

Department of Fisheries and Land Resources (TELEPHONE 637-2349 OR FAX # 637-2403) 2020 FOREST INSECT CONTROL PROGRAM UPDATE

DATE: July 16, 2020 **TIME**: 11:30 am

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 <u>https://www.faa.gov.nl.ca/forestry/idc/ins_control_2020.html</u> 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 16):

Part of Block 206 - Zink Mine and part of Block 208 - Brian's Pond were treated last evening with the 2^{nd} application of Btk.

Block 207 – Portland Creek Pond and Block 209 – Portland Creek / Inner Pond were treated this morning with Btk and are now complete with the first application. Block 200 /201 – Spirity Cove, part of Block 206 – Zink Mine and part of Block 208 – Brian's Pond were treated this morning with the 2nd application of Btk and are now complete with the 2nd application.

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.