

Priority Areas		Action	Who
Leadership and Direction	Oversight and Management	1. Show leadership and joint responsibility	NSE
		2. Manage at a watershed level	NSE
	Regional Capacity and Support	3. Enable regional NSE Staff to assist watershed groups, “ground-truth” planning maps, set and enforce regulations	NSE DNR
Strong Foundation for Science and Monitoring	Ecological Monitoring	4. Develop indicators to assess ecosystem integrity including water quality	NSE CWG
		5. Standardize monitoring protocols and link with community involvement	NSE CWG
	Targets and plans	6. Set water quality goals for primary watersheds and management plans to meet goals	NSE, CWG
	Best Practices	7. Incorporate best practices into well-enforced regulations	NSE, NSAg, DNR
Create a Culture of Conservation and Stewardship	Financial Incentives	8. Create a Watershed Management Fund and source it through income from water allocation permitting	NSE
		9. Provide sustainable support for watershed groups through alternate funding models	NSE
	Conservation	10. Adopt a water soft path approach for water conservation at a provincial level	NSE
	Governance	11. Formalize role of community-based watershed groups in water strategy	NSE, CWG, Mun
	Establish and Maintain Connections	12. Manage water, wetlands and coasts as connected systems and integrate water, wetland and coastal policies	NSE, NSFA, DNR

NSE = Nova Scotia Environment  
 DNR = Department of Natural Resources  
 CWG = Community Watershed Groups  
 Mun = Municipalities

NSAg = Department of Agriculture  
 NSFA = Nova Scotia Fisheries and Aquaculture

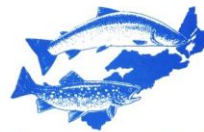
## SIGNATORIES



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Salmon Association





St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association





St. Mary's River Association

Stewards of the River Denys Watershed  
Association

Mabou Harbour Watershed

Whynacht's Cove Environmental Society

Salmon River Salmon Association

Antigonish Harbour Watershed Association