

December 6th, 2022

Mrs. Joanne Sweeney
Director
Environmental Assessment Division
Department of Environment and Conservation

RE: Crown Five Year Operating Plan Forest Management Zone 3(2022-2026)

Pursuant to Section 49 of the *Environmental Protection Act* (2002), attached please find an amendment for registration as an undertaking, 5 Year Operating Plan Amendment for Crown lands in Forest Management District 4 (Zone 3). To expedite the review process, 2 copies of the Amendment (1 paper and 1 digital- jump drive) have been forwarded to you under separate cover.

This is an external amendment that covers 105 hectares of productive forest lands and will provide commercial access to 4,800 m³ of hardwood stands for the value added industry. The proposed amendment will not mean an increase in Forest Management Zone's 3 harvest level. The District's sustainable harvest level will not be exceeded and will be balanced by reduced harvesting elsewhere.

If you have any questions regarding this registration, please contact Mr. Dave Poole, Supervisor of Strategic Planning. Details specific to the Plan Amendment are best discussed with Frank Skeard, District Manager for Forest Management District 4.



Bryan Oke
Director – Forest Ecosystem Management
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Attach.
cc. D. Poole
S. Balsom F. Skeard

REGISTRATION FORM
PURSUANT OF PART 10, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
SECTION 49 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT

Name of Undertaking: Forest Management District 4 (Gambo)
Five Year Operating Plan 2022-2026 (Amendment)

Proponent: (i) Department Fisheries Forestry and Agriculture
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The Undertaking: (i) Nature of Undertaking

Commercial timber harvesting amendment to the
(2022-2026) Five-Year Operating Plan for Forest
Management Planning Zone 3 (District 4).

(ii) Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking

Commercial harvest of 4,000 m³ Hardwood (1,000
m³ annually over 4 years) and 800 m³ Jack Pine
(200 m³ annually over 4 years). Requirements
requested by a value added commercial operation
for several species specific products.

Description of Undertaking: (i) Geographic Location

Forest Management Planning Zone 3 encompasses
Forest Management Districts 5, and parts of 4 and 6.

The amendment is located in FMD4 near North Pond and Deadwolf branch along the Mint Brook resource road on the West side of the TCH by the Gambo exit.

(ii) Physical Features

The North Pond area at km 23-24 Mint Brook Resource Road is 42 ha of predominantly mature birch stands on good sites.

The Deadwolf Branch area is 45 ha of white birch and black spruce mixed forest on medium sites.

The North Pond area of Jack Pine was seeded by the forest service on medium to good sites. An extension of the current area is being put forward (18 ha) to allow flexibility of the operator.

If the area and volume is harvested an equivalent area and volume identified for harvest in the current Five-Year Plan will not be harvested.

(iii) Operation

This area will be harvested by a commercial logging contractor for hardwood cabinets, flooring and other value-added products.

(iv) Occupants

There will be approximately 2-10 individuals working in this area. The wood will be harvested using chain saw or harvesters and extracted with skidder or forwarder.

(v) Project Related Document

Forest Management District 4, 5 and 6 Five Year Operating Plan; January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2026.

Approval of the Undertaking:

Commercial Cutting Permit from the District 5 office in Gambo.

Schedule:

If approved, harvesting is planned to commence in 2023. The Newfoundland Forest Service requests a decision within 45 days after the Minister of Environment receives the completed registration form.

Dec 7th, 2022
Date


Director - FEM