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The Commission indépendante sur les caribous forestiers et montagnards begins its hearings in Sainte-Anne-des-Monts

Québec, April 11, 2022 – The Commission indépendante sur les caribous forestiers et montagnards will hold its first hearings tomorrow in Sainte-Anne-des-Monts, in Gaspésie. This will be the Commission's first stop in a tour of seven towns in Québec, during which it will meet with interest groups, elected officials, Indigenous communities and citizens.

Anyone with an interest in doing so is invited to comment on the two theoretical and hypothetical scenarios developed by the Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs (MFFP). These scenarios present somewhat different visions and represent two of many possible scenarios. Participants in the Commission's work may therefore propose other alternative or midway scenarios for caribou habitat and population management, especially those that will achieve a balance between the measures proposed and their social and economic impacts.

The consultation document can be found on the Commission's website at <u>consultation.quebec.ca/processes/caribous</u>, in the Documentation tab.

How to take part

Anyone who wishes to take part in the Commission's work may do so using one of the following three methods :

- By attending the hearings, in a private or public meeting
- By submitting a brief
- By completing the <u>online survey</u>

The public hearings

Citizens are invited to an evening public hearing.

Where:Salle Sainte-Anne - Chevaliers de Colomb
(basement of the Sainte-Anne-des-Monts church)
5, 1re Ave Est, Sainte-Anne-des-Monts (Québec)
G4V 2J3

When: April 12, 2022, between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Registration: Online at <u>consultation.quebec.ca/processes/caribous</u>, under the Schedule tab.

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"The Commission invites all citizens, Indigenous communities and interest groups to meet with the commissioners and share their opinions of caribou habitat and population management. We look forward with enthusiasm to the start of our tour and are convinced that we will have rich and constructive discussions with all the stakeholders."

Nancy Gélinas, President of the Commission indépendante sur les caribous forestiers et montagnards

Related link:

The Commission's website: consultation.quebec.ca/processes/caribous

About the Commission:

The mandate of the Commission indépendante sur les caribous forestiers et montagnards is to meet with citizens, Indigenous communities and stakeholders in the targeted regions, to hear their opinions of the two theoretical scenarios designed to foster caribou self-sustainability in the areas concerned. After the hearings, which will begin in April, a final report will be produced by the Commission and delivered to the Government.

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