

Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture

2021 SPRUCE BUDWORM EARLY INTERVENTION STRATEGY CONTROL PROGRAM UPDATE

Date: June 14, 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: <u>2021 Insect Control Program - Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (gov.nl.ca)</u> 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:

No treatment activity took place this past weekend due to weather conditions.

Assessments of insect development indicate the following treatment areas are now ready for aerial treatment. Subject to weather conditions, treatments are scheduled for the evening of Monday, June 14 in the following locations:

- South of Gros Morne National Park Treatment Blocks 306, 307, 308, 315, 316, 317, 320, 321, 322 and portions of 323;
- North of Gros Morne National Park Treatment Block 128; and
- East of Gros Morne National Park Treatment Block 207.

Maps can be viewed online at: <u>2021 Insect Control Program - Fisheries</u>, <u>Forestry and Agriculture</u> (gov.nl.ca). 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 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.

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