

INFORMATION NOTICE 15-2
Limited & Excluded Lands



Schedule 1 (Land Description) of onshore petroleum Agreements issued by the Department of Energy details the total hectares calculated. Total hectares are the approximate amount of all lands that incur rentals and do not include Coastal Areas or Excluded Areas. Lands designated as Limited Access are included within the total amount of rentals owing.

Land Designation and Access

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Limited Access Area Name	Description	Contact Info
Aquacultural Areas		Agricultural and Fisheries
Canadian Heritage Rivers	Recognized to ensure that long-term management will conserve their outstanding heritage resources and promote their sustainable recreational potential.	DNR, Land Services Branch, Surveys Division
Conservation Easements		
DNR Closure		
Eastern Habitat Joint Venture Lands	Lands administered by Wetlands for the Americas, a group committed to wetland conservation throughout North and South America. These sites provide key nesting, staging, and wintering habitat for migratory shorebirds.	DNR, Renewable Resources Branch, Wildlife Division
Geothermal Resource Area		
National Migratory Bird Sanctuaries	An area designated by the federal government for the protection of migratory waterfowl.	DNR, Canadian Wildlife Services
Nature Conservancy of Canada Lands	Nature Conservancy of Canada works with local and community organizations (including municipal government) work to identify and protect important natural areas. Securing and providing adequate conservation in areas of significance for migratory birds, rare plants, interesting geology and diverse marine life is the primarily goal of all concerned.	Nature Conservancy of Canada
Non-Designated Rail Corridors	Abandoned rail corridors acquired by the Province. These corridors were acquired in consideration of their potential for future development and management as public recreational trails, and for additional linear public uses where such uses can be demonstrated to be compatible with existing or potential recreational trail use.	DNR, Renewable Resources Branch, Parks and Recreation Division
Operational Non-Designated Provincial Parks and Reserves	Provincial Crown Lands identified for future Park designation.	DNR, Renewable Resources Branch, Parks and Recreation Division

Peggy's Cove Preservation Area	The purpose of the Area is to preserve the unique scenic beauty, character and atmosphere of Peggy's Cove for the enjoyment of both residents and visitors.	DNR, Land Services Branch, Surveys Division
Pipeline Corridor	A buffer maintained on the natural gas pipeline.	DNR, Land Services Branch, Surveys Division
Provincial Game Sanctuaries	(c504 RSNS 1989) - An area designated to preserve and protect a wildlife population habitat.	DNR, Renewable Resources Branch, Wildlife Division
Provincial Wildlife Management Areas	(c504 RSNS 1989 - The Wildlife Act) - An area designated to control, preserve, maintain or enhance wildlife population habitat.	DNR, Renewable Resources Branch, Wildlife Division
Ramsar Wetlands Sites	Sites are listed under the convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat, also known as the Ramsar Convention. The only obligation that the convention places on the managers of wetlands is not to allow activities that would alter or destroy the ecological character of the wetland.	DNR, Renewable Resources Branch, Wildlife Division
Sites of Ecological Significance	Areas where a moratorium on development has been imposed; most were previously identified under the International Biological Program (IBP).	NSEL, Protected Areas or DNR, Renewable Resources Branch, Parks and Recreation Division
Trail Act Lands	These lands recognize trails on Crown and privately owned lands and over watercourses for recreational use and enjoyment and to reduce the liability of the owner or the occupier of privately owned lands where consent is given to designate a trail.	DNR, Renewable Resources Branch, Parks and Recreation Division
Water Supply Areas (Designated and Non-Designated)		DNR, Mineral Resources Branch
Designated Water Supply Areas	Protected water areas designated under the Environment Act (1994-95, c. 1, s. 1.).	NSEL, Water & Waste
Natural Watershed Municipal Surface Water Supply Areas	Natural surface watershed areas upstream of municipal surface drinking water supply intake points.	NSEL, Water & Waste

Municipal Water Supply Areas	Water supply areas protected by municipal by-laws or development restrictions.	DNR, Renewable Resources Branch, Parks and Recreation Division
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Excluded Area Name	Description	Contact Info
Indian Reserve Lands	Subject to the federal Indian Act, reserves are held by Her Majesty for the use and benefit of the respective bands for which they were set apart. Note: The federal government provides updated Reserve boundary data at GeoGratis	
Department of National Defense Lands		
Designated Provincial Parks and Park Reserves	(c367 RSNS 1989 - The Provincial Park Act) - Crown land set aside for outdoor recreational opportunities or to preserve rare or significant elements of the natural environment and historic resources of the province.	DNR, Renewable Resources Branch, Parks and Recreation Division
Flight 111 Act	Areas protected to commemorate the crash of Flight 111 and the work of the employees of the federal, Provincial and municipal governments and volunteers in its aftermath.	DNR, Land Services Branch, Surveys Division
National Historic Sites	Provide recognition of significant places, persons, and events in order to preserve our cultural heritage. All such designations are made by the Minister of Canadian Heritage on the advice of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.	Parks Canada
National Parks and Adjuncts	National Parks are a country-wide system of representative natural areas of Canadian significance. By law, they are protected for public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment, while being maintained in an unimpaired state for future generations.	Parks Canada
National Wildlife Areas	Managed by the Canadian Wildlife Service on behalf of the federal government to enhance their value as wildlife habitat, primarily as nesting staging or wintering areas for waterfowl or shorebirds.	DNR, Canadian Wildlife Services
Offshore Areas		
Parkways	Under the Public Highways Act, the Governor in Council may by regulation declare any area adjoining any highway outside the limits of a city or town to be a parkway area.	DPTW

Protected Beaches	Provide for the protection of beaches and associated dune systems as significant and sensitive environmental and recreational resources, and the regulation and enforcement of the full range of land-use activities on beaches, including aggregate removal, so as to leave them unimpaired for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations.	DNR, Renewable Resources Branch, Parks and Recreation Division
Special Places Act (Designated) - includes Nature Reserves and Arch & Paleo Sites	Provide for the preservation, protection, regulation, exploration, excavation, acquisition and study of archaeological and historical remains, paleontological sites, and ecological sites which are considered important parts of the natural or human heritage of the Province.	NSEL, Protected Areas
Westray Zone of Exclusion		
Wilderness Areas	(c27 SNS 1998, Wilderness Area Protection Act) - An area of land, set aside for protection, which may be outstanding, unique, rare, valuable or a representative example of a natural landscape or ecosystem.	NSEL, Protected Areas

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