

Environment and Climate Change

September 14, 2023

Environmental Assessment Bulletin

The Honourable Bernard Davis, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, has announced the following relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the **Environmental Protection Act**.

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Long Lake Water Control Structure Decommissioning

(Reg. 2268)

Proponent: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro

The proponent is proposing to remove an abandoned water control structure at Long Lake located approximately 46.6 kilometres southwest of the Town of Buchans. The proposed project is intended to support the proponent's commitment to fulfill the requirements of the Fish Habitat Compensation Plan as identified for the Star Lake Hydroelectric Project. Project activities include the demolition of the water control structure, removal and disposal of materials and restoration of the site. A description of the project can be found on the department's webpage at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/env-assessment/projects-list/>.

The undertaking was registered on September 14, 2023; the deadline for public comment is October 19, 2023, and the minister's decision is due by October 29, 2023.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

Placentia Area Hiking Trails

(Reg. 2257)

Proponent: Hike Placentia Inc.

The Project is released from environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- The Proponent must uphold all commitments made in the environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the Project on the environment.
- The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture requires the following:
 - Vegetation clearing is not to occur within 800 metres of a bald eagle or osprey nest during the nesting season (March 15 to July 31) and within 200 metres during the remainder of the year. The 200-metre buffer also applies to all other raptor nests (e.g. Northern Goshawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Merlin, American Kestrel, Great-horned Owl, Boreal Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl). The location of any raptor nest sites must be reported to the Wildlife Division.

- A minimum 30-metre undisturbed riparian buffer must be maintained from the high water mark of all wetlands and waterbodies within and adjacent to the Project that are identified on either the 1:50,000 scale National Topographic System maps or the topographic mapping layer shown in the Provincial Land Use atlas, to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species and their habitats.
- The Proponent must advise the Environmental Assessment Division when the conditions of release have been met, by emailing a written description, documents, and images (where applicable) to demonstrate that the conditions have been fulfilled.
- The Proponent must update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of the Project, including a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the Project, one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates if required.

**Gander Area Kingsway Property Mineral Exploration Drilling Program (Reg. 2259)
Proponent: Labrador Gold Corp.**

The Project is released from environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- The Proponent must uphold all commitments made in the environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the Project on the environment, including your commitment to maintain an undisturbed riparian 100-metre buffer along the Gander River.
- The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture requires the following:
 - A minimum 30-metre undisturbed riparian buffer must be maintained from the high water mark of all wetlands and waterbodies within and adjacent to the Project that are identified on either the 1:50,000 scale National Topographic System maps, or the topographic mapping layer shown in the Provincial Land Use Atlas, to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species and their habitats. This buffer does not apply to the Gander River, which requires a 100-metre undisturbed buffer.
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Learn more

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https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/files/GUIDE-TO-THE-PROCESS_May-2023.pdf

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If you submit comments on a project that is under environmental assessment, please advise the Department if you DO NOT wish to share your comments with the project proponent.

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