

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

Name of Undertaking: Amendment to Forest Management District 2's 2012-2016 Five Year Operating Plan: Harvest Block C0234.

Proponent: (i) **Newfoundland and Labrador Forest Service**

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

Amendment to Crown Five Year Operating Plan for Forest Management District 2 for commercial timber harvesting.

(ii) **Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking**

This amendment is required to provide an harvest area for a new commercial operator who has been allocated a 500 m3 annual permit in District 02. It will provide access to an additional 49 ha's of forested land and

3,000 m³ of harvestable timber, in an area adjacent to his commercial sawmill, that was not identified in the Five Year Operating Plan.

The proposed amendment will not mean an increase in Forest Management District 02's harvest level. The District's sustainable harvest level will not be exceeded and will be balanced by reduced harvesting elsewhere in the District.

Description of Undertaking:

(i) Geographic Location

Forest Management District 2 comprises the Bonavista Peninsula, as well as areas on both sides of the Trans Canada Highway from the eastern entrance of Terra Nova National Park to the community of Sunnyside.

The proposed amendment to Harvesting Block C0234 is located on Crown Land less than 1 km east of the town of Portland. Access to the general area is via existing forest access trails. The attached 1:50,000 scale map identifies the geographic location of the proposed amendment.

(ii) Physical Features

(iii) Operation

(a) Road Construction:

Not required

(b) Harvesting

As noted above the proposed extension to Harvest Block C0234 will provide access to an additional 3,000 m³ of harvestable timber east of Portland. All timber will be harvested

to utilize the maximum amount of fibre. The timber will be felled manually and forwarded to roadside by conventional means. Harvesting is expected to be completed during the life of the current 5-Year Forest Management Plan for Forest Management District 02 (2012-16).

(iv) Occupations

These operations will create employment for the new commercial operator for approximately 20 weeks..

(v) Project Related Documents

Upon approval, this proposal will become part of the Crown's Forest Management District 2 Five-Year Operating Plan, January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2016

Approval of the Undertaking:

- (i)** Commercial harvesting permits from the District 2 (Clareville) 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

Chief Executive Officer