

NSDEL Bay of Fundy Awards

NSDEL is now calling for nominations for two **2006 NSDEL Bay of Fundy Awards**. These awards were initially introduced by NSDEL in 1998 to show its support for public involvement in environmental management, stewardship, and education initiatives. They recognize outstanding contributions made by the public and private sector for:

- § environmental stewardship, conservation, development and support of environmental management programs;
- § promotion of public awareness of the Bay of Fundy ecosystem; and
- § dedicated service to the Gulf of Maine Council program.

The awards are presented each year in conjunction with the Gulf of Maine Council Visionary award Ceremony held either in January, or February at a location to be announced.

Award Categories

The **Business Partnership Award** recognizes a contribution made under partnership to address issues related to environmental stewardship and sustainable management of Nova Scotia's Gulf of Maine/Bay of Fundy environment. Nominees for this award may as a participant or leader be involved in a collaborative program involving community organizations, government or the private sector, to address issues of responsible and sustainable use of the natural environment of the Bay of Fundy.

Examples of eligible projects include:

- § stewardship/research programs designed to rehabilitate, protect, enhance or preserve coastal resources, habitats, or environmental quality of the Bay of Fundy/NS Bay of Fundy watershed;
- § collaborative programs to investigate land use and pollution sources or to eliminate or reduce pollutants and/or waste originating from numerous sources within the watershed;
- § collaborative project to enhance business community sponsorship of local conservation efforts.

The **Environmental Awareness Award** recognizes dedicated effort to increase public knowledge and understanding of environmental issues concerning the Gulf of Maine/Bay of Fundy ecosystem. Activities nominated for this award may be a public awareness initiative, of a scientific, educational, or policy nature, that benefits the marine/watershed environment or results in a positive change in practice/behaviors to address an environmental concern. Nominees for this award may as a participant or leader be involved in for example:

- § community-based or cross-jurisdictional educational program to improve public understanding and appreciation of the historic, cultural, biological and economic value of the Bay of Fundy/Bay of Fundy watershed ecosystem;
- § programs to exchange information on specific Bay of Fundy/Gulf of Maine

- environmental issues;
- § volunteer monitoring programs designed to collect, synthesize and deliver scientifically credible information to decision makers and managers of environmental protection, restoration and conservation programs within the Bay of Fundy/NS Bay of Fundy watershed; and
- § cooperative outreach and education efforts between coastal and freshwater monitoring groups within a watershed.

If you know of an individual or organization who fits the award criteria and should be recognized for their work, please submit a nomination(s) for these awards on their behalf. The new awards policy indicates that unless nominations are received in any one year, the awards will not be granted during that year.

To make a nomination, please complete the nomination form below and return it to me before the end of the business day on December 4, 2006 by mail, email or fax. For further information, do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to receiving your nomination (s) !! Thank you !
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Nova Scotia Bay of Fundy Environmental Awareness Award - previous winners are:

Atlantic Tele-Vision System (ATV) - accepting Johnathan Kay, Reporter ATV
- in recognition of their recent coverage of right whale entanglement and release within the Bay of Fundy and enhancement of public knowledge (1997).

Pam Burman, Reporter, CBC Radio
- in recognition of her work as an environmental reporter with CBC Radio, for her comprehensive balanced research and fair representation of environmental issues particularly the Gulf-wide coverage of the lobster industry (1998)

- no Bay of Fundy Awards presented in 1999

Dr. Graham Daborn, Director, Acadia Centre for Estuarine Research

- in recognition of many years of cooperative multidisciplinary research on the estuaries of the Bay of Fundy and nearshore coastal waters of Eastern Canada and for community involvement and public environmental education to promote understanding of ecosystem dynamics and sustainable use of freshwater and marine resources (2000).

Blomidon Naturalists Society

- in recognition of: many years of dedication to public education and awareness; to the development and encouragement of an understanding and appreciation of nature; for promotion of environmental conservation and the protection of species and their habitats; and for its contribution to the knowledge of the natural history of Kings County (2001).

Gini Proulx

- in recognition of: her dedication and commitment to monitoring, research, and conservation of rare plant species particularly in the area of Brier island, Long island and Digby Neck, Nova Scotia. This award also recognizes her contribution to the knowledge of biodiversity through continued observation, research, and botanical discoveries; for delivery of public education and awareness programs in plant ecology; and for encouragement of community based habitat stewardship. (2002)

Hazel Dill

- in recognition of: her initiative and vision as educator at Dr. Arthur Hines Elementary School in Summerville, Nova Scotia, in building oceans education and coastal stewardship into her school curriculum as a major component of the school's environmental initiative; For engaging students of all grade levels in the study and stewardship of oceans and coastal systems and instilling a respect for the Bay of Fundy; For involving students in Canada's Blue School Program, the Cheverie Creek project, beach sweeps, plant and animal surveys, and the construction of nesting boxes for marsh birds; and for her instrumental role in educating her community about the importance of salt marsh restoration (2003)

Anita MacLellan

- in recognition of her leadership and dedicated involvement in community development initiatives in Western Colchester County focusing on the Bay of Fundy and associated Economy River. These have included: development and operation of over 30 km of coastal and wilderness hiking and walking trails within the Kenomee trail system; establishment of the Cobequid Interpretation Centre at Economy; facilitation of voluntary conservation of private land at Thomas Cove, Economy Point, and her efforts to save and restore lighthouses and WWII lookout towers along the Minas Basin. She is also recognized for her involvement in the restoration of Mill Brook near Great Village in conjunction with the Salmon Association, coordination of the annual clam festival at Economy, and engagement in local efforts to develop a biosphere reserve proposal (UNESCO designation) for the Bay of Fundy. (2004)

June Swift

- in recognition of her leadership and commitment to community education on the fragility of coastal habitats - sand dunes, bogs, bird and wildflower habitats of Brier Island; for her involvement as a

steward for the Nature Conservancy; for her gift as a naturalist, photographer, author and illustrator of the publication “Brier Island’s Field Guide to Wildflowers”; and for her inspiration to school children through sharing her love and knowledge of nature.

Nova Scotia Bay of Fundy Business Partnership Award - previous winners are:

Bay Ferries Limited

-in recognition of the provisions of space on the ferry from Digby to St. John for the Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps Environmental Awareness and Public Education Summer Program (1997)

Dave Harris, Commercial Recycler for Municipalities in the Western Region and a regional partner with the RRF on recycling education

-in recognition of his leadership and promotion of community-based curbside bluebag and commercial recycling programs, development of innovative approaches to recycling, and involvement in community recycling education as regional partner with the RRF (1998).

-no Bay of Fundy Awards were given in 1999

Janet Larkman, Executive Director, Western Valley Development Authority

-development and implementation of a community based plan to integrate sustainable resource management and environmental stewardship practice into economic development decisions and opportunities (2000).

Horticulture Nova Scotia

-in recognition of: cooperative and collaborative effort to identify and address agricultural water issues relating to water sourcing, quality, quantity, and allocation within the Annapolis Valley; provision of education programs within the horticultural industry to inventory surface and groundwater resources and to promote responsible and sustainable use of water resources; and initiative to encourage establishment of watershed stewardship boards in the province, especially in the Annapolis Valley (2001).

Stephen Rand and Joseph Hickman

-in recognition of: their dedication and commitment to the conservation and restoration of wetlands and the protection of waterways on land holdings through partnership with conservation agencies. Several projects have involved the restoration and creation of ponds for wildlife and fencing out of cattle from wetland areas and waterways including saltmarshes, mud flats and parts of the Canard and Cornwallis River watersheds. Each project has established riparian buffer zones which has created and protected wildlife habitat including major feeding areas for migratory shorebirds (2002).

Minas Basin Pulp and Power

-in recognition of: their shift in business practices in now using 100 % recycled fibre as feedstock for production of 70,000 metric tons per year of paperboard. Their recycling represents a reduction of approximately 10.8 million cubic feet of landfill space requirement each year; and its performance

beyond regulatory industry standards for safety and performance in its certification by Environment Canada in 2003, for renewable low-impact electricity generation. This certification ensures that the company meets all licensing regulations, maintains proper water flows levels and water quality while minimizing impact on local aquatic wildlife and habitat. (2003)

The Town of Annapolis Royal

-in recognition of its collaboration and partnership with community, governmental and private sectors, to prepare an innovative local development plan to enhance the region=s environmental, economic and social well-being. The plan combines the creation, in collaboration with Ducks Unlimited Canada and other partners, of a constructed wetland (the Annapolis Royal Marsh) for the tertiary treatment of municipal sewage, and the completion of a circumferential walking trail (the French Basin Trail and the Perimeter Trail) to link points of cultural, historical and natural interest within the town. This integrated system which connects with the Trans Canada Trail, provides habitat for a variety of waterfowl and other wildlife, and opportunities for conservation, ecotourism, nature education, and outdoor recreation. This award recognizes the ingenuity and dedication of the Town and its partners on this initiative. (2004)

Nova Scotia Eastern Habitat Joint Venture

-in recognition of both the staff in NSDNR responsible for NS-EHJV program delivery and all who have worked in partnership with the NS-EHJV (including, academic institutions, industry, private landowners, government, and both regional and local community organizations), in the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands and coastal habitats. The award recognizes the NS-EHJV partnership for its role in: improving public understanding of the value of wetland habitats and promoting responsible land/water use practices; facilitating development of acquisition/stewardship agreements for coastal and wetland habitat conservation and management; and the promotion of scientific research on habitat management and conservation within the agricultural landscape. This program serves as a model for the integration of wetland conservation into landscape planning particularly in regions where private land ownership is predominant. (2005)

The nomination form follows.

**Nova Scotia Department of the Environment
Bay of Fundy Awards
2006 Awards Nomination Form**

Nomination Instructions:

1. Companies, organizations, and individuals can be nominated for the awards. Self-nominations are not acceptable.
2. Previous winners may re nominated for new initiatives.
3. Federal and provincial government departments/staff are not eligible for nomination.
4. The does not necessarily need to reside in Nova Scotia but those outside the province must be working with Nova Scotia organizations/individuals in a cross-jurisdictional partnership and the project must have an impact in Nova Scotia.
5. The nominee=s work must have occurred in Nova Scotia in the Bay of Fundy or the Bay of Fundy Nova Scotia watershed.
6. Nominations can be made on a nomination form, a substitute submission form, or in the body of an email, as long as all of the information requested is provided.
7. Supporting documents are accepted.
8. Nominations can be made for more than one category.
9. Nominations must be received by NSDEL Policy Division by close of business day on **December 4, 2006** by regular mail, email or fax.to Patricia Hinch.

Nomination category: (Please select the appropriate box with an X)

9 Bay of Fundy Partnership Award

9 Bay of Fundy Education and Environmental Awareness Award

Name of Individual, Company or Group/Organization Being Nominated: (Include contact information (name, title, phone, e-mail, fax, and mailing address))

Reason for Nomination: (Include summary of project, (project purpose, objectives, characteristics, environmental benefits/positive impacts/results achieved, transferability); project dates (when initiated, when completed, or ongoing). Please attach additional information on separate sheets if required.

Name and Contact Information of Person Making Nomination: (Include address, phone number, and if available an email address.)

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