

code of practice for Country Island

Encana has developed, as part of its environmental protection planning, a code of practice to protect the uniqueness and integrity of the Roseate tern colony of Country Island (see area reference map). While the focus is on Country Island, the code will also serve to protect nearby seabird colonies. This code is not a regulatory requirement and is indicative of Encana's environmental stewardship philosophy and corporate policies.

Country Island is a 19 hectare (ha) island, located approximately eight kilometres (km) (five miles or 4.3 nautical miles) offshore from Goldboro, Nova Scotia (45°06'N, 61°32'W). The island hosts a sizeable breeding colony of Common and Arctic terns and has provided a nesting opportunity for the endangered Roseate tern (*Sterna dougallii*) for many years. The Roseate is the tern species most at risk in northeastern North America. There are about 4,000 pairs in the northeastern United States and 120 – 150 pairs in Atlantic Canada, mostly in one or two colonies, including approximately 53 pairs on the Country Island complex.

Country Island has been identified as critical habitat for the Roseate tern by Environment Canada in the Recovery Strategy for the Roseate tern in Canada (2006) under the Species at Risk Act. This designation includes the entire terrestrial habitat of the island as well as aquatic habitat extending 200 metres (656 feet) seaward from the mean high tide line.

As part of its environmental stewardship with respect to Country Island:

- Encana will not fly over, disembark or approach within 2km (one nautical mile) of Country Island (which encompasses the Roseate tern designated critical habitat) unless it is required for purposes of safety or safe operation of a vessel or aircraft or as part of an approved environmental monitoring program.
- Encana will include discussion of this code of practice in its environmental awareness training program for its personnel. Encana intends this code to be a living document and will review and update it as required. This code of practice is also publicly available on the Encana website www.encana.com/contractor/expectationspractices.