

Environment and Conservation
August 5, 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:

Big Southwest Pond Cottage Access Road (Reg. 1526)
Proponent: Anthony R. Pickett

The proponent proposes to build an access road for a new cottage on Big Southwest Pond, near Greenspond, Bonavista Bay. The access road will be 550 metres long and will be located off Greenspond Road, approximately 7 kilometres past the junction of Highway Route 320 (to New-Wes-Valley). The proposed road will provide access to the western side of Big Southwest Pond for construction of a 1,000 to 1,500 square foot cottage. Construction is proposed to begin in the spring of 2011.

The undertaking was registered on August 5, 2010; public comments are due by September 11, 2010; and, the minister's decision is due by September 19, 2010.

Arnold's Cove Breakwater (Reg. 1525)
Proponent: Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Small Craft Harbours Branch

The proponent proposes to construct a 160 metre long by 45 metre wide rubblemound breakwater in Arnold's Cove. The breakwater will be constructed of core stone, filter stone and armour stone of varying sizes that will be transported to the site. The area adjacent to the breakwater will be infilled using material such as core and filter stone to develop a laydown and service area. The material will be placed using an excavator working above the high water mark, from the shoreline/breakwater structure or atop a barge. The contractor will determine the exact construction methodology and source of the armour stone. Construction activities will be carried out using an excavator, dump trucks and manual labour and is expected to require 5 months to complete. Commencement of the project is subject to Small Craft Harbour Branch priorities and funding and regulatory approval.

The undertaking was registered on August 5, 2010; the deadline for public comments is September 9, 2010; and the minister's decision is due by September 19, 2010.

Harbour Breton Breakwater

(Reg. 1524)

Proponent: Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Small Craft Harbours Branch

The proponent proposes to construct a 125 metre long by 40 metre wide rubblemound breakwater in Harbour Breton on the south coast of Newfoundland. The breakwater will be constructed using a variety of materials including core stone, filter stone, and armour stone of varying sizes which will be transported to the site. The area upland to the breakwater will be leveled to provide access to the site as well as to develop a laydown and service area. Construction activities will be carried out using an excavator, dump trucks and manual labour and is expected to require 5 months to complete. Commencement of the project is subject to Small Craft Harbour Branch priorities and funding and regulatory approval.

The undertaking was registered on August 5, 2010; the deadline for public comments is September 9, 2010; and the minister's decision is due by September 19, 2010.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:**Eddies Cove Area ATV Trail**

(Reg. 1507)

Proponent: Mr. Aster Caines**Butt's Pond Cottage Development Phase 2**

(Reg.1513)

Proponent: Department of Environment and Conservation; Land Management Division**Pinchgut Lake Cabin Area Electrical Distribution Line**

(Reg.1514)

Proponent: Newfoundland Power Inc.**UNDERTAKING REJECTED:****George's Brook Residential Subdivision**

(Reg. 1498)

Proponent: Mr. Manuel Ellis

This undertaking was rejected due to the following:

- A Crown Land title (for application no. 135863) will not be issued for the proposed new subdivision and access road by the Lands Management Division, Department of Environment and Conservation. The Department will not issue title for a subdivision and road in an unincorporated area which the Department of Transportation and Works have not committed to maintain responsibility for maintenance or snow clearing.
- The Water Resources Management Division (WRMD) will not issue a permit for the extension to the existing water supply system proposed to service the subdivision as the system has poor water quality and is currently under a boil water advisory.

Also, the system may not have adequate capacity to supply the additional quantity of water required for the new development. WRMD also advises against the proposed communal sewage system since there is no municipal authority to assume responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the system once the developer has completed the project.

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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