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File # 2.1132.0003
Reg. #1963

Mr. Damon Clarke
Town of Deer Lake
34 Reid's Lane
Deer Lake NL A8A 2A2

Dear Mr. Clarke:

RE: Deer Lake Underwater Log Survey – Registration 1963

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.

Please be advised that project activities must be conducted in accordance with the Municipal Habitat Stewardship Agreement, which seeks to incorporate wildlife and conservation values into municipal plans and associated development regulations. This is an existing agreement between the Eastern Habitat Joint Venture program and the Town of Deer Lake, with assistance from the provincial Wildlife Division, Department of Fisheries and Land Resources. Project activities may require mitigations to protect sensitive plants along the shores of Deer Lake. The proponent is required to contact the Wildlife Division (Mr. Wayne Barney, waynebarney@gov.nl.ca) if determined boat launch locations differ from current established launch sites, in order to implement any potential mitigation measures for these plants.

Please be advised that according to the Urban and Rural Planning Act, the sonar survey of underwater logs does not meet the definition of development so no development approval is required from the Town of Deer Lake. The harvesting of underwater logs is considered to be development and, as such, development approval is required from the Town of Deer Lake for any operations located within the Deer Lake municipal planning area. As the Town of Deer Lake is the proponent, any company hired by the Town to carry out the harvesting of lots should obtain development approval in accordance with the Deer Lake Development Regulations.

In addition, the Energy Branch, Regulatory Affairs Division of the Department of Natural Resources recommended that you contact Black Spruce Exploration Corporation before proceeding with the undertaking to verify that there will not be a conflict with the petroleum exploration permit rights held in the project area.

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.

Sincerely,



ANDREW PARSONS, QC
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

Attachment

Cc. Dwight Ball, Premier
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