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## Form for Assessing Natural Wetlands after Harvest of Sphagnum Moss

**Today's date:**.....

**Name of harvesting organization/company:**

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**Name of harvest operator:**

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**Name and identification number of natural wetland (if any):**

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**Address/location of harvesting site:**

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**Legal description of area that includes site:**

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**Map reference for site (NZTM):**.....

**Dates of harvesting:**

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**Attach a map or aerial photograph showing the harvested area**

## Checklist of Conditions for Harvesting

1. Natural hydrological processes have been maintained because: **Tick all appropriate**
  - (a) The post-harvest moss surface is near but above the water level
  - (b) The hydrological regime of the area has not been altered in any way
  - (c) Only existing formed accessways were used to access the harvested area. **Attach a map showing the accessways.**
  - (d) Drains and weirs were not used to manipulate water levels
2. Machinery or vehicles that entered the natural wetland were modified or supported to prevent them from damaging the natural wetland (for example, by widening the tracks of a track-driven vehicle using platforms for machinery to sit on).
3. Vegetation was crushed only for the purpose of maintaining sphagnum dominance and only during harvesting, as a component of the harvesting, or after harvesting to rehabilitate the sphagnum moss in the natural wetland.
4. Only the living portion (acrotelm) of the moss was removed.
5. All machinery, vehicles and equipment were cleaned before entering the natural wetland (to avoid introducing pests, unwanted organisms or exotic plants).
6. No moss or plant was removed from the margins of a waterbody.
7. Only containers of 20 litres or less were used to refuel machinery, vehicles and equipment outside a 10m setback from the natural wetland.
8. Fertiliser was not dispersed in the natural wetland.
9. No breeding, roosting or nesting site of an indigenous, a rare or a threatened bird species was disturbed.
10. Debris, materials and equipment relating to the harvesting were removed from the site and the site was free from litter after the harvesting was finished.
11. The harvested area and its accessways were disturbed only to the extent necessary to carry out harvesting.

**Detailed Information on Particular Conditions**

Describe how the harvesting was undertaken:

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Describe how any vehicle or machinery used for harvesting was modified or supported to prevent it from damaging the natural wetland. **Attach photos of vehicles or machinery):**

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Provide any other information that you think may be relevant:

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**Attach dated photos showing the site before, during and after harvesting.**

**Note: After compliance staff receive this form, they will organize a site visit to the site to assess the information contained in the form.**