

The Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries has issued Requests for Proposals (RFPs) as part of its development of a responsible and sustainable approach to wild blueberry development of Crown lands on the former Tracadie Range.

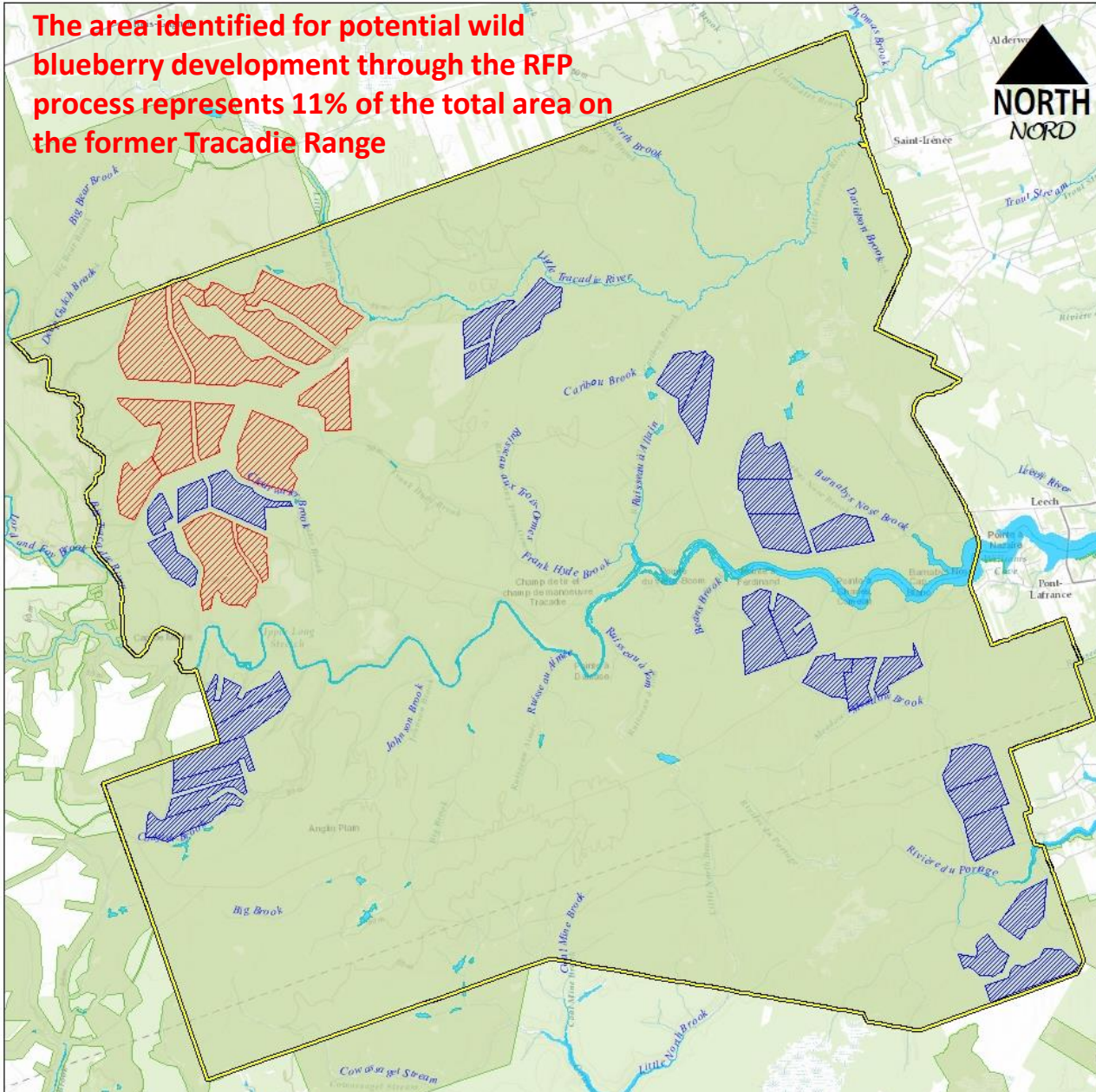
The RFPs are consistent with the existing plan for the former Tracadie Range that has been in place since 2003 and takes into account the input from local stakeholder groups.

<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/nr-rn/pdf/LandUsePlanForTheFormerTracadieRange-PlanDUutilisationDesTerresDeLAncienChampDeTirDeTracadie.pdf>

The Department's approach accommodated wild blueberry, forestry and recreational uses while using sustainable development principles which included protection of wildlife and water resources through enhanced buffers and wildlife corridors, treed windbreaks within fields, buffers along roadways and between production blocks.


Request for Proposals (RFPs) Overview Map


The area identified for potential wild blueberry development through the RFP process represents 11% of the total area on the former Tracadie Range





Incorporation of the following principles are examples of considerations taken to support sustainable development and wildlife habitat:

- **Wildlife Corridors:** 300 m wide wildlife corridors will be used to break up the production blocks at regular intervals
- **Watercourses:** Exceeding mandated buffers by requiring a 300m buffer being left along each side of Tracadie River and Portage River and 50 m along each side of streams and wetlands. (only 30 m is required)
- **Production Block Buffers:** 100m buffers will be used around production blocks where geographically possible.
- **Road Buffers:** A 50m buffer will be maintained along main roads and 30m along secondary roads and trails where geographically possible.
- **Treed Windbreaks Within Fields:** 5 m wide windbreaks with a maximum spacing of 75 m between each windbreak.

 Processor Blocks
(blocs de processeur)

 Producer Blocks
(blocs de producteurs)

 Crown Land
(terres de la Couronne)

 Former Tracadie Range
(terres de l'ancien champ de tir de Tracadie)