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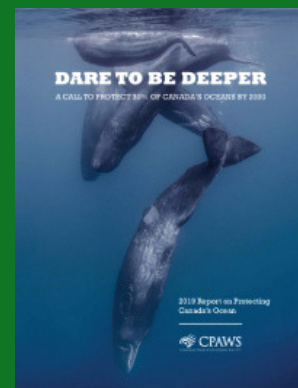JUNE 2019 | YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

WORLD OCEANS DAY 2019

On June 1st 2019 CPAWS-NL, along with numerous other organizations and members of the public, celebrated World Oceans Day at Memorial University's Marine Institute. World Oceans Day is a day of global oceans celebration. It is also a day for education and collaboration among ocean users for a better future.
This was a milestone year for CPAWS-NL as it marked our 10th year hosting the event as a member of the World Oceans Day Committee. CPAWS-NL also held a booth at this event that received several hundred visitors throughout the day.
In total, over 1800 people attended the World Oceans Day event to learn more about our oceans and how we can protect them. Thank you to all of the hard working volunteers and committee members who dedicated their time to make this event possible.

RELEASE OF THE 2019 NATIONAL OCEANS REPORT

On June 3rd 2019, CPAWS released its annual oceans report titled Dare to Be Deeper. This report highlighted that in the past 3 years Canada has made more progress towards ocean protection than ever before in the country's history.
In 2016 just over 1% of Canada's oceans were protected. Currently we have reached ~8.27%. This puts our federal government on target to achieving its goal of 10% by 2020.
Despite this achievement, recent work shows that ocean species rates of survival have dramatically worsened in recent decades. This decrease calls for larger protection targets. **CPAWS recommends that we reach 30% ocean protection by 2030** and the new report outlines in detail how Canada can reach this goal. This 30% goal is the minimum percentage that scientists recommend that we protect to give marine species the best possible hope of survival.
You can find out more about the report at: bit.ly/2JSJ3Hd

MEETING WITH MINISTER MCKENNA

CPAWS NL's Executive Director, Tanya Edwards and Conservation Director, Suzanne Dooley had the opportunity to meet and chat with Minister McKenna last week to talk about some environmental projects and initiatives we are working on in NL

GREAT NEWS FOR SALMON STOCKS IN TROUT RIVER & GMNP

Great News for Salmon Stocks in Trout River, GMNP- On May 24, 2019, the Minister of ECCC was present in Gros Morne National Park to announce that the federal government would be investing $626,000 toward a project to help rebuild the salmon population in Trout River. At the last official count two years ago, only 13 adult salmon were spotted. As part of a multi year project, park staff will work with researchers from Memorial University & Bonne Bay Marine Centre to raise salmon in captivity and release them into Trout River over the next few seasons, a methodology that has worked for other salmon rivers. The local community council and school will be aiding Parks Canada in this initiative. Congratulations!

WELCOME SUMMER STAFF

CPAWS-NL would like to introduce our summer staff, Roshayne Mendis and Emma Corbett.
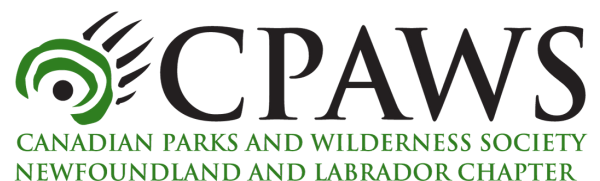
Roshayne is our summer Community Engagement Campaigner in the Gros Morne region. She is a Master's student at the Environmental Policy Institute at Grenfell Campus. This summer, Roshayne will be hanging around Gros Morne Natioanl Park, chatting with local residents about the environment surrounding the park. If you see her, make sure to pop over for a chat or drop her an email at cpawsnlparks@gmail.com.
Emma is returning to CPAWS-NL as Conservation Assistant after completing a winter internship placement with CPAWS-NL. She recently completed her Masters in Marine Studies specializing in Marine Spatial Planning and Management.

We are happy to have Roshaynne and Emma working with us this summer.

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!