

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

- Name of Undertaking:** District 8 Domestic Cutting Amendment (Amendment to Forest Management Districts 4/5/6/8 Crown Five Year Operating Plan: 2007-11).
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- Nature of Undertaking:** Amendment to Forest Management District 4/5/6/8 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 the in the Lewisporte and surrounding community area in the central part of the Bay of Exploits, an area of approximately 250 km<sup>2</sup>. Up until recently, some of the forests in this area were held under timber license by Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Ltd. In 2009, the timber rights were acquired by Crown under exchange agreement and are currently under their management control. To maintain traditional domestic harvesting opportunities for local residents, the DNR District Office in Lewisporte has developed a domestic harvest block and will be issuing domestic cutting permits based on these boundaries.

This amendment will result in the incorporation of a new domestic harvest block into the current Crown Five Year Operating Plan for Districts 4/5/6/8 which will expire on December 31, 2011.

The area has typically been utilized by approximately 150 homeowners who cut wood for home heating and other personal uses. It is projected that over the remaining two years of the five year plan, approximately 2,500 m<sup>3</sup> per annum will be domestically harvested in the area under amendment, for a total consumption over the period of 5,000 m<sup>3</sup>. There is no road building or silviculture associated with this amendment.

**Geographic Location:** Forest Management District 8, the Exploits Bay FMD, generally extends north of the Trans Canada Highway from the Town of Glenwood and is bounded by the Gander River in the east, and extends west to the Town of Botwood, then northwesterly to the Town of Leading Tickles, bounded by Seal Bay Brook. It also includes all of the islands in Exploits Bay. The amendment area is located west of the Town of Lewisporte running from Stanhope pond in the north to Scissors pond in the south. The attached 1:50,000 topographic map outlines the area.

**Physical Features:** The Lewisporte domestic operating area encompasses a total area of approximately 3,000 ha. The area generally contains mixed forest of softwood (principally black spruce) and hardwood (principally white birch). A large portion of this area has been previously domestically harvested over the past 35 + years and the area now contains mostly partial stands of mature and overmature forests. The topography of this area varies from flat to undulating and hilly. The area is characterized mostly by forested land interspersed with marshland and ponds. No existing road network exists in the operating area. The stands of timber to be harvested are mature to overmature. Approximately 40% of the proposed area is contained within the Town of Lewisporte Public Protected Water Supply Area.

**Operation:** Domestic harvesting in this area is generally confined to the winter months when residents access the area using snowmobile and remove timber by this means. Some limited timber removal also occurs utilizing ATV's. 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 Districts 4/5/6/8 Crown Five Year Operating Plan (2007-11).  
Certificate of Approval for Development Activities within a Protected Water Supply Area for the community of Lewisporte

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

**Other Comments:** This amendment will allow approximately 150 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. DNR has a letter of support from the Town of Lewisporte for the proposal.

**Date**

09/09/21

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