

July 22th, 2013
Mr. Bas Cleary
Director
Environmental Assessment Division
Department of Environment and Conservation

RE: Harvey's Pond Amendment - Crown Five Year Operating Plan Forest Management Districts 4, 5, 6, & 8 (2012-2016)

Pursuant to Section 49 of the *Environmental Protection Act* (2002), attached please find an amendment for registration as an undertaking, 5 Year Operating Plan Amendment for Crown managed lands in Forest Management Districts 4, 5, 6, & 8 (Zone 3). To expedite the review process, forty copies of the Amendment (15 paper and 25 digital- CDs) have been forwarded to you under separate cover. The direct purchase order to cover the cost of registration will be forwarded from the Eastern Regional Office under separate cover.

The proposed amendment is located in western portion of FMD 5 in the vicinity of Harvey's pond. The rationale for this amendment is to identify sufficient volume for commercial operations within the District due to unforeseen land use conflicts. Access is anticipated via a forest access road off the Gander Bay highway with no primary road construction required. There is approximately 25,000 m³ of wood expected to be harvested.

If you have any questions regarding this registration, please contact Mr. Bryan Oke. Details specific to the Plan Amendment are best discussed with Dave Poole, the Regional Planner for Eastern Region and Eli Sheppard, District Manager.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ivan Downton', is written over a large, stylized capital letter 'I' that has been drawn with a single stroke.

Ivan Downton
Director – Forest Ecosystem Management

Cc: Jim Evans Eli Sheppard
 Bryan Oke Dave Pool
 Frank Skeard

REGISTRATION FORM
PURSUANT OF PART 10, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
SECTION 49 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT

Name of Undertaking: Forest Management Districts 5 (Planning Zone 3)
Five Year Operating Plan 2012-2016

Proponent: (i) Department of Natural Resources
Forestry Services Branch

(ii) Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Jim Evans
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(iii) Principal Contact Person

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The Undertaking: (i) Nature of Undertaking
Timber harvesting amendment to the Crown Five Year Operating Plan for Forest Management District5 (Zone 3).

(ii) Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking

This undertaking will enable the Forest Services Branch to access approximately 25,000 m3 of timber;

This undertaking is necessary to expand upon the existing commercial harvesting opportunities within the District to compensate for harvesting opportunities no longer available due to an agricultural quarantine within the District.

Description of Undertaking: (i) Geographic Location

The proposed Harvey's Pond amendment area is located in the western/central portion of FMD 5. Overview and operational maps included with the amendment outline the general and exact locations within the planning zone.

(ii) Physical Features

The topography in the area contains a diversity of terrain types with generally rolling topography.

(iii) Operation

Commercial harvesting will be carried out using short wood harvesters and forwarders. No new primary access road construction is required with 3.5 km of secondary road classes being proposed. Operations will commence upon approval of the undertaking.

(iv) Occupants

Loggers, equipment operators, truckers.

Approval of the Undertaking:

Commercial operating permits will be required from the District Forest Management Office prior to harvesting.

Schedule:

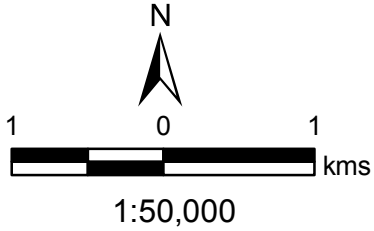
This planning amendment is scheduled to commence upon approval. The Newfoundland Forest Service requests a decision within 45 days after the Minister of Environment receives the completed registration form.

Date:

Chief Executive Officer
Jim Evans

Proposed Amendment to
District 5 Zone 3
2012-2016
5 year Operating Plan

Harvey's Pond - 2013 Proposed Amendment



- Proposed Resource Road
- Existing Resource Road
- C.B.P.P.L. Boundary
- Proposed Harvest Block
- Proposed Harvest
- Water
- Wetlands
- Watershed Boundary

