

ATTACHMENT A: Regulatory Advice from Government Departments

EA 2261 - Crown Zone 6 Five-Year Forestry Operating Plan (2024-2028) (The Project)

During the environmental assessment of the Project, 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 advises that heavy equipment should be operated in a manner that fuel efficiency, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions that could contribute to climate change. For further information, please contact the CCB at (709) 729-1485.

The Pollution Prevention Division (PPD) of the Department of Environment and Climate Change advises that if pesticide use is planned, a Pesticide Applicator Licence will be required, or if pest control services are contracted, the business must have a valid Pesticide Operator's Licence. For more information, please contact the Pesticides Control Section at (709) 729-6054. You are advised to consider developing a contingency plan specific to the proposed undertaking to enable a quick and effective response to a spill event. Any spill or leak of gasoline or associated product is to be reported immediately to the Environmental Emergencies Telephone Line at 1-800-563-9089. For further information, please contact the PPD at (709) 729-5782.

The Natural Areas Program (NAP) of the Department of Environment and Climate Change advises that any land use developments that may compromise the ecological integrity of proposed protected areas are prohibited. Domestic timber harvest block #59 (Whites Road) overlaps a small portion of the Bras Mort Bog area of conservation interest. Any future requests to increase in the size or location of overlap of the domestic timber harvest block with Bras Mort Bog area of conservation interest would not be supported. For further information, please contact the Natural Areas Program at (709) 637-4066.

The Water Resources Management Division (WRMD) of the Department of Environment and Climate Change advises that you must apply for and obtain a permit for any work in or within 15 metres of a body of water (including wetlands); for work that is proposed within floodplain areas; work adjacent to or within a Protected Public Water Supply Area; and work adjacent to or within Wellhead Protected Areas. Work must comply with this Department's Policy for Land and Water Related Developments in Protected Public Water Supply Areas. Any effluent or runoff leaving the site is required to conform to the requirements of the Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations, 2003.

WRMD advises that domestic harvesting is not permitted within the following Protected Public Water Supply Areas:

- Grey River - Big Charlies Pond;
- Port au Port West - Jim Rowe's Pond;
- Mainland - Caribou Brook;
- West Bay - Unnamed Brook;
- Norris Point - Neddy Harbour Pond;
- Woody Point - Winterhouse Brook;
- Glenburnie-Birchy Head-Shoal Brook - Croucher's Brook;
- St. Jude's - Chute Brook;
- St. Jude's - Uncle Arthur's Brook;
- Humber Arm South - Gurge's Pond;
- Hughes Brook - Reservoir; and
- Lark Harbour - Fairfax Brook.

WRMD further advises that no activity/work is permitted within 100-metres of the following Unprotected Public Groundwater Supplies; Black Duck Siding (Well #1 and Well #2); Abraham's Cove (Well #2), and Piccadilly Slant (Well #1); and no work is permitted within 100 metres of a private well or drilled well. 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 that the storage, handling, and disposal of used and or waste oil must be in compliance with the Used Oil and Used Glycol Control Regulations. A development permit under the Protected Road Zoning Regulations will be required for any development within 400 metres of the center line of highway or other protected road. Any proposed access roads must also be approved by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure prior to commencing development. For further information, please contact the GSC at (709) 637-2229.

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 that the 2023 Environmental Protection Guidelines for Forestry Operations in Newfoundland and Labrador apply to all operating areas. The Project must not encroach on existing Crown titles and applications, Agricultural Development Areas or Agriculture Areas of Interest. The location of these areas can be found online at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/landuseatlas/details/>.

FFA further advises that a no-cut 100-metre buffer around established cottage development areas is to be maintained. A 30-metre naturally vegetated buffer is to be

maintained along all waterbodies. For further information, please contact FFA at (709) 637-2353.

The Department of Industry, Energy and Technology (IET) advises that any quarry materials required for the Project must be obtained from approved sources. Forestry activities must consider quarry boundaries, buffers, tree screens and quarry access roads in areas where both forestry and quarry operations are ongoing. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and Newfoundland Power have assets in the Project area, it is recommended that they are advised of the Project. The Project is located within three hydrocarbon basins and it is within the perimeter of modern and historical wells. No work can be completed within 100 metres of petroleum wells and the Project must not interfere with petroleum exploration and development. For further information, please contact IET at (709) 729-5748.

The Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (MPA) advises that the Project in within the municipal boundaries of many municipalities and, as such, you are required to obtain a development permit for forestry activities. Should any aspect of the undertaking intersect a protected road with or without a Development Plan, an application must be made to The Department of Digital Government and Service NL (DGSNL). In addition, where a project component intersects a protected road within a Municipal Planning Area, a permit must be obtained from both DGSNL and the Municipal Authority. For further information, please contact MAPA at (709) 729-3090.

The Provincial Parks Division (ParksNL) of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation requires a 100-metre “no cut’ buffer between provincial park boundaries, and commercial cut block boundaries, no new road construction within 500-metres of a provincial park property, and request to be referred on any proposed forestry development within one kilometre of a provincial park property. A Temporary Vehicular Access (TVA) permit is required to access the Newfoundland and Labrador T’Railway Provincial Park via a motor vehicle such as pickup trucks, sport utility vehicles, heavy equipment, wood hauling trucks, etc. For further information, please contact ParksNL at (709) 637-2345.

The Tourism Product Development Division of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation recommends that Project activities that may impact scenic settings near touring corridors be managed to minimize adverse effects on visual viewscales. Outfitters and other stakeholders in the area should be contacted to mitigate any potential concerns. For further information, please contact the Tourism Product Development Division at (709) 729-4518.

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (TI) advises that Proponent shall be fully responsible to identify property and highways owned by the TI and the construction of access roads will require application approval prior to commencing any work within the Department's Right of Way. For further information, please contact TI at (709) 729-5339.

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) recommends that you 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; and,
- 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 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.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) advises that the modernized **Fisheries Act** include fish and fish habitat protection provisions which came into effect on August 28, 2019. If you are conducting work in or near water you should refer to the Projects Near Water website to get information about how to comply with the Fisheries Act and as well as information on the project review process. The 'Projects Near Water' website is located at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>. For further information, please contact the Fisheries Protection Program at (709) 772-4140.