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Reg. #1909

Mr. Francis Skeard, Director  
Department of Fisheries and Land Resources  
Forest Ecosystem Management  
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Dear Mr. Skeard:

**RE: Crown District 23 Five Year Operating Plan (2018-22) – Registration 1909**

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 conditions:

- A minimum of a 20 metre buffer is required around four known archaeological/ethnographic sites located within Block 5 of the commercial harvesting area. These are defined as GeBx-01 (Kaipokok River 1), 13J/13W Ethno 6 (Salmon Brook 1), 13J/13W Ethno 7 (Salmon Brook 2) and 13J/13W Ethno 8 (Salmon Brook 3). You are required to contact the Provincial Archaeology Office at (709) 729-2462 for further information.
- A minimum of a 30 metre buffer is required along the shoreline of Kaipokok Bay, Kaipokok River and Salmon River to protect potential archaeological and ethnographic sites.
- The proponent must maintain a minimum 30 metre undisturbed vegetated buffer along all waterbodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat.

The Local Governance and Planning Division of this department advise that a development permit is required from the Town of Postville prior to commencing development. For further information, please contact the Town of Postville at (709) 479-9830.

The Water Resources Management Division of this Department requires that you apply for and obtain a permit under the *Water Resources Act, 2002*, for any proposed development adjacent to or within the Protected Public Water Supply Area servicing the community of Postville (Big Pond Protected Water Supply Area). Also, any work adjacent to or within this designated Protected Public Water Supply Area must comply with this Department's Policy for

Land and Water Related Developments in Protected Public Water Supply Areas: [http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/waterres/regulations/policies/water\\_related.html](http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/waterres/regulations/policies/water_related.html). For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-4048.

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 May 5<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 MCBA and associated regulations. For further information, please contact the Canadian Wildlife Service at (709) 772-2154.

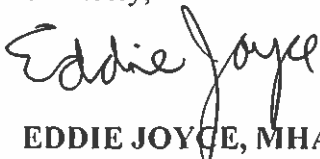
In February 2017, as a condition of release for four Crown Five-Year operating plans a draft document that details a plan for the development and implementation of best management practices for avifauna management relative to forestry operations in Newfoundland and Labrador was required. I understand the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources has drafted and is implementing this plan. The best management practices developed under this planning process should be applied to this five-year operating plan.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) advise that proponents proposing to conduct work in or near water are now required to self-assess using the DFO "Projects Near Water" website, located at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppc/index-eng.html>, and determine if their project requires a review by the DFO. For further information, please see the attached comments and contact DFO at (709) 772-4140.

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 Dr. Susan Squires, Director, Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or [susansquires@gov.nl.ca](mailto:susansquires@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



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

Attachment

cc. Randy Edmunds, MHA  
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