



Exotic and Alien Invasive Species Workshop

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Corner Brook, Newfoundland and Labrador

The purpose of this letter is to seek your interest in an upcoming workshop that will look at the issues of Exotic and Alien Invasive Species in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Exotic Species Education Coordination and Policy Development Project, the Wildlife Division (Department of Environment and Conservation), along with project partners, Western Newfoundland Model Forest and Invasive Alien Species Partnership Program (Environment Canada), will be hosting a two-day workshop discussing a variety of issues related to exotic and alien invasive species.

The main goal of the workshop is to increase awareness and improve understanding of the public, industry, business and other government agencies about invasive alien species and the potential impacts of all exotics.

This issue is relevant to many industries, businesses, federal and provincial government agencies, academics, environmental organizations and the public. We are currently in the process of finalizing the workshop format and discussion topics. A preliminary list of topics can be found below, and there is still room for speakers.

Please contact Shelley Pardy Moores (shelleypardy@gov.nl.ca), or Amanda Park (AmandaPark@gov.nl.ca) if you are interested in presenting or attending. Please note that the dates are tentative.

Topics to be addressed include:

- The Invasive Alien Species Strategy for Canada;
- Current provincial and federal legislation dealing with exotics entering Newfoundland and Labrador, and highlight some of the gaps in legislation;
- The roles and responsibilities of various sectors;
- What we need to further protect against accidental/ non sanctioned introductions of exotic species;
- Current knowledge and research; and
- Where do we go with monitoring for both exotic and invasive alien species.

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