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Forest fires

BAN ON OPEN FIRES IN OR IN THE VICINITY OF A FOREST

Québec, June 1ST 2023 – The ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts has decided to ban open fires in or in the vicinity of a forest because of the current conditions. This decision, taken in collaboration with the Société de protection des forêts contre le feu (SOPFEU), therefore leads to the modification of the territory affected by the ban in order to include the following sectors: **Communauté maritime des Îles-de-la-Madeleine (01) and the MRC Le Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent (982)**. The measure is modified as of June 1ST at 12 p.m.

The sectors targeted by this measure correspond to the following RCMs and territories:

NORD-DU-QUÉBEC : Jamésie (991), Administration régionale Kativik (992), Eeyou Istchee (Waswanipi, Mistissini, Oujé-Bougoumou, Chisasibi, Eastmain, Nemiscau, Waskaganish, Whapmagoostui, Wemindji) (993).

CÔTE-NORD : La Haute-Côte-Nord (95), Manicouagan (96), Sept-Rivières (971), Caniapiscau (972), Minganie (981), Le Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent (982).

SAGUENAY-LAC-SAINT-JEAN : Le Domaine-du-Roy (91), Maria-Chapdelaine (92), Lac-Saint-Jean-Est (93), Saguenay (941), Le Fjord-du-Saguenay (942).

ABITIBI-TÉMISCAMINGUE : Témiscamingue (85), Rouyn-Noranda (86), Abitibi-Ouest (87), Abitibi (88), La Vallée-de-l'Or (89).

MAURICIE : Mékinac (35), Shawinigan (36), Trois-Rivières (371), Les Chenaux (372), Maskinongé (51), La Tuque (90).

CAPITALE-NATIONALE : Charlevoix-Est (15), Charlevoix (16), L'Île-d'Orléans (20), La Côte-de-Beaupré (21), La Jacques-Cartier (22), Québec (23), Portneuf (34).

BAS-SAINT-LAURENT : La Matapédia (07), La Matanie (08), La Mitis (09), Rimouski-Neigette (10), Les Basques (11), Rivière-du-Loup (12), Témiscouata (13), Kamouraska (14).

GASPÉSIE-ÎLES-DE-LA-MADELEINE : Communauté maritime des Îles-de-la-Madeleine (01), Le Rocher-Percé (02), La Côte-de-Gaspé (03), La Haute-Gaspésie (04), Bonaventure (05), Avignon (06).

OUTAOUAIS : Papineau (80), Gatineau (81), Les Collines-de-l'Outaouais (82), La Vallée-de-la-Gatineau (83), Pontiac (84).

LAURENTIDES : Deux-Montagnes (72), Thérèse-De Blainville (73), Mirabel (74), La Rivière-du-Nord (75), Argenteuil (76), Les Pays-d'en-Haut (77), Les Laurentides (78), Antoine-Labelle (79).

LANAUDIÈRE : D'Autray (52), L'Assomption (60), Joliette (61), Matawinie (62), Montcalm (63), Les Moulins (64).

CHAUDIÈRE-APPALACHES : L'Islet (17), Montmagny (18), Bellechasse (19), Lévis (251), La Nouvelle-Beauce (26), Beauce-Centre (27), Les Etchemins (28), Beauce-Sartigan (29), Les Appalaches (31), Lotbinière (33).

CENTRE-DU-QUÉBEC : L'Érable (32), Bécancour (38), Arthabaska (39), Drummond (49), Nicolet-Yamaska (50)

MONTÉRÉGIE : Acton (48), Pierre-De Saurel (53), Les Maskoutains (54), Rouville (55), Le Haut-Richelieu (56), La Vallée-du-Richelieu (57), Longueuil (58), Marguerite-D'Youville (59), Roussillon (67), Les Jardins-de-Napierville (68), Le Haut-Saint-Laurent (69), Beauharnois-Salaberry (70), Vaudreuil-Soulanges (71).

ESTRIE : Le Granit (30), Les Sources (40), Le Haut-Saint-François (41), Le Val-Saint-François (42), Sherbrooke (43), Coaticook (44), Memphrémagog (45), Brome-Missisquoi (46), La Haute-Yamaska (47).

LAVAL : Laval (65).

MONTRÉAL : Montréal (66).

To view the map of the affected territory, go to:
sopfeu.qc.ca/en

There are currently 13 fires in activity in Québec. Since the start of the protection season, 214 forest fires have affected 2 326 hectares. The average for the last 10 years at this time of the year is 192 fires for an area of 187,9 hectares.

Everyone must collaborate to make sure that the ban on open fires in the forest is respected. This measure is intended to limit the risk of forest fires. Pursuant to section 239 of the Sustainable Forest Management Act (chapter A-18.1), any person who contravenes an order prohibiting open fires in or in the vicinity of a forest or any other action taken by the Minister is liable, in addition to the payment of the costs, to a fine.

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Source:

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Information:

Refer to the regional distribution of territories: sopfeu.qc.ca/en/spokesperson

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