

Egg Island Ecological Reserve

Resolving Administrative Errors While Affirming Conservation Intent

What is Egg Island Ecological Reserve?

Egg Island Ecological Reserve (ER) is located on Lake Athabasca. It is the smallest of the 15 ERs in the province at just under 0.4 hectares in size. It was established in 1992.

It was established to protect a major breeding colony of Caspian terns, who are considered a vulnerable species and have been nesting on this particular island since the early 1900s.

Why is this area important?

Ecological Reserves protect natural heritage in a natural state for science or research purposes. This ER conserves the habitat for the largest nesting colony of Caspian terns in the province. Terns as a species are sensitive to human disturbance – which can contribute to nest abandonment and predation from nearby gulls. Over 100 nesting pairs use this ER, nesting predominantly in the middle of the island.

Why was there no consultation on this amendment?

This amendment resolves a legacy error in the legal land description for this site.

There are no impacts to the management intent, legislative framework or size of this ER.

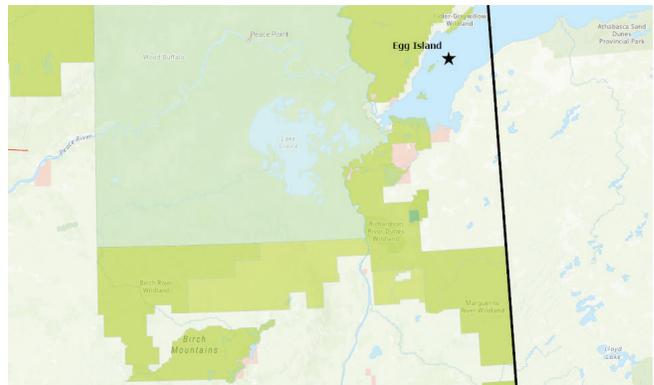
What activities are permitted?

Recreation Use

Site use is by foot only. As this is an island, there are no recreation opportunities and no facilities.

Land Use

Surface access for new petroleum and natural gas, mining and mineral extraction, coal development, surface materials extraction and commercial forestry are not permitted.



Summary

The amendment for this site is administrative. It resolves a long-standing error in the legal land description only. No changes in size or management will result from this amendment.