

Regulations and other Acts

M.O., 2016

Order of the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change dated 5 October 2016

Natural Heritage Conservation Act
(chapter C-61.01)

Extension of the setting aside of land for three proposed ecological reserves

THE MINISTER OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,
ENVIRONMENT AND THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE
CHANGE,

CONSIDERING the first paragraph of section 28 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (chapter C-61.01), which provides that the setting aside of land may be renewed or extended;

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

CONSIDERING the first paragraph of section 88 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act, which provides that the proposed ecological reserves in whose respect a notice was published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* before 19 December 2002 are maintained, and they are governed, as of that date, by the provisions of the Act;

CONSIDERING that the proposed Matamec ecological reserve (northern portion), the proposed Paul-Provencher ecological reserve and the proposed Ruisseau-Clinchamp ecological reserve were the subject of a notice published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 16 July 1994 (1994, *G.O.* 1, 1111), 8 June 1996 (1996, *G.O.* 1, 651) and 30 October 2002 (2002, *G.O.* 2, 5767);

CONSIDERING the second paragraph of section 88 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act, which provides that the Minister has one year from 19 December 2002 to have the Government approve a conservation plan for proposed ecological reserves and they are deemed to have been set aside, in accordance with Title III, for a period of four years beginning on 19 December 2002;

CONSIDERING Order in Council 1364-2003 dated 17 December 2003, whereby the Government approved the conservation plans of the proposed ecological reserves of Matamec (northern portion), Paul-Provencher and Ruisseau-Clinchamp;

CONSIDERING the Minister's Order dated 23 November 2006 (2006, *G.O.* 2, 3913), whereby the setting aside of land for the proposed ecological reserves of Matamec (northern portion), Paul-Provencher and Ruisseau-Clinchamp was extended for a period of two years beginning on 19 December 2006;

CONSIDERING the Minister's Order dated 5 November 2008 (2008, *G.O.* 2, 5153), authorized by Order in Council 1090-2008 dated 5 November 2008, whereby the setting aside of the land was extended for a period of four years beginning on 19 December 2008;

CONSIDERING the Minister's Order dated 16 November 2012 (2012, *G.O.* 2, 3244), authorized by Order in Council 762-2012 dated 4 July 2012, whereby the setting aside of the land was extended for a period of four years beginning on 19 December 2012;

CONSIDERING the importance of the ecological value of that land and the necessity to extend its setting aside for a period of eight years in order to complete the steps required to assign it permanent protection status;

CONSIDERING Order in Council 450-2016 dated 1st June 2016, whereby the Government authorized the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change to extend the setting aside of the land for a period of eight years beginning on 19 December 2016;

CONSIDERING the publication in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 29 June 2016, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), of a notice concerning the proposed extension of the setting aside of land for three proposed ecological reserves and considering that an order may be made by the Minister for that purpose on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

CONSIDERING that the 45-day period has expired and no comments were received;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

The setting aside of the following land is extended for a period of eight years beginning on 19 December 2016:

Proposed ecological reserves of:

— Matamec (northern portion)

— Paul-Provencher;

— Ruisseau-Clinchamp.

Québec, 5 October 2016

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