

**Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture**

**2023 SPRUCE BUDWORM CONTROL PROGRAM UPDATE**

**Date:** July 4, 2023 **Time:** 3:00 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](mailto:jeffmotty@gov.nl.ca).

**Daily Update Information:**

There was no spray activity carried out last evening (July 3) or this morning (July 4)

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 200, 201, 202, 203, 207, 208 and 209 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.