

Good news for Barrington Wetlands

The Municipality of the District of Barrington has voted against an amendment to their municipal zoning by-laws that would have allowed construction of single-family homes in coastal wetlands. The current zoning by-law prohibits development in this zone, and municipal council faced widespread opposition from members of the public when the amendment was proposed by a local property holder. The Ecology Action Centre and other members of the Coastal Coalition of Nova Scotia were instrumental in communicating opposition from the public to local council. On May 24, 2005 Municipal council voted against the proposed amendment 4-1. While the vote is good news for the wetlands of the area, this will still be an issue to watch in the future. Alternate proposals for developing these coastal areas are likely to be proposed.