

## **Breaking News on Clear Cutting on Former Bowater Lands in Ingramport**

A series of events, including:

- \* a meeting on February 11, 2015 between representatives of the St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association (SMBSA) and DNR staff,
- \* the petition started by the SMBSA and
- \* appeals for changes made to NS Minister of Natural Resources Zach Churchill by concerned residents, local community groups,
- \* as well as discussions with Minister Churchill by MLA's Iain Rankin and Denise Peterson-Rafuse

has resulted in decisions by DNR to make changes to the harvest plan at Ingramport.

Below is an excerpt from the Minister's letter of February 26, 2015 sent to Cathy Crouse Chair of SMBSA, which outlines the Minister's decisions about changes to DNR's harvest plan for the parcels of crown lands in the Ingramport area. The map ( on the reverse side) illustrates the parcels referred to. The full letter is posted on FBWHT's website: [www.fivebridgestrust.ca](http://www.fivebridgestrust.ca)

*"We reviewed all the proposed harvest areas in the Ingramport area between Highways 103 and 3, which were posted online last fall. As a result of that review, we have made the following decisions:*

- *Harvests on four of the proposed areas will not proceed at this time:*
- *Area 222 and 223 (posted as a clearcut on October 28, 2014);*
- *Area 221 (posted as a partial harvest on October 28, 2014 and reposted as a clearcut on January 12, 2015 following the pre-treatment assessment); and*
- *Area 537 (posted as a partial harvest on November 18, 2014 and reposted as a clearcut on January 12, 2015 following the pre-treatment assessment).*
- *The southern boundary of Area 219 will be moved further away from Highway 3 to reduce the visual impact from the highway and the walking trail.*
- *Two areas will be harvested as proposed:*
- *Area 220 (posted as a clearcut on October 28, 2014); and*
- *Area 219 (posted as a partial harvest on October 28, 2014 and reposted as a clearcut on January 12, 2015 following the pre-treatment assessment).*

*Our collective interaction has had positive outcomes. Based on community and other stakeholder input, our government changed the designation for this zone from Resource Management as identified by the previous government, to one of Multiple Values."*

**MAP ON REVERSE**

# Ingramport Harvest

- Legend**
- Harvest Allocations (2015)
  - Delayed Allocations
  - Removal



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Boutilliers Point

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