

## A Coastal Act for Nova Scotia: to advise or regulate?

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## Panelists

- **Robert Capozzi**, New Brunswick Environment
- **Grover Fugate**, Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council
- **Shelley Porter**, Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative, Bras d'Or Lakes

Key Questions:

- *The nature of their coastal plan or initiative*
- *how their approach came about and was implemented*
- *what role communities have played in the process*

## What would a Nova Scotia Coastal Act include?



## The Act would define coastal principles:

- The health of our coastal ecosystems is of fundamental importance to our environment, our economy and our way of life
- We must be able to make transparent, consistent, and timely coastal decisions that reflect Nova Scotian's coastal consensus
- We must have the tools to both avoid conflict and solve differences effectively when they arise
- Communities and individuals must play a substantive role in designing our coastal future

## A Nova Scotia Coastal Act would:

- Clearly define who's responsible
- Enable effective coastal management for planning and land use
- Establish coastal advisory boards
- Set targets and create mechanisms to protect coastal lands and public access
- Ensure ongoing research, monitoring and education
- Be comprehensive, coordinate existing legislation and include new coastal industries (aquaculture and marine renewable energy)

## We need to get our Act together!

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