

National Parks Act. Amendments to the National Parks Act were proclaimed in September 1988. Among the major changes brought about by the amendments were significant increases in the fines and penalties for poaching, the authority to establish and manage National Marine Parks, a legislative requirement to prepare park management plans, and the establishment of Ellesmere Island National Park Reserve.

1.8.2 Environmental assessment

The Environmental Assessment and Review Process (EARP), administered by the Federal Environmental Assessment Review Office, is used to determine the potential environmental impacts of proposals that require a federal government decision.

EARP is applied by government departments to those proposals that they will undertake or fund, or that will take place on federal lands, including offshore, or will affect some area of federal

responsibility. It deals with the physical, biological, and directly related social effects of these proposals.

An initial assessment is made early in planning before irrevocable decisions are taken. This determines if a proposal may proceed with or without mitigation, be abandoned, or be referred to the Minister of the Environment for a public review by an independent panel appointed by the Minister. This review is a detailed examination with many opportunities for public participation, including public hearings. The panel determines and studies the potential environmental and directly related social impacts of the proposal and produces a report for the Environment Minister and the Minister who initiated the review. The report is made public and the Minister who initiated the review decides the extent to which the recommendations are accepted before the proposal proceeds.

Sources

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- 1.2.2, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8 - 1.8.1 Communications Directorate, Environment Canada.
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- 1.3 Geoscience Information Division, Department of Energy, Mines and Resources.
- 1.5 Time and Length Standards, National Research Council.
- 1.7.1 Canadian Parks Services, Information Branch, Environment Canada.
- 1.7.2 Heritage Canada Foundation.
- 1.7.3 Supplied by the respective provincial government departments.
- 1.7.4 Public Activities Branch, National Capital Commission.
- 1.8.2 Federal Environmental Assessment Review Office.

FOR FURTHER READING

Selected publications from Statistics Canada

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- Toronto 150: Portrait of a Changing City, 126 p., 1984. 11-605
- Trois-Rivières: A Metropolitan Profile, 116 p., 1984. 11-607
- Maps, Census Divisions and Subdivisions, 1986 Census, 27 p., 1987. 99-115
- Maps, Census Metropolitan Areas and Census Agglomerations, 1986 Census, 298 p., 1987. 99-116
- 1986 Census Geography: A Historical Comparison, 51 p., 1988. 99-106
- Metropolitan Atlas Series, 1981 Census, 12 volumes, 1984. 99-919 to 99-930

More information about these publications is available from Statistics Canada. See Appendix F for a complete list of Statistics Canada offices.