

Registration Form
Pursuant of Part 10, Environmental Assessment
Section 49 of the Environmental Assessment Act

Name of Undertaking:

Forest Management District 15 - Crown Five Year Operating Plan 2003-2008 (Kennedy Lake Amendment)

Proponent:

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The Undertaking:

(I) Nature of Undertaking
Timber harvesting amendment to the Crown Five Year Operating Plan for Forest Management District 15.

(II) Purpose/Rationale/Need for the Undertaking:

This amendment is needed to provide additional harvesting areas for local sawmillers in the Bonne Bay area because predicted volumes were not attained in other approved areas due to operational constraints. The majority of the amendment area is already approved in the current five year plan for domestic harvesting however a change to commercial harvesting is being requested in this amendment.

Description of the Undertaking:

(i) Geographic Location:

The amendment area is located in Forest Management District 15 on areas exchanged from Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Ltd. The block is more

specifically located approximately 4km northeast of North Arm near Kennedy Lake. The attached 1:50,000 topographic maps (12H5) and 25000 scale forest inventory map identify the geographic location of the amendment area.

(ii) Physical Features:

The Kennedy Lake amendment area covers a total of approximately 550 ha of which 378 is considered productive forest. The northern portion of the area which is already approved in the current five year plan but is being changed from domestic to commercial is comprised of 440 ha of which 298 ha is productive with a total merchantable volume of 25 000 cubic metres. As well an additional area to the south which is outside the current five year plan covers a total area of 110 ha of which 80 ha is productive with a total merchantable volume of 3 500 cubic metres. The amendment areas are located on moderately rolling to steep slopes. The productive forest is interspersed with scrub and bog.

(iii) Operation:

The harvesting operation will consist of an integrated sawlog/pulpwood operation using manual felling and forwarder and/or snowmobile extraction. The timber from this operation will be harvested by sawmillers from the Bonne Bay area at a rate of approximately 4 000 m³/year. This commercial harvesting will be subject to the rules and regulations outlined in the Forestry Act and other related legislation. In addition, operating permits are subject to the Environmental Protection Plan for Ecologically based Forest Resource Management.

(iv) Occupants:

The workforce will include approximately five manual fellers (chainsaws), one forwarder operator, one truck drivers and one foremen for a three to four months period each year for the duration of the plan.

(v) Project Related Document

Forest Management District 15 Crown Five Year Operating Plan; 2003-2008.

Approval of Undertaking:

Commercial operating permit from Forest Management District 15 office.

Schedule:

The Newfoundland Forest Service requests a decision within 45 days after the Minister of Environment receives the completed registration form.

Date

Chief Executive Officer