

Municipal Affairs and Environment

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Environmental Assessment Bulletin

The Honourable Eddie Joyce, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment, has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Green Hill Quarry Reclamation and Rehabilitation
Proponent: J and E Enterprises Ltd.

(Reg. 1934)

The proponent is proposing to use locally available kelp, including a current stockpile in St. Bride's, for reclamation and possible complementary soil production at an existing quarry that requires reclamation and rehabilitation. The kelp will be used with existing materials at the quarry site which is seven kilometres east of St. Brides on the south side of Route 100, southern Avalon Peninsula. Any surplus product will be marketed and sold to the local agricultural and private market.

The undertaking was registered on November 20, 2017; the deadline for public comments is December 27, 2017; and the minister's decision is due by January 4, 2018.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTED:

Placentia Bay Atlantic Salmon Aquaculture Project
Proponent: Grieg NL Nurseries Ltd. and Grieg NL Seafarms Ltd.

(Reg. 1834)

On November 8, 2017, the minister advised the proponent that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required for the project. An environmental assessment committee (EAC) has been appointed to provide scientific and technical advice to the minister and to prepare draft guidelines for conducting the EIS. The draft guidelines will be posted on the project webpage for a 40-day public review period. The public is advised to monitor the project webpage for updates at the link below:
http://www.mae.gov.nl.ca/env_assessment/projects/Y2016/1834/index.html

The EAC includes representation from the following provincial government departments:

- Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment
 - Environmental Assessment Division (Chairperson)
 - Pollution Prevention Division
 - Water Resources Management Division
- Department of Fisheries and Land Resources
 - Aquaculture Development Division
 - Aquatic Animal Health Division
 - Forestry and Wildlife Branch

- Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation
 - Tourism Product Development

The EAC includes representation from the following federal government departments:

- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Health Canada

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency advises it is available to participate in an advisory role, as required.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

Crown Zone 5 Five-Year Operating Plan Amendment (2016-2022) (Reg.1917)
Proponent: Department of Fisheries and Land Resources

The project is released subject to the following condition:

- The proponent must maintain a minimum 30-metre undisturbed vegetated buffer along all waterbodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species and their habitat.

South Dildo Cottage Development (Reg. 1919)
Proponent: Primac Development Inc.

The project is released subject to the following conditions:

- An historic resources impact assessment, approved by the Provincial Archaeology Office, is required for all areas of the proposed development prior to the start of construction.
- A Level 1 Groundwater Assessment Report must be approved by the Water Resources Management Division of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment prior to the start of construction.
- A minimum 30-metre undisturbed naturally vegetated buffer must be left along all water bodies (including Dildo Pond) and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species and their habitat.

Bay Roberts Microbrewery (Reg. 1925)
Proponent: Baccalieu Trail Brewing Company Ltd.

Crown Zone 5 Five-Year Operating Plan Lake Ambrose North Amendment (2016-2020)
Proponent: Department of Fisheries and Land Resources (Reg. 1930)

The project is released subject to the following condition:

- The proponent must maintain a 30-metre buffer around wetland areas, maintain the hydrologic function of nearby wetlands, and direct any runoff from development away from wetlands.

**Wabush Scully Mine Reactivation
Proponent: Tacora Resources Inc.**

(Reg. 1931)

The project is released subject to the following conditions:

- A Benefits Plan must be submitted to and approved by the Minister of Natural Resources prior to project start up.
- A Gender Equity and Diversity Plan must be submitted to and approved by the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women and the Minister of Natural Resources prior to project start up.
- An Environmental Protection Plan must be submitted to and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment.

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