

Environment and Conservation
July 19, 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.

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Plum Point St. Genevieve Day Use Park and Hiking Trails (Reg 1523)
Proponent: St. Barbe Development Association

The project entails the construction and operation of two day use park sites, scenic lookouts and approximately six kilometres of walking/hiking trails with rest stops, adjacent to the St. Genevieve River and Route 430 near the community of Plum Point on the Northern Peninsula. The day use park sites and lookouts will have picnic tables, fire pits and interpretive displays. The walking trails will be a combination of natural walking surface and boardwalks approximately one metre in width. Construction is scheduled to start in early September, 2010.

The project was registered on July 14, 2010; public comments are due by August 20, 2010; the minister's decision is due on August 28, 2010.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

Mount Pearl Microbial Fermentation Facility (Reg. 1501)
Proponent: ICUS

Forest District 2 – Five-Year Operating Plan Amendment (Reg. 1505)
Proponent: Newfoundland and Labrador Forest Service

Pinchgut Cove Cottage Subdivision (Reg. 1502)
Proponent: Pinchgut Cove Development Inc.

This undertaking was released from environmental assessment subject to the following condition:

- The proponent must develop a riparian buffer zone plan in consultation with the Wildlife Division. The buffer zone plan shall be submitted to the Wildlife Division for review prior to commencing any development activities.

Harry's River Cranberry Farm (Reg. 1492)
Proponent: Harry's River Cranberry Farm Ltd.

This undertaking was released from environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- Prior to the start of construction, monitoring survey protocols must be developed in consultation with the Wildlife Division for waterfowl, other bird species, and for any species at risk that might be within the cranberry farm site area. The annual results of these monitoring surveys will be provided to, and discussed with the Wildlife Division and Canadian Wildlife Service. Mitigation measures should be developed to reduce human-waterfowl interactions during the construction and operation of the farm.
- A vegetated, undisturbed buffer, 150 metres in width, must be maintained between the high water mark of Harry's River and any development related to the undertaking.

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