

Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture

**2021 SPRUCE BUDWORM EARLY INTERVENTION
STRATEGY CONTROL PROGRAM UPDATE**

Date: June 7, 2021 **Time:** 4:30 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 areas is available at the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture website at: [2021 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: 709-637-2324 or by emailing: jeffmotty@gov.nl.ca.

Daily Update Information:

Aircraft being used as part of the 2021 Spruce Budworm Early Intervention Program have arrived in the province and have been positioned at Deer Lake Airport in preparation for the start of treatment activity. Treatments are expected to start begin over the next week at various locations along the west coast, subject to weather and insect development. Daily updates will be provided once treatment activity begins.

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