



GOVERNMENT OF
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Department of Natural Resources
Public Notice
2006 Balsam Fir Sawfly Control Program

The Department of Natural Resources will carry out a Forest Insect Control Program against the Balsam Fir Sawfly this summer in western 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 around the last week of June - early July, depending on insect development, and continue through July until completed. Between 15,000 to 20,000 hectares will be treated as part of the program. Treatment will consist of one application of the biological control product AbietivTM (NeabNPV). This naturally occurring product has been tested experimentally in the province by the Canadian Forest Service for the past six years. Health Canada-Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) has done an extensive review of all information including possible effects on humans, other vertebrates and other non-target organisms. AbietivTM only affects the Balsam Fir Sawfly and several closely related sawfly species. It has no effect on other organisms. Based on the scientific data, Health Canada (PMRA) has approved this product for operational use as per the product label.

The proposed treatment areas in western Newfoundland are bounded on the west by North Arm / Goose Arm, on the south north of Old Mans Pond, on the east by Grand Lake and on the north by Bonne Bay / Big Pond. The treatment schedule 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 departmental web site 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 at 1-800-563-6181.

Information about the Balsam Fir Sawfly and the control product AbietivTM, along with maps of treatment areas, will be available for viewing at local community council offices, Newfoundland and Labrador Forestry Services Headquarters in Corner Brook, Regional Forestry Offices in Massey Drive and Gander, and at the District Forestry Office in Pasadena. In addition, there will be signs and maps of treatment areas posted on roads leading into treatment blocks.

Honourable John Ottenheimer, Minister (A)