

# BUY BACK THE MERSEY!



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Now that they have closed the Liverpool mill, current Bowater-Mersey owners Resolute Forest Products of Quebec, Nova Scotia's single largest private land owner, wants to sell their entire 220,000 hectares of forest lands! But to whom? To foreign interests who will clearcut ruthlessly and then chop up the remains for the highest bidders? No way!! Nova Scotians are rallying - these lands are our birthright! For a hundred and fifty years large corporations have made money off our forest. Now suddenly with pulp prices down, they are headed for greener pastures. Well, their misfortune can be our gain. With grit and determination we can take back what was always ours. Let's BUY BACK THE MERSEY!

## PROTECT YOUR BIRTHRIGHT!



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If that land gets sold, Nova Scotians ask, can we still hunt back there? Can we fish? Can we access our camps? Can we canoe, kayak, or run our ATVs? How about the incredible network of roads, trails, lakes, streams, and portages some of which have been in use since before Columbus? How about the forest resource itself? Will small mills and forest operators be able to manage the lands - generations of Nova Scotians have earned their living back there. ANSWERS TO ALL THESE QUESTIONS: YOU BET!

A growing alliance of NGOs and passionate champions of these lands, the St. Margaret's Bay Back Country Coalition, the BBCC, with the land's fate clearly in the balance, has been hard at work poring over maps, preparing briefs and presentations, lobbying government, and building a case. Roughly the lands can be saved in thirds:

- ✓ SAVE 1/3 AS A **PROTECTED AREA**
- ✓ MANAGE THE REST AS A **WORKING FOREST** FOR, WITH, AND BY NOVA SCOTIANS
- ✓ USE ALL THE LANDS AS WE ALWAYS HAVE, FOR **HUNTING, FISHING, AND RECREATION**

The Mersey was once the pride of our province. Many's the Nova Scotian family made it through hard times thanks to those forests. South Shore ports teemed with vessels transporting our wood to distant lands. It was our life blood.

## TOGETHER WE CAN SAVE IT!

### BUY BACK THE MERSEY RALLY

### Hubleby Community Hall

### 4408 St. Margaret's Bay Rd.

### Tues., July 17th - 7 PM

### CALL 823-1404 FOR MORE INFO