

## APPENDIX A: Regulatory Advice from Government Departments

### EA 2257 – Placentia Area Hiking Trails

During the environmental assessment review provincial and federal government departments and agencies indicated that the following plans, permits, licences, approvals and/or other authorizations are or may be required before your project commences. This is not intended to be a comprehensive list and you are responsible for consulting with federal and provincial government authorities regarding any additional authorizations that may be required by law:

The Climate Change Branch (CCB) of the Department of Environment and Climate Change notes that climate change is expected to result in more precipitation and frequent weather events that may result in increased flooding. CCB suggests considering provincial climate change projections for Argenticia for the Project planning. CCB notes that the clearing of trees and brush can contribute to climate change. Where required, all clearing activities must be undertaken with appropriate permits through the Forestry Division. For further information, please contact the CCB at (709) 729-1485.

The Pollution Prevention Division (PPD) of the Department of Environment and Climate Change encourages you to consider all waste material for reuse, resale or recycling prior to disposal. PPD advises you to consider developing a contingency plan specific to the proposed undertaking to enable a quick and effective response to a spill event. PPD recommends that an Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) be completed by a registered Site Professional prior to development within a landfill buffer zone. The purpose of the ESA is to assess any potential impacts that may be present and to ensure the integrity of the closed landfill such that future developments do not cause environmental concerns by disturbing the decommissioning work completed. PPD further recommends that you avoid constructing the trail system directly above the former waste disposal sites. For further information, please contact the PPD at (709) 729-5782.

The Water Resources Management Division (WRMD) of the Department of Environment and Climate Change informs that the Project crosses streams, passes within the 15-metre buffer on wetlands, and passes through or within the 15-metre boundary of the designated flood plain at several locations. The WRMD advises you to obtain a permit under the **Water Resources Act**, for any work within fifteen (15) metres of a body of water (including wetlands), any infilling work within 15 metres and any work within the designated flood risk area prior to the start of work. WRMD further advises that any effluent or runoff leaving the site is required to conform to the requirements of the Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations, 2003. For further information, please contact the WRMD at (709) 729-1646.

The Government Service Centre (GSC) of the Department of Digital Government and Service NL (DGSNL) advises you to follow proper procedures for waste management and

keep Project sites neat and tidy at all times. For further information, please contact the GSC at (709) 256-1420.

The Occupational Health and Safety Division (OHS) of DGSNL advises you to ensure that activities are conducted in compliance with the **Occupational Health and Safety Act** and its regulations. This includes the responsibility for ensuring that contractors hired to perform work also comply with the legislation. For further information, please contact OHS at 1 (800) 563-5471.

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (FFA) advises you to develop and implement appropriate prevention and mitigation measures to avoid incidental take of birds, nests and eggs. FFA advises you that the following permits are required: a Commercial Cutting Permit prior to any harvesting or timber removal in the area, an Operating Permit prior to the start of any work during the forest fire season and a Permit to Burn to ignite a fire on or within 300 meters of forest land during the forest fire season. FFA further advises you to follow the Motorized Snow Vehicle and All-Terrain Regulations under the **Motorized Snow Vehicle and All-Terrain Vehicles Act**, along existing sections of the trail where ATV and snowmobile use occurs. Any plans to permit ATV and snowmobile use along new sections of the trail must be described to the Department of Environment and Climate Change (ECC) to be reviewed for regulatory requirements, including environmental assessment. For further information, please contact FFA at (709) 637-2353, and ECC at [EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca](mailto:EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca).

The Department of Immigration, Population Growth and Skills (IPGS) encourages you to contact the Association for New Canadians for Intercultural Competency Training that would help grow the knowledge and understanding of the principles of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. For further information, please contact the Department of IPGS at (709) 729-2480.

The Department of Industry, Energy and Technology (IET) advises that any quarry materials required for the Project must be obtained from approved sources. IET advises you to consult with Newfoundland Power (NP) regarding the presence of its assets near the Project. IET informs that quarry operations and traffic may be audible or visible from some Project areas, and mineral exploration is a potential land use within the Project area in the future subject to appropriate permits and approvals. For further information, please contact IET at (709) 729-3131.

The Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (MPA) advises that the trails are located within the Town of Placentia municipal planning area, and approval of the Project is required from the Town. For further information, please contact MPA at (709) 729-3090.

The Provincial Archeology Office (PAO) of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation advises that while the PAO does not have any concerns with the trail development, any planned future work to rehabilitate the WWII facilities may require an archaeological assessment and the PAO should be notified of such plans. For further information, please contact PAO at (709) 729-2462.

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (TI) advises that parking is not permitted on the shoulder of the roadway to access the trails, and off-road parking is needed at various points along the trail. TI advises that the Command Center to Placentia Trail section and the Placentia Loop section require crosswalks and crosswalk development that crosses TI assets will have to be approved by TI. Further, work or occupation on any TI property or infrastructure requires prior approval from TI. For further information, please contact TI at (709) 729-5339.

Environment and Climate Change Canada - Canadian Wildlife Service (ECCC-CWS) noted that Little Brown Myotis and bats might be present in the Project area, using the abandoned armouries or other infrastructure as hibernacula or maternity roosts. ECCC-CWS recommends that you report to the provincial Wildlife Division of FFA if there are any known hibernacula or maternity roosts in the Project area, and encourages you to develop the following plans:

- A management plan that includes appropriate preventative measures to minimize the risk of impacts on migratory birds;
- An oil spill prevention and response plan.
- A contingency plan that considers potential accidents and malfunctions that take into account site-specific conditions and sensitivities.

ECCC further advises that in order to avoid nest destruction and to accommodate the breeding season of migratory birds, operations should consider nesting locations between April 15 and August 15 in this region. ECCC requests that species-at-risk sightings be reported to the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) at [ec.scfatldonneesei-cwsatliadata.ec@ec.gc.ca](mailto:ec.scfatldonneesei-cwsatliadata.ec@ec.gc.ca) and to the Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre at <http://accdc.com/en/contribute.html>. For further information, please contact the ECCC-CWS at (709) 777-4221.