

## **“Save Little Harbour/Owls Head Nova Scotia from Becoming a Golf Course,”**

a Facebook public discussion group with 900+ members

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## **Owl's Head Provincial Park – First Community Information Meeting**

**(SHIP HARBOUR, NOVA SCOTIA 15 January 2020)** The first community meeting to inform Eastern Shore residents about recent government actions which impact Owl's Head Provincial Park is scheduled for Sunday 26 January at 2 pm in the Ship Harbour Community Hall. In late December CBC reported that the NS government had **secretly** de-listed Owl's Head Park from the province's Parks and Protected Areas Plan where it has been awaiting final Park designation. There was no public consultation. Our understanding is that sale of the Park to an American developer for golf course(s) is pending.

**Owl's Head Provincial Park includes at least one island and a significant amount of salt water shoreline**, as well as a variety of coastal barrens and wetlands. Over 90% of Nova Scotia's shoreline is already in private hands. Owl's Head Provincial Park is one of nine sites in Nova Scotia with a **"globally rare" ecosystem**, broom crowberry coastal barrens. The park is home to several other endangered species.

This meeting will feature informed presentations about the immediate and potential value of this area, including the value of maintaining public ownership of the coastline. We will also examine the negative impacts that de-listing of protected areas would have for parks and protected areas across the province.

### **Owl's Head Provincial Park Community Information Meeting**

**Sunday 26 January 2020 at 2 pm**

(Storm date – Saturday 1 February 2020)

Ship Harbour Community Hall

214 West Ship Harbour Road (off Highway #7 East)

Hosted by Eastern Shore Forest Watch Association in collaboration with the 900+ member Facebook discussion group “Save Little Harbour/Owls Head Nova Scotia from Becoming a Golf Course.”

**The Eastern Shore Forest Watch Association** is a registered non-profit organization founded in 1998, dedicated to the long term care of our forests. The organization's objectives are action, education, and alternatives that promote the health of our Acadian Forest ecosystem and the communities which depend on it.

For more information about the meeting contact:

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