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:

Gilmore Cranberry Farm, Bishop's Falls South Proponent: Gilmore Cranberry Co., Inc.

(Reg. 1442)

The proposal is to develop a 10 hectare cranberry bog off an existing access road six kilometres south on the Bay D' Espoir Highway. This development will include an irrigation/sediment pond, auxiliary buildings, water control structures, drainage tile in the bed, an access road, and berm construction. Harvesting includes flooding each field with 45 centimetres of water, independently, and removal with a cranberry beater. Standard pesticides will be utilized during operation. The project is scheduled to commence upon approval.

The undertaking was registered on August 3, 2009; public comments are due by September 10, 2009; and, the Minister's decision is due by September 17, 2009.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTED:

Parsons Pond Oil Exploration & Access Road Proponent: Leprechaun Resources Ltd.

(Reg. 1411)

The following agencies have been appointed to the Environmental Assessment Committee for the above undertaking and will provide the Minister with scientific and technical advice on the Environmental Preview Report (EPR).

- Environmental Assessment Division, Dept. of Environment & Conservation
- Pollution Prevention Division, Dept. of Environment & Conservation
- Inland Fish & Wildlife Division, Dept. of Environment & Conservation

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

1) Peters River Cranberry Farm
Proponent: Peters River Cranberry (TBI)

(Reg. 1425)

 The proponent must develop monitoring survey protocols in consultations with the Wildlife Division for waterfowl, other bird species, and for any species at risk that might be within the cranberry farm site area. The annual results of these monitoring surveys will be provided to, and discussed with the Wildlife Division and Canadian Wildlife Service. In addition, mitigation measures should be developed to reduce human-waterfowl interactions during construction and operation of the cranberry farm.

2) Glenfair Farms Cranberry Farm

Proponent: Glenfair Farms Ltd.

(Reg. 1427)

• The proponent must develop monitoring survey protocols in consultations with the Wildlife Division for waterfowl, other bird species, and for any species at risk that might be within the cranberry farm site area. The annual results of these monitoring surveys will be provided to, and discussed with the Wildlife Division and Canadian Wildlife Service. In addition, mitigation measures should be developed to reduce human-waterfowl interactions during construction and operation of the cranberry farm.

3) RECON Cranberry Farm (Peter's River Area) Proponent: RECON (TBI)

(Reg. 1428)

• The proponent must develop monitoring survey protocols in consultations with the Wildlife Division for waterfowl, other bird species, and for any species at risk that might be within the cranberry farm site area. The annual results of these monitoring surveys will be provided to, and discussed with the Wildlife Division and Canadian Wildlife Service. In addition, mitigation measures should be developed to reduce human-waterfowl interactions during construction and operation of the cranberry farm.

4) Northern Brook, Botwood Cranberry Farm Proponent: Mr. Ken Newhook

(Reg. 1429)

 The proponent must develop monitoring survey protocols in consultations with the Wildlife Division for waterfowl, other bird species, and for any species at risk that might be within the cranberry farm site area. The annual results of these monitoring surveys will be provided to, and discussed with the Wildlife Division and Canadian Wildlife Service. In addition, mitigation measures should be developed to reduce human-waterfowl interactions during construction and operation of the cranberry farm.

5) Wooddale Cranberry Farm

Proponent: Bishop's Cranberry Farm (TBI)

(Reg. 1430)

• The proponent must develop monitoring survey protocols in consultations with the Wildlife Division for waterfowl, other bird species, and for any species at risk that might be within the cranberry farm site area. The annual results of these monitoring surveys will be provided to, and discussed with the Wildlife Division and Canadian Wildlife Service. In addition, mitigation measures should be developed to reduce human-waterfowl interactions during construction and operation of the cranberry farm.

6) JAG Cranberry Farm Proponent: JAG Sod Farm Ltd.

(Reg. 1431)

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

 The proponent must develop monitoring survey protocols in consultations with the Wildlife Division for waterfowl, other bird species, and for any species at risk that might be within the cranberry farm site area. The annual results of these monitoring surveys will be provided to, and discussed with the Wildlife Division and Canadian Wildlife Service. In addition, mitigation measures should be developed to reduce human-waterfowl interactions during construction and operation of the cranberry farm.

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