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Department of Environment
Environmental Assessment Division

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN

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

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

(1) Penny's Pond to Conche Snowmobile Trail

Proponent: Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation

The proponent in affiliation with the (local) North Eastern Snowmobile Club plans to upgrade an existing trail from Penny's Pond to near Conche to meet Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation standards for use as a snowmobile trail on the Great Northern Peninsula. The trail starts near Penny's Pond, south of route 434 and runs approximately 12 kilometres generally east towards the Town of Conche. The trail will be cleared to six metres width to allow safe passage by trail groomer and snowmobiles. Construction will consist mainly of cutting trees, erection of shelters and installation of stream crossing structures. The undertaking was registered on July 21, 2003; public comments are due by August 27, 2003; and the Minister's decision is due on September 4, 2003.

(2) Pollard's Point Snowmobile Trail

Proponent: Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation

The proponent in affiliation with the (local) Humber Winterland Snowmobile Club plans to upgrade an existing trail in the Pollard's Point, Sops Arm area to meet Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation standards for use as a snowmobile trail in Western Newfoundland. The location of the trail starting at Pollard's Point runs in a southwestern direction for approximately 8 kilometres to join an exiting snowmobile trail located between Main River and the Upper Humber River. The trail will be cleared to six metres width to allow safe passage by trail groomer and snowmobiles. Construction will consist mainly of cutting of trees, erection of shelters and installation of stream crossing structures. The undertaking was registered on July 21, 2003; public comments are due by August 27, 2003; and the Minister's decision is due on September 4, 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.

UNDERTAKING RELEASED:

Bay Roberts Marginal Wharf Extension and Infilling

Proponent: Harbour International Limited

The above project has been released from further environmental assessment subject to obtaining necessary permits and approvals from municipal, provincial, or federal authorities. The proponent will be required to apply for Crown Land for the proposed harbour infilling site and address any waterfront property access and land ownership issues.

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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