

**REGISTRATION FORM
PURSUANT TO SECTION 49 OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT**

Name of Undertaking: Amendment to Forest Management Zone 5
2016-2020 Five Year Operating Plan: New
operating area CC12034 Victoria River
South and access roads.

Proponent: (i) **Department of Fisheries and Land
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The Undertaking: (i) **Nature of Undertaking**
Amendment to the Crown Five Year
Operating Plan for Forest Management
District 12 an addition 5430 hectares along
with 25 kilometers of forest access road.

(ii) **Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking**
This amendment is required to create
operational flexibility for commercial
harvesters to match market demands.
Currently the harvesting of large
dimensional timber is out of sync with the

demand for such timber. By opening up this area commercial sawmills in central Newfoundland feel they will be better suited to balance their supply chain. Additionally primary forest access road will also be required

The amendment represents approximately 5430 ha and 150,000 cubic meters of commercial fiber and 25 km of new primary forest access road.

It should be noted that sustainable harvest levels will not be exceeded and will be balance by reducing the harvested levels elsewhere

Description of Undertaking:

(i) Geographic Location

Forest Management District 12 located in the central interior portion of the island. It ranges north to the Gaff Topsail, to the east it is bound by Exploits and Noel Paul River and stretches south to Blizzard Pond

The majority the area inside of Harvesting Block CC12034 is located on Crown Land approximately 22 kms South of the town of Millertown. Access to the general area is via an existing forest access road, locally known as Granite Lake Access Road and Denny's Pond South Access Road. The attached 1:50,000 scale maps identifies the geographic location of the proposed amendment.

(ii) Physical Features

(iii) Operation

Harvesting

As noted above the proposed addition of Harvest Block CC12034 will provide access

to an additional 150,000 m³ of harvestable timber South of Victoria River. All timber will be harvested to utilize the maximum amount of fiber. The timber will be felled mechanically and forwarded to roadside by conventional means. Harvesting is expected to be completed during the life of the current 5-Year Forest Management Plan for Forest Management District 12 (2016-20).

Road Construction

There will be 25 kilometers of primary forest access road. Upgrading existing road and operation roads will be constructed as needed within this area. Roads will be constructed using excavators and / or bulldozers. All buffer requirements and operations will be carried out in accordance with the Environmental Protection Guidelines for Ecologically Based Forest Resources Management and the Forestry Act. Operations will commence upon approval of the undertaking and will continue until work is complete

(iv) Occupations

Equipment operators, truckers, loggers, sawmillers and silviculture workers.

(v) Project Related Documents

Upon approval, this proposal will become part of the Crown's Forest Management Zone 5 Five-Year Operating Plan, January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2020.

Approval of the Undertaking:

- (i)** Commercial harvesting permits from the District 12 (Bishop's Falls) Forest Management Office.

Schedule:

The Newfoundland and Labrador Forest Service requests a decision within 45 days after the Minister of Environment and Conservation receives the completed registration form.

Date



Director - FEM

CC12034
Planning Zone 5
FMD: 12



Department of Fisheries & Land Resources
Forestry & Wildlife Division - Regional Services



Existing Resource Roads

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Reconstruction

VictoriaRiver_Buffer500m

FYOP Operating Area

Amendment Area 2

Working Group

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Hardwood

Softwood Hardwood

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