



# Musquash Estuary Marine Protected Area

## Being Actively Aware

The Musquash Estuary is located 20 km southwest of Saint John, New Brunswick, and is one of the last ecologically-intact estuaries in the Bay of Fundy. It is a Marine Protected Area (MPA) and regulations are in place to help conserve and protect it. Activities within the MPA and certain intertidal areas administered by Fisheries and Oceans Canada may be prohibited, restricted or need to be approved by Fisheries and Oceans Canada. For more information contact:

### MPA General Information and Activity Plan Submissions

Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
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### MPA Regulations and Fisheries Violations

Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
Ph. (506) 636-5051

### Joint Rescue Coordination Centre / Search and Rescue (SAR)

National Defence Canada  
Ph. 1 (800) 565-1582

### Marine Accidents, Spills and Environmental Emergencies

Canadian Coast Guard  
Ph. 1 (800) 565-1633

Mudflats can be slippery, and tributary channels can rapidly flood with the rising tide



Grasslands contain hidden patches of mud, standing water and sensitive habitat



Wooden culverts found near mudflats may be old and unsteady



The Musquash Estuary Marine Protected Area (MPA) is unique and beautiful. Users should exercise caution when undertaking activities within the MPA. Things to consider when planning a safe and enjoyable activity include:

**Environmental conditions can rapidly change, including fog, rain, wind, waves, tides and surges;**

**Rising tides are large and currents can be strong, rapidly flooding tributary channels and covering mudflats;**

**Mudflats, marshlands and rocky shores can be slippery, and may contain hidden mud patches, standing water and sensitive habitat;**

**Shoals, debris and old marine vessels can float or be hidden below water during high tide;**

**Old marine vessels, weir stakes and wharfs can be unsteady, and their historic significance should be enjoyed from a distance; and**

**Fishing equipment and navigational aids may be located in the water ways.**

**The Musquash Estuary Marine Protected Area is used by many individuals. Please respect the activities and property of others.**

**Disclaimer:** This pamphlet does not identify all features that users may encounter when undertaking an activity within the Musquash Estuary Marine Protected Area.

# Features within the Marine Protected Area to be aware of



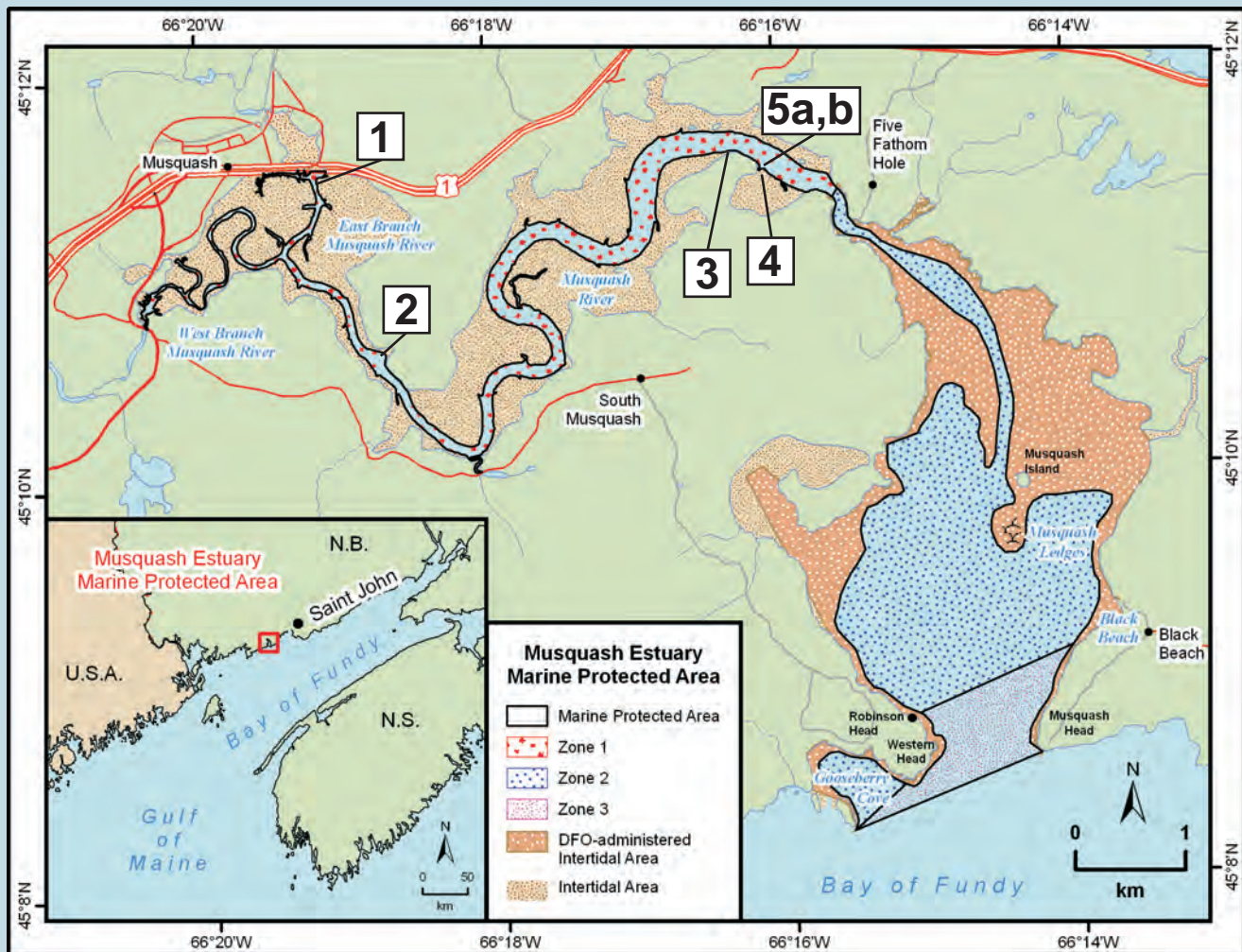
**1** Old bridge posts in water way



**2** Grassy shoal in water way (hidden at high tide)



**3** Old vessels on mudflats



**4** Old vessels on mudflats

**5a** Old vessel in water way (at high tide)

**5b** Same old vessel in water way (at low tide)

