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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
event relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Charleston Feed Kitchen & Mink Pelting Operation (Reg. 1186)
Proponent: Charleston Mink Company Ltd. (Jorn Mogensen)

The proponent plans to upgrade the former Charleston Fish Plant to provide feed and
pelting services for the provincial fur industry, and especially for Harcourt Fur Farm Inc.
The production in the feed kitchen (which will have a capacity of 4.6 million kilograms
per year) of both finished feed and raw materials (for sale to feed kitchens and farms in
other areas of the Province) is expected to peak at 2.6 to 3.2 million kilograms in the first
3 to 5 years. Peak production of pelts in the first 3 to 5 years will be 150,000 which will
include both locally produced mink and pelts from imported pre-skinned (no-carcass)
mink. The disposal of waste materials (carcasses, fat, and sawdust), which will peak at 90
tonnes per year, will take place by offsite burial. The proponent plans to start construction
by late-May. The project was registered on March 29, 2005; public comments are due by
May 3, 2005; and, the Minister's decision is due by May 13, 2005.

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.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Director of Environmental
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