

## Draft Minister's Order

Natural Heritage Conservation Act  
(chapter C-61.01)

### Extension of the setting aside of 25 territories as proposed biodiversity or aquatic reserves

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1) that, on the expiry of 45 days following this publication, the Minister of the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change intends to extend the setting aside of 25 territories as proposed biodiversity or aquatic reserves and intends to make, to that end, a Minister's Order.

The extension has been authorized by Order in Council 95-2020 dated 12 February 2020. It concerns the following proposed biodiversity reserves (RBP) and proposed aquatic reserves (RAP):

	Regions	Area
<b>End of temporary status: 11 June 2020</b>		
de la Rivière-Dumoulin (RAP)	Abitibi-Témiscamingue and Outaouais	1,445.0 km <sup>2</sup>
de la Vallée-de-la-Haute-Rouge (RAP)	Lanaudière and Laurentides	142.0 km <sup>2</sup>
Paakumshumwaa-Maatuskaau (RBP)	Nord-du-Québec	4,539.0 km <sup>2</sup>
des Montagnes-Blanches (RBP)	Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean and Côte-Nord	959.2 km <sup>2</sup>
des Basses-Collines-du-Ruisseau-Serpent (RBP)	Abitibi-Témiscamingue	112.3 km <sup>2</sup>
de la Vallée-de-la-Rivière-Maganasipi (RBP)	Abitibi-Témiscamingue	89.6 km <sup>2</sup>
Wanaki (RBP)	Abitibi-Témiscamingue	137.9 km <sup>2</sup>
du Mont-O'Brien (RBP)	Outaouais	24.1 km <sup>2</sup>
de la Montagne-du-Diable (RBP)	Laurentides	68.2 km <sup>2</sup>
des Îles-du-Kiamika (RBP)	Laurentides	46.2 km <sup>2</sup>
du Lac-Némiscachingue (RBP)	Lanaudière and Laurentides	253.1 km <sup>2</sup>
des Basses-Collines-du-Lac-au-Sorcier (RBP)	Mauricie and Lanaudière	191.1 km <sup>2</sup>
du Canyon-de-la-Rivière-aux-Rats (RBP)	Mauricie	208.5 km <sup>2</sup>
des Basses-Collines-du-Lac-Coucou (RBP)	Mauricie	177.6 km <sup>2</sup>
du Brûlis-du-Lac-Oskélanéo (RBP)	Mauricie	261.2 km <sup>2</sup>
Sikitakan Sipi (RBP)	Mauricie	91.4 km <sup>2</sup>

	<b>Regions</b>	<b>Area</b>
du Plateau-de-la-Pierriche (RBP)	Saguenay–Lac-Saint-Jean and Mauricie	341.2 km <sup>2</sup>
de la Forêt-Montmorency (RBP)	Capitale-Nationale	8.7 km <sup>2</sup>
de la Vallée-Tousignant (RBP)	Mauricie	42.6 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>End of temporary status: 14 July 2020</b>		
de la haute Harricana (RAP)	Nord-du-Québec and Abitibi-Témiscamingue	177.2 km <sup>2</sup>
du lac Taibi (RBP)	Nord-du-Québec	266.1 km <sup>2</sup>
des marais du lac Parent (RBP)	Abitibi-Témiscamingue	402.7 km <sup>2</sup>
de Waskaganish (RBP)	Nord-du-Québec	1,062.7 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>End of temporary status: 15 October 2020</b>		
des Buttes-du-Lac-Montjoie (RBP)	Laurentides	98.3 km <sup>2</sup>
du Mont-Sainte-Marie (RBP)	Laurentides and Outaouais	136.8 km <sup>2</sup>

The draft Order extends, in accordance with the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (chapter C-61.01), the setting aside of 22 territories as proposed biodiversity reserves and 3 territories as proposed aquatic reserves for a period of 8 years. The extension is necessary to maintain in force the temporary protection those territories currently have in order to complete the steps essential to the assignment of permanent protection status. The draft Order provides that the setting aside of those territories ends on 11 June 2028, 14 July 2028 and 15 October 2028, as the case may be.

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Any person wishing to comment is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Francis Bouchard at the above-mentioned contact information.

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