- **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-Vaudrayet-Joannès;
  - (5) the Réserve de biodiversité de la Météorite;
  - (6) the Réserve de biodiversité Uapishka.

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## M.O., 2022

## 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

Act (chapter R-18.1), with a notice that it could be made by the Minister of Justice on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

Considering the expiry of the 45-day period;

Considering the comments received;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to make the Regulation;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

That the Regulation entitled Pilot project to establish a court specialized in sexual violence and domestic violence, attached to this Order, be made.

Québec, 3 March 2022

SIMON JOLIN-BARRETTE *Minister of Justice* 

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

Act to create a court specialized in sexual violence and domestic violence (2021, chapter 32, s. 25)

- **1.** Within the context of a pilot project, a court specialized in sexual violence and domestic violence is established, in the judicial districts determined by the Minister, in order to reserve a special procedure for proceedings involving sexual violence or domestic violence.
- **2.** Within the context of the project, the Criminal and Penal Division of the Court of Québec includes a division called "Division Specialized in Sexual Violence and Domestic Violence" that hears all proceedings involving sexual violence or domestic violence.

Despite the first paragraph, the following proceedings are not heard by the Specialized Division:

- (1) proceedings that are under the jurisdiction of the Youth Division of the Court of Québec;
- (2) proceedings that are under the jurisdiction of the Superior Court.

The Director of Criminal and Penal Prosecutions determines, in light of the facts and circumstances of a case, whether an alleged criminal offence involves sexual violence or domestic violence and, if such is the case, refers the case to the Specialized Division.

**3.** This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* and ceases to have effect on 30 November 2024.

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