

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities Office of the Minister

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Reg. # 2088

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Dear Mr. Crocker:

Re: Long Harbour River Outfitter Lodge Spike Camp

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:

- You are required to uphold all commitments made in your environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the project on the environment.
- The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture advises that no vegetation clearing is to occur within 800 metres of a bald eagle or osprey nest during the nesting season (March 15 to July 31) and 200 metres during the remainder of the year. The 200-metre buffer also applies to all other raptor nests (e.g. Northern Goshawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Merlin, American Kestrel, Great-horned Owl, Boreal Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl). The location of any raptor nest site must be reported to the Wildlife Division. For further information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 709-637-2025.
- The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture requires a minimum 30-metre
 undisturbed buffer along all waterbodies and wetlands that appear on a 1:50,000topo map to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat. For
 further information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 709-637-2025.



- The Forestry and Wildlife Branch of The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture requires that an Environmental Protection Plan be submitted for review and approval before any construction occurs. For further information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 709-637-2025.
- A digital file of the established access trail and camp location, once established, must be submitted to the Forestry and Wildlife Branch of the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture. For further information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 709-637-2025.
- You are required to advise me when the conditions of release have been met, by
 emailing a written description, documents, and images (where applicable) to
 demonstrate the conditions have been fulfilled to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.
- You are required to update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of your project, including a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for your project, one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates if required by me. Please email your project updates to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

The Water Resources Management Division of the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities advises that you are required to obtain permits for any work in a body of water (including wetland), work in shore water zones, and any infilling work within 15 metres of a body of water. Also, a permit is required for a non-domestic well. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at 709-729-1646.

The Land Governance and Land Use Planning Division of the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities advises that the project site appears to be within a future Nalcor transmission line corridor. You are advised to consult with Nalcor prior to construction.

The Forestry Division of the Department of Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture advises that a Commercial Cutting Permit is required prior to any harvesting or timber removal in the area. An Operating Permit is required prior to the start of any work during the forest fire season and can be obtained from the local forest management district office. During the Forest Fire Season, a permit to burn must be obtained to ignite a fire on or within 300 meters of forest land. For further information, please contact the department at 709-637-2025.



The Department of Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture informs that, under the Wilderness Reserve Regulations, an entry permit is required to access the Bay Du Nord Wilderness Reserve (https://www.assembly.nl.ca/legislation/sr/regulations/rc970065.htm). Other conditions of entry into the reserve apply and can be found in the Wilderness Reserve Regulations and the Bay du Nord Reserve Management Plan located at https://www.flr.gov.nl.ca/publications/parks/bay_du_nord_wilderness_reserve.pdf.

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture further informs that there should not be improvements to the transmission line access road/trail as a result of this operation, such that trucks could access the transmission line road corridor or that access in general becomes easier than it currently is. The access in this area is intended to remain as remote access to protect the wilderness reserve and sensitive wildlife values.

The Department of Digital Government and Service NL advices that any proposed fuel cache will require approval prior to installation. All fuel storage tank systems other than those connected to a heating appliance of capacity of 2,500 litres or less require registration prior to Installation. All fuel storage tank systems connected to a heating appliance of a capacity of 2,500 litres or less must comply with the Heating Oil Storage Tank System Regulations. For further information, please contact the department at 709-256-1420.

The Department of Digital Government and Service NL advises that, being in a remote location, this lot is approved for a pit privy only. The pit privy is not to be located within 30 metres of a water body or watercourse. Should future development require the installation of a subsurface sewage disposal system, you must submit and receive approval for plans and specifications for an approved sewage disposal system. These plans must be in conformance with the Sanitation Regulations and the Private Sewage Disposal and Water Supply Standards, 2006 and prepared by an approved designer. For further information, please contact the department at 709-256-1420.

Application must be made to the Department of Digital Government and Service NL for Fire/Life Safety (Request for Approval of Plans Form) and Building Accessibility (Application for Building Accessibility Registration Form) review/approvals. The department further advises that all propane system installations exceeding 211,000 kilojoules (200,000 BTU) are subject to the Boiler, Pressure Vessel and Compressed Gas Regulations under the Public Safety Act and will require approval prior to installation. For further information, please contact the department at 709-256-1420.



The Occupational Health and Safety Division of the Department of Digital Government and Service NL advises you to ensure that activities associated with a hunting lodge operation (including those of contractors) are conducted in compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and its Regulations OHS Act s.10. The Occupational Health and Safety Division further advises you to consider procedures regarding the protection of workers related to COVID-19. Procedures must follow the requirements set forth by the Chief Medical Officer of Health for the province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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 period, it is your responsibility to ensure that project activities are in compliance with the MBCA and associated regulations. Environment and Climate Change Canada requests that you provide a GIS file of the project boundaries and study area so that the project can be mapped. For further information, please contact the Canadian Wildlife Service at 709-772-4221.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada 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.

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.

Please note that in accordance with Section 17 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, the Minister's decision is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter. If you have not commenced your project within this three year period, you may apply to extend the three-year period for a maximum of three one-year periods, if needed.



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,

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Enclosures

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