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Introduction

Québec’s forests are immense. Forest management and wood processing by the forest industry generate significant levels of economic activity, both provincially and nationally. This economic activity uses a renewable resource and allows the forest sector to play a major role in mitigating climate change. The Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs (MFFP) wishes to maintain the benefits and services offered by the forest sector to all of Québec society as a whole, now and in the future.

In the Sustainable Forest Management Strategy (SFMS), the MFFP provided for the introduction of a provincial wood production strategy. The first version of that strategy, known as the Québec Draft Wood Production Strategy (QWPS), aims to maintain the socio-economic benefits provided by the wood processing sector by developing the full potential of Québec’s forests. A further aim is to ensure the viability of the Government’s silvicultural investments, among other things by responding to recommendations made by Québec’s Auditor General following her 2017 audit of the silvicultural work.

After producing the Draft QWPS, the MFFP sought comments and opinions from the main forest sector partners and stakeholders. This Consultation Report presents a compilation of the comments and opinions received by the MFFP during the summer of 2018.
The Draft Québec Wood Production Strategy

Québec's forests play a role in the economic vitality of many regions. Forest management and wood processing activities create jobs for 60,000 workers throughout the province\(^1\). The forest sector generates annual revenues of $15 billion and accounts for 12% of Québec's total exports\(^2\).

The MFFP prepared the Draft QWPS with a view to maintaining a healthy wood industry able to play a role in creating collective wealth. The Draft QWPS offers a structured plan of action that is designed to improve the supply of wood for the forest industry, both now and in the future.

The Draft QWPS is structured into 5 focus areas and 11 objectives that will be achieved through specific actions. It also proposes increases in the targeted value of the harvested wood supply in the short, medium and longer terms.

Aims of the Consultation

Le MFFP sought comments and opinions on the Draft QWPS from the main forest sector partners and stakeholders, in order to produce an improved version. In particular, the MFFP wanted to consult its partner’s opinions of:

- The proposed provincial strategic targets (increase in the value of the harvested timber supply and areas of increased timber production (AITPs));
- Their overall opinion of the Draft QWPS;
- The five focus areas and the related objectives and specific actions;
- Monitoring of the QWPS' results.

The form used for the consultation process can be found in Appendix 1.

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2. Ibid.
Consultation Process

The consultation on the Draft QWPS was announced in a letter of invitation first sent to the members of the Forest Partners’ Table (see the composition of this provincial table in Appendix 2). The letter invited them to attend a special meeting that took place at Université Laval on June 5, 2018. At the meeting, the MFFP authorities presented the main elements of the QWPS, and the meeting ended with a discussion period. The same day, the MFFP published a press release announcing the Partners’ Table meeting and launching the consultation on the draft Strategy.

The consultation period therefore began on June 5, 2018. Although the documents associated with the Draft QWPS were not intended for official public consultation purposes, they were made available online via the MFFP’s website so that anyone who so wished could read them and submit comments to the MFFP. A consultation form was also made available to participants on the MFFP website. The form contained twelve questions, mostly on the draft Strategy’s focus areas, objectives and specific actions (see the form in Appendix 1). Participants who so wished could also submit a brief to the MFFP.

Individuals and organizations had until August 6, 2018, to submit their comments to the MFFP by e-mail, via the form or in a brief, at Consultation_SPB@mffp.gouv.qc.ca.

As for the specific consultation for Aboriginal communities, it began on August 1, 2018 and ended on September 14, 2018. The Aboriginal communities were invited to take part by means of a letter sent by the Minister, and were able to read the Draft QWPS. The MFFP also presented the Draft QWPS to Aboriginal communities and organizations upon request.
Consultation Findings

The consultation lasted for more than three months in all, from June 5 to September 14, 2018. The MFFP received more than 200 opinions from forestry community partners and stakeholders, as well as from private citizens. It was among of the ministerial consultations that achieved the highest participation rate.

Statistical profile of participants

A total of 211 participants sent opinions or comments to the MFFP:

- 23 provincial bodies, including 18 members of the Forest Partners’ Table;
- 12 regional bodies representing 9 regions;
- 11 Aboriginal communities;
- 165 private citizens.

The MFFP received 28 briefs, 2 letters and 187 electronic forms. Most of the provincial bodies and Aboriginal communities submitted briefs while all private citizens used the electronic form. Among the electronic forms received, 6 came from bodies that also submitted briefs (duplicates) and 97 were in support of Greenpeace. During analysis, 41 forms were excluded because they did not address the aims of the consultation.

Figure 1 presents a profile of participants by group (private citizens, regional or national bodies, Aboriginal communities).

![Figure 1 Profile of participants](image-url)
Classification of Opinions and Comments

To structure the analysis of the opinions and comments received, participants were classified according to their area of activity (e.g. wood sector) or area of interest (e.g. wildlife/tourism). This helped identify (1) the strengths and weaknesses of the Draft QWPS and (2) any recurrent comments made by participants with shared activities or interests.

Categories of participants’ activities or interests

Participants were grouped into eight categories, each representing a specific area of activity or interest:

- Private citizens;
- Environment;
- Wildlife/tourism;
- Wood industry (forestry companies, forestry cooperatives, forestry consultants and private forest producers);
- Municipal sector;
- Aboriginal communities;
- Research/teaching;
- Forestry workers and professionals (unions, professional orders, regional groups).

Grouping of opinions and comments

To facilitate the analysis, the opinions and comments most often made by participants via the form or in a brief were grouped together under eight subject headings, as follows:

- The concept of and targets for increasing the value of the wood supply (value-based management in complementarity with volume, not just on volume);
- Viable investments in the forest;
- Intensification of wood production through the creation of areas of increased timber production (AITPs) in Québec, with 25% of AITPs to be entered in the register provided for in the Sustainable Forest Development Act;
- Harvesting of wood that is available now (wood that has been allocated but not harvested for a variety of reasons);
- The private forest’s contribution to the production of wood for the wood industry;
- The forest sector’s role in helping to mitigate and adapt to climate change (carbon cycle);
- Support for innovation (including coordination with the “Stratégie de développement de l’industrie québécoise des produits forestiers 2018-2023” [2018-2023 Development Strategy for Québec Forest Products Industry];
- Integration of leading-edge knowledge into forestry practices.
Opinions and comments not included in the Consultation Report

The opinions and comments received were screened to ensure that they could be analyzed in accordance with the MFFP’s aim for the consultation, which was to obtain opinions and comments on the content of the Draft QWPS consultation document. As a result, opinions and comments on other subjects were not retained for the purposes of this report. However, they were forwarded to the ministerial team responsible for forest cultivation.

In all, 41 forms had to be excluded because the participants concerned, mostly private citizens, had taken advantage of the consultation to express their dissatisfaction with or objections to subjects other than those addressed in the Draft QWPS consultation document.

The excluded opinions and comments were mainly concerned with the following subjects:

- Government management of the public forests;
- Harvesting in general, perceived as deforestation;
- Environmental values, mainly better protection for Québec’s forests (protected areas and biodiversity) and maintenance of the forest’s ecological services (e.g. air and water quality);
- The type of consultation process used by the MFFP;
- Lack of information or knowledge to help participants answer the questions on the form available via the website.
Summary of Comments Received

Analysis of the comments retained for the report revealed several main themes or subjects that were of concern to most respondents.

The highlights from the comments received are shown below:

- A significant percentage of the comments were related to the areas of increased timber production (AITPs);
- Most respondents were in favour of implementing a QWPS focused on increasing the value of wood. Only the wood sector partners expressed an interest in increasing allowable cuts;
- The opinions and comments received suggested that participants agreed with the use of analyses and calculations to ensure the viability of silvicultural investments;
- Most respondents agreed on the role that the private forest could play in the QWPS, provided financial support is maintained;
- Many respondents wondered about the impact an increase in wood production would have on the other elements of the Sustainable Forest Management Strategy (creation of wealth from the forest's other resources);
- Some respondents commented on the capacity to implement and monitor the future regional wood production strategies, given the current financial context and the shortage of labour in the forest sector.

The highlights from the comments made by Aboriginal communities are shown below:

- Compatibility of the AITPs with their traditional activities and with woodland caribou habitats;
- The lack of consideration for other forest resources in the notion of “value”;
- The obvious preponderance of economic viability over ecological sustainability;
- An assurance that the calculation method used to quantify carbon sequestration will be both rigorous and transparent;
- Deployment of the QWPS with due respect for the agreements and for existing, ancestral and treaty rights.

Most of the reservations expressed by participants concerned the following aspects:

- The provincial target for AITPs, which was thought to be too high, and should be set by the regions;
- The lack of any potential gains for protected areas, ecosystem-based management and harmonization when applying intensive development techniques to the public forest;
- The reliability and rigour of the analysis methods and economic calculations used to measure value, and integration of new outlets for the wood sector (e.g. wood chemistry);
- The rigour of the calculations used to measure carbon sequestration or to produce a carbon review of the forest sector’s role in mitigating climate change.
Compilation of Comments

Based on the classification of respondents by activity or interest, it was possible to identify the main elements of concern to each category. The MFFP was then able to analyze the level of agreement (including conditional agreement) of the opinions and comments with a given element, to obtain a better idea of respondent receptivity.

If a participant did not answer a question or comment on a topic, that participant’s response was not included in the analysis for that topic. The only responses compiled were those from the questions relating to the topics identified. Similarly, if a participant answered a question on the form with “no comment”, the response was counted in the “No additional comment” column.

The compilation revealed the questions and topics for which the most comments were received – i.e. those for which the participants showed the most interest. It also revealed a number of trends in the positions of different categories of participants on the proposals presented in the Draft QWPS.

Table 1 presents a summary of the comments received, classified under the eight main subject headings identified above. The five topics on which the most comments were received were:

- The proposed provincial target for areas of increased timber production (AITP) (157/211 participants);
- Use of the AITP concept (155/211 participants);
- Harvesting of wood that is currently available (147/211 participants);
- The forest sector’s contribution to mitigation of and adaptation to climate change (147/211 participants);
- The shift to value (147/211 participants).

When the opinions and comments were compiled, it became clear that several participants had commented on subjects that were “off-topic”. These comments were divided according to whether they related to the MFFP’s consultation process or to subjects that did not fit into the eight main subject headings but were nevertheless mentioned in the consultation document (e.g. forest roads). Given the recurrence of this type of comment, the subjects to which they applied have been compiled in the last section of Table 1.
Table 1: Compilation of comments and opinions received

Notes: The figures in brackets show the number of participants who made the comment. Not all the participants commented on all the topics, meaning that the total number of participants per topic differs from the total number of consultation respondents.

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| | Aboriginal communities | 5 | | | | | |
| | Forestry workers/professionals | 2 | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | 127 | | | 13 | 7 | |
| Making profitable investments in the forest | Private citizen | 105 | Agreement conditional on evidence of gains for society (98) | | 8 | 2 | 141
| | Environment | 3 | Agreement conditional on all values being included in the calculations (1) | | | | |
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| | Aboriginal communities | 7 | Agreement conditional on the fact that economic profitability does not take precedence over social and environmental values | | 3 | | |
| | Forestry workers/professionals | 2 | | | 1 | | |
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| Intensification of wood production through the implementation of AITPs in Québec | Private citizen | 107 | Agreement conditional on the use of gains to complete the network of protected areas or to promote other resources (introduction of “functional zoning”) (104) | | 10 | 4 | 155
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Provincial strategic target of recording 25% of AITPs in the register provided for in the Sustainable Forest Development Act

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Conclusion

The MFFP would like to thank all the participants who took the time to submit opinions or comments during the consultation on Draft Québec Wood Production Strategy. The consultation achieved a very high response rate even though it was not an official public consultation. This clearly illustrates the interest of forest sector partners, forest stakeholders and the general public in the production of wood from Québec’s forests. The comments and opinions received will be used to improve the Québec Wood Production Strategy, and will almost certainly also have an impact on the content of the forthcoming regional strategies, given the concerns, values and needs expressed by the participants.
Appendix 1: Québec Wood Production Strategy Consultation Form

Consultation on the proposed Draft Québec Wood Production Strategy

Comments

Welcome to the electronic form for the Québec Wood Production Strategy consultation. To formulate your comments, please answer the following questions. Your input is valuable because it will allow the Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs to prepare a strategy that reflects the values of its partners and the general public.

The questionnaire contains 12 questions. You are not required to answer them all. Only those marked with an asterisk (*) are compulsory.

Your personal information will be used for the purposes of the consultation only, and will not be made public. It will be processed in accordance with the requirements of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information.

Information on the respondent

*Your comments are made:

On your own personal behalf

On behalf of an organization (name) _____________

*From which region are you or your organization from?

- 01 - Bas-Saint-Laurent
- 02 - Saguenay–Lac-Saint-Jean
- 03 - Capitale-Nationale
- 04 – Mauricie
- 05 – Estrie
- 06 – Montréal
- 07 – Outaouais
- 08 - Abitibi-Témiscamingue
- 09 - Côte-Nord
- 10 - Nord-du-Québec
- 11 - Gaspésie–Îles-de-la-Madeleine
- 12 - Chaudière-Appalaches
- 13 – Laval
- 14 – Lanaudière
- 15 – Laurentides
- 16 – Montérégie
- 17 - Centre-du-Québec
- I represent an organization that is active throughout Québec (provincial organization)
*The MFFP will publish a report on the consultation findings. Your comments may appear in the report, but no information will be published that could be used to identify you. However, the MFFP may publish the briefs and questionnaires it receives on its website.

- Please click if you agree that your comments may be published anonymously on the MFFP’s website.

**Provincial strategic targets (page 11)**

1. What do you think of the targets for increasing the value of the timber supply that have been proposed for the short, medium and longer term?
2. What do you think of the 25% target for areas of increased timber production (AITP)?

**Overall appreciation**

3. Which of your expectations for a wood production strategy have been considered properly in the draft strategy? Which have not been considered sufficiently, or at all?
4. What are the strengths of the proposed draft Québec Wood Production Strategy?
5. Which aspects of the proposed draft Québec Wood Production Strategy should be improved?

**Focus areas (page 13)**

6. Do you wish to comment on the objectives and actions listed for focus area 1, production of economically desirable wood?
7. Do you wish to comment on the objectives and actions listed for focus area 2, the development of available wood?
8. Do you wish to comment on the objectives and actions listed for focus area 3, the private forest’s contribution to collective wealth?
9. Do you wish to comment on the objectives and actions listed for focus area 4, the forest sector’s contribution to climate change mitigation goals?
10. Do you wish to comment on the objectives and actions listed for focus area 5, innovation and knowledge?
11. Are there any elements not in the proposed draft Québec Wood Production Strategy, which you feel should have been included?

**Monitoring of the Strategy’s results**

12. What are your expectations concerning monitoring of the implementation and results of the Québec Wood Production Strategy?
Appendix 2: Consultation Participants

Forest Partners’ Table

These organizations were invited by letter. Table members who submitted opinions are identified by an asterisk (*).

- Agence de mise en valeur de la forêt privée de l’Estrie
- Agence des forêts privées de Québec de la Capitale-Nationale*
- Agence forestière des Bois-Francs
- Agence régionale de mise en valeur des forêts privées de la Chaudière
- Agence régionale de mise en valeur des forêts privées de l’Abitibi
- Assembly of First Nations of Québec and Labrador
- Association des consultants en foresterie du Québec*
- Association des entrepreneurs en travaux sylvicoles du Québec
- Association forestière de l’Abitibi-Témiscamingue
- Association forestière de la Vallée du Saint-Maurice
- Association forestière des deux rives
- Association nationale des camionneurs artisans inc.
- Centrale des syndicats démocratiques
- Chaire industrielle CRSNG-UQAT-UQAM en aménagement forestier durable*
- Collectif régional de développement du Bas-Saint-Laurent
- Comité sectoriel de main-d’œuvre en aménagement forestier
- Confédération des syndicats nationaux*
- Cree-Québec Forestry Council*
- Conseil de l’industrie forestière du Québec*
- Domtar
- Faculté de foresterie, de géographie et de géomatique de l’Université Laval*
- Fédération des pourvoiries du Québec inc.*
- Fédération des producteurs forestiers du Québec*
- Fédération des trappeurs gestionnaires du Québec*
- Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec
- Fédération québécoise des coopératives forestières*
- Fédération québécoise des municipalités
- Fondation de la faune du Québec
- Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)
- Institut des Sciences de la Forêt tempérée
- Jour de la Terre
- Nature Québec/UQCN*
- Office des producteurs de plants forestiers du Québec
- Ordre des ingénieurs forestiers du Québec*
- Rayonier Advanced Materials*
- Regroupement des associations forestières régionales du Québec
- Regroupement des locataires des terres publiques du Québec inc.
- Regroupement des sociétés d’aménagement forestier du Québec*
- Regroupement national des conseils régionaux de l’environnement du Québec
- Canadian Forestry Service
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI)
- Société des établissements de plein air du Québec*
- Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society*
- Unifor
- Union des municipalités du Québec
- Université du Québec à Chicoutimi
- Université du Québec à Rimouski
- Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue*
- Université du Québec en Outaouais (Regroupement d’étudiants et de diplômés en gestion durable des écosystèmes forestiers)*
- Zecs Québec

**Other provincial bodies that submitted opinions**

- Centre d’enseignement et de recherche en foresterie de Sainte-Foy inc. (CERFO)
- Fédération québécoise pour le saumon atlantique
- Greenpeace Canada
- Produits Forestier Résolu

**Regional bodies that submitted opinions**

- Association des gestionnaires de zecs de l’Abitibi-Témiscamingue
- Association régionale des gestionnaires de zecs de la Mauricie (ARGZM)
- Association touristique Abitibi-Témiscamingue
- JBACE
- Fédération des organismes de gestion en commun du Bas-St-Laurent
- Forêt Vive
- Le Groupe CAF
- MRC de La Vallée-de-l'Or
- MRC de Matawinie
- MRC de Témiscouata
- Signature Bois Laurentides
- Tourisme Abitibi-Témiscamingue
Aboriginal communities invited to participate

Aboriginal communities or bodies that submitted opinions or contacted the MFFP are identified by an asterisk (*).

- Kativik Regional Government
- James Bay Advisory Committee on the Environment*
- Cree-Québec Forestry Board*
- Lac Barrière Band Council
- Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg* Band Council
- Anishnabe Nation of Lac Simon Band Council*
- Huron-Wendat Nation Council*
- Innu Matimekush - Lake John Nation Council
- First Nation Council of Abitibiwinni
- First Nation Council of the Innus of Essipit*
- Kitcisakik Anicinapek Council*
- Opitciwan Atikamekw Council
- Manawan Atikamekw Council
- Wemotaci Atikamekw Council
- Unamen Shipu Innu Council
- Ekuanitshit Innu Council
- Nutashkuan Innu Council
- Pakuashipi Innu Council
- Pessamit Innu Council
- Akwesasne Mohawk Council
- Kahnawake* Mohawk Council
- Kanesatake Mohawk Council
- Takuaikan Uashat mak Mani-Utenam Innu Council
- Grand Council of the Waban-Aki Nation*
- First Nations of Québec and Labrador Sustainable Development Institute*
- Mi’gmawei Mawiomi Secretariat*
- Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach
- Eagle Village First Nation – Kipawa
- Longue-Pointe First Nation
- Timiskaming First Nation*
- Wolf Lake First Nation*
- Pekuakamiulnuatsh First Nation*
- Malecite First Nation of Viger