

The Ecological Reserves Act

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Chapter E-0.01 of the *Statutes of Saskatchewan 1979-80*
(effective September 12, 1980) as amended by the *Statutes of
Saskatchewan, 2005, c.9.*

NOTE:

This consolidation is not official. Amendments have been incorporated for convenience of reference and the original statutes and regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpretation and application of the law. In order to preserve the integrity of the original statutes and regulations, errors that may have appeared are reproduced in this consolidation.

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CHAPTER E-0.01

An Act to establish Ecological Reserves

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Ecological Reserves Act*.

Interpretation

2 In this Act:

- (a) **“Crown”** means Her Majesty in right of Saskatchewan;
- (b) **“Crown land”** means land owned by the Crown;
- (c) **“ecological reserve”** means any Crown land in the province designated under clause 4(1)(a) which sustains or is associated with unique or representative parts of the natural environment;
- (d) **“environment”** means:
 - (i) air, land or water; and
 - (ii) plant and animal life, including man;
- (e) **“land”** includes land, water, minerals and flora and fauna of every kind and description;
- (f) **“minister”** means the member of the Executive Council to whom for the time being the administration of this Act is assigned.

1979-80, c.E-0.01, s.2.

Administration of Act

3 This Act and the regulations are to be administered by the department over which the minister presides.

1979-80, c.E-0.01, s.3.

Regulations

4(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations and orders:

- (a) designating any Crown land as an ecological reserve;
- (b) enlarging any ecological reserve;
- (c) describing:
 - (i) the circumstances and conditions under which an ecological reserve may be entered; and
 - (ii) the activities which may be conducted on an ecological reserve;either with or without a permit issued by the department;
- (d) governing the criteria and fees for the issuing of permits required under clause (c), and the form, content and categories of such permits;
- (e) providing for the manner in which ecological reserves are to be posted;

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(f) governing the procedure for the holding of hearings by the minister regarding any ecological reserve or proposed ecological reserve.

(2) No designation of land as an ecological reserve, nor any restriction of activity that may be conducted on an ecological reserve located in the Great Sand Hills, may be revoked except by the Assembly.

1979-80, c.E-0.01, s.4; 2005, c.9, s.2.

Public hearings

5 The minister may hold public hearings regarding the use, management, establishment or enlargement of any ecological reserve or the revocation of a designation of any ecological reserve.

1979-80, c.E-0.01, s.5.

Ecological Reserves Development Fund

6 The Lieutenant Governor in Council may authorize the minister to establish a special fund, to be known as the Ecological Reserves Development Fund, from moneys donated to the province for the purchase of land considered by the minister to be suitable for an ecological reserve.

1979-80, c.E-0.01, s.6.

Ecological reserves not to be disposed of

7 Subject to the regulations, no ecological reserve, or any right, title, interest or estate in an ecological reserve, is to be granted, transferred, assigned, leased or otherwise disposed of under the provisions of any other Act or law in force in the province.

1979-80, c.E-0.01, s.7.

Entry or authorized activity

8 No person shall enter or conduct an activity on an ecological reserve posted in accordance with the regulations, unless the entry or activity is authorized either in the regulations or by a permit issued pursuant to the regulations.

1979-80, c.E-0.01, s.8.

Offence and penalty

9 Any person who contravenes section 8 is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$10,000.

1979-80, c.E-0.01, s.9.

Act or regulations prevail

10 Where there is a conflict between the provisions of this Act or the regulations made under this Act and the provisions of any other Act or regulations, the provisions of this Act or the regulations made under this Act prevail.

1979-80, c.E-0.01, s.10.