

**REGISTRATION FORM
PURSUANT TO SECTION 49 OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT**

- Name of Undertaking:** Sustainable Forest Management Plan District 19A, Crown Five Year Operating Plan (2008-12): Goose Bay
- Proponent:**
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- The Undertaking:**
- (i) Nature of Undertaking

Crown - Five Year Operating Plan for Forest Management District 19A (January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2012) for timber harvesting, silviculture and road construction.
 - (ii) Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking

This outlines timber harvest plans, silviculture treatments and primary road locations for District 19A Crown operators. Environmental protection

measures to mitigate negative impacts of other forest values are also presented. The harvest volume will fall within the sustainable harvest levels (i.e., AACs) that have been calculated for the District.

Description of Undertaking:

(i) Geographic Location

Forest Management District 19A, the Goose-Bay FMD, is situated in central Labrador and generally bounded to the north by the Mulligan and Red Wine Rivers, to the east by the height of land that separates the Kenamu River watershed from those flowing into the Labrador Sea, to the south by the height of land that separates the Gulf Watershed from those flowing into the Labrador Sea, and to the west by a line at longitude 61° 45'. District 19A falls within the boundaries of lands subject to comprehensive claims negotiations between the Innu Nation, the Government of Canada, and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

(ii) Physical Features

Forest Management District 19 is 7.1 million hectares in size. District 19 has been further subdivided into Sub-Districts 19A, 19B, and 19C for management planning purposes. The focus of this management plan will be on District 19A, an area of 2.2 million hectares located in Upper Lake Melville.

District 19A contains the majority of Labrador's closed canopy forest. The general characteristics of productive forest stands in District 19A can be summarized as stands greater than 140 years, between 10 - 15 meters in height, having 51-75% crown density and occupying predominately medium and poor quality sites.

The intent is to harvest approximately 1,000,000 m³ of merchantable softwood over the 5 year period. The planning area will include domestic cutting zones for use by domestic cutters. The operating areas will be accessed by existing and proposed new access road networks.

(iii) Operation

(a) Road Development/Reconstruction:
Approximately 73 km of forest access road will be required from both the Crown and the commercial operators.

(b) Harvesting
These are integrated sawlog/pulpwood harvesting operations. The timber will be felled, delimbed, bucked and forwarded to roadside using mechanical and motor manual harvesting systems.

(c) Silviculture
Silvicultural activities will focus on planting (1000 ha) and pre-commercial thinning (500 ha).

(iv) Occupations

These operations will support loggers, equipment operators, truckers, silviculture workers, forest technicians, forestry guardians, and conservation officers.

(v) Project Related Documents

Upon approval, this proposal will be linked to the Province's Strategic Sustainable Forest Management Strategy of 2003.

Approval of the Undertaking:

- (i) Commercial and Domestic cutting permits will be issued from the District 19A (Goose Bay) Forest Management Office located at North West River.

Schedule:

The Newfoundland and Labrador Forest Service requests a decision within 45 days after the Minister of Environment and Conservation receives the completed registration form.

Date

Chief Executive Officer