

**Department of Fisheries and Land Resources
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2020 FOREST INSECT CONTROL PROGRAM UPDATE**

DATE: July 15, 2020 **TIME:** 1:30 pm

MESSAGE:

The Department of Fisheries and Land Resources – Forestry and Wildlife Branch - wishes to advise the department is carrying out the 2020 Spruce Budworm Early Intervention Program on the Great Northern Peninsula beginning in July.

Information about the program including maps of treatment areas is available at the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources website at https://www.faa.gov.nl.ca/forestry/idc/ins_control_2020.html 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 telephone at 709-637-2424 or by email at jeffmotty@gov.nl.ca.

Daily Update Information (July 15):

Block 203 – River of Ponds was treated with Btk and is now complete with the first application.

Part of Block 205 – Batteau Barrens was treated with the 2nd application of Btk and is now complete. Part of Block 206 – Zink Mine and part of Block 208 – Brian’s Pond were treated with the 2nd application of Btk.

Additional information and updates will be provided on a daily basis as spray activity continues.

An operator is available toll free during regular office hours (8:30 am - 4:00 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. Additional information about the 2020 Forest Insect Control Program is available on the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources web site at https://www.faa.gov.nl.ca/forestry/idc/ins_control_2020.html

UPDATES WILL BE PROVIDED TO LOCAL MEDIA OUTLETS ON A DAILY BASIS THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE PROGRAM.