

Environment and Climate Change

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Environmental Assessment Bulletin

The Honourable Perry Trimper, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the *Environmental Protection Act*.

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

Dildo Microbrewery, Tap Room and Museum (Reg. 1879)

Proponent: Dildo Brewing Company, Tap Room and Museum

The proponent has submitted a proposal to re-develop a 381 square metre building located at 1 Front Road, Dildo, to operate a five-barrel capacity microbrewery along with a tap room and a museum. The beer will be made with all natural ingredients (water, malted barley, hops and yeast) with no added preservatives or pasteurization. There is an existing well at the site and the property will contain a septic field and a 557 square metre parking area. An existing museum has been in operation for more than 10 years at this location and will continue to operate at the site.

The undertaking was registered on February 21, 2017; the deadline for public comments is March 28, 2017; and the minister's decision is due by April 7, 2017.

Marystown Quarry (Reg. 1878)

Proponent: Nortech Construction Company Limited

The proponent proposes to operate a five hectare quarry in the Marystown area, off Route 210, two kilometres Northwest of Creston North. The quarry will be operated in conjunction with an existing quarry in the area. The two quarries would be joined together to have a common boundary and will be accessed from the same forestry access road. The quarry will be used for blasted rock, granular material, and asphalt aggregates for projects on the Burin Peninsula and surrounding areas.

The undertaking was registered on February 17, 2017; the deadline for public comments is March 28, 2017; and the minister's decision is due by April 3, 2017.

Little Lawn Harbour Quarry (Reg. 1877)

Proponent: Cox's Construction Ltd.

The proponent has submitted a proposal to develop a five hectare gravel, sand, rock and pit run quarry located approximately five kilometres west of the Town of St. Lawrence on Route 220. This proposal will require construction of a 500 metre access road and is proposed to operate seasonally from April to December. No blasting or drilling activities are anticipated.

The undertaking was registered on February 17, 2017; the deadline for public comments is March 28, 2017; and the minister's decision is due by April 3, 2017.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

Crown Five-Year Operating Plan for Zone 3 (2017-2021) (Reg. 1864)
Proponent: Forest Service, Dept. of Fisheries, Forestry and Agrifoods

The project is released from further environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- No harvesting shall take place in Natural Areas System Plan Candidate Reserves or Areas of Interest;
- No new roads or trails shall be built within 500 metres of existing protected areas, or Natural Areas System Plan Candidate Reserves or Areas of Interest;
- Where possible, a minimum 30 metre undisturbed buffer is to be maintained between forestry operations and any surrounding watercourse or water body;
- Where possible, a minimum 30 metre undisturbed tree screen will be maintained between public roadways and forestry operations to conceal operations from public view;
- Operations, including silviculture activities, will follow the mitigation commitments for wildlife and wildlife habitat as outlined in the five year forest operating management plan and as committed to by the proponent during the environmental assessment review of this undertaking. These mitigation commitments include restrictions for Sensitive Waterfowl areas, Sensitive Wildlife areas, sensitive lifecycle periods and cutblock boundary amendments. Please contact the Wildlife Division, Department of Environment and Climate Change at (709) 637-2029 for further information;
- No forestry activity shall take place in the Indian Arm Brook Area of Interest to allow for the conclusion of the *Wilderness and Ecological Reserves Act* process being led by the Wilderness and Ecological Reserves Advisory Council (WERAC) in consultation with public stakeholders, the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agrifoods and the Department of Environment and Climate Change. This Area of Interest is being reviewed as a potential Protected Area under the *Wilderness and Ecological Reserves Act* and the results of this review may restrict forestry activities proposed for this area. A final decision on harvesting in the Indian Arm Brook Area of Interest will occur after the WERAC process has concluded.
- A draft document that details a plan for the development and implementation of best management practices for avifauna management relative to forestry operations in Newfoundland and Labrador shall be submitted to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change for review and approval by April 30, 2017. This document will outline a more specific plan that includes both short and long term goals.

Forest Management District 21 Five-Year Operating Plan (2017-2021) (Reg. 1869)
Proponent: Forest Service, Dept. Fisheries, Forestry and Agrifoods

The project is released from further environmental assessment subject to the following condition:

- A draft document that details a plan for the development and implementation of best management practices for avifauna management relative to forestry operations in Newfoundland and Labrador shall be submitted to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change for review and approval by April 30, 2017. This document will outline a more specific plan that includes both short and long term goals.

For further information on the environmental assessment process, please contact the Director of Environmental Assessment at (709) 729-0673, toll-free at 1-800-563-6181 or by mail:

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