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:

Southwest River, St. George's Quarry
Proponent: Humber Valley Aggregates and Asphalt Ltd.

(Reg. 1460)

The proposal is to develop an aggregate quarry for use as cement/sand. The quarry is approximately four hectares and is adjacent to Southwest Brook. The undertaking is located at the intersection of the Trans Canada Highway and Route 480 to Burgeo.

The Undertaking was registered on December 22, 2009; public comments are due by February 3, 2010; and the Minister's decision is due by February 5, 2010.

Port Aux Basques to Crow Head Hiking Trail (IATNL) (Reg. 1461)
Proponent: International Appalachian Trail, Newfoundland and Labrador Chapter Inc.

The proposed trail will be developed adjacent to the Long Range Mountains from Port aux Basques in southwestern Newfoundland to Crow Head in the north. The proposed IATNL will total approximately 700 kilometres of new non-contiguous walking/hiking trail connected by existing trails and roads. The over 20 new sections of trail will range in length from one kilometre to over 100 kilometres, much of it over barren terrain requiring only rock cairns to mark the route. The proposed IATNL will be approximately one metre wide with no bridges or board walks. Refer to previous registrations 1194 and 1372 for previously approved sections of the proposed trail. Development of the proposed IATNL will be phased in over ten years.

The Undertaking was registered on December 23, 2009; public comments are due by February 3, 2010; and the Minister's decision is due by February 6, 2010.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

Glenfair Farms Cranberry Farm Development, Wooddale Proponent: Glenfair Farms Ltd.

(Reg. 1446)

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

Prior to the start of construction, the proponent must develop monitoring survey
protocols in consultation 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.

Shalloway Big Pond, Musgrave Harbour, ATV Trail Proponent: Mr. Craig Gray

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