

M.O., 2023**Order 2023-1011 of the Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks dated 6 December 2023**

Designation of a natural setting with boundaries established on a plan of Île Brion, in the Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine region

THE MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT, THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

CONSIDERING the first paragraph of section 13 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (chapter C-61.01), which provides that the Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks may, to ensure the maintenance of biodiversity and of the associated ecological functions, in particular to take into account climate change issues, designate natural settings by establishing their boundaries on a plan;

CONSIDERING that under Order in Council 1762-2023, dated December 6, 2023, the boundaries of the Île Brion ecological reserve have been amended to allow sustainable commercial winter hunting of grey seals on a part of Île Brion;

CONSIDERING that to maintain the biodiversity and ecological functions associated with the Île Brion ecological reserve across the entire island of Île Brion, the natural setting, which is located on Île Brion and whose boundaries are established on a plan appended to this Ministerial Order, requires protection;

CONSIDERING the first paragraph of section 15 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act, which provides that the Minister must make public a proposal to designate a natural setting under section 13 by publishing a notice in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* and by any other means of informing the public;

CONSIDERING the publication in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* dated November 1st 2023 and in the local newspaper *Le Radar* on November 3rd 2023 of the summary plan of the natural setting with boundaries established on a plan of Île Brion, with a notice that it could be designated by the Minister on the expiry of 30 days following its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to designate the natural setting with boundaries established on a plan of Île Brion;

CONSIDERING the first paragraph of section 16 of the Act, which requires the Minister to publish the definitive plan of a natural setting designated under section 13 in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*;

CONSIDERING section 17 of the Act, which provides that the designation of a natural setting comes into force on the date of publication of the plan in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

The natural setting, located in the Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine region, with boundaries established on a plan of Île Brion and shown on the descriptive plan filed in the office of the Surveyor-General of Québec under file number BAGQ 548107, minute 616 of land surveyor Stéphane Morneau dated 16 November 2023, appended to this Order, is hereby designated.

Québec, 6 December 2023

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Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks
