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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) Harcourt Mink Fur Farm

(Reg. 1151)

Proponent: Mr. Jorn Mogensen

The proponent plans to construct a mink fur farm near Harcourt, Smith Sound, Trinity Bay. The proposed fur farm will be located on a 54 hectare site, located approximately 1 kilometre east of Ryders Brook Bridge, accessed off route 232, on a former agriculture lease held by Mr. Robert Stanley. The proponent plans to introduce 3,500 bred females and to increase to 10,000 female breeders within 3 years thus producing approximately 50,000 kits. Construction on the site will include sheds to house the mink and other related structures. The project was registered on August 31, 2004; Public comments are due by October 5, 2004; and, the Minister's decision is due on October 15, 2004.

(2) Botwood (Northern Arm) Mink Fur Farm

(Reg. 1152)

Proponent: Botwood Fur Ranch Inc.

The proponent plans to construct a mink fur farm north of Northern Arm near Botwood, Bay of Exploits, Notre Dame Bay. The proposed fur farm will be located on a 110 hectare site, located approximately 7 kilometres north of Northern Arm, on route 350. The proponent plans to introduce 2,500 bred females and to increase to 10,000 female breeders within 4 years thus producing approximately 50,000 kits. Construction on the site will include sheds to house the mink and other related structures. The project was registered on August 31, 2004; Public comments are due by October 5, 2004; and, the Minister's decision is due on October 15, 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PLAN ACCEPTED AS SATISFACTORY:

The Cartwright Junction to Happy Valley-Goose Bay Trans Labrador Highway Project 1-04 PHG Environmental Protection Plan has been accepted as satisfactory. The Environmental Protection Plan pertains to construction of the section of two lane gravel surface highway extending from km 0 to 27.1 starting from Cartwright Junction and proceeding west.

UNDERTAKING RELEASED:

(1) Big Pond to Isle Aux Morts Pond ATV Trail

(Reg. 1141)

Proponent: Mr. Peter W. Ingram

The Minister has released the Big Pond to Isle Aux Morts Pond ATV trail from further environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- Sections of the trail must be rerouted to avoid alluvial grasslands and sensitive wetlands, in consultation with the Inland Fish and Wildlife Division of the Department of Environment and Conservation.
- Permanent water course crossings must be constructed over all streams and permits will be required from the Water Resources Management Division of the Department of Environment and Conservation.
- The trail must be approved in accordance with the ATV Regulations under the *Motorized Snow Vehicles and All-Terrain Vehicles Act* by the Land Management Division, Crown Lands Branch 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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