

Municipal Affairs and Environment

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Environmental Assessment Bulletin

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

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

Northern Brook Forage and Pasture Land

(Reg. 1974)

Proponent: Sunshine Investments Inc.

The proponent is proposing to develop 200 hectares for forage and pasture land approximately four kilometres north of Botwood and adjacent to Northern Brook. The construction will include clearing and grubbing with a commitment to a 50-metre buffer to be maintained around all water bodies and to avoid vegetation clearing during migratory birds nesting, breeding, and brood rearing season. Lime, seed, and fertilizer will be applied to the cleared land with no plans to use herbicides. Manure will be stored and applied to the land in association to rotational grazing. The main water supply for livestock throughout the pasture lands will be from artesian wells. The five-year schedule includes having the land cleared and mulched during the 2019-24 seasons.

The undertaking was registered on July 17, 2018; the deadline for public comments is August 21, 2018; and the minister's decision is due by August 31, 2018.

Indian Head Hatchery Expansion Project

(Reg. 1975)

Proponent: Northern Harvest Smolt Ltd.

The proponent is proposing to expand the Indian Head Hatchery in Stephenville. The expansion will provide smolts to the licensed sea cages that belong to Northern Harvest Sea Farms. The project is intended to improve production capacity and quality of salmon smolts produced for the company and to increase salmon aquaculture production for the province. The project includes: upgrades to improve efficiency of the existing facility; expansion of the hatchery; and new supporting infrastructure such as freshwater and saltwater supply and effluent treatment and discharge.

The undertaking was registered on July 17, 2018; the deadline for public comments is August 21, 2018; and the minister's decision is due by August 31, 2018.

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