

REGISTRATION FORM

**PURSUANT OF PART 10, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
SECTION 49 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT**

Name of Undertaking: Forest Management Districts 10, 11, 12 and 13
(Planning Zone 5) Five Year Operating Plan 2021-2025

Proponent: (i) Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture

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The Undertaking: (i) Nature of Undertaking

To conduct forestry activities (harvesting, silviculture and primary resource road construction) from 2021 to 2025 in Forest Management Planning Zone 5.

(ii) Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking

This undertaking will enable the Forest and Wildlife Branch to schedule forest management activities such as: commercial/domestic harvesting, road construction and reforestation proposed throughout the zone;

This undertaking is necessary to maintain and/or expand the existing commercial industry and allow domestic harvest.

Description of Undertaking: (i) Geographic Location

Forest Management Districts 10, 11, 12 and 13 encompass most of Central Newfoundland. They extend from Victoria Lake in the west to the Bay D'Espoir highway in the east and from Island Pond in the south to North and South Twin Lakes in the north. The districts share and overlap common ecoregion characteristics and for forest management purposes have been combined to form Planning Zone 5. The overview and operational maps in the plan outline the general and exact locations of the zone.

(ii) Physical Features

The topography in the area ranges from lowlands to rolling uplands and mountain terrain.

(iii) Operation

Commercial harvesting will be carried out manually and with shortwood harvesters and forwarders and domestic harvesting will be done by chainsaw with extraction by snowmobile and ATV. Roads will be constructed using excavators and/or bulldozers and silviculture will be carried out using brushsaws, pottiputkis, shovels and prescribed burning tools where required. All buffer requirements and operations will be carried out in accordance with the Environmental Protection Guidelines for Ecologically Based Forest Resource Management and the Forestry Act. Operations will commence upon approval of undertaking and continue yearly until 2025.

(iv) Occupants

Loggers, equipment operators, truckers, sawmillers, silviculture workers and domestic cutters.

Approval of the Undertaking:

Commercial and domestic cutting permits as well as operating permits will be required from the District Forest Management Offices.

Schedule:

This plan is scheduled to commence on January 1, 2021 and end on December 31, 2025.

Oct 19th, 2020 
Date Director FEM

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