

**Petition to the Government of Nova Scotia,**

WHEREAS our Government has committed in law to protecting 20% of Nova Scotia’s lands and waters by 2030, and whereas the proposed Beals Brook and Goldsmith Lake Wilderness Areas will protect lands and waters of high value to biodiversity, including old forests, habitat for multiple species at risk and extensive wetlands, as well as establishing essential stepping stones for wildlife in a landscape fragmented by clearcutting, and whereas maps of the proposed Wilderness Areas were provided to Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change in 2022 by the Citizen Scientists of Southwest Nova Scotia,

THEREFORE we, the undersigned residents of Nova Scotia, call upon the Government of Nova Scotia to designate for protection Beals Brook and Goldsmith Lake Wilderness Areas, two areas of 3900 hectares each on Crown land in Annapolis County. We request that the Government place a moratorium on all forestry, road building and industrial activities within the proposed Wilderness Areas while they are in the process of being designated for protection.

SIGNATURE	ADDRESS

Only residents of Nova Scotia should sign. Postal code is sufficient for the address. Please return petition pages by September 15, 2024. Send petitions to J. Hatcher, 961 Parker Mountain Road, Parker’s Cove, NS B0S 1A0