Environmental Assessment Bulletin

The Honourable Charlene Johnson, Minister of Environment and Conservation, has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

Eddies Cove Area ATV Trail
Proponent: Mr. Aster Caines
(Reg. 1507)
The proponent proposes to upgrade a 5.7 kilometre ATV trail to access a cabin. The trail is located off the main highway, east of Eddies Cove, Northern Peninsula. Parking area will be off the main highway. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin this summer/fall.
The undertaking was registered on June 2, 2010; the deadline for public comments is July 9, 2010; and the minister’s decision is due by July 17, 2010.

Northern Labrador 5 Year Operating Plan - Forest Management District 23 (2008-2012)
Proponent: Newfoundland and Labrador Forest Service
(Reg. 1506)
The proposal involves a five year forest operating plan for District 23 that outlines timber harvest plans, silviculture treatments and primary road locations. District 23 is situated on the north coast of Labrador. The projected harvest is approximately 60,000 cubic metres of softwood timber and 20 kilometres of primary forest access roads are proposed for construction.
The undertaking was registered on May 27, 2010; the deadline for public comments is July 7, 2010; and the minister’s decision is due by July 11, 2010.

Decision Date Extended:

Harry’s River Cranberry Farm
Proponent: Harry’s River Cranberry Farm Ltd.
(Reg. 1492)
The proponent of undertaking # 1492 (Harry’s River Cranberry Farm) has forwarded supplementary information, to be considered as an amendment to the original registration. An additional area of approximately 20 hectares to the east of the original undertaking is required for a water reservoir and irrigation ditching as well possible future cranberry beds. The decision date for this project has been extended to allow for review of this supplementary information.
The undertaking was registered on April 30, 2010; public comments are now due by June 21, 2010; and the minister’s decision is due by June 28, 2010.

**UNDERTAKING RELEASED:**

- **Roddickton Pellet Plant**
  Proponent: Holson Forest Products Ltd.

- **Isle aux Morts River Gravel Quarry**
  Proponent: Land and Sea Outfitting Inc.

- **Hawkes Bay John Hogan Trail Extension**
  Proponent: Town of Hawkes Bay

- **Flower’s Hill Botwood Peat Quarry**
  Proponent: Mr. Peter Byrne
  This undertaking was released from environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:
  - A 100 metre undisturbed vegetative buffer must be maintained between the proposed site and all water bodies in the area;
  - A reclamation plan must be submitted to the Water Resources Management Division, Department of Environment and Conservation for approval prior to the commencement of work;
  - A biodiversity survey of the proposed area must be completed and submitted to the Wildlife Division, Department of Environment and Conservation prior to the commencement of work;
  - A detailed report on the operation of the peat harvesting facility must be provided to the Water Resources Management Division, Department of Environment and Conservation on an annual basis.

- **Baie Verte, Ming Copper-Gold and Nugget Pond Mill**
  Proponent: Rambler Metals and Mining Canada Limited
  This undertaking was released from environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:
  - A Women’s Employment Plan must be submitted and approved by the Minister of Natural Resources prior to the commencement of construction.
  - An Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) must be submitted and approved by the Minister of Environment and Conservation prior to the commencement of construction.
  - Rambler Metals and Mining must provide additional information regarding anticipated employment during the construction and operations phases of the project. This information must be provided to the Department of Human Resources, Labour and Employment prior to construction.
For further information on the environmental assessment process, please contact the Director of Environmental Assessment at (709) 729-4211 or toll-free: 1-800-563-6181 or by mail to:

Director, Environmental Assessment Division
Department of Environment and Conservation
West Block, Confederation Building
P.O. Box 8700, St. John's, NL, A1B 4J6


-30-

Media contact:
Melony O'Neill
Director of Communications
Department of Environment and Conservation
709-729-2575; 689-0928
moneill@gov.nl.ca