

Environment and Conservation  
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## **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:**

**Butt's Pond Cottage Development Phase 2** (Reg.1513)  
**Proponent: Department of Environment and Conservation; Land Management Division**

The proponent proposes to develop 36 new cottage lots with associated road construction. Seventeen lots will be developed in two locations on Butt's Pond and nineteen at one site on nearby Puncheon Pond west of the Town of Gambo. Butt's Pond and Puncheon Pond are within the Butt's Pond – Middle Brook Integrated Planning Area.

Access to the proposed sites will be via an existing access road located approximately two kilometres west of the intersection of Square Pond Park and the Trans Canada Highway (Route 1). The area is also accessible from the T'Railway Provincial Park. Construction associated with this proposal will be limited to gravel roads contracted by Lands Branch and is expected to begin in the summer of 2010.

The undertaking was registered on June 14, 2010; public comments are due by July 20, 2010; and the minister's decision is due by July 29, 2010.

**Milltown-Head of Bay D'Espoir Land Based Net Washing Pilot Project**  
**Proponent: Newfoundland Aqua Services Limited** (Reg. 1512)

Newfoundland Aqua Services Limited of St. Alban's proposes to establish a net washing pilot operation on land adjacent to Mill Pond within the municipality of Milltown-Head of Bay d'Espoir. The facility will be used to wash and disinfect nets that are used in the aquaculture industry. Biofouled nets will be taken to the site and washed in a large drum washer, situated in an aluminum containment area. Clean water will be obtained from an artesian well to be drilled on site. The facility will treat and recycle net washing water and will not discharge effluent to the environment. Solid waste will be removed from the site and composted at an approved facility.

The undertaking was registered on June 14, 2010; public comments are due by July 20, 2010; and the minister's decision is due by July 29, 2010.

### **Fortune Area Multi-Purpose Trail**

**Proponent: Fortune ATV Trail Association Inc.**

(Reg.1511)

The proponent proposes a multi-purpose 10 kilometre trail from the intersection of Gapton's Knob Trail to connect with Tobacco Road, then south to Fortune Brook across the Lamaline Highway, west to Burnt Hill Pond Ridge to connect to the existing Grassy Patch Trail. This development would complete the Multi-Purpose Trail Loop system from North West Pond Trail to Grassy Patch Trail. The development will be undertaken in three phases, with the first phase, trail from Dam Road to Tobacco Road, tentatively beginning in October 2011.

The undertaking was registered on June 10, 2010; the deadline for public comments is July 20, 2010; and the minister's decision is due by July 25, 2010.

### **Forteau Cranberry Farm**

**Proponent: Southern Labrador Development Association**

(Reg. 1510)

This proposal involves the development of an experimental cranberry farm in Forteau, southern Labrador. The site is located off Route 510 and the farm will be approximately one half acre in size. Work will be carried out over a four-year period. Construction and set up will be established in the first year and years 2-4 will be used for data collection and experimental work. Construction activities will include ditching, cranberry bed development, removal of vegetation, construction of irrigation and sediment ponds, and installation of water control structures and bed drainage tile. Sand, fertilizers and pesticides will be applied to the cranberry beds during operation. Harvesting of the cranberries includes flooding and removal with a mechanical harvester. The earliest construction date will be September 1, 2010, subject to approval.

The undertaking was registered on June 9, 2010; the deadline for public comments is July 20, 2010; and the minister's decision is due by July 24, 2010.

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