



PUBLIC NOTICE

Consultation on the St. Lawrence Estuary Marine Protected Area (MPA) Project, from October 28 to December 31, 2004

Fisheries and Oceans Canada is planning to establish a Marine Protected Area (MPA) in the St. Lawrence Estuary to ensure the long-term conservation and protection of marine mammals and their habitat and food resources.

From October 28 to December 2, 2004, stakeholders in targeted sectors will be consulted on issues related to the survival of marine mammals and on the proposed management measures to ensure their protection. The purpose of the consultation sessions is to present the project, answer any questions stakeholders may have and gather their comments. Members of the public are also welcome to attend as observers and ask questions at the end of the sessions.

Consultation Session Information				
Date	Time	Targeted Sectors	Municipality	Location
October 28, 2004	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Education and research	Rimouski	Hôtel Rimouski 225 René-Lepage Blvd. East
November 15, 2004	7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Recreational activities		
November 16, 2004	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Economic and touristic development		
November 17, 2004	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Environment		
November 18, 2004	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Harvesting of living resources		
November 3, 2004	7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Recreational activities	La Malbaie	Le Petit Manoir du Casino 525 chemin des Falaises
November 4, 2004	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Economic and touristic development		
November 8, 2004	7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Recreational activities	Rivière-du-Loup	Universel Hotel 311 Hôtel-de-Ville Blvd.
November 9, 2004	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Economic and touristic development		
November 10, 2004	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Environment		
November 22, 2004	7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Recreational activities	Forestville	Danube Bleu Econo Lodge 5 Highway 132 East
November 23, 2004	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Harvesting of living resources		
November 24, 2004	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Economic and touristic development		
November 30, 2004	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Environment	Québec	Travelodge Hotel 3135 Chemin St. Louis
December 1, 2004	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Recreational activities		
December 2, 2004	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Shipping		

Public consultation

Fisheries and Oceans Canada is seeking the public's opinion on the proposed management measures. As of October 20, 2004, documents on the St. Lawrence Estuary Marine Protected Area (MPA) Project will be available on the Department's Web site (www.qc.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/zpmestuair/) or by calling (418) 775-0854 or faxing (418) 775-0718.

Mail or e-mail us your comments on the project at the addresses below no later than December 31, 2004:

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