(2) the status is assigned for a term of four years commencing on the date on which the notice of the setting aside of the land is published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

Québec, 20 February 2007

CLAUDE BÉCHARD, Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks

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# Notice

An Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (R.S.Q., c. A-2.1)

# Commission d'accès à l'information — Code of ethics of the members

Please take note that under section 110.1 of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information, la Commission d'accès à l'information adopted the Code of ethics of the members of the Commission d'accès à l'information at its meeting held on 14 December 2006.

JACQUES SAINT-LAURENT, Chair

# Code of ethics of the members of the Commission d'accès à l'information

An Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (R.S.Q., c. A-2.1, ss. 110.1 and 112)

# **DIVISION I**GENERAL

**1.** Members must abide by the rules of ethics set out in the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (R.S.Q., c. A-2.1) and in this Code.

#### **DIVISION II**

PERFORMANCE OF THE DUTIES OF OFFICE

- **2.** Members must perform their duties of office with care, dignity and integrity.
- **3.** Members must perform their duties with complete independence, free of any interference.

- **4.** Members must be overtly objective and impartial.
- **5.** Members must act in a respectful and courteous manner towards the persons appearing before them, while exercising the authority required for the proper conduct of the hearing.
- **6.** Members must uphold the integrity of the Commission and defend its independence, in the best interest of justice.
- **7.** Members must perform their duties of office conscientiously and diligently.
- **8.** Members must respect the secrecy of deliberation.
- **9.** Members are bound to confidentiality regarding any information they obtain and to discretion regarding any matter brought to their knowledge in the performance of their duties.
- **10.** Members must take the measures required to maintain and improve the knowledge and skills necessary to the performance of their duties.

#### DIVISION III

GENERAL DUTIES OF MEMBERS

- 11. Members must refrain from engaging in any activity or placing themselves in any situation which could affect the dignity of their office or discredit the Commission.
- **12.** Members must act with reserve and prudence in public.
- **13.** Members must be politically neutral and not engage in any partisan political activity that is incompatible with the duties of their office.
- **14.** Members must disclose to the Chair of the Commission any direct or indirect interest they have in any enterprise that could cause a conflict between personal interest and the duties of their office.
- **15.** Members may exercise functions within non-profit organizations, but not for reward, insofar as the functions do not compromise their impartiality or the effective performance of their duties.
- **16.** The following are incompatible with the office of member:
- (1) soliciting or collecting donations, except in the case of limited community, school, religious or family activities that do not compromise the other duties imposed by this Code;

- (2) associating the status of member of the Commission with the activities referred to in paragraph 1; and
- (3) participating in organizations likely to be involved in a matter before the Commission.

Adopted on 14 December 2006

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# **M.O.,** 2007

# Order of the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks dated 20 February 2007

Natural Heritage Conservation Act (R.S.Q., c. C-61.01)

Extension of temporary protection status for three areas as proposed aquatic reserves and for sixteen areas as proposed biodiversity reserves

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (R.S.Q., c. C-61.01), and as provided in the Minister's Order dated 18 March 2003 (2003, G.O. 2, 1404), the following land was set aside for a term of four years beginning on 7 May 2003:

## Proposed aquatic reserves:

- Ashuapmushuan river
- North Harricana river
- Moisie river

### Proposed biodiversity reserves:

- Boatswain bay
- Muskuuchii hills
- Pasteur lake
- Sabourin lake
- Ministikawatin peninsula
- Missisicabi plain

WHEREAS, under section 90 of the Act, the following land is deemed to have been set aside as proposed biodiversity reserves in accordance with Title III of the Act for a term of four years beginning on 19 June 2003:

#### Proposed biodiversity reserves:

- Guernesé lake foothills
- Lac aux Sauterelles knolls
- Brador hills
- Harrington Harbour shore
- René-Levasseur island

- Bright Sand lake
- Gensart lake
- Belmont and Magpie lakes massif
- Monts Groulx
- Natashquan river valley

WHEREAS an additional term of four years is necessary to complete the various steps necessary for the granting of permanent protection status to all or part of the land concerned;

WHEREAS, under section 28 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act, the renewal or extension of the setting aside of land under section 27 of the Act may not, unless authorized by the Government, be such that the term of the setting aside exceeds six years;

WHEREAS such an authorization was given, the Government having authorized the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks to extend the setting aside of land for an additional term of four years, as provided in Order in Council 132-2007 dated 14 February 2007;

THEREFORE, the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks orders as follows:

the setting aside of the following land is hereby extended for a term of four years beginning on 7 May 2007:

#### Proposed aquatic reserves:

- Ashuapmushuan river
- North Harricana river
- Moisie river

## Proposed biodiversity reserves:

- Boatswain bay
- Muskuuchii hills
- Pasteur lake
- Sabourin lake
- Ministikawatin peninsula
- Missisicabi plain

the setting aside of the following land is hereby extended for a term of four years beginning on 19 June 2007:

### Proposed biodiversity reserves:

- Guernesé lake foothills
- Lac aux Sauterelles knolls
- Brador hills
- Harrington Harbour shore