

Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture

**2021 SPRUCE BUDWORM EARLY INTERVENTION
STRATEGY CONTROL PROGRAM UPDATE**

Date: June 11, 2021 **Time:** 2:30 pm

Message:

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture - Forestry and Wildlife Branch – is advising the public that the department will be carrying out a Spruce Budworm Early Intervention Program on the west coast of Newfoundland beginning in the middle of June 2021.

Information regarding the program, including maps of treatment blocks is available at the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture website at: [2021 Insect Control Program - Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture \(gov.nl.ca\)](https://www.gov.nl.ca/2021-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: 709-637-2343 or by emailing: jeffmotty@gov.nl.ca.

Daily Update Information:

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 B.t.k. First applications are scheduled to commence on the evening June 11, subject to weather conditions. Treatments will begin in the designated treatment blocks 320, 321, 322 and 323 located south of Gros Morne National Park and 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 412, 414 and 415 located south of the Bay of Islands.

Daily updates will be provided once treatment activity begins.

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

**UPDATES WILL BE PROVIDED TO LOCAL MEDIA OUTLETS ON A DAILY BASIS
THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE PROGRAM.**