



NSIS 150th Anniversary Free Public Talks

From Picnic Parks to Systematic Protection of Biodiversity:

A Review of the Development of Protected Areas in Nova Scotia

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Biodiversity is life's essence. Protected areas are the core elements of any biodiversity conservation strategy because habitat diversity must be maintained. As with all jurisdictions in Canada, Nova Scotia's protected areas began to be created in a somewhat arbitrary manner, selected mostly for recreation and economic benefits. In more recent times, conservation science has come to the fore, most notably in the wilderness areas program which began in 1992 and has progressed in fits and starts since then. Even more recently, a gap-filling approach has been taken. Nova Scotia's protected areas system planning process is based on fundamental concepts such as: enduring features, representivity, habitat, species at risk, and diverse approaches based on socio-economic considerations. These diverse approaches have included: parks, wilderness areas, nature reserves, buffer zones, partnerships, and compromises. The history of the development of Nova Scotia's protected areas will be reviewed, and possible future paths towards comprehensive protection of the province's biodiversity will be discussed.



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All are welcome!

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