

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## 2023 Spruce Budworm Early Intervention Control Program Western Newfoundland and Northern Peninsula

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture will be conducting a Spruce Budworm Early Intervention Control Program along parts of Western Newfoundland and the Northern Peninsula starting early in June 2023, subject to insect development and weather. Aerial treatments will take place on forest land located north of the Bay of Islands, east of Gros Morne National Park and northward to the Plum Point area.

The spruce budworm is a destructive forest insect capable of causing widespread defoliation leading to tree mortality and growth losses.

Up to 111,000 hectares of forest is scheduled to be protected using one or more applications of the biological control agent Btk, which has been approved for use by the Health Canada - Pest Management Regulatory Agency. Additional information about Btk can be viewed at the Department of Environment and Climate Change website at [gov.nl.ca/mae/env-protection/pesticides/forest](https://gov.nl.ca/mae/env-protection/pesticides/forest).

Details about the time and location of treatment activity is available by calling the Forest Insect Control Program Update Line at: 1-877-636-2996 or at the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture website at: [gov.nl.ca/ffa/programs-and-funding/forestry-programs-and-funding/idc/2023-insect-control-program](https://gov.nl.ca/ffa/programs-and-funding/forestry-programs-and-funding/idc/2023-insect-control-program).

Public signage and maps will be posted along access roads leading to areas where treatment is planned.