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Environmental Assessment Bulletin

The Honourable Terry French, Minister of Environment and Conservation, has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Postville Area Mink and Fox Farm Proponent: J. F. Fur Farms

(Reg. 1612)

The proponent, J. F. Fur Farms, is applying for a lease of 16 hectares of agricultural land from the Nunatsiavut Government to establish a mink and fox farm near Postville, Labrador. The farm is being developed to produce mink varieties for sale throughout North American auction houses. At startup in summer 2012, the operation will have 1,000 breeding female mink and 30 breeding female foxes. After three years, the proponent expects to reach full capacity with facilities to accommodate 5,000 breeders. Construction will be staged and facilities to be constructed include four mink sheds, two fox sheds, two storage sheds, perimeter fencing, two temporary manure storage pads, a food kitchen, a power house building and a 15-kilowatt windmill. Waste as manure will eventually be spread on fields developed by the proponent and all pelting will be done offsite.

The undertaking was registered on October 31, 2011; the deadline for public comments is December 7, 2011; and the minister's decision is due by December 12, 2011.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

City Concrete Ltd Batch Plant in Paradise Proponent: City Concrete Ltd.	(Reg. 1604)
Fiberglass Reinforced Polymer Training Facility Proponent: Maher Group of Companies Inc.	(Reg. 1602)
Forest Management Districts 10, 11, 12 and 13: Crown Five-Year Operating Plan (2011-2015) – Resubmission	

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources (Reg. 1593)

The project is released subject to the following condition:

• The Department of Natural Resources must develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in consultation with the Wildlife Division of this department that outlines an adaptive management strategy that will monitor the efficacy of, and if necessary adjust, the caribou protection measures currently in place. The MOU must be submitted to this department for Ministerial approval by December 1, 2011.

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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