

Attachment A
Conditions of Release from Environmental Assessment

EA #: 2355 Great Coastal Trail – Quirpon to Goose Cove (the Project)

1 Definition

- 1.1 "Act" means the **Environmental Protection Act** (the **Act**).
- 1.2 "Department" means the Department of Environment and Climate Change, and the contact for the Department for this environmental assessment (EA) release is:
- Director
Environmental Assessment Division
Department of Environment and Climate Change
P.O. Box 8700
St. John's, NL A1B 4J6
Tel. 709-729-0673
- 1.3 "Minister", unless the context indicates otherwise, means the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.
- 1.4 "Proponent" means a person who carries out or proposes to carry out a Project, or is the owner or person having charge, control or management of a Project.
- 1.5 "Registered" and "registration" mean registered under Section 49 of the **Act**.
- 1.6 "Release" means the release of a Project under Section 51, 54, 67 or 72 of the **Act** from the further application of the EA requirements of Part X of the **Act**.
- 1.7 "Undertaking" includes an enterprise, activity, **Project**, structure, work or proposal and a modification, abandonment, demolition, decommissioning, rehabilitation and an extension of them that may, in the opinion of the Minister, have a significant environmental effect.

2 Acronyms / Abbreviations

EA	Environmental Assessment
REG	Registration document

3 Scope

- 3.1 The EA release letter relates to Great Northern Trail Association, hereafter referred to as the "Proponent", and their Registration document (REG) for Great Coastal Trail – Quirpon to Goose Cove, EA REG # 2355, hereafter referred to as the "Project".
- 3.2 The Proponent shall ensure the Project is carried out in accordance with this EA release and their REG.

4 General

- 4.1 The Proponent shall uphold all commitments made in the EA submission to mitigate the effects of the Project on the environment, unless otherwise advised by the Minister.
- 4.2 The Proponent shall conduct the Project in accordance with the **Act**, as amended from time to time.
- 4.3 The Proponent shall provide written notification of Project commencement to the Department, prior to the commencement of Project construction, by sending an email to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.
- 4.4 The Proponent shall update the EA Division on the status of the Project, including a copy of all permits, licenses, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the Project, within one year from the date of this EA release letter and provide additional updates if required. Project updates shall be emailed to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.
- 4.5 This EA release does not exempt a Proponent of a Project from the requirements imposed upon the Project by (a) another Act or regulation of the province or of Canada; or (b) a municipal regulation, by-law or requirement.
- 4.6 A license, permit, approval or other document of authorization pertaining to the Project shall not be issued under another Act until the Project has been exempted or released from EA.
- 4.7 Prior to a proposed change to any aspect of the Project from that proposed in the REG, the Proponent must submit the proposal to the Department to review for regulatory requirements, including EA.
- 4.8 No authority is granted by this EA release to enable the Proponent to commence or continue the Project on lands which are not in the control or ownership of the Proponent. It is the responsibility of the Proponent to ensure that such a contravention does not occur.
- 4.9 The Proponent shall notify the Minister before a transfer, sale or lease of the Project.
- 4.10 Where a timeline is associated with a condition(s) of the EA release, the Proponent shall fulfil the requirements of the condition(s) within the prescribed timeline, unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Minister.
- 4.11 If there is a discrepancy between the REG and the conditions of this EA release, the conditions of this EA release shall apply.
- 4.12 The Proponent shall bear all expenses incurred in carrying out the environmental management and monitoring required under the conditions of this EA release, the **Act** or the Environmental Assessment Regulations.
- 4.13 The Proponent shall ensure that this EA release, or a copy, is present at the Project site while personnel are on site and that personnel directly involved in the Project are made fully aware of the conditions which pertain to this EA release.

- 4.14 Throughout the life of the Project, the Proponent shall conduct any additional studies or monitoring and/or implement additional mitigation measures as required by the Minister.

5 Habitat, Flora and Fauna

- 5.1 Short-eared Owl surveys shall be conducted for each section of the trail system during breeding season (May 15-August 15) in consultation with the Wildlife Division of the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (FFA) prior to the commencement of Project construction or on-going maintenance for the respective Project areas. Survey work shall be conducted by a qualified, independent third-party biologist seven days prior to the commencement of trail development activities in each area. The Wildlife Division shall be consulted on pre- and post-construction mitigations should this species or its nests be found. A Section 18 permit under the **Endangered Species Act** is required prior to conducting surveys. All information shall be submitted to the FFA-Wildlife Division at WildlifeReferrals@gov.nl.ca.
- 5.2 A minimum 30-metre undisturbed buffer shall be maintained along all freshwater waterbodies, including wetlands (with the exception of necessary water crossings) that are identified on either the 1:50,000 scale National Topographic System maps or the topographic mapping layer shown in the Provincial Land Use Atlas, to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species and their habitats. Please contact the contact the Wildlife Division at (709) 637-2025 for further information.



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