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Craig Smith  
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Nova Scotia Environment & Climate Change  
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Re: Provincial Lands at Cockscomb Lake

Dear Mr. Smith

I am writing on behalf of East Hants Municipal Council to convey our concerns with the Province's consideration to designating and adding a 31-acre parcel on the northwestern end of Cockscomb Lake to the Devil's Jaw Wilderness Area.

While we appreciate the importance of preserving natural spaces, we believe that this designation will hinder the development of essential infrastructure, such as a road, accessible washrooms and change rooms should access be established in the future. This limitation conflicts with the Province's commitment to providing barrier-free and accessible amenities for all residents and visitors.

Also, while Council supports the establishment of parks and protected areas, we believe permitting these amenities would significantly enhance the user experience at this site. This infrastructure was part of the original vision when discussing the potential use of the lands as a managed public beach access point and we believe it remains a crucial element for the future potential use of this area.

Thank you for considering our perspective on this matter. We hope to engage in further discussions to explore solutions that balance environmental protection with community accessibility.

Regards,



Eleanor Roulston  
Warden, Municipality of East Hants

cc:

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