

## 2021 Spruce Budworm Early Intervention Control Program Western Newfoundland

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture will be conducting a Spruce Budworm Early Intervention Control Program in Western Newfoundland starting early in June 2021, subject to insect development and weather. Aerial treatments will take place on forest land located between the Port aux Port Peninsula and Castors River South.

The spruce budworm is a destructive forest insect capable of causing widespread defoliation leading to tree mortality and growth losses.

Up to 140,000 hectares of forest is scheduled to be protected using one or more applications of the biological control agent B.t.k., which has been approved for operational use by the Health Canada - Pest Management Regulatory Agency. Additional information about B.t.k. can be viewed at the Department of Environment and Climate Change website at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/mae/env-protection/pesticides/forest/>.

Details about the time and location of treatment activity is available by calling the Forest Insect Control Program Update Line at: 1-877-636-2996 or at the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture website at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ffa/programs-and-funding/forestry-programs-and-funding/idc/controlprogram/>.

Public signage and maps will be posted along access roads leading to areas where treatment is planned.

The Spruce Budworm Early Intervention Control Program will be conducted in accordance with COVID-19 safe work place protocols.