

PERMIT FOR DEVELOPMENT

Pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01, specifically Section(s) 39, 48

Date: **SEPTEMBER 16, 2026**

File No: **550-01-03-07-009**

Permit No: **PRO15054-2026**

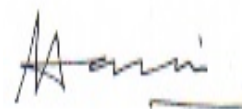
Permit Holder: **Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation
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Attention: **Matthew Swain**

Re: **Steady Brook - Steady Brook PPWSA - Snowmobile Trail Upgrades - NL Snowmobile Federation**

Permission is hereby given for : **the installation of culverts, fording, and trail maintenance in the Steady Brook Protected Public Water Supply Area (used by the Town of Steady Brook) with reference to the application dated May 29, 2026 and received June 30, 2026.**

- This Permit does not release the Permit Holder from the obligation to obtain appropriate approvals from other concerned municipal, provincial and federal agencies.
- The Permit Holder must obtain the approval of the Crown Lands Administration Division if the project is being carried out on Crown Land.
- This Permit is subject to the terms and conditions indicated in Appendices A and B (attached).
- It should be noted that prior to any significant changes in the design or installation of the proposed works, or in event of changes in ownership or management of the project, an amendment to this Permit must be obtained from the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change under Section 49 of the *Water Resources Act*.



(for) MINISTER

APPENDIX A
Terms and Conditions for Permit

PPWSA General

1. All operations must be carried out in a manner that prevents damage to land, vegetation, and watercourses, and which prevents pollution of bodies of water.
2. Any areas adversely affected by this project must be restored to a state that resembles local natural conditions. Further remedial measures to mitigate environmental impacts on water resources can and will be specified, if considered necessary in the opinion of this Department.
3. All persons working on this project must be informed that they are within a Protected Public Water Supply Area, and must be made aware of all conditions of this Permit. A copy of this Permit must be on site during operations.
4. The attached Completion Report (Appendix C) for Permit No. 15054 must be completed and returned to this Department upon completion of the approved works. Pictures must be submitted along with the completion report, showing the project site prior to and after development.
5. An undisturbed (no cutting or ground disturbance) buffer zone of at least **150 metres** shall be maintained around Steady Brook for a distance of 1 kilometer upstream and 100 metres downstream of the intake, at least **75 metres** along the remainder of Steady Brook, at least **50 metres** around major lakes or ponds and along both sides of all streams and main tributaries running into Steady Brook, and at least **30 metres** around all ponds and along both sides of all other water bodies including wetlands and field identified streams. Except for the specific culvert installations, fording and associated works authorized by this Permit and shown in Appendix D, activity or development within these buffer zones is prohibited. Work within buffer zones shall be limited to the minimum area necessary to complete the approved works and shall comply with all applicable conditions of this Permit. All buffer zones must be marked with signs or flagging tape to avoid encroachment into the buffer zones.
6. Treated wood shall not be used in a water body or within buffer zones established in Condition 5 of any water body measured from the high water mark. The use of creosote treated wood anywhere within the Protected Public Water Supply Area is strictly prohibited.
7. All waste material is to be collected in refuse containers, and disposed of at an approved waste disposal site outside the Protected Public Water Supply Area in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002 cE-14.2*.
8. Equipment storage, maintenance facilities associated with this project, and all maintenance other than emergency repairs must not be located/carried out within the Protected Public Water Supply Area.
9. A requirement for sampling is not being imposed at this time; however, the Department reserves the right to require sampling and analysis in the future, should it be deemed necessary as a result of this project, to ensure compliance with applicable standards or to address environmental or public health concerns. Any such sampling and analysis will be conducted at the expense of the proponent.
10. Officials of the Department and the appropriate Municipal Authority, Operator, or Watershed Management Committee may visit the site to ensure compliance with this Permit.

11. Liaison is to be maintained with the appropriate Municipal Authority and Environmental Scientist. If there are any specific problems (i.e. sedimentation, fuel spill, or other potential water quality impairment), the appropriate Town Manager/Clerk, Mayor, Chair of the Local Service District Committee, or Chair of the Water Supply Committee must be notified immediately at (709)634-7601. The Environmental Scientist must also be notified immediately at **(709)637-2542**.
12. The felling or disposing of trees, parts of trees, sawdust, bark, logging debris or slash into a water body or upon the frozen surface of a water body is strictly prohibited.
13. Motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles and ATVs, shall not be used to cross the frozen surface of Steady Brook, the intake body of water within the Protected Public Water Supply Area.
14. Drainage from roads and other disturbed areas, and all water, runoff or effluent from the site, that is pumped or flows by gravity, shall have silt, sludge, sediment, cuttings, and visible turbidity removed by means of sediment boxes, settling tanks, settling ponds, sumps dug into the ground, filtration or other suitable treatment, to less than or equal to 30 milligrams per litre of Total Suspended Solids (TSS), before being discharged to the environment. More specifically, at the last point of control, the final discharge of all water, runoff or effluent must conform to the limits specified in Schedule A of the Environmental Control Water and Sewer Regulations, 2003, <https://www.assembly.nl.ca/Legislation/sr/Regulations/rc030065.htm>. It is the responsibility of the Permit Holder to demonstrate, that the final discharge meets the requirement of these Regulations.
15. The location of the work is highlighted on the Location Maps for this Permit attached as Appendix D.
16. This Permit is valid for one (1) year from the date of issue. If required, an application for Permit renewal must be submitted prior to the expiry date.
17. Any changes in water quality resulting directly from this project, rendering the water unsuitable as a public water supply, are the responsibility of the Permit Holder. The Minister may order the Permit Holder to provide an alternate source of potable water to the affected community until water quality returns to an accepted level.
18. All vehicles and equipment must be clean and in good working order with no leaking fuel, oil, or other harmful substances that could impair water quality.
19. All stationary motorized equipment and associated fuel tanks shall have metal trays, absorbent pads or impervious liners under them to catch and contain in excess of 110 % of the aggregate volume of any fuel, lubricant and oil.
20. For any clearing inside buffer zones: no ground disturbance (no disturbance to the root mat, no grubbing, or removal of soil) shall take place in the buffer zones. The Permit Holder is to ensure that the appropriate best practices are employed to prevent any detrimental effects that could impact water quality. Where possible, work in buffer zones shall be completed when the ground is frozen.
21. Where permits, licences, approvals or authorizations are issued by multiple governments, departments or agencies, in the case of similar conditions, the more stringent of those shall prevail; in the case of conflicting conditions, the Permit Holder shall seek clarification and direction in writing from each of the respective departments or agencies.
22. The Permit Holder is required to ensure that adequate sanitary (bathroom) facilities are available or provided on site. This may be in the form of a portable toilet, chemical toilet, or municipal sewer system. If a portable toilet or chemical toilet is used, the waste water must be disposed of in a septic disposal system approved by the Department of Government Services, or at an approved waste disposal site, outside the Protected Public Water Supply Area in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002 cE-14.2.

23. The issuance of this permit does not guarantee, nor set precedent, that additional or similar permits or amendments will be issued in this or any other Protected Public Water Supply Area for additional or similar activity or development.
24. This licence/permit does not constitute an acknowledgement of interest in any land claims adjacent.

Fuel Storage

25. There shall be no bulk fuel storage associated with this project within the protected water supply area. Fuel shall be brought to the operating area in no more than two (2) 205 litre barrels or one (1) 500 litre slip tank. The Permit Holder is hereby informed that fuel storage and handling requires a separate approval under the *Storage and Handling of Gasoline and Associated Products Regulations*, CNR 775/96.
26. A complete oil spill clean-up kit must be on site at all times when gasoline or fuel powered equipment is being used or refueled. The kit must contain the following:
- Fire pump and 100 metres of hose
 - Two hand operated fuel pumps
 - Six recovery containers such as empty 205 litre drums
 - Four shovels
 - Two pick axes
 - Ten metres of containment boom
 - Twenty-five absorbent pads
 - One hundred litres of loose absorbent material
27. Contaminated snow and soil must be removed from the site and disposed of at an approved location outside the protected public water supply area, in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act*, SNL 2002 cE-14.2.
28. Any spills of gasoline, fuel or oil, regardless of volume, shall be reported immediately to the Environmental Scientist at (709)637-2542 and the appropriate Municipal Authority or Watershed Management Committee by calling (709)634-7601. Furthermore, all spills in excess of 70 litres shall be reported immediately to the 24 hour spill report line at 1-800-563-9089.
29. Refueling sites shall be located at least 150 metres from any water body or wetland.

Protected Miscellaneous

30. The Permit Holder must inspect the site daily, and any water quality impairment related problems are to be reported immediately to the Environmental Scientist at (709)637-2542 and the appropriate Municipal Authority or Watershed Monitoring Committee at (709)634-7601.
31. The Permit Holder is required to provide this Department with all documentation, information and data which may be requested or required in order to carry out the inspection or investigation.
32. Sawdust, bark, and logs must not be stored within undisturbed buffer zones of any body of water, and must be removed at regular intervals to prevent excessive accumulation at the site.
33. Existing creosote poles may be replaced with Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) poles outside undisturbed buffer zones.
34. Wood and brush removed from the work site must not be stored within undisturbed buffer zones of any water body.

Special Conditions

35. Signage identifying that users of the trail are now entering and leaving a Protected Public Water Supply Area (PPWSA) shall be posted at the boundaries where the trail crosses the boundary. Signs are to include rules for safe travel inside the PPWSA including: Conditions 7, 13, 28 and 29. Contact the Environmental Scientist at carlahayes@gov.nl.ca if additional information is required.

Trails

36. Fill material must be obtained from an approved quarry site. It must not be taken from beaches or streams, and must not be dredged from a body of water.
37. Removal of streambank vegetation or trees is not permitted. Overhanging brush that collects snow and blocks ice movement may be pruned and cut back to allow free flow of water.
38. Where sand or gravel is used in the construction of trails, these areas must be closely monitored during and after periods of heavy rainfall for any signs of erosion or washout. Where washouts occur, these sections of trail must be replaced with boardwalks.
39. Trail embankments near watercourses must be adequately protected from erosion by sodding, seeding or placing of rip-rap.
40. The constructed works must comply with all other terms and conditions provided in the Crown Lands grant, lease, or license for occupancy.
41. Permit Holder must avoid construction activities in a wetlands wherever possible.
42. Design and construction of ATV or multi-use trails within PPWSAs must adhere to the **Guidelines for Construction and Maintenance of ATV Trails inside Protected Public Water Supply Areas**.
43. Motorized Snow Vehicles and All-Terrain Vehicles Regulations must be strictly adhered to.
44. Heavily travelled areas must be kept well drained to prevent the formation of mud puddles which can contribute to erosion and siltation events.

Fording

45. Except for single passenger all-terrain vehicles, crossings by other vehicles or construction equipment shall be limited to one trip in and one trip out.
46. Timbers or rocks shall be placed in streams to facilitate crossing or to minimize damage to the channel sections provided the streams are not unnecessarily constricted or backed up.
47. Alteration of the natural minimum streamflow is not permitted in order to preserve aquatic life.
48. Stream banks at fording sites that contain loose or erodible material must be adequately stabilized before crossing to minimize any siltation of streams.
49. The natural course of any stream must not be altered.
50. Infilling must not cause increased water elevation upstream or increase flow velocity downstream of the site. Reduction of the natural cross sectional area of any watercourse is not permitted.
51. The fording sites must be located at shallow sections of the channels where there are low approach grades, and where the channels consists of stable non-erodible rock or cobbles.
52. Fording shall only be carried out during periods of low water levels.

53. When the fording sites are no longer required, the Permit Holder must dismantle and remove all constructed works and restore the sites to their original condition. All material placed in streams must be completely removed.
54. Within 30 days after expiry of this Permit, the Permit Holder must submit to the department a report confirming that each fording location was left in as good or better condition than prior to Permit Holder's fording activities. This report should include detailed pictures of each site before and after project activities.
55. When the fording sites are no longer required, the Permit Holder must dismantle and remove all constructed works and restore the sites to their original condition. All material placed in streams must be completely removed. The following table provides a description of the fording site(s) included in the scope of work of this permit.

Stream Crossing	Description of Streambed	Amount of Vegetation	Channel Width (m)	Channel Depth (m)
45th Brook	Gravel	Sparse	8.0	0.5

Special Conditions

56. This permit has been issued without photos having been provided in advance. As such, the Permit Holder is required to submit pictures showing the fording and culvert site(s) prior to and after fording and the completion of the culvert installations.

Culvert Installation

57. Drainage ditches must collect and transport surface runoff in a manner that does not cause flooding, erosion or sedimentation of adjacent land or receiving waters.
58. Inlet and outlet areas of culvert installations must be adequately protected from erosion by placing rip-rap, fitted stone, or concrete headwalls.
59. Culvert installations must follow the stream channel gradient to the maximum extent possible and placed in line with the direction of the main flow to minimize disturbance to the channel. Culverts must not disrupt the flow of water or cause ponding at the upstream side of the installation.
60. Where pumping is used to bypass flow, cofferdams must be installed both above and below areas of construction. The Permit Holder must provide pumps with sufficient capacity to prevent washout of cofferdams.
61. Cofferdams must be properly designed and constructed of suitable materials to prevent leakage and to resist loss of any material as a result of erosion. Cofferdams must be removed upon completion of their intended function. All material must be removed carefully to prevent disturbance of the water body and to prevent water quality degradation.
62. All work involving minor alteration to the stream channel to permit culvert placement must be carried out at a time of low flow, and in a manner that prevents downstream siltation and unnecessary alteration of the channel.
63. Grading and finishing of roadways or road embankments must not cause damage to culverts or allow road material to enter the watercourse.
64. Roadside embankments near the watercourse must be adequately protected from erosion by sodding, seeding or placing of rip-rap.
65. Culverts must be inspected regularly so that immediate action can be taken to clear blockages caused by ice or debris or to undertake repairs as required.

66. The inlet and outlet of culverts must be clearly marked so that operators of road grading and snow clearing equipment can avoid blocking culverts.
67. Any damage to culverts during installation or due to inadequate capacity and/or improper construction must be reported to this Department. Damaged culverts must be replaced immediately to prevent overtopping, erosion, or flooding.
68. If a culvert is installed in natural fish habitat it must be embedded a minimum of 150 mm below the natural streambed (up to a maximum of 1/3 of the culvert diameter).

General Alterations

69. Any work that must be performed below the high water mark must be carried out during a period of low water levels.
70. Any flowing or standing water must be diverted around work sites so that work is carried out in the dry.
71. Water pumped from excavations or work areas, or any runoff or effluent directed out of work sites, must have silt and turbidity removed by settling ponds, filtration, or other suitable treatment before discharging to a body of water. Effluent discharged into receiving waters must comply with the *Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations, 2003*.
72. All vehicles and equipment must be clean and in good repair, free of mud and oil, or other harmful substances that could impair water quality.
73. The bed, banks and floodplains of watercourses, or other vulnerable areas affected by this project, must be adequately protected from erosion by seeding, sodding or placing of rip-rap.
74. Periodic maintenance such as painting, resurfacing, clearing of debris, or minor repairs, must be carried out without causing any physical disruption of any watercourse. Care must be taken to prevent spillage of pollutants into the water.
75. The owners of structures are responsible for any environmental damage resulting from dislodgement caused by wind, wave, ice action, or structural failure.
76. Sediment and erosion control measures must be installed before starting work. All control measures must be inspected regularly and any necessary repairs made if damage is discovered.
77. Fill material must be of good quality, free of fines or other substances including metals, organics, or chemicals that may be harmful to the receiving waters.
78. All work must be carried out within the approved project footprint and on lands for which the Permit Holder has obtained the necessary authorization to access and undertake the approved works.
79. Except as stated in the first clause under **FORDING**, the use of heavy equipment in streams or bodies of water is not permitted. The operation of heavy equipment must be confined to dry stable areas.

APPENDIX B

Special Terms and Conditions for Permit

1. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall keep all systems and works in good condition and repair and in accordance with all laws, by-laws, directions, rules and regulations of any governmental authority. The Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) shall immediately notify the Minister if any problem arises which may threaten the structural stability of the systems and works, endanger public safety and/or the environment or adversely affect others and/or any body of water either in or outside the said Project areas. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall be responsible for all damages suffered by the Minister and Government resulting from any defect in the systems and works, operational deficiencies/inadequacies, or structural failure.
2. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall operate the said Project and its systems and works in a manner which does not cause any water related and/or environmental problems, including but not limited to problems of erosion, deposition, flooding, and deterioration of water quality and groundwater depletion, in or outside the said Project areas. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall be responsible for any and all damages associated with these problems caused as a result of changes, deficiencies, and inadequacies in the operational procedures by the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s).
3. If the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) fails to perform, fulfil, or observe any of the terms and conditions, or provisions of this Permit, as determined by this Department, the Minister may, without notice, amend, modify, suspend or cancel this Permit in accordance with the *Water Resources Act*.
4. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) indemnify and hold the Minister and Government harmless against any and all liabilities, losses, claims, demands, damages or expenses including legal expenses of any nature whatsoever whether arising in tort, contract, statute, trust or otherwise resulting directly or indirectly from granting this Permit, systems and works in or outside the said Project areas, or any act or omission of the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) in or outside the said Project areas, or arising out of a breach or non-performance of any of the terms and conditions, or provisions of this Permit by the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s).
5. This Permit is subject to all provisions of the *Water Resources Act* and any regulations in effect either at the date of this Permit or hereafter made pursuant thereto or any other relevant legislation enacted by the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador in the future.
6. This Permit shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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Appendix C - Completion Report

Pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01, specifically Section(s) 39, 48

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I (the Permit Holder named above or agent authorized to represent the Permit Holder) do hereby certify that the project described above was completed in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted to the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change and that the work was carried out in strict compliance with the terms and conditions of the Permit issued for this project.

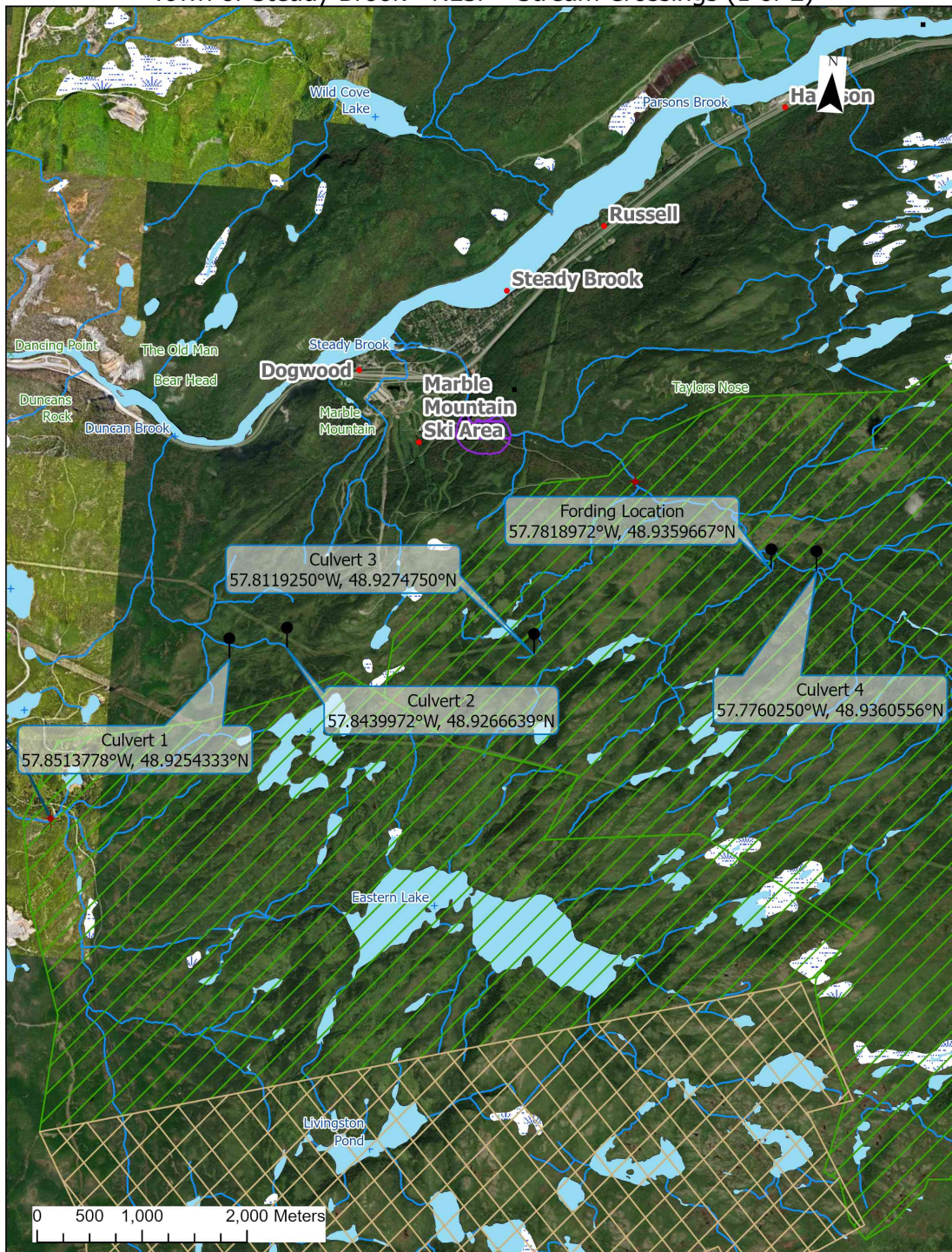
Date: _____ Signature: _____

This completion report must be completed and forwarded to the following address upon completion of the approved work.

Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change
Water Resources Management Division
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APPENDIX D
Location Map for Permit

Town of Steady Brook - NLSF - Stream Crossings (1 of 2)



Second Attached Image File

Town of Steady Brook - NLSF - Stream Crossings (2 of 2)

