

## Draft Regulations

### Draft Minister's Order

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

#### Extension of the setting aside of three areas as proposed aquatic reserves and twenty-nine areas as proposed biodiversity reserves

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 Order respecting the extension of the setting aside of three areas as proposed aquatic reserves and twenty-nine areas as proposed biodiversity reserves, appearing below, may be made by the Minister on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Order is to extend for eight additional years the setting aside of three areas as proposed aquatic reserves and twenty-nine areas as proposed biodiversity reserves. That extension is necessary to maintain in effect the current temporary protection of those areas in order to complete the steps necessary to assign permanent protection status, including the holding of all the required consultations. The draft Order provides that the setting aside of those areas will expire on 14 July, 11 June or 15 October 2020, as the case may be.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Patrick Beauchesne, Director, Direction du patrimoine écologique et des parcs, Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs, édifice Marie-Guyart, 675, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 4<sup>e</sup> étage, boîte 21, Québec (Québec) G1R 5V7; telephone: 418 521-3907, extension 4783; email: patrick.beauchesne@mddep.gouv.qc.ca; fax: 418 646-6169.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Order is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Patrick Beauchesne, Direction du patrimoine écologique et des parcs, Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs, at the abovementioned address.

PIERRE ARCAND,  
*Minister of Sustainable Development,  
Environment and Parks*

### Order of the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks

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

CONCERNING Extension of the setting aside of three areas as proposed aquatic reserves and twenty-nine areas as proposed biodiversity reserves

THE MINISTER OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,  
ENVIRONMENT AND PARKS,

CONSIDERING the Minister's Order dated 17 June 2004 (2004, G.O. 2, 2301), made in accordance with the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (R.S.Q., c. C-61.01), by which the following land has been set aside for a period of four years beginning on 14 July 2004:

Proposed aquatic reserve:

— Upper Harricana;

Proposed biodiversity reserves:

— Taibi lake;  
— Decelles reservoir;  
— Parent lake marshlands;  
— Waskaganish;  
— Piché-Lemoine forest;  
— Opasatica lake;  
— Des Quinze lake;

CONSIDERING the Minister's Order dated 19 June 2008 (2008, G.O. 2, 2940), made in accordance with the Natural Heritage Conservation Act, by which the term of setting aside of the aforementioned proposed aquatic and biodiversity reserves was the subject of an extension of four additional years;

CONSIDERING the Minister's Order dated 29 May 2008 (2008, G.O. 2, 2131), made in accordance with the Natural Heritage Conservation Act, by which the following land has been set aside for a period of four years beginning on 11 June 2008:

Proposed aquatic reserves:

— Rivière-Dumoine;  
— Vallée-de-la-Haute-Rouge;

## Proposed biodiversity reserves:

- Paakumshumwaau-Maatuskaau;
- Lac-Dana;
- Tourbières-Boisées-du-Chiwakamu;
- Montagnes-Blanches;
- Basses-Collines-du-Ruisseau-Serpent;
- Vallée-de-la-Rivière-Maganasipi;
- Wanaki;
- Mont-O'Brien;
- Montagne-du-Diable;
- Îles-du-Kiamika;
- Lac-Némiscachingue;
- Basses-Collines-du-Lac-au-Sorcier;
- Canyon-de-la-Rivière-aux-Rats;
- Basses-Collines-du-Lac-Coucou;
- Brûlis-du-Lac-Oskélanéo;
- Sikitakan Sipi;
- Plateau-de-la-Pierriche;
- Buttes-et-Buttons-du-Lac-Panache;
- Forêt-Montmorency;
- Vallée-Tousignant;

CONSIDERING the Minister's Order dated 3 October 2008 (2008, *G.O.* 2, 4969), made in accordance with the Natural Heritage Conservation Act, by which the following land has been set aside for a period of four years beginning on 15 October 2008:

## Proposed biodiversity reserves:

- Mont-Sainte-Marie;
- Buttes-du-Lac-Montjoie;

CONSIDERING the ecological value of the land and the necessity of extending the setting aside of the land for a term of eight years to complete the steps leading to the assignment of permanent protection status to all that land;

CONSIDERING section 28 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act, which provides that the renewals or extensions of the setting aside of land may not, unless authorized by the Government, be such that the term of the setting aside exceeds six years;

CONSIDERING Order in Council 107-2012 dated 22 February 2012 by which the Government authorized the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks to extend the setting aside of the land for a term of eight years;

## ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

The setting aside of the following land is hereby extended for a term of eight years beginning on 14 July 2012:

## Proposed aquatic reserve:

- Upper Harricana;

## Proposed biodiversity reserves:

- Taibi lake;
- Decelles reservoir;
- Parent lake marshlands;
- Waskaganish;
- Piché-Lemoine forest;
- Opasatica lake;
- Des Quinze lake;

The setting aside of the following land is hereby extended for a term of eight years beginning on 11 June 2012:

## Proposed aquatic reserves:

- Rivière-Dumoine;
- Vallée-de-la-Haute-Rouge;

## Proposed biodiversity reserves:

- Paakumshumwaau-Maatuskaau;
- Lac-Dana;
- Tourbières-Boisées-du-Chiwakamu;
- Montagnes-Blanches;
- Basses-Collines-du-Ruisseau-Serpent;
- Vallée-de-la-Rivière-Maganasipi;
- Wanaki;
- Mont-O'Brien;
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- Brûlis-du-Lac-Oskélanéo;
- Sikitakan Sipi;
- Plateau-de-la-Pierriche;
- Buttes-et-Buttons-du-Lac-Panache;
- Forêt-Montmorency;
- Vallée-Tousignant;

The setting aside of the following land is hereby extended for a term of eight years beginning on 15 October 2012:

Proposed biodiversity reserves:

- Mont-Sainte-Marie;
- Buttes-du-Lac-Montjoie.

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