

## **Municipal Affairs and Environment**

January 2, 2018

## **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.

### **DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC REVIEW:**

**Placentia Bay Atlantic Salmon Aquaculture Project** (Reg.1834)  
**Proponent: Grieg NL Nurseries Ltd. and Grieg NL Seafarms Ltd.**

The proposed Placentia Bay Atlantic Salmon Aquaculture Project is undergoing a provincial environmental assessment and requires an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Environmental Assessment Committee has prepared draft EIS Guidelines that identify the information that must be included in the EIS. The public is invited to review these guidelines and to provide written comments by February 11, 2018. Comments received will be reviewed and considered before the EIS guidelines are finalized. The minister is due to issue the approved EIS guidelines to the proponent by March 8, 2018.

More information on the project is available on the department's website at:  
[http://www.mae.gov.nl.ca/env\\_assessment/projects/Y2016/1834/index.html](http://www.mae.gov.nl.ca/env_assessment/projects/Y2016/1834/index.html)

Written comments must be sent by February 11, 2018, to:

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### **MINISTER'S DECISION EXTENDED**

**Crémaillère Harbour Marine Port Development** (Reg.1933)  
**Proponent: Great Northern Port Inc.**

The Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment and the proponent have agreed to extend the deadline for the minister's decision to January 15, 2018.

## **UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED**

### **Crown Districts 17 and 18 Five-Year Operating Plan (2018-2022) (Reg. 1905)** **Proponent: Department of Fisheries and Land Resources**

The project is released subject to the following condition:

- Landscape design techniques are to be utilized to design harvest blocks and to minimize negative visual effects of clear cuts along the Viking Trail (Route 430) and along Route 432;
- A minimum 30-metre undisturbed buffer must be maintained between forestry operations and any surrounding watercourse or waterbody.

### **Crown Zone 4 Five Year Forestry Operating Plan (2018- 2022) (Reg.1908)** **Proponent: Department of Fisheries and Land Resources**

The project is released subject to the following condition:

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

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### **Learn more**

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