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Department of Environment and Conservation
Environmental Assessment Division

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN

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

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

Crown District 21 Five Year Operating Plan (2007-11) Amendment

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

(Reg. 1415)

The Department of Natural Resources is seeking to amend the Five-year Forest Operating Plan in Crown District 21 (Labrador) (2007-2011) to allow the harvest of insect killed and damaged timber resulting from a hemlock looper outbreak near Charlottetown, Port Hope Simpson, Mary's Harbour and other areas. Two new operating areas of approximately 285 hectares will be harvested (40,000 m³) and 2.4 kilometres of primary forest access road is to be constructed.

The undertaking was registered on November March 26, 2007; public comments are due by May 1, 2009; and the Minister's decision is due on May 10, 2009.

Crown District 2 Five Year Operating Plan (2007-11) Amendment

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

(Reg. 1416)

The Department of Natural Resources is seeking to amend the Five-year Forest Operating Plan in Crown District 2 (2007-2011) which covers the Bonavista Peninsula operating area. The amendment concerns the proposed harvest of approximately 147.5 hectares of timber (16,650 cubic metres) over three operating areas in the District. The largest operating area (#215) to be affected is located approximately 7 kilometres west of the Town of Clarenville, off Dark Hole Brook resource road proposes the harvesting of 92 hectares of timber (9,130 cubic metres). A second operating area (#223) is located approximately 6 kilometres west of the Town of Bloomfield for the harvesting of 2.5 hectares of timber (180 cubic metres). A third operating area (#236) is proposed for the harvesting of 53 hectares of timber (3,340 cubic metres) northwest of Nut Cove Pond. The amendment has been submitted to access old and decadent balsam fir stands before they pass the point of commercial viability.

The undertaking was registered on March 25, 2009; public comments are due by May 1, 2009; and, the Minister's decision is due by May 10, 2009.

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