

Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture
2023 SPRUCE BUDWORM CONTROL PROGRAM UPDATE

Date: July 2, 2023 **Time:** 3:30 p.m.

Message:

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture - Forestry and Wildlife Branch – will be carrying out a Spruce Budworm Control Program at various sites in western Newfoundland and on the Northern Peninsula beginning in late June 2023.

Information regarding the program, including maps of treatment areas is available at the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture website at: [2023 Forest Insect Control Program - Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture \(gov.nl.ca\)](https://www.gov.nl.ca/2023-forest-insect-control-program) or by calling the Forest Insect Control Program Update Line at: 1-877-636-2996.

Individuals with questions or seeking further information can contact the department by calling 709-637-2349 or email at: jeffmotty@gov.nl.ca.

Daily Update Information:

There was no spray activity carried out last evening (July 1). Blocks 110, 113, 114 and 115 North of Gros Morne received a partial treatment this morning (July 2). Blocks 117, 118, 119, 120 and 121 North of Gros Morne were treated this morning (July 2) and are now complete. Blocks 204 and 206 East of Gros Morne were treated this morning (July 2) and are now complete. Blocks 300, 301, 304 and 307 South of Gros Morne were treated this morning (July 2) and are now complete. Block 308 South of Gros Morne received a partial treatment this morning.

Assessments of insect development conducted over the week indicate that the following spruce budworm treatment blocks are now ready for treatment with the first application of the biological control product Btk. Subject to weather conditions, treatment will begin in the designated treatment Blocks 211, 212, and 213 east of Gros Morne.

Daily updates will be provided throughout the duration of the program.

An operator is available toll free during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) at: 1-877-636-2996 to provide information about the time and location of treatment activity. Individuals calling after this time can leave a voice mail message. Messages are checked daily.