

Environment, Conservation and Climate Change

March 6, 2026

Environmental Assessment Bulletin

The Honourable Chris Tibbs, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change, has announced the following relative to Environmental Assessment - Part 10 - of the **Environmental Protection Act**.

Undertakings Registered:

Portland Creek Quarry

(Reg. 2394)

Proponent: Ledonis Limited

The proponent is proposing to develop and operate a 19.37-hectare sand and gravel quarry approximately 3.3 kilometres north of Portland Creek and 4 kilometres south of Daniels Harbour. Quarry materials would be used for winter road maintenance sand and construction aggregates for regional projects on the Northern Peninsula. A description of the project can be found on the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change website at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/env-assessment/projects-list/>

The undertaking was registered on March 5, 2026. The deadline for public comment is April 10, 2026, and the minister's decision is due by April 19, 2026.

Comments may be sent to: EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca

St. John's Dockyard Upgrades

(Reg. 2393)

Proponent: St. John's Dockyard Limited

The proponent is proposing upgrades to the existing marine vessel repair and maintenance facility located at St. John's Harbour. Project activities would include the demolition of existing piers and replacement with a steel-pile reinforced concrete deck, dredging in St. John's Harbour, and the construction of a new, larger capacity marine lift and additional berths. The existing smaller marine lift and berthing area will remain in place to complement the larger marine lift and berthing area. A description of the project can be found on the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change website at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/env-assessment/projects-list/>

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St. Anthony Gravel Quarry Extension

(Reg. 2392)

Proponent: Strangemore's Electrical Ltd.

The proponent is proposing to develop and operate a 5-hectare rock and gravel quarry extension in the town of St. Anthony. The quarry materials would be used as backfill for various municipal construction projects. A description of the project can be found on the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change website at:

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/env-assessment/projects-list/>

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Undertakings Released:

Gold Anchor Property Mineral Exploration Access Road (Reg. 2385)
Proponent: Rocky Shore Metals Ltd.

The project has been released from environmental assessment subject to the conditions as outlined in the minister's decision letter available on the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change website at:

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/projects/project-2385/>

Little Indian Brook Bridge Replacement (Reg. 2384)
Proponent: Department of Transportation and Infrastructure

The project has been released from environmental assessment subject to the conditions as outlined in the minister's decision letter available on the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change website at:

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/projects/project-2384/>

St. Anthony Marine Biomaterial Processing Facility (Reg. 2383)
Proponent: Atlantic Biocorp Ltd.

The project has been released from environmental assessment subject to the conditions as outlined in the minister's decision letter available on the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change website at:

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/projects/project-2383/>

Plans Accepted:

St. George's Great Atlantic Salt Project (Reg. 2290)
Proponent: Atlas Salt Inc.

On February 26, 2026, the minister advised the proponent that the following plans were accepted for the early works phase of the project:

- Waste Management Plan
- Wetlands Conservation Plan
- Water Resources Management Plan
- Bat Preventative Measures Plan
- Environmental Protection Plan which includes a Mitigations Plan for sedimentation and runoff.

These plans were required as conditions of release from environmental assessment.

The minister also advised that the condition to develop a Benefits Agreement, which includes a Gender Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Plan, and the condition to submit surveys for Black Ash have been met. Project information is available on the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change website at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/projects/project-2290/>.

Learn more

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Project comments may be sent to: EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

Anyone submitting comments on a project under environmental assessment should notify the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change if they do not wish to have their comments shared with the project proponent.

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