

FACHEAUX BAY

PROPOSED ECOLOGICAL RESERVE



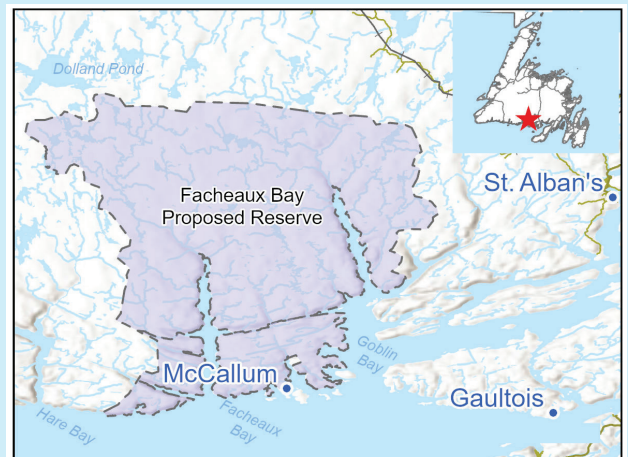
CONSERVING COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS, CARIBOU HABITAT, AND CULTURAL LANDMARKS

The Wilderness and Ecological Reserves Advisory Council (WERAC) and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador (Department of Environment and Climate Change) are seeking public input on two proposed ecological reserves: Facheaux Bay and Conne River North.

SITE HIGHLIGHTS

Facheaux Bay: A dramatic and rugged coastal area, key caribou habitat, and a cultural landmark.

- **Landscape Type:** Maritime Barrens (South Coast Barrens Natural Region).
- **Draft Boundary:** The initial draft boundary was proposed in 2020. Miawpukek First Nation has suggested potential expansions to incorporate additional significant Mi'kmaq historical and cultural sites.



WHAT CAN WE PROTECT TOGETHER?

- Landscapes, rivers, and wetlands.
- Caribou, moose, salmon, and other wildlife.
- Sustainable hunting, angling, berry picking, and firewood cutting, activities deeply rooted in local and Mi'kmaq traditions.
- Local access and recreation (including cabins and snowmobiling), ensuring continued connection to the land.
- Water quality for communities, wildlife, and aquaculture.
- Cultural, historical, and family locations, encompassing Mi'kmaq heritage and local community identity.
- Unique lichens, and plants.

WHAT DO WE WANT TO MANAGE TOGETHER?

- Industrial development: forestry, mining, and windmills.
- Unplanned new buildings and cabins.
- Off-trail ATV use, except for traditional subsistence activities.

HOW WILL THIS PROCESS WORK?

We are committed to working closely with Indigenous governments, municipalities, businesses, and organizations to design protected areas that reflect local priorities.

1. Gather input through conversations, surveys, open houses, and meetings.

2. Refine boundaries and plans based on what we hear.
3. Make recommendations to the provincial government about temporary protection.
4. Organize further engagement to finalize boundaries and develop a management plan.
5. Present final recommendations and a management plan for government approval.

KEY POINTS

- Proposed boundaries and management approach will evolve with public input.
- There are multiple opportunities for public consultations, both in-person and online, at key stages of the process.
- These reserves are designed to protect nature and maintain local traditions.
- Changes to management plans or boundaries require public consultations under provincial law. This ensures that local communities always have a voice in what happens in a protected area.
- Facheaux Bay Proposed Ecological Reserve is a provincial land-based reserve proposal, separate from ongoing federal marine protection initiatives.

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