

Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture

2021 Spruce Budworm Early Intervention Strategy Program Daily Update

Date: June 18, 2021 **Time**: 10:30 am

Message:

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture will be conducting a Spruce Budworm Early Intervention Strategy Program on the west coast of Newfoundland during June 2021 using the biological control product Btk.

Information regarding the program, including maps of spruce budworm treatment block locations, is available on the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture website at: 2021 Insect Control Program - Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (gov.nl.ca).

Individuals seeking further information about this year's program can call the department at: 1-877-636-2996 and leave a voice mail message. Messages are checked throughout the day for reply by staff. The public can also contact the department at: 709-637-2343 or by email at: jeffmotty@gov.nl.ca.

Daily Update Information:

No treatment activity took place last evening (June 17) due to weather conditions.

Treatment block 314 (South of Gros Morne National Park) received treatment this morning (June 18) and is now complete.

Treatment blocks 316, 317, 320, and 323 (South of Gros Morne National Park) received partial treatments this morning (June 18).

Subject to weather conditions, treatment blocks 316 and 317 are scheduled for further treatment today (Friday, June 18).

Assessments of insect development indicate that the following spruce budworm treatment blocks ready for treatment in the coming days at the following location(s):

- East of Gros Morne National Park Treatment Blocks: 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 208, 209, 210 and 211.
- South of the Bay of Islands Treatment Blocks: 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 413, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420 and 421.

Daily updates will be provided throughout duration of the program.