

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

Department of Environment and Climate Change

Office of the Minister

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File # 2.7139.0185 Reg. #1868

Mr. Keith Payne Arluk Outfitters Ltd. 3 Westview Avenue Corner Brook NL A2H 3B7

Dear Mr. Payne:

RE: Owl Head ATV Trail - Registration 1868

Your proposal has been reviewed and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public and government agencies, as required by Part X of the *Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2*. Upon consideration of the comments received, please be advised that this undertaking is released subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Trail construction must not occur between April 1st to August 15th to avoid disturbance to Newfoundland Marten nesting, breeding and brood rearing; Newfoundland Caribou calving and post-calving; and migratory bird nesting, breeding and brood rearing.
- 2. A minimum 30-metre naturally vegetated buffer must be maintained along all water bodies except where crossing is permitted.

The Water Resources Management Division of this department requires that you obtain permits for any work in any body of water (including wetlands). For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-4795.

The Forestry Services Branch of the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agrifoods advises that you are required to obtain a commercial cutting permit and an operating permit. For more information, please contact the Forestry Services Branch at (709) 686-2071.

The Department of Municipal Affairs advises that you are required to obtain Crown title for the tent camp site. For further information, please contact the Western Regional Lands Office at (709) 637-2390.

The Tourism and Culture Branch of the Department of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development advises that you are required to obtain a Tourist Establishment License for the tent camp referenced in the Project. For further information, please contact the Tourism and Culture Branch at (709) 729-4518.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) advises that proponents working in or near water are to self-assess to determine if their project requires a review by DFO. For further information, please visit the Fisheries Protection Program website at http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html or contact the Fisheries Protection Program at (709) 772-4140.

The Department of Environment and Climate Change Canada recommends that you develop and implement a management plan that includes preventative measures to minimize the risk of impacts on migratory birds. They also provided two guidance documents: *Birds and Oil Spills – CWS Response Guidance* and *Bank Swallows in Pits & Quarries – Guidance for Aggregate Producers*. For further information, please review Planning ahead to reduce risks to migratory bird nests at http://www.ec.gc.ca/Publications/default.asp?lang=En&xml=50C4FE11-801E-4FE3-8019-B2D8537D76CF and contact Environmental Protection Operations at (709) 772-4313 or the Canadian Wildlife Service at (709) 772-2154.

Although the undertaking, as proposed, is released from further environmental assessment, it 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