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Department of Environment
Environmental Assessment Division

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN

Environment Minister Bob Mercer has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

(1) Trophy Lake/High Pond (Northern Peninsula) ATV Trail

Proponent: Samuel P. Caines

The proponent proposes to upgrade an existing ATV trail and place appropriate markers along the trail in an effort to have the trail designated by the Province as an approved ATV trail. The trail is approximately 11.2 kilometres in length, has been in existence since 1995 and has been used to transport big game back to base camp from the Trophy Lake and High Pond areas. The undertaking was registered on August 8, 2003; public comments are due by September 16, 2003; and the Minister's decision is due on September 22, 2003.

(2) Abitibi Forest Management District 5 (Traverse Brook) Amendment

Proponent: Abitibi-Consolidated Inc.

The proponent is proposing an amendment to the current Five Year Plan to conduct forest harvesting activity in the Traverse Brook area, which is located in Forest Management District 5, to the northeast of Jonathan's Pond / Provincial Park, in Central Newfoundland. The proposed amendment covers an area of approximately 406 hectares, representing approximately 46,400 cubic metres of productive alienated stands, consisting of mature and over-mature timber of mostly black spruce and balsam fir. Harvesting is planned to begin in either late fall or early winter. The undertaking was registered on August 11, 2003; public comments are due by September 16, 2003; and the Minister's decision is due on September 25, 2003.

The Minister encourages all interested parties to become involved and to make comments known. Comments on submitted documents are invited from the public, addressed in writing to the Minister, and are welcome prior to the deadline date shown.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

(1) Crown Forest Management District 18 Five Year Plan Amendment

Proponent: Department of Forest Resources and Agrifoods

(2) Boom Siding (Deer Lake) Cottage Development

Proponent: Department of Government Services and Lands

(3) Pinchgut Lake (Corner Brook) Cottage Development

Proponent: Department of Government Services and Lands

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