

File # 2.1119.0076
Reg. #1904

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Dear Mr. Walsh

RE: Bay Bulls Forage Farm Agriculture Development – Registration 1904

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:

- The proponent must maintain a minimum 30-meter naturally vegetated buffer along all watercourses, waterbodies, and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species and their habitat.

Crown Lands Division advises that no activity or land clearing is to take place until the Agriculture and Lands Branch has issued the required Crown lands titles, pursuant to the *Lands Act*. Any access roads outside of these applications will require a separate Crown lands application.

The Local Governance and Planning Division of this department and Service NL advise that a development permit is required from Service NL, Government Service Centre as the area to be developed is located within the Butterpot-Witless Bay Line Environs.

A Commercial Cutting Permit, obtainable from your local forestry services office, is required prior to any harvesting and/or timber removal activities. During the declared Fire Season (May 1-Sept 30), you must also obtain and adhere to the conditions of an Operating Permit and obtain a permit to burn.

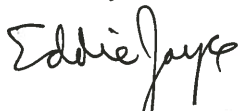
The Pollution Prevention Division of this department advises that any pesticide use will require a Pesticide Applicator Licence. Please contact the Pesticides Control Section at (709) 729-6054 to arrange for examination and to schedule a Pesticide Storage Inspection.

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 15th and August 15th in this region. However, as some species protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA)* do nest outside of this time period, it is your responsibility to ensure that project activities are in compliance with the *MCBA* and associated regulations.

Although the undertaking, as proposed, is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. A detailed 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 also required to inform this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Dr. Susan Squires, Director, Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or susansquires@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



EDDIE JOYCE, MHA
District of Humber-Bay of Islands
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

Attachment

cc: Town of Bay Bulls, Town of Witless Bay