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The said perimeter defining the territory of Ville de Plessisville, in the regional county municipality of L'Érable.

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Amendment of the boundaries of the Île Brion ecological reserve in the Gaspésie–Îles-de-la-Madeleine region

WHEREAS, by Order in Council 1274-88, dated 24 August 1988, the Government made the Règlement sur la réserve écologique de l'Île-Brion, which establishes the Île Brion ecological reserve;

WHEREAS, under the second paragraph of section 2 of the Regulation respecting certain transitional measures of the Act to amend the Natural Heritage Conservation Act and other provisions (chapter C-61.01, r. 0.1), the provisions of the regulations made in particular for each ecological reserve established as at 18 March 2021 that concern their establishment, boundaries and plan, as they read on that date, are deemed to have been made in accordance with section 27 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (chapter C-61.01, r. 0.1) 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 the Natural Heritage Conservation Act;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 42 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act, the Government may, if the public interest justifies it, assign any other protection status to a protected area, apply any other conservation measure to it, amend its boundaries or terminate its designation and, in all cases, the Government shall take into account the interests of the local and Aboriginal communities concerned in order to foster their support;

WHEREAS, under the second paragraph of section 42 of the Act, if the effect of the decision is to decrease the total surface area of protected areas in Québec, the Government must take any appropriate conservation measure to compensate for that decrease, in particular by designating as a protected area, under that Act or another Act, another area having biophysical characteristics that are at least equivalent to those of the area concerned;

WHEREAS, under the third paragraph of section 42 of the Act, the Government must, in its decision, set out the reasons justifying it;

WHEREAS, under section 5 of the Regulation respecting certain transitional measures of the Act to amend the Natural Heritage Conservation Act and other provisions, sections 31 to 38 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act 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 in section 5 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, in particular a public hearing or targeted consultation held in accordance with section 6.3 of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2);

WHEREAS, given the increase in the grey seal population, the Communauté maritime des Îles-de-la-Madeleine has requested that the protection status of Île Brion be amended to regulate certain sustainable activities, including the grey seal hunt on beach areas;

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 6.3 of the Environment Quality Act, on 15 August 2018, the Minister of Sustainable Development, the Environment and the Fight against Climate Change gave the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement the mandate to hold a consultation to enable the general public to express its views on the issues arising from the request by the Communauté maritime des Îles-de-la-Madeleine, and more specifically to analyze the possibility of amending the boundaries of the ecological reserve and the protection status of the beach areas;

WHEREAS the public consultation took place in the fall of 2018 and the report on the inquiry and public consultation was made public prior to 18 March 2021, on 21 December 2018;

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the boundaries of the Île Brion ecological reserve among other things by withdrawing beach areas, in particular to allow a sustainable commercial winter seal hunt;

WHEREAS it is in the interest of the public to allow that hunt in order to help to maintain the practice of that traditional activity of the Magdalen Islanders, which contributes to the local economy;

WHEREAS the effect of the decision is to decrease the total surface area of protected areas in Québec by close to 9 ha;

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 15 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act, a notice that the Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks intends to designate the natural setting with boundaries established on a plan of Île Brion was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 1 November 2023 and this designation can take effect after a period of 30 days from the publication of the notice in the *Gazette officielle du Québec;*

WHEREAS that conservation measure covering 20 ha compensates for the decrease of the total surface area of protected areas in Québec;

WHEREAS the territory of the Île Brion ecological reserve covererd by the new boundaries is part of the domain of the State;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the first paragraph of section 151 of the Act respecting land use and development (chapter A-19.1), the Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks has given the Communauté maritime des Îles-de-la-Madeleine a notice that describes the planned intervention;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the first paragraph of section 152 of the Act, on 6 December 2022, the Communauté maritime des Îles-de-la-Madeleine gave its opinion on the conformity of the planned intervention with its planning and development plan;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 40 and section 43 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act, all Government decisions referred to in section 42 of the Act come into force on the date of their publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*;

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

THAT the boundaries of the Île Brion ecological reserve, in the Gaspésie–Îles-de-la-Madeleine region, a plan of which appears in Schedule 1 of the Règlement sur la réserve écologique de l'Île-Brion made by Order in Council 1274-88, dated 24 August 1988, be replaced by those shown on the plan appended to this Order in Council;

THAT the Regulation be amended in section 1 by replacing "section 2 and" by "the original plan filed in the office of the Surveyor-General of Québec under file number BAGQ 544447, minute 615 of land surveyor Stéphane Morneau dated 16 November 2023,";

THAT section 2 be revoked.

DOMINIQUE SAVOIE Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

SCHEDULE 1

PLAN OF THE ÎLE BRION ECOLOGICAL RESERVE

