



CANADIAN PARKS AND WILDERNESS SOCIETY
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR CHAPTER

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A HOME FOR NATURE

On May 28, 2020, the Wilderness and Ecological Reserves Advisory Council (WERAC) was finally granted the opportunity to publicly release the long-awaited proposed Protected Areas Plan for the Island of Newfoundland, entitled [A Home for Nature](#). This plan is a blueprint for developing a system of protected areas for the Island, and the proposed boundaries are not final.

The government took over two decades to release the plan - and now, with only one day left we need your help to protect the island's natural bounty and prohibit the opportunity for large industrial operations to degrade our lands and coastal waters. Tell the government you support protected areas in NL.

Rest assured, you will get additional time to voice your views regarding each individual site once the plan is passed. Each site will go through an in-depth consultation period with the public. But for now we need to ensure we have a Protected Areas Plan for the province

Please show your support and provide feedback through [EngageNL.ca](https://engage.nl.ca) or through our [CPAWS-NL website](https://cpaws-nl.ca) today!

PUFFIN AND PETREL PATROL 2020



We would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers for another successful puffin fledging season! This year we had the help of over 1000 registered patrollers to catch **386 pufflings**, which we banded and then released with the help of O'Brien's Whale and Bird Tours and Gatherall's Puffin Whale Watch.



FEATURE SPECIES: HUMPBACK WHALES



Newfoundland and Labrador is home to the world's largest humpback whale population who arrive in our ocean between May and September to feed.

This summer has been an incredible season for these gentle giants, as they coincide when capelin roll. Like Newfoundland and Labradorians, they also literally jump with joy when they have a feed of yummy capelin!

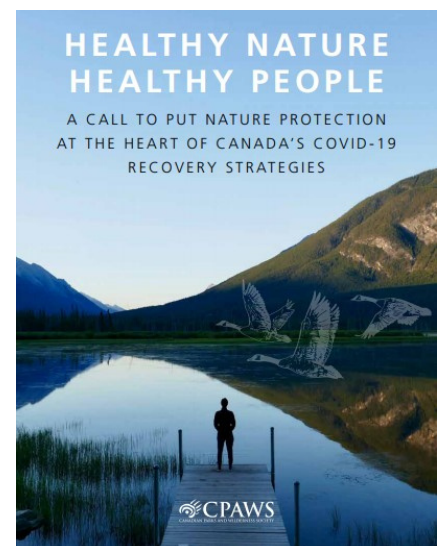
Have you been lucky enough to see a humpback whale show? They often put off quite a spectacle of fin and tail splashes, fin waving, and breaching! There are many hypotheses to these behaviours, but nobody knows exactly why - perhaps for fun, communication, scratching, or fishing techniques.

CPAWS 2020 PARKS AND TERRESTRIAL REPORT

"Canada is a country deeply connected to nature. It underpins our sense of place, our well-being, and our economy. Yet there is ample evidence that nature in our country, like in the rest of the world, is in crisis. Much more of our country's land and freshwater needs protecting to sustain the healthy ecosystems that all Canadians rely on and to tackle the climate change crisis.

This report highlights what we have learned about the relationship between the pandemic and terrestrial conservation and presents a case for why governments in Canada should put nature conservation at the heart of our country's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic."

[Read Report Here](#)



WELCOME TO THE TEAM MIKAILA & ROBYN!

Mikaila Bickford has joined the CPAWS NL team as the new Marine Conservation Coordinator. Mikaila's infatuation with the ocean started young, and despite growing up in Toronto she devoured as much information about the marine world as possible. Mikaila now combines her backgrounds in anthropology, marine management, and GIS to contribute innovative solutions for ocean conservation and sustainable management practices.

Contact Mikaila at mbickford@cpaws.org



Robyn Knight has joined us as the new Conservation Assistant. Having grown up in Newfoundland all her life, Robyn has a strong appreciation and passion for the ocean and nature in general. Robyn has completed her MSc and BSc in Biology at Memorial University where she developed a keen interest in environmental conservation and marine science. Her MSc thesis was focused on the effects of aquaculture activity on the marine environment in Newfoundland. In her spare time, Robyn enjoys dabbling in photography, going on hikes, and exploring her new love of gardening and growing vegetables.

Contact Robyn at rknight@cpaws.org



Oceans Manager **Mary Alliston Butt** and Marine Assistant **Catherine Ducey** have moved on to new opportunities. Both Mary Alliston and Catherine have been an integral part of the CPAWS NL team, and we wish them all the best in their next endeavors!



Please consider donating to protect Newfoundland and Labrador's wildspaces



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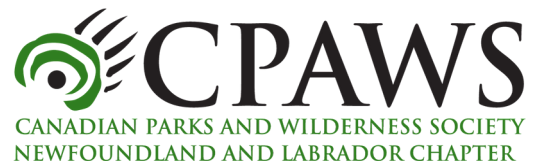
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