

Environment and Conservation
May 17, 2010

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:

Wild Cove, Baie Verte Breakwater (Reg.1500)
Proponent: Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Small Craft Harbours Branch

The project involves the construction of a rubble mound breakwater to provide protection to an adjacent finger pier wharf. The area between the breakwater and the existing finger pier wharf will also be infilled to provide an expanded service area. The breakwater will have an approximate length of 120 metres at the waters surface, extending in a generally southern direction with an overall footprint (breakwater and infill for new service area) of 7,000 square metres. The armourstone material will be trucked to the site and will be placed using an excavator(s), working above the high water mark, from the shoreline/breakwater structure or atop a barge. The successful contractor will determine the exact construction methodology and source for the armourstone. Construction is expected to require 3 to 4 months to complete and is tentatively scheduled for the 2010/2011 fiscal year.

The undertaking was registered on May 14, 2010; public comments are due by June 21, 2010; and the minister's decision is due by June 28, 2010.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

Brown's Arm Farm Access (Reg. 1483)
Proponent: Mr. Marc Porter

Parson's Pond Oil Exploration and Access Road (Reg. 1411)
Proponent: Nalcor Oil & Gas Inc.

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

1. No access road construction is to occur between May 15th and June 30th.
2. In addition to meeting any other legal and/or regulatory requirements at present existing or hereinafter created or established by the Government or Province of Newfoundland and Labrador or any other federal or municipal

government or regulatory agency or authority having jurisdiction with respect to the same, the proponent is required to submit to the Department of Environment & Conservation a project-specific Environmental Protection Plan (EPP), prepared in consultation with the Wildlife Division. The EPP should focus on, but not be limited to, mitigation measures to reduce adverse environmental effects on resident Northern Peninsula woodland caribou during access road construction and drilling operations and must include provisions for site rehabilitation measures after project closure. The EPP must be approved by the Minister of Environment and Conservation prior to the onset of any construction activities.

3. Nalcor is required to develop and implement, in consultation with the Wildlife Division, an Environmental Effects Monitoring (EEM) program for woodland caribou throughout the life of the project. The results of the EEM are to be provided to the Wildlife Division at the end of drilling operations each year and reviewed by the Wildlife Division to determine whether any measured adverse effects on caribou are apparent. The results of the annual reviews of the EEM must be completed and reported to the Minister of Environment and Conservation prior to the commencement of any subsequent drilling activities. The EEM is required to be approved by the Minister of Environment and Conservation prior to the onset of any construction activities.

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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