

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

Amendment to Zone 8 2023-2027 Five Year Operating Plan

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**Name of Undertaking:** Forest Management Zone 8 Five Year Operating Plan 2023-2027 (Amendment)

**Proponent:**

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**The Undertaking:**

(i) **Nature of Undertaking**  
Commercial timber harvesting amendment  
to the (2023-2027) Five-Year Operating  
Plan for Forest Management Planning Zone  
8 (Districts 17 & 18).

**(ii) Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking**

There is a major Spruce Budworm outbreak on the Northern Peninsula. While an insecticide spray program has slowed its progress, the severity and intensity of this outbreak continues to increase. There are thousands of hectares across the Northern Peninsula classified as severe defoliation with mortality.

There is a limited window to access and salvage some of these stands before they are completely killed. The Department has invested millions into silviculture in the region and some of these areas that are under attack need to be salvaged as quickly as possible.

The Department have identified three areas where minimal access is required to harvest silviculture treated stands with severe defoliation and mortality over the next two years: Eddies Cove West CC17057; Birches CC17056 and Squid Cove CC17054.

**Description of Undertaking:**

**(i) Geographic Location**

Forest Management Planning Zone Eight encompasses Forest Management Districts 17 & 18. It extends from Gros Morne National Park in the south to the community of St. Anthony in the north. These salvage areas are within EA approved (EA 2210) Crown Zone 8 Five-Year Forestry Operating Plan (2023-2027)

The attached map identifies the geographic location of the proposed amendments.

**(ii) Operation**

The Eddies Cove Block is 79.0 ha and contains 6,108 m<sup>3</sup>; the Birches block is 30.0 ha and contains 2,261 m<sup>3</sup> and the Squid Cove block is 102.0 ha and contains 6,606 m<sup>3</sup>. This amendment encompasses 211.0 hectares of forest land and will provide access to an additional 14,975 m<sup>3</sup> of commercial timber. The plan is to salvage harvest these severely insect infested stands prior to mortality.

This area will be harvested by commercial logging contractors for pulpwood, fuelwood and sawlogs. The plan is to harvest the most of this area over the next two years.

**(iii) Occupations**

There will be approximately 8-10 individuals working in this area. The wood will be harvested using short wood harvesters and extracted using forwarders. The road will be constructed with an excavators and dump trucks.

**(iv) Project Related Documents**

Upon approval, this proposal will become part of the Crown Zone 8 Five-Year Forestry Operating Plan (2023-2027) (EA 2210). All applicable conditions and mitigations included in the original Five Year Operating Plan will also apply to this new plan amendment.

**Approval of the Undertaking:**

Commercial Cutting Permits from the  
Forestry and Wildlife Branch District Office  
in Port Saunders.

**Schedule:**

If approved, road construction and  
harvesting is planned to commence in the  
Winter/Spring of 2026. The Newfoundland  
Forest Service requests a decision within 45  
days after the Minister of Environment  
receives the completed registration form.

Nov 18, 2025  
Date

  
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Director - FAL

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## 5 Year Plan 2023-2027 Commercial Harvest Overview Amendment Map

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FMD: 17

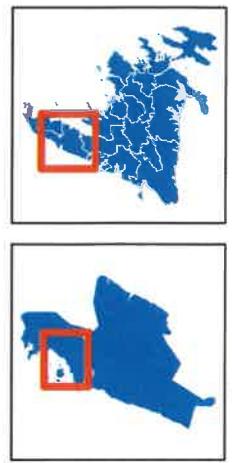
Operating Area No.: CC17054, CC17056, CC17057  
Name: Squid Cove, Birches, Eddies Cove West

### Plan Features

5 Year Plan Amendment Area  
Current Commercial 5 Year Plan Operating Area

### Restrictions

- Protected Water Supply
- Regulatory
- No Cut Buffer



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## 5 Year Plan 2023-2027 Commercial Harvest Amendment Map

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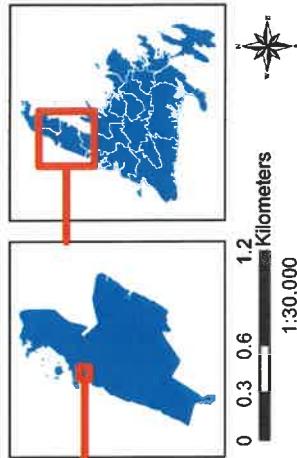
Operating Area No.: CC17057  
Name: Eddies Cove West

### Plan Features

5 Year Plan Amendment Area  
Current Commercial 5 Year Plan Operating Area

### Restrictions

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## 5 Year Plan 2023-2027 Commercial Harvest Amendment Map

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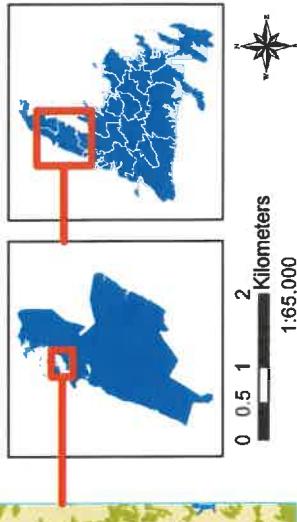
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Name: Birches

### Plan Features

5 Year Plan Amendment Area  
Current Commercial 5 Year Plan Operating Area

### Restrictions

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**5 Year Plan 2023-2027  
Commercial Harvest  
Amendment Map**

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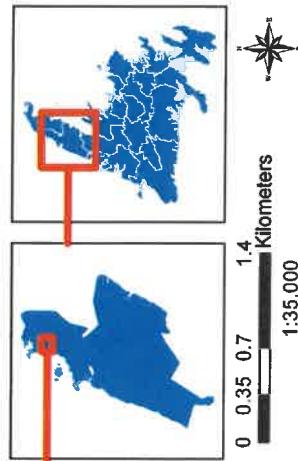
Operating Area No.: CC17054  
(Name: Squid Cove)

**Plan Features**

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