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“True Grit”: Ecology Action Centre Hosts Nova Scotia’s First Province-wide Beach Management Workshop

Beach Lovers to Gather in Mahone Bay on Rainy November Day

MAHONE BAY, NOVEMBER 27th, 2008 – The Ecology Action Centre (EAC) is organizing a workshop entitled “**True Grit: A New Vision for Healthy Beaches in Nova Scotia.**” Working with the Department of Natural Resources, Bird Studies Canada, and Natural Resources Canada, the EAC has issued a “call to action”, inviting key beach users, community members, agencies and departments with keen interests and/or beach management responsibilities across the province.

Nova Scotians are very concerned about the many threats to beach health – including erosion, coastal development, habitat loss, climate change and public access. During this dreary season of drizzle and snow – there is no better time to gather and discuss a new and improved vision for beach management!

Though it will be no ‘day at the beach’, neither will this be a typical workshop. Throughout the day, participants will exchange information, partake in collaborative problem-solving exercises focused on the beach and, using ‘true grit,’ identify priorities for better beach management in Nova Scotia.

The workshop is being convened on November 27th, at the Oak Island Resort by Mahone Bay. After the workshop, Ecology Action Centre will assemble a final report that builds on the discussion paper and highlights recommendations from the participants regarding future research, management actions and policy needs. The results will be distributed widely.

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