WE LOVE OUR LAKES.

We want our farming industry to prosper, we want our environment protected, we want a success story just like PEI.



In the early 1990's, Prince Edward Island's potato farming industry underwent sudden expansion to support the growing demand for the french fry industry. The increase in potato production quickly became a burden on PEI's small land base and caused a significant increase in soil erosion. In 1996, in an effort to confront this environmental issue and deal with the impact that expanding agricultural practices was having on the social climate of PEI, the provincial government held the Round Table on Resource Land Use and Stewardship.

There were four goals for this Round Table discussion:

- to increase the contribution of resource lands and their use to wealth creation in the province;
- to maintain and improve the capacity of the lands to generate wealth for future generations;
- to minimize the conflicts between the use of resource lands and other land uses, and minimize the impacts on human health and the environment; and
- to increase public satisfaction with resource land use.

All four goals were realized. In 1997, the group of citizens, representing all stakeholders in Resource Land Use, gave the government eighty-seven recommendations toward solving the

social, agricultural and environmental issues concerned. These recommendations were taken into serious consideration by the government, influencing the policy and legislation that allowed PEI to rise as a leading example in agriculture, community and sustainability.

We strongly believe that our government holding such a round table to discuss our agricultural and environmental issues would lead to a similar success story for Saskatchewan.

Here is a suggested email format to send a strong message to the right people and help Saskatchewan flourish:

Dear Honorable Dustin Duncan Minister of Environment and Sam Ferris Acting Vice President of WSA, what date in September have you selected to host the Roundtable Discussion to collaboratively solve the Quill Lakes Flooding issue. I would like to see the Department of Environment organize a Round Table discussion that brings together all aspects of the Saskatchewan community. Sincerely _____.

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