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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.

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

(1) St. Bernard's Breakwater (Reg. 1139)
Proponent: DFO, Small Craft and Harbours Branch

The proponent, proposes to construct a breakwater in the community of St. Bernard's on the south coast in Fox Cove, Fortune Bay. The rubblemound breakwater structure will measure approximately 115 metres long, out into the waters of Fox Cove, varying 20 metres to 50 metres in width along the ocean floor, with a crest width of 6 metres. The structure will be 5.5 metres high and be constructed of a variety of materials such as core stone, filter stone and armour stone. The undertaking was registered on June 15, 2004; public comments are due by July 21, 2004; and, the Minister's decision is due by July 30, 2004.

(2) Lawn Breakwater Construction and Channel Dredging (Reg. 1140)
Proponent: DFO, Small Craft and Harbours Branch

The proponent, proposes to construct a breakwater in the community of Lawn on the south coast of the Burin Peninsula. The rubble mound breakwater will measure approximately 100 metres long, out into the waters of Great Lawn Harbour, extending from the existing breakwater and measuring 25 metres wide along the ocean floor, with a crest width of 5 metres. The breakwater will be constructed to an elevation of 3.6 metres high and will be composed of a variety of materials such as core stone, filter stone and armour stone. The undertaking was registered on June 15, 2004; public comments are due by July 21, 2004; and, the Minister's decision is due by July 30, 2004.

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.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

(1) Stephenville Sewage Treatment Facility (Re-Registration)

(Reg. 1116)

Proponent: Town of Stephenville

The Minister has released the Stephenville Sewage Treatment Facility from further environmental assessment subject to the following condition: An environmental site assessment must be completed to investigate and document any existing environmental conditions that may be present due to historic site activities. Any environmental impacts or conditions that do not comply with existing provincial and/or federal guidelines or regulations would have to be addressed through an appropriate remedial action plan.

(2) Gros Morne Resort

(Reg. 1123)

Proponent: Eastern Arm Enterprises

The Minister has released the Gros Morne Resort from further environmental assessment subject to the following condition: The Proponent must develop a Buffer Zone Plan for all water bodies to provide adequate protection for riparian species and aquatic wildlife. This plan must be completed in consultation with the Inland Fish and Wildlife Division of the Department of Environment and Conservation.

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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