



Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn Mi'kmaq Rights Initiative

12% Protection of Crown Lands

The Province of Nova Scotia, is leading an initiative to designate 12% of Nova Scotia's Crown land mass as Protected Lands by 2015. Currently, 8.6% (474,399 hectares) of Nova Scotia lands are designated as Protected Lands – Wildlife Areas, Nature Reserves and Provincial Parks. The Province is now seeking to identify another 188,961 hectares to meet its 12% protected lands goal.

Crown lands that may be designated as protected could affect Mi'kmaq hunting and fishing activities, as well as forest extraction and/or plant gathering. KMKNO is involved with the designation process to ensure Mi'kmaq aboriginal and treaty rights are protected, but we cannot do this without the communities help. We need community members to tell us where on Crown Lands they are hunting, fishing or undertaking traditional activities. With this information, we at KMKNO have the ability to ensure that Mi'kmaq rights are respected and accommodated within the protected lands designation process.

We will be holding a Protected Lands Community Information Forum in Wagmatcook on **Friday, September 30th, 2011**. The Information Forum will be held at the **Wagmatcook Cultural Center from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** We will have maps on site and will also have staff available from KMKNO to answer your questions. Hope to See you there.

Any questions, please contact KMKNO, Rosalie Francis – Lands Officer or Eric Zscheile, Associate Negotiator at 843-3880.