

Regional Plans for Public Land Development

For a harmonious use of public land

Managing a Huge Territory

The mission of the Ministère des Ressources naturelles, de la Faune et des Parcs (MRNFP) is to ensure that Québec's territory and natural resources are surveyed and developed for the benefit of the population, in a manner consistent with the principle of sustainable development.

One of the MRNFP's responsibilities is to supervise the use and development of public land. It is also responsible for managing and granting land rights on public land.

This is a major responsibility, since:

- public land represents almost 92% of all land in Québec;
- each year, 15,000 trappers, 460,000 hunters and 1,000,000 fishers pursue their activities on public land;
- roughly 160,000 lands rights of all kinds (mining rights, forestry rights, occupation rights) have been issued, including almost 25,000 recreational leases.

Regional Plans for Public Land Development: a Necessity

The MRNFP plays a crucial role in harmonizing various activities and setting up mechanisms for concerted action between various stakeholders in the development of public land.

For this reason, the MRNFP prepares **regional plans for public land development (known by their French acronym as PRDTPs)**.

The PRDTP is a tool that fixes where, when and how land rights may be issued for public land, once the various stakeholders have been consulted. The wide range of possible land use and land rights make it even more important to set up a land management system.

The PRDTPs processes intend to involve regional communities and government stakeholders in the decision-making concerning the use of public land.

Benefits of the Regional Plans for Public Land Development

Increased collaboration among stakeholders

The Ministère des Ressources naturelles, de la Faune et des Parcs expects various stakeholders to collaborate closely in drawing up the PRDTPs, including:

- government departments and public organizations;
- regional county municipalities;
- wildlife, environmental and recreational organizations.

Harmonious development of various public land uses

In order to facilitate the consultation and planning process carried out by the regional MRNFP representatives and various stakeholders regarding land rights, the range of use of public land have been grouped under the following headings:

- recreation and tourism (cottages, trails, etc.);
- commercial and industrial activities;
- public and community use (municipal parks, public access, etc.);
- particular use (intra-municipal public land, regional parks, etc.);
- preservation and protection (archaeological sites, sites of special interest, etc.).

Concerted action to promote regional interests

In order to promote the development of public land while taking into account the economic, social and environmental interests of each region of Québec, the stakeholders will be asked to discuss their needs and concerns.

Next, each regional plan for public land development will be submitted to the Minister of Natural Resources, who will supervise its approval and implementation.

Questions

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