

Environment and Climate Change

May 25, 2023

Environmental Assessment Bulletin

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

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

White Hill Pond JCL Quarry

(Reg. 2246)

Proponent: JCL Investments Inc.

The proponent proposes to construct and operate a 16-hectare quarry located in Conception Bay South, 1.6 kilometres southeast of the intersection of Peacekeeper's Way, off Route 60, near Seal Cove. The quarry will be used to produce aggregate materials (rock) and concrete sand for use in construction projects on the Avalon Peninsula and surrounding regions. A description of the project can be found on the department's webpage at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccm/env-assessment/projects-list/>.

The undertaking was registered on May 25, 2023; the deadline for public comments is June 29, 2023; and the minister's decision is due by July 9, 2023.

UPDATED REGISTRATION SUBMITTED:

Bay Bulls-Bauline Multi-Use Trail

(Reg. 2220)

Proponent: Bay Bulls-Bauline Athletic Association

The proponent is proposing to construct a 4.1 kilometre multi-use trail for recreational and physical activities, including but not limited to, ATV use, cycling, walking, hiking, and snowshoeing. The trail is to link Cape Pond Road to Horse Chops Road in addition to the trail through Cape Broyle, Calvert and Ferryland. The development is designed to be wide enough to allow pedestrians and motorized vehicles to occupy the space together. A description of the project can be found on the Department's web page at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/env-assessment/projects-list/>.

The updated registration was registered on May 23, 2023; the deadline for public comments is June 29, 2023; and the minister's decision is due by July 7, 2023.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

Bonavista Microbrewery

(Reg. 2239)

Proponent: Bonavista Brewing Company Inc.

The project is released subject to the following conditions:

- The proponent must uphold all commitments made in the environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the Project on the environment.
- The proponent must update the Environmental Assessment Division one year from the date of this release letter on the status of the Project and provide the division with a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the Project. Additional updates may be required.

Crown Zone 5 Five-Year Operating Plan Amendment (2023-2027) (Reg. 2241)
Proponent: Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture

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.
- All commitments made in the environmental assessment registration document for EA Reg. # 2108, Crown Zone 5 Five-Year Forestry Operating Plan (2021-2025) as well as the conditions of release from environmental assessment noted in the Minister's letter of March 11, 2021 will also apply to this project.
- The Wildlife Division of the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture requires the following:
 - As the area falls within Newfoundland Marten core habitat and Newfoundland Marten are listed as Threatened under the **Newfoundland and Labrador Endangered Species Act**, vegetation clearing or excessive noise must not during the denning, breeding and brood rearing period, which runs from early-April to end of June.
 - The salvage harvest in the region of CC11030 extends into what is known as the 'Restoration30' area for the Mount Peyton caribou population, for which the management objective is to reduce new disturbance given high levels of existing disturbance within the range. In particular, the 'arm' that extends into the range, where there are currently no roads. A map in the Minister's decision letter outlines the region that must be removed from the proposed harvest area.
- 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 must update the Environmental Assessment Division one year from the date of this release letter on the status of the Project and provide the division with a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the Project. Additional updates may be required.

Learn more

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https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/files/GUIDE-TO-THE-PROCESS_May-2023.pdf

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Public comments may be forwarded to: EAprojectcomments@gov.nl.ca

If you submit comments on a project that is under environmental assessment, please advise the Department if you DO NOT wish to share your comments with the project proponent.

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