

## **Environment, Conservation and Climate Change**

December 12, 2025

### **Environmental Assessment Bulletin**

The Honourable Chris Tibbs, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change, has announced the following relative to Environmental Assessment - Part 10 - of the **Environmental Protection Act**.

#### **Undertakings Registered:**

##### **Crown Zone 8 (Districts 17 & 18) Forestry Operating Plan Amendment (2023-2027)** **Proponent: Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands** (Reg. 2381)

The proponent has proposed an amendment to the Zone 8 Five-Year Operating Plan (2023-2027) for Districts 17 and 18. Forest Management Planning Zone 8 extends from Gros Morne National Park in the south to the community of St. Anthony in the north. The amendment is necessary to salvage silviculture treated stands. A description of the project can be found on the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change website at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/env-assessment/projects-list/>.

The undertaking was registered on December 12, 2025. The deadline for public comment is January 16, 2026, and the minister's decision is due by January 26, 2026.

Comments may be sent to: [EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca](mailto:EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca).

##### **Little Rapids Residential Construction** (Reg. 2380) **Proponent: Tony Young**

The proponent plans to construct a single dwelling on a 0.78-hectare residential lot at 431A Marble Drive in the community of Little Rapids. The undertaking is adjacent to the Humber River, a scheduled salmon river. Construction would include the installation of a well and septic system and a new driveway and landscaping. A description of the project can be found on the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change website at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/env-assessment/projects-list/>.

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##### **Point Rousse Port Expansion** (Reg. 2379) **Proponent: Point Rousse Marine Terminal Ltd.**

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Authorities) are each required to conduct an assessment of the above

noted project. The Authorities are working together to avoid duplication in the assessment process, and each Authority will make a decision on the undertaking.

The proponent is proposing to upgrade the existing Point Rousse Marine Terminal on the Baie Verte Peninsula. The project would involve the construction of a second berth to increase export capacity for crushed aggregate and armourstone from nearby quarry operations. Future operations at the port may include shipping mining concentrates from third party operations. Construction and new infrastructure would include a port access road, storage/laydown areas, shoreline infilling, armourstone protection, two rock filled access causeways, a dock structure, and a barge.

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[EAPProjectComments@gov.nl.ca](mailto:EAPProjectComments@gov.nl.ca).

Comments may also be emailed to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada at:  
[PointRousse@iaac-aeic.gc.ca](mailto:PointRousse@iaac-aeic.gc.ca) or via the "Submit a Comment" function available on the Project page of the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (the Registry) at: <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/90066?culture=en-CA>. Users of this function must agree to the Terms of Use for online submissions. Please note, comments submitted to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada are made publicly available on the Registry.

**Plan Accepted:**

**Blaketown ATV Trail** (Reg. 2334)  
**Proponent: Shamus Kealey**

On December 4, 2025, the minister advised the proponent that the Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) for the project was reviewed and found to be acceptable. The EPP was required as a condition of release from environmental assessment and is available on the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change website at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/projects/project-2334/>.

**Learn more**

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**Anyone submitting comments on a project under environmental assessment should notify the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change if they do not wish to have their comments shared with the project proponent.**

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