

Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture

2023 SPRUCE BUDWORM CONTROL PROGRAM UPDATE

Date: June 29, 2023 **Time:** 2:30 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:

There was no treatment activity carried out last evening (June 28) or this morning (June 29) due to weather conditions.

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 blocks 307 and 308 south of Gros Morne.

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