

Environment and Climate Change

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Environmental Assessment Bulletin

The Honourable Perry Trimper, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the *Environmental Protection Act*.

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

Crown Five-Year Operating Plan for Zone 7 (2017-2021) (Reg. 1871)

Proponent: Forest Service, Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agrifoods

The proponent has submitted a proposal for a five-year Sustainable Forest Management Plan for Zone 7, encompassing Forest Management Districts 9 and 16. Zone 7 extends from Deer Lake in the west to Cat Arm in the north and includes all of the Baie Verte Peninsula. The plan describes timber harvesting operations, construction of access roads and silviculture activities. Crown land accounts for 46 per cent of the area and Corner Brook Pulp and Paper timber rights account for 54 per cent of land holdings. The undertaking is necessary to maintain and or expand the existing commercial industry and allow for domestic harvesting for home heating. The plan covers the period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2021.

The undertaking was registered on November 17, 2016; the deadline for public comments is December 23, 2016; and the minister's decision is due by January 1, 2017.

Forest Management District 22 Five-Year Operating Plan 2017-2021 (Reg. 1870)

Proponent: Forest Service, Dept. Fisheries, Forestry and Agrifoods

The proponent has submitted a proposal for a Five-Year Forest Management Plan for Forest Management District 22 (FMD 22). FMD 22 extends through southwestern Labrador to the Quebec border. FMD 22 is approximately eight million hectares and includes the towns of Churchill Falls, Wabush and Labrador City. The plan describes timber harvesting operations, construction of access roads and silviculture activities. The proponent proposes to harvest approximately 39,000 cubic metres of wood and construct approximately nine kilometres of primary forest road that will maintain or expand the existing commercial forest industry and allow domestic home heating. Commercial harvesting will be carried out manually and with shortwood harvesters and forwarders. Domestic harvesting will be done with chainsaws and extraction by snowmobile and all-terrain vehicles. The plan covers the period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2021.

The undertaking was registered on November 14, 2016; the deadline for public comments is December 23, 2016; and the minister's decision is due by December 29, 2016.

Forest Management District 21 Five-Year Operating Plan 2017-2021 (Reg. 1869)

Proponent: Forest Service, Dept. Fisheries, Forestry and Agrifoods

The proponent has submitted a proposal for a Five-Year Forest Management Plan for Forest Management District 21 (FMD 21). FMD 21 is approximately 1.9 million hectares and

extends from Hawke Bay on the Labrador coast, west along the Paradise and St. Paul's Rivers and the Quebec-Labrador border and south including all islands to Hawke Bay. The plan describes timber harvesting operations, construction of access roads and silviculture activities. The proponent proposes to harvest approximately 243,000 cubic metres of softwood and construct approximately 14 kilometres of primary forest road that will maintain or expand the existing commercial forest industry and allow domestic home heating. Commercial harvesting will be carried out manually and with shortwood harvesters and forwarders. Domestic harvesting will be done with chainsaws and extraction by snowmobile and all-terrain vehicles. The plan covers the period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2021.

The undertaking was registered on November [14](#), 2016; the deadline for public comments is December [23](#), 2016; and the minister's decision is due by December [29](#), 2016.

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