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Department of Environment and Conservation  
Environmental Assessment Division

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN**

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

### **UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:**

**Codroy River South Branch to North Branch ATV Trail** (Reg. 1257)  
**Proponent Alphonsus O'Quinn**

The proponent proposes to construct an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) trail to allow year round access to a remote cabin located on the North Branch of the Grand Codroy River, in southwestern Newfoundland. The trail will be approximately 1 kilometre long and spanning a width of 1.5 metres, would be located approximately 1.6 kilometres upstream of the joining of South Branch and North Branch for travel between the two rivers. The project was registered on May 11, 2006; public comments are due by June 20, 2006; and, the Minister's decision is due by June 25, 2006.

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.

### **ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTED:**

**Long Harbour Commercial Nickel Processing Plant** (Reg. 1243)  
**Proponent: Voisey's Bay Nickel Company Limited**

On May 11<sup>th</sup> the Minister required that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be prepared to address environmental issues related to the undertaking. As required by the Environmental Protection Act, the Minister has now appointed an Assessment Committee with representation from the following government agencies:

- Department of Environment and Conservation,
  - Environmental Assessment Division – Committee Chair
  - Water Resources Management Division
  - Wildlife Division
  - Pollution Prevention Division
- Department of Natural Resources,
- Department of Municipal Affairs,
- Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Cultural Heritage, Archaeology

Section)

- Environment Canada,
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada,
- Department of Innovation, Trade, and Rural Development
- Transport Canada,
- Department of Human Resources, Labour and Employment,
- Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture,
- Women's Policy Office,
- Business Section, Executive Council, and
- Department of Health and Community Services.

The Committee will develop the Guidelines which will highlight the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS. The Guidelines will be made available to the public for comment before being approved by the Minister. The proponent is required to submit the EIS which will be available for public review. For further information on this project contact the environmental assessment committee chairperson Carl Strong at (709) 729-0834 or email at CStrong@gov.nl.ca

#### **BIRD MONITORING SURVEY ACCEPTED:**

**Burnt Ridge, Elliston Wind Power Project (Bonavista Peninsula)** (Reg. 1106)  
**Proponent: Bonavista Wind Project Inc.**

The Minister has accepted the Pre-Construction bird monitoring survey for baseline information as satisfactory. The proponent was required as a condition of release to undertake bird monitoring for the Pre-Construction and Post-Construction stages for development of wind turbine power generation farm. The Pre-Construction bird monitoring survey is available for information purposes from the Department's web site or by contacting Paul Carter at (709) 729-0188 or email at PCarter@gov.nl.ca.

#### **UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:**

**(1) Incinerator Road (Foxtrap Access Road) Gravel Quarry** (Reg. 1242)  
**Proponent: Cabot Ready Mix Limited**

**(2) Carbonear Seal Tannery** (Reg. 1245)  
**Proponent: Phoca G. Company Ltd.**

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