CANADIAN PARKS AND WILDERNESS SOCIETY NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR CHAPTER

YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING NEWS: MARINE WORKSHOPS

Over the next few months, CPAWS NL will be conducting a series of workshops to collaborate with stakeholders and collect ocean data. These workshops will aid in the creation of an online, interactive map to accompany the Special Marine Areas Guide published in 2018.

Our goal is to create a tool for marine management and conservation that can be used by policy-makers, scientists, and the public. Topics include Salmon, Fisheries, Biology & Ecology, Indigenous, Industry, Tourism, Seabirds, Aquatic Invasive Species, Marine Mammals & Species at Risk, Ocean Pollution & Plastics, and Marine Spatial Planning.

Want to get involved?

If you or anyone you know would like to participate in a workshop contact our Marine Conservation Coordinator: Mikaila Bickford at

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What a successful petrel season!

We would like to thank everyone who reached out to us with their petrel strandings and sightings. This year, we were able to rescue over three hundred juvenile Leach's Storm-Petrels that became stranded on land. We appreciate all the help we received from the public, local businesses, and town councils. Petrel populations are in decline so make sure to keep an eye out for these seabirds and dim your lights during the next fledgling season (Sept-Nov)!

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: SHIP TO SHORE

Ship to Shore is an awardwinning program that has been part of an on-going effort to manage and reduce marine debris in the Atlantic provinces.

The main focus of this program is to work with fish harvesters, ocean users, and harbour management to reduce marine debris and encourage everyone to bring their waste back to shore, creating a clean space for us and for species that call it home.

We have successfully implemented this program over the last few years in Petty Harbour, Straight Shore,



Mayor of Hermitage Steve Crewe, Volunteer divers from Ocean Quest Adventures: Rick and Johnny, and CPAWS NL's Robyn Knight

and Burin Peninsula. This Fall we brought it to the Connaigre Peninsula. Robyn, our Conservation Assistant, visited communities in the area to meet with local harbour management, fish harvesters, and the public to talk about marine debris and species at risk!

Marine debris recovered from the ocean floor around Hermitage Harbour



Through our partnership with Ocean Quest Adventures and the help of local volunteers, we had a great time cleaning up marine debris from a harbour in the area!

CPAWS-NL would like to thank everyone who helped out during our cleanup and to the local harbour authorities and fishermen that participated in our program.

NOVEMBER'S NATURE FEATURE

Labrador Tea

Rhododendron groenlandicum

As the weather turns bitterly cold, you can seek out warmth and comfort in a cup of Labrador tea. This plant can be found throughout Newfoundland and Labrador in barrens, woods, and wetlands. It is a useful ecological indicator because of it's ability to grow in acidic soil with high moisture and poor nutrients. The leaves can be steeped to make a pleasantly herbacious, non-caffeinated tea. You can even find it listed as a botanical in some gins! It's believed to help with coughs and sore throats, but you can always just appreciate it in nature along most trails- just look for the bunches of small white blossoms!

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Ellie Rideout has joined us as our new Digital Communications Coordinator

Ellie grew up in St. John's and spent summers taking the ferry with her family and driving around the Atlantic provinces. This exposure to the incredible wilderness on the east coast of Canada developed her strong connection and appreciation of nature. Ellie studied Business Administration at St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia. Since graduating she has dedicated her time to the hospitality industry.

Through her experiences working with local producers she gained a better understanding for the necessity of sustainability and conservation of healthy environments; and how awareness and incremental change throughout all industries can make a substantial impact. She is working to highlight the efforts of CPAWS and those committed to protecting our natural areas. She enjoys swimming outside (whenever there's less risk of freezing), hiking with friends, and going out for a meal made using local ingredients.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM: ELLIE !

Contact Ellie at erideout@cpaws.org

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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

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See you next month!