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.

(Reg. 1648)

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

West Pond - Lakewood Chalets Development Proponent: 58820 Newfoundland & Labrador Inc.

The undertaking consists of the development of two parcels of crown land (0.81 hectares each) located adjacent to West Pond, approximately 22 kilometres west of Springdale. The undertaking will include the construction of rental chalets, a main building and associated road construction. The chalets will be accessed via a 1500 metre extension to an existing cottage access road that is used by cabin owners in the West Pond area. The road extension and development area will reserve specific electrical right-of-way to service each chalet. Development will act as an expansion accommodation property affiliated with the existing Riverwood Inn located in Springdale. The chalets will afford guests access to multi-seasonal activities such as boating, ATV riding and snowmobiling. Development is set to begin in the fall of 2012.

The undertaking was registered on May 30, 2012; public comments are due by July 5 2012; and the minister's decision is due by July 14, 2012.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

Shoal Harbour Pond Quarry Proponent: J-1 Contracting Ltd.	(Reg. 1635)
Nine Island Pond RV Park Resort Proponent: Gushue's Excavation Ltd.	(Reg. 1633)

Deer Lake Treated Lumber and Wood Manufacturing Facility (Reg. 1641) **Proponent: Marwood Limited**

The project is released subject to the following conditions:

- A hydrogeologic study is required to determine groundwater flow directions in the vicinity of the existing landfill, around the perimeter of the plant and the influence of the proposed process water well on any contamination outside the property (such as from the existing landfill). The hydrogeologic study must be reviewed and approved by the Department of Environment and Conservation prior to start of construction.
- A 50 metre buffer must be maintained between the proposed development and the existing agricultural lease.
- A 30 metre tree screened buffer must be maintained between the development and the Bonne Bay Highway (Route 430).

UNDERTAKING REJECTED:

Brown's Arm Quarry Access Road Proponent: Dawson Freake

The project is rejected due to the following:

• The quarry access road cannot be justified as the route would result in a loss of productive forest and cause fragmentation of wildlife habitat. Therefore, the Department of Natural Resources will not issue a permit to cut timber and Crown Lands will not issue a Crown Land title for this road.

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