Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Act) [Our file #ENV/003/2015]

On February 2, 2015 the Department of Environment and Conservation received your request for access to the following records/information:

"Any and all information and correspondences of any nature, with regards to any reviews of Labrador Non-Resident Big Game Allocations. Information to include, but shall not be limited to, confirmation of when the reviews were conducted, if any, and if no reviews have been conducted to date, an explanation as to why not."

On March 3, 2015 the Department advised you that the 30 day time limit for responding to your request had been extended, in accordance with paragraph 16(1)(d) of the Act, for an additional 30 days and that we expected to respond to your request by April 6, 2015.

The Department of Environment and Conservation is responsible for setting overall quotas for caribou, moose and black bear for the Island portion of the province as well as for black bear in Labrador. Due to population size, there is no non-resident harvest of moose in Labrador and prior to the 2013 closure on harvesting animals from the George River Caribou herd, the Department did not set quotas for non-resident harvest of caribou in Labrador. The Department has not conducted any reviews of Labrador non-resident black bear allocations and it does not establish quotas for Labrador non-resident caribou and moose allocations. As such, please be advised that the Department of Environment and Conservation has no records responsive to your request.

Section 43 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Act) provides that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request or you may appeal to the Supreme Court Trial Division. A request to the Commissioner shall be made in writing within 60 days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

The address and contact information of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

P.O. Box 8700, St. John’s, NL, Canada A1B 4J6 t 709.729.2572 f 709.729.0112
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
2 Canada Drive
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John’s, NL A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

In the event that you choose to appeal to the Trial Division, you must do so within 30 days of the date of this letter. Section 60 of the Act sets out the process to be followed when filing such an appeal.

Please be advised that this response will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five days in the case where the response is mailed to you. It is the goal to have the response posted to the Office of Public Engagement’s website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Departmental ATIPP Coordinator at (709) 729-7183.

Sincerely,

JAMIE CHIPPETT
Deputy Minister