

# INDIAN ARM BROOK

## PROPOSED ECOLOGICAL RESERVE



**WERAC**  
*Wilderness and Ecological  
Reserves Advisory Council*

## SUGGESTED APPROACH TO ACTIVITIES

On October 4, 2023, the Wilderness and Ecological Reserves Advisory Council (WERAC) launched a process to engage the public for input on the proposed Indian Arm Brook ecological reserve. You can find more information about the proposed area and an online feedback form on the WERAC engagement page at [www.engageNL.ca](http://www.engageNL.ca). Your participation is encouraged and valued. This is the first stage of public input. WERAC will not make a recommendation to government before coming back to the public with a What We Heard report.

Based on feedback received from the public so far, WERAC has heard questions from residents and cabin owners about what activities would be permitted in the proposed reserve. One of the goals of establishing this type of ecological reserve is to set aside wild spaces in order to maintain traditional activities for people who are looking for a wilderness experience. Major developments like commercial forestry, mineral development, agriculture, or power infrastructure would not be allowed within the reserve, as they can impact wildlife and their habitats, as well as local wilderness enjoyment.

### **WERAC suggests that the following activities be continued if a reserve were established:**

- Hunting
- Fishing
- Snaring
- Trapping
- Snowmobiling
- Berry picking
- Vehicle (and ATV) use on existing roads and trails
- Hiking
- Canoeing or kayaking
- Boating (with motor)
- Biking (pedal and electric assist)
- Horseback riding
- Camping
- Outfitting businesses
- Private cabins

All private land would automatically be excluded if a reserve were established. Private cabins would not be included in the reserve. Owners could continue to use, maintain, renovate, buy or sell their cabin.

### **Other activities for which WERAC requests more input:**

Indian Arm Brook is one of several proposed reserves that represent a unique natural landscape of Newfoundland. This is a new type of ecological reserve. No regulations currently exist for this kind of reserve. Through the current engagement process, the people of Newfoundland and Labrador can help set direction for how this type of reserve could be managed. Domestic firewood harvest, retrieval of moose kills using an ATV and mineral interests are some of the topics brought forward so far that WERAC wants to discuss further with residents and special interest groups.