



“Environmental Innovation in the Offshore”

Biography: Dr. Rob Ronconi, Acadia University

Rob is a biologist who has been studying the ecology, conservation and management of birds since 1999, and is currently a research associate at Acadia University since 2011. He obtained a BSc in Environmental and Conservation Sciences at the University of Alberta (2000) and his PhD in Biology at the University of Victoria (2008). Specializing primarily on work with seabirds, areas of research include population monitoring, breeding biology, foraging ecology, habitat selection, and movement behaviour. Rob also conducts applied research in collaboration with government and industrial partners to answer questions about the wildlife monitoring, management, and impact mitigation. Notable projects include mitigation strategies and monitoring of waterfowl landings in oil sands tailings ponds and, more recently, investigations of bird interactions with offshore oil and gas platforms in Nova Scotia.