

Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture

2023 SPRUCE BUDWORM CONTROL PROGRAM UPDATE

Date: June 24, 2023 **Time:** 10:30 a.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/forestry/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:

Treatment block 303 located south of Gros Morne received treatment this morning (June 24) and is now complete.

Assessments of insect development conducted over the week indicate that the following spruce budworm treatment block is now ready for treatment with the first application of the biological control product Btk. Subject to weather conditions, treatments will begin in the designated treatment block 117 located north of Gros Morne.

Daily updates will be provided once treatment activity begins.

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.