

Reg. #1902

Mr. Francis Skeard, Director
Forestry and Wildlife Division
Department of Fisheries and Land Resources
P.O. Box 2006
311, Route 462
Corner Brook NL A2H 6J8

SEP 05 2017

Dear Mr. Skeard:

**RE: Crown District 2 Five Year Operating Plan (2017-21) Amendment –
Registration 1902**

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act*, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Please be advised that this undertaking is **released** from further environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- To help reduce any negative impacts on Newfoundland Marten, harvesting must not occur in this block from April 1st to June 30th which is the critical denning period for marten.

The Water Resources Management Division of this department advise that a permit is required for any work in any body of water including but not limited to culverts, bridges and diversion channels. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-2295.

The Department of Natural Resources recommends that you consult with Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro as the proposed block is located adjacent to the Lower Churchill Project Transmission Line routes. For further information, please contact Nalcor Energy at (709) 737-1255.

The Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment supports Environment and Climate Change Canada's recommendation that in order to avoid nest destruction and to accommodate the breeding season of migratory songbirds and waterfowl, operations should consider nesting locations between April 15th and August 15th in this region. However, as some species protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act* (MBCA)

do nest outside of this time period, it is the responsibility of the proponent to ensure that project activities are in compliance with the MCBA and associated regulations. For further information, please contact the Canadian Wildlife Service at (709) 772-2154.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) advise that proponents proposing to conduct work in or near water are now required to self-assess using the DFO "Projects Near Water" website, located at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>, and determine if their project requires a review by the DFO. For further information, please see the attached comments and contact DFO at (709) 772-4140.

Although the undertaking, as proposed, is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals and legislative requirements. Please note that you must comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and approvals. You are required to inform this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Dr. Susan Squires, Director, Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673.

Sincerely,



EDDIE JOYCE, MHA
District of Humber-Bay of Islands
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

Attachment