



Department of the Environment
Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999

Notice is hereby given that the Minister of the Environment, pursuant to section 127 of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* (CEPA), is issuing disposal at sea permit no. QUE-00298-1, authorizing the loading for disposal and the disposal of waste or other matter at sea. This permit is eligible for a maximum of 4 renewals. The permit is published in the Canadian Environmental Protection Act Registry on Tuesday, October 25, 2022. All documents referenced in this permit are available upon request by email at immersionqc-disposalatseaqc@ec.gc.ca.

1. Permittee: Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Quebec, Quebec.
2. Waste or other matter to be disposed of: dredged material.
 - 2.1. Nature of waste or other matter: dredged material consisting of gravel, sand, silt, and clay.
3. Duration of permit: The permit is valid from November 1, 2022, to October 31, 2023.
 - 3.1. The loading and disposal at sea activities are restricted to the following periods: from November 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023; from July 8, 2023 to August 15, 2023; and from October 11, 2023 to October 31, 2023. The loading and disposal at sea activities must be carried out between 05:00 and 21:00.
4. Reference documents:
 - a. Annex 1 of the document titled “Rapport d’évaluation des effets environnementaux (RÉEE), Projet de dragage d’entretien du havre de pêche de Gascons (Ruisseau Chapados), Gaspésie, 2022” (September 2022), as submitted in support of the permit application
 - b. Register of Disposal at Sea Operations – Dredge Material
5. Loading site: Gascons fishing harbour, Quebec, at approximately 48.18933° N, 64.28950° W North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83) with the exception of the zone of exclusion (2022) described in the document identified in paragraph 4a.
6. Disposal sites:
 - a. G-5, 48.18000° N, 64.83333° W (NAD83)
 - b. Gascons access chanel, 48.19026° N, 64.86107° W (NAD83)



7. Method of loading: Loading will be carried out using a clamshell dredge or a hydraulic shovel.

8. Route of disposal sites and method of transport: most direct navigational route from the loading site to the disposal sites via hopper scow/barge.

9. Method of disposal: Disposal will be carried out by bottom dumping. The levelling of the seabed will be carried out by means of a steel beam, a scraper blade, or a hydraulic shovel.

10. Total quantity to be disposed of: not to exceed 5 000 cubic metres, place measure.

11. Fees: The fee prescribed by the *Disposal at Sea Permit Fee Regulations* must be paid by the permittee in accordance with those regulations as modified by the provisions of the *Service Fees Act*. The applicable fee rates for April 1, 2022, are in effect for the duration of this permit.

12. Inspection and records:

12.1. Pursuant to Part 10 of CEPA, the permittee and its contractors are subject to inspection by enforcement officers designated under CEPA.

12.2. The permittee must keep records of all loading and disposal activities aboard any ship involved with the disposal operations. The records must be accessible to enforcement officers designated under CEPA.

12.3. The permittee must maintain an up-to-date Register of Disposal at Sea Activities as provided by the Department of the Environment and identified in paragraph 4b. This register must be kept on board any vessel involved with the disposal operations and be accessible to enforcement officers designated under CEPA.

12.4. At all times, a paper or digital copy of this permit and of the documents referenced in paragraph 4 must be available at the loading site and on all powered ships directly engaged in the loading and disposal operations. The documents must be accessible to enforcement officers designated under CEPA for the duration of this permit.

12.5. The permittee must retain records of all loading and disposal activities at its principal place of business in Canada for the duration of the permit and for 5 years following the expiry of the permit.

12.6. The loading or disposal at sea referred to under this permit must not be carried out by any person without written authorization from the permittee. The authorization must be accessible to enforcement officers designated under CEPA.

13. Reporting and notification:

13.1. The permittee must provide the following information at least 48 hours before loading and disposal activities commence: name or identification number of ships, platforms or structures to be used to carry out the loading and/or disposal, name of the contractor, including corporate and on-site contact information, and expected period of loading and disposal activities. The above-noted information must be submitted to the following:

Regional Director
Environmental Protection Operations Directorate
Department of the Environment
Quebec Region
105 McGill St 4th Floor
Montreal QC H2Y 2E7

Email: immersionqc-disposalatseaqc@ec.gc.ca

13.2. The permittee must submit a written report to the minister, as represented by the regional director of the Environmental Protection Operations Directorate, as identified in paragraph 13.1, within 30 days after the expiry of the permit. This report must contain the following information: a list of all work completed pursuant to the permit, including the names and coordinates of the loading and disposal sites used, the quantity of matter disposed of at the disposal sites, the dates on which disposal activities occurred and the Register of Disposal at Sea Activities.

On behalf of the Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Éric Vachon
Regional Director
Environmental Protection Operations Directorate
Quebec Region

Signed on October 11, 2022