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#### Our Mission:

"We believe that all of us together have a shared responsibility to conserve and enhance our wilderness heritage, that our forests, rivers, and streams form the life blood of our cultural and economic identity, and that this priceless gift must be preserved, protected and passed on as our legacy to generations yet unborn."

# Indian Bay Ecosystem News

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## Current Projects



Restoration of salmon and brook trout stocks, including Moccasin Pond habitat restoration

- Water Quality Testing in the Indian Bay Watershed and other Bonavista North locations.
- Protection of the watershed by monitoring and providing input into land use activities
- Bird nest box building with local youth and placement throughout the watershed
- Educational field trips and activities with schools
- Community outreach and awareness building

## Our New Staff:

### Project Coordinator

#### **Elizabeth White**

Elizabeth is from Lumsden. She graduated with a diploma in Environmental Technology from the College of the North Atlantic Corner Brook Campus. She then went to Cape Breton University where she acquired a Bachelor of Technology. She enjoys gardening and cooking.

### Summer Staff

#### **Hannah Button**

Hannah is from Wareham and graduated from Jane Collins Academy this year. She has been accepted to do Occupational Health and Safety at Keyin College in September. She enjoys spending time with her dogs Benji and Marleigh and outdoor activities.

#### **Bradley Rogers**

Bradley is from Trinity and graduated from Jane Collins Academy this year. He has been accepted into the Faculty of Engineering faculty at MUN and will start in September. He enjoys all sports, computers and reading James Patterson novels.

#### **Hayley Gillingham**

Hayley is from Gander Bay. She is currently in her second year of a three year program in Marine Environmental Technology at the Marine Institute of MUN. She enjoys traveling and spending time with her dog, Scamp and her rabbit, Floyd.

# Indian Bay Ecosystem Corporation and Youth

*"I'm a strong believer in educating youth to be good stewards of the environment. Our duck nesting boxes, sparrow nesting boxes, and our two annual rounds of fieldtrips working with Ducks Unlimited and Project Webfoot are all examples of youth engagement. They get so excited about helping the wildlife and are full of curiosity about how birds and fish live in their habitats. Beginning at this young age is where we sensitize youth to just how vulnerable the wetlands really are, and even the smallest amount of pollution can destroy these important links in the food chain! The youth represent the future caretakers of the Indian Bay Watershed as well as other parts of our ecosystem in Bonavista North. Part of our new vision for IBEC is to continue with our education programs and do all we can to reach out to the youth. Over the past two years, we have involved elementary school children in schools all along the coast from Riverwood Academy school in Gander Bay to the Eastport Peninsula. This year we had three busloads of students visit from Gander Academy!"*

-Don Sturge (Chairperson of the Indian Bay Ecosystem Corporation)

## Upcoming events:

We will be handing out prizes, giving out information, and answering any questions you may have about IBEC at the following events:

Wesleyville Crab Festival - July 28<sup>th</sup>

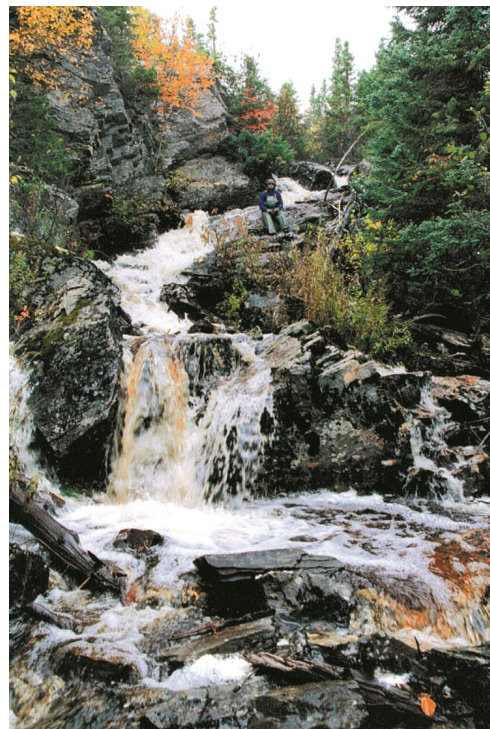
Indian Bay Days - August 1<sup>st</sup>

Greenspond Capelin Festival - Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Lumsden Days - Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Gander Days - August 4<sup>th</sup>

CWT Summer Festival - August 9<sup>th</sup>



## What YOU can do !

- Volunteer – IBEC has a lot of upcoming projects and events. If you'd like to get involved contact us.
- Collect garbage that may be left around.
- If you go in the watershed, bring a garbage bag.
- Leave nothing but footprints.
- When you leave the watershed, take everything with you.
- Only catch your quota:
  - Salmon equal to number of tags you have for a particular area with a license
  - 6 trout or 2lbs (whichever is reached first) + 1 trout, daily bag limit (Indian Bay Watershed)
- Report poachers – Call 1-877-820-0999 or 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)
- Promote and support conservation groups, such as IBEC.

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