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Department of Environment and Conservation
Environmental Assessment Division

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN

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

CARTWRIGHT JUNCTION TO HAPPY VALLEY-GOOSE BAY TRANS LABRADOR HIGHWAY

Proponent: Department of Transportation and Works

The Cartwright Junction to Happy Valley-Goose Bay Trans Labrador Highway is subject to an environmental assessment under both Part X of the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act* and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act. The Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Environment and Conservation, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada, have instituted a parallel process to ensure compliance with the requirements of a provincial Environmental Impact Statement and a federal Comprehensive Study. It has been determined that the Environmental Impact Statement Addendum and two of the submitted Component Study Addenda require further work and two of the Component Study Addenda are accepted as satisfactory.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ADDENDUM REQUIRES FURTHER WORK

The Cartwright Junction to Happy Valley-Goose Bay Trans Labrador Highway Environmental Impact Statement Addendum (dated October 2003) has been determined to require further work under Part X of the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act*. The proponent has been advised that any additional information requirements under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act will be relayed by Fisheries and Oceans Canada as the Responsible Authority under that Act.

A Supplementary Deficiency Statement has been provided to the proponent to illustrate the nature of the deficiencies and provide direction on the additional information required to make the Environmental Impact Statement satisfactory. In general terms the deficiencies relate to: cumulative effects; monitoring and follow-up; mitigative measures; provision of a renewed perspective of environmental effects; and, characterization of Innu Nation views.

COMPONENT STUDY ADDENDA REQUIRE FURTHER WORK:

Tourism and Recreation Component Study Addendum (dated September 2003)

In general terms the deficiencies relate to: investment in tourism facilities, qualitative descriptions of the sport and recreational fishery, and the contribution of the outfitting sector, to the local, regional and Labrador economy.

Fish and Fish Habitat Component Study Addendum (dated September 2003)

In general terms the deficiencies relate to: fish species and fisheries and key features of the lodge based fishery.

COMPONENT STUDY ADDENDA ACCEPTED AS SATISFACTORY:

The **Caribou Component Study Addendum (dated September 2003)** has been accepted as satisfactory.

The **Waterfowl Component Study Addendum (dated September 2003)** has been accepted as satisfactory for the purposes of the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act*. The proponent has provided additional information required under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act to Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Copies of each of the Supplementary Deficiency Statements are available from the Environmental Assessment web site at <http://www.gov.nl.ca/env/Env/EA%202001/Project%20Info/1012.htm>

The proponent has acknowledged concerns expressed during the environmental assessment and public review of the Environmental Impact Statement Addendum regarding the proposed northern route. The proponent has advised that the northern route will be abandoned in favor of the southern route, more commonly known as the outfitter's route.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Director of Environmental Assessment at (709) 729-4211 or toll-free: 1-800-563-6181 or by mail to:

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