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Dear Premier Stephen McNeil:

Owls Head is an ecologically significant area along the Eastern Shore that is deserving of legal protection. It contains a number of rare ecosystem types, as well as important habitat for migratory birds and species-at-risk. It is a key headland within the “100 wild islands” ecosystem.

Very little of Nova Scotia’s coastline is publicly-owned and protected. It is important that places like Owls Head remain in public ownership, for the benefit and enjoyment of all Nova Scotians.

We are opposed to the delisting of Owls Head Provincial Park Reserve from the Nova Scotia Parks and Protected Areas Plan and we are concerned about the secretive manner in which this delisting occurred.

We, the undersigned, respectfully call on the Nova Scotia government to:

- 1) Stop the sale of publicly-owned lands at Owls Head
- 2) Protect Owls Head as a legally-designated protected area
- 3) Fully implement the Nova Scotia Parks and Protected Areas Plan

Sincerely,

Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society – Nova Scotia Chapter

Eastern Shore Forest Watch Association

World Wildlife Fund - Canada

Ecology of Plants in Communities Lab, St. Mary’s University

Nature Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia Bird Society

Nova Scotia Wild Flora Society

Oceans North

Halifax Field Naturalists

Hike Nova Scotia

Ecology Action Centre Wilderness Team

Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters

Halifax Wildlife Association

Extinction Rebellion Nova Scotia

Canadian Association of Retired Persons Nova Scotia Chapter

Sackville Rivers Association

St Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association

Wentworth & Folly Friends

Margaree Environmental Association

Sustainable Northern Nova Scotia

Cumberland Wilderness

Friends of Blue Mountain – Birch Cove Lakes Society

Canoe Kayak Nova Scotia