

Agency, Board or Commission		Natural Areas Protection Act Technical Advisory Committee (NAPA-TAC)
1	Statute	<i>Natural Areas Protection Act, Section 6</i>
2	Purpose	To advise the Minister on the designation and management of protected areas.
3	Functions	Drafting and reviewing management plans and Executive Council memos leading to the designation of Natural Areas; reviewing and revising existing management plans for conservation of natural habitats and biodiversity; proposing new Natural Areas for Government consideration; coordinating the required public consultations for designation or de-designation of public Natural Areas and making recommendations to the Minister.
4	Primary Role	Non-adjudicative
	Material Role	Advisory
5	Composition	Five members, including representation from Environment, Energy and Forestry (2); Transportation and Public Works; Tourism; and Island Nature Trust.
6	Formal Qualifications	None.
7	Work & Experience Requirements	See skills, below.
8	Skills Required	Expertise in natural areas biology and conservation, wildlife biology and land management.
9	Statutory Nomination Requirements	None.
10	Traditional Nomination Requirements	None. The agencies listed in line 5, above, have permanent seats on the Committee and appoint their representatives.
11	Remuneration	None.
12	Anticipated Time Commitments	Monthly meetings of three to four hours each, plus time preparing for meetings (e.g. reviewing management plans and related documents). In 2006, there were six regular meetings plus two public consultations.

13	Other Notes	NAPA-TAC has not been re-appointed since its inception in 1988, despite changes in Committee membership. There is a continued need for NAPA-TAC to review and advise on designation of new protected areas. Additionally, NAPA-TAC was assigned new duties in 2005 when NAPA was amended to (1) allow de-designation of public lands and (2) require public consultation before designation or de-designation of public lands.
14	Vacancies	None, however it would be timely to re-appoint this Committee as noted in line 13, above.