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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 June 20th to July 15th, 2016. The public was invited during this period to comment on the management unit plan managed by the Directorate General of the Northwest sector, Units 026-61, 026-62, 026-63, 026-64, 026-65, 026-66, 087-51, 087-62, 087-63 and 087-64.

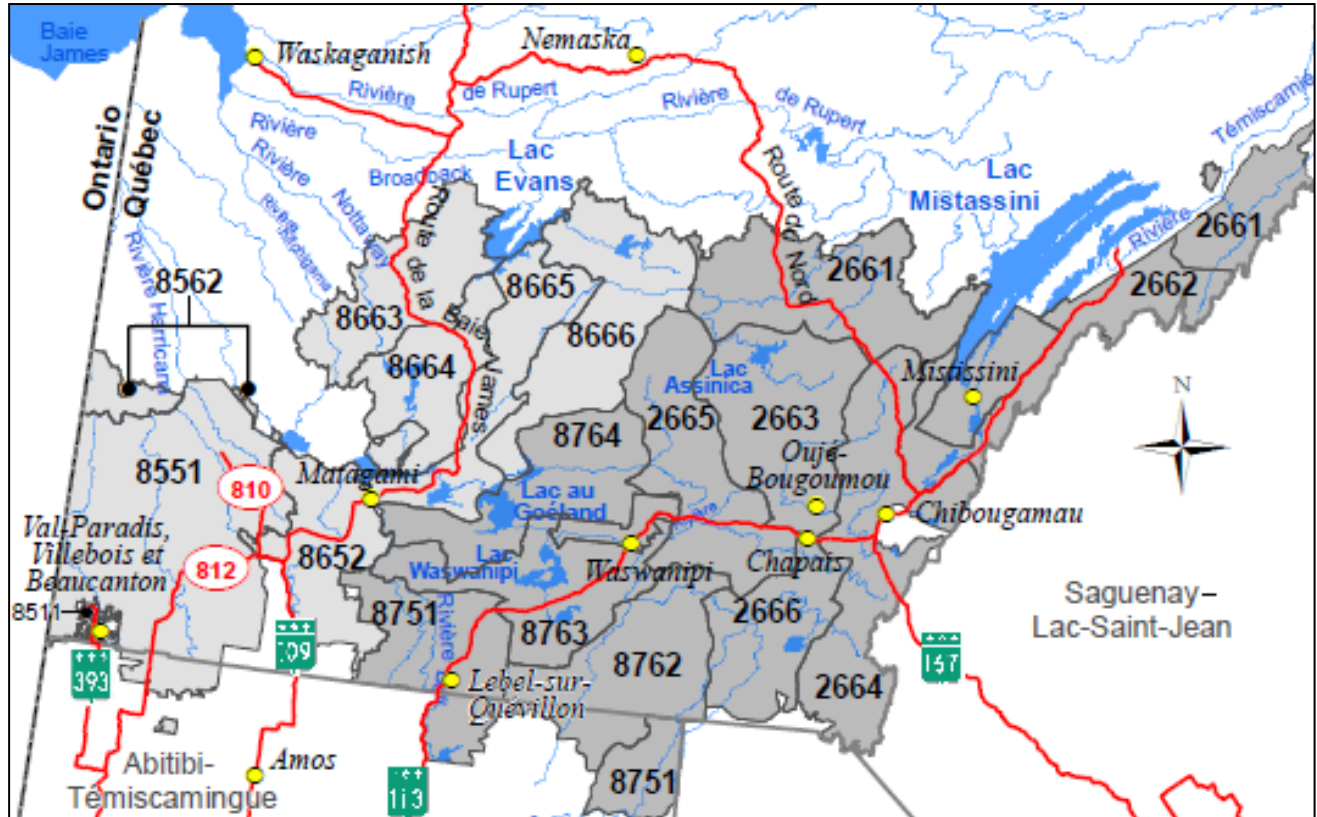
The plan that was submitted for public consultation revealed the operational planning of the region's forestry resource development. More specifically, the plan includes changed or added potential intervention sectors and the potential location of roads and other infrastructures to be built or to be 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 changes to the 2016-2017 integrated forest management plans (PAFIO) and changes 2013-2018 (PAFIO) was held from June 20th to July 15th, 2016

Personalized letters relating to this consultation were sent to leaseholders located 500 meters or less from one or several potential intervention sectors for forestry work, as well as to representatives of indigenous communities involved in the consultation.

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 Jamésien
Le Citoyen Abitibi-Est

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	July 5 th , 2016	June 28 th , 2016
Place	Lebel-sur-Quévillon	Chibougamau
Number of Participants	1	0
Number of people who have consulted the plans at Directorate General offices in the Northwest sector		2

Number of People or Organizations That Have Made Comments		
Number of Individuals (Staff Members)	Number of Organizations	Total
0	0	0

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.

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