

# COISH'S MINK RANCH

Registration Pursuant to Section 49 of the Environmental Protection Act.

**NAME OF UNDERTAKING:**

Coish's Mink Ranch

**PROPONENT:**

(I) Name of Corporate Body

Coish's Mink Ranch

(II) Address

48 Main Highway  
Cavendish, Trinity Bay  
Newfoundland & Labrador  
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(III) **Chief Executive Officer:**

Name

George & Violet Coish

Official Title

President / Co-owner's

Address

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Telephone Number

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(IV) **Principal Contact Person for Purpose of Environmental Assessment:**

Name

George Coish

Official Title

(Same as Above)

Address

(Same as Above)

Telephone Number

(Same as Above)

**THE UNDERTAKING:**

(I) **Nature of Undertaking:**

To develop a mink farm between 100 - 200 female breeder mink for the fur industry. The Kits will be pelted and the furs sent to the North American Fur Breeder Auction (NAFA) in Ontario, and the possibility of other markets as well.

(II) Purpose / Rationale / need for the undertaking we, George and Violet Coish see a opportunity to become involved in the Mink Fur Industry.

The mink food, pelting and the expertise in mink farming has become available as Viking Furs has a Mink Farm in Cavendish. Feed will be purchased from Viking Fur Farms, pelting will be done by Viking Fur Farms.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING:

### (I) Geographical Location:

The Site, consisting of approximately 7 acres. It is located on Route 80 between the Communities of Cavendish and Heart's Delight/Islington. It is approximately 3 kilometers from the Cavendish dump and is 1 kilometer from the main highway on the Fox Farm Road.

The Site once belonged to Crosby Reid a former fox farmer. This whole area was zoned for fur farming in 1981-1982 .

### (II) Physical Features:

#### Three Sheds

Each Shed: 85 ft long x 18 ft wide  
Approximately 100 Breeders' Cages and 160 Pelter Cages each

### (III) Construction:

All of the sheds will be built with concrete blocks sunk into the ground to support the posts and 2' x 4' framing.

The roof will be aluminum sheeting with panel sky lights.

Fabrene Sheeting will be used on the walls to allow sufficient light and air circulation.

The manure will be piled on a concrete slab 10ft x 20ft and covered with a tarp, and transported to local farmer's to spread on their fields for nutrition value.

### (IV) Operation:

The operation of a Mink Farm is determined by the minks breeding cycle:

Breeding: usually begins in the first week of March and lasts for about three weeks, in which time you try to breed all females at least twice.

The second breeding takes place eight days after the first breeding, to ensure fertilization. One male will breed five females.

Welping: (having their kits) usually starts from early April through May.

Weaning: (separating from Mother) usually occurs when the Kits are 7-8 weeks old depending on how the mother is still nursing and caring for them.

Vaccination: occurs when the Kits are approximately ten weeks old.

Growing and Furring: takes place through the summer and into the fall.

(IV) **Operation:** (Continued)

Grading: is done in the fall to pick out the new years breeding stock.

Pelting: takes place in late November and early December depending on when the pelts are prime.

(V) **Occupations:**

George and Violet Coish will run Coish's Mink Farm if we can get it up and on the go. Some help may be needed depending on the growth of this operation.

(VI) **Project-Related Documents:**

None

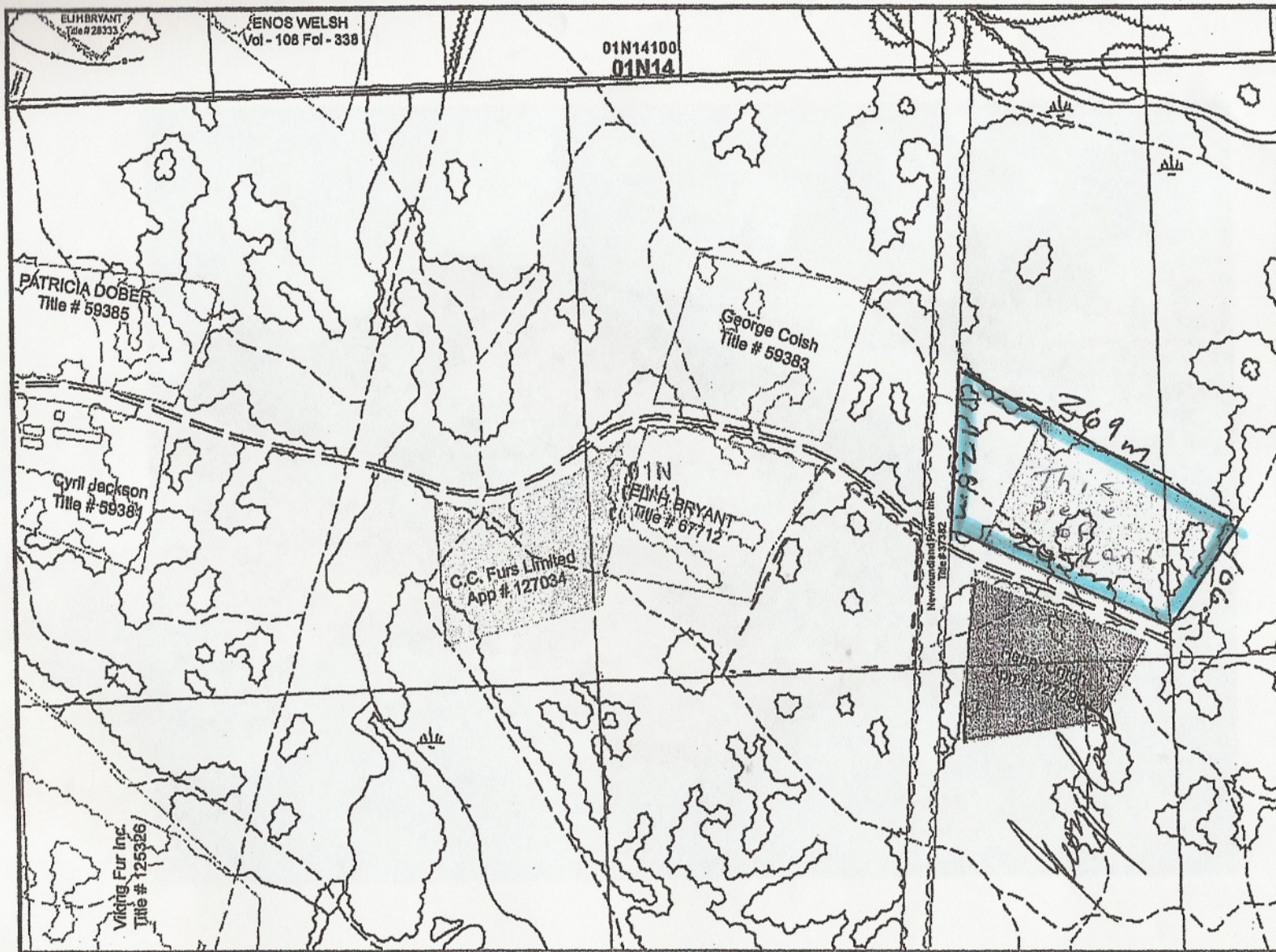
**APPROVAL OF THE UNDERTAKING:**

Crown Lands

**SCHEDULE:**

Pending on approval, one shed will be built in 2007. Remaining two sheds will be built in 2008

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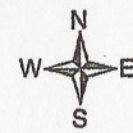
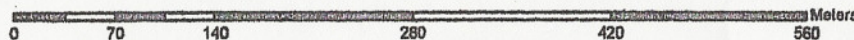
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