

Environment and Conservation
June 8, 2010

Environmental Assessment Bulletin

The Honourable Charlene Johnson, Minister of Environment and Conservation, has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

Mary's Harbour Crab Processing Facility (Reg. 1508)
Proponent: Labrador Fishermen's Union Shrimp Company Limited (LFUSC)

The proponent proposes to construct a state-of-the-art crab processing facility in Mary's Harbour on the south coast of Labrador. The facility will be located adjacent to the Government wharf on the south and the community road to town centre in the east. To accommodate the pre-engineered steel building, a total of 450 square metres of harbour will be in-filled with blasted rock. The facility will have the capability of processing live snow crab into either cooked or raw sections, with processing taking place for approximately six months annually, May to October. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin this summer/fall.

The undertaking was registered on June 3, 2010; the deadline for public comments is July 13, 2010; and the minister's decision is due by July 18, 2010.

Placentia Junction Cottage Development Plan Amendment #2 (Reg. 1509)
Proponent: Land Management Division

The Land Management Division of the Department of Environment and Conservation proposes to amend the Placentia Junction Cottage Development Plan to provide for a new, 26 lot cottage development area at Little Ship Harbour Pond and Hill Pond. The Placentia Junction Cottage Development Plan was originally approved in August, 2004. All lots that are developed will be available through a public draw process. Little Ship Harbour Pond and Hill pond are located off the Long Harbour Road (Route 101) approximately 5.5 km north of the Argentia Access Road (Route 100) and approximately 9.7 km south of the Long Harbour Access Road (Route 202). The total land area to be developed for cottages is approximately 10.4 hectares and will include a 1.8km road. Construction of the cottage lots will be undertaken by individual owners once allocation has been completed.

The undertaking was registered on June 8, 2010; public comments are due by July 13, 2010; and the minister's decision is due by July 22, 2010.

FINAL GUIDELINES ISSUED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS):

Salmonier Pond Access Road and Atlantic Salmon Nursery

Proponent: Gray Aqua Group Limited

(Reg. 1439)

The Minister has issued the final guidelines, dated on June 8, 2010, for the preparation of the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Salmonier Pond Access Road and Atlantic Salmon Nursery. The EIS guidelines provide direction to the proponent and identify the information that will be required in the EIS including the project description, a description of the present environment, potential environmental effects, proposed mitigation measures and a statement of residual effects of the project on the environment.

The final EIS guidelines, along with more information on the project, are available (registration #1439) on the Department's web site at www.gov.nl.ca/env. Copies of the final guidelines can also be obtained by contacting the Assessment Committee Chairperson, Paul Rideout, at (709) 729-0834 or email at paulrideout@gov.nl.ca.

For further information on the environmental assessment process, please contact the Director of Environmental Assessment at (709) 729-4211 or toll-free: 1-800-563-6181 or by mail to:

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