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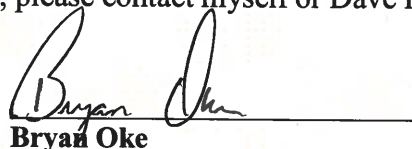
RE: 5 Year Operating Plan for Crown Managed Lands, Forest Management District 21.

Pursuant to Section 49 of the *Environmental Protection Act* (2002), the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture is pleased to submit for registration as an undertaking, the 5 Year Operating Plan for Crown managed lands in Forest Management District 21, for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2026. Three copies of the Plan (2 paper and 1 digital) have been forwarded to you under separate cover.

This Plan represents the culmination of many months of preparation by Forestry Branch staff, including consultations with other government departments and engagement with known local stakeholders. In an attempt to minimize conflicts during the Environmental Assessment process, we have placed increased focus on known stakeholder values. Chapter 4 of the plan highlights the value structure, critical elements and guiding principles. For those values of Outfitting, Mining, Water Resources and Wildlife (caribou..etc), we have reached out to applicable personnel in each department to help develop and incorporate into each plan. Attempts at mitigating potential concerns / issues are presented in the corresponding documentation.

This Plan outlines in considerable detail the forestry activities to be undertaken during the upcoming five year period. The Plan is compliant with the Forestry Act (1990) and the Sustainable Forest Management Planning Regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this registration, please contact myself or Dave Poole.



Bryan Oke
Director – Forest Ecosystem Management
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cc. S. Balsom
D. Poole

REGISTRATION FORM
PURSUANT OF PART 10, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
SECTION 49 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT

- Name of Undertaking:** Forest Management District 21 Five Year Operating Plan 2022-2026
- Proponent:**
- (i) Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture
 - (ii) Assistant Deputy Minister
 - Mr. Stephen Balsom
 - Forestry and Wildlife Branch
 - (709) 637-2269
 - (iii) Principal Contact Person
 - Mr. Bryan Oke
 - Forest Ecosystem Management Director
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- The Undertaking:**
- (i) Nature of Undertaking
 - To conduct forestry activities (harvesting, silviculture, and primary road construction) from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2026 in Forest Management Planning District 21.
 - (ii) Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking
 - This undertaking will enable the Forest and Wildlife Branch to schedule both commercial and domestic harvesting opportunities, and apply silvicultural prescriptions for appropriate forest renewal.
 - This undertaking is necessary to maintain and/or expand the existing commercial forest industry and facilitate domestic harvesting of fuelwood for home heating. Overall, the plan proposes to make available approximately 243, 500 cubic meters (softwood) for either commercial or domestic harvest.

Description of Undertaking: (i) Geographic Location

Forest Management District 21 is large, representing approximately 1.9 million hectares of landbase. FMD 21 is located in Labrador and is bounded to the North by Hawke Bay and Hawke Bay Brook, with the boundary following a general westerly direction until it meets Paradise River. To the west along Paradise and St. Pauls Rivers and the Quebec-Labrador boarder to the strait of Belle Isle. To the east and south by the Labrador Sea, including all islands to Hawke Bay.

(ii) Physical Features

The area consists of undulating landscape including upland topography and coastal plains. The area is represented by flat to rolling upland plateaus with few eskers and shallow river valleys. Coastal areas include exposed headlands with sheltered inlets and numerous islands.

(iii) Operation

Forest harvesting activities will be undertaken commercially (utilizing either manual or mechanical methods) or domestically (usually manually and wood extracted using either snowmachines or ATV's).

Resource Roads are constructed by approved construction techniques with Excavators or Bulldozers.

Silviculture prescriptions utilize brushsaws, pottiputkis, shovels, scarifiers or prescribed burning tools.

All buffer requirements and operations will be carried out in accordance with applicable legislation and the Environmental Protection Guidelines for Ecologically Based Forest Resource Management.

(iv) Occupants

Mechanical Harvester Operators, Forwarder Operators, Skidder Operators, Truck Drivers, Mechanics, Silviculture workers, Domestic users, Sawmill Industry Operators, Forest Technicians, Enforcement Officers

Approval of the Undertaking:

Commercial and Domestic harvesting activities will be scheduled in accordance with the approved five year plan and applicable cutting permits.

Schedule:

This plan will commence upon approval and end on December 31, 2026.

June 24th 2021 Bryan Orr
Date Director FEM

Cc Stephen Balsom
 Dave Poole