



(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 wildlife 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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### 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.