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## **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN**

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

### **UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:**

#### **Grand Bank Harbour Dredging**

**Proponent: Grand Bank Harbour Authority (Arch Evans, President)**

The proponent intends to deepen by about 2 metres the area of the outer harbour approximately 80 metres wide and 120 metres long, as well as the approach to the harbour, to accommodate larger vessels which will supply raw material to the Fish Plant at Grand Bank. The area has been previously dredged by Public Works Canada on a number of occasions. Approximately 8,000 cubic metres of rock and 18,000 cubic metres of sandy sediment (900 truckloads) will be removed for disposal at an approved land disposal site. The material will be removed using barge-mounted heavy equipment, a watertight scow, and trucks with watertight boxes; the rock will require drilling and blasting (approximately ten blasts are anticipated). Construction is planned to take place over three months of the 5-month project scheduled for completion by the end of November 2003. The undertaking was registered on April 1, 2003, public comments are due May 7, 2003, and the Minister's decision is due May 16, 2003.

The Minister encourages all interested parties to become involved and to make comments known. Comments on submitted documents are invited from the public, addressed in writing to the Minister, and are welcome prior to the deadline date shown.

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