

**Registration Form**  
**Pursuant of Part 10, Environmental Assessment**  
**Section 49 of the Environmental Assessment Act**

**Name of Undertaking:**

Eastport Peninsula Amendment - Crown Five Year Operating Plan Forest Management District 4, 5, 6, and 8(2012-2016)

**Proponent:**

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**The Undertaking:**

(I) Nature of Undertaking  
Timber harvesting amendment to the Crown Five Year Operating Plan for Forest Management Districts 4, 5, 6, and 8.

(II) Purpose/Rationale/Need for the Undertaking:  
Since the release of the Plan, concerns have been raised by the Eastport Peninsula Joint Councils, regarding this exclusion because of local resident requirements to obtain fuelwood. To this effect, there have been discussions between Wildlife Division and the Eastport Peninsula Joint Councils to carefully consider domestic harvesting requirements and the resulting wildlife values. As a result of these discussions, a decision has been made to recommend that domestic harvesting occur concurrently with an experimental research regime examining the impact of domestic harvest on pine marten habitat for this iteration of five-year forest harvest plan.

**Description of the Undertaking:**

(i) Geographic Location:

The amendment area is located in Forest Management Districts 5 and spans the peninsula between Sandringham and Happy Adventure. The attached 1:150,000 overview map and 1:65000 scale forest inventory map identify the geographic location of the amendment area.

(ii) Physical Features:

The Domestic Block D0528 amendment area is characterized by a mixture of bogs and forested land on rolling hills and rock outcrops. The forests are dominated by black spruce and balsam fir.

(iii) Operation:

Harvesting will consist of domestic sawlog and firewood operations using chainsaw. It is anticipated harvesting will occur mainly in the fall and winter months with most of the wood be removed by snowmobile. The estimated annual harvest will be approximately 650 m<sup>3</sup>. This domestic harvesting will be subject to the rules and regulations outlined in the Forestry Act and other related legislation.

(iv) Occupants:

There will be approximately 30 permits issued to local residents each year. Each permit is restricted to 23 m<sup>3</sup> volume anywhere in the domestic block.

(v) Project Related Document

Forest Management District 4, 5, 6, and 8 Crown Five Year Operating Plan; 2012-2016.

**Approval of Undertaking:**

Domestic permits from Forest Management District 5 office.

**Schedule:**

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

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**Date**

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**Chief Executive Officer**