

Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture

2022 SPRUCE BUDWORM CONTROL PROGRAM UPDATE

Date: June 24, 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 \(gov.nl.ca\)](#) 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 409, 420, 421, 423, 428, 429, 430, 433, 434 and 535 south of Corner Brook received treatment on the evening of June 23. These blocks have received one full application of Btk. Treatment blocks 431 and 536 south of Corner Brook received partial treatment on the evening of June 23.

There was no treatment activity carried out this morning (June 24) due to weather conditions.

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, treatment will begin in the following blocks. Blocks 300 – 307, 333, 343 – 351, 400 and 407 located south of Gros Morne National Park. Block 224 east of Gros Morne National Park. Block 167 located north of Gros Morne Park. Blocks 130 – 132, 140 – 145, 153, and 166 – 170 north of Gros Morne National Park.

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.