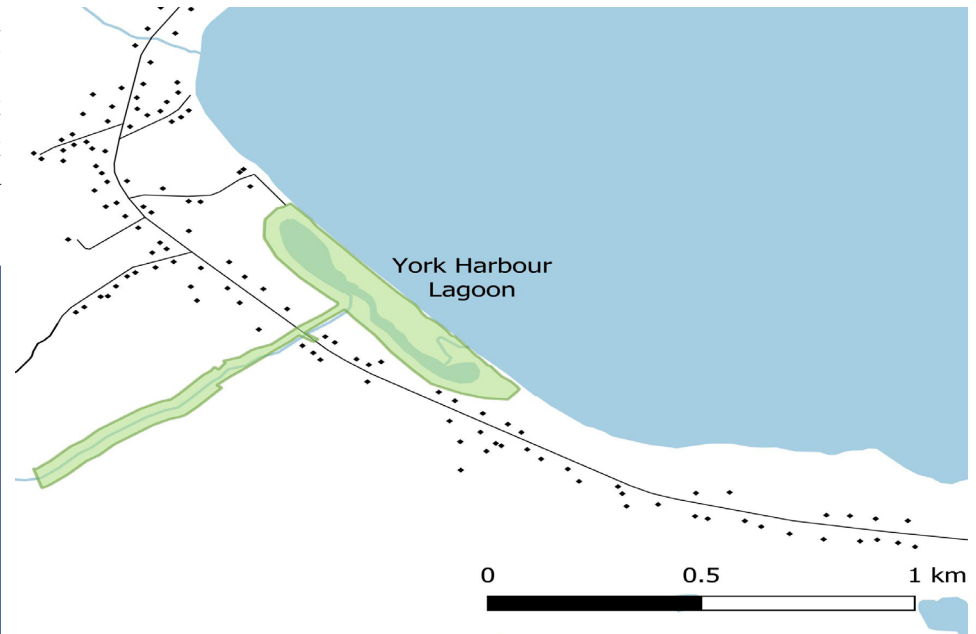


York Harbour's Municipal Habitat Conservation Agreement

The Town of York Harbour and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador signed a **MUNICIPAL HABITAT CONSERVATION AGREEMENT** in 2025, committing to the conservation and enhancement of wildlife habitat within the town's planning boundaries. The agreement designates the York Harbour Lagoon as a Conservation Area (approximately 14.5 hectares).



The York Harbour Lagoon Conservation Area is found right along the shoreline and rocky beach of the Bay of Islands. The area provides habitat for many wildlife species, including Common eider (*Somateria mollissima*), American wigeon (*Mareca americana*), Northern pintail (*Anas acuta*), and Great blue heron (*Ardea herodias*). The surrounding vegetation provides suitable habitat for songbirds including Song sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*), shorebirds including Semipalmated sandpiper (*Calidris pusilla*), and seabirds including Common tern (*Sterna hirundo*). The marine environment into which the lagoon empties is known to be valuable eelgrass habitat. Eelgrass is a group of aquatic grass species that provide food and shelter for many animals, including fish and waterfowl. These waters are also considered an Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) marine refuge, as they provide important resting habitat for them during their migration.



What to look and listen for:



**Semipalmated
Sandpiper**



Northern Pintail



Common Tern

