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File # 2.2313.0296  
Reg. #1876

Mr. Geoff Young  
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Dear Mr. Young:

**RE: Roaches Line Agriculture Development – Registration 1876**

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:

- a minimum 50-metre naturally vegetated buffer must be maintained along all waterbodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat.

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

The Forestry Branch of the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources requires that you obtain a commercial cutting permit prior to any harvesting or timber removal activities. During the declared Fire Season (May 1<sup>st</sup> - September 30<sup>th</sup>), you must also obtain and adhere to the conditions of an operating permit. For further information, please contact the Paddy's Pond District Office at (709) 729-4180.

The Department of Transportation and Works requires that you apply for and obtain permits for access from the established roadways to all three parcels. For further information, please contact the Department of Transportation and Works at (709) 729-3264.

The Government Service Centre of the Department of Service NL requires that you obtain a Certificate of Approval and a Permit to Develop. For further information, please contact the Government Service Centre at (709) 729-2008.

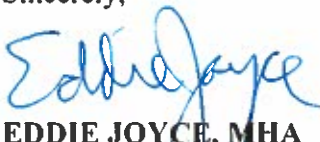
The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada has determined that the proposed work may have impacts on fish and fish habitat that would need to be mitigated to maintain compliance with the habitat protection provisions of the *Fisheries Act*. For further information, please contact the Fisheries Protection Program at [FPP-NL@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:FPP-NL@dfo-mpo.gc.ca) or (709) 772-4140.

The Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment supports Environment and Climate Change Canada's recommendation that in order to avoid nest destruction and to accommodate the breeding season of migratory songbirds and waterfowl, operations should consider nesting locations between April 15<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup> in this region. However, as some species protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA)* do nest outside of this time period, it is the responsibility of the proponent to ensure that project activities are in compliance with the *MBCA* and associated regulations. For further information, please contact 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. Martin Goebel, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment Branch, at (709) 729-2559.

Sincerely,



**EDDIE JOYCE, MHA**  
District of Humber – Bay of Islands  
Minister

Attachments