



Department of Natural Resources

Public Notice

2011 Hemlock Looper Control Program - Island

In 2011 the Department of Natural Resources, Forestry and Agrifoods Agency – Forestry Services Branch will carry out a Forest Insect Control Program against the Hemlock Looper this summer in Newfoundland, subject to all the necessary approvals. The program will be carried out in accordance with the operator’s licence issued by the Department of Environment and Conservation.

The program is expected to start in early July, depending on insect development and weather, and continue through July until completed. Up to approximately 5,000 hectares of forest are expected to be treated during this part of the program. Treatment will consist of one or more applications of the biological control agent B.t.k. which has been approved for operational use by Health Canada-Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) after an extensive review of all information including possible effects on humans, wildlife and other insects.

Potential treatment locations in Western Newfoundland include the Codroy Pond, Kitty’s Brook, and the Flatwater Pond area on the Baie Verte Peninsula. Proposed treatment areas in Central include the North Twin Lake and Victoria Lake Areas. The time and location of treatment activity will be subject to weather conditions, logistics and insect development.

Information about the time and location of treatment activity will be available throughout the program on a daily basis from local media outlets, on the Department of Natural Resources website at www.nr.gov.nl.ca/nr/ or by calling the Forest Insect Control Program Update Line at 1-877-636-2996. Maps of treatment areas will also be available for viewing on the web site or by calling the Department of Environment and Conservation, Pesticides Control Section at 1-800-563-6181.

Information about the Hemlock Looper and the control product B.t.k., along with maps of treatment areas, will be available for viewing at Provincial Forestry Headquarters in Corner Brook, at the Regional offices in Massey Drive and Gander, and at District Forestry Offices in St. George’s, Pasadena, Springdale. In addition, there will be signs and maps of treatment areas posted on roads leading into treatment blocks.