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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN

Environment Minister Kevin Aylward has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

NEW UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

(1) Crown District 18 (Roddickton) Five Year Operating Plan Amendment
Proponent: Department of Forest Resources and Agrifoods

The proponent has registered a timber harvesting amendment to the 2002-2007 District 18 Five Year Operating Plan to accommodate harvesting of timber from areas remaining unharvested from the previous Five Year Operating Plan due to operational constraints. The two harvesting areas are in the Cutaway Pond Harvest Area where 11,515 cubic metres will be harvested from 158 hectares and the Newhook's Road Harvest Area where 2,373 cubic metres will be harvested from 33 hectares. The amendment also identifies timber to be harvested from partition stands throughout the District. The partition stands include the possible harvesting of 50,709 cubic metres from 720 hectares. The undertaking was registered on August 6, 2002; public comments must be received by September 16, 2002; and the minister's decision is due on September 20, 2002.

(2) Abitibi Consolidated Five Year Forest Management Plans Districts 10, 11, 12
Proponent: Abitibi-Consolidated Inc.

The proponent has submitted a five year operating plan for Forest Management Districts 10,11,12 located in the central area of the island. The plan outlines the forest activities conducted by Newfoundland Woodlands during the past five-year planning period and describes the proposed forest activities for the next planning period (January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2007), which includes harvesting, road building, silviculture and forest protection. There are 84,000 cubic metres, 162,000 cubic metres and 191,000 cubic metres annually proposed for harvest during this planning period in Districts 10, 11, and 12 respectively. There are approximately 142 kilometres of primary road construction planned within the scope of this plan. Also, there are 11,490 hectares of pre-commercial thinnings planned and approximately 2,540 hectares of site preparation and planting proposed. The undertaking was registered on August 8, 2002; public comments are due on September 16, 2002; and the minister's decision is due on September 22, 2002.

(3) Crown Forest Management District 2 (Come By Chance) Amendment
Proponent: Department of Forest Resources and Agrifoods

The proponent proposes to allow domestic cutting on a 24 kilometre square area of mature balsam fir and black spruce stands located between Come By Chance River and North Harbour River, in Forest Management District 2. The area is adjacent to previously harvested areas. Harvesting is tentatively scheduled to begin this fall. The undertaking was registered on August 12, 2002; public comments must be received by September 16, 2002; and the minister's decision is due on September 26, 2002.

The Minister encourages all interested parties to become involved and to make comments known. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Director of Environmental Assessment at (709) 729-2562 or toll-free: 1-800-563-6181 or by mail to:

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