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An Act respecting the conservation and development of wildlife (R.S.Q., c. C-61.1)

#### Hunting activities — Amendments

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting hunting activities, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Government upon the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation is to bring a new generation to take up hunting. The Regulation also extends the prohibition against shooting on public roads to areas 3, 4, 10 and 11 and prohibits hunting with a firearm in three sectors of La Seigneurie du Lac-Matapédia regional park.

To that end, the Regulation proposes:

— including spouses in family permits for hunting small game and frogs and for snaring;

— allowing young persons under 18 years of age to hunt small game and frogs and to use snares under the authority of an adult, whether or not the adult is the young person's parent;

— abolishing the requirement of parental authorization for the hunter's or trapper's certificate since it has proven impossible to apply;

— prohibiting shooting on public roads in areas 3, 4, 10 and 11, except with shotguns used with shells loaded with shot less than 4.6 millimetres in diameter, but excluding controlled territories in this prohibition; and

— prohibiting hunting with a firearm in three sectors of La Seigneurie du Lac-Matapédia regional park.

To date, study of the matter has revealed no impact on businesses, on small and medium-sized businesses in particular. With respect to the public in general, the measures to encourage new hunters will benefit young hunters; the prohibition against shooting on public roads in areas 3, 4, 10 and 11 will change the hunting habits of some but bring increased tranquillity to residents; and the prohibition against hunting with a firearm in three sectors of the regional park will restrict the use of firearms in an area of less than 5 km but ensure users' safety.

Further information may be obtained by contacting:

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Any interested person having comments to make on this matter is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to the Minister responsible for Wildlife and Parks, 700, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 29<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5H1.

GUY CHEVRETTE, Minister responsible for Wildlife and Parks

## **Regulation to amend the Regulation** respecting hunting activities<sup>\*</sup>

An Act respecting the conservation and development of wildlife

(R.S.Q., c. C-61.1, ss. 40, 55, 2nd par., and 162, pars. 9 and 18)

**1.** Section 3 of the Regulation respecting hunting activities is amended by striking out the second paragraph.

**2.** The following is substituted for section 7:

**"7.** The spouse of the holder of a resident's "Snaring of hare or cottontail rabbit" hunting licence or of a resident's or non-resident's "Small game" hunting licence

<sup>\*</sup> The Regulation respecting hunting activities was made by Order in Council 858-99 dated 28 July 1999 (1999, *G.O.* 2, 2427) and has not been amended since that date.

or of a resident's "Northern leopard frog, Green frog, Bull frog" hunting licence, or their child under 18 years of age or the child under 18 years of age of either spouse, may hunt under that holder's licence. The spouse or the child shall have the holder's licence with them when not accompanied by the holder.

Any child under 18 years of age may hunt under one of the licences referred to in the first paragraph where the licence holder is 18 years of age or over and the holder, or the holder's spouse if 18 years of age or over, accompanies the child and is carrying the licence in question.

Where the spouse or a child referred to in the first and second paragraphs are residents, they shall hold the hunter's or trapper's certificate appropriate to the hunting weapon used and carry it with them.

The bags of the spouse and the children referred to in the first and second paragraphs shall be included in computing the bag limit of the licence holder referred to in those paragraphs.".

**3.** Section 8 is amended by substituting "a non-resident" for "of a hunting licence for non-residents".

**4.** Section 12 is amended by striking out ", except for the setting of snaring for hare or Eastern cottontail rabbit" in subparagraph g of subparagraph 7 of the first paragraph.

**5.** Section 13 is amended by striking out ", except for the setting of snares for hare or Eastern cottontail rabbit" in subparagraph e of subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph.

**6.** The following section is inserted after section 13:

**"13.1.** The holder of a non-resident's "Small game" hunting licence, the holder's spouse or their children under 18 years of age or the children under 18 years of age of either spouse who use that licence may not hunt hare or Eastern cottontail rabbit using snares.".

**7.** Section 15 is amended by substituting the following paragraphs for the first paragraph:

"A hunter may not shoot an animal found on a public roadway or towards or across such a road in the parts of Area 22 shown on the plans in Schedules XII and XVII of the Regulation respecting hunting during the caribou hunting season provided for in the Regulation for those parts of the territory and in areas 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 and 11. Nor may the hunter shoot an animal from a public road, including the 10-metre strip on either side of the rightof-way, in areas 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 and 11.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, those prohibitions do not apply to hunters hunting small game in areas 3, 4, 10 and 11 with a hunting implement referred to in subparagraph b of paragraph 3 of section 31 of the Regulation respecting hunting, nor to hunters who hunt in a controlled zone, a wildlife sanctuary or in a territory in that zone where exclusive hunting rights have been granted to an outfitting operation.".

**8.** The following section is inserted after section 15:

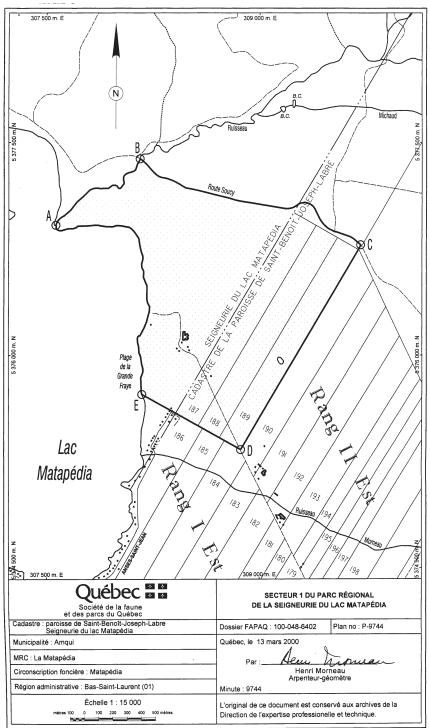
**"15.1.** Hunters may not hunt in the sectors described in the plans appearing in Schedules I, II and III with any implement other than a bow, a crossbow or a hunting implement referred to in paragraphs 7 and 8 of section 31 of the Regulation respecting hunting.".

**9.** Section 17 is amended by substituting "Schedule IX" for "section IX".

**10.** Schedules I, II and III attached hereto are added at the end of the Regulation.

**11.** This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette* officielle du Québec.

#### **SCHEDULE I**



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### **SCHEDULE II**

