

File # 2.1119.0077
Reg. #2016

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Mr. Tim Dennis Young
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Dear Mr. Young

RE: Springdale Forage Production Agriculture – Registration 2016

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental environmental assessment 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 Crown land application number 154070 in the Moose Pond area is to be reduced in size and should correspond to the boundaries of the 48ha polygon as outlined in the attached figure. This is required to preserve significant aggregate resources. Please contact the Mines Branch, Department of Natural Resources at (709) 729-5748 for exact boundary coordinates.
- The Crown land application number 154070 is near and up-gradient to an area with private drilled and dug wells. A 150 meter buffer must be maintained between the forage area and any properties with private groundwater supplies.

The Mines Branch of the Department of Natural Resources also advises that the boundary for 154070 should also include a 15m buffer of undisturbed land between this application and any area identified for future quarry development. For further information, please contact the Department of Natural Resources, Mines Branch at (709) 729-5748.

The Water Resources Management Division of my department requires that you obtain a permit for any work in any body of water (including wetland) including but not limited to culverts, bridges, diversion channels, etc. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at 709-729-2295. If a well is required for a water supply, you must apply for and obtain a Permit for Constructing a Non-Domestic Well. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at 709-729-2539.

The Pollution Prevention Division of my department advises that a Certificate-of-Approval and/or amendment for this operation is required. For further information, please contact the Pollution Prevention Division at (709) 729-5782. If the use of a pesticide(s) is required (e.g. for the control of insects, rodents, diseases, weeds or vegetation), please contact the Pesticides Control Section at (709) 729-6054 or (709) 729-2565 for all necessary forms and applications, to arrange for examination, and to schedule a pesticide storage inspection.

Service NL advises that you must submit a copy of the farm's five-year plan, which outlines the proposed number of animal units and the land acreage available for manure spreading. As described in the registration document, a 50 metre buffer zone of natural forage shall be maintained between agricultural land and any watercourse or water body. The extent of land clearing and grubbing should be restricted such that naturally vegetated areas between the site and surrounding properties and thoroughfares are maintained. A tree screen of 30 m between the highway right-of-way and this property and any existing tree screen concealing the operation from public view is to be maintained. For further information, please contact Service NL at (709) 673-4218.

The Department of Transportation and Works advises that, prior to any work commencing at the access point, you are required to obtain a "Highway Access Permit" through Service NL for Commercial Access. For further information, please contact Service NL at (709) 673-4218 or the Department of Transportation and Works at (709) 729-5493.

The Forestry Division of the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources advises that if any timber cut to clear the land is intended to be offered for sale or barter, you are required to obtain a Commercial Harvesting Permit prior to any harvesting or timber removal. For further information, please contact the Springdale District Forestry Office at (709) 673-3821.

The Wildlife Division, also of the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources advises that you must maintain a minimum 50 metre naturally vegetated buffer along all waterbodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat. For areas adjacent to salmon rivers, it is recommended that, where possible, a buffer greater than the minimum of 50 m be left to protect sensitive salmon habitat. To protect rare plants, any alder thickets associated with Barney's Brook and West Brook that extend more than 50m from either brook, should be left undisturbed and not developed. For further information, please contact (709) 637-2025.

Environment and Climate Change Canada recommends 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 the responsibility of the proponent to ensure that project activities

are in compliance with the *MCBA* and associated regulations. For further information, please contact (709) 772-4221.

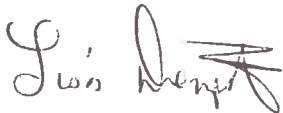
The Department of Fisheries and Oceans advises that you are required to self-assess using the DFO "Projects Near Water website located at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>. For further information, please contact the Fisheries Protection Program at (709) 772-4140.

Please be reminded that this undertaking is for forage production only. Cattle are not to be placed in the forage production area for grazing.

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.

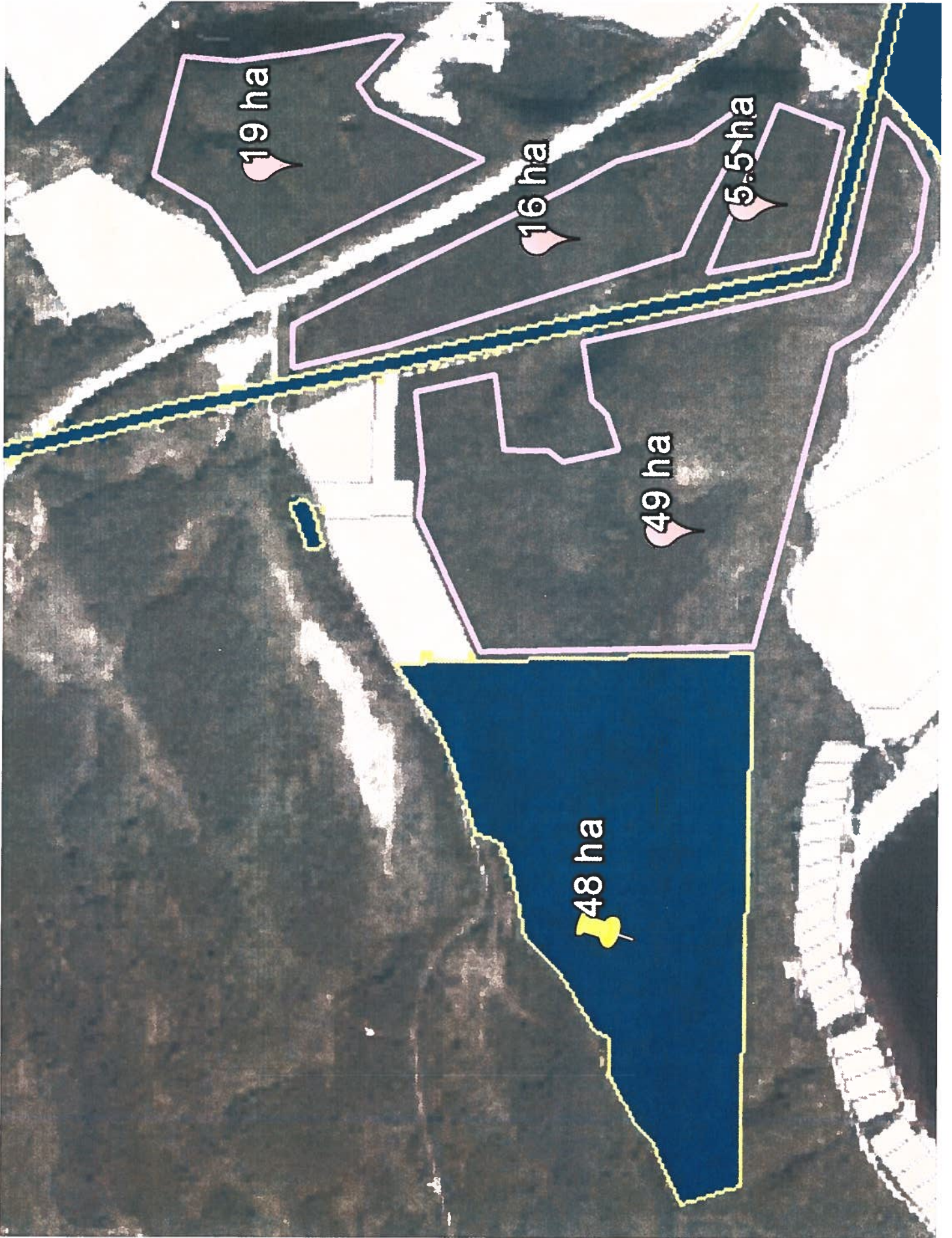
If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director (A), Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



LISA DEMPSTER, MHA
Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair
Minister

cc: Hon. Brian Warr, MHA,
District of Baie Verte – Green Bay



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