## **Registration Form**

## Pursuant of Part 10, Environmental Assessment Section 49 of the Environmental Assessment Act

Name of Undertaking:

Denny's Pond Commercial Harvesting Amendment

Crown Five Year Operating Plan

Forest Management District 10/11/12/13 (2011 – 2015)

Proponent:

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The Undertaking:

(I) Nature of Undertaking:

Commercial timber harvesting amendment to the Crown Five Year Operating Plan for Forest Management Districts 10/11/12/13.

(II) Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking:

The purpose of this amendment is to provide suitable timber for a value added sawmill in the central Newfoundland region. This sawmill requires large dimension timber and this amendment will provide an accessible source of this material. As well, within this amendment area is a considerable amount of white birch which will be supplied to local hardwood sawmills. This additional area is directly adjacent to an existing commercial harvesting operating area C-12-25 Denny's Pond North in the current five year plan.

## **Description of the Undertaking:**

(i) Geographic Location:

The amendment area is located in Forest Management District 12 and is approximately 18km southwest of the community of Millertown. The area is north of Denny's Pond and east of Victoria River. The attached 1:50,000 map provides the actual geographic location of the area.

(ii) Physical Features:

The Denny's Pond area is characterized by black spruce, white birch and mixed wood forest with extensive areas dominated by speckled alder interspersed throughout. There are large marshland complexes in the area as well. The geography is generally flat to rolling with some small streams in the area. The amendment area contains and estimated 21,000m<sup>3</sup> of merchantable softwood and encompasses 322 ha of forested land. The amendment area boundary is five hundred meters east of Victoria River.

(iii) Operation:

Commercial timber harvesting will occur in this area during the fall of 2015 and winter of 2016 (subject to approval). Timber harvesting will be conducted using a feller buncher, two processors and the cut timber removed from the forest using forwarders. The predicted softwood harvest will be 5000m<sup>3</sup> for the late fall of 2015 and 15,000m<sup>3</sup> during the winter of 2016. It is estimated that 3000m<sup>3</sup> of hardwood will be harvested. To harvest this timber there will be approximately six kilometers of C class access road to be built with this amendment.

- (iv) Occupants:
- (v) During harvesting operations there will be approximately eight to ten machine operators, five to seven truck drivers, one to two mechanics and one to two supervisory personel. Subsequent to harvest operations the area will be utilized by the general public for various outdoor recreational activities.
- (vi) Project Related Document
  Forest management Districts 10/11/12/13 Five Year Operating Plan

## **Approval of Undertaking:**

**Crown Commercial Cutting Permit** 

Schedule:

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

Date '

Chief Executive Officer

