

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

- Name of Undertaking:** Amendment to Forest Management District 7's 2013-2017 Five Year Operating Plan: Harvest Block 07
- Proponent:**
- (i) **Newfoundland and Labrador Forest Service**

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- The Undertaking:**
- (i) **Nature of Undertaking**

Amendment to the Crown Forest Management District 7 2013-17 Five Year Operating Plan 7 for commercial timber harvesting.
 - (ii) **Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking**

The proposed amendment is required to allow the harvest of an area recently infested with a variety of forest insects. Aerial spray protection efforts were conducted in the area

in 2013 but focused on the younger silviculturally treated areas that have not yet reached merchantability. The proposed harvest area contained within this amendment has reached commercial viability and if not harvested soon will succumb to mortality. This amendment will provide commercial access to an additional 10,000 m³ of harvestable timber that was not identified in the Five Year Operating Plan.

The proposed amendment will not mean an increase in Forest Management District 07's harvest level. The District's sustainable harvest level will not be exceeded and will be balanced by reduced harvesting elsewhere in the District.

The amendment simply represents a conversion to an approved domestic operating area to allow for commercial activity. Operating Area 07 was approved as a domestic operating area when the 2013-17 Five-year operating plan was initially approved in October 2012.

It should be noted that no new forest access roads will be required to access this area. Existing road infrastructure will be upgraded, where necessary, to support the harvest.

Description of Undertaking:

(i) Geographic Location

Forest Management District 7 comprises the South Coast of NL from Grey River in the west to Long Harbour in the east. It also includes the Baydespoir area and terminates approx. 50 km north of Baydespoir .

Harvesting Block 07 is located on Crown Land adjacent to the town of St. Albans. Access to the general area is via an existing forest access road locally known as Swanger Cove Forest Access Road. The proposed harvest area amendment is located within

the domestic block 07 area. The attached topographic map identifies the geographic location of the proposed amendment.

(ii) Physical Features

(iii) Operation

(a) Road Construction:

(b) Harvesting

As noted above the proposed amendment to Harvest Block 07 will provide access to approximately 10,000 m³ of harvestable timber. Harvesting is expected to be completed during the life of the current 5-Year Forest Management Plan for Forest Management District 07 (2013-17).

(iv) Occupations

These operations will create approximately 200 person weeks of employment as well as help sustain approximately 300 year round jobs in the timber harvesting / sawmilling / pulpwood industries.

(v) Project Related Documents

Upon approval, this proposal will become part of the Crown's Forest Management District 7 Five-Year Operating Plan, January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2017

Approval of the Undertaking:

- (i)** Commercial harvesting permits from the District 7 (Baydespoir) 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

Jan 23, 2014

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Chief Executive Officer

**Annual Operating Plan : 2014
Commercial Harvest
Plan Map**





Operating Area # C7-013
Swanger Cove (Amendment Required)

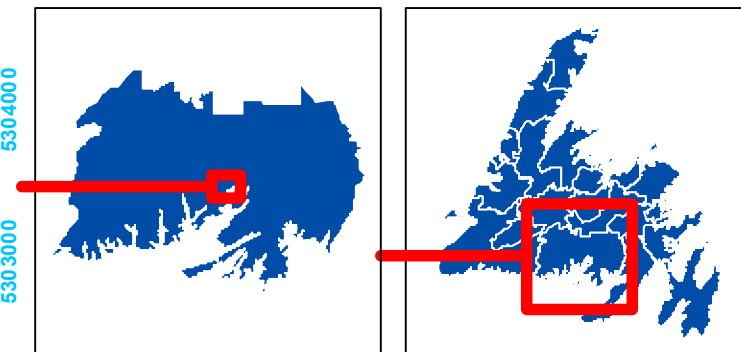
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Legend

-  Forest Access Road
-  2014 Commercial Harvest Blocks
-  ProtectedWaterSupply

Restrictions

-  Caribou Habitat
-  ProtectedWaterSupply
-  Regulatory
-  No Cut Buffer



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