

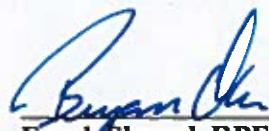
October 3rd, 2017
Ms. Susan Squires
Director
Environmental Assessment Division
Department of Environment and Conservation

RE: Crown Five Year Operating Plan Forest Management Zone 5(2016-2020)

Pursuant to Section 49 of the *Environmental Protection Act* (2002), attached please find an amendment for registration as an undertaking, 5 Year Operating Plan Amendment for Crown land in Forest Management District 12 (Zone 5). To expedite the review process, 12 copies of the Amendment (2 paper and 10 digital- CDs) have been forwarded to you under separate cover.

This is an external amendment that covers 533 hectares and will provide access to 35,000 cubic meters of commercial fiber to contractors in central Newfoundland. The proposed amendment will not mean an increase in Forest Management District 12's harvest level. The District's sustainable harvest level will not be exceeded and will be balanced by reduced harvesting elsewhere

If you have any questions regarding this registration, please contact Mr. Bryan Oke, RPF Supervisor of Strategic Planning. Details specific to the Plan Amendment are best discussed with Jason Pond, RPF District Manager for Forest Management District 12.



Frank Skeard, RPF
Director – Forest Ecosystem Management
NL Forest Service

Attach.

cc. B. Oke D. Poole
 S. Balsom J. Pond

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

Name of Undertaking: Amendment to Forest Management District 12 2016-2020 Five Year Operating Plan: New operating area CC12033 Lake Ambrose North.

Proponent:

(i) **Department of Fisheries and Land Resources**
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(ii) **Assistant Deputy Minister**
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The Undertaking:

(i) **Nature of Undertaking**
Amendment to the Crown Five Year Operating Plan for Forest Management District 12 an addition 533 hectares.

(ii) **Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking**
This amendment is required to create operational flexibility for commercial harvesters during the spring thaw. Currently a major issue in keeping the large sawmills in central Newfoundland operating during this time period. Additionally the area along

6.5 km of granite Lake road will be harvested / cleared to a total width of 50 meters to allow more sunlight and reduce the time need for drying during early spring months.

The amendment represents approximately 533 ha and 35,000 cubic meters of commercial fiber.

It should be noted that sustainable harvest levels will not be exceeded and will be balanced by reducing the harvested levels elsewhere

Description of Undertaking:

(i) Geographic Location

Forest Management District 12 located in the central interior portion of the island. It ranges North to the Gaff Topsail, to the east it is bound by Exploits and Noel Paul river and stretches South to Blizzard Pond

The majority the area inside of Harvesting Block CC12033 is located on Crown Land approximately 27 kms South of the town of Millertown. Access to the general area is via an existing forest access road, locally known as Granite Lake Access Road. The attached 1:50,000 scale maps identifies the geographic location of the proposed amendment.

(ii) Physical Features

(iii) Operation

Harvesting

As noted above the proposed addition of Harvest Block CC12033 will provide access to an additional 35,000 m³ of harvestable timber North of Lake Ambrose. 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 12 (2016-20).

Road Construction

Operational roads will be constructed as needed within this area. Roads will be constructed using excavators and / or bulldozers. All buffer requirements and operations will be carried out in accordance with the Environmental Protection Guidelines for Ecologically Based Forest Resources Management and the Forestry Act. Operations will commence upon approval of the undertaking and will continue until work is complete

(iv) Occupations

Equipment operators, truckers, loggers, sawmillers and silviculture workers .

(v) Project Related Documents

Upon approval, this proposal will become part of the Crown's Forest Management District 12 Five-Year Operating Plan, January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2020.

Approval of the Undertaking:

(i) Commercial harvesting permits from the District 12 (Bishop's Falls) 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.

Oct 2nd, 2017

Date

Bryan Chen

Director FEM

Newfoundland Labrador

Five Year Operating Plan: 2016 - 2020

Proposed Amendment
Plan Map

Planning Zone : 5
FMD: 12

Operating Area No.: CC12033
Name: Lake Ambrose North

For block information and statistics,
refer to Cover Page.

