

Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture

2023 SPRUCE BUDWORM CONTROL PROGRAM UPDATE

Date: June 27, 2023 **Time:** 1:30 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-fisheries-forestry-and-agriculture) 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 blocks 117 and 120 located north of Gros Morne received treatment last evening (June 26) and are now complete.

Treatment blocks 116, 118, 119 and 121 north of Gros Morne received treatment this morning (June 27) and are now complete.

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, treatments will begin in the designated treatment block 114 located north of Gros Morne and blocks 302, 304, 305 and 306 south of Gros Morne.

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