

**REGISTRATION FORM
PURSUANT TO SECTION 49 OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT**

Amendment to Zone 03 - FMD 05 2022-2026 Five Year Operating Plan

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Name of Undertaking: Amendment to Zone 03 - FMD 05 2022-2026 Five Year Operating Plan.

Proponent:

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The Undertaking:

- (i) **Nature of Undertaking**

Amendment to Crown Five Year Operating Plan for Forest Management District 5, managed by District Ecosystem Manager. Mrs. Laurie Holloway

(ii) **Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking**

As described in the EA-approved 2022-2026 Five Year Operating Plan for Zone 03 (EA 2152), the harvest strategy for the District is consistent with strategies and philosophies implemented by FFA. This requires a focus on the harvest of old and decadent stands before they pass the point of commercial viability. This amendment is required to provide access to such an area in District 5 by the creation of Harvest Block CC05021-Benton Pond North. It will provide access to an additional 61 ha of forested land and 3000 m³ of harvestable timber.

The proposed amendment will not mean an increase in Forest Management District 05's harvest level. The districts sustainable harvest level will not be exceeded and will be balanced by reduced harvesting elsewhere in the District.

Description of Undertaking:

(i) **Geographic Location**

Harvest Block CC05021 will be located on Crown Land approximately 7.2 kms North of the town of Benton. Access to the general area is via an existing forest access road and trails. The proposed harvest area is located east of EA approved (EA 2152) operating areas CC05017 and CC05018 and also within Gander Lake Public Water Supply Area (PWSA).

The attached map identifies the geographic location of the proposed amendment.

(ii) **Operation**

Harvesting

As noted above the proposed Harvest Block CC05021 will provide access to an additional 3000 m³ of harvestable timber West of Benton. All timber will be harvested to utilize the maximum amount of fiber. The timber will be felled mechanically and forwarded to roadside by conventional means.

As per regulations under ENVC all commercial and domestic operations that are associated with the Town of Gander, Appleton and Glenwood Protected Water Supply (PPWSA), Gander Lake will be done with consultation with the town and under a Permit for Development from ENVC, Water Resources Management Division similar to that of approved operating areas CC0S017 and CC05018 in EA 2152.

Larger buffers are established inside PWSA and the pertinent Environmental Protection• Guidelines will be attached to any commercial permits. There will be continuous monitoring inside these areas and buffers will be flagged to ensure compliance with the guidelines. All activity within a PPWSA must be approved by the Department of Environment.

Road Construction

A Class C road approximately 600 m in length will be constructed to help access the timber in this amendment.

(iii) **Occupations**

These operations will create approximately hundreds of person weeks of employment over the life of the planning period, as well as create several jobs opportunities in the timber harvesting/sawmilling/ firewood industries around Benton and surrounding area.

(iv) **Project Related Documents**

Upon approval, this proposal will become part of the Crown's Forest Management Zone 3 Five-Year Operating Plan, January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2026 (EA 2152). All applicable conditions and mitigations included in the original Five Year Operating Plan will also apply to this new plan amendment.

Approval of the Undertaking:

- (i) Commercial harvesting permits from the District 5 (Gambo) Forest Management Office.

Schedule:

The Newfoundland and Labrador Forest Service requests a decision within 45 days after the Minister of Environment and Climate change receives the completed registration form.

June 5, 2025
Date





Director - FFA

5 Year Plan 2022-2026
Commercial Harvest
Overview Amendment Map




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FMD: 05

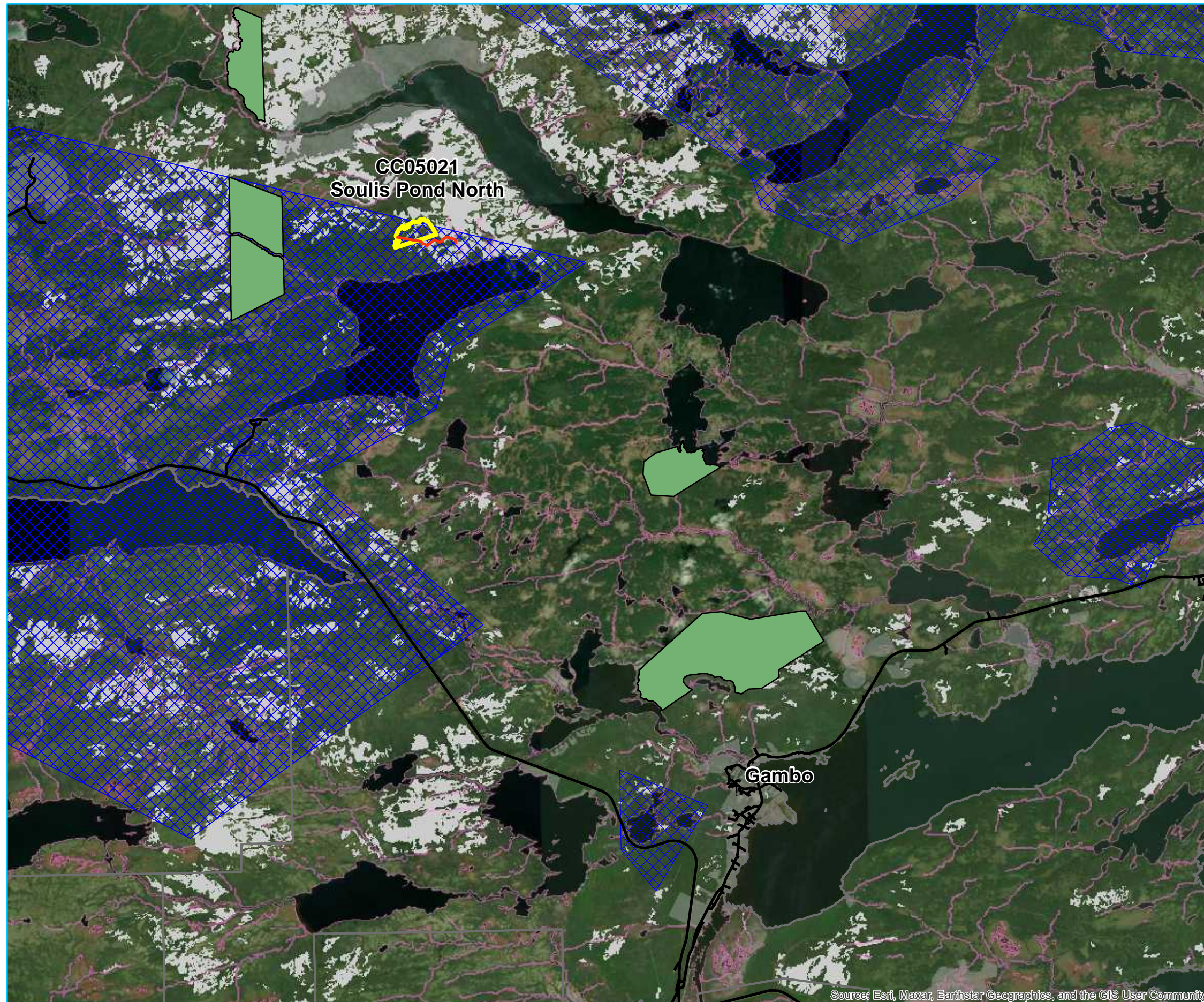
Operating Area No.: CC05021
Name: Soulis Pond North

Plan Features

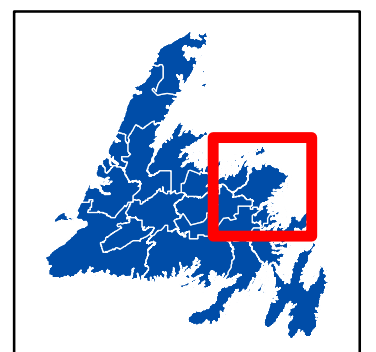
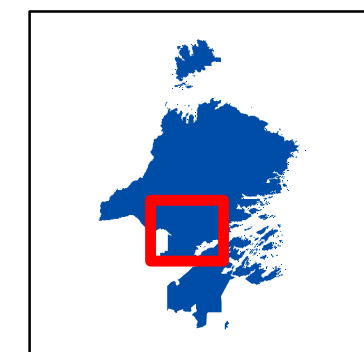
-  5 Year Plan Amendment Area
-  Road Amendment (Operational)
-  Current Commercial 5 Year Plan Operating Area

Restrictions

-  Regulatory
-  No Cut Buffer
-  Protected Water Supply



Source: Esri, Maxar, Earthstar Geographics, and the GIS User Community



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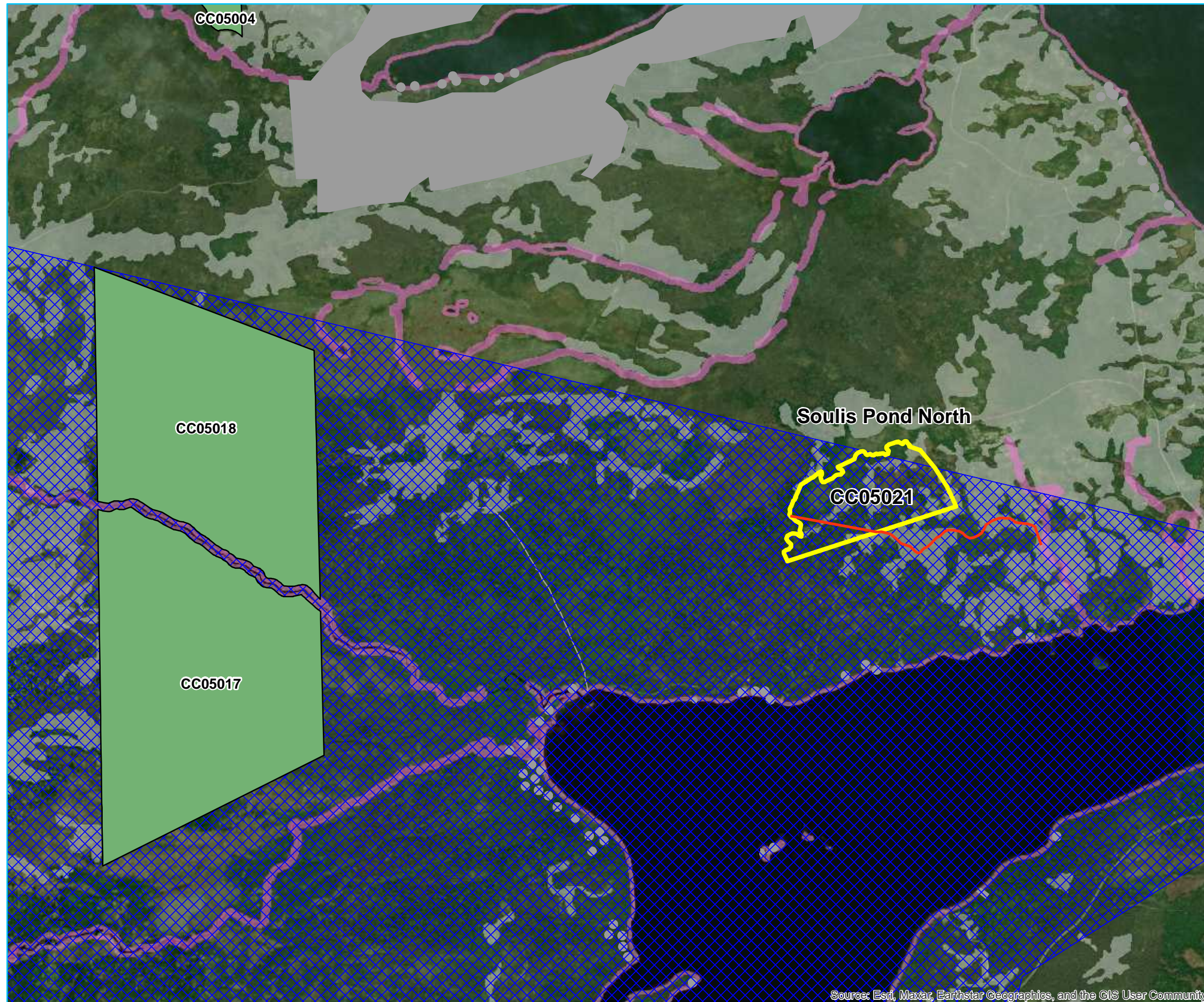
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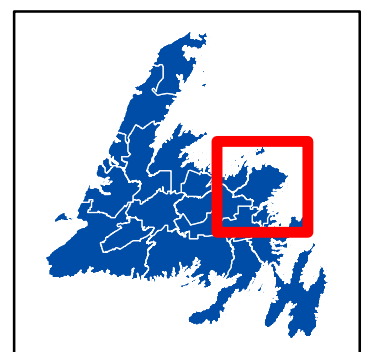
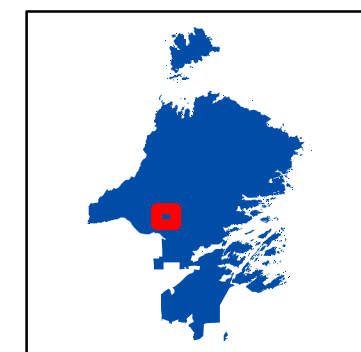
-  Public Road
-  Protected Water Supply

Restrictions

-  Regulatory
-  No Cut Buffer



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