**Invitation to a workshop**

**for advancing the development of an Ocean Health Index score**

**for the Bay of Fundy**

The Bay of Fundy Ecosystem Partnership (BoFEP) has been working for the past several years on developing a regional Ocean Health Index (OHI) score ([www.oceanhealthindex.org](http://www.oceanhealthindex.org)) for the southwestern Bay of Fundy. The OHI score is a tool and methodology that can be used to report on the social and environmental health of the Bay.

The workshop is intended to be of interest to a wide audience and is a follow-up to a workshop held in April 2013 in St. Andrews at which workshop attendees recommended to BoFEP that applying the OHI methodology to the Bay of Fundy be tested. More details can be found at: <http://www.bofep.org/wpbofep/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/2015_summer.htm>.

*Purposes of Workshop:*

1. Update attendees on the status of BoFEP’s OHI project, including presenting scores for five OHI goals (Food Provision, Livelihoods and Economies, Sense of Place, Clean Waters, and Biodiversity) for the SW Bay of Fundy Marine Resources Planning Area.
2. Get input and feedback from attendees about future management decisions that could be made to change the scores for the five selected OHI goals. The OHI program can be used to predict the outcomes of these decisions. For example, would creating a new marine protected area increase the MRPA’s “Sense of Place” OHI score, and if so, by how much.

*Workshop details*

Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Time: 9:00 to 4:00

Location: St. Andrews’ Biological Station

Travel: Funding available with notice

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