## CHIPUTNETICOOK LAKES

## Why is this area under consideration?

The St. Croix/Skutik River is a Canadian Heritage River recognized for its natural, cultural and recreation values. Chiputneticook Lakes would add 2,940 ha of protection to the headwaters of the St. Croix/Skutik River.

## **QUICK FACTS**

- Connects and expands Spednic Lake, North Lake, Monument Brook and Hay Brook Protected Natural Areas.
- 960 ha of the area contributes to freshwater ecosystem function and health with the presence of floodplains, riparian habitats and the river itself, which provides habitat important for species like the American Eel.
- 1,560 ha of the area includes old forest, with species such as Eastern Hemlock, Black Spruce and Cedar. This are is also the habitat for uncommon bird species such as the Virginia Rail and Marsh Wren, and the at-Risk Canada Warbler.
- Backcountry campsites support a wilderness paddling experience.

Inform our decision to protect these areas and their long-term care by visiting our interactive map and completing a local knowledge survey **here.** 









