

## Draft Regulation

An Act respecting the conservation and development of wildlife  
(R.S.Q., c. C-61.1)

### 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 draft Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting wildlife habitats, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation is

— to revoke sections 8.1 to 8.5 of the Regulation to allow the Minister of Natural Resources and Wildlife to authorize forest interventions in a wildlife habitat under the power provided for in section 128.7 of the Act respecting the conservation and development of wildlife (R.S.Q., c. C-61.1);

— to revoke, for harmonization purposes, the plan showing the various intervention areas in the habitat of the woodland caribou, mountain ecotype, Gaspésie population, shown in Schedule 1 to the current Regulation;

— to change the term to designate the population previously referred to as the “Gaspésie caribou population” to make it consistent with the recently updated list of Québec vertebrate wildlife;

— to modify the parts of the habitat of the woodland caribou, mountain ecotype, Gaspésie population where exploration for mineral substances, natural gas, petroleum, brine and underground reservoirs is made possible, subject to certain conditions.

Study of the matter reveals no negative impact on enterprises, including small and medium-sized businesses. The proposed amendments will be favourable for the public in general and for enterprises and organizations working in connection with the conservation and development of natural resources.

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## Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting wildlife habitats

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(R.S.Q., c. C-61.1, s. 128.18)

**1.** The Regulation respecting wildlife habitats (R.R.Q., c. 61.1, r. 18) is amended in section 8 by striking out the third paragraph.

**2.** Sections 8.1 to 8.5 are revoked.

**3.** Section 9 is amended by replacing “Gaspésie caribou population, with respect to the territory of the Chic-Chocs Wildlife Sanctuary shown on the chart in Schedule 1” by “woodland caribou, mountain ecotype, Gaspésie population, with respect to the part of that habitat located outside the limits of the Parc national de la Gaspésie”.

**4.** Section 12.1 is amended in the first paragraph

(1) by replacing “In the habitat of the Gaspésie caribou population located in the Chic-Chocs Wildlife Sanctuary and shown on the chart in Schedule 1” in the part preceding subparagraph 1 by “In the part of the habitat of the woodland caribou, mountain ecotype, Gaspésie population, located outside the limits of the Parc national de la Gaspésie”;

(2) by striking out “shown in Schedule 1” in subparagraph 4.

**5.** The Regulation is amended by replacing the expression “Gaspésie caribou population” wherever it appears by “woodland caribou, mountain ecotype, Gaspésie population”.

**6.** Schedule 1 is revoked.

**7.** This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.