

**REGISTRATION FORM
PURSUANT TO SECTION 49 OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT**

Name of Undertaking: Amendment to Forest Management District 2's 2017-2021 Five Year Operating Plan: Harvest Block CC02057.

Proponent:

(i) **Department of Fisheries and Land Resources**
P.O. Box 2006, Fortis Bldg.
Corner Brook, NL A2H 6J8

(ii) **Assistant Deputy Minister**
Mr. Stephen Balsam
Forestry and Wildlife Division
Dept. of Fisheries and Land Resources
P.O. Box 2006, Corner Brook,
NL A2H 6J8 (709) 637-2339

(iii) **Principal Contact Person**
Mr. Frank Skeard
Director of Forest Ecosystem Management
Forestry and Wildlife Division
Dept. of Fisheries and Land Resources
P.O. Box 2006, Corner Brook,
NL A2H 6J8 (709) 637-2343

The Undertaking:

(i) **Nature of Undertaking**
Amendment to Crown Five Year Operating Plan for Forest Management District 2 for commercial timber harvesting.

(ii) **Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking**
As described in the EA-approved 2017-21 Five Year Operating Plan for District 2, the harvest strategy for the District requires a focus on the harvest of old and decadent stands before they pass the point of commercial viability. Consequently, commercial timber harvesting in District 2,

has focused on these stands. This amendment is required to provide continued access to such an area (Harvest Block CC02057) in the Terra Nova. It will provide access to an additional 127 ha's of forested land and 17,000 m³ of harvestable timber that has recently been accessed by road infrastructure constructed in association with the Labrador-Island Link Project (NALCOR transmission line)

The proposed amendment will not mean an increase in Forest Management District 02's harvest level. The District's sustainable harvest level will not be exceeded and will be balanced by reduced harvesting elsewhere in the District.

The amendment represents an extension to an approved operating area. The commercial operator has increased his harvesting capacity beyond what was planned in the five year planning process, necessitating an increase in his operating area.

It should be noted that no further access road construction is anticipated to facilitate this harvesting.

Description of Undertaking:

(i)

Geographic Location

Forest Management District 2 comprises the Bonavista Peninsula, as well as areas on both sides of the Trans Canada Highway from the eastern entrance of Terra Nova National Park to the community of Sunnyside.

Harvesting Block CC02057 is located on Crown Land approximately 12 kms southwest of the town of Terra Nova. Access to the general area is via an existing forest access road. From what is locally known as Eight Mile Bridge, access will follow the recently constructed road to the

Labrador-Island Link Project. The proposed harvest area extension is located immediately southeast of approved operating area CC02057. The attached 1:50,000 scale map identifies the geographic location of the proposed amendment.

(ii) Physical Features

(iii) Operation

Harvesting

As noted above the proposed extension to Harvest Block CC02057 will provide access to an additional 17,000 m³ of harvestable timber southeast of Terra Nova River. All timber will be harvested to utilize the maximum amount of fibre. The timber will be felled mechanically and forwarded to roadside by conventional means. Harvesting is expected to be completed during the life of the current 5-Year Forest Management Plan for Forest Management District 02 (2017-21).

(iv) Occupations

These operations will create approximately 1060 person weeks of employment over the life of the planning period, as well as help sustain approximately 300 year round jobs in the timber harvesting/sawmilling/firewood industries.

(v) Project Related Documents

Upon approval, this proposal will become part of the Crown's Forest Management District 2 Five-Year Operating Plan, January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2021

Approval of the Undertaking:

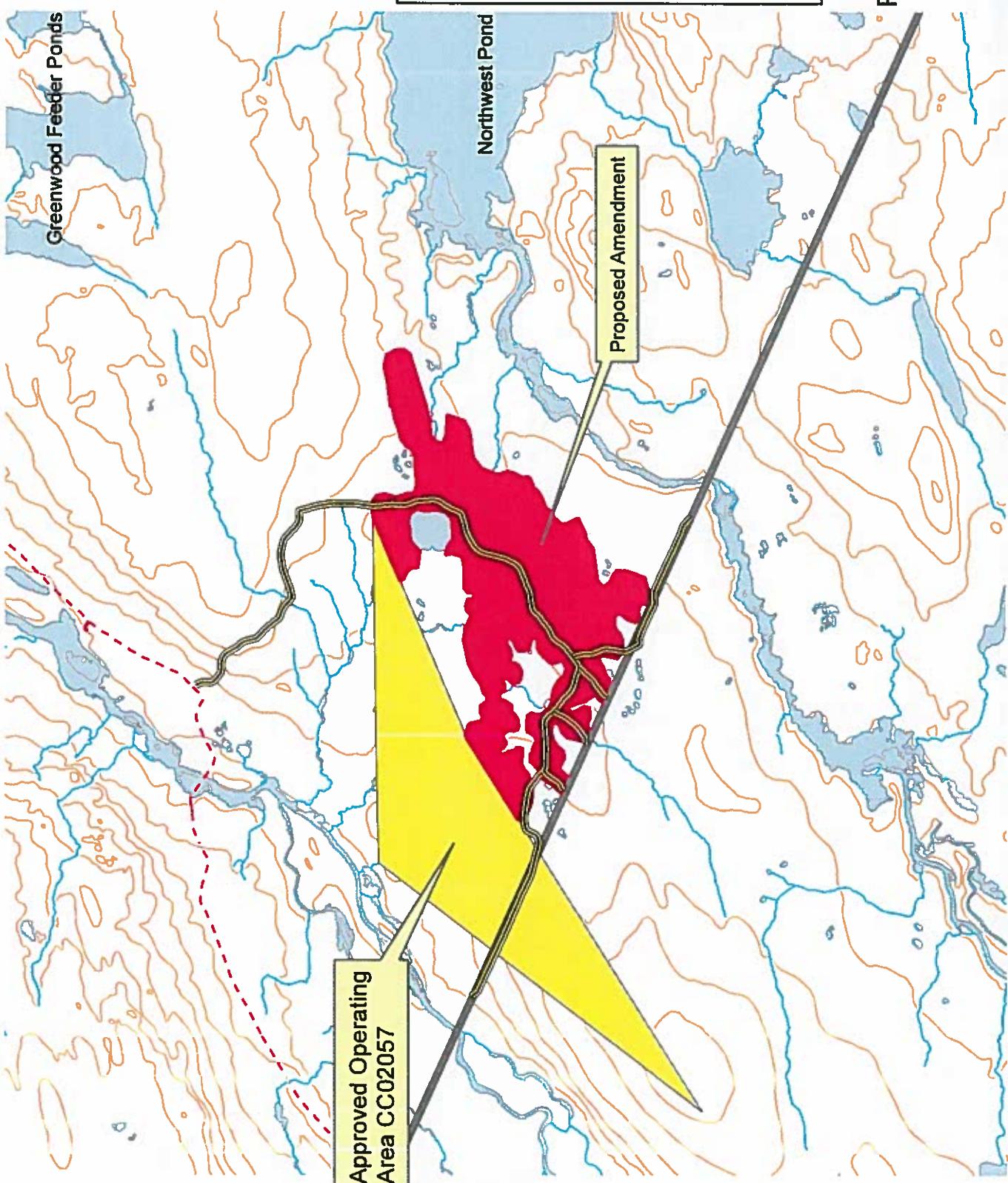
(i) Commercial harvesting permits from the District 2 (Clarenville) Forest Management Office.

Schedule:

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

June 7, 2012
Date

John S. Soper
Director - FEM



Forest Management
District 02



Legend

- NALCOR access roads
- Paved Roads
- Unpaved Roads
- Resource Roads
- Abandon Roads
- Labrador Island Link
- Proposed Operating Area
- Approved Operating Area
- Waterbodies
- Streams
- contours

Topo Map Sheet 103
Productive Forest: 125h
Volume: 17000 m³

1:50,000