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Department of Environment and Conservation
Environmental Assessment Division

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN

Honourable Charlene Johnson, Minister of Environment and Conservation, has announced the following event relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

Englee Fish Processing Plant

Proponent: Town of Englee

(Reg. 1364)

The proponent plans to sublet a block of land on the west side of Englee, adjacent to the former fish plant, for construction and operation of a crab, pelagic and ground fish processing facility. Construction will include a two storey building which will house the entire operation.

The undertaking was registered on January 31, 2008; public comments are due by March 7, 2008; and the Minister's decision is due by March 16, 2008.

Portland Creek Agricultural Development

Proponent: Brophy Dairy Farms Ltd.

(Reg. 1365)

This project involves the development of approximately 60 hectares for forage production within an 80 hectare Crown land agricultural lease. The site is located approximately one kilometre east of Route 430 and three kilometers south of Portland Creek Pond, near the community of Portland Creek on the Northern Peninsula. The project will include a Class C-2 gravel access road and the development of forage fields to increase the productive land base of Brophy Dairy Farms Ltd. No buildings or other constructed farm infrastructure will be associated with this project. Construction of the access road will begin in the spring of 2008; construction of the fields will take place over the following five years.

The undertaking was registered on January 31, 2008; public comments are due by March 7, 2008; and the Minister's decision is due on March 16, 2008.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

1.) Crown District 7 (Bay d'Espoir) Five Year Forest Operating Plan (08-12)

Proponent: Department Natural Resources

(Reg. 1349)

This undertaking was released from environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- In harvest areas with known boreal felt lichen (*Erioderma pedicellatum*) populations, forestry must work to ensure that appropriate mitigation, as recommended in the management plan, be employed.
- Guidelines that are established for active eagle nests and buffers for various times of the year must be followed.
- Certain harvesting areas around Godeliech Pond and Round Pond will require a 100 metre buffer for the protection of waterfowl habitat. A 30 metre is to be maintained around the estuary in Conne River.
- Forestry activities in pertinent areas must adhere to the forest management guidelines for woodland caribou and use measures to protect rare plants.

2.) Corner Brook Pulp and Paper District 17 (Northern Peninsula) Five Year Forest Operating Plan (08-12)

Proponent: Corner Brook Pulp and Paper

(Reg. 1350)

This undertaking was released from environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- Implement buffer of 50 metres on water-bodies in pertinent areas to protect harlequin duck habitat.
- Forestry activities in pertinent areas must adhere to the forest management guidelines for woodland caribou and use measures to protect rare plants.
- Implement a 500 metre no-roads buffer around the Highlands of St. John study area.
- Implement 30 metre buffers as required by the Provincial Archaeology Office.
- In the appropriate areas along the Viking Trail, a 100 meter managed buffer is to be instituted and landscape design techniques be used to camouflage harvests.
- An annual progress report is to be prepared by the proponent.

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