Draft Regulations

Draft Regulation

An Act respecting threatened or vulnerable species (R.S.Q., c. E-12.01; 1999, c. 36)

Threatened or vulnerable species and their habitats

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 respecting threatened or vulnerable species and their habitats, 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 designate as a vulnerable species the caribou, Gaspésie population, in accordance with the list of threatened or vulnerable vertebrates which are likely to be so designated, published in 1993 in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*. Its purpose is also to designate its habitat, which corresponds to a territory of 657.2 sq. km, the main part of which (541.6 sq. km) is located in Parc de conservation de la Gaspésie and the remaining part of which is in the Chic-Chocs Wildlife Sanctuary.

Designating the caribou, Gaspésie population, as a vulnerable species, and its habitat has an impact on certain business activities, in particular forest industry activities. An activity is allowed in the habitat of a threatened or vulnerable wildlife species only if an authorization has been granted, under certain conditions, by the Société de la faune et des parcs du Québec or only if permitted by a specific authorization contained in the Regulation respecting wildlife habitats made by Order in Council 905-93 dated 22 June 1993. Following an agreement entered into with the Ministère des Ressources naturelles, amendments to that Regulation are thus proposed at the same time to explicitly allow the carrying out of certain activities, in particular forest management activities in the part of the habitat that is outside the park.

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Regulation respecting threatened or vulnerable species and their habitats

An Act respecting threatened or vulnerable species (R.S.Q., c. E-12.01, s. 10; 1999, c. 36, s. 131)

DIVISION I

THREATENED WILDLIFE SPECIES

- **1.** The following are designated as threatened species:
- (1) the beluga, St. Lawrence population (*Delphinapterus leucas*);
 - (2) the wolverine (*Gulo gulo*);
 - (3) the copper redhorse (Moxostoma hubbsi);
 - (4) the horned grebe (*Podiceps auritus*);
 - (5) the loggerhead shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*);
 - (6) the piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*);
 - (7) the Eastern spiny softshell (*Apalone spinifera*).

DIVISION II

VULNERABLE WILDLIFE SPECIES

- **2.** The following are designated as vulnerable species:
- (1) the caribou, Gaspésie population (Rangifer tarandus);

the habitat of the caribou, Gaspésie population, corresponds to a "territory, consisting of alpine and subalpine environments where caribous calve, breed, feed and migrate, identified by a plan drawn up by the Minister";

(2) the Western chorus frog (*Pseudacris triseriata*).

DIVISION III

FINAL

- **3.** This Regulation replaces the Regulation respecting threatened or vulnerable species made by Order in Council 377-2000 dated 29 March 2000.
- **4.** This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Draft Regulation

An Act respecting the conservation and development of wildlife

(R.S.Q., c. C-61.1; 1999, c. 36; 1999, c. 40)

Wildlife habitats — 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 wild-life habitats, 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 relax the standards applicable to the habitat of the Gaspésie caribou population by allowing certain activities which would otherwise be prohibited as in any habitat of a vulnerable or threatened species, including the Gaspésie caribou. Therefore, certain businesses such as timber companies will be allowed to carry on activities in the territory located outside the Parc de conservation de la Gaspésie, if they comply with a forest development plan developed with the Ministère des Ressources naturelles. Other activities will also be allowed in that part of the habitat such as claim staking or geological, geochemical or geophysical surveying for the purposes of exploring for mineral substances, natural gas, petroleum, brine or underground reservoirs.

The draft Regulation also provides for other activities in the newly designated habitat of the Gaspésie caribou. It will thus be possible to carry out maintenance work related to wilderness campsites or campsites without services, hiking, horse riding, cycling or cross-country ski trails or power distribution lines. It will also be possible to clear vegetation in road or railway corridors.

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GUY CHEVRETTE, Minister responsible for Wildlife and Parks

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting wildlife habitats*

An Act respecting the conservation and development of wildlife

(R.S.Q., c. C-61.1, ss. 128.1, 128.6 and 128.18, pars. 1 and 2; 1999, c. 36, ss. 104 and 115; 1999, c. 40, s. 85)

- **1.** Section 1 of the Regulation respecting wildlife habitats is amended
- (1) by inserting ", 6 as regards the Gaspésie caribou population" in the introductory paragraph after "5"; and
- (2) by substituting "the Regulation respecting threatened or vulnerable species and their habitats, made by Order in Council dated 2000" for "regulation under paragraph 2 of section 10 of the Act respecting threatened or vulnerable species (R.S.Q., c. E-12.01)" in paragraph 6.
- **2.** The following is added to section 2:

"In Division II,

^{*} The Regulation respecting wildlife habitats, made by Order in Council 905-93 dated 22 June 1993 (1993, *G.O.* 2, 3536), was last amended by the Regulation made by Order in Council 256-99 dated 24 March 1999 (1999, *G.O.* 2, 426). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 2000, updated to 1 February 2000.