

CHAMPION FURS LTD

Registration Pursuant to Section 49 of the Environmental Protection Act

Name of Undertaking: Champion Furs Ltd
Mink Fur Farm Expansion

Proponent:

(1) Name of Corporate Body Champion Furs Ltd

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Environmental Assessment:

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The Undertaking:

(1) Nature of Undertaking:

To expand an existing 300 female breeder mink farm to 1500 female breeder mink.
The kits will be pelted and sold at auction.

(11) Purpose/Rational/Need for the undertaking:

We see a larger farm making the operation more financially secure. The

farm is located close to Central Feed Kitchen enabling us to obtain ready-made feed Reasonably priced. It will create full and part time employment.

Description of Undertaking:

(1) Geographical Location:

The site consists of approximately 10 acres. It is located on route 430 about 1 km from the TCH on a section of the BayD'Espoir Highway zoned for fur farming.

(11) Physical features:

Existing:

One shed 200x30 ft includes breeder and pelter cages

One cold storage 8x16 ft

One work/feed shed 2 story 30x40ft

An artesian well is operation on site

Mink are contained on site with wire surrounding shed. It will be done with

Proposed sheds planned for expansion

Property Boundaries:

The property was full of mature trees, which have been cut and site preparation done

To allow construction of existing infrastructure

This farm is located on the Bay D'Espoir Highway that has been zoned for fur Farming. The proximity to nearest business is ½ km. This business is the Central Feed Kitchen, which was constructed, to provide feed for mink farms. We do not See any potential conflicts, as we are both in the same business.

Planned Expansion:

Two sheds 200x30 ft including breeder and pelter cages

All sheds will be built with concrete blocks sunk in the ground to support posts

The roof is to be metal with panel skylights

Fabrene sheeting for walls to allow light and air circulation

A storage pad will be provided to store manure waste according to government Environmental regulations.

(111) Construction:

Pending approval construction of sheds to start in Oct 2006 – Total construction phase is estimated to be 2 years

(1V) Operation:

The mink breeding cycle determines the operation of a Mink Farm:

Breeding: begins first week in March and lasts for three weeks.
Whelping: Starts around the 22 April to middle May
Weaning: Occurs when kits are 7-8 weeks old
Vaccination: Is done when kits are aprox 10 weeks old
Growing and Furring: takes place through the summer and fall seasons
Grading: done in fall
Pelting: December

The number of kits to be produced annually is estimated at 7500

A storage pad will be provided to store manure waste according to government Environmental regulations the estimated volume of manure to be produced will be 90 tons. The manure will eventually be spread on our own fields and the excess will be made available to other farmers in the area for spreading on their fields.

Pelting will be done at the 340 Ranchers Co-Op in Nova Scotia
Mink will be both purchased for expansion and grown from own stock

(V) Occupations:

Raymond will run Champion Furs. Full time and Part time workers will be hired as Needed. At the construction stage there will be two persons hired .The Persons hired to work with the mink will be needed during breeding and pelting Seasons. They will be selected from a local pool of labor.

(VI) Project – related documents:

N/A

Approval of Undertaking:

Crown Lands	lease #84254	approved
	Lease #124398	approved

Schedule:

Pending approval of environmental assessment sheds to start in Oct 2006

Funding:

Estimated cost of expansion three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00)

Signature

Date