

Municipal Affairs and Environment

September 19, 2017

Environmental Assessment Bulletin

The Honourable Eddie Joyce, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment, has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

Bay Roberts Microbrewery

(Reg.1925)

Proponent: Baccalieu Trail Brewing Company Ltd.

The proponent proposes to establish a microbrewery in the Town of Bay Roberts, along the Conception Bay Highway, on the Baccalieu Trail. The proposal is to redevelop the main level of an existing building at 1 Conception Bay Highway. The microbrewery will be a 5-barrel capacity, along with a tasting area (taproom), and retail space. The microbrewery will produce approximately 1,300 barrels (1,525 hectolitres) of beer per year.

The undertaking was registered on September 12, 2017; the deadline for public comments is October 24, 2017; and the minister's decision is due by October 27, 2017.

Salt Pond Quarry

(Reg. 1926)

Proponent: B.D.C. Construction

The proponent is planning to develop a 2.2 hectare quarry approximately two kilometers southeast of Salt Pond on the Burin Peninsula. Access to the quarry is via an existing road off Green Hill Road and will require construction of a new road, approximately 15 metres long by 10 metres wide, to access the site. The purpose of the project is to supply gravel and slate to the local market for road construction, driveway construction, and land development.

The undertaking was registered on September 18, 2017; the deadline for public comments is October 24, 2017; and the minister's decision is due by November 2, 2017.

Secret Cove Microbrewery and The Well Tap Room

(Reg.1927)

Proponent: Secret Cove Brewing Company Ltd. and "The Well" Taproom

The proponent has submitted a revised proposal to operate a microbrewery and a taproom in the Town of Port au Port East in a new location. This undertaking underwent environmental assessment (registration 1898), but has been registered again to allow for consideration of the new location. The beer produced will be small batch hand-crafted beer made from all natural ingredients (water, yeast, grain and hops) with no

added preservatives. The establishment will be open to the public on a seasonal basis from May until October.

The undertaking was registered on September 18, 2017; the deadline for public comments is October 24, 2017; and the minister's decision is due by November 2, 2017.

Dildo Pond Agricultural Development Area
Proponent: Triple E Farms Limited

(Reg 1928)

The proponent has submitted a proposal to develop 176 acres of Crown land for vegetable production. The area is located on a ridge above Dildo Pond about one mile in on Shipbuilders Pond Resource Road, between Campbellton and Loon Bay. Work will be carried out over a six-year period to develop approximately 25 to 30 acres each year. Operation will include seeding and the control of weeds, insects and disease. Harvesting will occur in the fall. The project is scheduled to commence in spring 2018.

The undertaking was registered on September 18, 2017; the deadline for public comments is October 24, 2017; and the minister's decision is due by November 2, 2017.

Big Island Pond ATV Trail Extension
Proponent: Big Island Pond ATV Trail Association

(Reg. 1929)

The proponent has submitted a proposal for a three kilometre extension of the existing Big Island Pond ATV trail, north of the Town of Sunnyside. The extension proposes to follow an old existing woods trail and will allow residents of Sunnyside to connect to the Big Island Pond trail.

The undertaking was registered on September 19, 2017; the deadline for public comments is October 24, 2017; and the minister's decision is due by November 3, 2017.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

Crown District 23 Five Year Forestry Operating Plan (2018-22)
Proponent: Department of Fisheries and Land Resources

(Reg 1909)

The project is released subject to the following conditions:

- A minimum 20 metre buffer is required around four known archaeological/ethnographic sites located within Block 5 of the commercial harvesting area. These are defined as GeBx-01 (Kaipokok River 1), 13J/13W Ethno 6 (Salmon Brook 1), 13J/13W Ethno 7 (Salmon Brook 2) and 13J/13W Ethno 8 (Salmon Brook 3). The proponent is required to contact the Provincial Archaeology Office at (709) 729-2462 for further information.

- A minimum 30 metre buffer is required along the shoreline of Kaipokok Bay, Kaipokok River and Salmon River to protect potential archaeological and ethnographic sites.
- The proponent must maintain a minimum 30 metre undisturbed vegetated buffer along all waterbodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat.

Exploits River – Sandy Point Cottage Development
Proponent: Mr. James Evans

(Reg 1913)

The project is released subject to the following conditions:

- The proponent is required to submit a Buffer Zone Plan in relation to the Exploits River, for approval by the Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources prior to the commencement of construction activities. The Buffer Zone Plan will include an outline of the proposed lot sizes and proposed construction within 50 metres of the river.
- The proponent must maintain a minimum 30 metre undisturbed naturally vegetated buffer along all waterbodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species and their habitat.

Sherwood North Pit
Proponent: Iron Ore Company of Canada

(Reg. 1915)

The project is released subject to the following condition:

- IOC must extend the commitments in the Wabush 3 Gender Equity and Diversity Plan (GEDP) to include the Sherwood North Pit. This extension must be outlined in a letter to, and approved by, the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women prior to the start of construction. The Project must be included in future GEDP benefits reporting to the Department of Natural Resources.

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