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1. Context

The Sustainable Forest Development Act (LADTF) (L.R.Q., c. A-18.1) that has been in force since April 1st, 2013, gives the ministre des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs (MFFP) the responsibility of developing operational and tactical integrated forest management plans (PAFIO and PAFIT) and special management plans (PAS). It also requires that these plans, including development based on the principle of ecosystem management, be subject to a public consultation.

2. Objectives of the Public Consultation

Public consultation on the PAFIO was held from September 25th to October 20th, 2017. The public was invited during this period to comment on the management unit plan managed by the Directorate General of the Northwest sector, Unit 085-51.

The plan that was submitted for public consultation revealed the operational planning of the region's forestry resource development. More specifically, the plan includes changed or added potential intervention sectors and the potential location of roads and other infrastructures to be built or to be improved.

Public consultation on forest management plans aims to:

- Promote a better understanding on the part of the public of the management of Quebec's public forests, and more specifically, forest management planning; allow the public to comment on the proposed forest management plans and where possible, to incorporate the expressed interests, values and needs;
- Respond to the public's desire to be informed and heard and to see its interests, values and needs taken into account in forest management decisions;
- Reconcile the divergent interests of the many forest land and resource users;
- Harmonize forest management with the public's values and needs;
- Enable the Ministry to make the best decisions possible under the circumstances.

3. Management Units Included in the Public Consultation

The Directorate General of the Northwest sector is responsible for the forest planning of management units illustrated below.



4. Consultation Process and Main Comments Received

Public consultation on modifications 2018-2023 integrated forest management plans (PAFIO) was held from September 25th to October 20th, 2017.

A Public Notice was published in some local and regional media to invite the public to participate in the consultation. A press release was also written and sent out on the newswire. Targeted invitations were also sent to certain individuals who expressed an interest in being informed of the consultations, as well as some associations and local and regional organizations.

Here is the list of media in which Public Notice was issued before the consultation period:

Media
Le Citoyen Abitibi-Est et Ouest

4.1. Number of Organizations and People Who Commented

Comments were made on behalf of various organizations or staff members within the context of the PAFIO public consultation. **Table 1** below indicates the type and number of respondents for the management unit subject to the consultation.

Table 1 – Number of Organizations and People Who Commented

Information Meetings	
Date	October 2 nd , 2017
Place	Beaucanton
Number of Participants	1
Number of people who have consulted the plans at Directorate General offices in the Northwest sector	0

Number of People or Organizations That Have Made Comments		
Number of Individuals (Staff Members)	Number of Organizations	Total
2	1	3

4.2 Main Comments Received

Given the number of comments received and in order to facilitate follow-up, the MFFP has chosen to reveal the comments received in table form. This facilitates the retrieval of information, while allowing one to see the overall main concerns expressed by those who participated in the public consultation. This also allows for an understanding of some of the MFFP's answers through its comments and to therefore have an overview of the follow-up that will be conducted.

Hence, **Table 2** indicates the comments received and summarizes the analysis conducted by the Ministry.

Table 2 – Main Comments Received

Comments	Forest Management Unit (FMU)	Modification Requests	Follow-up by the MFFP
<p>It would be essential to inspect the bridge over Trudelle River for user safety considerations. The portion of running surface that is currently usable was repaired by hunters, but the rest of it is completely rotten. Logging in the area under consultation, on the other side of the bridge, is now completed. It is planned to repair the bridge; however the bridge was not used to transport the wood from the area under consultation. This bridge should be closed.</p>	<p>85-51</p>	<p>The bridge over Trudelle River should be closed.</p>	<p>Following an inspection in 2014 by a specialized company, it was agreed to reduce the tonnage limit on this bridge. Another inspection should be conducted in 2018. The information will be available with the Mont-Plamondon Management Unit.</p>
<p>The total surface area harvested and now regenerating by far exceeds that of the remaining mature forest; furthermore, cypress trees cover a large portion of the regenerating forest; this does not make it a favorable area for marten given the size of my trapline. Statistics clearly demonstrate a decline in marten harvesting rates.</p>	<p>85-51</p>	<p>Request not to carry out harvesting operations in his trapline.</p>	<p>A verification reveals that the trapline is not located in FMU 085-51. An email was sent to the citizen concerned advising him accordingly and inviting him to participate in the public consultation re all FMUs in January 2018.</p>

Comments	Forest Management Unit (FMU)	Modification Requests	Follow-up by the MFFP
<p>Only a very few logging areas were added to the PAFIO as regards the area covered by the PRAU. This considerably limits the possibilities under the annual program and results in the MRC not being able to meet its objectives in terms of felling distribution across the territory. The proximity of the area covered by the PRAU to inhabited areas should also be taken into consideration.</p>	<p>85-51</p>	<p>Add logging areas in the 2018-2023 PAFIO of FMU 85-51 for the PRAU of this MRC.</p>	<p>The MRC’s request will be discussed at the next operational roundtable of the Mont-Plamondon MU.</p>

5. Conclusion

Public consultations on operational integrated forest management plans are organized annually to receive comments and feedback from organizations and individuals during the validity period of the plans.

To examine the operational forest plan, you can contact one of our management units listed below.

Unité de gestion de Chibougamau

624, 3e Rue
Chibougamau (Québec) G8P 1P1
Phone: 418 748-2647

Unité de gestion de l'Harricana-Nord

1122, Route 111 Est
Amos (Québec) J9T 1N1
Phone: 819 444-5238

Unité de gestion de Quévillon

1121, boulevard Industriel, C. P. 159
Lebel-sur-Quévillon (Québec) J0Y 1X0
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Unité de gestion de Mont-Plamondon

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Annex 1 – Public Notice

Public Notice

Public Consultation on Forestry Activities

The Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs (MFFP) invites the general public to express its opinion of logging and other modified activities in the 2018-2023 integrated operational forest management plans for Northern Québec. The consultation will take place from **September 25 to October 20, 2017**.

A variety of work will be carried out in the forest in the coming years. The integrated forest management plans present the sectors in which logging, land preparation, reforestation, slashing and other activities may take place. In addition, roads and other infrastructures will have to be built or improved in order to provide access to these potential sites. They, too, will be subject to consultation. The MFFP's professionals would like to hear any concerns that forest users may have about the proposed forestry activities.

You are therefore invited to come and meet with the MFFP's professionals and talk to them about your questions or concerns, at one of the following information sessions:

SCHEDULE OF CONSULTATION MEETINGS		
MANAGEMENT UNITS	DATE and TIME	PLACE
8551	October 2 nd , 2017 from 11h30 to 1 p.m.	Beaucanton: Conference Room, 2 nd floor, Municipal Building (2700, Boulevard du Curé-McDuff).

You may consult the operational plans throughout the consultation period and submit comments via our website at <http://www.mffp.gouv.qc.ca/forets/consultation-amenagement.jsp> or in person at the MFFP's offices during regular hours. We will be able to answer your questions and listen to your concerns about the potential sites.

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IMPORTANT: If you would like to be told about future public consultations organized by the MFFP in Northern Québec, please write to christine.morin@mffp.gouv.qc.ca, and enter *Request for inclusion on the mailing list* in your e-mail header.

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