

Regulations and other Acts

Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 558-2020, 27 May 2020

An Act respecting the conservation and development of wildlife (chapter C-61.1)

Aquaculture and sale of fish — Amendment

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting aquaculture and the sale of fish

WHEREAS, under paragraph 7 of section 73 of the Act respecting the conservation and development of wildlife (chapter C-61.1), the Government may, by regulation, make provisions respecting contagious or parasitic diseases for the purposes of sections 74 and 75;

WHEREAS the Government made the Regulation respecting aquaculture and the sale of fish (chapter C-61.1, r. 7);

WHEREAS, under section 12 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a proposed regulation may be made without having been published as provided for in section 8 of that Act, if the authority making it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 18 of that Act, a regulation may come into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* if the authority making it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it;

WHEREAS, under section 13 and the second paragraph of section 18 of that Act, the reason justifying the absence of prior publication and such coming into force must be published with the regulation;

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Government, the urgency due to the following circumstances warrants the absence of prior publication and such coming into force:

— on 22 May 2020, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency modified the status of the eradication area of Québec with respect to infectious salmon anaemia within the meaning of the Health of Animals Regulations (C.R.C., c. 296);

— that modification changes the status of the eradication area of Québec from that of a buffer area to an infected area within the meaning of those Regulations;

— that modification makes it possible to transport to Québec, without a permit issued in accordance with section 160 of those Regulations, salmon, rainbow trout, brown trout and the eggs thereof from areas declared infected with infectious salmon anaemia, to lower the requirements applicable to their importation and, consequently, to increase the risk that the disease takes hold in Québec;

— an urgent amendment to the Regulation respecting aquaculture and the sale of fish is therefore necessary to enable the Minister to require, in accordance with section 75 of the Act respecting the conservation and development of wildlife, that treatments against infectious salmon anaemia be administered as required, that the fish in question be quarantined or that they be destroyed;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Forests, Wildlife and Parks:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting aquaculture and the sale of fish, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

YVES OUELLET,
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

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1. The Regulation respecting aquaculture and the sale of fish (chapter C-61.1, r. 7) is amended in section 28 by adding the following at the end:

“(7) infectious salmon anaemia.”

2. This Regulation comes into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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