

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 land under the first paragraph of section 27 is valid for a period of not more than four years, subject to subsequent renewals or extensions that may not, unless authorized by the Government, be such that the term of the setting aside exceeds six years;

CONSIDERING that, in view of the ecological value of the areas, the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks has been authorized by the Government to assign temporary protection status as proposed biodiversity reserves to the five areas appearing in the Schedule, and that the plan and the proposed conservation plan for each area have been approved, as provided in Order in Council 81-2007 dated 6 February 2007;

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

(1) proposed biodiversity reserve status is assigned to the five areas appearing in the Schedule, the plan and conservation plan for each area for the term of the assigned temporary protection being those approved by the Government;

(2) the status is assigned for a term of four years commencing for each area 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*

SCHEDULE PROPOSED BIODIVERSITY RESERVES

Proposed Anneaux-Forestiers biodiversity reserve

Proposed Esker-Mistaouac biodiversity reserve

Proposed Dunes-de-la-Rivière-Attic biodiversity reserve

Proposed Plateau-du-Lac-des-Huit-Chutes biodiversity reserve

Proposed Albanel-Témiscamie-Otish biodiversity reserve

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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)

Assignment of temporary protection status as the proposed Opémican biodiversity reserve to a portion of the territory of Municipalité régionale de comté de Témiscamingue

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 27 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (R.S.Q., c. C-61.01), for the purpose of protecting land to be established as a new protected area, the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks may, 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 land under the first paragraph of section 27 is valid for a period of not more than four years, subject to subsequent renewals or extensions that may not, unless authorized by the Government, be such that the term of the setting aside exceeds six years;

CONSIDERING that, in view of the ecological value of the areas, the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks has been authorized by the Government to assign temporary protection status as a proposed biodiversity reserve to the portion of the territory of Municipalité régionale de comté de Témiscamingue, and that the plan and the proposed conservation plan for the area have been approved, as provided in Order in Council 134-2007 dated 14 February 2007;

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

(1) proposed biodiversity reserve status is assigned to the proposed Opémican biodiversity reserve, the plan and conservation plan for the area for the term of the assigned temporary protection being those approved by the Government;

(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;