

# Petition to the Government of Nova Scotia

WHEREAS

- The Coastal Protection Act was passed in 2019 by an all-party vote after overwhelming support from three public consultations with the public, scientists, and environmental organizations, yet
- On February 26, 2024 the Government of Nova Scotia did not proclaim the Coastal Protection Act. Instead, private property owners and 49 municipal governments were given the responsibility to protect our coastline.
- Neither the municipalities nor private property owners have the expertise to protect our coast. Only the province can provide the scientific and financial resources to design and enforce effective regulations and by-laws that will protect our shores

THEREFORE we, the residents of Nova Scotia, call upon the Government of Nova Scotia to proclaim the Coastal Protection Act and complete the associated Regulations to ensure consistent enforcement of the provisions set out in the Act.

Signature	Address

Only residents of Nova Scotia should sign. Postal code is sufficient for the address. Please mail signed petition pages to D. Martin 18 Rose St. Dartmouth NS B3A 2T5



## Coastal Coalition Petition to the NS government

### Signature collection instructions

Thank you for printing off the Coastal Coalition petition to the Nova Scotia Government. We are asking this administration to complete the Regulations that will enforce the provisions set out in the Coastal Protection Act and *proclaim* the Act.

The Coastal Protection Act was passed by an all-party vote in 2019. Since then, Municipalities, subject-matter experts and environmental organisations have been working on writing enforceable, consistent Regulations that would ensure our coastline ecosystems would be protected **and** ensure the safety of coastal communities. The government has now shirked that responsibility and placed the burden on the 49 Municipalities that do not have the resources or expertise to develop new by-laws. This could take years. Our coastline is eroding and changing. We no longer have the time to wait.

#### **The Petition**

The Nova Scotia Government does not accept electronic petitions. All signatures on a petition must be **original** and not photocopied. That's why we are not using an electronic petition like Change.org. A page with just one signature is still admissible, so please send it along. Every signature counts.

#### **Guidelines for signing:**

- Someone signing the petition must be a resident of Nova Scotia
- There is no age limit for signing
- An actual address is not needed. A postal code or community name is enough.

#### **When your done**

Please send the signed petitions to the address at the bottom of the petitions page.

*Thank you!!*