

issued under that Décret and by Orders in Council 911-2005 dated 4 October 2005 and 37-2006 dated 25 January 2006, be amended

(1) by replacing the third paragraph of the operative part by the following:

“The representative of a municipality on the council of Municipalité régionale de comté de La Matapédia has 1 vote for an initial segment of 1,500 inhabitants or less in the municipality of the representative and 1 additional vote for every additional segment of 1,500 habitants, up to a maximum of 4 votes.”;

(2) by replacing the fifth paragraph of the operative part by the following:

“An administrative committee is constituted by these letters patent; it is composed of 7 members appointed according to the following modalities:

— Seat 1: *ex officio* the warden

— Seat 2: *ex officio* the deputy warden

— Seat 3: *ex officio* the mayor of Ville d’Amqui

— Seat 4: *ex officio* the mayor of Ville de Causapscal or the mayor of Municipalité de Sayabec, according to alternating terms of office

— Seat 5: a mayor from one of the municipalities situated in the eastern sector of the regional county municipality that includes the municipalities of Sainte-Florence, Albertville, Sainte-Marguerite-Marie, Lac-au-Saumon and Saint-Alexandre-des-Lacs

— Seat 6: a mayor from one of the municipalities situated in the central sector of the regional county municipality that includes the municipalities of Saint-Léon-le-Grand, Saint-Zénon-du-Lac-Humqui, Saint-Tharcisius, Saint-Vianney and Sainte-Ère

— Seat 7: a mayor from one of the municipalities situated in the western sector of the regional county municipality that includes the municipalities of Val-Brillant, Saint-Cléophas, Saint-Moise, Saint-Noël and Saint-Damase

The mayors of the municipalities of Amqui, Causapscal and Sayabec are not eligible for seats 5, 6 and 7 of the administrative committee. In the event that a mayor refuses either seat 3 or 4 of the administrative committee, or if one of the mayors is appointed deputy warden (seat 2), each vacant seat will be attributed by the council to a member of

that council after having filled seats 5, 6 and 7. The members in seats 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the administrative committee are appointed by a resolution of the council, according to the prescribed modalities. The rules of operation of the administrative committee are those applicable to an executive committee constituted under the Municipal Code of Québec (chapter C-27.1), provided they are compatible with the rules provided for in these letters patent.”

YVES OUELLET
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

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Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 198-2022, 23 February 2022

Act to amend the Natural Heritage Conservation Act and other provisions (2021, chapter 1)

Natural Heritage Conservation Act (chapter C-61.01)

Sustainable Forest Development Act (chapter A-18.1)

Certain transitional measures necessary for the application of the Act to amend the Natural Heritage Conservation Act and other provisions

Regulation respecting certain transitional measures necessary for the application of the Act to amend the Natural Heritage Conservation Act and other provisions

WHEREAS the Act to amend the Natural Heritage Conservation Act and other provisions (2021, chapter 1) was assented to on 17 February 2021 and came into force on 19 March 2021;

WHEREAS, under section 66 of the Act, the Government may, by regulation, before 19 March 2022, take any other transitional measure necessary to carry out the Act or effectively achieve its purpose;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 44 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (chapter C-61.01), the Government may, by regulation, determine

(1) that, in addition to the cases provided for in the Act, the carrying on of an activity is prohibited within a protected area;

(2) that an activity may, although it is prohibited under section 49, 51 or 55 of the Act, be carried on with the authorization of the Minister; or

(3) that the carrying on of an activity that is not prohibited under the Act or the regulations made under subparagraph 1 is subject to obtaining the authorization of the Minister;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 38 of the Sustainable Forest Development Act (chapter A-18.1), the Government may, by regulation, prescribe sustainable forest development standards for anyone carrying on a forest development activity in a forest in the domain of the State and the main object of the standards is to ensure the preservation or renewal of the forest cover, the protection of the forest environment, the conciliation of forest development activities with the activities pursued by Native people and other users of the forest, and the compatibility of forest development activities with the use of land in the domain of the State under the land use plan provided for in the Act respecting the lands in the domain of the State (chapter T-8.1);

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), the draft Regulation respecting certain transitional measures necessary for the application of the Act to amend the Natural Heritage Conservation Act and other provisions was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 24 November 2021 with a notice that it could be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation without amendment;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change and the Minister of Forests, Wildlife and Parks:

THAT the Regulation respecting certain transitional measures necessary for the application of the Act to amend the Natural Heritage Conservation Act and other provisions, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

YVES OUELLET
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Regulation respecting certain transitional measures of the Act to amend the Natural Heritage Conservation Act and other provisions

Act to amend the Natural Heritage Conservation Act and other provisions
(2021, chapter 1, s. 66)

Natural Heritage Conservation Act
(chapter C-61.01, s. 44)

Sustainable Forest Development Act
(chapter A-18.1, s. 38)

1. Sections 46, 47 and 49 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (chapter C-61.01), as they read on 18 March 2021, continue to apply to the Réserve aquatique de la Vallée-de-la-Rivière-Sainte-Marguerite established as at that date until the coming into force of the first regulation made under section 44 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act that applies to that reserve. The same applies to the Regulation respecting the Réserve aquatique de la Vallée-de-la-Rivière-Sainte-Marguerite (chapter C-61.01, r. 1.1), as it reads on 18 March 2021.

However, that aquatic reserve becomes, without further formality, the Réserve de biodiversité de la Vallée-de-la-Rivière-Sainte-Marguerite.

2. Despite the first paragraph of section 1 of this Regulation and the second paragraph of section 62 of the Act to amend the Natural Heritage Conservation Act and other provisions (2021, chapter 1), the provisions of the regulations adopted for each biodiversity reserve and ecological reserve established as at 18 March 2021 that concern their establishment, boundaries and plan, as they read on that date, remain in force despite the coming into force of the first regulation made under section 44 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (chapter C-61.01) that applies to those reserves.

Those provisions are deemed to have been made in accordance with section 27 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act and the Government may assign the reserves concerned any other protection status, apply any other conservation measure to them, amend their boundaries or terminate their designation in accordance with section 42 of that Act.

3. The conservation plans for biodiversity reserves, ecological reserves and the Estuaire-de-la-Rivière-Bonaventure marine reserve, established as at 18 March 2021, are replaced by the conservation plans published by the Minister on the website of the Minister's department.

4. For the purposes of section 62 of the Act to amend the Natural Heritage Conservation Act and other provisions (2021, chapter 1), this Regulation is deemed to be the first regulation made under section 44 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (chapter C-61.01) in respect of the ecological reserves established as at 18 March 2021.

5. Sections 31 to 38 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (chapter C-61.01) do not apply to the designation of land as a protected area in accordance with section 27 of that Act or the change to a protected area in accordance with section 42 of that Act, when, on or before 18 March 2021, one of the public consultations listed below provided clarification concerning the various issues raised by the proposed protected area or the proposed change to a protected area established as at that date:

(1) a public consultation held in accordance with sections 37 to 42 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act, as they read on 18 March 2021;

(2) a public hearing or targeted consultation held in accordance with section 6.3 of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2);

(3) an environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure provided for in Title II of the Environment Quality Act.

6. The Minister may change the proposed aquatic reserves, proposed biodiversity reserves and proposed ecological reserves referred to in section 64 of the Act to amend the Natural Heritage Conservation Act and other provisions (2021, chapter 1) on the conditions set out in sections 27, 29 and 30 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (chapter C-61.01), as they read on 18 March 2021.

7. The Regulation respecting the sustainable development of forests in the domain of the State (chapter A-18.1, r. 0.01) is amended in section 3

(1) by striking out subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph;

(2) by inserting the following after the fourth paragraph:

“Forest development activities in a protected area, within the meaning of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (chapter C-61.01), established under that Act or the Parks Act (chapter P-9) must be carried out in accordance with those Acts.”

8. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

Despite the first paragraph, section 3 comes into force, in respect of the following protected areas, on the date of the coming into force of the first regulation made under section 44 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (chapter C-61.01) that applies to those areas:

(1) the Réserve aquatique de l’Estuaire-de-la-Rivière-Bonaventure;

(2) the Réserve de biodiversité des Caribous-de-Val-d’Or;

(3) the Réserve de biodiversité du Karst-de-Saint-Elzéar;

(4) the Réserve de biodiversité des Lacs-Vaudray-et-Joannès;

(5) the Réserve de biodiversité de la Météorite;

(6) the Réserve de biodiversité Uapishka.

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Order 4705-2022 of the Minister of Justice dated 3 March 2022

Act to create a court specialized in sexual violence and domestic violence (2021, chapter 32)

Regulation entitled Pilot project to establish a court specialized in sexual violence and domestic violence

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,

CONSIDERING section 25 of the Act to create a court specialized in sexual violence and domestic violence (2021, chapter 32), which empowers the Minister of Justice to implement a pilot project to establish a specialized court in order to reserve a special procedure for proceedings involving sexual violence or domestic violence;

CONSIDERING the publication of a draft Regulation related to the Pilot project to establish a court specialized in sexual violence and domestic violence in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 22 December 2021, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations