



ECELAW Annual Report 2013

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Note from the Chair: Jessie Irving

This past year has been a year of both change and growth for ECELAW. Our Executive Director Tricia Barry brought great momentum to the organization during the first half of the year with the announcement of several new opportunities and the development of relationships with both local and national partners. We were sad to see her leave the role of ED for personal reasons but we look forward to her continued involvement with the organization. At the end of the calendar year, ECELAW welcomed Jamie Simpson to the role of Executive Director. Jamie brings a unique perspective to the role of ED as he has combined his background in and passion for environmental matters with the law as he wraps up his legal education at the Schulich School of Law. We are very excited to have Jamie at the helm of ECELAW and look forward to its continued growth under his leadership.

In March 2013 at ECELAW's Annual General Meeting, we said goodbye to a number of foundational Board members who finished their second and last terms with ECELAW. Past chair Meinhard Doelle played a crucial role in ECELAW's development by providing strong leadership and vision to the organization, and Board members Rob Miedema, Mark Butler, Derek Schnare, and Peter Mushkat were instrumental in getting the organization on its feet. We thank each of them for their tremendous commitment over the past six years.

Several new individuals joined the Board of Directors in 2013: Andy Sharpe, environmental consultant with East Coast Aquatics Ltd.; Dr. Moira McConnell, professor at the Schulich School of Law; Deborah Carver, business owner and former ED of ECELAW; and Lauren Kautz, lawyer with Pink Breen Larkin. In addition, Tristan Willis has joined the Board as one of ECELAW's two student representatives. New board members are bringing fresh perspectives and ideas to the table, and will allow the Board to continue to provide a high level of support and direction to the organization.

Finally, I would like to extend a huge thank you to environmental lawyer Lisa Mitchell for her contributions in 2013. We worked closely with Lisa throughout the year and her expertise in environmental law and commitment to ECELAW has ensured the continued success of ongoing programs, such as ECELAW's inquiry service. Lisa was also instrumental in developing and carrying out work on new projects, including ECELAW's work on aquaculture regulation in Nova Scotia and an environmental rights campaign in the Maritime Provinces.

Looking ahead, I look forward to working with growing numbers of individuals who contribute so much to ECELAW – staff, contractors, students, board members, volunteers, funders, and individual donors. With such a high level of support we will continue ECELAW's great work to further awareness and understanding of environmental laws and their effective use in Atlantic Canada.

Executive Director's Message: Jamie Simpson

I have only just joined ECELAW and I am already into the thick of our on-going programs and projects. Aquaculture regulation, environmental rights, species at risk, enforcement of environmental laws, and information requests from the public – ECELAW is as busy and productive as ever. I look forward to leading ECELAW in the year ahead. We will continue to promote knowledge of and effective use of environmental laws. We will continue to focus public attention on environmental law issues by working with the media and publishing well-researched and informative reports. We will continue to increase awareness of environmental laws through our work with students, the public and legal professionals.

ECELAW is the only environmental law organization in Atlantic Canada. Get in touch to lend a hand. Let's chat about how you can help create a healthier environment through better environmental law in Atlantic Canada.

Lawyer's Message: Lisa Mitchell

This past year has presented great challenge and great opportunity to ECELAW. As executive director Tricia's strength and enthusiasm guided ECELAW to many new places, including the environmental rights campaign, our most significant project to date. Following Tricia's departure, I stepped in as interim executive director and with the support of a very committed executive we were able to sustain the many projects Tricia began and continue developing new projects and opportunities for ECELAW.

It was a pleasure to welcome Jamie Simpson to the role of ECELAW executive director a few months ago and I look forward to working with him on our current and future projects. He brings new experiences, ideas and perspective that will shape ECELAW and at the same time continue the path of integrity and positive contribution that we have travelled from the beginning.

With each passing year, the value of ECELAW becomes ever clearer to me. The list of inquiries and questions we receive is long and ranges from groundwater contamination to pesticide by-laws to fracking policy to changes to our most important federal environmental laws. Each inquiry and project we address raises new questions, new opportunities to provide support and new ways to improve environmental law in Canada

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Governance

Vision & Mission

ECELAW envisions a future where innovative and effective environmental laws and the just application of those laws provide Atlantic Canadians with a clean, healthy environment, which will make a positive contribution to the quality of life of its present and future inhabitants and visitors.

ECELAW will promote the development and just application of innovative and effective environmental laws in Atlantic Canada through:

- Awareness and understanding -- increasing public awareness of and access to environmental laws.
- Education -- aiding in the education of future environmental law professionals.
- Collaboration -- working with the public, community groups and government to strengthen environmental laws in Atlantic Canada.

Board of Directors

Jessie Irving, B.Sc., LL.B. (Chair) has been involved with East Coast Environmental Law since 2007, first as a student member, then as a Board Member. Jessie grew up in Prince Edward Island, completed a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Biology at Mount Allison University in New Brunswick and her law degree at Dalhousie Law School with a Certificate of Specialization in Environmental Law. Jessie currently lives in Halifax where she practices law in the areas of real property and energy/natural resources as an associate with McInnes Cooper.

Nathan Sutherland, B.A., M.A., B.A., LL.B., (Vice Chair) is an associate in the Halifax office of Stewart McKelvey, practicing in the Litigation Group with a special interest in environmental, energy and natural resources law. Nathan is a graduate of Dalhousie Law School, where he was a member of the school's competitive environmental law moot team and involved in student organizations promoting social justice and the health of the environment. He has supervised Schulich School of Law pro-bono students on environmental and mental health law projects. Prior to his law career, Nathan graduated from McGill and worked briefly with a communications firm in Toronto.

Reuben Penner, M.A. (Treasurer) is an Accounts Payable Administrator at Page Realty Management. Sparked by his volunteer history, and interest in social enterprise, Reuben is also currently working towards an MBA-CMA at Sobey's School of Business at Saint Mary's University. Reuben grew up on a farm in Manitoba and later completed a B.A. in International Development Studies at the University of Winnipeg. He then moved to Halifax where he completed a B.A. Classics at the University of King's College, and then an M.A. in Classics from Dalhousie University.

Andrew Taillon, B.A., M.A., LL.B. (Secretary) is a lawyer at the Nova Scotia Department of Justice. He completed a B.A. at Mount Allison University and an M.A. at the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom before working as a rural economic development consultant and freelance journalist in Newfoundland. He then attended Dalhousie Law School where he was the recipient of the J. Gerald Godsoe Scholarship. He was called to the bar in 2007. He currently volunteers on the board of the East Coast Environmental Law Association and as a leader for the 1st Clayton Park Cub Pack. Andrew enjoys reading, camping and playing music (all things he rarely has time for). He lives in Halifax with his wife, two sons and a miniature wiener dog.

David Hopper, BDEP, BA, MES is a land-use planner and geographer who has worked in provincial government (BC and NS) for over 30 years. In 2004, he moved to the Nova Scotia Department of Environment where he is the private land conservation coordinator for the Protected Areas Branch. David is part of the team directly engaged in protecting 12% of the province for conservation by 2015 as required by the Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act. He has a long interest in land and waterway reclamation and is a national board member for the Canadian Land Reclamation Association (CLRA) and the cofounder and past chair of CLRA's Atlantic Chapter and the Atlantic Reclamation Conference (ARC). David's interests in the arts include being cofounder and past chair of the Linda Joy Media Arts Society, a 25 year old non-profit organization which presents awards to aspiring filmmakers in Atlantic Canada.

Dr. Moira McConnell has been a member of the ECELA Board since October 2012. She is a Professor of Law at Dalhousie University and is the Associate Director of the Marine & Environmental Law Institute (MELAW). Dr. McConnell has also been a Co-director of Dalhousie University's Marine Affairs Program and is a former Executive Director of the Law Reform Commission of Nova Scotia. She is member of a number of organizations including the International Academy of Comparative Law, the IUCN - Commission on Environmental Law (CEL), the Society of International Economic Law, the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ - Canada, Canadian Council), Canadian Council on International Law, Canadian Maritime Law Association, Women in International Trade and Shipping (Canada) (WISTA) and Lawyers for Social Responsibility. She is an Co-editor of the international interdisciplinary Ocean Yearbook (1998 ff), an Associate Editor of the Yearbook of International Environmental Law (2006 ff), and is on the editorial boards of the WMU Journal of Maritime Affairs, the Global Journal of Comparative Law and the Journal of Arbitration and Mediation.

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She has published widely in the fields of international law, law of the sea, international labour law, governance systems, corporate governance, administrative and constitutional law, environmental law, maritime law and policy, social justice and human rights.

Sandra Farwell, B.Sc., B.A., MPA, is Director of Sustainable and Renewable Energy with the Nova Scotia Department of Energy. She completed a Bachelor of Science in Biology, Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Masters of Public Administration from Dalhousie University. Much of her work with the Department has been in the area of public policy development and stakeholder engagement related to implementing the Province's Cleaner Energy Plan. Sandra serves as the provincial government member on the Board of FORCE -Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy- Canada's leading research centre for in-stream tidal energy. Prior to joining government, Sandra worked for a fisheries industry association for several years where she focused on policy and regulatory affairs.

Deborah Carver, LL.B., LL.M., was trained as a lawyer, receiving her LL.B. from Dalhousie University and her LL.M. from the London School at Economics with a focus on marine and environmental law. She practiced law with Stewart, MacKeen and Covert from 1979 to 1985. Currently, Deborah is the Owner and Director of a commercial art gallery, Studio 21 Fine Art in Halifax. Previously she served as the Executive Director of East Coast Environmental Law Association for two years. Between 2003 and 2005, Deborah was the Executive Director, Special Projects and then Interim VP University Relations at NSCAD University where her responsibilities included acting as the frontline representative of the university in communications, media and community relations. Prior to 2002, Deborah worked in the film and television industry for Salter Street Films and The Independent Film Channel Canada.

Lauren Kautz, B.Sc., J.D., is an associate at the Halifax office of Pink Larkin. In 2011, she received a J.D. from the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University, along with a certificate in Environmental Law. While at law school, Lauren served as the co-chair of the Environmental Law Students' Society. Prior to this, she received a Bachelor of Science in Earth Sciences from the University of Calgary.

Georgia Lloyd-Smith, B. Sc. (Hon), B.A., JD Candidate, is in her third year of law school at Dalhousie's Schulich School of Law. She completed her undergrad studies in Biology and International Development. She has spent most of her years exploring natural landscapes around the world and has cultivated a keen interest in protecting the beauty that remains. She likes to spend her thinking time in places where cultures, values, fields and ideas converge. ECELAW is one of these spaces and she is happy to be able to experience the diversity on the ECELAW board.

Tristan Willis, B.Sc. (Hon), JD Candidate, is in his third year at Dalhousie's Schulich School of Law. He grew up in rural Ontario where he was able to explore the nearby wetlands, forests and lakes. He completed his undergraduate studies in biology and is interested in environmental law, photography and the connections people form with wild spaces. He appreciates the opportunity to sit on the ECLAW board.

Aaron Ward, B.Sc., J.D., is an associate at Wickwire Holm in Halifax, practicing in the Litigation Group. Aaron has an interest in environmental and energy law, and completed the Marine and Environmental Law specialization program at Dalhousie Law School, where he graduated in 2011. Prior to graduation, Aaron completed a legal internship at EcoSecurities, a major carbon offset developer located in Oxford, UK. In his spare time, Aaron enjoys cycling and racquet sports, as well as volunteering with various nonprofits.

Sachi Gibson, B.Arts.Sc. (Hon), MES, is a senior policy analyst with Nova Scotia Environment, providing advice and leading initiatives on climate change policy. Sachi first moved to Nova Scotia to complete a Master's of Environmental Studies at Dalhousie University, where her thesis research took her to forest communities in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland. Prior to her current position with the Nova Scotia government, she worked with an environmental grant-making foundation in Toronto and a sustainable energy think tank in Ottawa.

Andy Sharpe, B.Sc. (Hons), M.E.Des., EP, works as Project Manager with East Coast Aquatics Inc., a biological consulting firm based in Nova Scotia and has a strong professional interest in wetlands and watercourses. Prior to his current position, Andy worked for eight years as Science Coordinator for the not-for-profit Clean Annapolis River Project. He joined the ECELAW board of directors in 2013. His other volunteer interests including fire-fighting and is currently serving a second term as President of the Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Department. (Andy stepped down from the Board in 2013.)

Peter Mushkat, B.A., LL.B., graduated from Dalhousie Law School in 1986, and has since been working in the areas of marine and environmental law as a consultant, researcher and teacher. He teaches environmental law, international environmental law and administrative law at Dalhousie in the undergraduate Environmental Science Program offered by the Faculty of Science. He also delivers an online introductory course in environmental law for Acadia University. He has been involved with the Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia as principal author and editor of *A Guide to Environmental Law for Nova Scotians*. In 2002, Peter joined the Society on a part-time basis to develop, administer and deliver a variety of law-related projects. (Peter completed his term on the Board in 2013.)

Rob Miedema, B.Sc.H., LL.B. (past-Secretary), received his LL.B. from Dalhousie University in 2005 with Certificates of Specialization in Environmental Law and Business Law. He was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar in 2006 and now practices corporate and tax law as a partner at BOYNECLARKE LLP in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Since being called to the bar, he also spent five years as part-time faculty at Dalhousie University, having taught a graduate level course in the Faculty of Management's School for Resource and Environmental Studies for two previous years and spending three years with the Schulich School of Law. Rob has also completed 4 years of in-depth tax programming with the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. He is a member of the Canadian Tax Foundation and the Canadian Bar Association and he has been involved with ECELAW since its inception in 2007. (Rob completed his term on the Board in 2013.)

Mark Butler, B.A., M.A., has an undergraduate and graduate degree in Environmental Studies and is currently the policy Director of the Ecology Action Center. Mark began working with EAC as a volunteer and became the Marine Coordinator in 1996, and the Managing Director in 2001. During the period in which Mark has worked with EAC, the organization has grown in size from 2 to 25 staff members and has become the largest environmental organization in Atlantic Canada. He currently sits on the provincial Roundtable for Environment and Sustainable Prosperity. Previously, Mark worked as a marine educator, a fisheries consultant both in Canada and overseas, and as a deckhand on commercial fishing boats. His passions include bird watching, mushroom collecting, ship-watching, spending time with his son, and eating fresh fish, caught right. (Mark completed his term on the Board in 2013.)

Meinhard Doelle, B.Sc., LL.B., LL.M, JSD, (past-Chair) is a Professor at the Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, where he specializes in environmental law. He is the Director of the Marine & Environmental Law Institute and the Associate Dean, Research. He has attended the UN climate change negotiations since 2000, first as a nongovernmental member of the Canadian delegation and more recently as a registered observer. From January to May 2008, Meinhard was a visiting scholar at the Environmental Law Center of the International Union for Conservation of Nature in Bonn, Germany. In 2010-11 he served on the federal provincial environmental assessment panel for the Lower Churchill hydroelectric project in Labrador. He has written on a variety of environmental law topics, including climate change, energy, invasive species, environmental assessments and public participation in environmental decision-making. Recent books are entitled "Environmental Law: Cases and Materials", "The Federal Environmental Assessment Process, a Guide and Critique", "From Hot Air to Action: Climate Change, Compliance and the Future of International Environmental Law" and "Promoting Compliance in an Evolving Climate Regime". (Meinhard completed his term on the Board in 2013.)

Derek Schnare, B.Sc., LL.B., is an Associate at Hennigar, Wells, Lamey & Baker in Chester, Nova Scotia. He graduated from Dalhousie Law School in 2009 with a Certificate of Specialization in Environmental Law. Prior to entering law school, Derek completed a Bachelor of Science degree at Saint Mary's University (Honours and Co-op: Environmental Studies; Major: Geography) and worked as an Environmental Consultant, focusing on the management of contaminated sites. His volunteer experiences have included efforts in environmental law & policy reform and the promotion of green roof implementation, in addition to strategic planning, event planning and fundraising. (Derek completed his term on the Board in 2013.)

Operations and Administration

Staff and Contractors

Tricia Barry: Executive Director

Heather Hill: Environmental Rights project lawyer

Bryson MacDonald: Aquaculture, Environmental Rights projects researcher

Contract Lawyer

Lisa Mitchell, B.A., LL.B., M.E.S., provides legal services to ECELAW, responding to inquiries and working with partner organizations such as Ecojustice, Ecology Action centre and Sierra Atlantic on environmental law issues and projects. Lisa is the founder of LJM Environmental Law in Wolfville. Since 1995 her firm has provided legislative and policy advice and services to the federal and provincial governments, including drafting work on the revised federal Pest Control Products Act and the 1995 Nova Scotia Environment Act. She has also worked for many industry clients and public interest organizations. Lisa also served as ECELAW's interim executive director following Tricia Berry's departure.

Students Volunteers

ECELAW was fortunate yet again to work with talented and motivated students from the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University in 2013. ECELAW thanks the following students for their contributions:

- Nova Scotia Government's Enforcement of Environmental Laws project: Georgia Llyod-Smith, Tristan Willis, Christine Conrad, Wes Hartman, Jeff Terrell, Emily Dawn
- Nova Scotia Government's Obligations under the *NS Endangered Species Act* project: Mick Levin, Christine Conrad, Jamie Simpson, Tristan Willis, Shane Belbin
- Dalhousie Pro Bono Law Students: Blair McIlwain (working with Jessie Irving on a review of environmental law in other jurisdictions); and Benjamin Ojoleck, Nathan Ryan and Mario Garcia (working with Lauren Kautz on the offshore oil and gas moratorium project).

Other Volunteers

ECELAW would like to thank Barbara Blouin for her contributions to ECELAW's aquaculture regulatory report.

Office and Meeting Space

ECELAW greatly appreciates the generosity of the Marine and Environmental Law Institute at the Schulich School of Law in providing us with office and meeting space, enabling ECELAW to work closely with both students and faculty at the law school and other faculties at Dalhousie University.

In addition, ECELAW greatly appreciates the College of Sustainability for providing a venue for board meetings.

Activities

As described in its mission statement, ECELAW is engaged in activities related to

1. increasing public awareness of and access to environmental laws;
2. educating future environmental law professionals; and
3. collaborating with the public, community groups and government to strengthen environmental laws in Atlantic Canada.

Public Awareness and Access to Environmental Laws

ECELAW provides workshops, publications, information and online resources and responds to inquiries with information and support. Our intent is to assist community and conservation organizations and the individuals who are involved with them so as to help them understand the legal and policy framework that governs protection of environmental resources and ensure environmental laws are effectively used, improved and strengthened.

ECELAW was pleased to release the first phase of its work on aquaculture regulation in Nova Scotia to the public on May 1, 2013. ECELAW's report, entitled *Aquaculture Reform in Nova Scotia: Overview of the Regulatory Framework and Considerations for Regulatory Reform*, was prepared by Lisa Mitchell and was possible thanks to the support of the Sage Foundation. The release of ECELAW's report coincided with the Province of Nova Scotia's announcement that it was undertaking a review of the aquaculture industry and ECELAW was involved in this review throughout 2013 – see the "Projects, Research and Collaboration" section below.

ECELAW also worked several other projects in 2013 which will increase public awareness of access to environmental laws. One of these projects involved a review of the enforcement of the Nova Scotia Environment Act over the past 20 years to determine what types of environmental offences have been prosecuted. Another involved a review of the Endangered Species Act to determine what requirements of the Act have and have not been met. In addition, ECELAW finalized its *Citizen's Guide to the Protection of Wetlands in the Halifax Regional Municipality*. The Guide was prepared in partnership with the Ecology Action Centre and was completed by Lisa Mitchell. It is expected that final reports for all three of these projects be released to the public and stakeholders in 2014.

Environmental Law Inquiry Service

The environmental law inquiry service serves a valuable role to individuals and community groups by providing an avenue for any person with an environmental law question to come to ECELAW for assistance. Through the inquiry service we provide summary legal information and advice in response to inquiries from individuals, as well as community and environmental groups. In some instances we facilitate more detailed advice and support through our lawyer referral service. We also have a small fund that allows us to refer inquiries that we are unable to address to an environmental lawyer in private practice for an initial consultation.

In 2013 ECELAW received a steady stream of inquiries and worked with individuals, community groups, and larger ENGOs and dealt with a variety of issues including aquaculture, oil and gas development, the use and application of pest control products, solid waste management, wetland issues, offsite contamination, fracking waste, and highway development.

ECELAW also collaborated with Ecojustice, a national environmental law organization that undertakes strategic litigation, on Harrietsfield well contamination case.

ECELAW remains appreciative of the support provided by a small group of environmental lawyers in private practice who accept referrals from ECELAW at a modest fee.

Educating and Mentoring Environmental Law Professionals

One student worked with ECELAW in the 2012-2013 academic year through the Environmental Law Placement Program, available as a credit course at the Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University. Students can work either directly with ECELAW or with another organization on an environmental law project. In April 2013, Jamie Simpson successfully completed a project for the Nova Scotia Woodlot Owners and Operators Association and produced *A Legal Guide for Woodlot Owners in Nova Scotia*, which was jointly supervised by ECELAW and Diane Rowe, Senior Solicitor, Nova Scotia Department of Justice, Legal Services. For the 2013-2014 academic year, ECELAW is excited to be working with three students who have registered for the placement course.

ECELAW was busy in 2013 with the Pro Bono Students Canada Program at the Schulich School of Law. Lisa Mitchell, Tricia Barry, and several board members provided mentoring and supervision to law students on a variety of projects. The projects that wrapped up at the end of the 2012-2013 academic year included work on species at risk and work on the enforcement of environmental laws in Nova Scotia. Students began three new projects in the fall of 2013, which involved research of jurisdictional issues related to oil and gas development in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, a review of innovative environmental laws from other jurisdictions, and the development of a plain language guide to freedom of information applications.

In addition to working with Pro Brono Students Canada students, ECELAW continued its work with the Environmental Law Students Society (“ELSS”) at the Schulich School of Law. ELSS members made valuable contributions to ECELAW’s work in 2013 by working with Lisa Mitchell on endangered species and the enforcement of environmental laws in Nova Scotia.

Bryson McDonald, an American lawyer from Nova Scotia seeking membership to the NS Barristers Society, worked with ECELAW over the summer of 2013. Bryson’s employment with ECELAW was supported by an in-kind sponsorship from the law firm Boyne Clarke. Bryson’s work included research in support of ongoing ECELAW inquiries and research on aquaculture regulation and research on prosecutions of environmental crimes and the enforcement of environmental laws in Nova Scotia, which will be used to publish a crime report.

Projects, Research and Collaboration

ECELAW made great progress in increasing its collaboration with the public, community groups and ENGOs, both in and outside of Nova Scotia in 2013. Over the past year we have developed strong relationships with two national organizations, Ecojustice and the David Suzuki Foundation, and have continued to work with local individuals and organizations to develop research and project initiatives that fit within ECELAW’s mandate.

One example of local collaboration was ECELAW’s involvement in the development and grading of an election questionnaire organized by the Nova Scotia Environment Network (“NSEN”). ECELAW’s question, on the establishment of an environmental commissioner/ombudsman, was distributed to the major political parties and each party’s response was graded by ECELAW. The questionnaire, which covered a variety of environmental topics, was published and made available to the public by NSEN.

Following the release of ECELAW’s aquaculture reform report in the spring of 2013, ECELAW began its involvement in the aquaculture regulatory review process that was announced by the Provincial Government. ECELAW attend several community meetings during the summer and fall of 2013 and was engaged by the independent panel appointed to conduct the regulatory review to provide research and analysis on the most environmentally sustainable regulatory options for Nova Scotia.

In the spring of 2013 ECELAW was very pleased to announce its partnership with Ecojustice and the David Suzuki foundation on a project involving research and promotion of environmental rights in Canada, made possible through the support of the Catherine Donnelly Foundation. ECELAW’s work on this project is comprised of two parts – the first involved reviewing and assessing existing environmental rights in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, while the second will involve developing “environmental rights campaigns” in each province to educate and mobilize citizens and community groups such that they are able to advocate for greater environmental rights in their province.



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Funders

Thank you to our funders and supporters for their generosity to ECELAW.

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PROJECTS:

Catherine Donnelly Foundation
Sage Environmental Fund
NS Aquaculture Review Panel
Halifax Regional Municipality Community Grants
Ecology Action Centre

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**East Coast Environmental Law
Jan 2013-Dec 2014
Statement of Operations**

	<u>Jan - Dec 2012</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 2013</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Public Contracts	0.00	5,200
Contributions from Foundations	62,757	56,797
Contributions from Non Profits	0	10,903
Contributions from Public	6,393	12,950
Government Grants	0	4,118
Event Income	0	0
Interest Revenue	4	32
Investment Revenue	691	1,070
Total Income	<u>69,845</u>	<u>91,070</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Program Expenses		
Public education and awareness	(16,064)	(37,486)
Legal Education	(2,139)	(5,849)
Legal Service, Inquiries, Referrals	(27,992)	(20,082)
Administration	(7,844)	(9,089)
Fundraising	(581)	(592)
	<u>(54,619)</u>	<u>(73,098)</u>
<u>Excess of Expenses Over Revenue</u>	<u>15,227</u>	<u>17,972</u>

**East Coast Environmental Law
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As of 31 December 2013**

	<u>31 Dec 2012</u>	<u>31 Dec 2013</u>
ASSETS		
Cash	45,023	47,870
Term Deposits	53,582	113,640
Accounts Receivable	18,624	22,053
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>117,229</u>	<u>183,563</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	1,460	4,784
Deferred Revenue	18,494	62,735
Total Liabilities	<u>19,954</u>	<u>67,519</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted Net Assets	39,998	57,445
Internally Restricted Net Assets	57,277	58,599
Total Equity	<u>97,275</u>	<u>116,044</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>117,229</u>	<u>183,563</u>



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