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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:

Shalloway Big Pond, Musgrave Harbour, ATV Trail

Proponent: Mr. Craig Gray

(Reg. 1452)

The proponent plans to develop a 1.5 kilometre ATV trail to a remote cabin on the west shore of Shalloways Water Big Pond. The trail is to be located 10 kilometres east of Musgrave Harbour, off Route 330. Site preparation and construction is scheduled to begin upon approval.

The undertaking was registered on October 19, 2009; public comments are due by November 26, 2009; and, the Minister's decision is due by December 3, 2009.

Gander Bay Highway - Island Pond Cranberry Development

Proponent: 60393 Newfoundland and Labrador Corp.

(Reg. 1453)

The proposal is to develop a cranberry farm on a 101 hectare peat bog. The site, known as Burse's Marsh, is located approximately 22 kilometres north of Gander on the Gander Bay Highway Route 330. Construction of the cranberry beds is scheduled over two years with half of the area developed each year. The development will include removal of vegetation, ditching installation of irrigation and sediment ponds, berms, bed drainage tile, water control structures and farm auxiliary buildings. Sand, fertilizers and pesticides will be applied to the cranberry beds during operation. Harvesting of the cranberries includes flooding each field, in succession, with approximately 45 centimetres of water and removal with a cranberry beater. The project is scheduled to commence in the fall of 2009, if approved.

The undertaking was registered on October 21, 2009; public comments are due by November 26, 2009; and, the Minister's decision is due by December 5, 2009.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

Gilmore Cranberry Farm, Bishop's Falls South

Proponent: Gilmore Cranberry Co., Inc.

(Reg. 1442)

Prior to the start of construction, monitoring survey protocols must be developed for waterfowl and other bird species as well as any other species at risk that might be within the cranberry farm area. Mitigation measures should be developed to reduce human-waterfowl interactions during construction and operation of the farm.

Steel Mountain, Stephenville Magnetite Quarry

Proponent: Pennecon Ltd.

(Reg. 1444)

For further information on the environmental assessment process, please contact the Director of Environmental Assessment at (709) 729-4211 or toll-free: 1-800-563-6181 or by mail to:

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