

Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture

2022 SPRUCE BUDWORM CONTROL PROGRAM UPDATE

Date: June 18, 2022 **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 Control Program on the west coast of Newfoundland beginning in the middle of June 2022.

Information regarding the program, including maps of treatment areas is available at the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture website at: [2022 Forest Insect Control Program - Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture \(gov.nl.ca\)](https://www.gov.nl.ca/2022-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 709-637-2343 or by emailing: jeffmotty@gov.nl.ca.

Daily Update Information:

No treatment activity took place last evening (June 17) or this morning (June 18) 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 438, 439, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 456, 457, 458, 460, 461, 462 and 484 located south of the Bay of Islands.

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

An operator is available toll free during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:00 pm) 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.