



Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Department of Environment and Climate Change
Water Resources Management Division

PERMIT TO ALTER A BODY OF WATER

Pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01, specifically Section(s) 48

Date: **AUGUST 15, 2024**

File No: **522-09**
Permit No: **ALT13573-2024**

Permit Holder: **Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)**
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- This Permit does not release the Permit Holder from the obligation to obtain appropriate approvals from other concerned municipal, provincial and federal agencies.
- The Permit Holder must obtain the approval of the Crown Lands Administration Division if the project is being carried out on Crown Land.
- This Permit is subject to the terms and conditions indicated in Appendices A and B (attached).
- It should be noted that prior to any significant changes in the design or installation of the proposed works, or in event of changes in ownership or management of the project, an amendment to this Permit must be obtained from the Department of Environment and Climate Change under Section 49 of the *Water Resources Act*.

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(for) MINISTER

GOVERNMENT OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
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APPENDIX A
Terms and Conditions for Permit

Dredging/Debris Removal

1. This dredging will be carried out to remove the contaminated soil and sediment from the two ponds.
2. Alteration of the natural minimum streamflow is not permitted in order to preserve aquatic life.
3. The natural course of any stream must not be altered.
4. Dredging activity must only be carried out during periods when wind, wave and tide conditions minimize the dispersion of silt and sediment from the work site.
5. The area to be dredged must be enclosed and isolated from the rest of the body of water through the use of a filter fabric curtain or similar method.
6. Dredged material must be disposed of in accordance with the regional Service NL Centre of the Department of Digital Government and Service NL. The Department of Digital Government and Service NL may require samples to be submitted for testing and analysis. Only suitable, rocky material dredged may be used for breakwater construction as it will not be susceptible to erosion.

Stream Diversion Design

7. An approximately 150 metres long permanent rehabilitation channel may be excavated between two ponds (dam pond and upper pond) to carry the waters of Flings Brook within the proponent's legal property boundaries.
8. The new channel must provide adequate capacity to safely discharge flood flows at a velocity no greater than that which would occur in the natural channel.
9. A minimum freeboard of 0.2 metre must be provided between the design high water level and the top of the channel bank to prevent overtopping.
10. The stream diversion must have the following dimensions:

Bottom Width (m)	Depth of Channel (m)	Bank Slope (H:V)	Flow Area (m²)	Bed Slope (%)
1.80	0.70	1.2:1.0	1.50	1.8

Stream Diversion Construction

11. The old channel must be closed to all flow of water. The fill or structure diverting flows into the new channel must be adequately protected from erosion.
12. The toe of the stream bank must be stabilized with fitted rock. The bank must be covered with an adequate layer of topsoil and seeded or sodded. The channel bed must be stabilized with a layer of clean gravel to resemble natural stream conditions.

13. The Permit Holder must prevent erosion of drainage ditches, streams or other natural bodies of water by installing rip-rap and/or sodding.
14. Where pumping is used to bypass flow, cofferdams must be installed both above and below areas of construction. The Permit Holder must provide pumps with sufficient capacity to prevent washout of cofferdams.
15. Cofferdams must be properly designed and constructed of suitable materials to prevent leakage and to resist loss of any material as a result of erosion. Cofferdams must be removed upon completion of their intended function. All material must be removed carefully to prevent disturbance of the water body and to prevent water quality degradation.
16. The new channel must be excavated in the dry beginning from the downstream end.
17. Flow must not be diverted into the new channel until all excavation, lining and bank stabilization work has been completed. Water from the old channel must be diverted into the new channel gradually. The channel must be monitored visually for any indications of excessive erosion or other problems.
18. The channel, including any areas up to the high water mark, must be kept free of all excavated or unused construction materials at all times.
19. The channel must be inspected regularly and maintained to ensure that there is no erosion of the channel. Any debris causing a blockage must be removed when necessary.
20. A water quality monitoring program is not required at this time. However, the Department reserves the right to require that the Permit Holder sample, analyse, and submit results of water quality tests, for the purpose of ensuring that the water quality is maintained within acceptable guidelines. All analyses must be undertaken by a CALA accredited laboratory.

General Alterations

21. Any work that must be performed below the high water mark must be carried out during a period of low water levels.
22. Any flowing or standing water must be diverted around work sites so that work is carried out in the dry.
23. Water pumped from excavations or work areas, or any runoff or effluent directed out of work sites, must have silt and turbidity removed by settling ponds, filtration, or other suitable treatment before discharging to a body of water. Effluent discharged into receiving waters must comply with the *Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations, 2003*.
24. All operations must be carried out in a manner that prevents damage to land, vegetation, and watercourses, and which prevents pollution of bodies of water.
25. The use of heavy equipment in streams or bodies of water is not permitted. The operation of heavy equipment must be confined to dry stable areas.
26. All vehicles and equipment must be clean and in good repair, free of mud and oil, or other harmful substances that could impair water quality.
27. During the construction of concrete components, formwork must be properly constructed to prevent any fresh concrete from entering a body of water. Dumping of concrete or washing of tools and equipment in any body of water is prohibited.

28. Wood preservatives such as penta, CCA or other such chemicals must not be applied to timber near a body of water. All treated wood or timber must be thoroughly dry before being brought to any work site and installed.
29. Any areas adversely affected by this project must be restored to a state that resembles local natural conditions. Further remedial measures to mitigate environmental impacts on water resources can and will be specified, if considered necessary in the opinion of this Department.
30. The bed, banks and floodplains of watercourses, or other vulnerable areas affected by this project, must be adequately protected from erosion by seeding, sodding or placing of rip-rap.
31. All waste materials resulting from this project must be disposed of at a site approved by the Department of Digital Government and Service NL.
32. Periodic maintenance such as painting, resurfacing, clearing of debris, or minor repairs, must be carried out without causing any physical disruption of any watercourse. Care must be taken to prevent spillage of pollutants into the water.
33. The owners of structures are responsible for any environmental damage resulting from dislodgement caused by wind, wave, ice action, or structural failure.
34. Sediment and erosion control measures must be installed before starting work. All control measures must be inspected regularly and any necessary repairs made if damage is discovered.
35. Fill material must be of good quality, free of fines or other substances including metals, organics, or chemicals that may be harmful to the receiving waters.
36. The attached Completion Report (Appendix C) for Permit No. 13573 must be completed and returned to this Department upon completion of the approved works. Pictures must be submitted along with the completion report, showing the project site prior to and after development.
37. This Permit is valid for two years from the date of issue. Work must be completed by that date or the application and approval procedure must be repeated.
38. The location of the work is highlighted on the Location Map for this Permit attached as Appendix D.
39. All work must be carried out within the Permit Holder's legal property boundaries.

APPENDIX B
Special Terms and Conditions for Permit

1. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall keep all systems and works in good condition and repair and in accordance with all laws, by-laws, directions, rules and regulations of any governmental authority. The Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) shall immediately notify the Minister if any problem arises which may threaten the structural stability of the systems and works, endanger public safety and/or the environment or adversely affect others and/or any body of water either in or outside the said Project areas. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall be responsible for all damages suffered by the Minister and Government resulting from any defect in the systems and works, operational deficiencies/inadequacies, or structural failure.
2. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall operate the said Project and its systems and works in a manner which does not cause any water related and/or environmental problems, including but not limited to problems of erosion, deposition, flooding, and deterioration of water quality and groundwater depletion, in or outside the said Project areas. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall be responsible for any and all damages associated with these problems caused as a result of changes, deficiencies, and inadequacies in the operational procedures by the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s).
3. If the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) fails to perform, fulfil, or observe any of the terms and conditions, or provisions of this Permit, as determined by this Department, the Minister may, without notice, amend, modify, suspend or cancel this Permit in accordance with the *Water Resources Act*.
4. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) indemnify and hold the Minister and Government harmless against any and all liabilities, losses, claims, demands, damages or expenses including legal expenses of any nature whatsoever whether arising in tort, contract, statute, trust or otherwise resulting directly or indirectly from granting this Permit, systems and works in or outside the said Project areas, or any act or omission of the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) in or outside the said Project areas, or arising out of a breach or non-performance of any of the terms and conditions, or provisions of this Permit by the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s).
5. This Permit is subject to all provisions of the *Water Resources Act* and any regulations in effect either at the date of this Permit or hereafter made pursuant thereto or any other relevant legislation enacted by the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador in the future.
6. This Permit shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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Appendix C - Completion Report

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I (the Permit Holder named above or agent authorized to represent the Permit Holder) do hereby certify that the project described above was completed in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted to the Department of Environment and Climate Change and that the work was carried out in strict compliance with the terms and conditions of the Permit issued for this project.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

This completion report must be completed and forwarded to the following address upon completion of the approved work.

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Location Map for Permit

