within a 200 m radius surrounding the colony Stewardship Indicator Dist. Forested ☐ Young, successional Proximity to rip rap/shoreline hardening (m) ☐ Mature Proximity to buildings (m) Open -☑ Grassland Proximity to roads (m) Dry ☐ Hayfield ☐ Pasture/grazing land Additional notes (e.g. other threats, activities, species ☐ Cropland observed): ☐ Abandoned cropland/fallow field Open -☐ Marsh WP308 LD > Small Wet ☐ Fen section of habital ☐ Bog Human-☐ Industrial for BANS on made ☐ Agricultural ☐ Residential SE side. ☐ Commercial Other - Treeless Island



Bank Swallow Colony Record Form

Colony ID (if known): **Observer Details** Name: SR, LC Phone: Email: **Visit Details** Date (dd-mm-yy): <u>29-06-22</u> Start time (24hr): ______ **Site and Habitat Details** Colony Location: High Duck #3 WP 306 (lat, long coordinates in decimal degrees) Site Description (access, nearest community, landowner details): 30 BANS / SAMR habitat for necting as previous sites on their Duck Colony size (estimated count of individuals): | Small (<50) □ | Medium (50-100) □ | Large (>100) □ | Colony Habitat Type: ☐ Coastal Bluff ☐ Lakeshore Bluff ☐ River (>3m wide) ☐ Stream (<3m wide) ☐ Dune (check one box only) ☐ Gravel Pit ☐ Sand Pit ☐ Road Cut ☐ Soil Pile ☐ Other Additional Information Colony History: has this site been used in previous years? \square Yes \square No \square Unknown If Yes, for how long? years Comments (has colony moved - how far, size change): Colony Length (lat, long coordinates in decimal degrees) How coordinates were obtained (e.g. GPS unit, Google Maps) End Photo of colony site: ☐ Yes ☐ No Check up to 3 boxes representing the dominant habitat(s) within a 200 m radius surrounding the colony Stewardship Indicator Dist. **Forested** ☐ Young, successional Proximity to rip rap/shoreline hardening (m) ☐ Mature Proximity to buildings (m) Open - □ Grassland Proximity to roads (m) Dry ☐ Hayfield ☐ Pasture/grazing land Additional notes (e.g. other threats, activities, species ☐ Cropland observed): ☐ Abandoned cropland/fallow field Open -☐ Marsh Wet ☐ Fen ☐ Bog Human-☐ Industrial made ☐ Agricultural ☐ Residential ☐ Commercial Treeless / s/and Other



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Bank Swallow Colony Record Form Colony ID (if known): **Observer Details** Name: SR, G Phone: Email: **Visit Details** Date (dd-mm-yy): 29-06-22 Start time (24hr): 1136 End time (24hr): 1136 **Site and Habitat Details** Colony Location: High Duck | Sland WP 304 (LG) (lat, long coordinates in decimal degrees) Site Description (access, nearest community, landowner details): Sed on top of hard cock, semicircles, active 15 barrows, young som at ontrances Colony Habitat Type:
☐ Coastal Bluff ☐ Lakeshore Bluff ☐ River (>3m wide) ☐ Stream (<3m wide) ☐ Dune (check one box only) ☐ Gravel Pit ☐ Sand Pit ☐ Road Cut ☐ Soil Pile ☐ Other **Additional Information** Colony History: has this site been used in previous years?

Yes

No

Unknown If Yes, for how long? years Comments (has colony moved - how far, size change): ______ Colony Length (lat, long coordinates in decimal degrees) How coordinates were obtained (e.g. GPS unit, Google Maps) Start WP304 50m across to rext colony End _____ Photo of colony site: ☐ Yes ☐ No Check up to 3 boxes representing the dominant habitat(s) within a 200 m radius surrounding the colony Stewardship Indicator Dist. Forested ☐ Young, successional Proximity to rip rap/shoreline hardening (m) ☐ Mature Proximity to buildings (m) Open -☐ Grassland Proximity to roads (m) Dry ☐ Hayfield ☐ Pasture/grazing land Additional notes (e.g. other threats, activities, species ☐ Cropland observed): ☐ Abandoned cropland/fallow field Open -☐ Marsh Wet ☐ Fen ☐ Bog Human-☐ Industrial made ☐ Agricultural

Residential
Commercial

Other



lony ID (if known): _____

Observer Details	
Name: Phone:	Email:
Visit Details	
Date (dd-mm-yy): 29-06-22 Start time (24hr): 1125	End time (24hr): 1136
Site and Habitat Details	
Colony Location: High Duck 365	(lat, long coordinates in decimal degrees
Site Description (access, nearest community, landowner det	tails): 16 burrows active, at top where I mouth of burrows.
Colony size (estimated count of individuals): Small (<50) Colony Habitat Type: Coastal Bluff Lakeshore Bluff (check one box only) Gravel Pit Sand Pit Road Cu	☐ River (>3m wide) ☐ Stream (<3m wide) ☐ Dune
Additional Information	
Colony History: has this site been used in previous years? Comments (has colony moved - how far, size change): Colony Length (lat, long coordinates in decimal degrees) Start	
End	
Photo of colony site: ☐ Yes ☐ No	Check up to 3 boxes representing the dominant habitat(s) within a 200 m radius surrounding the colony
Stewardship Indicator Dist.	Forested
Proximity to buildings (m)	☐ Mature ☐ Open - ☐ Grassland
Proximity to roads (m)	Dry Hayfield
Additional notes (e.g. other threats, activities, species observed):	☐ Pasture/grazing land ☐ Cropland ☐ Abandoned cropland/fallow field
11-0-	Open − ☐ Marsh
HEKCY	Wet Fen
HERCA COEL SOSP	Bog
COG	Human- ☐ Industrial made ☐ Agricultural
SOSP	made ☐ Agricultural ☐ Residential
	☐ Commercial
	Other Klaik treeless



Observer Details			
Name: <u>SP 10</u> Phone:			Email:
Visit Details			
Date (dd-mm-yy): 29 / 06 / 22 Start time (24			
Site and Habitat Details Colony Location: Kong Island - West sic	MP)- (WP303(LG)
Colony Location: Fong Island - West sic	Le(302(1	LG))	(lat, long coordinates in decimal degrees)
Site Description (access, nearest community, land Slope, house within 50.	nowner deta	ils): <u>OM</u> red by	-8m Sandy bank Imerican family, cliff swallow f
Colony size (estimated count of individuals):	mall (<50)	□ Medi	um (50- 100)
Colony Habitat Type: ☐ Coastal Bluff ☐ Lakesho (check one box only) ☐ Gravel Pit ☐ Sand Pit			
Additional Information			
Colony History: has this site been used in previou Comments (has colony moved - how far, size char- Colony Length (lat, long coordinates in decimal de Start	nge):	ow coordina	
End			
Photo of colony site: ☐ Yes ☐ No			o 3 boxes representing the dominant within a 200 m radius surrounding the colony
Stewardship Indicator	Dist.		☐ Young, successional
Proximity to rip rap/shoreline hardening (m)			☐ Mature
Proximity to buildings (m) Proximity to roads (m)	50m	Open -	☐ Grassland
Additional notes (e.g. other threats, activities, speobserved):	ecies	Dry	 ☐ Hayfield ☐ Pasture/grazing land ☐ Cropland ☐ Abandoned cropland/fallow field
11CDC2 OLE MARCH	19	Open –	☐ Marsh
TERM COLLECTION	P _d	Wet	☐ Fen
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CLSW nests nest on early)	made	☐ Agricultural
CLSW MSTS Nest bouse.			Residential
204			☐ Commercial
Ro sign of		Other	Distand w/ one house
BANS or burr	ows		

APPENDIX D
Photo Log

Appendix D: Photo Log



Photo 1: A more northern view of Bank Swallow nesting habitat between the Project Area and Ragged Point at the end of Bancroft Point Road



Photo 2: A more southern view of Bank Swallow nesting habitat between the Project Area and Ragged Point at the end of Bancroft Point Road



Photo 3: Bank Swallow nesting habitat north of Castalia Marsh.



Photo 4: Typical open wet meadow in vicinity of the Project Area suitable for Bank Swallow foraging.



Photo 5: Bank Swallow nesting habitat north of Castalia Marsh.



Photo 6: Close up of Bank Swallow nesting habitat north of the Project Area.



Photo 7: Bank Swallow nesting habitat perched on bedrock cliffs near Bancroft Point at the end of Bancroft Point Road.



Photo 8: Bank Swallow nesting habitat near Bancroft Point at the end of Bancroft Point Road.



Photo 9: Burrow in bank near Bancroft Point at the end of Bancroft Point Road (presumably Belted Kingfisher).



Photo 10: Burrow on rock outcrop in Project Area (presumably Muskrat).



Photo 11: Burrow on rock outcrop in Project Area (presumably Muskrat).



Photo 13: Bank Swallow nesting habitat on Long Island.



Photo 15: Shoreline of High Duck Island where Bank Swallows are nesting in shallow soil cliff perched on bedrock cliffs.



Photo 12: Looking into burrow on rock outcrop in Project Area (presumably Muskrat).



Photo 14: Shoreline of High Duck Island where Bank Swallows are nesting in shallow soil cliff perched on bedrock cliffs.



Photo 16: Close up of shallow substrate above bedrock cliff where Bank Swallows were observed nesting on High Duck Island.



Photo 17: Bank Swallow nesting habitat on Nantucket Island.



Photo 19: Close up of Bank Swallow nest habitat where breeding colony was observed on Low Duck Island.



Photo 21: A SOCI Semipalmated Sandpiper (left) and a Semipalmated Plover (right) roosting and foraging in seaweed along the Project Area shoreline during fall migration.



Photo 18: Bank Swallow nesting habitat on Low Duck Island.



Photo 20: Typical bog habitat in vicinity of Project Area suitable for Bank Swallow foraging.



Photo 22: Domestic Ducks frequently observed along the Project Area shoreline (presumed to be owned by people living behind the beach in the northern section of the Project Area).



Photo 23: Yellow-billed Cuckoo observed in forest behind the Project Area at one of the bird survey locations during fall migration.



Photo 24: Typical tidal creek in vicinity of Project Area suitable for Bank Swallow foraging.



Photo 25: Grassy open barren habitat. Bird survey location within the Project Area.



Photo 26: Salt pan and grassy beach habitat. Bird survey location within the Project Area.



Photo 27: Foraging habitat exposed in rocks at low tide within the Project Area.



Photo 28: Pond behind the Project Area shoreline where many waterfowl and gull species were frequently observed, including a SOCI Black-crowned Night Heron and Muskrat.

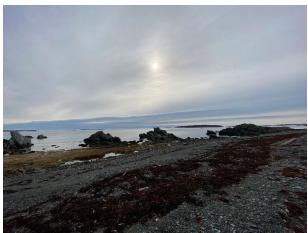


Photo 29: Typical cobble/thick sand and grass beach habitat along the shoreline in the Project Area. A bird survey location.

APPENDIX E Summary of SAR Observations March to October 2022

Summary of SAR Observations Avian Survey Program (March to October 2022) - Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan, New Brunswick

The following provides a summary of all avian Species at Risk (SAR) observations from the field survey program completed by CBCL Limited (CBCL) and Todd Watts of Peskotomuhkati Nation in and around the Project Area in Woodwards Cove, NB from March to October, 2022.

Three federal SAR (Bank Swallow, Barn Swallow and Lesser Yellowlegs, Peregrine Falcon), and three and/or provincial SAR) and 23 are SOCI¹, see Table 2 for full list of SAR and SOCI observed. Further details of the SAR observations are given in the subsections below.

1.1 Bald Eagle – Haliaeetus leucocephalus

SARA – Not Listed COSEWIC – Not at Risk

New Brunswick Species at Risk Act - Endangered

Bald Eagles were observed in and around the Project Area during the winter surveys (five observations, one adult and four juveniles), spring surveys (three observations, two adults and one juvenile) and fall surveys (three observations, two adults and one juvenile) and fall surveys (three observations, two adults and two juveniles). See Annex B Figure 1 for map of locations of all Bald Eagle observations during the 2022 avian survey program.

1.2 Bank Swallow – Riparia riparia

SARA, Schedule 1 – Threatened
COSEWIC – Threatened

New Brunswick Species at Risk Act - Endangered

Bank Swallow were observed in and around the Project Area during the spring surveys, breeding surveys, and fall migration surveys. Individuals were observed foraging in three locations within the Project Area and several outside of the Project Area. Bank Swallow nesting colonies were confirmed outside of the Project Area on High Duck Island and Low Duck Island. No attributes of suitable Bank Swallow nesting habitat were observed in the Project Area, but the two ponds with associated wetlands, the saltmarsh habitat in the tidal flat and the vegetated open county all provide suitable foraging for Bank Swallow within the Project Area. See Annex B Figure 2 for map of locations of all Bank Swallow observations during the 2022 avian survey program.

1.3 Barn Swallow – Hirundo rustica

SARA Schedule 1 – Threatened (under consideration for status change)² COSEWIC – Special Concern
New Brunswick Species at Risk Act – Threatened

¹ Ranked by the Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Center as S1 to S3S4.

² See https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/1147-790

Barn Swallows were observed in and around the Project Area during the spring surveys, breeding surveys, and fall migration surveys. There is no sign of Barn Swallows nesting within the Project Area; however, evidence of breeding near the Project Area in a Quonset Hut along Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road and on buildings along Bancroft Point Road were observed. See Annex B Figure 3 for map of locations of all Barn Swallow observations during the 2022 avian survey program.

1.4 Horned Grebe - Podiceps auritus

SARA – Special Concern
COSEWIC – Special Concern
New Brunswick Species at Risk Act – Special Concern

Horned Grebes were observed within the Project Area during the spring surveys. Two groups of overwintering adults were observed in the nearshore open ocean habitat of the Project Area. See Annex B Figure 4 for map of locations of all Horned Grebe observations during the 2022 avian survey program.

1.5 Lesser Yellowlegs – *Tringa flavipes*

SARA, Schedule 1 – Not Listed, but a Candidate COSEWIC – Threatened New Brunswick Species at Risk Act – Not Listed

Lesser Yellowlegs were recorded within the Project Area during the fall migration surveys during high tide. Three individuals were observed foraging in the wrack zone along the beach. See Annex B Figure 5 for map of locations of all Lesser Yellowlegs observations during the 2022 avian survey program.

1.6 Peregrine Falcon, anatum/tundrius subspecies (*Falco peregrinus* pop.1)

New Brunswick Species at Risk Act - Endangered

A single Peregrine Falcon was observed in the Project Area during the winter surveys perched on a rock outcrop between Woodwards Cove and the northern point of Nantucket Island. See Annex B Figure 6 for map of locations of the Peregrine Falcon observations during the 2022 avian survey program.

ANNEX A Table Summary of All Avian Species Observations

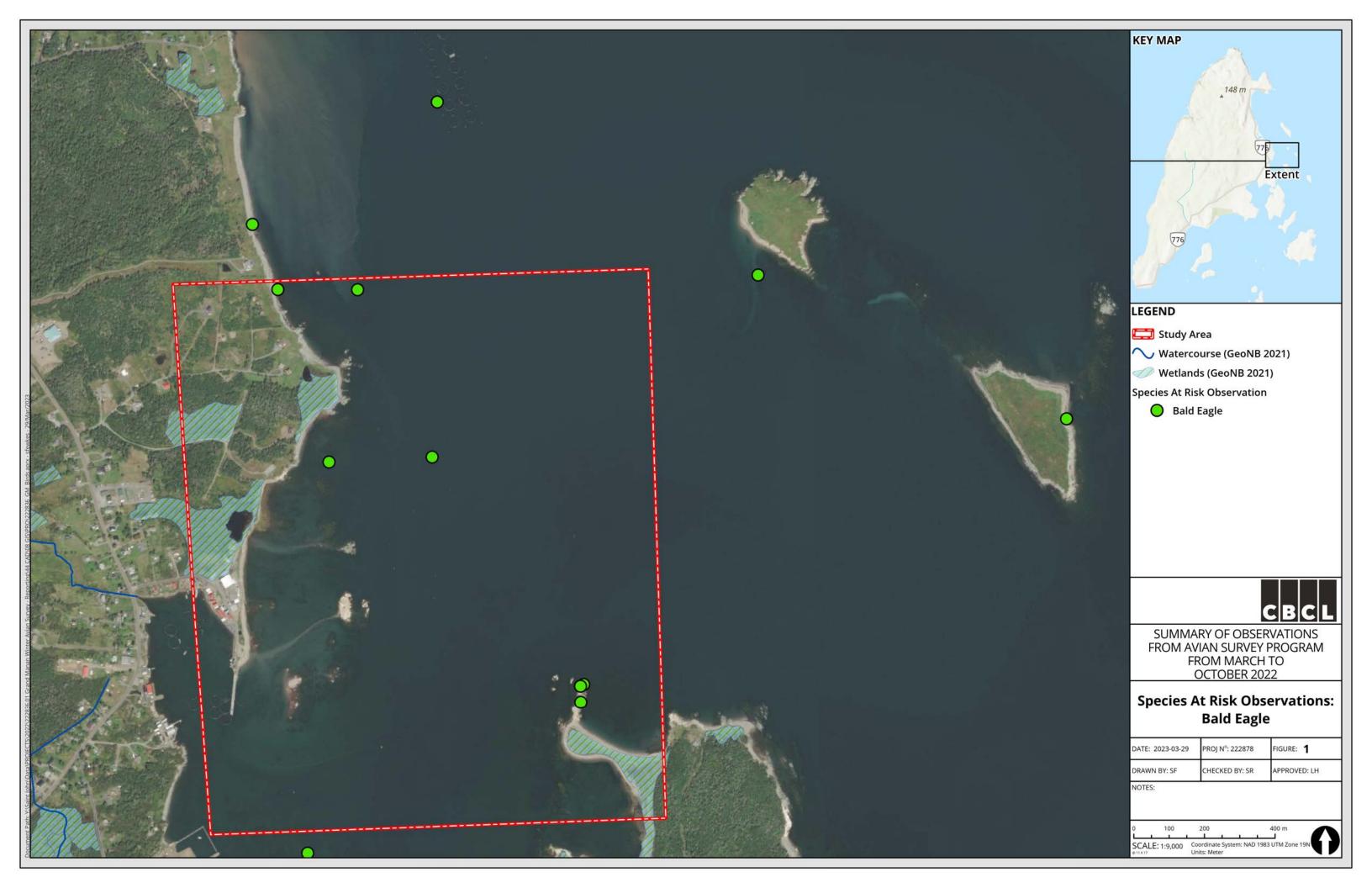
Species	Scientific Name	Conservation Status	AC CDC Rank (NB)	Priority Species in MBU 11 NB?	Survey Period of Observation		
	Species at Risk						
Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	COSEWIC – NAR NB SARA – E	S4	No	Winter, Spring, Breeding, Fall		
Bank Swallow	Riparia riparia	SARA, Schedule 1 – T COSEWIC – T	S2B	No	Spring, Breeding, Fall		
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	SARA, Schedule 1 – T COSEWIC – SC NB SARA – T	S2B	No	Spring, Breeding, Fall		
Lesser Yellowlegs	Tringa flavipes	COSEWIC – T	S3M	Yes	Fall		
Peregrine Falcon - anatum/tundrius	Falco peregrinus pop. 1	COSEWIC – NAR NB SARA – E	S1B, S3M	No	Winter		
Horned Grebe	Podiceps auritus	SARA, Schedule 1 – SC COSEWIC – SC NB SARA – SC	S3N	Yes	Spring		
		Species of Cor	servation Interest				
Black-bellied Plover	Pluvialis squatarola	NL	S3S4M	Yes	Breeding, Fall		
Black-crowned Night-heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	NL	S1S2B	No	Breeding		
Black Guillemot	Cepphus grylle	NL	S3B	No	Winter, Spring, Breeding, Fall		
Black Scoter	Melanitta americana	NL	S1S2N,S3M	Yes	Winter, Spring, Breeding, Fall		
Bufflehead	Bucephala albeola	NL	S3N	No	Winter, Spring		
Cliff Swallow	Petrochelidon pyrrhonota	NL	S2B	No	Breeding		
Common Eider	Somateria mollissima	NL	S2S3B,S2S3N,S4M	Yes	Winter, Spring, Breeding, Fall		
Common Murre	Uria aalge	NL	S1B	Yes	Winter, Spring, Breeding, Fall		
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	NL	S3B,SUM	Yes	Spring, Fall		
Gadwall	Mareca strepera	NL	S2B,S3M	No	Spring, Fall		
Great Black- backed Gull	Larus marinus	NL	S3	No	Winter, Spring, Breeding, Fall		

Species	Scientific Name	Conservation Status	AC CDC Rank (NB)	Priority Species in MBU 11 NB?	Survey Period of Observation
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	NA	S2N	Yes	Spring
Greater Yellowlegs	Tringa melanoleuca	NL	S1?B,S4S5M	No	Spring, Breeding, Fall
Northern Gannet	Morus bassanus	NL	SHB	No	Fall
Red-breasted Merganser	Mergus serrator	NL	S3B,S4S5N,S5M	No	Winter, Spring, Breeding, Fall
Razorbill	Alca torda	NL	S1B	Yes	Breeding
Ring-billed Gull	Larus delawarensis	NL	S2S3B,S4N,S5M	No	Spring, Fall
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Calidris pusilla	NL	S3M	Yes	Fall
Snow Goose	Anser caerulescens	NL	S3M	No	Spring
Snowy Owl	Bubo scandiacus	NL	S1N, S2S3M	No	Winter ²
Spotted Sandpiper	Actitis macularius	NL	S3S4B,S4M	No	Breeding, Fall
Surf Scoter	Melanitta perspicillata	NL	S2N,S4M	Yes	Winter, Spring, Breeding, Fall
White-winged Scoter	Melanitta deglandi	NL	S2N,S4M	No	Winter, Spring, Fall
Willet	Tringa semipalmata	NL	S3B	Yes	Spring
Wilson's Snipe	Gallinago delicata	NL	S3S4B,S5M	No	Spring

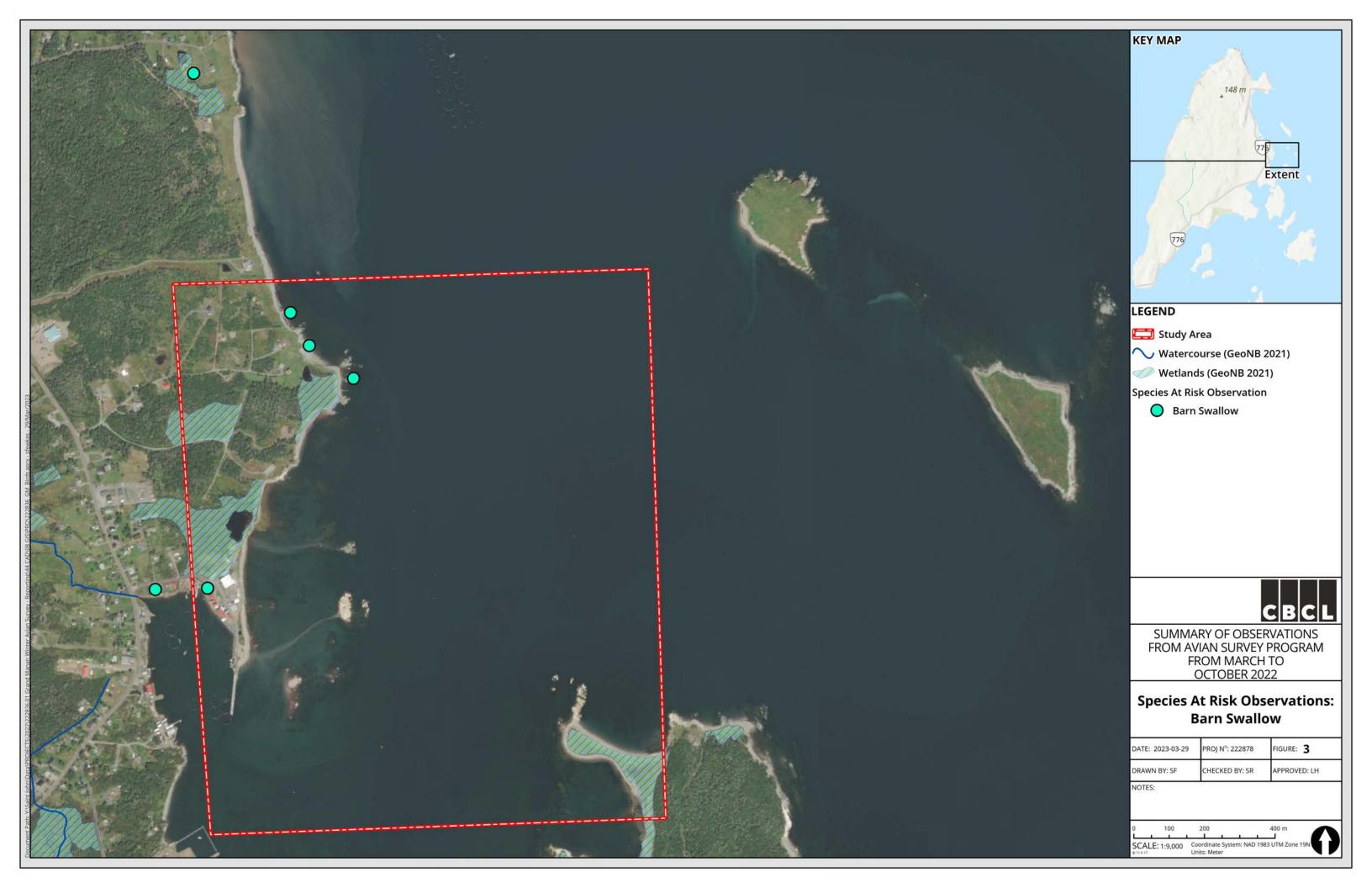
E = Endangered, T = Threatened, SC = Special Concern, NAR = Not at Risk, NL = Not Listed

²This species was not directly observed but sign of the species was noted within the Project Area (owl pellets and feathers).

ANNEX B Figures

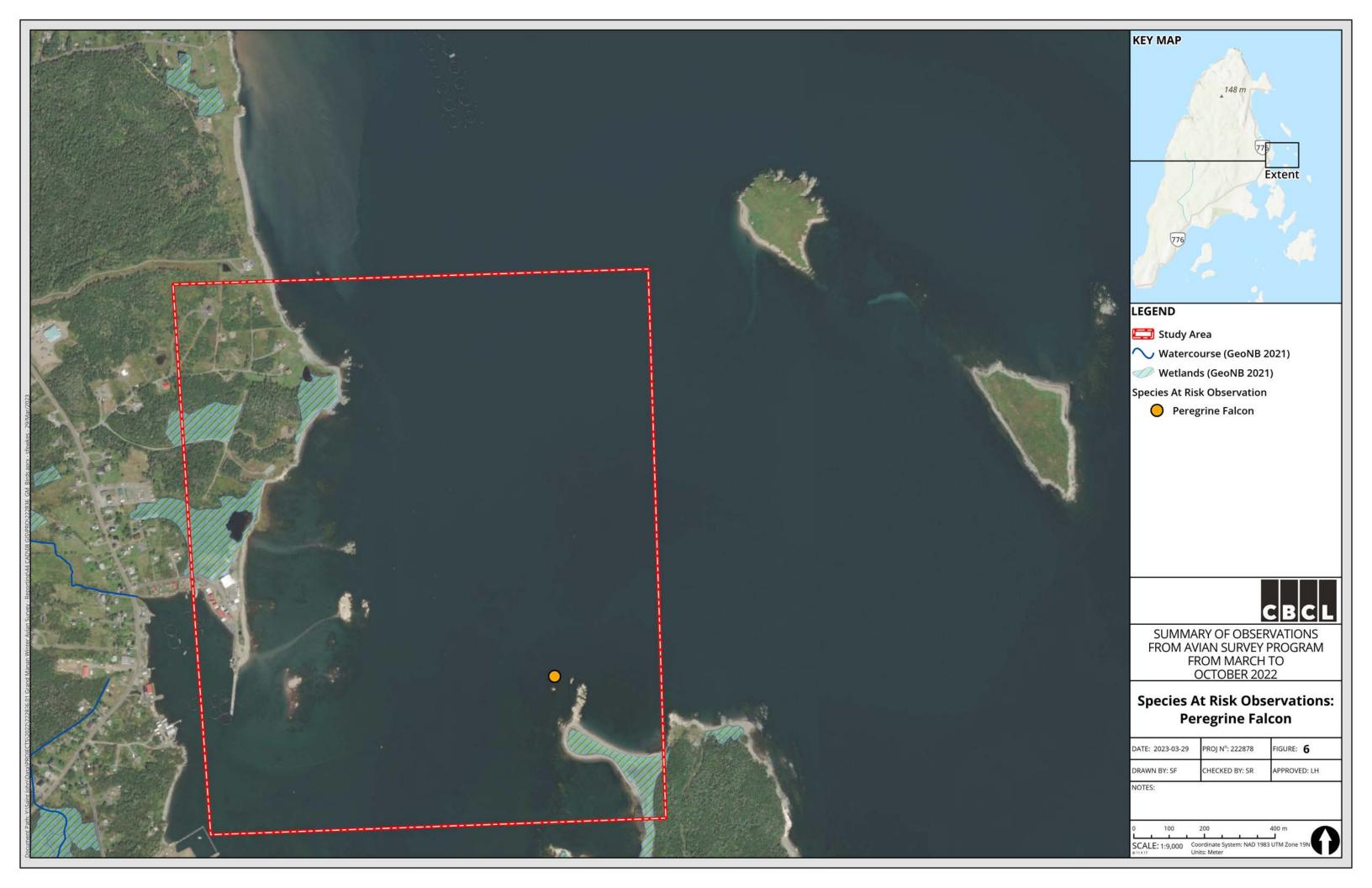












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CBCL Limited (CBCL) is pleased to provide you with this final report for the spring migration and early breeder avian surveys conducted at Woodwards Cove, New Brunswick, on April 12, 24 and 25 of 2022, and May 5, 6, 18, 19 and 31 of 2022. This final report is presented to Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) following the completion of the spring migratory and early breeder avian field survey program.

Should you have any questions or require clarification of any matter raised in this submission, please contact the undersigned at your convenience. We appreciate the opportunity to work with PSPC, the Peskotomuhkati Nation and Wolastogey Nation in New Brunswick on this project.

Yours very truly,

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Acronyms

AC CDC Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre

CBCL CBCL Limited cm Centimetre

CWS Canadian Wildlife Service
DDT Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroe

DDT Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane

DFO Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada

E Endangered

EA Environmental Assessment

IBA Important Bird Area

km Kilometres m Metres

MBBA Maritime Breeding Bird Atlas

MBCA Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994

MBU 11 Marine Biogeographic Unit 11

NAR Not at Risk
NA Not assessed
NB New Brunswick

PSPC Public Services and Procurement Canada

SAR Species at Risk
SARA Species at Risk Act
SC Special Concern
SCH Small Craft Harbour

SOCI Species of Conservation Interest

U Unknown

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Small Craft Harbour (SCH) branch of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is proposing to construct a new SCH facility on Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick specifically in the waters to the northeast of Woodward's Cove (the Project Area). The construction of the new SCH facility will include an access road, a service/parking area, a marginal wharf, a rock breakwater, dredging, floating wharves with electrical service, a launch, and a haul-out ramp. The new facility will be protected by a rock breakwater. The proposed project footprint of the new SCH facility will be contained within the Project Area as per Figure 2 of the TOR. The Project Area is defined in Figure 1 (See map in Appendix A) and includes the land and coastline within 500 m of the proposed project footprint.

CBCL Limited (CBCL) was retained to conduct surveys and provide quantitative information on the spring migratory and early breeding avian populations in the Project Area. Findings of the surveys will be used to help support an environmental assessment for the construction of the new SCH facility. Spring migration, nocturnal owl and coastal surveys were conducted within the Project Area to inventory the species and abundance of birds possibly breeding and utilizing the upland and coastal habitats of the Project Area during the spring migratory and early breeding seasons (April to May). The avian survey program consisted of a desktop habitat analysis and five rounds of field surveys within forested and coastal areas in the Project Area at Woodwards Cove. The purpose of the desktop analysis was to assess usage of the Project Area by resident, migratory and early breeding birds in the spring, as well as to identify relevant habitat features and areas of significance for birds. During both the desktop analysis and field survey program, particular but not exclusive consideration was given to Species at Risk (SAR) and Species of Conservation Interest (SOCI). Coastal surveys were conducted during both low and high tide periods to assess the use by birds during the varying tide heights and shoreline exposure.

CBCL was engaged by Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) to undertake spring migratory and early breeding bird surveys at Woodwards Cove to describe and survey the avian populations present during the spring bird season within the proposed footprint of the project, including the access road (the Project Area, see Figure 1). Following the desktop exercise, CBCL conducted spring migration surveys via point count surveys, nocturnal owl surveys and coastal surveys, based off CBCL's previously designed winter avian survey program for Woodwards Cove, (CBCL Limited, 2022) to target the following species groups: shorebirds, diving and wading ducks, seabirds, passerines, and raptors.

During both the desktop analysis and field survey program, particular but not exclusive consideration was given to Species at Risk (SAR) and Species of Conservation Interest (SOCI). Nocturnal owl surveys, point counts and coastal surveys were conducted for this survey program.

CBCL collaborated with the Peskotomuhkati Nation and the Wolastoqey Nation in New Brunswick to conduct the avian survey program. An avian biologist from Peskotomuhkati Nation completed one round of the spring migration surveys in conjunction with CBCL biologists. This report

summarizes the work completed by CBCL and the Peskotomuhkati Nation in the Woodwards Cove Project Area.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The main island of Grand Manan and the numerous nearby islands that encompass the Grand Manan Archipelago are known as an important breeding ground, migratory stopover, and wintering location for numerous bird species. A 10-kilometre band of the open water around the island and a one-kilometre strip of the coastal zone of the main island has been designated as an Important Bird Area (IBA). The following bird species have been observed in significant numbers that surpass at least one of the IBA thresholds (sub-regional, regional, or global): Brant (Branta bernicla), Herring Gull (Larus argentatus), Manx Shearwater (Puffinus puffinus), Piping Plover (Charadrius melodus melodus), Razorbill (Alca torda), Rusty Blackbird (Euphagus carolinus) Sooty Shearwater (Ardenna grisea), and Wilson's Storm Petrel (Oceanites oceanicus), (Birds Canada, 2022). Additionally, an area on the western coastline of the island (which overlaps with the Project Area) has been identified as an area of critical habitat for the federally threatened Bank Swallow (ECCC, 2022). Critical habitat is identified at any location within identified area which meets the biophysical features and attributes in the species recovery strategy ECCC, 2022). The islands in the Grand Manan Archipelago (south on the main island of Grand Manan) are known to host colonies of the federally threatened Leach's Storm-Petrel (Oceanodroma leucorhoa).

3.0 SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY

CBCL completed a desktop analysis and spring migratory and early breeder avian survey program to determine the usage of the Project Area by resident and migratory birds in the springtime (March to May). Emphasis was given to SAR, SOCI and their habitats. This includes species listed under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) and/or provincial legislation of New Brunswick; designated, under review or identified as candidate species by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC); and/or with rarity ranks (species with subnational ranks of S1 to S3S4) assigned by the province and/or the Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre (AC CDC). Coastal avian surveys were designed following the protocol used by CBCL during winter avian surveys at Woodwards Cove during the March 2022 winter avian surveys (CBCL, 2022). The habitat observations and survey methodology of the winter avian survey influenced the focus the spring and early breeder survey methodology.

The information gathered during the desktop exercise informed the development of the spring migratory and early breeder avian surveys. Five-minute point count surveys were completed in upland habitats between half an hour before sunrise and four hours after sunrise to detect early breeding species. Coastal surveys were conducted during both low and high tide periods to assess the use by birds during the varying tide heights and shoreline exposure. Nocturnal owl surveys were completed following the Birds Canada national nocturnal owl survey protocol (Takats et. al., 2021).

3.1 Desktop Analysis Methodology

During the desktop analysis, CBCL compiled a list of species that have previously been reported from or near the Project Area and/or are likely to occur during the spring study period. CBCL gathered information from the following publicly available sources:

- Maritime Breeding Birds Atlas (MBBA)
- Atlantic Canada Shorebird Survey (ACSS)
- Colonial Waterbirds Database (Atlantic Region)
- Important Bird Areas
- eBird
- iNaturalist
- Nature NB

Information provided by PSPC was also reviewed for the desktop exercise. This included data from the AC CDC and Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS). Information on habitat types present in the Project Area was gathered from aerial imagery and ecological mapping layers available from the Province of New Brunswick.

3.2 Nocturnal Owl Survey Methodology

Nocturnal owl surveys were completed following the Birds Canada national nocturnal owl survey protocol *Guidelines for Nocturnal Owl Monitoring in North America* (Takats *et. al.* 2021). Two rounds of owl surveys were completed in April of 2022. One round occurred on April 11, 2022, and the second round occurred on April 24, 2022. Three survey sites which occurred within the Project Area were used for the first round. These three survey sites were then later modified to be at least within 1 km of the Project Area for the second round. The sites were modified between the rounds to better target owl habitat (denser, mature forests) near the Project Area but is limited within the Project Area. Spacing the sites out further for the second round also increases accuracy of individual count of owls due to territory size and thus reduces the chance of double-counting of any species detected. See Appendix A, Figure 2 for nocturnal owl survey site locations.

3.3 Spring Migratory Point Count Methodology

Point count surveys were completed in accordance with the Maritimes Breeding Bird Survey guidelines (MBBA, 2006). Surveys were conducted once per round for a total of five point count surveys occurring on April 12 and 25, 2022, and May 6, 19 and 31, 2022. Surveys began a half an hour prior to sunrise. Point count locations were stratified based on habitat present in the Project Area to maximize diversity of species detected within the site. Each point count survey consisted of six-point count locations spaced at least 250 m apart. Observers survey at each of the six locations for a duration of 5 minutes and record all birds observed both audibly and visually. Observers were equipped with binoculars to help in their observations. Habitat features and usage by species was recorded during the point count surveys. When SAR/SOCI were observed during

the point count surveys, additional details were noted (behaviour, life stage, and habitat usage) and were reported to the PSPC project manager within 24 hours.

3.4 Coastal Avian Survey Methodology

The survey protocol for the spring migratory and early breeder avian survey program was developed based on the protocol used during the March 2022 CBCL winter avian surveys (CBCL, 2022). This protocol was developed in reference to the document *A Framework for the Scientific Assessment of Potential Project Impacts of Birds* (Hanson *et al.*, 2009), the seasonal period, avian species expected to occur onsite, and habitat types present within the Project Area. The survey program was designed to target shorebirds, diving and wading ducks, seabirds, passerines, and raptors with emphasis given to SAR, SOCI, colonial waterbirds, and migratory shorebirds that may use the Project Area in the spring. The Project Area includes the land and coastline within 500 m of the proposed project footprint (Figure 2).

The field survey consisted of 12 survey stations along the coastline, which included four survey stations at low tide and six survey stations at high tide (Figure 2). At each coastal survey station, a visual sweep (approximately 180°) was conducted using a spotting scope to survey for seabirds and other waterbirds, including birds utilizing the habitats of the islands offshore of Woodwards Cove (Nantucket Island, High Duck Island, and Low Duck Island) where visible. Each coastal survey station was surveyed for a varied duration (but typically 10-20 minutes per station) to accurately count all species within the visual area of the survey location. All species detected visually or by sound were recorded, and individuals were monitored throughout the duration of the survey to limit double counting (survey length varied based on number of birds present but typically the total coastal survey took about 3 hours to complete). Species incidental to the surveys were also recorded. Binoculars were used in addition to the spotting scope to observe and identify birds within the Project Area. Notes on environmental conditions for each survey station were collected as well as specific information on each species observed, including bird behaviour, approximate distance from shoreline and age/sex (if applicable). See

Table 1. Data collected during CBCL spring migration and early breeder surveys at Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan, NB between April 12 and May 31, 2022.

Survey / Environmental Conditions Data	Species Information Data
Survey date	Species name(s)
Start/end times	Number of individuals
 Surveyor names 	Waypoint location
 Location 	Method of observation (e.g., visually, audibly)
• Site	Sex/Age (if applicable)
• Tide State (e.g., high, mid-rising, mid,	Activity (e.g., in flight, on water, on land, etc.)
mid-falling, low)	Location in reference to shoreline: nearshore
• Sea State (e.g., calm, rippled, wavy,	(≤ 250 m), mid-shore (251 m ≥ 1000 m), far-
choppy, rough, stormy)	shore (>1000 m)
Temperature (°C)	

Cloud cover (%)
Precipitation (e.g., rain, snow, rain & snow, drizzle, none)
Glare conditions (e.g., none, minimal,

Table 1 for the full list of data collected at each survey station. The field survey program was conducted during five rounds from April to May. Survey rounds were conducted by experienced CBCL avian biologists, in collaboration with the following First Nation representatives: Todd Watts (Wildlife Specialist and Species at Risk Co-ordinator, Peskotomuhkati Nation) conducted one round of survey in conjunction with CBCL; a representative of the Peskotomuhkati Nation, Jarrett Paul joined the five rounds of the surveys with CBCL; and representatives of the Wolastogey First Nation, Marissa Kennedy and Jeremy Underhill join for one round of surveys with CBCL. During each round, the coastal surveys were completed during both low and high tides. Between the five rounds, data from the coastal survey stations were collected during five low tide periods and five high tide periods to assess the use by birds during the varying tide heights and shoreline exposure. Habitat features and usage by species was recorded during the coastal surveys. When SAR/SOCI were observed during the coastal surveys, additional details were noted (behaviour, life stage, proximity to Project Area and habitat usage) and were reported to the PSPC project manager within 24 hours. Survey data was submitted to eBird and the AC CDC as requested by PSPC. All source files and data layers used to create figures will be submitted to PSPC with the final report.

4.0 RESULTS

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The following sections outline the findings of the desktop analysis and the spring migratory and early breeder avian field program.

4.1 Desktop Analysis Results

The entire Project Area is within the Grand Manan Archipelago Important Bird Area (IBA), see Figure 1. The Grand Manan Archipelago IBA is known to host thousands of Brant (*Branta bernicla*) along parts of the coastline including areas near the Project Area (i.e., Low Duck Island and Castalia Provincial Park) in late winter and early spring (IBA, 2022). The IBA also supports large numbers of Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*) in spring (there is a breeding colony on Great Duck Island just outside of the Project Area). The IBA is also important as a migratory stopover, especially for coastal-feeding migrants such as shorebirds, and nationally significant numbers of shorebirds have been observed in certain parts of the coast in the fall season.

Most of the Project Area is within an area identified as candidate critical habitat for Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*) in the proposed Recovery Strategy for the species (ECCC, 2021), see Figure 1. Critical habitat for Bicknell's Thrush (*Catharus bicknelli*) is identified just south of the Project Area (ECCC, 2020).

The review of bird species observations revealed that over 200 bird species have been recorded on Grand Manan Island. The eBird data revealed 237 species have been recorded on the island during the spring birding period (March to May from 1983 to 2022). Of these 237 species, 22 are SAR and 77 are SOCI. See Table A.1 for the complete list of spring period species records extracted from Grand Manan Island eBird observations.

The Grand Manan archipelago falls within the Marine Biogeographic Unit 11 (MBU 11 NB) Bird Conservation Region (Environment Canada, 2013). Forty-four species in this unit are designated as priority species of conservation concern. Several of these species are birds that have been observed on the island during the spring migratory period. Of the 237 bird species observed on Grand Manan Island through eBird observations from March to May from 1983 to 2022, 30 of the species observed are listed within the MBU 11 NB as priority species of conservation concern. A list of the MBU 11 NB priority species is provided in Appendix B - Table B.2.

4.2 Avian Field Surveys

The results below summarize the findings of five rounds of the three avian survey programs conducted by CBCL avian biologists and Todd Watts Wildlife Specialist/Species at Risk Coordinator of the Peskotomukati Nation at Skutik.

4.2.1 Nocturnal Owl Survey Results

A total of seven species were observed within and near the Project Area during the two rounds of bird surveys on April 11, and 24, 2022. No owls or sign of owls were observed audibly or visually during the two rounds of surveys. Two SOCI were recorded during round two on April 24, 2022. These SOCI include Common Eider (*Somateria mollissima*, S2S3B,S2S3N,S4M) and Wilson's Snipe (*Gallinago delicata* – S3S4B,S5M). About six Common Eider were heard calling from the coastline at survey point OWL03. Two Wilson's Snipe were heard performing courtship displays in the distance at survey point OWL02. Five of the seven species recorded are protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, 1994. See Table B.1. for a summary table of all species observed during the spring migratory and early breeder avian survey.

4.2.2 Spring Migratory Point Count Avian Survey Results

A total of 55 species, and one unidentified woodpecker species, were observed in the Project Area during the five rounds of bird surveys on April 12 and 25, 2022 and May 5, 19 and 31, 2022. The most abundant species observed were American Crow (167 individuals), Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus* – 95 individuals), and Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis* – 81 individuals). The woodpecker species was not identified due to biologists only hearing the drumming in the distance. See Table B.2. for a summary table of all species observed during the spring migratory and early breeding bird point count surveys.

Of the 55 species observed, none are listed SAR, but six are listed as SOCI. The SOCI birds observed were Black Scoter (*Melanitta americana* – four individuals), Common Eider (37

individuals), Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus* – one individual), Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca* – three individuals), Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator* – four individuals), and Snow Goose (*Anser caerulescens* – one individual). Additionally, 49 of the 55 species observed are protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, 1994. Further details of the SAR observations are given in the subsections below.

4.2.3 Coastal Avian Survey Results

A total of 46 species and eight instances of unidentified gull species were observed in the Project Area during the five rounds of coastal bird surveys (high tide and low tide survey for each round) conducted on April 12, 25 and May 5, 6, 18, 19, 30, 31, 2022. The most abundant species observed were Herring Gull (1803 individuals), Common Eider (1270 individuals), and Canada Goose (537 individuals). The eight unidentified gull species were not identified due to visibility difficulties associated with distance and environmental conditions. See Table B.3 for a summary table of all species observed during the spring coastal surveys.

Of the 46 species observed, four are SAR, and 15 are SOCI. See Appendix C for list of SAR and SOCI observed. The SAR birds observed were Bald Eagle (*SARA* - Not at Risk (NAR); Province of New Brunswick (NB) – Endangered (E); three individuals), Horned Grebe (*Podiceps auritus*; *SARA* – Special Concern (SC); Province of NB – SC; five individuals), Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*; *SARA* – Threatened (T); Province of NB – SC; seven individuals observed within the Project Area and about 70 individuals observed via spotting scope at High Duck Island), and Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*; SARA – SC; Province of NB – T; six individuals). Additionally, 39 of the 46 species observed are protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994* (MBCA 1994). Further details of the SAR observations are given in the subsections below.

Bald Eagle - Haliaeetus leucocephalus

SARA – Not at Risk COSEWIC – Not at Risk

New Brunswick Species at Risk Act - Endangered

Three individual Bald Eagles were observed in the Project Area during the second round of spring avian surveys, consisting of two adults and one juvenile. An adult Bald Eagle was observed perched on Nantucket Island on April 12 and 25, 2022. A juvenile Bald Eagle was observed flying over the shoreline in the northern portion of the Project Area on May 22, 2022.

Bald Eagles typically begin nesting in February in New Brunswick and begin to breed in April through to mid-May (Government of New Brunswick, 2022). Bald Eagles use sticks and plant materials to build large nest atop trees—typically White Pine (*Pinus glauca*)—and prefer sites near open water for hunting fish, the main component in their diets (Government of New Brunswick, 2022). Bald Eagle fledglings leave the nest by late-August (Government of New Brunswick, 2022).

Bald Eagles are recovering from significant losses to human persecution and insecticide use of DDT (dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane) during the 1940s (Buelher, 2000). The most current threat

to Bald Eagle populations in Canada is habitat destruction by development along coastlines, which may alter and disturb prime nesting, feeding, and roosting habitats (Buelher, 2000).

Horned Grebe - Podiceps auritus

SARA – Special Concern

COSEWIC – Special Concern

New Brunswick Species at Risk Act - Special Concern

Five Horned Grebes were observed within the Project Area on May 12, 2022. All five of the Horned Grebes were overwintering adults, observed swimming in the shallows within the Project Area. Two groups of Horned Grebes were observed—a pair and one group of three individuals. See Figure 2 for the locations of all SAR observed.

Horned Grebes nest in freshwater and occasionally in brackish water on small permanent or semipermanent ponds which last until autumn but may also use marshes and shallow bays on lake borders. Suitable breeding ponds contain areas of open water and beds of emergent vegetation. The eastern population, which appears to be declining, is treated separately form the western population for conservation purposes. Horned Grebes generally winter in marine habitats, mainly estuaries and bays. Birds are found in greatest numbers in coastal habitats, particularly in areas that provide some degree of protection (COSEWIC, 2009).

Bank Swallow - Riparia riparia

SARA, Schedule 1 - Threatened

COSEWIC – Threatened

New Brunswick Species at Risk Act - Endangered

Bank Swallow was observed foraging along the coastline and wetlands of Woodwards Cove in the Project Area on May 31, 2022. Three Bank Swallow were in a group of Tree Swallow and Barn Swallow, see Figure 2 for location of Bank Swallow observations. On May 19, 2022, a large group of swallows (approximately 70) was observed through the spotting scope above High Duck Island. Bank Swallows excavate burrows out of the sides of eroding banks. Burrows are excavated in lake and ocean bluffs; streams and riverbanks; and artificial sites (sand and gravel pits). There is no sign of Bank Swallows nesting within the Project Area; however, the cliff shorelines of High Duck Island could provide suitable nesting habitat. During the winter avian survey program several burrows were identified on rocky outcrops within the Project Area which needed further investigation to determine use by Bank Swallow. No evidence was observed during the spring migration survey to indicate that the burrows were being used by Bank Swallow.

The Project Area provides good foraging habitat for insects such as open areas (meadows, beach) along the coastline and open water (ponds and wetlands).

Barn Swallow - Hirundo rustica

SARA – Threatened (under consideration for status change)¹

COSEWIC – Special Concern

New Brunswick Species at Risk Act – Threatened

Barn Swallows were observed within the Project Area on May 31, 2022, foraging with a group of other swallows as described above. A total of two individuals were observed during this survey.

Barn Swallows typically breeding in open areas (e.g., agricultural lands, wetlands) and construct their nest on structures that provides a horizontal sheltered nesting surface (e.g., caves, ledges in cliff faces, crevices, barns, garages, houses, bridges, road culverts, etc.).

There is no sign of Barn Swallows nesting within the Project Area; however, the Project Area provides good foraging habitat for insects such as open areas (meadows, beach front) along the coastline and open water (ponds and wetlands).

4.2.4 Bird Colony and Breeding Evidence in and near the Project Area

There was evidence of Herring Gull and Double-crested Cormorant colonies on High and Low Duck islands. There was also a large raft of Black Scoter of about 30 to 50 individuals observed regularly during high and low tide coastal surveys just west of High and Low Duck islands, within the limits of the Project Area. These individuals are likely just using the coastal waters of the Project Area as wintering habitat as breeding for this species in eastern North America occurs in northern areas of Quebec and Labrador.

There was also evidence of bird breeding within the Project Area. This included nesting Canada Geese with one pair observed with a nest and with goslings. A breeding pair of Canada Goose were observed nesting on a rock outcrop and were confirmed with goslings on the final round of surveys. Wilson's Snipe were also audibly observed during courtship displays where wind dispersing through the feathers creates a distinctive whistling sound.

See Appendix A - Figure 2 for locations of colonies and breeding evidence within and near the Project Areas.

4.2.5 Habitats in the Project Area

The Project Area in the vicinity of Woodwards Cove contains various coastal habitats to support a diversity of avian species throughout the year. The coastal zone is composed of rocky shores and beaches with coarse-grain sand and rocky substrates. Extensive tidal flats with areas of salt marsh vegetation and rocky shore are exposed at low tides.

¹ See https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/1147-790

Large rock outcrop islands that remain exposed during high tide are accessible from the shoreline at low tide. Some of these rock outcrops have patches of soil and vegetation with tidal pools on the lower ledges.

Islands offshore from the Project Area (Nantucket Island, High Duck Island, and Low Duck Island) were being utilized by birds for foraging and resting. Habitats of the offshore islands could not be clearly described from the distance of the coastal survey stations, but some features were noted. The height of the coastlines of these islands vary from sea-level beaches to cliffs several metres high, with particularly high cliffs on High Duck Island.

The terrestrial lands of the Project Area include wetlands, forest, and field habitats. Two of the wetlands are associated with open water ponds and one is forested. The more southern open water wetland has a shrub shore dominated by Sweetgale (*Myrica gale*) and Alder species (*Alnus spp.*). The pond in the northern section near Ragged Point has significant cover of emergent vegetation including cattails. The forested wetland is dominated by Eastern White Cedar (*Thuja occidentalis*), Tamarack (*Larix laricina*), and Black Spruce. The other forested habitats of the Project Area are typical of coastal forests in the region dominated by White Spruce (*Picea glauca*), Balsam Fir (*Abies balsamea*), White Birch (*Betula papyrifera*), and Red Spruce (*Picea rubens*).

The southern portion of the Project Area is highly developed behind the beach along Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road. Many buildings are within the area of the breakwater and heavy machinery was being used at the end of the breakwater during the survey. Several residential buildings with cleared lawns are present in the northern portion of the Project Area.

4.2.6 Habitat Suitability for SAR Birds and Other Bird Species

Very little suitable nesting habitat for Bank Swallow was observed in the Project Area. It seems like Muskrat are the species utilizing the burrows first observed during the winter avian survey program (see section 4.2.7 below for more detail of observations of rock out crop burrows), but signs of use by Bank Swallow should be investigated during the breeding season. Cliffs along the shoreline outside of the Project Area to the north did have areas of vertical cliffs with exposed soil over 0.5 m (habitat typically associated with nesting Bank Swallow) but no evidence of nesting was observed (excavated burrows). It is recommended these areas are surveyed during the breeding season for signs of Bank Swallow nesting. The cliffs observed on High Duck Island (from distance of approximately 1 km), seemed to be higher with more exposed substrate and could provide suitable nesting habitat for Bank Swallow. In addition, a large group of swallow species were observed foraging on the northeast coast of High Duck Island via spotting scope. These swallows could not be identified by species due to visual limits due to distance. The wetland and open habitats of the Project Area could provide suitable foraging habitat for Bank Swallow.

The coastal forests observed in the Project Area did not seem to meet the attributes of nesting and foraging habitat for Bicknell's Thrush (dense coniferous forest with short, stunted growth) but this species is known from such coastal forests of Grand Manan. During a winter avian survey, it was noted by Todd Watts that possible habitat for Bicknell's Thrush occurs in the vicinity of the

access road. Although this area does contain some spruce and fir trees, it doesn't seem to meet the stem density that is typically associated with the breeding habitat of this species in coastal lowland areas.

The coastal mudflats and rocky shores of the Project Area provide suitable foraging habitat for many species observed during the spring avian survey. The tidal shoreline habitats would provide suitable foraging habitat for coastal-feeding migrants, such as most shorebirds, during migration.

The forests of the Project Area contained many large snags (standing dead wood), which may provide habitat for various land bird species that utilize cavities for nesting (e.g., Black-capped Chickadee (*Poecile atricapillus*), Wood Duck (*Aix sponsa*)), various owl and woodpecker species. The forests also provide deadwood for foraging insectivorous species (e.g., Brown Creeper (*Certhia americana*), White-breasted nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*), Red-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta canadensis*)) and various woodpecker species.

The wetlands of the Project Area with cattails and sedges around the open ponds could provide foraging and nesting habitat for various species, including Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) and Rusty Blackbird (*Euphagus carolinus*). At least one Red-winged Blackbird male was observed to maintain a territory within the Project Area.

4.2.7 Incidental Observations

The burrows first observed during the winter avian surveys (see CBCL 2023) were monitored for signs of use during the spring survey period, see Figure 2 for burrow locations. The burrows are approximately 5 to 10 cm in width and appeared to be dug out by an animal, with chewed roots and vegetation around some of the openings. Tunnels through the grass were observed near some of the burrows. Scat was observed near and within the tunnels entrances that were identified to be likely Muskrat (*Ondatra zibethicus*) see Figure 3. Muskrats were also observed swimming in the pond near the southern pond within the Project Area.



Figure 1 Muskrat scat found within burrow opening on April 12, 2022.

5.0 SUMMARY

All bird species detected in the Project Area during the spring migratory and early breeder avian surveys were species expected for the habitats and time of year based on the desktop analysis. Bird species composition did not vary greatly between the five rounds of the survey. Four SAR birds were observed during the surveys—Bald Eagle, Horned Grebe, Barn Swallow, and Bank Swallow. Bald Eagles are known to occur year-round on Grand Manan Island. Horned Grebes have historically been observed in winter and early spring on Grand Manan Island. Barn Swallows and Bank Swallows occur historically in the spring and summer on Grand Manan Island.

Burrows in the substrate were observed on offshore island rock outcrops in the winter were confirmed as Muskrat burrows. Canada Goose was confirmed to use the Project Area for breeding purposes and other species, such as Red-winged Blackbird, were observed holding breeding territories within the Project Area. Canada Geese were the only confirmed breeders on site.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

CBCL recommends continuing with avian and SAR surveys into the summer breeding season and fall migratory period to collect data on site use of breeding and migratory bird species within the Project Area during peak breeding season (June) and fall migration (late July to early October). Area searches surveys for sign of targeted SAR (Bank Swallow and Leach's Storm-Petrel) breeding and foraging habitats are recommended to be conducted in June during peak breeding season, both within and in nearby suitable habitats outside the Project Area.

CBCL also recommends a further investigation of the burrows on the rock outcrops to detect further signs of Muskrat or any sign of use by avian species. Surveys should be conducted during the nesting season of Bank Swallow and Leach's Storm-Petrel.

The cliffs on High Duck Island may provide nesting habitat for SAR such as Bank Swallow, among other bird species. The offshore islands could be surveyed from a closer vantage (e.g., via boat) to assess the bird species utilizing the island habitats.

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8.0 CLOSING

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The conclusions present represent the best judgement of the assessors based on the observed site conditions. Due to the nature of the investigations, the assessors cannot warrant against undiscovered environmental conditions or liabilities.

Should additional information become available, CBCL requests that this information be brought to our attention so that we may re-assess the conclusions presented herein.

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APPENDIX B Desktop Analysis Results Tables

Table B1. Summary of eBird records for all time up to mid-April 2022 (approx. 1900 to present time) from March to May on Grand Manan Island (GMI) –including the associated archipelago, showing species name, conservation rankings, rarity ranking within the province of New Brunswick (NB) and the year in which the species was last reported on eBird on GMI during this timeframe.

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Great Black- backed Gull	Larus marinus	NA	NA	S3	2022
Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodius	NA	NA	S4B	2022
Great Cormorant*	Phalacorcorax carbo	NA	NA	S2N	2022
Greater Yellowlegs	Tringa melanoleuca	NA	NA	S1?B,S4S5M	2022
Green-winged Teal*	Anas crecca	NA	NA	S4B,S5M	2022
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Regulus satrapa	NA	NA	S5	2022
Hairy Woodpecker	Dryobates villosus	NA	NA	S5	2022
Harlequin Duck – Eastern pop.*	Histrionicus histrionicus pop. 1	sc	E	S1B,S1S2N,S2M	2022
Herring Gull	Larus argentatus	NA	NA	S5	2022
Hooded Merganser	Lophodytes cucullatus	NA	NA	S4S5B,S5M	2022
Horned Grebe*	Podiceps auratus	sc	sc	S3N	2022
Killdeer	Charadrius vociferus	NA	NA	S3B	2022
Lesser Black- backed Gull	Larus fuscus	NA	NA	SUN	2022
Long-tailed Duck	Chordata hyemalis	NA	NA	S4N	2022
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	NA	NA	S5B,S4N	2022
Mallard x American Black Duck Hybrid	-	-	-	-	2022
Merlin	Falco columbarius	NA	NA	S5B	2022
Northern Cardinal	Cardinalis cardinalis	NA	NA	S4	2022
Northern Flicker	Colaptes auratus	NA	NA	S5B	2022
Northern Harrier	Circus hudsonicus	NAR	NA	S4B,S4S5M	2022
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	NA	NA	S4S3B,S5M	2022
Peregrine Falcon – anatum/tundrius	Falco peregrinus pop. 1	NAR	E	S1B,S3M	2022
Purple Finch	Haemorhous purpureus	NA	NA	S4S5B,SUN,S5M	2022
Razorbill*	Aves torda	NA	NA	S1B	2022
Red-breasted Merganser	Mergus serrator	NA	NA	S3B,S4S5N,S5M	2022
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta canadensis	NA	NA	S 5	2022

Species Name	Scientific Name	SARA Ranking	Provincial Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	Year Last Recorded on GMI
Red-necked Grebe*	Podiceps grisegena	NAR	NA	S2N,S3M	2022
Red-winged Blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus	NA	NA	S4B	2022
Ring-billed Gull	Larus delawarensis	NA	NA	S2S3B,S4N,S5M	2022
Ring-necked Duck	Aythya collaris	NA	NA	S5B	2022
Ring-necked Pheasant	Phasianus colchius	NA	NA	SNA	2022
Ruffed Grouse	Bonasa umbellus	NA	NA	S5	2022
Sanderling*	Calidris alba	NA	NA	S1N,S3S4M	2022
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Accipiter striatus	NA	NA	S4B,S5M	2022
Snow Bunting	Plectrophenax nivalis	NA	NA	S5N	2022
Snow Goose	Anser caerulescens	NA	NA	S3M	2022
Snowy Owl	Bubo scandiacus	NAR	NA	S1N,S2S3M	2022
Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia	NA	NA	S5B	2022
Surf Scoter*	Melanitta perspicillata	NA	NA	S2NS4M	2022
Swamp Sparrow	Melospiza georgiana	NA	NA	S5B	2022
Tree Swallow	Tachycineta bicolor	NA	NA	S4B	2022
Winter Wren	Troglodytes hiemalis	NA	NA	S5B	2022
White-throated Sparrow	Zonotrichia albicollis	NA	NA	S5B	2022
Wood Duck	Aix sponsa	NA	NA	S4B	2022
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Setophaga coronate	NA	NA	S5B	2022
Yellow-throated Vireo	Vireo flavifrons	NA	NA	S1?B	2022
Alder Flycatcher	Empidonax alnorum	NA	NA	S5B	2021
American Pipit	Anthus rubescens	NA	NA	S4M	2021
American Redstart	Setophaga ruticilla	NA	NA	S5B	2021
Atlantic Puffin	Fratercula arctica	NA	NA	S1B	2021
Bank Swallow	Riparia riparia	Т	Е	S2B	2021
Baltimore Oriole	Icterus galbula	NA	NA	S2S3B	2021
Belted Kingfisher	Megaceryle alcyon	NA	NA	S5B	2021
Blackburnian Warbler	Setophaga fusca	NA	NA	S5B	2021

Species Name	Scientific Name	SARA Ranking	Provincial Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	Year Last Recorded on GMI
Blackpoll Warbler	Setophaga striata	NA	NA	S3S4B,S5M	2021
Black-and-white Warbler	Mniotilta varia	NA	NA	S5B	2021
Black-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus erythropthalmus	NA	NA	S3B	2021
Black-throated Blue Warbler	Setophaga caerulescens	NA	NA	S5B	2021
Black-throated Green Warbler	Setophaga virens	NA	NA	S5B	2021
Blue-headed Vireo	Vireo solitarius	NA	NA	S5B	2021
Broad-winged Hawk	Buteo platypterus	NA	NA	S5B	2021
Brown Thrasher	Toxostoma rufum	NA	NA	S2S3B	2021
Bobolink	Dolichonyx oryzivorus	Т	Т	S3B	2021
Cape May Warbler	Setophaga tigrina	NA	NA	S3S4B,S5M	2021
Cedar Waxwing	Bombycilla cedrorum	NA	NA	S5B	2021
Cliff Swallow	Petrochelidon pyrrhonota	NA	NA	S2B	2021
Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas	NA	NA	S5B	2021
Dovekie*	Alle alle	NA	NA	S4N,S4M	2021
Dunlin*	Calidris alpina	NA	NA	S4M	2021
Eastern Kingbird	Tyrannus tyrannus	NA	NA	S3S4B	2021
Eastern Wood- Pewee	Contopus virens	SC	Т	S3B	2021
Evening Grosbeak	Coccothraustes vespertinus	SC	NA	S3B,S3S4N,SUM	2021
Field Sparrow	Spizella pusilla	NA	NA	SNA	2021
Grey Catbird	Dumtella carolinensis	NA	NA	S4B	2021
Hermit Thrush	Catharus guttarus	NA	NA	S5B	2021
Iceland Gull	Larus glaucoides	NA	NA	S4N	2021
Lark Sparrow					2021
Least Flycatcher	Empidonax minimus	NA	NA	S4S5B	2021
Least Sandpiper*	Calidris minutilla	NA	NA	S4M	2021
Magnolia Warbler	Setophaga magnolia	NA	NA	S5B	2021
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura	NA	NA	S5B,S4N	2021
Nashville Warbler	Leiothlypis ruficapilla	NA	NA	S4S5B,S5M	2021
Northern Mockingbird	Mimus polyglottos	NA	NA	S2B	2021

Species Name	Scientific Name	SARA Ranking	Provincial Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	Year Last Recorded on GMI
Northern Parula	Setophaga americanan	NA	NA	S5B	2021
Northern Shoveler	Spatula clypeata	NA	NA	S3B	2021
Northern Waterthrush	Paskesia noveboracensis	NA	NA	S4B,S5M	2021
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Contopus cooperi	sc	Т	S3B	2021
Ovenbird	Seiurus aurocapilla	NA	NA	S5B	2021
Palm Warbler	Setophaga palmarum	NA	NA	S5B	2021
Red Crossbill	Loxia curvirostra	NA	NA	S3	2021
Red-eyed Vireo	Vireo olivaceus	NA	NA	S5B	2021
Red-throated Loon*	Gavia stellata	NA	NA	S4N,S5M	2021
Rock Pigeon	Columba livia	NA	NA	SNA	2021
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Pheucticus Iudovicianus	NA	NA	S3B	2021
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Corthylio calendula	NA	NA	S1S2B	2021
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Archilochus colubris	NA	NA	S5B	2021
Savannah Sparrow	Passerculus sandwichensis	NA	NA	S4S5B,S5M	2021
Semipalmated Plover	Charadrius semipalmatus	NA	NA	SNRB,S4S5M	2021
Semipalmated Sandpiper*	Calidris pusilla	NA	NA	S3M	2021
Thick-billed Murre*	Uria aalge	NA	NA	S3N,S3M	2021
Turkey Vulture	Cathartes aura	NA	NA	S4B	2021
Wilson's Warbler	Cardellina pusilla	NA	NA	S4B,S5M	2021
White-rumped Sandpiper	Calidris fiscicollis	NA	NA	S4M	2021
Yellow Warbler	Setophaga petechia	NA	NA	S5B	2021
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Sphyrapicus varius	NA	NA	S5B	2021
Black-legged Kittiwake*	Rissa tridactyla	NA	NA	S1B	2020
Blue-grey Gnatcatcher	Polioptila caerulea	NA	NA	SNA	2020
Bonaparte's Gull*	Chroicocephalus Philadelphia	NA	NA	S5M	2020
Carolina Wren	Thryothorus Iudovicianus	NA	NA	S1	2020
Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia	NAR	NA	SNA	2020
Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	NA	NA	SNA	2020

Species Name	Scientific Name	SARA Ranking	Provincial Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	Year Last Recorded on GMI
Chestnut-sided Warbler	Setophaga pensylvanica	NA	NA	S5B	2020
Chimney Swift	Chaetura pelagica	Т	Т	S2S3B,S2M	2020
Glaucous Gull	Larus hyperboreus	NA	NA	S2N	2020
Lesser Yellowlegs*	Tringa flavipes	Т	NA	S3M	2020
Lincoln's Sparrow	Melospiza Iincolnii	NA	NA	S3S4B,S5M	2020
Prairie Warbler	Setophaga discolor	NAR	NA	SNA	2020
Red-tailed Hawk	Buteo jamaicensis	NA	NA	S4	2020
Ruddy Turnstone*	Arenaria interpres	NA	NA	S3M	2020
Spotted Sandpiper	Actitis macularius	NA	NA	S3S4B,S4M	2020
Warbling Vireo	Vireo gilvus	NA	NA	S3S4B	2020
Wilson's Snipe	Gallinago delicata	NA	NA	S3S4B,S5M	2020
White-winged Crossbill	Loxia leucoptera	NA	NA	S5	2020
American Tree Sparrow	Spizelloides arborea	NA	NA	S5N	2019
Barrow's Goldeneye – Eastern pop.*	Bucephala islandica	sc	SC	S2S3N,S3M	2019
Bay-breasted Warbler	Setophaga castanea	NA	NA	S4B,S4S5M	2019
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	NA	NA	S1S2B	2019
Blue Grosbeak	Passerina caerulea	NA	NA	SNA	2019
Blue-winged Warbler	Vermivora cyanoptera	NA	NA	SNA	2019
Boreal Chickadee	Poecile hudosnicus	NA	NA	S3S4	2019
Canada Warbler	Cardellina pusilla	sc	Т	S3S4B	2019
Chipping Sparrow	Spizella passerine	NA	NA	S5B	2019
Cooper's Hawk	Accipier cooperii	NA	NA	S1S2B	2019
Indigo Bunting	Passerina cyanea	NA	NA	S3B	2019
Nelson's Sparrow	Ammospiza nelson	NAR	NA	S4B	2019
Northern Shrike	Lanius borealis	NA	NA	S4N	2019
Orchard Oriole	Icterus spurius	NA	NA	SUB	2019

Species Name	Scientific Name	SARA Ranking	Provincial Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	Year Last Recorded on GMI
Piping Plover – melodus*	Charadrius melodus melodus	E	E	S1B	2019
Philadelphia Vireo	Vireo philadelphicus	NA	NA	S5B	2019
Purple Sandpiper*	Calidris maritima	NA	NA	S3N	2019
Red Knot – rufa*	Calidris canutus rufa	E	E	S2M	2019
Scarlet Tanager	Piranga olivacea	NA	NA	S3B	2019
Snowy Egret	Egretta thula	NA	NA	SNA	2019
Short-billed Dowitcher	Limnodromus griseus	NA	NA	S3M	2019
Summer Tanager	Piranga rubra	NA	NA	SNA	2019
Swainson's Thrush	Catharus ustulatus	NA	NA	S4S5B	2019
Veery	Catharus fuscescens	NA	NA	S4B	2019
Vesper Sparrow	Pooecetes gramineus	NA	NA	S2B	2019
Willet*	Tringa semipalamata	NA	NA	S3B	2019
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Empidonax flaviventris	NA	NA	S4S5B,S5M	2019
American Golden-Plover	Pluvialis dominica	NA	NA	S2S3M	2018
American Oystercatcher	Haematopus palliates	NA	NA	SNA	2018
Barred Owl	Strix varia	NA	NA	S5	2018
Black-bellied Plover*	Pluvialis squatarola	NA	NA	S3S4M	2018
Brown-headed Cowbird	Molothrus ater	NA	NA	S3B	2018
Brown Creeper	Certhia americana	NA	NA	S5	2018
Common Gallinule	Gallinula galeata	NA	NA	S1B	2018
Eastern Bluebird	Sialia sialis	NAR	NA	S4B	2018
Gadwall	Mareca strepera	NA	NA	S2B,S3M	2018
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus	NA	NA	SNA	2018
Great Crested Flycatcher	Myiarchus crinitus	NA	NA	S3B	2018
Horned Lark	Eremophila alpestris	NA	NA	S1B,S4N,S5M	2018
King Eider	Somateria spectabilis	NA	NA	S2N	2018
Northern	Stelgidopteryx				
Rough-winged Swallow	serripennis	NA	NA	S1S2B	2018
Orange-crowned Warbler	Leiothlypis celata	NA	NA	SUM	2018

Species Name	Scientific Name	SARA Ranking	Provincial Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	Year Last Recorded on GMI
Whimbrel*	Numenius phaeopus hudsonicus	NA	NA	S3M	2018
Rough-legged Hawk	Buteo legopus	NAR	NA	S1S2B	2018
Sandhill Crane	Grus canadensis	NA	NA	S1B	2018
Stilt Sandpiper	Calidris himantopus	NA	NA	SUM	2018
Tennessee Warbler	Leiothlypis peregrina	NA	NA	S4B,S5M	2018
American Coot	Fulica americana	NAR	NA	S1B	2017
American Woodcock	Scolpax minor	NA	NA	S5B	2017
Arctic Tern*	Sterna paradisaea	NA	NA	S1B,SUM	2017
Eastern Meadowlark	Sturnella magna	Т	Т	S1B	2017
House Wren	Troglodytes aedon	NA	NA	S1S2B	2017
Pine Siskin	Spinus pinus	NA	NA	S 3	2017
Pine Warbler	Setophaga pinus	NA	NA	S5B	2017
White-crowned Sparrow	Zonotrichia leucophyrs	NA	NA	S4M	2017
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	NAR	NA	S3B,SUM	2016
Marbled Godwit	Limosa fedoa	NA	NA	SNA	2016
Solitary Sandpiper*	Tringa solitaria	NA	NA	S2B,S4S5M	2016
Great Egret	Ardea ardea	NA	NA	SNA	2015
Virginia Rail	Rallus limicola	NA	NA	S4B	2015
Northern Gannet	Morus bassanus	NA	NA	SHB	2013
Sora	Porzana carolina	NA	NA	S4B	2012
Common Redpoll	Acanthis flammea	NA	NA	S5N	2011
Greater White- fronted Goose	Anser albifrons	NA	NA	SNA	2011
Wilson's Phalarope	Phalaropus tricolor	NA	NA	S1B	2011
Northern Pintail	Anas acuta	NA	NA	S3B,S5M	2010
Rusty Blackbird	Euphagus carolinus	sc	sc	S2S3B,S3M	2010
Dickcissel	Spiza americana	NA	NA	SNA	2009
Eurasian Wigeon	Mareca Penelope	NA	NA	SNA	2009
House Finch	Haemorhous mexicanus	NA	NA	SNA	2009
Laughing Gull	Leucophaeus atricilla	NA	NA	S1B	2009
Pied-billed Grebe	Podilymbus Podiceps	NA	NA	S4B	2009
Short-eared Owl	Asia flammeus	T	SC	S1S2B	2008

Species Name	Scientific Name	SARA Ranking	Provincial Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	Year Last Recorded on GMI
Common Nighthawk	Chordeiles minor	sc	Т	S3B,S4M	2007
Clay-colored Sparrow	Spizella pallida	NA	NA	SNA	2006
Prothonotary Warbler	Protonotaria citrea	E	NA	SNA	2005
Loggerhead Shrike	Lanius Iudovicianus	E	NA	SXB	2002
Black Vulture	Coragyps atratus	NA	NA	SNA	1999
Canvasback	Aythya valisineria	NA	NA	SNA	1999
Hermit Warbler	Setophaga occidentalis	NA	NA	SNA	1994
Cerulean Warbler	Setophaga cerulea	E	NA	SNA	1997
LeConte's Sparrow	Ammospiza leconteii	NA	NA	SNA	1995
Mute Swan	Cygnus olor	NA	NA	SNA	1993
Pectoral Sandpiper	Calidris melanotos	NA	NA	S3M	1983
Tricolored Heron	Egretta tricolor	NA	NA	SNA	1983

¹Environment Canada. 2013. Bird Conservation Strategy for Bird Conservation Region 14 and Marine Biogeographic Units 11 and 12 in New Brunswick: Atlantic Northern Forest, Bay of Fundy, and Gulf of St. Lawrence – *Abridged Version*.

Bold text indicates a species at risk or species of conservation concern/interest

E = Endangered, T = Threatened, SC = Special Concern, NAR = Not at Risk, NA = Not Assessed

^{*} Indicates this species is listed as a priority species under Marine Biogeographic Unit 11 New Brunswick (MBU 11 NB).

Table B2. Summary of priority species in Marine Biogeographic Unit 11 New Brunswick (MBU 11 NB), species' conservation status within Canada and New Brunswick, rarity rankings within New Brunswick, and population objectives set by Environment Canada (*Bird Conservation Strategy for Bird Conservation Region 14 and Marine Biogeographic Units 11 and 12 in New Brunswick: Atlantic Northern Forest, Bay of Fundy and Gulf of St. Lawrence – Abridged Version, Environment Canada, 2013*).

Species Name	Scientific Name	Bird Group	Conservation Status & Rarity Rank ¹	Population Objective set by Environment Canada
Black-bellied Plover	Pluvialis squatarola	Shorebird	No status S3S4M	Assess/Maintain
Dunlin	Calidris alpina	Shorebird	No status S4M	Assess/Maintain ²
Hudsonian Godwit	Limosa haemastica	Shorebird	COSEWIC - threatened S3M	Assess/Maintain
Least Sandpiper	Calidris minutilla	Shorebird	No status S4M	Assess/Maintain
Lesser Yellowlegs	Tringa flavipes	Shorebird	COSEWIC – threatened S3M	Assess/Maintain
Piping Plover (<i>melodus</i> subspecies)	Charadrius melodus melodus	Shorebird	SARA – endangered COSEWIC – endangered Province of NB – endangered S1B	Recovery objective
Purple Sandpiper	Calidris maritima	Shorebird	No status S3N	Assess/Maintain
Red Knot (<i>rufa</i> subspecies)	Calidris canutus rufa	Shorebird	SARA – endangered COSEWIC – endangered S2M	Assess/Maintain
Red Phalarope	Phalaropus fulicarius	Shorebird	No status S3M	Assess/Maintain ²
Red-necked Phalarope	Phalaropus lobatus	Shorebird	No status S3M	Assess/Maintain
Sanderling	Calidris alba	Shorebird	No status S1N,S3S4M	Assess/Maintain
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Calidris pusilla	Shorebird	No status S3M	Increase 100%
Solitary Sandpiper	Tringa solitaria	Shorebird	No status S2B,S4S5M	Assess/Maintain ²
Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus	Shorebird	No status S3M	Assess/Maintain
Willet	Tringa semipalmata	Shorebird	No status S3B	Increase 50%
Arctic Tern	Sterna paradisaea	Waterbird	No status S1B,SUM	Assess/Maintain
Black-legged Kittiwake	Rissa tridactyla	Waterbird	No status S1B	Assess/Maintain
Bonaparte's Gull	Chroicocephalus philadelphia	Waterbird	No status S5M	Assess/Maintain
Common Loon	Gavia immer	Waterbird	No status S4B,S4N	Assess/Maintain
Common Murre	Uria aalge	Waterbird	No status	Assess/Maintain

			S1B	
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	Waterbird	No status S3B,SUM	Assess/Maintain
Dovekie	Alle alle	Waterbird	No status S4N,S4M	Assess/Maintain
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	Waterbird	No status S2N	Assess/Maintain
Great Shearwater	Ardenna gravis	Waterbird	No status S5N,S5M	Assess/Maintain
Horned Grebe	Podiceps auratus	Waterbird	SARA – endangered ³ COSEWIC – endangered ³ / special concern ⁴ S3N	Assess/Maintain
Leach's Storm- Petrel	Hydrobates leucorhous	Waterbird	No status S1S2B	Assess/Maintain
Manx Shearwater	Puffinus puffinus	Waterbird	No status S4N,S4M	Assess/Maintain
Razorbill	Alca torda	Waterbird	No status S1B	Assess/Maintain
Red-necked Grebe	Podiceps grisegena	Waterbird	No status S2N,S3M	Assess/Maintain
Red-throated Loon	Gavia stellata	Waterbird	No status S4N,S5M	Assess/Maintain
Roseate Tern	Sterna dougallii	Waterbird	SARA – endangered COSEWIC – endangered S1B	Recovery objective
Sooty Shearwater	Ardenna grisea	Waterbird	No status S4N,S4M	Assess/Maintain
Thick-billed Murre	Uria Iomvia	Waterbird	No status S3N,S3M	Assess/Maintain
American Black Duck	Anas rubripes	Waterfowl	No status S5B,S4N	Maintain current
Barrow's Goldeneye (Eastern)	Bucephala islandica	Waterfowl	SARA – special concern COSEWIC – special concern S2S3N,S3M	Assess/Maintain
Black Scoter	Melanitta americana	Waterfowl	No status S1S2N,S3M	Assess/Maintain
Canada Goose (North Atlantic)	Branta canadensis	Waterfowl	No status SUB,S5M	Maintain current
Canada Goose (Temperate – breeding in Eastern Canada) ⁵	Branta canadensis	Waterfowl	No status SUB,S5M	Decrease
Common Eider	Somateria mollissima	Waterfowl	No status S2S3B,S2S3N,S4M	Increase 50%
Common Goldeneye	Bucephala albeola	Waterfowl	No status S4B,S4N,S5M	Assess/Maintain
Green-winged Teal	Anas crecca	Waterfowl	No status S4B,S5M	Increase 50%

Harlequin Duck (Eastern)	Histrionicus histrionicus population 1	Waterfowl	SARA – special concern COSEWIC – special concern Province of NB – endangered S1B,S1S2N,S2M	Assess/Maintain
Surf Scoter	Melanitta perspicillata	Waterfowl	No status S2N,S4M	Assess/Maintain

¹Rarity rank is for the province of New Brunswick

²A recent assessment (Andres et al. 2012) now suggests that some of these shorebird species are stable (e.g. Dunlin, Least Sandpiper and Solitary Sandpiper) while others are declining (Ruddy Turnstone). These shorebird priority species were selected in 2009 (based on Andres (2009). Subsequent database versions will be modified to account for this information.

³Status applies to the Magdalen Islands Population of Horned Grebe

⁴Status applies to the Western Population of Horned Grebe.

⁵Canada Goose (Temperate - breeding in Eastern Canada) was added as a priority species due to management concerns (e.g., overabundance and problem geese).

APPENDIX C
Field Survey Result Tables

Table C.1. Summary of nocturnal owl surveys conducted on April 11 and 24, 2022, at Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick, including species name, conservation rankings, rarity rankings, whether the species is a priority species¹, and total number of individuals recorded. Raw data has been provided in a spreadsheet as an accompaniment to this report.

Species Name	Scientific Name	SARA Ranking	Provincial Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	Listed as Priority Species in MBU 11 ¹	Total No. of Individuals Recorded
Common Eider	Somateria mollissima	NA	NA	S2S3B,S2S3N,S4M	Yes	6
Wilson's Snipe	Gallinago delicata	NA	NA	S3S4B,S5M	No	2
American Crow*	Corvus brachyrhynchos	NA	NA	S5	No	6
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	NA	NA	SUB,S5M	Yes	4
Common Raven*	Corvus corax	NA	NA	S5	No	1
Hermit Thrush	Catharus guttatus	NA	NA	S5B	No	1
Winter Wren	Troglodytes hiemalis	NA	NA	S5B	No	2

¹Environment Canada. 2013. Bird Conservation Strategy for Bird Conservation Region 14 and Marine Biogeographic Units 11 and 12 in New Brunswick: Atlantic Northern Forest, Bay of Fundy, and Gulf of St. Lawrence – *Abridged Version*.

Bolded text indicates Species of Conservation Interest.

^{*} This species is not protected under the Migratory Birds Convention Act (1994).

Table C.2. Summary of spring migratory and early breeding bird point count surveys conducted on April 12 and 25, 2022, and May 5, 19, and 31 2022, at Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick, including species name, conservation rankings, rarity rankings, whether the species is a priority species¹, and total number of individuals recorded.

Species Name	Scientific Name	SARA Ranking	Provincial Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	Listed as Priority Species in MBU 111	Total No. of Individuals Recorded
Black	Melanitta	NA	NA	S1S2N,S3M	Yes	4
Scoter	americana					
Common Eider	Somateria mollissima	NA	NA	S2S3B,S2S3N,S4M	Yes	37
Great Black- backed Gull	Larus marinus	NA	NA	S3	No	1
Greater Yellowlegs	Tringa melanoleuca	NA	NA	S1?B,S4S5M	No	3
Red- breasted Merganser	Mergus serrator	NA	NA	S3B,S4S5N,S5M	No	4
Ring-billed Gull	Larus delawarensis	NA	NA	S2S3B,S4N.S5M	No	1
Snow	Anser	NA	NA	S3M	No	1
Goose	caerulescens					
Alder	Empidonax	NA	NA	S5B	No	2
Flycatcher	alnorum					
American Black Duck	Anas rubripes	NA	NA	S5B,S4N	Yes	24
American	Corvus	NA	NA	S5N	No	167
Crow*	brachyrhynchos					
American Goldfinch	Spinus tristis	NA	NA	S5	No	63
American Kestrel*	Falco sparverius	NA	NA	S4B,S4S5M	No	1
American Robin	Turdus migratorius	NA	NA	S5B	No	83
American Wigeon	Mareca americana	NA	NA	S4B,S4S5M	No	2
Belted Kingfisher*	Megaceryle alcyon	NA	NA	S5B	No	1
Black-and- white Warbler	Mniotilta varia	NA	NA	S5B	No	1
Black- capped Chickadee	Poecile atricapillus	NA	NA	S5	No	31
Black- throated Green Warbler	Setophaga virens	NA	NA	S5B	No	4
Blue Jay*	Crista cyanocitta	NA	NA	S5	No	5

Brown Creeper	Certhia americana	NA	NA	S5	No	1
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	NA	NA	SUB,S5M	Yes	81
Chestnut- sided Warbler	Setophaga pensylvanica	NA	NA	S5B	No	1
Common Grackle*	Quiscalus quiscula	NA	NA	S5B	No	15
Common Raven	Corvus corax	NA	NA	S5	No	7
Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas	NA	NA	S5B	No	9
Dark-eyed Junco	Junco hyemalis	NA	NA	S5	No	1
Double- crested Cormorant	Nannopterum auritum	NA	NA	S5B	No	1
Downy Woodpecker	Picoides pubescens	NA	NA	S5	No	1
Eastern Phoebe	Sayornis phoebe	NA	NA	S5B	No	1
European Starling*	Sturnus vulgaris	NA	NA	SNA	No	19
Golden- crowned Kinglet	Regulus satrapa	NA	NA	S5	No	2
Grey Catbird	Dumetella carolinensis	NA	NA	S4B	No	1
Green- winged Teal	Anas crecca	NA	NA	S4B,S5M	No	4
Hairy Woodpecker	Dryobates villosus	NA	NA	S5	No	1
Hermit Thrush	Catharus guttatus	NA	NA	S5B	No	15
Herring Gull	Larus argentatus	NA	NA	S5	No	95
Iceland Gull	Larus glaucoides	NA	NA	S4N	No	1
Long-tailed Duck	Clangula hyemalis	NA	NA	S4N	No	1
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	NA	NA	S5B,S4N	No	7
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura	NA	NA	S5B,S4N	No	2
Nashville Warbler	Leiothlypis ruficapilla	NA	NA	S4S5B,S5M	No	1
Northern Cardinal	Cardinalis cardinalis	NA	NA	S4	No	1
Northern Flicker	Colaptes auratus	NA	NA	S5B	No	14
Northern Parula	Setophaga americana	NA	NA	S5B	No	3
Ovenbird	Seiurus aurocapilla	NA	NA	S5B	No	1

Purple Finch	Haemorhous purpureus	NA	NA	S4S5B,SUN,S5M	No	5
Red- breasted Nuthatch	Sitta canadensis	NA	NA	S5	No	1
Red-winged Blackbird*	Agelaius phoeniceus	NA	NA	S4B	No	2
Ring-necked Pheasant*	Phasianus colchicus	NA	NA	SNA	No	9
Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia	NA	NA	S5B	No	55
Tree Swallow	Tachycineta bicolor	NA	NA	S4B	No	6
White- throated Sparrow	Zonotrichia albicollis	NA	NA	S5B	No	13
Winter Wren	Troglodytes hiemalis	NA	NA	S5B	No	13
Woodpecker Species	Picidae	-	-	-	No	11
Yellow Warbler	Setophaga petechia	NA	NA	S5B	No	12
Yellow- rumped Warbler	Setophaga coronate	NA	NA	S5B	No	12
Yellow- throated Warbler	Setophaga dominica	NA	NA	SNA	No	3

¹Environment Canada. 2013. Bird Conservation Strategy for Bird Conservation Region 14 and Marine Biogeographic Units 11 and 12 in New Brunswick: Atlantic Northern Forest, Bay of Fundy, and Gulf of St. Lawrence – *Abridged Version*.

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Table C.3. Summary of high tide and low tide spring migratory and early breeding bird coastal surveys conducted on April 12 and 25, 2022, and May 5, 6, 18, 19 and 31 2022, at Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick, including species name, conservation rankings, rarity rankings, whether the species is a priority species¹, and total number of individuals recorded.

Species Name	Scientific Name	SARA Ranking	Provincial Ranking (NB)	AC CDC Ranking (NB)	Listed as Priority Species in MBU 111	Total No. of Individuals Recorded
Bald Eagle*	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	NAR	E	S 5	No	3
Horned Grebe	Podiceps auritus	sc	sc	S3N	Yes	5
Bank Swallow	Riparia riparia	Т	E	S2B	No	7 70**
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	sc	Т	S2B	No	6
Black Guillemot	Cepphus grylle	NA	NA	S3B	No	22
Black Scoter	Melanitta americana	NA	NA	S1S2N,S3M	Yes	307
Bufflehead	Bucephala albeola	NA	NA	S3N	No	12
Common Eider	Somateria mollissima	NA	NA	S2S3B,S2S3N,S4M	Yes	1270
Common Murre	Uria aalge	NA	NA	S1B	Yes	17
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	NAR	NA	S3B,SUM	Yes	2
Gadwall	Mareca strepera	NA	NA	S2B,S3M	No	2
Great Black- backed Gull	Larus marinus	NA	NA	S3	No	94
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	NA	NA	S2N	Yes	1
Greater Yellowlegs	Tringa melanoleuca	NA	NA	S1?B,S4S5M	No	2
Red-breasted Merganser	Mergus serrator	NA	NA	S3B,S4S5N,S5M	No	84
Ring-billed Gull	Larus delawarensis	NA	NA	S2S3B,S4N,S5M	No	8
Surf Scoter	Melanitta perspicillata	NA	NA	S2NS4M	Yes	194
White- winged Scoter	Malenitta deglandi	NA	NA	S2N,S4M	No	46
Willet	Tringa semipalmata	NA	NA	S3B	Yes	2
American Black Duck	Anas rubripes	NA	NA	S5B,S4N	Yes	52
American Crow*	Corvus brachyrhynchos	NA	NA	S5N	No	141
American	Anthus	NA	NA	S4M	No	1

Pipit	rubescens					
American	Mareca	NA	NA	S4B,S4S5M	No	2
Wigeon	americana	INA	INA	34D,3433IVI	INO	2
Black-capped	Poecile	Na	NA	S5	No	4
Chickadee	atricapillus	ING	14/4	00	140	7
Black-	Setophaga					
throated	virens	NA	NA	S5B	No	3
Green				002	1.10	
Warbler						
Canada	Branta	NA	NA	SUB,S5M	Yes	537
Goose	canadensis	1471	1 47 (002,001	1 00	007
Common	Quiscalus	NA	NA	S5B	No	3
Grackle*	quiscula		101			ŭ
Common	Gavia immer	NA	NA	S4B,S4N	Yes	60
Loon			101	0.12,0	. 00	00
Common	Corvus corax	NA	NA	S5	No	2
Raven*		14/ (14/1		140	
Common	Geothlypis	NA	NA	S5B	No	1
Yellowthroat	trichas	14/3	14/3	ООВ	140	'
Double-	Phalacrocorax					
crested	auritus	NA	NA	S5B	No	96
Cormorant*						
Eastern	Sayornis	NA	NA	S5B	No	1
Phoebe	phoebe	INA	INA	330	INO	ı
European	Sturnus	NA	NA	SNA	No	3
Starling*	vulgaris	INA	INA	SIVA	INO	3
Great Blue	Ardea herodias	NA	NA	S4B	No	2
Heron		INA	INA	340	INO	2
Herring Gull	Larus	NA	NA	S5	No	1803
	argentatus	INA	INA	00	140	1003
Long-tailed	Chordata	NA	NA	S4N	Yes	45
Duck	hyemalis	INA	INA	0411	163	40
Northern	Colaptes	NA	NA	S5B	No	1
Flicker	auratus	INA	INA	33D	140	ı
Northern	Circus	NAR	NA	S4B,S4S5M	No	1
Harrier*	hudsonius	INAIN	INA	34D,3433IVI	INO	I
Northern	Setophaga	NA	NA	S5B	No	1
Parula	americana	INA	INA	335	INO	'
Ring-necked	Phasianus	NA	NA	SNA	No	1
Pheasant*	colchicus	INA	INA	SIVA	INO	'
Semipalmated	Charadrius	NIA	NIA	CNIDD CACEM	No	2
Plover	semipalmatus	NA	NA	SNRB,S4S5M	No	2
Song Sparrow	Melospiza	NIA	NA	CED	No	5
	melodia	NA	INA	S5B	No	5
Swamp	Melospiza	NA	NA	S5B	No	1
Sparrow	georgiana	INA	INA	330	INU	<u> </u>
Tree Swallow	Tachycineta	NA	NA	S4B	No	1
	bicolor	INA	INA	34D	INU	
Gull Species	Laridae	-	-	-	-	8
Yellow	Setophaga	NA	NA	S5B	No	3
Warbler	petechia	11/4	INA	335	INU	J
Yellow-	Setophaga					
rumped	coronata	NA	NA	S5B	No	1
Warbler						

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- ** These Bank Swallow were not observed directly onsite within the Project area but foraging out on High Duck Island via spotting scope.

Appendix C

Clam Study (PRGI)

Softshell Clam Population and Habitat Assessment at Woodward's Cove, Grand Manan NB

PASSAMAQUODDY RECOGNITION GROUP INC.

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WOODWARDS COVE CLAM ASSESSMENT

ABSTRACT

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans' Small Craft Harbours sector plans to construct a new harbour located at the northeast side of Woodward's Cove on Grand Manan, NB. With the construction, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is in process.

As an identified species within the proposed project area, softshell clams (*Mya arenaria*) are expected to be impacted due to disturbance and displacement of habitat. As an ecological as well as a socioeconomically important species, the Passamaquoddy Recognition Group Inc. (PRGI) conducted a clam assessment for utilization in the EIA of this project, using an adjusted protocol supported by Gillespie and Kronlund (1999). To understand the extent of softshell clams, and habitat impacted, 279 quadrats were assessed along 12 transects, covering approximately 19 Hectares. The collected data was cleaned and analyzed using RStudio coding program. QGIS 3.22.3 mapping program was used to create four maps visualizing habitat delineations, habitat assessments, and softshell clams abundance and size distribution within the area. A total of 2,198 softshell were found in the sediment excavated, estimating a total of 7.26x10⁶ clams in clam habitat of the assessment area. In addition, 59 Atlantic Macoma (*Macoma petalum*) were identified. Softshell clams were primarily found in sand dominant quadrats; the most dominant sediment type recorded within the project area. The average length of softshell clams is found to be 51.79 mm, with approximately 5.32x10⁶ mature clams, indicating a mainly adult, spawning population.

INTRODUCTION

The softshell clam (Mya arenaria) is not only an ecologically important bivalve, but also important to the recreational, commercial, and Food, Social, Ceremonial (FSC) fisheries of the Peskotomuhkati Nation. The elongate shells are relatively thin and brittle, leading to the name "softshell". Unlike hard clams and oysters, the softshell clam cannot close its shells completely, resulting in a gape most notable at the anterior and posterior ends. As such, softshell clams are damaged more readily and can be more susceptible to predators. Softshell clams live in the intertidal zone and up to a depth of 9m along New Brunswick waters (Fisheries and Oceans Canada, 1996). Typically, softshell clams are found in substrates ranging from gravel to silt, with arenaria meaning "sandy". The softshell clam can typically burrow up 30cm but can burrow deeper in warmer climates, they are filter feeders, relying on plankton and suspended particles in the water as nutrients. Softshell clams live to reach up to 150mm (Maximovich and Guerassimova, 2003), or 10-12 years (Abgrall et al., 2010) and are sexually mature when their shell length (SL) is around 25-35mm (Brousseau, 1979; Rosenblum and Niesen, 1985), or approximately 1.5 to three years of age (Hawkins., 1985; Abraham and Dillon, 1986). Spawning occurs in the spring when temperatures are 10°C or greater usually between June-August in the Atlantic Regions (University of Oregon, 2019). During their spawning time, clams will release their gametes, and fertilization occurs in the water column. After pelagic larval phases and metamorphosis, which lasts around five weeks (Brousseau, 1977), the clam will take on their adult form and settle in the intertidal zone as juveniles, a stage they remain as until reaching between 2-15mm in shell length (SL) (Tan and Beal, 2015). At this stage, juveniles do not burrow very deep and can still be transported by wind, wave, and tidal action (Abraham and Dillon, 1986). Softshell clams grow relatively fast, growing up to 8mm a month during their first summer. However, growth is mainly determined by temperature, food supply, current, density, and sediment type. Most growth occurs during the spring, summer, and fall, with little to no growth in the winter (Weston et al., 2010).

The softshell clam harvest on Grand Manan is part of the Southwest New Brunswick (SWNB) region, which is one of only three harvest regions in the Bay of Fundy. Due to contamination, specifically water quality and /or sanitary pollution, the harvesting of all bivalves except for sea scallops has been closed at Woodward's Cove (PO Number MSN-2019-292) since 2019, with the exception of one depuration license holder. Clams present in the Woodward's Cove area are capable of seeding the beach at Woodward's Cove as well as other beaches and are therefore key to a healthy clam population in the Bay of Fundy. DFO-SCH plans to construct a new harbour at Woodward's Cove, located on the northeastern shore of Grand Manan, NB. As an identified species in the area, softshell clams are expected to be impacted by the construction. To understand the potential impact of the construction, multiple factors must be considered; an estimate on current population number, average length of softshell clams and length frequency present to estimate total number of harvestable, and non-harvestable softshell clams, as well as total numbers of sexually mature and immature softshell clams in the area. In addition, habitat features are delineated, to add information to estimate total density accurately and to understand impacted habitat in square meters for softshell clams.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

HABITAT DELINEATION AND ASSESSMENT

Before field sampling began, PRGI staff assessed the site to estimate effort needed. The assessment area encompasses the project footprint accessible from land and stretches above and below the footprint. During this time a habitat delineation was completed in which the assessment area. Wetlands, bedrock, and man-made structures were delineated, using a Garmin handheld GPS (78s) using the "tracks" function. These tracks were then exported as a .GPX file and imported into QGIS mapping program. In addition to delineating areas in which digging could not occur, sediment was noted on the datasheet during the field sampling for a more detailed understanding of the habitat present within the assessment area.

FIELD SAMPLING

The survey used a modified version of the recommendations created by Gillespie and Kronlund (1999) and utilized by the Passamaquoddy Recognition Group Inc. on past population assessments at clam beaches within the Passamaquoddy Bay. The assessment area spans close to 19 ha (~189,486m²) of intertidal zone at Woodward's Cove. The area was sectioned into 22 transects running perpendicular to the shoreline, and spaced 40m apart. Due to time constraints, every other transect was skipped outside of the project footprint, creating a spacing of 80m. The smaller spacing of 40m between transects was kept within the project footprint. The fieldwork portion of the clam assessment was led by the Passamaquoddy Recognition Group staff and supported by Eastern Charlotte Waterways as a subcontractor, local volunteers, and assistance from the Wolastoqey Nation in New Brunswick (WNNB). Field work occurred between Sept 19th and Sept 30th, 2022. During this timeframe the low tide mark was 1m above chart datum, allowing for maximum beach exposure. In addition, during this time, individual clam seasonal growth is reduced, with spawning and juvenile settling periods being avoided.

Personnel were divided into teams consisting of at least one team lead trained in the study methodology and identification, alongside at least one other staff member/ volunteer. In addition, when enough personnel were present, one trained team lead was a dedicated 'runner' collecting data sheets from all teams and entering these into the database created for this assessment, to update the GIS map, and allowing to track progress made. All staff and volunteers were informed of any potential hazards and appropriate mitigation during a daily pre-work briefing based on the Health and Safety Plan (HASP) created specifically for this study and were equipped with a two-way radio to communicate progress and hazards throughout the field day.

Teams started at the hightide mark, following the tide out where the daylight tidal schedule allowed. Quadrats measuring $0.5 \,\mathrm{m} \times 0.5 \,\mathrm{m}$ ($0.25 \,\mathrm{m}^2$) were dug along a transect at a spacing of 10m, following a compass bearing to remain

within the transect line. Each quadrat was dug to a depth of 30cm wherever possible, leaving out undiggable areas such as bedrock, and ecologically important areas such as salt marshes and tidal pools. The Woodward's Cove mudflats often drain fast with the tide, and therefore flood just as quickly. To maximize the short lived low-tide portion, priority was to dig at the low tide mark as soon as it was exposed, returning to complete the uppermost undug quadrat on the same transect, then working towards the tide until no longer possible, preventing the tide from filling in quadrats as sediment is excavated.

All sediment excavated from the quadrat was filtered through archeological standing sieves with a mesh size of 4mm to obtain juvenile and adult clams (Figure 1). With thick clay unable to pass through the small mesh, standard practice was to break the clay up into small pieces, using hands to feel through the clay for any clams. When clams were found in the sediment, they were measured using either calipers or a ruler, and the length was recorded in millimeters (mm) on the provided data sheet (Appendix 1). Once the quadrat was completed, the quadrat was filled in with the excavated sediment to avoid trips and falls, and the clams were returned to the quadrat found and covered with approximately two inches of excavated substrate to avoid any mortality due to predation and suffocation. In addition to collecting information on shell length (SL), a general site assessment was also completed at each quadrat, taking note of the substrate type(s), within the quadrat, as well as all other species present in the quadrat, identified using the field guide to intertidal species and substrate classification (Appendix 2). As the beach was closed to clam harvesting, blaze orange vests were worn during the field portions as per the obtained DFO section 52 permit – 361324 requirements (Appendix

3).







Figure 1: Sieve mesh size (with Lugworm)

Figure 2: Juvenile softshell clams

DATA ANALYSIS

Once all data was entered into the database, it was cleaned using RScript coding program, and basic statistics on softshell clams and habitat were analyzed in RScript. To analyze the population of softshell clam at the assessment area, the areas delineated as bedrock and any quadrats not dug due to landing on bedrock, were subtracted from the total assessment area. In addition, any quadrats where digging was not warranted due to landing on bedrock, tidal pools, or wetlands were subtracted from the total quadrats assessed, to accurately estimate the population size. This gave a new total area; the clam habitat area in m², and a new total quadrats; total excavated quadrats. Next, the

average number of clams per quadrat was calculated, and multiplied by 4 to represent number of clams found per square meter. To get the total number of clams in the clam habitat area, the average clam per quadrat was multiplied by the total quadrats possible in the clam habitat area. Once this number was found, a confidence interval was calculated using Gillespie and Kronlund's model (1999) and utilized by LeBlanc (2015). This method was applied to find the total number of harvestable and non-harvestable clams in the assessment area as well as total mature and immature softshell clam population. In addition, percentage and numbers of harvestable clams, non-harvestable clams, immature, and mature clams were found, by dividing the number of clams in each group by the number of clams measured. To visualize the habitat delineation GPS tracks were exported as a .GPX file from the GPS unit and added to a map created in QGIS (Version 3.22.3) mapping program. Four maps were created, two indicating habitat, one map indicating number of clams in each quadrat and a last map showing the size distribution of clams in the assessment area.

MATERIALS USED

- Two-way Radios
- Transect tapes
- Quadrats
- Shovels (large)
- Sieves (one per team)
- Buckets/Fish Totes
- Chest waders (or boots and rain pants)
- Gloves (work gloves)

- PFDs (optional)
- Sunscreen, hand sanitizer, mask, raincoat, hat, sunglasses
- Blaze orange vests
- Ruler/calipers
- o Paper for field sheets
- o GPS
- Compass
- Wooden stakes

RESULTS

CLAM POPULATION ASSESSMENT

During the clam assessment, two species of clams were identified; softshell clams (*Mya arenaria*), and Atlantic Macoma (*Macoma petalum*). The majority of clams within the assessment area were softshell clams with a total of 2,198 excavated, compared to 59 Atlantic Macoma. A total of 279 quadrats were assessed in the approximately 189,486m² assessment area, excavating 217 of these, as 62 quadrats were undiggable due to being located on bedrock, in salt marshes, or in tidal pools. The total clam habitat area was calculated to be 179,426m², removing the approximately 10,240m² of bedrock assessed. Clams were found in 127 of the 217 quadrats dug (58.5%). Using this data, it is estimated that there is an average of 10.13 clams per quadrat (0.25m²), or 40.51 clams per m² in the assessment area (Figure 3). The total number of clams estimated at Woodward's cove is 7.26x10⁶ ± the calculated 95% confidence interval (CI) (5.48x10⁶, 9.04x10⁶) (Table1).

The average softshell clam SL was 51.8mm with the smallest softshell clam being measured at 14mm and the largest at 92mm (Figure 5), though a large number of very small juveniles were spotted in one quadrat (Figure 2). Of the 2,198 softshell clams excavated, 1810 were measurable (Figures 4 & 5).

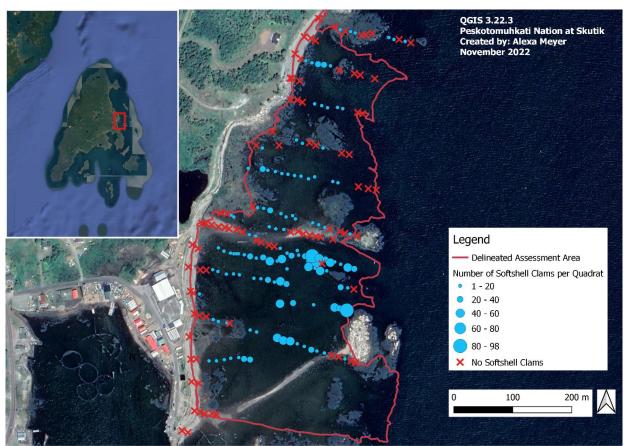


Figure 3: Number of softshell clams per quadrat

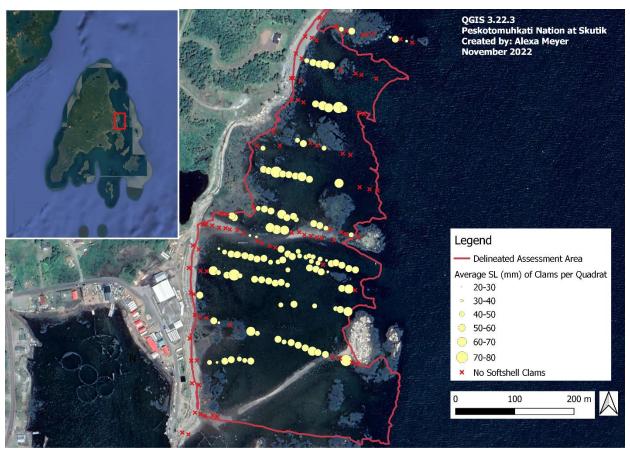


Figure 4: Average shell-length (SL) of softshell clams per quadrat (0.25m2)

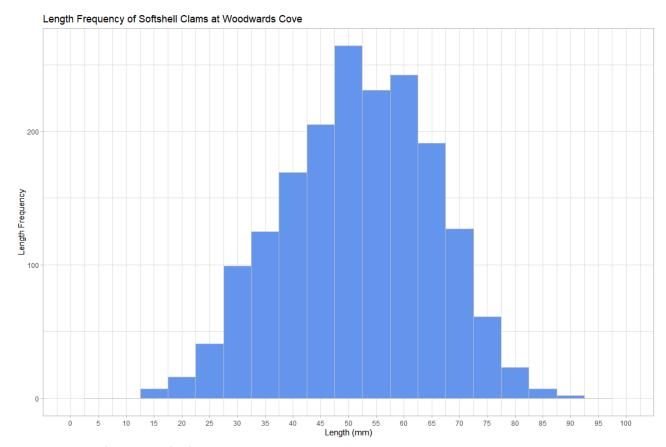


Figure 5: Length frequency of softshell clams in assessment area

In total, 73.1% of clams measured were above the marketable size of 44mm, estimating a total of 4.26×10^6 (CI 95%: 3.28×10^6 , 5.47×10^6) harvestable clams in the assessment area (Table 2). Immature clams were excavated as well with 12.8% not having reached 35mm, or the upper limit maturity is assumed. The total spawning population within the assessment area is estimated at 5.32×10^6 (CI 95%: 3.98×10^6 , 6.65×10^6), with a non-spawning population of approximately 6.64×10^5 (CI 95%: 4.07×10^5 , 9.2×10^5), (Table 3)

Softshell clams were largely found in quadrats with sand dominant sediment. Though clams were found in most other sediments not including bedrock (Table 4). In addition to clams, at least 13 other species were observed including amphipods, barnacles, blue mussels, clam worms, dog whelks, green crab, lugworms, periwinkles, polychaetes, shrimp sp., spiral tube worm, and other worm species. It was found that out of the 279 quadrats, 73 quadrats contained an identified softshell clam predator, most of which were green crab.

Table 1: Assessment area (m²), number of completed transects, number of harvestable and non-harvestable clams, percent of total harvestable and non-harvestable clams.

Total clam habitat area (m²)	Number of complete Transects	Number of Quadrats Assessed/excavated	Number non- Harvestable	Number harvestable	% Harvestable	% Non- harvestable
179,246	12	279/217	487	1323	73.1	26.7

Table 2: Harvestable and non-harvestable clams per m^2 , total harvestable and non-harvestable clams in assessment area with 95% CI

Harvestable clams per m ²	Non-harvestable clams per m ²	Total harvestable abundance (10x ⁶)	95% CL (10x ⁶)	Total non- harvestable abundance (10x ⁶)	95% CI (10x ⁶)
24.39	8.98	4.37	(3.28, 5.47)	1.61	(1.09, 2.13)

Table 3: Total number of spawning and non-spawning population in the assessment area

Spawning Clams per m ²	Non-Spawning Clams per m ²	Total Spawning population abundance (10x ⁶)	95% CL (10x ⁶)	Total non- Spawning population abundance (10x ⁶)	95% CI (10x ⁶)
29.66	3.7	5.32x10 ⁶	(3.98x10 ⁶ , 6.65x10 ⁶)	6.64x10 ⁵	(4.07x10 ⁵ , 9.2x10 ⁵)

Table 4: Number of quadrats per dominant sediment, and sediment present, containing softshell clams

	Bedrock	Boulder	Clay	Cobble	Pebble	Rockweed	Sand	Silt	Wetland	Unknown
Number of quadrats per dominant sediment containing softshell clams		1	12	6	2	0	96	0	NA*	9
Number of quadrats per sediment present containing softshell clams	5	10	33	77	111	50	124	7	NA*	-

^{*}Did not dig in Wetland

HABITAT ASSESSMENT AND DELINEATION

The habitat delineation and field sediment assessment indicated ~10,240 m² of bedrock within the area. In addition, 9 separate salt marshes (wetlands) were identified within the area, covering approximately of 9,000 m² of the intertidal zone (Figures 6 & 7). During the delineation, the low tide mark was recorded, and the planned assessment area was outlined. During the field assessment additional area was covered, totalling ~189,486m² of area covered in total. During the habitat delineation, 15 concrete blocks were found following the pipe delineated (Figure 6), running perpendicular to the beach and leading to a well-like structure located near the mid-tide mark. The sediment most recorded during the field sampling was sand, with 55% of quadrats dominant sediment being sand and a total of 86% of quadrats containing sand (Table 5).

Table 5: Number of quadrats with dominant sediment/ habitat type and with sediment/ habitat present

	Bedrock	Boulder	Clay	Cobble	Pebble	Rockweed	Sand	Silt	Wetland	Unknown
Number of quadrats dominant habitat	39	7 (+1*)	13	15 (+2*)	13 (+1*)	1	154	0	13	22
Number of quadrats containing habitat	50	34	38	166	214	113	242	17	16	N/A

^{*}Sharing dominant sediment type with another sediment type

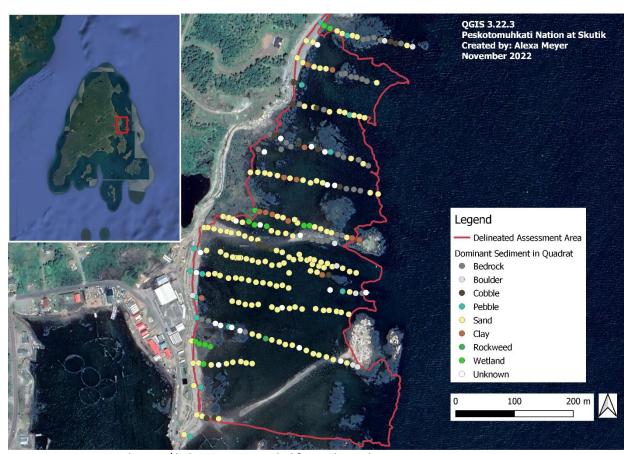


Figure 6: Dominant substrate/ habitat type recorded for each quadrat

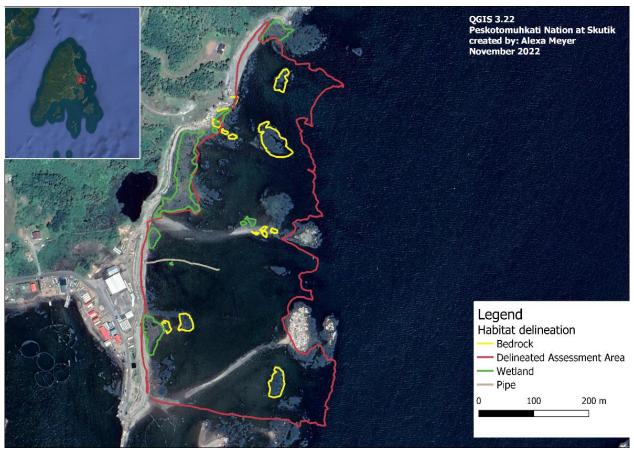


Figure 7: Habitat delineation of the assessment area

DISCUSSION

A total of 279 quadrats were assessed and 217 quadrats were dug during the two-week clam assessment at Woodward's Cove. During study design a larger sample size was planned, at 500 quadrats. This was heavily reliant on the presence of volunteers. However, with heavy rain and hurricane Fiona landing as a post-tropical storm in New Brunswick during the first week of our assessment, recruiting volunteers was not successful. In addition, with two unexpected holidays landing within our field sampling time frame (The Queen's passing, and Truth and Reconciliation Day), as well as the location being somewhat remote, previously established volunteers from the mainland were not able to make it to the island. With less manpower, our planned sample size was reduced, and after consultation with DFO staff, the original study design was adjusted.

During the field sampling, 2,198 softshell clams were recorded within the assessment area. It is important to note that the assessment was completed after a commercial depuration license harvest took place at Woodward's Cove in which approximately 6,000lbs of clams were harvested. This was not known before establishing the assessment dates. To have a better understanding of the population at the assessment area, a follow-up assessment can be completed prior to next-years harvest. In addition, softshell clams are found from the intertidal zone up to 9m sub-tidal (Fisheries and Oceans Canada, 1996). Therefore, it is important to note that the estimated population potentially impacted by the construction only takes into consideration the intertidal population within this report. Total clam habitat and population impacted by the harbour development is assumed to be larger than estimated in this report. Nevertheless, the intertidal population seems to be in good standing with approximately 40 clams per m², and an estimated total population of 7.26x106 ± the calculated 95% confidence interval (CI) (5.48x106, 9.04x106). Though recently harvested, 24.39 clams per m² or 73% of the population was found to be above marketable size (44mm in SL), estimating a harvestable population of 4.3x106 (3.28x106, 5.47 x106) within the assessment area. Juveniles were observed in one quadrat within the area as well, observing very small settlers, which were unmeasurable and uncountable. This indicates that settlement likely occurs within the assessment area. More evidence on recently settled juveniles was likely not observed as our sieves only allowed to capture juveniles larger than 4mm. This means that we may have overlooked recent settlers (~2mm in SL). To further confirm if settlement occurs within the assessment area, smaller mesh size can be used, or settlement boxes can be installed. Some potentially immature softshell clams (SL<35) were observed, at a rate of 3.7 immature clams per m² estimating the population in the assessment area to be approximately 6.64x105 (CI 95%: 4.07x105, 9.2x105). As clams tend to reach maturity within 1.5 to three years (Hawkins, 1985; Abraham and Dillon, 1986), clams found under the estimated size of maturity would be assumed to have settled the past one to two years, supporting that settlement occurs in the assessment area.

Most softshell clams were excavated from sand-dominant and sand-containing quadrats. This substrate is also recorded to be the most common substrate found within the assessment area. This indicates that preferred clam habitat is present within the assessment area, though softshell clams were found in most other sediment within the assessment area. Wetland and tide pools were not disturbed during our field sampling, however, the substrate and habitat types were noted. Both tide pools and wetlands are still considered clam habitat and were included in the total clam habitat area. Bedrock was not considered clam habitat, therefore the total area of bedrock delineated, and bedrock dominant quadrats noted during the field sampling, was subtracted from the total clam habitat area when calculating population estimates.

In general, the population within the assessment area at Woodward's Cove was found to be quite stable with a wide range of ages present with in the area, a strong adult spawning population, a largely harvestable population though harvesting occurs, and evidence of settlement within the area. It is recommended to conduct another baseline assessment within the project area should the harbour development be approved, to assess the population before harvesting occurs, using a larger sample size as well as including smaller mesh sizes, and potentially including a reference site to fully understand the impact the wharf has on the population post-construction.

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Appendix D

Summary of ACCDC Report

Species Buffer Summary Report

Outputs on data points are considered approximate and may be skewed to protect Specie

Latitude44.7052Longitude-66.7383Search Radius5 kmSpecies Count481

Animals

11333 Records

Common Name	Scientific Name	# of Records	SARA Rank	COSEWIC Status	Provincial Rarity Rank
Black-crowned Night-	Nycticorax nycticorax	18			S1S2B
Brant	Branta bernicla	110			S1N,S2S3M
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	22			SUB,S5M
American Black Duck	Anas rubripes	32			S5B,S4N
Horned Grebe	Podiceps auritus	37	SC	SC	S3N
Double-crested	Nannopterum auritum	11		NAR	S5B
Wood Duck	Aix sponsa	4			S4B
Green-winged Teal	Anas crecca	4			S4B,S5M
American Wigeon	Mareca americana	37			S4B,S4S5M
Common Eider	Somateria mollissima	238			S2S3B,S2S3N,S4M
Long-tailed Duck	Clangula hyemalis	10			S4N
Common Goldeneye	Bucephala clangula	8			S4B,S4N,S5M
Red-breasted Merganser	Mergus serrator	188			S3B,S4S5N,S5M
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	4			S4S5B,S5M
Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	165		NAR	S4
Northern Harrier	Circus hudsonius	5		NAR	S4B,S4S5M
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Accipiter striatus	3		NAR	S4B,S5M

Northern Goshawk	Accipiter gentilis	2	NAR	S4
Broad-winged Hawk	Buteo platypterus	8		S5B
American Kestrel	Falco sparverius	2		S4B,S4S5M
Common Loon	Gavia immer	19	NAR	S4B,S4N
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	5		S5B,S4N
Blue-winged Teal	Spatula discors	1		S4B
Merlin	Falco columbarius	5	NAR	S5B
Ring-necked Pheasant	Phasianus colchicus	16		SNA
Semipalmated Plover	Charadrius semipalmatus	691		SNRB,S4S5M
Killdeer	Charadrius vociferus	169		S3B
Willet	Tringa semipalmata	55		S3B
Spotted Sandpiper	Actitis macularius	203		S3S4B,S4M
Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus	100		S3M
Hudsonian Godwit	Limosa haemastica	48	Т	S3M
Ring-necked Duck	Aythya collaris	3		S5B
Greater Scaup	Aythya marila	1		S1B,S2N,S4M
Wilson's Snipe	Gallinago delicata	13		S3S4B,S5M
American Woodcock	Scolopax minor	6		S5B
Baird's Sandpiper	Calidris bairdii	61		S1S2M
Pectoral Sandpiper	Calidris melanotos	156		S3M
Herring Gull	Larus argentatus	81		S5
Great Black-backed Gull	Larus marinus	37		S3
Black Guillemot	Cepphus grylle	53		S3B
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura	93		S5B,S4N
Ruffed Grouse	Bonasa umbellus	6		S5
Sora	Porzana carolina	2		S4B
American Golden-Plover	Pluvialis dominica	182		S2S3M

Snowy Owl	Bubo scandiacus	8		NAR	S1N,S2S3M
Long-eared Owl	Asio otus	3			S2S3
Short-eared Owl	Asio flammeus	2	SC	Т	S1S2B
Black-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus erythropthalmus	4			S3B
Belted Kingfisher	Megaceryle alcyon	3			S5B
Chimney Swift	Chaetura pelagica	4	Т	Т	S2S3B,S2M
Ruby-throated	Archilochus colubris	8			S5B
Boreal Owl	Aegolius funereus	1		NAR	S1S2B,SUM
Northern Saw-whet Owl	Aegolius acadicus	4			S5B
Downy Woodpecker	Dryobates pubescens	22			S5
Black-backed	Picoides arcticus	3			S3
Hairy Woodpecker	Dryobates villosus	20			S5
Northern Flicker	Colaptes auratus	16			S5B
Alder Flycatcher	Empidonax alnorum	99			S5B
Willow Flycatcher	Empidonax traillii	2			S1S2B
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Contopus cooperi	3	Т	SC	S3B
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Contopus virens	11	SC	SC	S3B
Least Flycatcher	Empidonax minimus	8			S4S5B
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Empidonax flaviventris	6			S4S5B,S5M
Horned Lark	Eremophila alpestris	4			S1B,S4N,S5M
Purple Martin	Progne subis	2			S1B
Eastern Kingbird	Tyrannus tyrannus	12			S3S4B
Bank Swallow	Riparia riparia	118	Т	Т	S2B
Tree Swallow	Tachycineta bicolor	32			S4B
Cliff Swallow	Petrochelidon pyrrhonota	47			S2B
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	67	Т	SC	S2B
Blue Jay	Cyanocitta cristata	36			S5

American Crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos	125			S5
Black-capped Chickadee	Poecile atricapillus	60			S5
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta canadensis	15			S5
Common Raven	Corvus corax	41			S5
House Wren	Troglodytes aedon	2			S1S2B
Winter Wren	Troglodytes hiemalis	61			S5B
Boreal Chickadee	Poecile hudsonicus	8			S3S4
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Regulus satrapa	14			S5
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Corthylio calendula	14			S4S5B
Veery	Catharus fuscescens	8			S4B
Bicknell's Thrush	Catharus bicknelli	4	Т	Т	S2B
Swainson's Thrush	Catharus ustulatus	59			S4S5B
Eastern Bluebird	Sialia sialis	7		NAR	S4B
Hermit Thrush	Catharus guttatus	23			S5B
Wood Thrush	Hylocichla mustelina	2	Т	Т	S1S2B
American Robin	Turdus migratorius	162			S5B
Grey Catbird	Dumetella carolinensis	47			S4B
Northern Mockingbird	Mimus polyglottos	8			S2B
European Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	45			SNA
Red-eyed Vireo	Vireo olivaceus	75			S5B
Tennessee Warbler	Leiothlypis peregrina	5			S4B,S5M
American Pipit	Anthus rubescens	1			S4M
Cedar Waxwing	Bombycilla cedrorum	36			S5B
Northern Parula	Setophaga americana	22			S5B
Nashville Warbler	Leiothlypis ruficapilla	36			S4S5B,S5M
Chestnut-sided Warbler	Setophaga pensylvanica	12			S5B
Yellow Warbler	Setophaga petechia	64			S5B

Yellow-rumped Warbler	Setophaga coronata	14		S5B
Black-throated Green	Setophaga virens	49		S5B
Cape May Warbler	Setophaga tigrina	4		S3B,S4S5M
Palm Warbler	Setophaga palmarum	1		S5B
Bay-breasted Warbler	Setophaga castanea	5		S4B,S4S5M
Blackpoll Warbler	Setophaga striata	7		S3S4B,S5M
Magnolia Warbler	Setophaga magnolia	19		S5B
Blackburnian Warbler	Setophaga fusca	10		S5B
American Redstart	Setophaga ruticilla	59		S5B
Black-and-White Warbler	Mniotilta varia	15		S5B
Ovenbird	Seiurus aurocapilla	40		S5B
Northern Waterthrush	Parkesia noveboracensis	6		S4B,S5M
Mourning Warbler	Geothlypis philadelphia	3		S4B,S5M
Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas	101		S5B
Wilson's Warbler	Cardellina pusilla	2		S4B,S5M
Canada Warbler	Cardellina canadensis	5 T	SC	S3S4B
Northern Cardinal	Cardinalis cardinalis	23		S4
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Pheucticus Iudovicianus	5		S3B
Indigo Bunting	Passerina cyanea	5		S3B
Chipping Sparrow	Spizella passerina	16		S5B
Savannah Sparrow	Passerculus	38		S4S5B,S5M
Nelson's Sparrow	Ammospiza nelsoni	22	NAR	S4B
Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia	132		S5B
Swamp Sparrow	Melospiza georgiana	9		S5B
White-throated Sparrow	Zonotrichia albicollis	84		S5B
Dark-eyed Junco	Junco hyemalis	16		S5
Snow Bunting	Plectrophenax nivalis	1		S5N

Bobolink	Dolichonyx oryzivorus	9	Т	SC	S3B
Common Grackle	Quiscalus quiscula	52			S5B
Lincoln's Sparrow	Melospiza lincolnii	6			S3S4B,S4M
Red-winged Blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus	17			S4B
Pine Grosbeak	Pinicola enucleator	1			S2B,S4S5N,S4S5M
Purple Finch	Haemorhous purpureus	62			S4S5B,SUN,S5M
Rusty Blackbird	Euphagus carolinus	10	SC	SC	S2S3B,S3M
White-winged Crossbill	Loxia leucoptera	21			S5
Brown-headed Cowbird	Molothrus ater	11			S3B
Pine Siskin	Spinus pinus	6			S3
American Goldfinch	Spinus tristis	37			S5
Evening Grosbeak	Coccothraustes	8	SC	SC	S3B,S3S4N,SUM
House Finch	Haemorhous mexicanus	1			SNA
Red Crossbill	Loxia curvirostra	9			S3
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	7			SNA
Eastern American Toad	Anaxyrus americanus	5			S5
Wood Frog	Lithobates sylvaticus	9			S5
Smooth Greensnake	Opheodrys vernalis	4			S4
Northern Red-bellied	Storeria occipitomaculata	2			S5
Raccoon	Procyon lotor	3			S5
Minke Whale	Balaenoptera acutorostrata	1			S4
Fin Whale	Balaenoptera physalus	2	SC	SC	S2S3
Harbour Porpoise	Phocoena phocoena	28		SC	S4
Caribou - Atlantic-	Rangifer tarandus pop. 2	1	E	E	SX
Meadow Vole	Microtus pennsylvanicus	1			S5
North American Deer	Peromyscus maniculatus	2			S5
Red Squirrel	Tamiasciurus hudsonicus	2			S5

Lesser Yellowlegs	Tringa flavipes	297		Т	S3M
Red Knot rufa	Calidris canutus rufa	253	E	E,SC	S2M
Ruddy Turnstone	Arenaria interpres	355			S3M
Sanderling	Calidris alba	225			S1N,S3S4M
Short-billed Dowitcher	Limnodromus griseus	404			S3M
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Calidris pusilla	1079			S3M
Solitary Sandpiper	Tringa solitaria	53			S2B,S4S5M
White-rumped Sandpiper	Calidris fuscicollis	417			S4M
Black-bellied Plover	Pluvialis squatarola	575			S3S4M
Dunlin	Calidris alpina	172			S4M
Greater Yellowlegs	Tringa melanoleuca	583			S1?B,S4S5M
Least Sandpiper	Calidris minutilla	625			S4M
Stilt Sandpiper	Calidris himantopus	21			SUM
Red Phalarope	Phalaropus fulicarius	18			S3M
Red-necked Phalarope	Phalaropus lobatus	39	SC	SC	S3M
Wilson's Phalarope	Phalaropus tricolor	11			S1B
Upland Sandpiper	Bartramia longicauda	5			S1B
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Calidris subruficollis	16	SC	SC	SNA
Purple Sandpiper	Calidris maritima	25			S3N
Western Sandpiper	Calidris mauri	3			SNA
Marbled Godwit	Limosa fedoa	2			SNA
Curlew Sandpiper	Calidris ferruginea	4			SNA
ong-billed Dowitcher	Limnodromus scolopaceus	17			SNA
American Avocet	Recurvirostra americana	3			SNA
Piping Plover melodus	Charadrius melodus	2	E	E	S1B
American Oystercatcher	Haematopus palliatus	2			SNA
Ruff	Calidris pugnax	1			SNA

European Golden-Plover	Pluvialis apricaria	1			
Common Ringed Plover	Charadrius hiaticula	1			SNA
Black-throated Blue	Setophaga caerulescens	5			S5B
Baltimore Oriole	Icterus galbula	6			S2S3B
Scarlet Tanager	Piranga olivacea	1			S3B
Rock Pigeon	Columba livia	5			SNA
Blue-headed Vireo	Vireo solitarius	5			S5B
Eastern Phoebe	Sayornis phoebe	4			S5B
Warbling Vireo	Vireo gilvus	2			S3S4B
Brown Thrasher	Toxostoma rufum	2			S2S3B
White-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta carolinensis	1			S4
Great Crested Flycatcher	Myiarchus crinitus	2			S3B
Philadelphia Vireo	Vireo philadelphicus	1			S5B
Barred Owl	Strix varia	2			S5
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus americanus	1			SNA
Carolina Wren	Thryothorus Iudovicianus	13			S1
Hooded Merganser	Lophodytes cucullatus	1			S4S5B,S5M
Pine Warbler	Setophaga pinus	1			S5B
Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodias	2			S4B
Razorbill	Alca torda	8			S1B
Ring-billed Gull	Larus delawarensis	12			S2S3B,S4N,S5M
Bufflehead	Bucephala albeola	138			S3N
Lapland Longspur	Calcarius Iapponicus	10			S2S3N,SUM
Peregrine Falcon -	Falco peregrinus pop. 1	89	SC	NAR	S1B,S3M
Red-necked Grebe	Podiceps grisegena	106		NAR	S2N,S3M
Northern Gannet	Morus bassanus	71			SHB
American Scoter	Melanitta americana	56			S1S2N,S3M

Lesser Scaup	Aythya affinis	4			S1B,S4M
Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus	3			S1N,S2M
Laughing Gull	Leucophaeus atricilla	9			S1B
King Eider	Somateria spectabilis	5			S2N
Glaucous Gull	Larus hyperboreus	4			S2N
Leach's Storm-Petrel	Hydrobates leucorhous	12		Т	S1S2B
Barrow's Goldeneye	Bucephala islandica	1	SC	SC	S2S3N,S3M
Common Murre	Uria aalge	17			S1B
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	18			S2N
Black-legged Kittiwake	Rissa tridactyla	2			S1B
Green Heron	Butorides virescens	1			S1S2B
Turkey Vulture	Cathartes aura	2			S4B
Arctic Tern	Sterna paradisaea	12			S1B,SUM
Atlantic Puffin	Fratercula arctica	19			S1B
Northern Shoveler	Spatula clypeata	1			S3B
Thick-billed Murre	Uria Iomvia	1			S3N,S3M
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	8		NAR	S3B,SUM
Snow Goose	Anser caerulescens	2			S3M
Gyrfalcon	Falco rusticolus	3		NAR	SNA
Northern Pintail	Anas acuta	1			S3B,S5M
Great Shearwater	Ardenna gravis	1			S5N,S5M
Snowshoe Hare	Lepus americanus	1			S5
Burrowing Owl	Athene cunicularia	1	E	E	SNA
Surf Scoter	Melanitta perspicillata	14			S2N,S4M
White-winged Scoter	Melanitta deglandi	10			S2N,S4M
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus	1	SC	NAR	S1B,S3M
Harlequin Duck	Histrionicus histrionicus	1			S1B,S1S2N,S2M

Humpback Whale	Megaptera novaeangliae	3	NAR	S3	

Plants

252 Records

Common Name	Scientific Name	# of Records	SARA Rank	COSEWIC Status	Provincial Rarity Rank
Staghorn Sumac	Rhus typhina	1			S5
Scotch Lovage	Ligusticum scoticum	2			S5
Common Winterberry	llex verticillata	1			S5
Common Ragweed	Ambrosia artemisiifolia	1			S5
Tall Wormwood	Artemisia campestris ssp.	1			S3
New Belgium American-	Symphyotrichum novi-	1			S5
Purple-stemmed Aster	Symphyotrichum puniceum	1			S5
Low Rough Aster	Eurybia radula	1			S5
Lance-leaved Aster	Symphyotrichum	2			S5
Nodding Beggarticks	Bidens cernua	1			S5
Common Brassbuttons	Cotula coronopifolia	4			SNA
Seabeach Ragwort	Senecio pseudoarnica	2			S1
Early Goldenrod	Solidago juncea	2			S5
Downy Goldenrod	Solidago puberula	1			S5
Prickly Sow Thistle	Sonchus asper	1			SNA
Common Viper's Bugloss	Echium vulgare	3			SNA
Small-flowered	Cardamine parviflora	1			S1
Bog Yellowcress	Rorippa palustris ssp.	2			SNA
White Campion	Silene latifolia	1			SNA
Little Starwort	Stellaria graminea	1			SNA
Glabrous Orache	Atriplex glabriuscula	4			S5
Spreading Orache	Atriplex patula	3			SNA
Thin-leaved Orache	Atriplex prostrata	1			S5

Large-calyx Goosefoot	Chenopodium berlandieri	1	S4?
Seabeach Sandwort	Honckenya peploides ssp.	6	S4
Blunt-leaved Sandwort	Moehringia lateriflora	2	S5
Bristly Sarsaparilla	Aralia hispida	1	S5
Calico Aster	Symphyotrichum	2	S5
Boreal Aster	Symphyotrichum boreale	1	S3S4
Round-leaved Sundew	Drosera rotundifolia	3	S5
Glaucous-leaved Bog	Andromeda polifolia var.	1	S5
Mountain Fly	Lonicera villosa	1	S5
Northern Wild Raisin	Viburnum cassinoides	2	S5
Northern Red Oak	Quercus rubra	1	S5
Branched Bartonia	Bartonia paniculata ssp.	1	S3
Virginia False	Physostegia virginiana	1	SNA
Small Enchanter's	Circaea alpina	1	S5
Common Evening	Oenothera biennis	1	S5
Common Wood Sorrel	Oxalis montana	1	S5
Oval-leaved Knotweed	Polygonum aviculare ssp.	1	SNA
Dotted Smartweed	Persicaria punctata	1	S4
Sea Milkwort	Lysimachia maritima	2	S5
Whorled Yellow	Lysimachia quadrifolia	2	S1
Virginia Clematis	Clematis virginiana	1	S5
Black Chokeberry	Aronia melanocarpa	2	S5
White Sea-blite	Suaeda maritima	1	S5
Black Huckleberry	Gaylussacia baccata	1	S5
Sheep Laurel	Kalmia angustifolia	2	S5
Late Lowbush Blueberry	Vaccinium angustifolium	1	S5
Cypress Spurge	Euphorbia cyparissias	1	SNA

Canada Germander	Teucrium canadense	3	S3S4
Purple Chokeberry	Aronia x prunifolia	1	S5
Shining Rose	Rosa nitida	3	S5
Virginia Rose	Rosa virginiana	2	S5
Nova Scotia Agalinis	Agalinis neoscotica	3	S3S4
Rand's Eyebright	Euphrasia randii	1	S2S3
Stiff Eyebright	Euphrasia stricta	2	SNA
Southern Mudwort	Limosella australis	1	S3S4
Little Yellow Rattle	Rhinanthus minor	1	SNA
Common Speedwell	Veronica officinalis	1	SNA
Arrow-Leaved Violet	Viola sagittata var. ovata	2	S1
Silvery Sedge	Carex canescens ssp.	1	S4S5
Inland Sedge	Carex interior	1	S5
Woolly Sedge	Carex pellita	1	S4
Swan's Sedge	Carex swanii	2	SX
Sparse-Flowered Sedge	Carex tenuiflora	2	S3
Eastern Dwarf Mistletoe	Arceuthobium pusillum	1	S5
Estuary Sedge	Carex recta	1	S3S4
Creeping Alkali Grass	Puccinellia phryganodes	5	S2S3
One-flowered	Moneses uniflora	1	\$5
Bristly Dewberry	Rubus hispidus	1	S5
Showy Mountain Ash	Sorbus decora	1	S4S5
Common Silverweed	Potentilla anserina	1	S5
Shrubby Cinquefoil	Dasiphora fruticosa	1	S4
Nodding Ladies'-Tresses	Spiranthes cernua	2	S1S3
Red Bulrush	Blysmopsis rufa	3	S3
Gaspé Arrowgrass	Triglochin gaspensis	1	S3S4

American False	Hedeoma pulegioides	2	S2S3
Disguised St. John's-	Hypericum x dissimulatum	3	S2
Seaside Spurge	Euphorbia polygonifolia	1	S1
Horned Sea-blite	Suaeda calceoliformis	1	S4
Cloudberry	Rubus chamaemorus	1	S4
Slender Spikerush	Eleocharis tenuis	1	S4S5
Tuberous Grass Pink	Calopogon tuberosus	1	S4
Yellow Ladies'-tresses	Spiranthes ochroleuca	3	S1S2
Umbellate Hawkweed	Hieracium umbellatum	1	S5
Woodland Ragwort	Senecio sylvaticus	2	SNA
Sea Lungwort	Mertensia maritima	1	S3S4
Acadian Saltbush	Atriplex glabriuscula var.	2	S4?
Elm-Leaf Goldenrod	Solidago x asperula	1	SNA
Northern Bog Goldenrod	Solidago uliginosa	2	S5
Saltmarsh Sandspurrey	Spergularia salina	1	S5
Awl-fruited Sedge	Carex stipata	1	S5
Rough Cottongrass	Eriophorum tenellum	1	S4S5
Canada Rush	Juncus canadensis	1	S5
Soft Rush	Juncus effusus ssp.	1	S5
Black-Grass Rush	Juncus gerardi	1	S5
Seaside Arrowgrass	Triglochin maritima	2	S5
Narrow-Panicled Rush	Juncus brevicaudatus	1	S5
Toad Rush	Juncus bufonius	1	S5
Starry False Solomon's	Maianthemum stellatum	5	S4S5
Brown-Fruited Rush	Juncus pelocarpus	2	S5
Orange Day Lily	Hemerocallis fulva	1	SNA
Hooded Ladies'-Tresses	Spiranthes romanzoffiana	1	S4

Sea Ditchgrass	Ruppia maritima	1	S5
Narrow-leaved Burreed	Sparganium angustifolium	1	S5
Upland Willow	Salix humilis	1	S5
Sallow Sedge	Carex Iurida	1	S5
Common Tall Manna	Glyceria grandis	1	S5
Vanilla Sweetgrass	Anthoxanthum nitens	1	S5
Foxtail Barley	Hordeum jubatum	1	S5
Canada Blue Grass	Poa compressa	1	SNA
Prairie Cordgrass	Sporobolus michauxianus	1	S5
Sea Lyme Grass	Leymus mollis	1	S5
Ribbon-leaved	Potamogeton epihydrus	1	S5
Dense-tufted Hair Sedge	Bulbostylis capillaris	1	SNA
Canada Toadflax	Nuttallanthus canadensis	1	SNA
Narrow-leaved Orache	Atriplex littoralis	1	SNA
Common Labrador Tea	Rhododendron	1	S5
Sea Lavender	Limonium carolinianum	7	S5
Common Valerian	Valeriana officinalis	2	SNA
Tall Meadow-Rue	Thalictrum pubescens	1	S5
Bunchberry	Cornus canadensis	2	S5
Field Sedge	Carex conoidea	1	S3
Variegated Horsetail	Equisetum variegatum	1	S4
Tall Oat Grass	Arrhenatherum elatius	2	SNA
Mackenzie's Sedge	Carex mackenziei	1	S4
Mountain Alder	Alnus alnobetula ssp.	2	S5
Blunt-leaved Orchid	Platanthera obtusata	1	S3S4
Rugosa Rose	Rosa rugosa	3	SNA
Virginia Wild Rye	Elymus virginicus var.	1	SU

Seaside Angelica	Angelica lucida	1	S4
Mountain Holly	Ilex mucronata	1	S5
Grass-leaved Goldenrod	Euthamia graminifolia	1	S5
Autumn Hawkbit	Scorzoneroides autumnalis	1	SNA
Pineapple Weed	Matricaria discoidea	1	SNA
Sticky Ragwort	Senecio viscosus	1	SNA
Canada Thistle	Cirsium arvense	1	SNA
Rough-stemmed	Solidago rugosa	1	S5
Seaside Goldenrod	Solidago sempervirens	4	S5
Whorled Wood Aster	Oclemena acuminata	1	S5
Hairy Flat-top White	Doellingeria umbellata	1	S5
Spotted Jewelweed	Impatiens capensis	1	S5
Bull Thistle	Cirsium vulgare	1	SNA
Intermediate Bellflower	Campanula intercedens	1	S5
Common St. John's-wort	Hypericum perforatum	1	SNA
Fraser's St. John's-wort	Hypericum fraseri	1	S5
Hedge False Bindweed	Calystegia sepium	1	S5
Beach Pea	Lathyrus japonicus	2	S5
Low Hop Clover	Trifolium campestre	1	SNA
Eurasian Black	Fallopia convolvulus	1	SNA
Spotted Lady's-thumb	Persicaria maculosa	1	SNA
Arrow-leaved Smartweed	Persicaria sagittata	1	S5
Seaside Plantain	Plantago maritima	2	S5
Swamp Yellow	Lysimachia terrestris	1	S5
Highbush Cranberry	Viburnum opulus var.	1	S4
Northern Willowherb	Epilobium ciliatum	1	S5
Northern Pitcher Plant	Sarracenia purpurea	1	S5

American Cow Wheat	Melampyrum lineare	1	S5
Bittersweet Nightshade	Solanum dulcamara	2	SNA
Smooth Cordgrass	Sporobolus alterniflorus	3	S5
Tufted Vetch	Vicia cracca	1	SNA
Common Hemp-nettle	Galeopsis tetrahit	1	SNA
Common Self-heal	Prunella vulgaris	1	S5
Jack-in-the-pulpit	Arisaema triphyllum	1	S5
White Meadowsweet	Spiraea alba var. latifolia	1	S5
White Turtlehead	Chelone glabra	1	S5
Bog Birch	Betula pumila	1	S3S4
Orchard Grass	Dactylis glomerata	1	SNA
Tartarian Honeysuckle	Lonicera tatarica	1	SNA
Tall Fescue	Lolium arundinaceum	1	SNA

Invertebrates

146 Records

Common Name	Scientific Name	# of Records	SARA Rank	COSEWIC Status	Provincial Rarity Rank
Little Copper	Lycaena phlaeas	5			S5
Milbert's Tortoise Shell	Aglais milberti milberti	1			S4
Monarch	Danaus plexippus	10	SC	E	S2S3?B
Great Piddock	Zirfaea crispata	1			
Atlantic Nutclam	Nucula proxima	2			
Deep Sea Scallop	Placopecten magellanicus	1			
Plate Mysella	Mysella planulata	1			
Boreal Hairysnail	Trichotropis borealis	1			
Greenland Wentletrap	Epitonium greenlandicum	1			
Pale Lacuna	Lacuna pallidula	1			
Northern Lacuna	Lacuna vincta	2			

Pointed Cingula	Onoba aculeus	1	
Flat Skenea	Skeneopsis planorbis	1	
Eroded Turretsnail	Tachyrhynchus erosus	1	
Eelgrass Limpet	Lottia alveus alveus	1	
Common Green Darner	Anax junius	3	S5B,SNRN
Common Branded	Hesperia comma	2	S5
Great Spangled Fritillary	Argynnis cybele	6	S5
Greenland Margarite	Margarites groenlandicus	1	
Twelve-Spotted Skimmer	Libellula pulchella	1	S5
Northern Spreadwing	Lestes disjunctus	2	S5
White-lip Gardensnail	Cepaea hortensis	1	S5
Saffron-bordered	Sympetrum costiferum	1	S5
Cherry-Faced	Sympetrum internum	1	SNR
Sedge Sprite	Nehalennia irene	2	S5
Lyre-Tipped Spreadwing	Lestes unguiculatus	1	S4
Marsh Bluet	Enallagma ebrium	1	S5
Eastern Forktail	Ischnura verticalis	2	S5
Four-Spotted Skimmer	Libellula quadrimaculata	1	S5
Spotted Spreadwing	Lestes congener	1	S5
Familiar Bluet	Enallagma civile	2	S5
White Underwing Moth	Catocala relicta	1	SU
Virgin Tiger Moth	Apantesis virgo	1	S4S5
Blinded Sphinx Moth	Paonias excaecata	1	SU
Silvery Sedgesitter	Platycheirus hyperboreus	2	SU
a flower fly	Platycheirus quadratus	1	SU
Red-legged Grasshopper	Melanoplus femurrubrum	1	S5
a leafhopper	Neohecalus lineatus	2	SU

Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta	7	S5B
American Lady	Vanessa virginiensis	6	S5B
Hobomok Skipper	Lon hobomok	1	\$5
Canadian Tiger	Pterourus canadensis	4	\$5
Question Mark	Polygonia interrogationis	2	S4B
Arctic Skipper	Carterocephalus palaemon	1	S5
Viceroy	Limenitis archippus	1	S5
Northern Crescent	Phyciodes cocyta	5	\$5
Northern Pearly-Eye	Lethe anthedon	2	\$5
Peck's Skipper	Polites peckius	2	S5
Cabbage White	Pieris rapae	6	SNA
Clouded Sulphur	Colias philodice	4	\$5
Common Ringlet	Coenonympha california	2	\$5
Jutta Arctic	Oeneis jutta	1	S4
Painted Lady	Vanessa cardui	3	S5B
Orange Sulphur	Colias eurytheme	2	S4B
Silver-bordered Fritillary	Boloria selene	1	\$5
Common Wood-Nymph	Cercyonis pegala	3	\$5
Northern Spring Azure	Celastrina lucia	4	\$5
Tawny-edged Skipper	Polites themistocles	1	S5
Long Dash	Polites mystic	1	\$5
Dreamy Duskywing	Erynnis icelus	1	\$5
Silvery Blue	Glaucopsyche lygdamus	3	\$5
White Admiral	Limenitis arthemis	1	\$5
Mourning Cloak	Nymphalis antiopa	1	S5
Yellow-margined Sun Fly	Helophilus lapponicus	3	S4
Thick-legged Hoverfly	Syritta pipiens	1	SNA

Northern Amber Bumble	Bombus borealis	2	S5
White-marked Tussock	Orgyia leucostigma	1	SU
Black-legged Gossamer	Megasyrphus laxus	1	S5
Orange-spotted Drone	Eristalis anthophorina	1	S5
Dimorphic Sickleleg	Lejops curvipes	1	S4
Bridge Orbweaver	Larinioides sclopetarius	1	SNA
an aphid	Cinara confinis	1	SU
Deer Tick	Ixodes scapularis	1	S5
Meadow Spittle Bug	Philaenus spumarius	1	SNA

Fungus 2 Records

Common Name	Scientific Name	# of Records	SARA Rank	COSEWIC Status	Provincial Rarity Rank
Ghost Antler Lichen	Pseudevernia cladonia	2		NAR	S2S3

Nonvascular Plants 1 Records

Common Name	Scientific Name	# of Records	SARA Rank	COSEWIC Status	Provincial Rarity Rank
Bog Earwort	Scapania paludicola	1			S4S5

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Appendix E

Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment (CBCL)



Phase I Environmental Site

Assessment
Proposed Small Craft Harbour Development
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CBCL Limited is pleased to provide this report which presents the findings of our Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) conducted for the proposed Small Craft Harbour (SCH) development at Woodwards Cove located on Grand Manan, NB.

Thank you for the opportunity to complete this project.

Yours very truly,

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Executive Summary

CBCL Limited (CBCL) was commissioned by Public Services & Procurement Canada (PSPC), to conduct a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) of various properties associated with the proposed development of the Small Craft Harbour (SCH) located at Woodwards Cove on Grand Manan, New Brunswick (NB). The subject properties include portions of property identification numbers (PID Nos.) 15008451, 01218239, 01218213, 01285915, 01218130, 15008493, 15010267, 15166150,15164775, and the water lot, herein referred to as the 'Site'. The Site is comprised of three (3) separate sections denoted as follows:

- Section A: Access Road (portions of PID Nos. 15008451, 01218239, 01218213 and 01285915 (~ 0.12 hectares in area)).
- Section B: 2 m riparian rights (includes portions of PID Nos. 01218130, 01218213, 01285915, 15008493, 15010267, 15166150, and 15164775 (~0.13 hectares in area)).
- ▶ Section C: Water lot (~ 27.3 hectares in area).

The objectives of this Phase I ESA were to assess if evidence of potential or actual environmental contamination exists in connection with the Site as a result of current or past activities on the Site and/or adjoining properties. CBCL understands the intended use of this Phase I ESA is for pre-construction/land acquisition due diligence assessment.

This Phase I ESA was carried out in accordance with the requirements of the most recent version of the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Standard Z768-01. No enhancements to the CSA standard were made as part of this Phase I ESA and no analytical sampling was completed at the Site.

Summary of Key Findings and Recommendations

An evaluation of the Phase I ESA findings has revealed the following areas of actual or potential environmental concern for the Site:

Fill of unknown origin within Sections A (laydown area), Section B (laydown area and hard stabilization) and Section C (hard stabilization) were noted during the site visit. Materials associated with hard stabilization consisted of armour stone and concrete which are generally considered inert with few associated fines. However, more fine gravel type materials/soil were noted in association with laydown areas present in



- Sections A and B. Sampling would have to be carried out to confirm the presence or absence of chemicals of potential concern (COPC) associated with the presence of fill of unknown origin.
- Minor quantities of pressure and/or creosote treated wood debris were noted scattered within Sections B and C during the site visit. This debris may have been washed ashore/associated with storm action (rather than illegal dumping). Sampling would have to be carried out to confirm the presence or absence of COPC associated with the presence of minor quantities of pressure and or creosote treated wood debris.
- Two (2) discharge pipes were observed to be active in the water lot (crossing Section B and discharging into Section C) during the site visit. As per the interview with Mr. Wayne Green (owner of M.G. Fisheries) on January 5, 2023, the two (2) discharge pipes are for process water from the fish plant. Water is drawn from the Bay of Fundy at high tide via an intake into a lobster holding tank within the northern building. This water is later discharged from the (2) two pipes into the Bay of Fundy. Mr. Green indicated that twice a year, the tanks are chlorinated to mitigate build up. As per the interview with Amanda Keddy of Natural Resources and Energy Development, these discharge pipes are documented within the Department. Based on the described usage, the presence of these pipes which discharge into Section C is not considered to represent an area of potential environmental concern (APEC) for the Site.
- Recent environmental sampling has been carried out within Section C. A review of previous environmental reports, including a September 2022 Marine Sediment Sampling Program (MSSP) carried out for Section C and a July 2022 Geotechnical program which included environmental sediment sampling has revealed the following relevant information:

The results from the MSSP revealed the following:

Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)

- Sediment sample 22-WC-SED12 exceeded the referenced Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) Interim Sediment Quality Guidelines (ISQGs) for acenaphthylene.
- Sediment sample 22-WC-SED15 exceeded the referenced CCME ISQGs for acenaphthylene, benzo(a)anthracene, fluoranthene, phenanthrene, and pyrene.

The results from the geotechnical investigation revealed the following:

Metals

- Five (5) sediment samples (H15-1, H15-2, H11-2, J05, and J18) exceeded the CCME ISQGs for copper.
- Two (2) sediment samples (J05 and J18) exceeded the CCME ISQGs for arsenic.

It is noted that the CCME ISQGs are more conservative than CCME Probable Effects Levels (PELs) and represent a threshold concentration below which adverse biological effects are expected to rarely occur. In contrast, CCME PELs represent the lower limit of the range of chemical concentrations that are usually or always associated with adverse biological effects. Both the PAHs and metal concentrations were reported below the referenced



CCME PELs. As such, the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to present an environmental concern for the Site. As this recent sediment sampling conducted within Section C of the Site did not reveal any exceedances of PELs for COPC, no further environmental work is recommended for Section C at this time.

Based on the findings of this Phase I ESA, APECs have been identified including the fill of unknown origin in the laydown are in Section A and B and potential pressure and/or creosote treated wood debris in Section B and C. Based on this, further environmental Site assessment work as part of a Phase II ESA is recommended to confirm the presence or absence of COPC associated with the APECs noted above.

Specific environmental items that were reviewed or assessed as part of this Phase I ESA and not discussed above were either not identified on the Site, or the perceived degree of risk related to those items is considered to be low (or nil), and as a result, do not warrant specific recommendations.

The statements made in this Executive Summary are subject to the same limitations included in Chapter 7 (Closure) and are to be read in conjunction with the remainder of this report.



1 Introduction

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1.1 Study Area and Site Boundaries

The Phase I ESA study area consists of the Site and relevant portions of adjoining and neighbouring properties. For the purpose of this assessment, the Site boundaries are comprised of portions of the parcels of land identified in the Service New Brunswick (SNB) online property database as PID Nos. 15008451, 01218239, 01218213, 01285915, 01218130, 15008493, 15010267, 15166150, and 15164775. For purposes of this Phase I ESA, the Site is described as consisting of three (3) separate sections (A, B, and C). A Site Plan is provided in Figure 2 in Appendix A. Sections of the Site were identified in email communication between PSPC and CBCL dated November 17, 2022, on a Drawing titled *Site Configuration and Aerial Photo.* Table 1.1 describes the areas associated with the three (3) separate sections (A, B, and C) that make up the Site.



Table 1.1: Sections of Subject Site

Section	Proposed Land Use	PIDs
Α	Access road	Portions of PID Nos. 15008451, 01218239, 01218213 and 01285915.
В	2 m riparian rights	Portions of PID Nos. 01218130, 01218213, 01285915, 15008493, 15010267, 15166150, and 15164775.
C	SCH	Water lot

Adjoining properties are defined as 'any properties that are contiguous or immediately adjacent to the Site being assessed and/or can reasonably be expected to have been a source of substances of concern on the Site'. Neighbouring properties are defined as 'any properties that are nearby or located across transportation access routes to the Site being assessed and/or can reasonably be expected to have been a source of substances of concern on the Site'.

In addition to the Site and adjoining properties, a summary review of land use outside the immediate study area was also conducted in order to identify other potential sources of contamination (e.g., large industrial Sites), and also to identify sensitive environmental or ecological receptors in the area such as municipal water wells, parks, protected watersheds and/or other areas of natural or environmental significance.

1.2 Objectives and Intended Use

A Phase I ESA is an initial step in the property environmental assessment process, which may lead to the determination for additional assessment and/or remedial work, if sources of contamination are identified. A Phase I ESA can assist in reducing the uncertainty or risk related to unknown or previously unidentified potential environmental liabilities that may be present on, or adjacent to a property. A Phase I ESA may also provide the basis for further investigation, if required.

The objectives of this Phase I ESA were to assess if evidence of potential or actual environmental contamination exists in connection with the Site as a result of current or past activities on the Site and/or adjoining / neighboring properties. CBCL understands the intended use of this Phase I ESA is for pre-construction/land acquisition due diligence assessment.

1.3 Scope of Work

This Phase I ESA was conducted in accordance with the requirements of the most recent version of the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Phase I ESA Standard Z768-01 for a Phase I ESA, which consists of the following four components:



- Records Review evaluates past activities on the Site and adjoining properties that could be interpreted as contributing to existing contamination. The most common records searched include (but are not limited to): aerial photos, fire insurance records, provincial regulatory records and environmental registries, city directories, company records, previous environmental reports and topographic/geological maps.
- Site Visit evaluates current uses or evidence of past uses of the Site, and considers, to the extent possible, current, or past uses of adjoining properties. Observations of the adjoining properties and associated structures can only be conducted from the Site and/or publicly accessible vantage points unless access permission is granted by adjoining property owners.
- Interviews with person(s) who possess relevant knowledge of the Site and/or adjoining properties and can include (but are not limited to): existing or former owners, occupants or employees; government officials; maintenance supervisors, etc. Interviews are conducted to corroborate or augment information gathered during the Records Review and Site Visit.
- ▶ Evaluation of Findings and Reporting the Site assessor evaluates and presents the findings of the Records Review, Site Visit and Interviews in a comprehensive report that distinguishes fact from opinion, identifies areas of potential and actual contamination (including nil findings) and indicates the relative degree of uncertainty associated with evidence of potential contamination.

A Phase I ESA does not typically include intrusive sampling or testing of any kind. However, certain enhancements are allowable under the CSA Phase I ESA Z768-01 standard; for example: the presentation of more detailed conclusions; risk evaluations; steps to confirm, refute or delineate contamination; or recommendations respecting Site remedial measures.

For this Phase I ESA, no enhancements to the CSA standard were made and no analytical testing was completed on soil, groundwater, surface water, sediment, and/or building materials. Furthermore, this assessment did not include a review or audit of operational environmental compliance issues, or of any environmental management systems, which may or may not exist for the Site.

1.4 Site Assessor

The Site Assessor is responsible for completing the four principal components of the assessment, under the direction and guidance of a Senior Reviewer. For this Phase I ESA, the Site Assessor is Megan Thorpe, B.Sc., PTech, and the Senior Reviewer is Stephanie Kilfoil, B.Sc., P.Eng.



1.5 Information Sources

The CSA Phase I ESA Z768-01 standard indicates that 'reasonably ascertainable' information sources should be searched for the Site and adjoining properties. The following records/document centres and resources, where available, were searched as part of this Phase I ESA:

- SNB Property Information Database property use records, land registry data, survey plans, deeds, watersheds, etc.
- SNB Historical Aerial Photographs.
- GeoNB Basemap Imagery.
- New Brunswick Department of Environmentand Local Government (NBDELG) Property-Based Environmental Information Database - approvals/permits, storage tank registry, regulatory infractions, etc.
- Previous environmental reports.
- Company records of environmental significance.
- New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources (NBDNR) Lithologic map of NB.
- NBDNR Generalized Surficial Geology Map of NB.
- NBDELG Designated Wellfield Protection Services.
- Federal Inventory of Contaminated Sites.

1.6 Regulatory Framework

Federal, provincial, and municipal regulations, standards, guidelines, and codes of practice were reviewed (where applicable) to formulate appropriate conclusions and recommendations, which have been incorporated throughout the body of this report and referenced accordingly.



2 Site Description

2.1 Site Overview

An overview of the three (3) separate sections of the Site are provided in Table 2.1 to 2.3. Figure 2 in Appendix A illustrates the Site and adjoining property boundaries, roads and other relevant features on or near the Site. Representative photographs of the Site are provided in Appendix B.

Table 2.1: Section A

Portions of PID Nos.	15008451, 01218239, 01218213 and 01285915	Civic Addresses	Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road on Grand Manan, NB	
Current Land Use	Commercial	Section A Area	~ 0.12 Hectares (Ha)	
Property Owner(s)	M. G. Fisheries LTD.			
Occupants/Tenants	None.			
Site Access	Woodwards Cove Breakwater on Grand Manan, NB.			
Site Building(s)	No buildings are present on Section A.			
Other Relevant Site	Section A consists of a wetland in the western portion and a			
Features	parking and laydown area in the eastern portion.			

Table 2.2: Section B

Portions of PID Nos.	01218130, 01218213, 01285915, 15008493, 15010267, 15166150, and 15164775.	Civic Addresses	Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road on Grand Manan, NB
Current Land Use	Commercial (PID Nos. 01218130, 01218213, 01285915, and 15008493) and residential (PID Nos. 15010267, 15166150 and 15164775)	Section B Area	~ 0.13 Ha
Property Owner(s)	(15010267), (15166150 and 15164775) and M. G. Fisheries		



	LTD (01218130, 01218213, 01285915, and 15008493).		
Occupants/Tenants	None.		
Site Access	Woodwards Cove Breakwater on Grand Manan, NB.		
Site Building(s) No buildings are present on Section B.			
Other Relevant Site	Section B contains portions of coastline along the Bay of Fundy.		
Features	Section B contains portions of coastime along the Bay of Fariagi		

Table 2.3: Section C

PID No.	Not applicable	Civic Address	Not applicable	
Current Land Use	Commercial	Section C Area	~ 27.3 Ha	
Property Owner(s) Department of Natural Resource		sources and E	ources and Energy Development	
Occupants/Tenants	None.			
Site Access	Woodwards Cove Breakwater on Grand Manan, NB.			
Site Building(s)	No buildings are present on Section C.			
Other Relevant Site	Section C contains a tidal water lot in the Bay of Fundy which			
Features	includes three (3) small islands.			

2.2 Anticipated Future Land Use

CBCL understands that the Phase I ESA is being conducted as a pre-construction/land acquisition due diligence assessment. As understood by CBCL, the anticipated future land use at the Site will be commercial land use.

2.3 Overview of Adjoining and Neighbouring Properties

Land use on the properties adjoining and neighbouring the three (3) separate sections of the Site consist of commercial properties. An overview of the adjoining/neighbouring properties is provided in Table 2.4 to 2.6. Representative photographs of the adjoining/neighbouring properties are provided in Appendix B. It is noted that as the Site includes portions of PIDs, adjoining properties include other portions of the same PIDs as the Site in many cases.

Table 2.4: Adjoining and Neighbouring Properties Overview- Section A

Direction and			
Location	NI - other t/NI - other /C - other	DID N	15000454
Relative to	Northwest/North/Southwest	/Southwest PID No.	15008451
Section A			



Current Land Use	Commercial	Civic Address	Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road on Grand Manan, NB.
Across What	Proposed property line.		
Site Building(s)	No buildings are present on th	ne property.	
Other Relevant Site Features	The property is currently owned by M. G. Fisheries LTD. The majority of the property is wetland with a section on the southwest corner serving as an asphalt driveway to the fish plant.		
Direction and Location Relative to Section A	Northeast/southeast	PID No.	01218213
Current Land Use	Commercial	Civic Addresses	Not applicable
Across What	Proposed property line.		
Site Building(s)	No buildings are present on the property.		
Other Relevant Site Features	The property is currently owned by M. G. Fisheries LTD. The property is currently used as a parking and laydown area in the eastern section of the property for the fish plant. A wetland is located in the western section of the property. There is access to the Bay of Fundy along the eastern property boundary. Hard stabilization is present along the eastern property boundary.		
Direction and Location Relative to Site	East	PID No.	Not applicable
Current Land Use	Not applicable	Civic Address	Not applicable
Across What	Proposed property line.		
Site Building(s)	No buildings are present on th	ne property.	
Other Relevant Site Features	Coastline and Bay of Fundy.		
Direction and Location Relative to Section A	South	PID No.	01285915
Current Land Use	Commercial	Civic Addresses	Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road on Grand Manan, NB.



Across What	Proposed property line.			
Site Building(s)	One (1) large multi-sectional fish plant.			
Other Relevant Site Features	Property is currently occupied and owned by M. G. Fisheries LTD as a fish plant. The majority of the property is occupied by the plant. There is access to the Bay of Fundy along the eastern property boundary. Hard stabilization is present along the eastern property boundary.			
Direction and Location Relative to Site	South	PID No.	01218239	
Current Land Use	Commercial	Civic Address	Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road on Grand Manan, NB.	
Across What	Proposed property line.			
Site Building(s)	Small portion of the multi-sectional building from PID No. 01285915 is present along the eastern property line.			
Other Relevant Site Features	The property is currently owned by M. G. Fisheries LTD. Property contains an asphalt driveway from Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road to the fish plant on PID No. 01285915.			
Direction and Location Relative to Site	Southwest PID No. 01285907			
Current Land Use	Commercial Civic Address		Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road on Grand Manan, NB.	
Across What	Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road			
Site Building(s)	No buildings are present on th	ne property.		
Other Relevant Site Features	Property is owned by Benson Lobster Co LTD. The majority of the property is a laydown area for lobster traps and transport trailers.			
Direction and Location Relative to Site	Southwest PID No. 01285378			
Current Land Use	Commercial	Civic Address	Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road on Grand Manan, NB.	
Across What	Woodwards Cove Breakwater	Road	-	
Site Building(s)	One (1) multi-sectional building and one (1) shed.			



Other Relevant Site Features

Property is currently occupied by the Sunrise Seafood restaurant and is owned by Kristen Leonard and Selena Leonard. The majority of the property is used to store lobster traps and other fishing gear.

Table 2.5: Adjoining and Neighbouring Properties Overview- Section B

Table 2.5: Adjoining ar	d Neighbouring Properties Overview- Section B		
Direction and Location Relative to Section B	North	PID No.	15164767
Current Land Use	Residential	Civic Address	Route 776 on Grand Manan, NB.
Across What	Proposed property	line.	
Site Building(s)	No buildings are pre	esent on the pr	operty.
Other Relevant Site Features	Property is owned by The majority of the property is forested with some wetland and coastline in the eastern portion.		
Direction and Location Relative to Section B	East	PID No.	Not applicable
Current Land Use	Not applicable	Civic Address	Not applicable
Across What	Proposed property line.		
Site Building(s)	No buildings are present.		
Other Relevant Site Features	Bay of Fundy.		
Direction and Location Relative to Section B	South	PID No.	15185648
Current Land Use	Commercial	Civic Address	Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road on Grand Manan, NB.
Across What	Proposed property line.		
Site Building(s)	No buildings are present on the property.		
Other Relevant Site Features	Property is currently owned by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The property consists of a wharf and water access to Woodwards Cove and the Bay of Fundy.		
Direction and Location Relative to Section B	West	PID No.	15164775



Current Land Use	Residential	Civic Address	Route 776 on Grand Manan, NB.
Across What	Proposed property line.		
Site Building(s)	One (1) residential building.		
Other Relevant Site Features	The property is owned by the property is forested with access to the Bay of Fundy along the eastern property boundary.		
Direction and Location Relative to Section B	West	PID No.	15166150
Current Land Use	Residential	Civic Address	Unknown
Across What	Proposed property	line.	
Site Building(s)	No buildings are pre	esent on the pr	operty.
Other Relevant Site Features	The property is owned by cleared and graveled area in the eastern portion of the property that appears to be for future development. The majority of the property is forested with access to the Bay of Fundy along the eastern property boundary.		
Direction and Location Relative to Section B	West	PID No.	15010267
Current Land Use	Residential	Civic Address	Route 776 on Grand Manan, NB.
Across What	Proposed property line.		
Site Building(s)	No buildings are pre	esent on the pr	operty.
Other Relevant Site Features	The property is owned by The majority of the property is forested with a wetland within the southern portion of property. There is an access road from the Ragged Point Road. A small eastern section of the property allows access to the Bay of Fundy.		
Direction and Location Relative to Section B	West	PID No.	01218130
Current Land Use	Commercial	Civic Address	Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road on Grand Manan, NB.
Across What	Proposed property	line.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,



Site Building(s)	No buildings are pre	esent on the pr	operty.
Other Relevant Site Features	The property is owned by M.G. Fisheries. The majority of the property is a pond with surrounding wetland. There is access to the Bay of Fundy along the eastern property boundary.		
Direction and Location Relative to Section B	West	PID No.	01218213
Current Land Use	Commercial	Civic Addresses	Not applicable
Across What	Proposed property l	ine.	
Site Building(s)	No buildings are pre	esent on the pr	operty.
Other Relevant Site Features	The property is currently owned by M. G. Fisheries LTD. The property is currently used as a parking and laydown area in the eastern section of the property for the fish plant. A wetland is located in the western section of the property. There is access to the Bay of Fundy along the eastern property boundary. Hard stabilization is present along the eastern property boundary.		
Direction and Location Relative to Section B	West	PID No.	01285915
Current Land Use	Commercial	Civic Addresses	Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road on Grand Manan, NB.
Across What	Proposed property line.		
Site Building(s)	One (1) large multi-sectional fish plant.		
Other Relevant Site Features	Property is currently occupied and owned by M. G. Fisheries LTD and operates as a fish plant. The majority of the property is occupied by the plant. There is access to the Bay of Fundy along the eastern property boundary. Hard stabilization is present along the eastern property boundary.		
Direction and Location Relative to Section B	West	PID No.	15008493
Current Land Use	Commercial	Civic Address	Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road on Grand Manan, NB.
Across What	Proposed property l	ine.	
Site Building(s)	Portion of the large multi-sectional fish plant from 01285915 is present in the northeast section of the property.		



	Property is currently owned by M. G. Fisheries LTD. The majority
	of the property is asphalt parking area for trailers. Some lobster
Other Relevant Site	traps are stored in the southern portion of the property. There is
Features	access to the Bay of Fundy along the eastern property boundary.
	Hard stabilization is present along the eastern property
	boundary.

Table 2.6: Adjoining and Neighbouring Properties Overview- Section C

Direction and Location Relative to Section B	North	PID No.	Not applicable	
Current Land Use	Not applicable	Civic Address	Not applicable	
Across What	Proposed property l	ine.		
Site Building(s)	No buildings are pre	esent on the pr	operty.	
Other Relevant Site Features	Bay of Fundy.			
Direction and Location Relative to Section B	East	PID No.	Not applicable	
Current Land Use	Not applicable	Civic Address	Not applicable	
Across What	Proposed property line.			
Site Building(s)	No buildings are present.			
Other Relevant Site Features	Bay of Fundy.	Bay of Fundy.		
Direction and Location Relative to Section B	South	PID No.	Not applicable	
Current Land Use	Not applicable	Civic Address	Not applicable	
Across What	Proposed property line.			
Site Building(s)	No buildings are present on the property.			
Other Relevant Site Features	Bay of Fundy.			



Direction and Location Relative to Section B	West	PID No.	01218213
Current Land Use	Commercial	Civic Address	Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road on Grand Manan, NB.
Across What	Proposed property	ine.	
Site Building(s)	No buildings are pre	esent on the pr	operty.
Other Relevant Site Features	The property is currently owned by M. G. Fisheries LTD. The property is currently used as a parking and laydown area in the eastern section of the property for the fish plant. A wetland is located in the western section of the property. Hard stabilization is present along the eastern property boundary.		
Direction and Location Relative to Section B	West	PID No.	01285915
Current Land Use	Commercial	Civic Address	Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road on Grand Manan, NB.
Across What	Proposed property line.		
Site Building(s)	One (1) large multi-sectional fish plant.		
Other Relevant Site Features	Property is currently occupied and owned by M. G. Fisheries LTD as a fish plant. The majority of the property is occupied by the plant. There is access to the Bay of Fundy along the eastern property boundary. Hard stabilization is present along the eastern property boundary.		

2.4 Regional Environmental Setting

2.4.1 Topography and Drainage Patterns

The regional topography, as indicated from topography maps, is generally to the east towards the Bay of Fundy.

2.4.2 Surficial Geology

A review of the surficial geological mapping described the surficial geology of the Site as "blankets and plains: sand, silt, minor clay, and gravel, patchy thin vaneer of organic sediment; generally, 1 to 10 m thick" from the Late Wisonsinan and/or Early Holocene. geological epoch of Pleistocene (Rampton, 1984).



An intrusive investigation was not part of the Phase I ESA scope; however, surficial geology is important when considering potential migrating contaminants from a Site, or local third-party source.

2.4.3 Bedrock Geology

A review of the geological mapping describes the bedrock geology of the Site as the Ingalls Head Formation from the Grand Manan Group during the Mesoproterozoic to late Neoproterozoic geological epoch (Fiffe, Grant, and McHone, 2011).

2.4.4 Hydrogeology

The regional groundwater flow, based on topographic mapping, is generally to the east towards the Bay of Fundy.

Localized shallow groundwater flow direction can be altered near watercourses, ditches and/or underground utility trenches (i.e., sewer, water, power, etc.), which can act as barriers or preferred pathways.

2.4.5 Parks, Protected Zones, and Areas of Environmental Significance

2.4.5.1 **Section A**

A portion of a wetland is located within Section A while Woodwards Cove is approximately 35 meters (m) southwest from the western boundary of Section A and the Bay of Fundy is adjacent to the eastern boundary.

2.4.5.2 **Section B**

Portions of Section B are within the 30 m buffer of two regulated wetlands (as per provincial mapping) as well as the Bay of Fundy. Some portions of Section B are also within the regulated wetland (as per provincial mapping).

2.4.5.3 Section C

Section C includes a portion of the Bay of Fundy. Some of the eastern boundary of Section C is within the 30 m buffer of a wetland.

2.4.6 Water, Sewer and Storm Services

Neighbouring and adjoining properties are supplied with water and sewage privately. There are no known municipally supplied water or sewer services in the area.

No potable wells or septic services are known to be located on the Site.



з Records Review Findings

3.1 Records Review

The following sections discuss relevant findings and potential environmental concerns identified in the available historical records for the Site and neighbouring properties.

3.1.1 Aerial Photographs and Satellite Imagery

Aerial photographs available for the years 1962, 1976, 1984, and 1999 were reviewed, as well as the Google Earth imagery from 2009 and 2021. Copies of the aerial photos and Google Earth (2009 and 2021) imagery are provided in Appendix C. Relevant findings of the aerial photograph review for the Site and neighbouring properties are discussed in Tables 3.1 to 3.3.

Table 3.1: Aerial Photograph Historical Land Use- Section A

Year	Source	Observations
1962	Aerial Photo	Section A is undeveloped land. The majority of the land appears to be wetland with some beach and access to the Bay of Fundy in the eastern portion. Residential buildings to the northwest of Section A. Commercial buildings appear to the west and south of Section A.
1976	Aerial Photo	Part of an access road from Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road to the Bay of Fundy is present in the northeastern corner of Section A.
1984	Aerial Photo	No significant changes to Section A. More residential buildings to the northwest of Section A. Large building (present day M.G. Fisheries Ltd. plant) present to the south of Section A.
1999	Aerial Photo	No significant changes to Section A. Addition added onto building (present day M.G. Fisheries Ltd.



Year	Source	Observations	
		plant) to the south of Section A.	
2009	Google Earth	No significant changes to Section A.	
2021	Google Earth	No significant changes to Section A.	
		Another addition added onto building (present day M.G. Fisheries Ltd. plant) to the south of Section A.	

Table 3.2: Aerial Photograph Historical Land Use- Section B

Year	Source	Observations
1962	Aerial Photo	Section B is undeveloped coastline along the Bay of Fundy.
		Commercial buildings and a wharf are located near the southern portion of Section B.
1976	Aerial Photo	No significant changes to Section B.
		An access road from Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road to the Bay of Fundy is present near the southern portion of Section B.
1984	Aerial Photo	No significant changes to Section B.
		Large building (present day M.G. Fisheries Ltd. plant) present near the southern section of Section B.
1999	Aerial Photo	No significant changes to Section B.
		Aquaculture cages present near the southern portion of Section B. Addition added onto building (present day M.G. Fisheries Ltd. plant) near the southern section of Section B.
2009	Google Earth	No significant changes to Section B.
		A small building is present near the southern end of Section B.
2021	Google Earth	No significant changes to Section B.
		Another addition added onto building (present day M.G. Fisheries Ltd. plant) near the southern section of Section B.

Table 3.3: Aerial Photograph Historical Land Use- Section C

Year	Source	Observations
1962	Aerial Photo	Section C is a water lot in the Bay of Fundy consisting of three
		(3) small islands and land access along the southwest
		boundary. One (1) boat is present in the southeastern corner



Year	Source	Observations	
		of Section C.	
1976	Aerial Photo	No significant changes to Section C.	
		Access road present from Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road to southwest portion of Section C.	
1984	Aerial Photo	No significant changes to Section C.	
		Large building (present day M.G. Fisheries Ltd. plant) present near the southwest boundary of Section C.	
1999	Aerial Photo	Aquaculture cages present in the southwest portion of Section C.	
		Addition added onto building (present day M.G. Fisheries Ltd. plant) near the southwest boundary of Section C. An aquaculture cage is present to the southwest of Section C.	
2009	Google Earth	No aquaculture cages present in Section C.	
		An aquaculture cage is present to the southwest of Section C.	
2021	Google Earth	No significant changes to Section C.	
		Another addition added onto building (present day M.G. Fisheries Ltd. plant) near the southwest boundary of Section C.	

3.1.2 Property-Use Records

A preliminary title search was conducted to document prior land ownership for the sections of the Site using the SNB online database. The information reviewed included a summary review of available deeds/survey plans and was not intended to be a legal title search. A legal title search was not completed as part of this assessment.

Title search information is presented in Table 3.4 (Section A), Table 3.5 (Section B) and Table 3.6 (Section C) below.

Table 3.4: Site Ownership History- Section A

PID Nos.	Date	Grantor	Grantee
Portion of 15008451	2000	Not applicable	M. G. Fisheries Ltd.
Portion of 01218239	1998	Not applicable	M. G. Fisheries Ltd.
Portion of	1998	Not applicable	M. G. Fisheries Ltd.



PID Nos.	Date	Grantor	Grantee
01218213			
Portion of 01218215	1998	Not applicable	M. G. Fisheries Ltd.

Table 3.5: Site Ownership History- Section B

PID Nos.	Date	Grantor	Grantee
Portion of 15010267	2011	Business Development Bank of Canada	
	2011	Dark Harbour Industries Ltd.	Business Development Bank of Canada
	2006	Russell Food Products Ltd.	Dark Harbour Industries Ltd.
	2006	Russell Fisheries Ltd.	Russell Food Products Ltd.
	2004		Russell Fisheries Ltd.
	2003		
	2003	Fundy Gem Fisheries Inc.	
Portion of 15166150	2018		
	2015		
	2005	Russel Fisheries Ltd.	
Portion of 15164775	2019		
	2011		
	2005	Russel Fisheries Ltd.	
Portion of 01218130	2000	M. G. Fisheries Ltd.	Not applicable
Portion of 01218213	1998	M. G. Fisheries Ltd.	Not applicable
Portion of 01285915	1998	M. G. Fisheries Ltd.	Not applicable
Portion of 15008493	2000	M. G. Fisheries Ltd.	Not applicable

Table 3.6: Site Ownership History- Section C

PID Nos.	Date	Grantor	Grantee
Not	Unknown	Department of Natural	Not applicable
Applicable		Resources and Energy	
		Development	

3.1.3 Fire Insurance Plans

A request to Opta Information Intelligence of Markham, Ontario resulted in no fire insurance plan maps within the Opta online inventory for a radius of 250 m of the Site.

A copy of the information received from Opta Information Intelligence is provided in Appendix D.

3.1.4 Regulatory Information

A request for Property Based Environmental Information was submitted to NBDELG for the Site (PID Nos. 15008451, 01218239, 01218213, 01285915, 01218130, 15008493, 15010267, 15166150, and 15164775). Information received is provided below.

The Property Based Environmental Information request revealed the following:

- ▶ There are no records of Ministerial Orders or Remediation Orders related to the searched PID Nos.
- There are no records of petroleum tanks registered under the Petroleum Product Storage and Handling Regulation related to the searched PID Nos.
- There are no records of registered Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Storage sites related to the searched PID Nos.
- There are no records of landfills or former dump sites being located near the searched PID Nos.

A copy of the information received from NBDELG is provided in Appendix D.

3.1.5 Federal Contaminated Sites Inventory

The PID Nos. associated with the three (3) Sections of the Site are not listed on the federal contaminated Sites inventory; however, a search of adjoining/neighbouring properties revealed that the wharf at Woodwards Cove (PID 15185648) is listed as a federal contaminated Site.

3.1.5.1 PID 15185648- Neighbouring Property to Section B

Federal Site Identifier - 00018116 (DFRP #03980)

Report indicates: Initial testing completed. Detailed testing underway. Contamination details include polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), metal, metalloid, and



organometallic in sediment. Site status is listed as active. The highest step completed is Step 4 which is classifying the contaminated Site using the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) National Classification System. The reporting organization is listed as Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

3.1.6 Previous Environmental Reports

The following previous environmental reports were provided by PSPC and reviewed by CBCL:

- DFO-SCH Woodwards Cove NB Archaeology Map 2013
- Impact Assessment Act- Significance of Environmental Effects Determination (SEED) Form Non-Basic Project for Armour Stone Installation at Woodwards Cove Small Craft Harbour in Grand Manan, New Brunswick dated July 24, 2020.
- Marine Sediment Sampling Program and Underwater Benthic Habitat Survey, Woodwards Cove Small Craft Harbour (DRFP #03980), Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick, dated March 31, 2016, Prepared by GHD.
- Marine Sediment Sampling Program, Woodwards Cove, Charlotte County, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick, dated November 4, 2022, Prepared by GHD.
- Phase I/II Environmental Site Assessment, DFO Small Craft Harbour, Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan Island, Charlotte County, New Brunswick, dated January 24, 2011, Prepared by Conestoga-Rovers & Associates.

Relevant findings with regards to the Site from the reports listed above are presented below.

Marine Sediment Sampling Program, Woodwards Cove, Charlotte County, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick, dated November 4, 2022, Prepared by GHD

On September 28, 2022, GHD conducted a Marine Sediment Sampling Program (MSSP) to assess sediment conditions in the water lot (Section C) of the proposed SCH development on Grand Manan, NB. In total, eighteen (18) sediment samples (22-WC-SED1 to 22-WC-SED18) were collected by divers from Diversified Divers Inc. and were submitted for laboratory analysis of grain size, total organic carbon (TOC), PCBs, metals, and PAHs.

The MSSP revealed the following:

PAHs

- Sediment sample 22-WC-SED12 exceeded the referenced CCME Interim Sediment Quality Guidelines (ISQGs) for acenaphthylene.
- Sediment sample 22-WC-SED15 exceeded the referenced CCME ISQGs for acenaphthylene, benzo(a)anthracene, fluoranthene, phenanthrene, and pyrene.

Additionally, within the GHD 2022 report the results from the Work Plan- Geotechnical Program Woodwards Cove Harbour Development, dated July 14, 2022, prepared by



Gemtec were incorporated. As part of a geotechnical investigation conducted in support of the proposed SCH development on Grand Manan, NB, a total eleven (11) sediment samples (3-F09, 7-F12, 12-H15-2, 4-H11-1, 4-H11-2, 1-J05, 18-L18, J18, F18, and G14) were collected via split spoon and submitted for laboratory analysis of grain size, TOC, PCBs, metals, and PAHs.

The results from the geotechnical investigation revealed the following:

Metals

- Two (2) sediment samples (1-J05 and J18) exceeded the CCME ISQGs for arsenic.
- Five (5) sediment samples (12-H15-1, 12-H15-2, H11-2, 1-J05, and J18) exceeded the CCME ISQGs for copper.

Marine Sediment Sampling Program and Underwater Benthic Habitat Survey, Woodwards Cove Small Craft Harbour (DRFP #03980), Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick, dated March 31, 2016, Prepared by GHD

On February 27, 2016, GHD conducted a MSSP to assess sediment conditions in the water lot (Section C) of the proposed SCH development on Grand Manan, NB. In total, twelve (12) sediment samples (16SED-WC-1 to 16SED-WC-12) were collected by divers from Diversified Divers Inc. and were submitted for laboratory analysis of available metals including tin, hexavalent chromium and low level mercury and selenium, low level PAHs including a creosote scan, TOC, TIC, total polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), total dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane (DDT), low level benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylenes (BTEX), modified total petroleum hydrocarbon (mTPH) including silica gel clean-up, and grain size.

The MSSP revealed the following:

PAHs

- Sediment sample 16SED-WC-2 exceeded the referenced CCME Marine ISQGs for acenaphthylene, benz(a)anthracene, dibenz(a,h)anthracene and fluoranthene.
- Sediment sample 16SED-WC-3 exceeded the CCME Marine ISQGs for fluoranthene.

<u>Phase I/II Environmental Site Assessment, DFO Small Craft Harbour, Woodwards Cove,</u> <u>Grand Manan Island, Charlotte County, New Brunswick, dated January 24, 2011, Prepared</u> <u>by Conestoga-Rovers & Associates.</u>

On August 6, 2010, Conestoga-Rovers & Associates conducted sediment sampling at the Woodwards Wharf (located south of Section B) on Grand Manan, NB as part of a Phase II ESA due to historical and active wharf activities. In total, four (4) sediment samples (SED-1 to SED-4) were collected from an Eckman Dredge grab sampler and were submitted for laboratory analysis of metals, petroleum hydrocarbons, PAHs, PCBs and grain size.



The Phase II ESA revealed the following:

Sediment sample 10-SED-2 exceeded the referenced CCME Marine ISQGs and CCME marine probable effect levels (PELs) for phenanthrene, anthracene, fluoranthene, and pyrene.



4 Site Visit Findings

The site visit was conducted on December 8, 2022. Site visit photos are included in Appendix B.

4.1 Access Limitations

The Site is readily visible and publicly accessible portions of adjoining and neighbouring properties were visually assessed for the presence of actual or potential environmental contamination.

The approximate locations of Sections A, B and C were visually assessed during the site visit. Section C was only assessed from the shore. It is noted that it was high tide at the time of the site visit. While portions of this water lot are accessible on foot during low tide conditions, they were not accessible at the time of the site visit.

4.2 Current Operations and Overall Site Condition

Section A is vacant land. A wetland is present in the eastern section (as per provincial mapping). Standing water was present at the time of the site visit within the middle portion of Section A over what appeared to be crushed rock. The eastern portion includes a crushed rock laydown area and access to the Bay of Fundy. Two trailers were noted to be present on Section A. In addition, materials including two piles of logs, pipes and metal were noted to be stored on the ground surface within Section A. Some wood and cement debris were noted in parts of Section A along with some minor garbage. Part of a fishing cage was floating in the standing water.

Section B is coastline along the Bay of Fundy. Hard stabilization is present in the southern portion near the commercial properties. Fishing debris and pressure and/or creosote treated wood debris were noted at a number of locations along the coast that fall within Section B. ATV trails were noted along the coastline which may cross into Section B at different locations.



Section C is a water lot in the Bay of Fundy. There is access to the water lot via an access road from Woodwards Cove Breakwater Road in the southwestern portion of Section C. Fishing debris and pressure and or creosote treated wood debris were noted in the southwestern portion of Section C near the shore. Three (3) small islands are present within Section C. There was no boat activity within Section C at the time of the survey. Beach and hard stabilization are present along the southwestern boundary.

4.3 Site Buildings

No buildings are associated with the Site.

A wooden structure that may be used for hunting was noted near the northern portion of Section B.

4.4 Waste Generation and Storage

4.4.1 Solid and Liquid Wastes

No waste is currently generated at the Site. No liquid waste generated from the Site was observed during the site visit. No hazardous waste generation or storage was identified on the Site.

It should be noted that some wood and cement debris were noted in parts of Section A along with some minor garbage.

It should be noted that hard stabilization with some cement is present in the southern portion of Section B near the commercial properties. Fishing debris and pressure and/or creosote treated wood debris were noted at a number of locations along the coast that may be within Section B.

It should be noted that fishing debris and pressure and/or creosote treated wood debris were noted in the southwestern portion of Section C near the shore. Hard stabilization with some concrete was present along the southwestern boundary of Section C.

4.4.2 Drains, Sumps, Septic Systems, and Oil Water Separators

No sumps, septic systems and or oil water separators are observed at the Site at the time of the site visit.

Four (4) pipes under cement were observed in the water in the southwestern portion of Section C (and crossing Section B underground) coming from the M.G. Fisheries Ltd. fish



plant (PID 01285915). It should be noted there were two (2) of the four (4) pipes were noted to be discharging at the time of the site visit. There also appeared to be a drain pipe located along the hard stabilization (crossing Section B and into Section C). This drain pipe may be used to drain stormwater from the parking area.

4.4.3 Air Discharges and Odours

No sources of sustained air emissions or odours were noted on the Site at the time of the site visit. No strong, pungent, or unusual odours were identified at the Site during the site visit other than the smell of decaying seaweed along Section B.

4.5 Surface and Subsurface Features

4.5.1 Evidence of Spills, Stains, or Stressed Vegetation

There was no evidence of major spills noted during the site visit. No staining was observed at the Site.

4.5.2 Areas of Recent Disturbance or Exposed Soil and Bedrock

No signs of recent ground disturbance were observed on the Site. Exposed bedrock is present along coastline in Section B and on three (3) islands in Section C.

4.5.3 Watercourses, Ditches, and Standing Water

A wetland is present within Section A and standing water was observed within the middle portion of Section A at the time of the site visit.

Portions of Section B are within the two (2) wetlands and the 30 m buffer of two (2) wetlands (as per provincial mapping). Section B is within the 30 m buffer of the Bay of Fundy.

Section C is within the Bay of Fundy. Portions of the southwestern boundary are within the 30 m buffer of a wetland (as per provincial mapping).

4.5.4 Landfills, Pits, Lagoons, or Cesspools

There was no visual evidence of former or existing landfills, pits, lagoons or cesspools at the Site during the site visit.



4.5.5 Wells

There are no reported potable wells on the Site. Monitoring wells were not observed at the time of the site visit.

It was noted during the site visit that there were a number of wells located on or near Section B surrounding the pond (PID Nos. 01218130 and 01218213 that are owned by M.G. Fisheries Ltd.) as well as one (1) well behind the M.G. Fisheries Ltd. fish plant (PID No. 01285915).

4.5.6 Imported Fill Materials

If imported fill materials from an unknown or untested source were used, there is potential for various contaminants of potential concern (COPC) to be present.

Based on Site observations (i.e., presence of gravel materials, areas raised relative to adjacent areas) it is expected that fill materials were used in the development of portions of Sections A and B including areas being used as laydown areas. The origin of these fill materials is unknown.

It should be noted that rock and cement pieces are present along the coast within portions of Sections A, B and C as hard stabilization assumed to be used for erosion control. While the origin of the materials associated with hard stabilization is unknown, these materials (rock and concrete) were noted to be larger in nature with few associated fines.

4.6 Mechanical Systems, Fuel, and Chemical Storage

4.6.1 Building Heating and Cooling Systems

No building systems are present at the Site.

4.6.2 Aboveground Storage Tanks (ASTs)

No evidence of aboveground fuel storage tanks on the Site was noted during the site visit.

4.6.3 Underground Storage Tanks (USTs)

No evidence of underground storage tanks was noted on the Site during the site visit.

4.6.4 Chemical Storage and Unidentified Substances

No chemicals were observed on the Site during the site visit.



4.6.5 Pesticide and Herbicide Use

There were no visual evidence of pesticide or herbicide application at the Site during the site visit.

4.7 Hazardous Building Materials

The age, construction and condition of building materials and equipment on, or adjacent to a property, can adversely impact the environmental quality of a building that can be detrimental to human health or the environment. The most common examples of such hazardous building materials include asbestos containing materials (ACMs), lead, mercury, PCBs, urea formaldehyde foam insulation (UFFI) and ozone depleting substances (ODS). These specific items are discussed in the following sections below.

4.7.1 Asbestos-Containing Materials (ACMs)

Asbestos is a designated substance listed in the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) and Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) Regulations. Asbestos was utilized between the 1920s and the mid-1980s in construction materials such as sprayed on fireproofing, texture finishes, piping insulation, mechanical insulation, acoustic ceiling tiles, vinyl floor tiles, hard plaster and asbestos cement sheets.

No evidence of ACMs was observed during the site visit; there are no buildings or structures on Site.

4.7.2 Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)

From the 1930s to the 1970s, PCBs were widely used as coolants and lubricants for electrical equipment, including but not limited to transformers and capacitors, and in a number of industrial materials, including sealing and caulking compounds, inks and paint additives. The use of PCBs was prohibited in heat transfer and electrical equipment installed after September 1, 1977, and in transformers and capacitors installed after July 1, 1980.

No evidence of PCB containing equipment was observed during the site visit; there are no buildings or structures on Site.

4.7.3 Lead Based Materials

Common consumer products that have historically contained (or still may contain) lead include paint, piping, sheeting, automobile body filler, lead-acid batteries, gasoline, ammunition, fishing weights and solder. Lead pigments are also added to glass to prevent radiation exposure from television/computer screens and x-ray shielding aprons. The most common sources of lead in buildings are interior/exterior paint and plumbing (i.e., pipes



and/or solder). Between 1930 and 1986, most buildings used copper pipe with lead-solder joints. In 1976, the federal *Hazardous Products Act* limited the amount of lead in interior paint to 0.5% by weight.

Lead-based paints were more commonly used prior to the early 1980's. Since 1992, concentrations of lead in paint from Canadian and US manufactures has been reduced. From a human health standpoint, peeling or flaking lead-based paint may be a source of exposure, or when lead-contaminated dust is created during sanding or other renovation activities; however, is not a significant health concern when maintained in good condition and not disturbed.

No evidence of lead based materials was observed during the site visit; there are no buildings or structures on Site.

4.7.4 Mercury Based Materials

Mercury is a toxic substance that, depending on its chemical form (elemental, inorganic or organic), can be a significant human health and environmental concern in small quantities and/or acute exposure. In buildings, the common sources of mercury are fluorescent lights, thermometers, and appliances containing tilt switches such as thermostats.

No evidence of mercury based materials was observed during the site visit; there are no buildings or structures on Site.

4.7.5 Urea Formaldehyde Foam Insulation (UFFI)

UFFI is a type of low-density foam insulation that was developed in 1950s as an improved means of insulating difficult to reach cavities in walls of industrial, commercial and predominately older residential buildings. Studies have shown that UFFI can undergo thermal decomposition to give off formaldehyde and urea, of which the former is a known carcinogen. Most installations occurred in Eastern Canada between 1977 and 1980. In December 1980, the sale and installation of UFFI was banned under the *Hazardous Products Act*.

No evidence of UFFI containing materials were observed during the site visit; there are no buildings or structures on Site.

4.7.6 Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS)

ODS have historically been used in many applications including refrigeration, air conditioning, foam blowing, aerosols, cleaning of electronics components, as solvents (such as pesticides) and in fire extinguishers. The production, consumption, handling, and disposal of ODS has been regulated by the Ozone-Depleting Substances Regulations since 1994.



No evidence of ODS containing equipment was observed during the site visit; there are no buildings or structures on Site.

4.8 Other Environmental Items

4.8.1 Radon Gas

Radon is a colourless, odourless radioactive gas that occurs naturally in our environment. It is a product of the natural radioactive decay of uranium (U238) found as a trace element in most bedrock, soil and water. Long-term exposure to s gas has been linked to an increased incidence of lung cancer in humans. The primary route of radon exposure for humans is associated with the accumulation of radon gas in buildings. When radon is released from the ground into the outdoor air, it gets diluted and is not a concern. However, radon gas can sometimes accumulate to high levels in enclosed spaces with poor ventilation (i.e., basements). Remedial actions are required if average radon levels in the normal occupancy area exceed Health Canada guidelines of 200 Becquerels per cubic metre (Bq/m³).

Radon is found naturally in the environment and is common in New Brunswick. It should be noted that testing for radon gas was not conducted as part of this Phase I ESA.

Radon gas would not be a concern in outdoor air; there are no buildings or structures on Site.

4.8.2 Mould (Microbial Contamination) and Indoor Air Quality

Evidence of chronic water intrusion inside a building is often associated with the growth of microorganisms such as mould. Health Canada indicates several studies have found significant associations between exposure to fungi (mould), and irritative/non-specific respiratory symptoms, as well as the exacerbation and development of respiratory diseases such as asthma.

No mould concerns were identified; there are no present buildings or structures on Site.

4.8.3 Electromagnetic Fields

Electrical currents induce electromagnetic fields (EMF). There is currently no scientific data that supports definitive answers to questions about the existence or non-existence of health risks related to long-term exposure to EMF.

No high-tension transmission lines or electrical substations, which could generate significant EMF, were identified on or adjacent to the Site.



4.8.4 Noise and Vibration

Noise and vibration pollution can affect the health and behavior in both humans and wildlife. The effects of noise and vibration on human health can vary according to the individual exposed, the nature of the noise/vibration, and whether exposure occurs in the working environment or in the home.

Noise levels in the area were evident, however, not excessive, (typical highway traffic). No significant noise was noted from any adjoining properties at the time of the site visit.

4.9 Observations of Current Land Use on Adjoining and Neighbouring Properties

Observations of current land use and activities on adjoining properties was conducted as part of the site visit. Common items of environmental significance on adjoining properties that could potentially impact the Site can include petroleum storage, staining, stressed vegetation, air emissions, evidence of fill materials, monitoring wells, hazardous wastes, industrial activities and general evidence of poor environmental or waste management practices.

Adjoining and neighbouring properties were visually observed from readily accessible areas. No petroleum storage tanks, monitoring wells, hazardous waste, poor environmental or waste management practices were observed at the time of the site visit.

A residential building (PID No. 15164775) is present near the northern portion of Section B.

There appears to be residential development (PID No. 15166150) with the presence of an access road and gravel parking area near the northern portion of Section B.

A fish plant (PID No. 15008451) for processing lobster is currently in operation near Sections A and B.

It was noted that Section B is located in proximity to a laydown area for wood logs which appeared to have fill materials present underneath (PID No. 15008493).

An active aquaculture operation is present to the south of Section C.



4.10 Interviews

CBCL conducted interviews with personnel familiar with the Site. Names for interviewees were provided by PSPC and included Mr. Wayne Green of M.G. Fisheries Ltd. and Ms. Amanda Keddy of the NB Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development.

4.10.1 Wayne Green - M.G. Fisheries Ltd.

Wayne Green the owner of M.G. Fisheries Ltd. was interviewed on January 5, 2023, via telephone regarding the fish plant operation near Section A and Section B and the portions of the Site that M.G. Fisheries Ltd. currently owns.

Mr. Green indicated the fish plant is and historically has been a fish plant for lobster. The fish plant is heated by electricity and potable water is brought in with tanks. Process water is drawn from the Bay of Fundy via an intake pipe that brings water into a lobster holding tank within the northern building during high tide. This water is later discharged via two pipes into the Bay of Fundy. Twice a year, the lobster holding tanks are chlorinated to mitigate build up.

Near and within the Section A, Mr. Green indicated that M.G. Fisheries Ltd. historically added gravel to increase laydown area in support of the fish plant. The gravel in this area has since been removed by order from the NBDELG (order is assumed to have been issued due to the area being within the 30 m buffer of a regulated wetland (as per provincial mapping)).

Mr. Green indicated that there are 10 to 12 inactive dug and/or drilled wells on M.G. Fisheries Ltd. property (PID Nos. 01218130 and 01218213) that were constructed to support a fish hatchery that was never established.

Mr. Green indicated that he was not aware of any previous spills or contamination associated with the M. G. Fisheries Ltd. property.

4.10.2 Amanda Keddy - Natural Resources and Energy Development

Amanda Keddy is an Acting Supervisor for the Natural Resources and Energy Development. Ms. Keddy was interviewed on January 5, 2023, via telephone regarding the water lot (Section C).

Ms. Keddy indicated there are no records for applications for dredging within the water lot. Records indicate the presence of pipes within the water lot coming from land. Currently, there is a licence to conduct boreholes. Historically, there was a license for aquaculture within the water lot. To the south of the water lot, there is an active license for aquaculture.



Ms. Keddy indicated that she was not aware of any rockweed harvesting licences within Section C.

Ms. Keddy indicated that no records were available related to historical spills or contamination associated with the Site.

PSPC has indicated there is an annual clam depuration license issued for the water lot.



5 Summary of Findings and Recommendations

An evaluation of the Phase I ESA findings has revealed the following areas of actual or potential environmental concern for the Site:

- Fill of unknown origin within Sections A (laydown area), Section B (laydown area and hard stabilization) and Section C (hard stabilization) were noted during the site visit. Materials associated with hard stabilization consisted of armour stone and concrete which are generally considered inert with few associated fines. However, more fine gravel type materials/soil were noted in association with laydown areas present in Sections A and B. Sampling would have to be carried out to confirm the presence or absence of chemicals of potential concern (COPC) associated with the presence of fill of unknown origin.
- Minor quantities of pressure and or creosote treated wood debris were noted scattered within Sections B and C during the site visit. This debris may have been washed ashore/associated with storm action (rather than illegal dumping). Sampling would have to be carried out to confirm the presence or absence of COPC associated with the presence of minor quantities of pressure and or creosote treated wood debris.
- Two (2) discharge pipes were observed to be active in the water lot (crossing Section B and discharging into Section C) during the site visit. As per the interview with Mr. Wayne Green (owner of M.G. Fisheries) on January 5, 2023, the two discharge pipes are for process water from the fish plant. Water is drawn from the Bay of Fundy at high tide via an intake into a lobster holding tank within the northern building. This water is later discharged from the (2) two pipes into the Bay of Fundy. Mr. Green indicated that twice a year, the tanks are chlorinated to mitigate build up. As per the interview with Amanda Keddy of Natural Resources and Energy Development, these discharge pipes are documented within the Department. Based on the described usage, the presence of these pipes which discharge into Section C are not considered to represent an APEC for the Site.
- Recent environmental sampling has been carried out within Section C. A review of previous environmental reports, including a September 2022 Marine Sediment Sampling Program (MSSP) carried out for Section C and a July, 2022 Geotechnical program which included environmental sediment sampling has revealed the following relevant information:



The results from the MSSP revealed the following:

PAHs

- Sediment sample 22-WC-SED12 exceeded the referenced Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) Interim Sediment Quality Guidelines (ISQGs) for acenaphthylene.
- Sediment sample 22-WC-SED15 exceeded the referenced CCME ISQGs for acenaphthylene, benzo(a)anthracene, fluoranthene, phenanthrene, and pyrene.

The results from the geotechnical investigation revealed the following:

Metals

- Five (5) sediment samples (H15-1, H15-2, H11-2, J05, and J18) exceeded the CCME ISQGs for copper.
- Two (2) sediment samples (J05 and J18) exceeded the CCME ISQGs for arsenic.

It is noted that the CCME ISQGs are more conservative than CCME Probable Effects Levels (PELs) and represent a threshold concentration below which adverse biological effects are expected to rarely occur. In contrast, CCME PELs represent the lower limit of the range of chemical concentrations that are usually or always associated with adverse biological effects. Both the PAH and metal concentrations were reported below the referenced CCME PELs. As such, the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to present an environmental concern for the Site. As this recent sediment sampling conducted within Section C of the Site did not reveal any exceedances of PELs for COPC, no further environmental work is recommended for Section C at this time.

Based on the findings of this Phase I ESA, environmental concerns have been identified including the fill of unknown origin in the laydown are in Section A and B and potential pressure and/or creosote treated wood debris in Section B and C. Based on this, further environmental Site assessment work as part of a Phase II ESA is recommended to confirm the presence or absence of COPC and the environmental concerns noted above.

Specific environmental items that were reviewed or assessed as part of this Phase I ESA and not discussed above were either not identified on the Site, or the perceived degree of risk related to those items is considered to be low (or nil), and as a result, do not warrant specific recommendations.



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7 Closure

This Phase I ESA was performed in accordance with generally accepted professional standards and governed by the substance and intent of the Phase I ESA guideline documents, produced by the Canadian Standards Association (CSA Z768-01). As such, this report is based on information obtained via visual observations made during the site visit, interviews with people familiar with the properties, a review of historical records concerning the current and past use of the properties, and requests for information filed with regulatory agencies. This report and the information contained herein are not to be construed as legal advice, or as a guarantee or warranty regarding the potential liability associated with Site's environmental conditions or impacts.

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APPENDIX A

Figures



