

Environment and Climate Change

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Environmental Assessment Bulletin

The Honourable Bernard Davis, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED

Middle Barachois Brook Enhancement Project (Reg. 2170)
Proponent: World Wildlife Fund Canada

The proponent proposes to enhance conditions for Atlantic Salmon migration at Middle Barachois Brook, near Robinson's, on the west coast of Newfoundland. The project would be located approximately 80 metres downstream of a bridge crossing the Camp 180 Resource Road and approximately 23 kilometres east of the Trans Canada Highway. Construction would include removal of rock and placement of concrete barriers to increase water depth in a pool at the base of the waterfall. Equipment would access the project site via clearing a 125-metre route from the resource road.

The undertaking was registered on September 29, 2021; the deadline for public comment is November 5, 2021; and, the minister's decision is due by November 13, 2021.

Port Hope Simpson Scrapyard (Reg. 2171)
Proponent: Penney's Pitstop Ltd.

The proponent is proposing to construct and operate an automobile storage/scrapyard in Port Hope Simpson. Construction consists of clearing the land and erecting a fence. The facility would store the scrapped vehicles until they would be collected by a salvage dealer.

The undertaking was registered on September 29, 2021; the deadline for public comment is November 5, 2021; and, the minister's decision is due by November 13, 2021.

UNDERTAKING RELEASED:

Cormack Forage Production (Reg. 2159)
Proponent: Larch Grove Farms Ltd.

The project is released subject to the following conditions:

- The proponent is required to uphold all commitments made in the environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the project on the environment.
- The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture requires the following:
 - 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 200m 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 slopes less than 30 percent, a minimum 30 metre naturally vegetated riparian buffer zone shall be established around all waterbodies, from the high water mark, that are identified on either the 1:50,000 scale National Topographic System maps, or the topographic mapping layer shown in the Provincial Land Use Atlas. No land use activities involving grubbing, ground or soil disturbance, or timber harvesting activities will take place in this zone.
 - For slopes greater than 30 percent, there shall be a naturally vegetated riparian buffer zone calculated using the following formula: 30 metres + 1.5 metres x slope (%). No land use activities involving grubbing, ground or soil disturbance, or timber harvesting activities will take place in this zone.
- The proponent is required to advise the Environmental Assessment Division when the conditions of release have been met, by emailing a written description, documents, and images (where applicable) to demonstrate that the conditions have been fulfilled.
- The proponent is required to update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of the project, including a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the project, one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates if requested.

Learn more

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