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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 11th to October 6th, 2017. The public was invited during this period to comment on the management unit plan managed by the Directorate General of the Northwest sector, Units 026-62, 026-64 and 087-64.

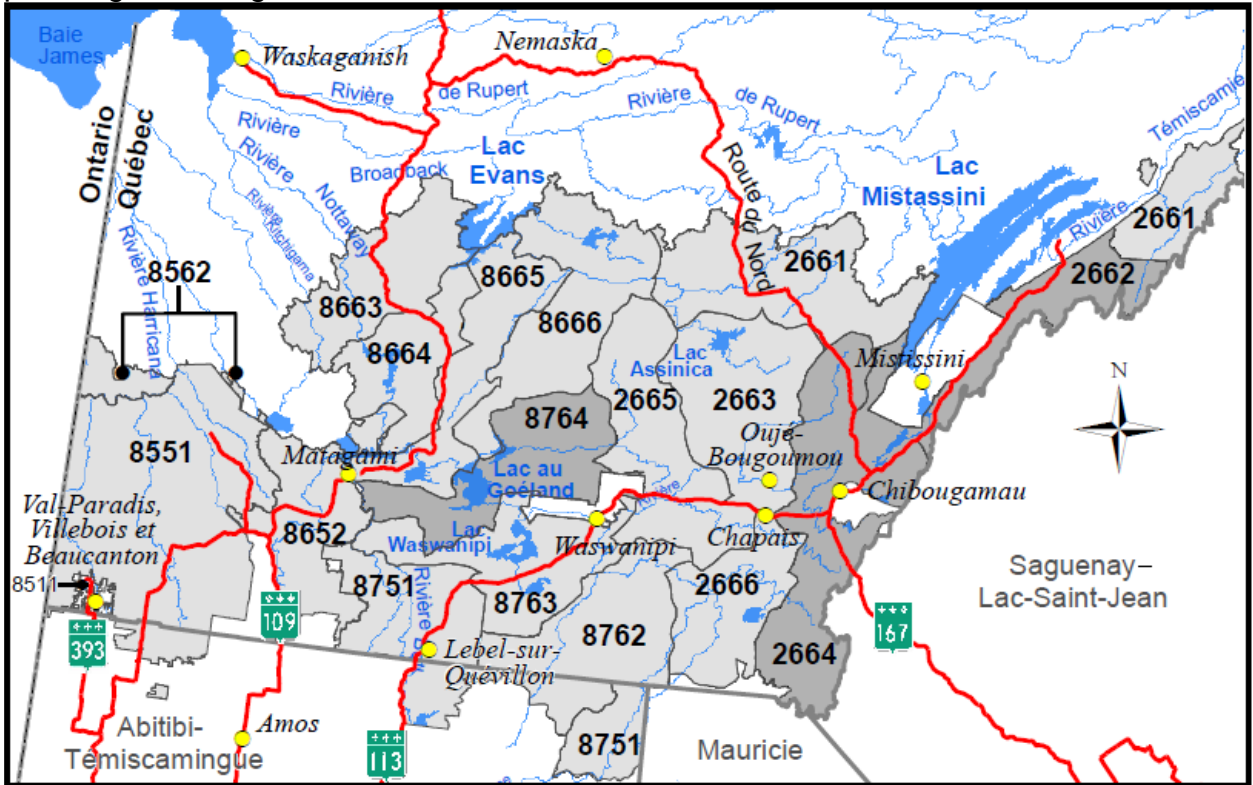
The plan that was submitted for public consultation revealed the operational planning of the region's forestry resource development. More specifically, the plan includes changed or added potential intervention sectors and the potential location of roads and other infrastructures to be built or to be 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 2017-2018 integrated forest management plans (PAFIO) was held from September 11th to October 6th, 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
La Sentinelle
Le Citoyen Abitibi-Est et Ouest
The Nation

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	September 19th, 2017	September 20th 2017
Place	Lebel-sur-Quévillon	Chibougamau
Number of Participants	0	0
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
0	0	0

Table 2 – Main Comments Received

Comments	Management units	Modification requests	Follow-up (MFFP)
No comments received			

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
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Unité de gestion de Quévillon

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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 2017-2018 integrated operational forest management plans for Northern Québec. The consultation will take place from **September 11 to October 6, 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
2662, 2664	September 20, 2017 from midday to 1 p.m.	Chibougamau: Town Hall Room (650, 3 ^e Rue).
8764	September 19, 2017, from midday to 1 p.m.	Lebel-sur-Quévillon: Room 2, Town Hall (500, Place Quévillon).

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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