

Historical and present local community involvement in Musquash Estuary resources: use and protection

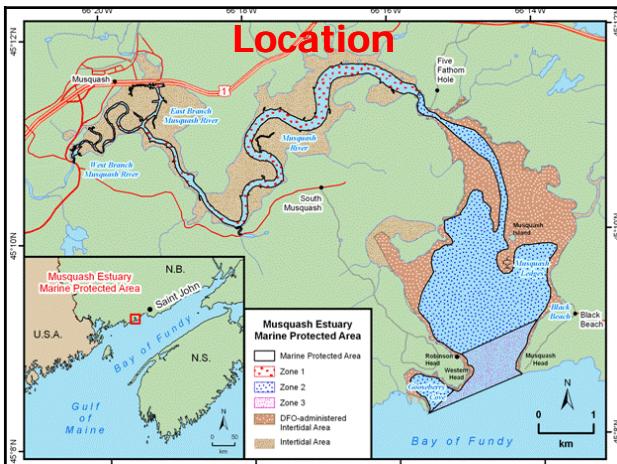
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Presentation Overview

- Introduction
 - Location
 - Why so special?
 - Designation
- Community involvement
 - Pre- and Post-designation
- Community history of resource use and support for the MPA (video clips)

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Chronology

- 2001 – Friends of Musquash formed
 - includes residents and landowners
- 2002 – Musquash MPA Advisory Committee
- 2006 - Province transfers intertidal areas to federal gov't. December 14, 2006, Musquash Estuary MPA is designated under Canada's *Oceans Act*




Fundy North Fishermen's Association

Pre-designation Use

- 12 boat commercial lobster fishery
- A small soft-shell clam harvest
- A small six boat scallop fishery

Support

- Healthier estuary
- More productive estuary
- Continued lobster, scallop and clam fisheries



Planning & Working Groups - 1999

Aimed to increase Community Involvement

- A series of stakeholder meetings – provide info, answer questions/concerns, seek support and involvement
- Open house community meetings in Musquash – invitation to participate in planning process
- Positive citizens' responses



Planning & Working Groups - 1999

- Interested individuals/local residents/landowners
- CCNB
- DFO
- Local community organizations
 - Lorneville Recreation Association
 - Musquash Service District
- DU
- Provincial reps
 - Environment & Local Government
- Aboriginal groups
- Fishing industry
- Initiate a study - determine applicability of *Oceans Act*
- Review wording of proposed Regulations
- Increase awareness about the proposal



Planning Group & UNB Ocean Mapping Group (2000)



Planning Group: Overall Objective

Protection and restoration of the Musquash Estuary and surrounding salt marshes

Goals

- Maintain biodiversity
- Maintain a healthy fishing industry
- Protect this highly productive habitat
- Increase natural habitat and bird life in the marsh
- Preserve the area for future generations
- Ensure the conservation and sustainable use of the marsh





- Local residents/landowners & community groups
 - Means of gathering community viewpoints
 - Provide input into the future management, communication and outreach
- MPA Advisory Committee (2002)
 - Formal Committee
 - Stakeholders from Planning Group & Others
 - CCG, Universities, NCC, WWF
 - Saint John Port Authority

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Historical Use of the Area

2010 – Oral history video recordings by interviewing local knowledgeable residents

- Fishing
- Settlements
- Marsh use
- Boat building
- Aboriginal use

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The image shows a wide-angle view of a coastal area. In the foreground, there's a rocky, shallow shore. Behind it, a dense forest of evergreen trees covers a rocky hillside. The water is calm, reflecting the clear blue sky above. The overall scene suggests a natural, possibly remote fishing location.

A photograph of a wetland area with a blue video camera icon overlaid on the left side. The scene shows a river flowing through a grassy landscape with trees in the background. The text "Use of Marsh" is displayed in red at the top, and "Dykes" with a list of uses is displayed in white in the center.

A photograph of a river scene. In the foreground, a small white boat with yellow trim is docked at a wooden pier. The pier extends from the left bank into the water. The river has a muddy, brownish tint. In the background, there is a dense forest of green trees. A paved road or path runs along the top of the hillside above the river. The overall atmosphere is rural and peaceful.

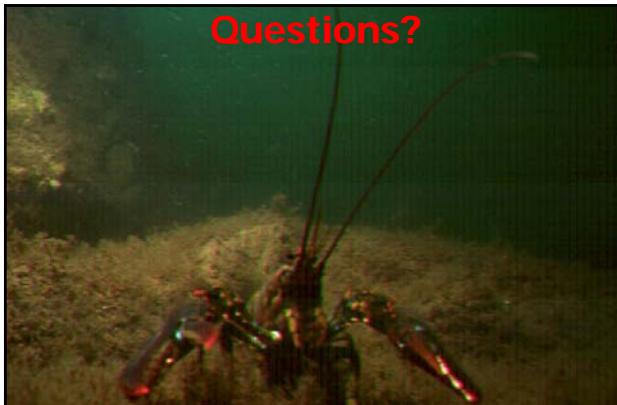
Aboriginal Use of the Area



Aboriginal groups – as far as NS
No permanent settlements
Summer camping
- Fishing
- Basket making
- Sweet grass



Questions?



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