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File # 2.1114.0004  
Reg. #1973

Mr. Glenn Sharp  
105 Old Mill Road  
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Dear Mr. Sharp:

**RE: Goobies EWS Nursery and Laydown Area – Registration 1973**

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by Part X of 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:

- The proponent is encouraged to primarily use native species for stocking the nursery. Prior to construction, the proponent must consult with the Forestry and Wildlife Branch to obtain a list of native species and examine the potential to use these species in both engineered wetlands and restoration projects.
- If the common reed *Phragmites australis* subsp. *americanus* is to be used in engineered wetlands, a Containment Plan must be submitted to, and approved by, Forestry and Wildlife Branch prior to wetland planting. The plan will describe measures to contain non-native plants to the nursery site and any sites where the plants will be established; as well as monitoring of those sites to ensure there are no escapes into natural ecosystems. Please contact the Forestry and Wildlife Branch at (709) 637-2423.
- Only native species are to be used in any wetland restoration activities.
- The Eurasian subspecies of the common reed (*Phragmites australis* subsp. *australis*) is not to be imported, propagated or otherwise utilized within nursery operations, wetland restoration or engineered wetland facilities.
- The proponent must maintain a minimum 30-metre naturally vegetated buffer along all watercourses, waterbodies, and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species and their habitat.

The Water Resources Management Division of this Department advises that any effluent or runoff leaving the site will be required to conform to the requirements of the *Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations, 2003*. In addition, and where applicable, you must apply for and obtain a Permit for Constructing a Non-Domestic Well, a water use licence for the use of water from any water source for any purpose and/or a permit for any work in any body of water (including wetland) prior to construction. For further information please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-2539.

The Department of Transportation and Works advises that a Highway Access permit must be obtained to access the northern portion of the property. The portion of the application south of Route 210 will be reserved by the department as it conflicts with a proposed highway interchange. For further information, please contact Transportation and Works at (709) 729-2543.

The Government Service Centre of the Department of Service NL requires that you obtain a development permit under the *Protected Road Zoning Regulations*. You must submit electrical plans and water and sewerage systems plans for review and approval. Should future development require it, applications for Fire/Life Safety (Request for Approval of Plans Form) and Building Accessibility (Application for Building Accessibility Registration Form) must also be submitted for review and approval. For further information, please contact the Government Service Centre at (709) 466-4060.

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

As this work is being conducted in or near waterbodies that support fish that are part of or that support a commercial, recreational or Aboriginal fishery, you are required to self-assess using the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) "**Projects Near Water**" website, located at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>, and determine if your project requires a review by DFO. For further information, please contact the Fisheries Protection Program 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 of Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or [susansquires@gov.nl.ca](mailto:susansquires@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



**ANDREW PARSONS, QC**  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

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