

REGISTRATION FORM
PURSUANT TO PART X, SECTION 49 OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (2002)

Name of Undertaking: District 9 Domestic Cutting Amendment (Amendment to Forest Management District 9/16 Crown Five Year Operating Plan: 2007-11).

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Nature of Undertaking: Amendment to Forest Management District 9/16 Crown Five Year Operating Plan (2007-11)

Purpose/Rationale: The purpose of this amendment is to provide for the personal timber needs of residents of Sheppardville and individuals residing in areas not adjacent to already existing domestic cutting areas, an area of approximately 290 km² (see attached overview map). Up until recently, the forests in this area were held under timber license by Abitibi-Bowater. In 2008, the land was acquired by Crown and is currently under their management control. To facilitate the administration of domestic harvesting activity by local residents, the DNR District Office in Springdale has subdivided the area into seven domestic harvest blocks and will be issuing domestic cutting permits based on these boundaries. This amendment

will result in the incorporation of seven new/revised domestic harvest blocks into the current Crown Five Year Operating Plan for Districts 9/16 which will expire on December 31, 2011.

The area has approximately 200 homeowners who cut wood for home heating and other personal uses. It is projected that over the remaining four years of the five year plan, approximately 3,000m³ per annum will be domestically harvested in the area under amendment, for a total consumption over the period of 9,000m³. A portion of this area has been previously commercially harvested with the remainder containing mature and overmature forests. There is no road building or silviculture associated with this amendment.

Geographic Location: This amendment encompasses an area from Upper Indian Pond, south to Sheppardville and east to the bottom of Halls Bay (see attached National Topographic Map Series Maps: 12 H/16 and 12 I/1). The area has been subdivided into domestic cutting areas with numbers corresponding to each area.

Physical Features: The topography of this area varies from rugged and hilly to undulating. The area is characterized mostly by forested land interspersed with marshland and ponds. The stands of timber to be harvested are mature to overmature and as well recently harvested cutovers. Recently harvested cutovers have had the commercial timber removed and local residents will now be allowed to remove residual timber left after the initial harvesting operation.

Operation: Domestic harvesting in this region is generally confined to the winter months when residents access the area using snowmobile and remove timber by this means. Some harvesting occurs utilizing ATV's and harvesting on old commercial cutovers may occur at any time utilizing the existing access road system. The actual cutting, delimiting and processing will be carried out manually with chainsaws. Typically, the harvest pattern will consist of numerous sub-hectare patch cuts distributed across the amendment area.

Occupations: None. Activity involves timber harvest for personal use.

Documents: Forest Management District 9/16 Crown Five Year Operating Plan (2007-11).

Schedule:

Domestic harvest activities will commence upon approval and continue until the end of December, 2011.

Other Comments:

This amendment will allow approximately 300 households to obtain firewood and sawlogs for personal use. Although a large area is proposed in this amendment, domestic harvesting generally is completed by a series of small patch cuts well dispersed over the landscape.

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Domestic Permit Cutting Conditions - Pursuant to Section 28(f) of the Forestry Act

1. Permittee shall identify, by affixing to, or painting on, his/her permit number to all timber cut under this permit. Such number shall be in a conspicuous place so as to be easily read.
2. No logging debris (tops, limbs, sawdust, etc) will be allowed to be deposited in, or allowed to enter in any pond, brook, roadway, or ditch.
3. Permittee will not harvest timber within 20 meters of a brook or permanent water body or as otherwise specified on cutting permit map.
4. The cutting of white or red pine is **NOT** permitted regardless of its age or condition.
5. Cutting within 20 meters of a Licenced snowmobile trail is not permitted.
6. Permittee will remove daily all lunch garbage, plastic oil containers, etc. from the cutting area while harvesting is in progress.
7. Permittee shall utilize all portions of all trees harvested to a top diameter of 7 centimeters outside bark.

The Following is Provided for Information Purposes:

1. Permittee must have permit, map, and conditions in his/her possession when cutting or hauling. Section 8(1) Cutting of Timber Regulations.
2. Permittee shall not cut in areas designated as no cutting areas or in silviculturally treated areas. Section 9 Cutting of Timber Regulations.
3. Stump heights shall be as low as can be conveniently cut and shall not exceed 15 centimeters in height. Section 13 Cutting of Timber Regulations.
4. Permittee shall harvest all timber suitable for sawlogs as sawlogs. Section 14 Cutting of Timber Regulations.
5. Permittee shall not harvest immature timber. Section 17 Cutting of Timber Regulations.
7. All conditions under sections 12, 13, and 14 of the Cutting of Timber Regulations must be met as individual trees are harvested. Section 16 Cutting of Timber Regulations.

Index of Terms Used. i.e. Definitions

1. Silviculturally treated areas – Areas of forest land that have been artificially planted or mechanically treated. i.e. thinned areas.
2. Sawlog – A portion of a tree that will scale 12 centimeters (5 in) or more inside bark and will measure 2.5 meters (8 ft) or more in length.
3. Immature Tree – A tree having a diameter outside bark of less than 9 centimeters at a point 1.3 meters above ground level and is less than 40 years of age when measured at the same point.