

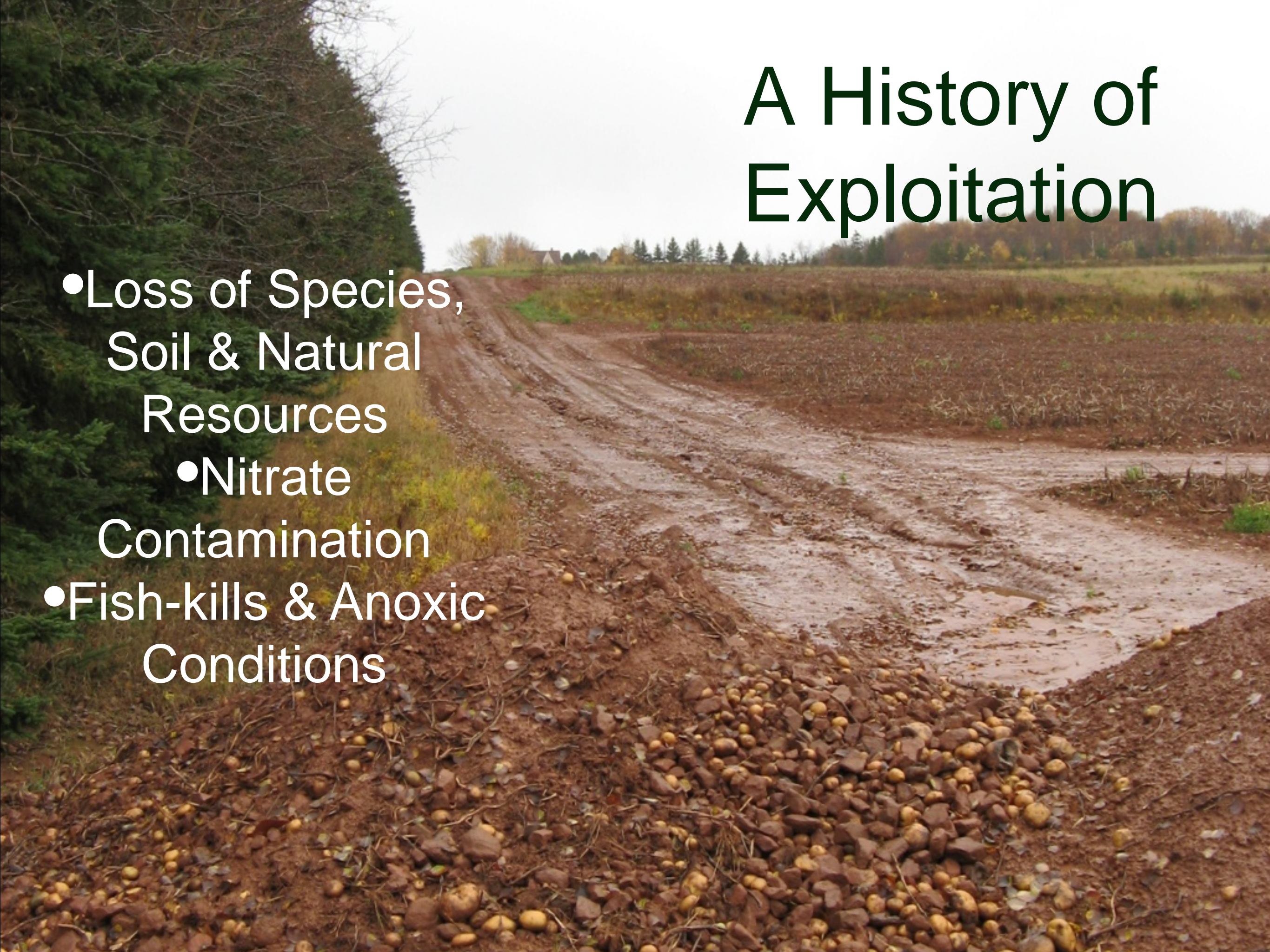
The P.E.I. Water Act: A Legacy for our Future



Presentation by
the Environmental Coalition of PEI

A History of Exploitation

- Loss of Species, Soil & Natural Resources
 - Nitrate Contamination
- Fish-kills & Anoxic Conditions



A Watershed Approach

- Involves all Stakeholders
- Based on Sound Science
- Clearly Supported by the Provincial Government



Water Supply & Safety

- Enhanced Buffer Zones
- Minimum Environmental Flow Rates
- Increased Monitoring & Enforcement

Aquatic Habitats & Fisheries

- Increased Economic Opportunities
- Restoration of our Historic Species



Biodiversity & Species at Risk




- Healthier Ecosystems
- Replanting of rare native species
- Safe-guard against Erosion

Habitat Restoration



- Protection of Public and Private land
- Restoration of degraded Ecosystems
- Community Building

Education

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- A group of people, including children and adults, are participating in a field activity near a pond. They are wearing jackets and hats, suggesting a cool day. Some are standing and talking, while others are kneeling or bending over, possibly planting or examining the ground. The background features a line of trees, including evergreens and deciduous trees with some autumn-colored leaves. The sky is overcast.
- Water Education in our School System
 - Field trips & hands-on learning
 - Community Pride

Economic Benefits

- Healthy & Sustainable Fisheries
 - New Products
- Effects on Agriculture



Tourism

- Protection of our “Pristine” Waters
- Eco-Tourism
- Safe & Healthy Food



Becoming a Regional Leader

- Truly becoming a “green” Province
- Improving our National Reputation
- Listening to the People’s Voice



What is the Legacy that we want to leave?

- A Vibrant & Sustainable Island for our Children
- Diverse Ecosystems
- Bountiful & Healthy Water



