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CHAPTER 42

An Act to amend *The Natural Resources Act* and to enact a Consequential Amendment to *The Forest Act*

(Assented to June 2, 1994)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as The Natural Resources Amendment Act, 1994.

S.S. 1993, c.N-3.1 amended

2 The Natural Resources Act is amended in the manner set forth in this Act.

Section 2 amended

- 3 Clause 2(g) is repealed and the following substituted:
- "(g) `resource protection and development service' means any activity involving the provision of any labour, housing, machinery, equipment, materials and supplies and any technical, supervisory and administrative services that the Lieutenant Governor in Council, by regulation:
- (i) determines is necessary or incidental to or used for the protection, administration and management of Saskatchewan's natural resources; or
- (ii) determines may be provided to persons, governments or agencies, including departments or agencies of the Government of Saskatchewan".

Section 21 repealed

4 Section 21 is repealed.

Section 22 amended

5 Clauses 22(1)(c) and (d) are repealed.

Section 23 amended

- 6 Section 23 is amended:
- (a) in clause (g) by striking out "minister" and substituting "Lieutenant Governor in Council"; and
- (b) in clause (l) by striking out "minister" and substituting "Lieutenant Governor in Council".

TRANSITIONAL

Winding up of Forest Renewal and Development Fund

- 7(1) In this section and in sections 8 and 9, "fund" means the Forest Renewal and Development Fund continued pursuant to section 21 of *The Natural Resources Act* as that section existed prior to the coming into force of this Act.
- (2) All assets and liabilities of the fund are transferred at their book value to the general revenue fund.
- (3) The fund ceases to exist after March 31, 1994.
- (4) All assets and liabilities of the fund as of March 31, 1994 become the assets and liabilities of the general revenue fund as of April 1, 1994.
- (5) After March 31, 1994:
- (a) all assets, revenues and liabilities accruing to the fund are deemed to have accrued to the general revenue fund;
- (b) all deposits made to the fund are deemed to have been made to the general revenue fund; and

(c) all payments made from the fund are deemed to have been appropriated from and made from the general revenue fund.

Transitional - audit

8 Notwithstanding the repeal of section 21 of *The Natural Resources Act*, the Provincial Auditor shall audit the accounts and transactions of the fund for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 1994.

Transitional - annual report

- 9(1) Notwithstanding the repeal of clauses 22(1)(c) and (d) of *The Natural Resources Act*, the Department of Environment and Resource Management, in accordance with *The Tabling of Documents Act*, 1991, shall prepare and submit to the Minister of Environment and Resource Management:
- (a) a report respecting the business of the fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994; and
- (b) a financial statement showing the business of the fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994.
- (2) The financial statement is to be in a form required by Treasury Board.
- (3) In accordance with *The Tabling of Documents Act, 1991*, the Minister of Environment and Resource Management shall lay the report and financial statement before the Assembly.

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT AND COMING INTO FORCE

R.S.S. 1978, c.F-19 amended

10 Clauses 11.1(2)(a) and (b) of The Forest Act are repealed and the following substituted:

- "(a) to the Crown; or
- "(b) to a renewal fund established by the holder of a management licence, timber permit, timber sale or other timber agreement, as may be designated by the minister".

Coming into force

- **11**(1) This Act comes into force on assent.
- (2) If this Act is assented to after April 1, 1994, it is retroactive and is deemed to have been in force on and from April 1, 1994.