

PUBLIC NOTICE

2021 Spruce Budworm Early Intervention Research Program

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture will be conducting a research program as a part of the province's Spruce Budworm Early Intervention Strategy, using the control product CONFOUND SBW, subject to release from Environmental Assessment.

CONFOUND SBW is a slow release pheromone that controls spruce budworm populations by disrupting the ability to mate. CONFOUND SBW has been approved for operational use by the Health Canada - Pest Management Regulatory Agency.

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

Subject to insect development and weather, aerial application will take place on up to 450 hectares of mature forest in the vicinity of North Lake and Bonne Bay Big Pond starting early in July 2021.

Information regarding the 2021 Spruce Budworm Early Intervention Research Program and CONFOUND SBW, including details about the time and location of treatment activity is available by calling 1-877-636-2996 or visiting the department website at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ffa/programs-and-funding/forestry-programs-and-funding/idc/2021-insect-control-program/>

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

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