

Mountain Equipment donates \$50k to help buy Shelter Cove

Mountain Equipment Co-op of Halifax gave \$50,000 to Nova Scotia Nature Trust yesterday toward buying Shelter Cove on the Eastern Shore, in an effort to save the pristine area from development.

The trust has already secured \$543,000 in cash and in-kind support toward the campaign, and needs to raise \$95,000 more.

Shelter Cove forms the southern portion of a 350-acre peninsula between Tangier and Popes Harbour. It is known for its beauty, natural diversity and wildlife.

It is one of the few unroaded coastal headlands in Nova Scotia. Less than five per cent of Nova Scotia's coastline is protected from development, and more than 90 per cent is privately owned.

"Acre by acre, lot by lot, our coastal legacy is being destroyed," Bonnie Sutherland, executive director of the Nature Trust, said. — *Staff*