

CPAWS-NL'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



This month, CPAWS-NL hosted its Annual General Meeting. This event was held at The Lantern on April 8th. At this meeting a new board of directors were named. This event also featured special guest speaker Mr, Jerry Ennis from the Royal Astronomy Society of Canada, who spoke about the effects of light pollution on our natural environment. We would like to thank everybody who attended and Mr. Ennis for presenting.

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TO KATHY

Our CPAWS-NL family has gotten a little smaller this month as we said farewell to our Conservation Coordinator, Kathy Unger. We would like to thank Kathy for all of her hard work and dedication to our organization. Kathy has been a prominent member of our team who has done lots of work on conservation within our parks and on special projects like exploring possibilities for conservation licence plates for Newfoundland and Labrador. While we will miss Kathy very much, we would like to wish her all the best on her new adventures in the North West Territories.



FROM THE AGE OF THE DINOSAURS: THE LEATHERBACK SEA TURTLE



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This month, CPAWS-NL's featured animal is the leatherback sea turtle. The Leatherback Sea Turtle has been around since the age of the dinosaurs and evolved approximately 100 million years ago. This turtle migrates through Newfoundland and Labrador's waters usually in the summer months and was originally named for its leathery appearing shell. Although leatherback sea turtles have been around for millions of years, they are currently endangered, largely due to human activity. Entanglement in fishing gear is the biggest threat to these animals while in Atlantic Canada. Other threats include light pollution, vessel collisions, climate change and poaching activity.

Text source: Fisheries and Oceans Canada

INTERN PROFILE: EMMA CORBETT



Emma was our Marine intern from January to April 2019 and is in the final semester of completing a Master of Marine Studies (Marine Spatial Planning and Management) at the Marine Institute. She joined CPAWS-NL's team for the completion of her degree and has worked with CPAWS-NL in the past on the Puffin Patrol. This winter Emma has done a lot of work on our Coastal Restoration Fund Report, "Understanding Coastal Erosion in Newfoundland and Labrador". She has also been creating a variety of maps using ArcGIS software, writing some of our newsletter content, blogging, attending information sessions and assisting with presentations. We would like to thank Emma for her work and dedication this winter and to wish her well in her future ventures.

DO YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS, COMMENTS OR CONTRIBUTIONS?

We are always looking for inspiring stories, photos and ideas to help us engage Canadians in nature conservation. Do you have any great stories about your experiences in nature? Pitch your ideas and content to us at nlcoordinator@cpaws.org!



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