

## **Documenting Evidence of Sable Island's Occupation: Continuing the Archaeological Survey on Canada's 43rd National Park**

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Parks Canada completed an initial archaeological survey of in situ archaeological resources on Sable Island National Park Reserve in 2015. In 2017, archaeologists will continue to survey and inventory evidence associated with the Island's human occupation from 16th century settlement efforts to 19th century development of life-saving stations and lighthouses. As the Federal administrator of the Sable Island National Park Reserve, Parks Canada is obligated to manage and protect the Island's cultural resources through its Cultural Resource Management Policy and the primary goal of this project is to develop a long-term cultural resource monitoring and management plan for Sable Island. This plan will establish a baseline of archaeological resource information and will assess the condition, potential, extent, and location of Sable Island's cultural resources. This presentation will highlight the results of the survey and will focus on the challenge of managing archaeological resources in the dynamic environment of Sable Island.