

**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:	<p>(i) Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands P.O. Box 2006, 192 Wheelers Road Corner Brook, NL, A2H 0J1</p> <p>(ii) Assistant Deputy Minister Dr. Blair Adams Forestry and Wildlife Division P.O. Box 2006, 192 Wheelers Road, Corner Brook, NL A2H 0J1 (709) 637-2199</p> <p>(iii) Principal Contact Person Mr. Bryan Oke Director of Forest Ecosystem Management Forestry and Wildlife Division P.O. Box 2006, 192 Wheelers Road, Corner Brook, NL A2H 0J1 (709) 637-2296</p>
The Undertaking:	<p>(i) Nature of Undertaking</p> <p>Commercial timber harvesting amendment to the (2023-2027) Five-Year Operating Plan for Forest Management Planning Zone 8 (Districts 17 & 18).</p>

(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 m³; the Birches block is 30.0 ha and contains 2,261 m³ and the Squid Cove block is 102.0 ha and contains 6,606 m³. This amendment encompasses 211.0 hectares of forest land and will provide access to an additional 14,975 m³ 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



5 Year Plan 2023-2027
Commercial Harvest
Overview Amendment Map

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FMD: 17

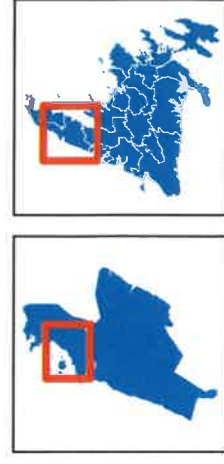
Operating Area No.: CC17054, CC17056, CC17057
Name: Squid Cove, Birches, Eddies Cove West

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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Amendment Map

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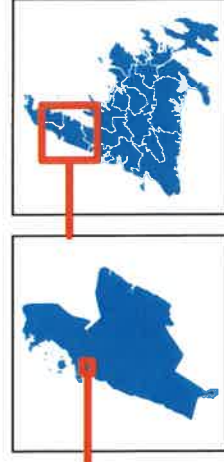
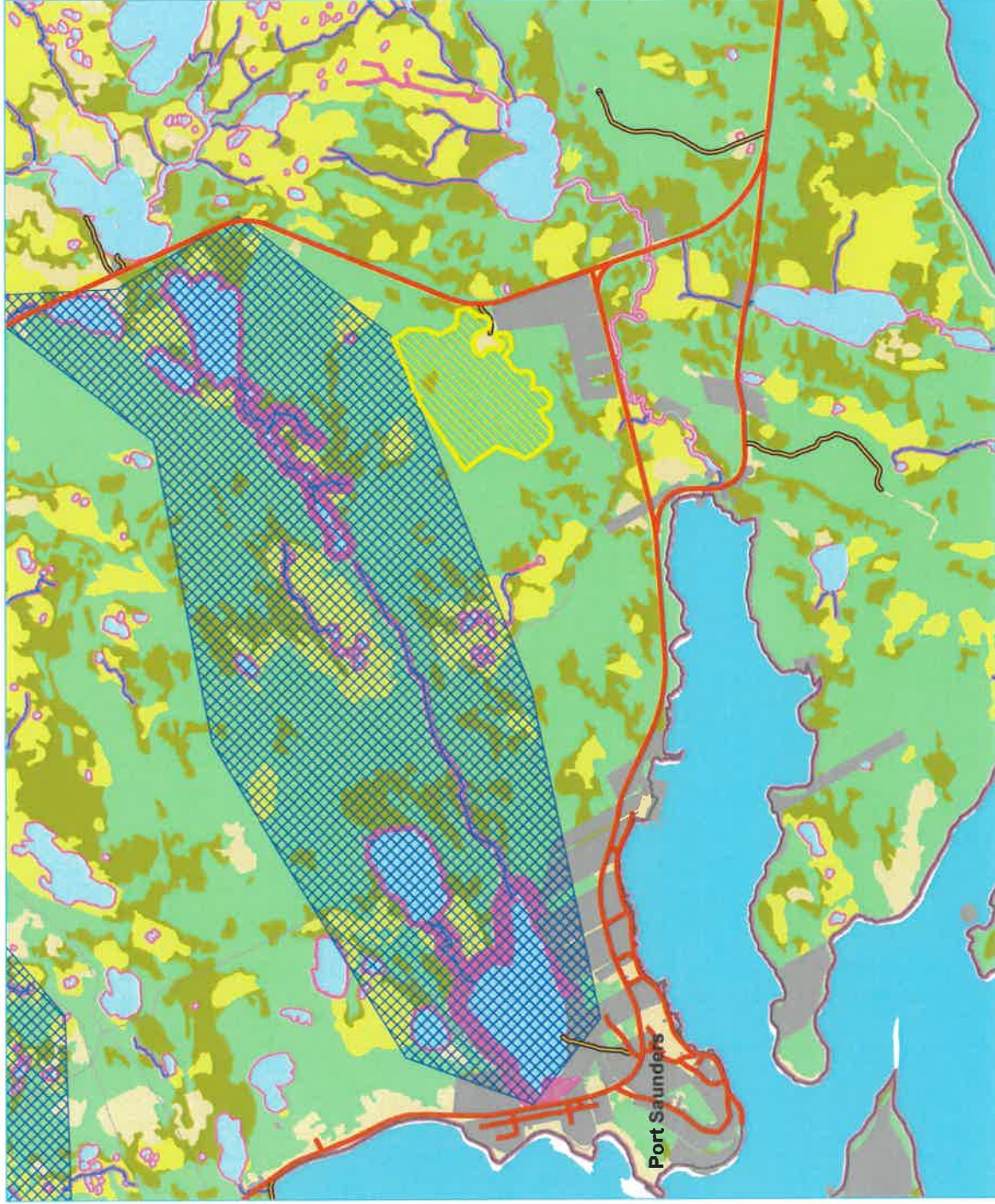
Operating Area No.: CC17057
Name: Eddies Cove West

Plan Features

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

Restrictions

- Protected Water Supply
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- No Cut Buffer





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Planning Zone : 8
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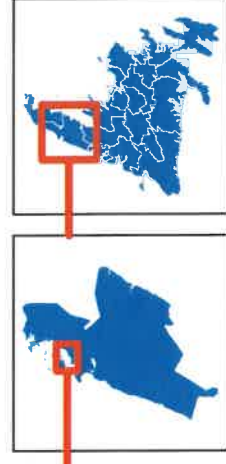
Operating Area No.: CC17056
Name: Birches

Plan Features

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

Restrictions

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FMD: 17

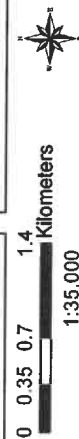
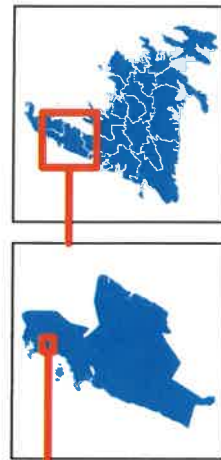
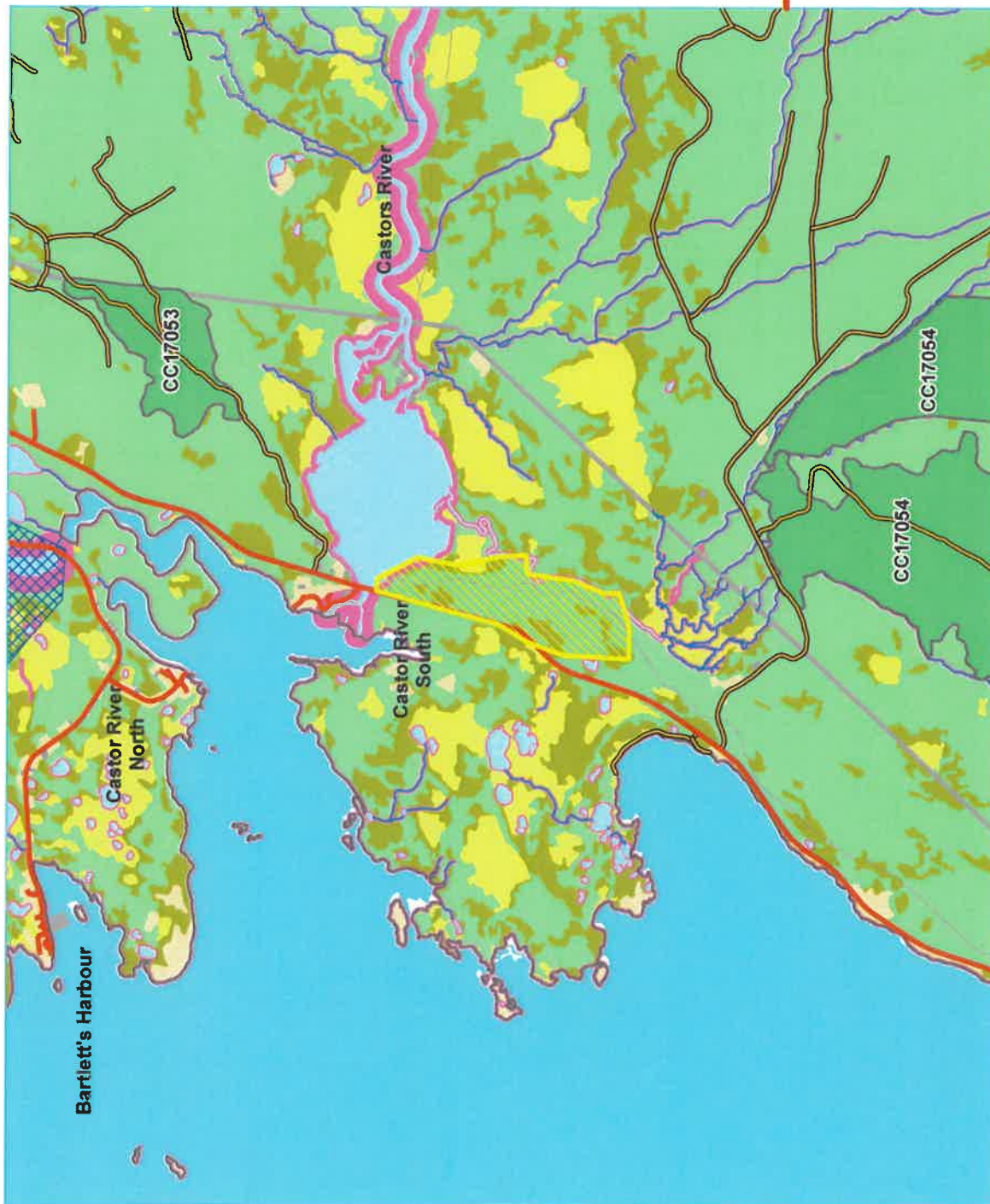
Operating Area No.: CC-17054
Name: Squid Cove

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