

TRAIL AND NATURE MAP COMPLETED:

Utilizing funding from the Active Living in the Environment Program and other sources, the Island Nature Trust and Island Trails have produced the Prince Edward Island Trail and Nature Map. This 1:277,000 scale map (1 inch equals 4.37 miles or 1 cm equals 2.77 km) features the locations of hiking trails across the province as well as sites for: birdwatching (coastal, woodlands, shorebirds, raptors, etc), seal watching, dolphin/porpoise sightings, scenic heritage roads, parks, heritage sites, scenic lookouts, and other features.

This map was coproduced by Kate MacQuarrie and Dan McAskill under contract to the Island Nature Trust and under direction from both the Trust and Island Trails. The map will be on sale from both Island Trails and the Island Nature Trust as well as at local sales outlets. You can obtain a copy by contacting the Trust at 566-9150, Island Trails at 894-7535, or by dropping by Ravenwood. It will be sold for \$4.50 at the Trust office and bookstores. Add \$1 for mail orders through the Trust.

CANADIAN NATURE FEDERATION AT WORK:

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The Natural History Society is affiliated with the Canadian Nature Federation, its compatriot national organization. The CNF has had a difficult year adjusting to the changing economic situation but, despite this, it has had a very productive year. The CNF was active in the following areas in 1994-1995.

For the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy, the CNF assisted with the production of a module on sustainable agriculture to be presented at agricultural conferences, a set of environmental criteria for farm support programs, a computer network to link rural institutions, groups, and farmers, farm environment handbooks, training modules for banking and loans staff to emphasize the social and environmental aspects of farming, and a "How-to" guide of ideas for use at the local level.

The CNF joined forces with seven other organizations to form the Biodiversity Convention Advisory Committee. They prepared a national strategy on biodiversity which was presented for public review in 1994. In addition to biodiversity, the CNF provided scientific input into the COSEWIC endangered species list and the recovery plans for species on that list.

The EPIC program (Endangered Plants and Invertebrates in Canada), which CNF advocated, has yielded the addition of invertebrates such as snails, molluscs, butterflies, and moths and non-vascular plants such as mosses, liverworts, algae, and fungi to the COSEWIC endangered species list.

CNF worked with the Body Shop and its 106 stores, the CNF affiliates, the Sierra Legal Defense Fund, and the Union quebecoise pour la conservation de la nature to pursue Canadian Endangered Species legislation. It joined with five other conservation groups to form the Endangered Species Coalition which has pursued the legislation effort.

In addition to these efforts, the CNF: continued its opposition to the Yukon wolf kill; worked with the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee and regional workshops to prepare a draft national marine conservation strategy; made representations for changes to strengthen species protection of the Migratory Birds Convention Act and the Canadian Wildlife Act; signed an historic mining accord which commits industry and government to more