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Reg. 1853

Mr. Barry Elkins  
Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited  
PO Box 2001  
Corner Brook NL A2H 6J4

Dear Mr. Elkins:

**RE: Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited (CBPPL) Zone 3 Five-year Forestry  
Operating Plan (2017-2021)**

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act*, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Please be advised that this undertaking is **released** from further environmental assessment subject to the following condition:

- You are required to provide a view scape assessment, approved by Strategic Tourism Product Development Division, that demonstrates that the integrity of the views in FMD 5 of the proposed cut blocks identified as Little Harbour and Butts Pond along the Trans Canada Highway and Jonathan's Pond along Route 330 are maintained prior to forestry operations in those areas.

It is understood that the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture, Forestry Branch will be engaging the forest industry sector, and in particular CBPPL, to provide a plan for the development of best management practices related to the protection of avifauna. Forestry Branch will be incorporating the best management practices into the Environmental Protection Guidelines for Ecologically Based Forest Resource Management (Guidelines) as a means to address the issue of incidental take of avifauna during forestry operations. These Guidelines will be applied to CBPPL's annual Certificate of Managed Land and to the commercial cutting permits.

It is also understood that CBPPL and Forestry Branch have engaged in the development of an interim volume transfer agreement for the five-year operating areas in the southern portion of FMD 6. Forestry Branch has advised that CBPPL has agreed to extend the temporary deferral on proposed harvesting until January 1, 2019 to allow for the completion of the central Newfoundland timber analysis and final tenure arrangement. Forestry Branch will then develop a forest management strategy for the central Newfoundland area based on the final tenure arrangements, with potential exchange and transfer areas included. Forestry Branch will also

conduct consultations with industry and community stakeholders to provide input into the final forest management strategy and its implementation.

Please be advised that you must apply for and obtain a permit under the *Water Resources Act*, 2002, specifically Section 39 for any proposed developments within the Protected Public Water Supply Areas (PPWSA's) for Indian Bay Brook – Indian Bay and Gander Lake-Gander. Also, any work within this designated PPWSAs must comply with this Department's Policy for Land and Water Related Developments in PPWSA's. Please contact Ms. Paula Dawe, Manager, Drinking Water and Wastewater Section at (709) 729-4048 or [pauladawe@gov.nl.ca](mailto:pauladawe@gov.nl.ca).

In addition to the requirements noted above, the project is still subject to other legislative requirements. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals and legislative requirements. Please note that you must comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and approvals. You are required to inform this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Mr. Bas Cleary, Director, Environmental Assessment Division at (709) 729-0673.

Sincerely,



**PERRY TRIMPER, MHA**  
District of Lake Melville  
Minister

cc: Hon. Steve Crocker, Minister  
Fisheries, Forestry and Agrifoods

Hon. Christopher Mitchelmore, Minister  
Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development