

**Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture**

**2022 SPRUCE BUDWORM CONTROL PROGRAM UPDATE**

**Date:** June 26, 2022 **Time:** 2:00 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](mailto:jeffmotty@gov.nl.ca).

**Daily Update Information:**

There was no treatment activity carried out last evening (June 25).

Treatment blocks 224, 244, 249, 251, 255, 256 and 257 East of Gros Morne National Park received treatment this morning (June 26). Treatment blocks 320, 337 and 340 South of Gros Morne National Park received treatment this morning (June 26). These blocks have received one complete application of Btk.

Assessments of insect development indicate that the remaining spruce budworm treatment blocks east, north and south of Gros Morne National Park are now ready for treatment with the first application of the biological control product Btk, subject to weather conditions.

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.