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Department of Environment
Environmental Assessment Division

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN

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

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

(1) Cox's Cove Mink Fur Farm

Proponent: NuMink Inc.

The proponent plans to construct a mink fur farm in Cox's Cove, Bay of Islands area in Western Newfoundland. The proposed fur farm will be located on a 54 hectare site within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Cox's Cove. The fur farm will be located approximately 3.5 kilometres along Country Road to the Southeast of the Town. The proponent plans to introduce 450 bred females and to increase to 5,000 female breeders within 3 years thus producing approximately 20,000 kits. Construction on the site will include sheds to house the mink and other related structures. The undertaking was registered on October 31, 2003; public comments are due by December 15, 2003; and, the Minister of Environment's decision is due on December 15, 2003.

(2) Barachois River (Cape Ray) ATV Trail

Proponent: Dwayne K. Bond

The proponent proposes to build a 1 kilometre (approx.) All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) trail to facilitate year round access to a remote cabin on Barachois River, northeast of J.T. Cheeseman Provincial Park boundary, Cape Ray in Southwestern Newfoundland. The remote cottage is located approximately 7 kilometres from the mouth of Barachois River and the proponent plans to utilize existing ATV trails to access the area and start construction of new trail. The undertaking was registered on October 31, 2003; public comments are due by December 15, 2003; and, the Minister of Environment's decision is due on December 15, 2003.

(3) Morley's Siding (Musgravetown-Lethbridge) Abattoir

Proponent: Lorne & Debbie Simmonds and George Greening (Discovery Trail Farm Ltd.)

The proponent intends to build an abattoir, cattle barn, and year round farmer's market outlet on land presently leased to George and Vera Greening and in forage production plus two additional acres of Crown land. Construction is planned for the spring to late-summer period (May to September) of 2004. The project was registered on November 3, 2003; public comments are due by December 15, 2003; and, the Minister's decision is due on December 18, 2003.

The Department 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.

BIRD MONITORING PROGRAM APPROVED:

Ramea Wind-Diesel Demonstration Project

Proponent: Frontier Power Systems Inc.

The Ramea Wind-Diesel Demonstration Project was released on September 2, 2003 subject to the preparation and approval of a bird monitoring program in consultation with the Inland Fish and Wildlife Division and the Canadian Wildlife Service. The Program has now been approved. The Program is available for information on the Department's website.

UNDERTAKING RELEASED:

Corner Brook Communication Tower

Proponent: Aliant Telecom Inc.

This project was released under the Environmental Protection Act on October 29, 2003.

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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