

Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture

2022 SPRUCE BUDWORM CONTROL PROGRAM UPDATE

Date: June 23, 2022 **Time:** 10:00 am

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 \(gov.nl.ca\)](#) 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:

Treatments blocks 310, 311, 312, 313 and 336 located south of Gros Morne National Park received treatment on the evening of June 22. Treatment blocks 445, 451, 452, 455, 457, 458, 460, 461, 462, 466, 476 and 484 located south of the Bay of Islands received treatment on the afternoon of June 22. These blocks have received one full application of Btk.

Treatment blocks 466, 472 and 479 south of the Bay of Islands received partial treatment on the afternoon of June 22.

Assessments of insect development 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 244 to 249, 251 to 267 and 276 – 278 located east of Gros Morne National Park. Subject to weather conditions, treatment will begin in the designated treatment blocks 364 and 365 south of Gros Morne National Park. Subject to weather conditions, treatments will begin in the designated treatment blocks 352 to 363 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.