4. This Regulation comes into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, except for subparagraph *b* of section 9.4.1, inserted by section 2, which comes into force on 1 January 2018.

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Order of the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change dated 5 April 2017

Natural Heritage Conservation Act (chapter C-61.01)

Extension of the setting aside of 20 territories as proposed biodiversity or aquatic 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 Minister's Order dated 18 March 2003 (2003, *G.O.* 2, 1404), whereby the following territories were set aside for a period of 4 years beginning on 7 May 2003:

Proposed biodiversity reserves:

- —de la baie de Boatswain;
- —des collines de Muskuchii;
- -du lac Pasteur;
- —de la péninsule de Ministikawatin;
- —de la plaine de la Missisicabi;

Proposed aquatic reserves:

- —de la rivière Ashuapmushuan;
- —de la rivière Harricana Nord;
- de la rivière Moisie;

CONSIDERING the first paragraph of section 90 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act, which provides that the following territories were set aside in accordance with Title III of the Act, for a period of 4 years beginning on 19 June 2003:

Proposed biodiversity reserves:

- —des basses collines du lac Guernesé;
- —des buttes du lac aux Sauterelles;
- —des collines de Brador:
- —de la côte d'Harrington Harbour;
- —du lac Bright Sand;
- —du lac Gensart;
- —du massif des lacs Belmont et Magpie;
- —des monts Groulx;
- —de la vallée de la rivière Natashquan;

CONSIDERING the Minister's Order dated 20 February 2007 (2007, *G.O.* 2, 1195), whereby the setting aside of the above-mentioned land was extended for a 4-year period beginning on 7 May 2007 and 19 June 2007;

CONSIDERING the Minister's Order dated 21 April 2011 (2011, *G.O.* 2, 1050), whereby the setting aside of the above-mentioned land was extended for a 6-year period beginning on 7 May 2011 and 19 June 2011;

CONSIDERING the Minister's Order dated 24 September 2013 (2013, *G.O.* 2, 3042), whereby the territory of the proposed Réserve de biodiversité de l'Île-aux-Lièvres was set aside for a 4-year period beginning on 24 October 2013;

CONSIDERING the Minister's Order dated 8 October 2013 (2013, *G.O.* 2, 3094), whereby the territory of the proposed Réserve aquatique de Manicouagan was set aside for a 4-year period beginning on 7 November 2013;

CONSIDERING the Minister's Order dated 23 October 2013 (2013, *G.O.* 2, 3165), whereby the territory of the proposed Réserve de biodiversité Michael-Dunn was set aside for a 4-year period beginning on 21 November 2013;

CONSIDERING the importance of the ecological value of those territories and the necessity to extend their setting aside for a period of 8 years in order to complete the various steps required to give them permanent protection status;

CONSIDERING Order in Council 1039-2016 dated 7 December 2016, whereby the Government authorized the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change to extend the setting aside of those territories for an 8-year period beginning on 7 May 2017, 19 June 2017, 24 October 2017, 7 November 2017 and 21 November 2017;

CONSIDERING the publication in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 25 January 2017, 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 20 territories as proposed biodiversity or aquatic reserves and 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 have been received:

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

The setting aside of the following territories is extended for an 8-year period beginning on 7 May 2017:

Proposed biodiversity reserves:

- —de la baie de Boatswain;
- —des collines de Muskuchii;
- —du lac Pasteur:
- —de la péninsule de Ministikawatin;
- —de la plaine de la Missisicabi;

Proposed aquatic reserves:

- —de la rivière Ashuapmushuan;
- —de la rivière Harricana Nord;
- de la rivière Moisie:

The setting aside of the following territories is extended for an 8-year period beginning on 19 June 2017:

Proposed biodiversity reserves:

- —des basses collines du lac Guernesé;
- —des buttes du lac aux Sauterelles:
- —des collines de Brador;

- —de la côte d'Harrington Harbour;
- —du lac Bright Sand;
- —du lac Gensart;
- —du massif des lacs Belmont et Magpie;
- —des monts Groulx;
- —de la vallée de la rivière Natashquan;

The setting aside of the territory of the proposed Réserve de biodiversité de l'Île-aux-Lièvres is extended for an 8-year period beginning on 24 October 2017;

The setting aide of the territory of the proposed Réserve aquatique de Manicouagan is extended for an 8-year period beginning on 7 November 2017;

The setting aside of the territory of the proposed Réserve de biodiversité Michael-Dunn is extended for an 8-year period beginning on 21 November 2017.

Québec, 5 April 2017

DAVID HEURTEL, Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change

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