

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

Name of Undertaking: Amendment to the Forest Management District 1 2007-2011 Five Year Operating Plan: Harvest Block B-8C (Mushroom Gully / Clam River).

Proponent:

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The Undertaking:

- (i) **Nature of Undertaking**

Commercial timber harvesting amendment to the Crown Five Year Operating Plan for Forest Management District 1.

- (ii) **Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking**

As described in the EA-approved 2007-2011 Five Year Operating Plan for Forest

Management District 1, Commercial Harvest Area B-1C was scheduled for harvest from 2007 to 2009. Due to a conflict with the *Endangered Species Act* with respect to the arboreal lichen *Erioderma pedicellatum*, this area has been withdrawn indefinitely from the plan. As a consequence, a small commercial harvesting operator, who was scheduled to harvest in Area B-1C over this five year period (2007-11), no longer has a harvest area to fill his Commercial Permit. The purpose of this amendment is to address this situation by providing the timber volume required by this operator over the next two to three years. The two proposed harvest blocks indicated on the maps provided are residual stands that were not harvested in the previous Five Year Operating Plan for District 1 (2002-2007). Together, these stands are 14.3 ha in size and contain a harvestable timber volume of approximately 1,100m³. These stands are located on the Clam River Forest Access Road which is scheduled to be decommissioned in this five year period. The goal is to have the commercial operator harvest the timber prior to decommissioning. No roads will be constructed prior to, or as part of, the harvesting activity.

Description of Undertaking:

(i) Geographic Location

Forest Management District 1 generally comprises the Avalon Peninsula as far as the community of Sunnyside.

Operating Area B-8C is located on unalienated Crown land approximately 10 km southeast of the Town of Whitbourne near the Clam River. The attached 1:50,000 scale topographic map (1N/6) and 1:12,500 scale forest inventory map identify the geographic location of the amendment area.

(ii) Physical Features

The amendment area consists of two blocks of timber comprising a total of 14.3 hectares with a softwood volume of approximately 1,100 cubic meters. Both blocks have been surveyed for the presence of *Erioderma pedicellatum*. One thallus has been identified in each area. These will be buffered by 20 meters as per the mitigation protocol prescribed by Wildlife Division of the Department of Environment and Conservation.

(iii) Operation

The timber will be harvested manually with chainsaws and extracted with a skidder.

(iv) Occupations

These operations will create approximately 1.5 person years of employment in the District 1 timber harvesting industry.

(v) Project Related Documents

Upon approval, this proposal will become part of the Crown's Forest Management District 1 Five-Year Operating Plan, January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2011.

Approval of the Undertaking:

- (i)** Commercial operating permits from the District 1 (Paddy's Pond) Forest Management Office.

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