

Attachment A

Conditions of Release from Environmental Assessment

EA #: 2370 Crown Zone 5 Five-Year Forestry Operating Plan (2026-2030) (the Project)

1 Definition

- 1.1 "Act" means the **Environmental Protection Act** (the **Act**).
- 1.2 "Department" means the Department of Environment and Climate Change, and the contact for the Department for this environmental assessment (EA) release is:

Director
Environmental Assessment Division
Department of Environment and Climate Change
P.O. Box 8700
St. John's, NL A1B 4J6
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- 1.3 "Minister", unless the context indicates otherwise, means the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.
- 1.4 "Proponent" means a person who carries out or proposes to carry out a Project, or is the owner or person having charge, control or management of a Project.
- 1.5 "Registered" and "registration" mean registered under Section 49 of the **Act**.
- 1.6 "Release" means the release of a Project under Section 51, 54, 67 or 72 of the **Act** from the further application of the EA requirements of Part X of the **Act**.
- 1.7 "Undertaking" includes an enterprise, activity, **Project**, structure, work or proposal and a modification, abandonment, demolition, decommissioning, rehabilitation and an extension of them that may, in the opinion of the Minister, have a significant environmental effect.

2 Acronyms / Abbreviations

EA	Environmental Assessment
REG	Registration document
CCB	Climate Change Branch
ESCP	Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
TSCP	Tourism Stakeholder Consultation Plan
IET	Department of Industry, Energy and Technology

3 Scope

- 3.1 The EA release letter relates to Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture, hereafter referred to as the "Proponent", and their Registration document (REG) for Crown Zone 5 Five-Year Forestry Operating Plan (2026-2030), EA REG # 2370, hereafter referred to as the "Project".

- 3.2 The Proponent shall ensure the Project is carried out in accordance with this EA release and their REG.

4 General

- 4.1 The Proponent shall uphold all commitments made in the EA submission to mitigate the effects of the Project on the environment, unless otherwise advised by the Minister.
- 4.2 The Proponent shall conduct the Project in accordance with the **Act**, as amended from time to time.
- 4.3 The Proponent shall provide written notification of Project commencement to the Department, prior to the commencement of Project construction, by sending an email to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.
- 4.4 The Proponent shall update the EA Division on the status of the Project, including a copy of all permits, licenses, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the Project, within one year from the date of this EA release letter and provide additional updates if required. Project updates shall be emailed to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.
- 4.5 This EA release does not exempt a Proponent of a Project from the requirements imposed upon the Project by (a) another Act or regulation of the province or of Canada; or (b) a municipal regulation, by-law or requirement.
- 4.6 A license, permit, approval or other document of authorization pertaining to the Project shall not be issued under another Act until the Project has been exempted or released from EA.
- 4.7 Prior to a proposed change to any aspect of the Project from that proposed in the REG, the Proponent must submit the proposal to the Department to review for regulatory requirements, including EA.
- 4.8 No authority is granted by this EA release to enable the Proponent to commence or continue the Project on lands which are not in the control or ownership of the Proponent. It is the responsibility of the Proponent to ensure that such a contravention does not occur.
- 4.9 The Proponent shall notify the Minister before a transfer, sale or lease of the Project.
- 4.10 Where a timeline is associated with a condition(s) of the EA release, the Proponent shall fulfil the requirements of the condition(s) within the prescribed timeline, unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Minister.
- 4.11 If there is a discrepancy between the REG and the conditions of this EA release, the conditions of this EA release shall apply.
- 4.12 The Proponent shall bear all expenses incurred in carrying out the environmental management and monitoring required under the conditions of this EA release, the **Act** or the Environmental Assessment Regulations.

- 4.13 The Proponent shall ensure that this EA release, or a copy, is present at the Project site while personnel are on site and that personnel directly involved in the Project are made fully aware of the conditions which pertain to this EA release.
- 4.14 Throughout the life of the Project, the Proponent shall conduct any additional studies or monitoring and/or implement additional mitigation measures as required by the Minister.
- 4.15 The Proponent shall advise the EA Division by email of when the requirements of conditions of release have been completed, by providing a written description, documents, and images (where applicable) to demonstrate the completion of requirements. Information shall be emailed to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca. The Minister will advise the Proponent in writing of whether the condition(s) of release have been met.

5 Climate Change

- 5.1 The Proponent must clearly outline the management scenario relating to carbon storage that will be used in each forest management district and provide the information to the Climate Change Branch (CCB) prior to harvesting activities. For further information, please contact CCB at (709) 729-1485.

6 Water Resources

- 6.1 The Water Resources Management Division (WRMD) of this department requires that the Proponent submit an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) that identifies all erosion-prone areas within the Exploits River Floodplain Watershed. The ESCP shall describe erosion and sediment control measures that will be undertaken to prevent the release of silt and sediment into nearby waterbodies. The ESCP must be approved by WRMD prior to the commencement of timber harvesting activities. All approved plans will be posted publicly on the EA project webpage. For further information, please contact WRMD at (709) 637-2563.

7 Tourism

- 7.1 The Tourism Product Development Division (Tourism) of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation requires that the Proponent submit a Tourism Stakeholder Consultation Plan (TSCP) to Tourism for approval prior to commencing forestry operations. All approved plans will be posted publicly on the EA project webpage. For further information regarding content of the TSCP and stakeholders to be contacted, please contact Tourism at (709) 729-588.

8 Mining, Mineral Exploration, and Quarrying

- 8.1 The Proponent is required to consult with the Department of Industry, Energy and Technology (IET) prior to Project commencement to address the following issues related to mining, mineral exploration and quarrying:
- updated references to recent mining, mineral exploration and quarrying values in sec 5.1.2.3 in the REG;
 - unauthorized use of active or inactive quarry sites;

- potential for interaction with mineral exploration activities;
- no-harvest buffers around quarry boundaries; and
- potential future uses of forestry roads and trails.

For further information, please contact the Mining and Mineral Development Branch of IET at (709) 729-5748.



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