The Honourable Perry Trimper, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

CONDITIONS OF RELEASE APPROVED:

Placentia Bay Atlantic Salmon Aquaculture Project       (Reg. 1834)
Proponent: Grieg NL Nurseries Ltd. and Grieg NL Seafarms Ltd.

On October 25, 2016 the Minister of Environment and Conservation approved three reports associated with three conditions of release required to be submitted prior to construction of the project. These reports are the Proposed Workforce and Timeline Report, Women’s Employment Plan and List of Substances, Agents and Chemicals to be Used which were reviewed by the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour; Women’s Policy Office; and Health Canada respectively. These reports are available at: http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/env_assessment/projects/Y2016/1834/index.html

ADDENDUMS :

CBPP Zone 7 Five-year Forestry Operating Plan (2017–2021)  (Reg. 1854)
Proponent: Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited

CBPP Zone 3 Five-year Forestry Operating Plan (2017-2021)      (Reg. 1853)
Proponent: Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Ltd.

The proponent submitted Environmental Assessment Registration documents for both of these projects on July 14, 2016. Since that time, the proponent has continued with its public consultation process and has now submitted an addendum for each Five-Year Operating Plan that provides additional information on the outcome of this process.

The deadline for public comments is November 30, 2016 and the minister’s decision is due December 15, 2016.

MINISTER’S DECISION EXTENDED:

Baie Verte Area , Stog’er Tight Goldmine  - West Pit Expansion  (Reg. 1860)
Proponent: Anaconda Mining Inc.

The Department of Environment and Climate Change and the proponent have agreed to extend the deadline for the minister’s decision to November 8, 2016.

Shallop Cove Sand and Gravel Quarry Extension               (Reg. 1859)
Proponent: On Grade Construction 2015 Inc.
The Department of Environment and Climate Change and the proponent have agreed to extend the deadline for the minister's decision to November 15, 2016.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

Crown District 19 Five Year Operating Plan (2013-2017) Amendment (Reg. 1850)
Proponent: Forestry and Agrifoods Agency

Pasadena Craft Beer Nano Brewery (Reg. 1857)
Proponent: Western Newfoundland Brewing Company Limited

Cormack Hay Farm (Reg. 1856)
Proponent: Larch Grove Farms Inc.

The project has been released from further environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- A minimum 30-metre naturally-vegetated buffer must be maintained along all waterbodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species and their habitat.

- To minimize habitat disturbance and negative impacts on birds and small mammals, any necessary vegetation clearing or excessive noise should be undertaken outside of the nesting, breeding and brood-rearing period (May to mid-July), when disturbance would be most critical.

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