

THAT these amendments to the Protection Policy for Lakeshores, Riverbanks, Littoral Zones and Floodplains also be published in the English edition of the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Gouvernement du Québec

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Forest Act
(R.S.Q., c. F-4.1)

Agreement respecting the transfer of responsibilities in the field of forest management to the regional county municipalities of the Bas-Saint-Laurent administrative region

WHEREAS, under the Forest Act (R.S.Q., c. F-4.1), the Minister of Natural Resources and Wildlife holds the powers and responsibilities in the field of forest management;

WHEREAS, under section 10.5 of the Municipal Code of Québec (R.S.Q., c. C-27.1), a municipality may enter into an agreement with the Government under which certain responsibilities, specified in the agreement, that are assigned by an Act or regulation to the Government, to a Minister or to a government body, are transferred to the municipality;

WHEREAS section 10.8 of the Code provides that such agreement prevails over any inconsistent provision of any general law or special Act or of any regulation thereunder;

WHEREAS, by Order in Council 1176-99 dated 13 October 1999, the Government authorized the Minister of Natural Resources to sign an agreement respecting the transfer to the regional county municipalities of the Bas-Saint-Laurent region, on an experimental basis, of responsibilities in the field of public forest management;

WHEREAS the regional county municipalities of the Bas-Saint-Laurent administrative region wish to keep certain powers and responsibilities in the field of forest management so that they may apply specific rules that will be better adapted to the characteristics of the region and prevent unfairness in the remuneration of forest workers;

WHEREAS it is expedient to authorize the Minister of Natural Resources and Wildlife to sign a new agreement respecting the transfer of responsibilities in the field of forest management to the regional county municipalities of the Bas-Saint-Laurent administrative region;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Natural Resources and Wildlife and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Regions:

THAT the Minister of Natural Resources and Wildlife be authorized to sign for and on behalf of the Government an agreement with each regional county municipality of the Bas-Saint-Laurent administrative region under which each will be entrusted with the following responsibilities for the management of forests in the domain of the State, as defined in the territorial scope of the future territorial management agreement:

(1) the issue of forest management permits for public utility works;

(2) the determining of the forest management activities and silvicultural treatments admitted as payment of dues under section 73.1 of the Forest Act;

(3) the determining of their value according to the rules of calculation determined by regulation of the Government under section 73.3 of the Forest Act;

THAT the agreement have a five-year term, subject to renewal.

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Gouvernement du Québec

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An Act respecting the Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune
(R.S.Q., c. M-25.2)

Approval of the Program for the delegation of the land and forest management of intramunicipal public territory to regional county municipalities in the Bas-Saint-Laurent administrative region

WHEREAS the Minister of Natural Resources entered into a specific agreement in 1999 on the management and development of the intramunicipal public territory of Bas-Saint-Laurent with the Conseil régional de concertation et de développement du Bas-Saint-Laurent;