

M.O., 2003**Order of the Minister of the Environment dated
18 March 2003**

CONCERNING the temporary protection status assigned to various territories as a proposed biodiversity reserve or aquatic reserve

WHEREAS, under section 27 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (2002, c. 74), for the purpose of protecting land to be established as a new protected area, the Minister of the Environment shall, with the approval of the Government, prepare the plan of that area, establish a conservation plan and assign temporary protection status to the area as a proposed aquatic reserve, biodiversity reserve, ecological reserve or man-made landscape;

WHEREAS, under section 28 of the Act, the setting aside of a land under section 27 is valid for a period of not more than four years, which may be renewed or extended, without the term of the setting aside exceeding six years, unless so authorized by the Government;

CONSIDERING that, by reason of the ecological value these territories and watercourses represent, the Minister of the Environment has been authorized by the Government to assign temporary protection status as a proposed biodiversity reserve or aquatic reserve, as applicable, to the ten (10) territories mentioned in the appendix, and that the plans of those areas and the conservation plan proposed for each of them have been approved, as it appears in Orders in Council 109-2003 and 110-2003 of February 6, 2003;

THEREFORE, the Minister of the Environment orders that:

1° the seven (7) areas mentioned in appendix I be granted the status of proposed biodiversity reserve, the respective plan of those areas and their conservation plan for the duration of the temporary protection granted being the ones approved by the Government;

2° the three (3) areas mentioned in appendix II be granted the status of proposed aquatic area, the respective plan of those areas and their conservation plan for the duration of the temporary protection granted being the ones approved by the Government;

3° these status, which have been granted for a period of four years, will take effect, for each of those areas, on the date on which the notice of their setting aside is published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

Québec, 18 March 2003

ANDRÉ BOISCLAIR,
Minister of the Environment

**APPENDIX I
PROPOSED BIODIVERSITY RESERVES**

Proposed Pasteur lake biodiversity reserve
Proposed Boatswain bay biodiversity reserve
Proposed Ministikawatin peninsula biodiversity reserve
Proposed Missisicabi plain biodiversity reserve
Proposed Muskuuchii hills biodiversity reserve
Proposed Vaudray and Joannès lakes biodiversity reserve
Proposed Sabourin lake biodiversity reserve

**APPENDIX II
PROPOSED AQUATIC RESERVES**

Proposed Ashuapmushuan river aquatic reserve
Proposed Moisie river aquatic reserve
Proposed north Harricana river aquatic reserve

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M.O., 2003**Order of the Minister responsible for the Act
respecting immigration to Québec dated
24 March 2003**

Immigration Act
(R.S.Q., c. I-0.2)

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the weighting applicable to the selection of foreign nationals

THE MINISTER FOR RELATIONS WITH THE CITIZENS
AND IMMIGRATION,

CONSIDERING that, under section 3.4 of the Act respecting immigration to Québec (R.S.Q., c. I-0.2), the Minister may, by regulation, establish the weighting of selection criteria for foreign nationals;

CONSIDERING that, under that section, the Minister may determine that the regulation applies to applications that are being processed, or to applications filed after a particular date that are being processed, or to those that have not yet reached a particular stage on the date of coming into force of the regulation;