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WHALE MONITORING IN THE GULF OF SAINT LAWRENCE CONDUCTED BY A REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM 13 JULY 2021 TO 13 AUGUST 2021

This supplement aims to inform the aeronautical community operating in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence area about whale monitoring that will be conducted by a remotely piloted aircraft system (RPAS), along with the resulting operational limitations and restrictions over and in the vicinity of the Gaspé (Michel-Pouliot) Airport (CYGP).

To increase the level of safety during these operations, and pursuant to section 5.1 of the *Aeronautics Act*, Transport Canada is creating restricted areas encompassing the Gaspé Class E control zone, a portion of the Gaspé transition area, transition corridors, and the whale monitoring airspace, which will be active daily during day light for the proposed dates. Some of the NOTAM airspace may be deactivated on a daily basis when not in use. Areas are to be considered active unless stated otherwise.

Restricted Areas

Section 5.1 of the *Aeronautics Act* states that:

“The Minister or any person authorized by the Minister may by notice prohibit or restrict the operation of aircraft on or over any area or within any airspace, either absolutely or subject to any exceptions or conditions that the Minister or person may specify [...].”

Pursuant to section 5.1 of the *Aeronautics Act*, the following restricted areas are planned:

Gaspé Control Zone and Transition Area

The Gaspé control zone and transition area consists of a 15 nautical mile (NM) radius centred on the Gaspé (Michel-Pouliot) Airport (CYGP) (coordinates: 48° 46' 31" N 64° 28' 43" W), excluding the area south of the line between 48° 42' 13" N 64° 49' 57" W and 48° 41' 43" N 64° 07' 21" W from the surface to 4,000 feet mean sea level (MSL).

North Corridor (from the surface to 4,000 feet MSL)

The airspace within the area bounded by a line beginning at:

49° 00' 57" N	64° 34' 37" W	to
49° 01' 56" N	64° 34' 31" W	to
49° 05' 44" N	64° 30' 47" W	to
49° 12' 49" N	64° 11' 48" W	to
49° 11' 00" N	64° 00' 00" W	to
49° 08' 22" N	63° 53' 02" W	to
48° 59' 26" N	64° 17' 23" W	to
49° 00' 57" N	64° 34' 37" W	point of beginning.

East Corridor (from the surface to 4,000 feet MSL)

The airspace within the area bounded by a line beginning at:

48° 51' 46" N	64° 07' 33" W	to
48° 51' 55" N	63° 51' 04" W	to
48° 41' 57" N	63° 50' 55" W	to
48° 41' 47" N	64° 07' 18" W	to
48° 51' 46" N	64° 07' 33" W	point of beginning.

Area Mike (from 1,500 feet MSL to 5,000 feet MSL)

The airspace within the area bounded by a line beginning at:

49° 41' 00" N	65° 00' 00" W	to
49° 22' 00" N	64° 00' 00" W	to
49° 11' 00" N	64° 00' 00" W	to
49° 20' 00" N	65° 00' 00" W	to
49° 41' 00" N	65° 00' 00" W	point of beginning.

Area November (from 1,500 feet MSL to 5,000 feet MSL)

The airspace within the area bounded by a line beginning at:

49° 22' 00" N	64° 00' 00" W	to
49° 00' 00" N	63° 00' 00" W	to
48° 48' 00" N	63° 00' 00" W	to
49° 11' 00" N	64° 00' 00" W	to
49° 22' 00" N	64° 00' 00" W	point of beginning.

Area Oscar (from 1,500 feet MSL to 5,000 feet MSL)

The airspace within the area bounded by a line beginning at:

49° 00' 00" N	63° 00' 00" W	to
48° 35' 00" N	62° 00' 00" W	to
48° 24' 00" N	62° 00' 00" W	to
48° 48' 00" N	63° 00' 00" W	to
49° 00' 00" N	63° 00' 00" W	point of beginning.

Area Tango (from 1,500 feet MSL to 5,000 feet MSL)

The airspace within the area bounded by a line beginning at:

49° 07' 42.45" N	63° 51' 18.58" W	to
48° 30' 27.54" N	63° 50' 45.41" W	to
48° 30' 23.59" N	64° 00' 00" W	to
47° 50' 00" N	64° 00' 00" W	to
47° 50' 00" N	63° 00' 00" W	to
48° 48' 00" N	63° 00' 00" W	to
49° 07' 42.45" N	63° 51' 18.58" W	point of beginning.

No person shall operate an aircraft, including a remotely piloted aircraft (RPA), such as a drone, within the areas described unless authorized by the Montreal area control centre (ACC) on 134.175 MHz or at 1-800-633-1353, or by Transport Canada Aircraft Services at 343-542-2924.

The restriction shall be in effect from 13 July 2021 through to 13 August 2021 during daylight hours. The restricted areas are depicted and on the satellite image in Figure 1.

NOTAM

NOTAMs will be issued, under the appropriate ICAO NOTAM series (CZUL, CYGP, or both) indicating the effective times of the restricted areas pursuant to section 5.1 of the *Aeronautics Act*. NOTAMs will also be issued under the appropriate ICAO NOTAM series indicating any last-minute changes.

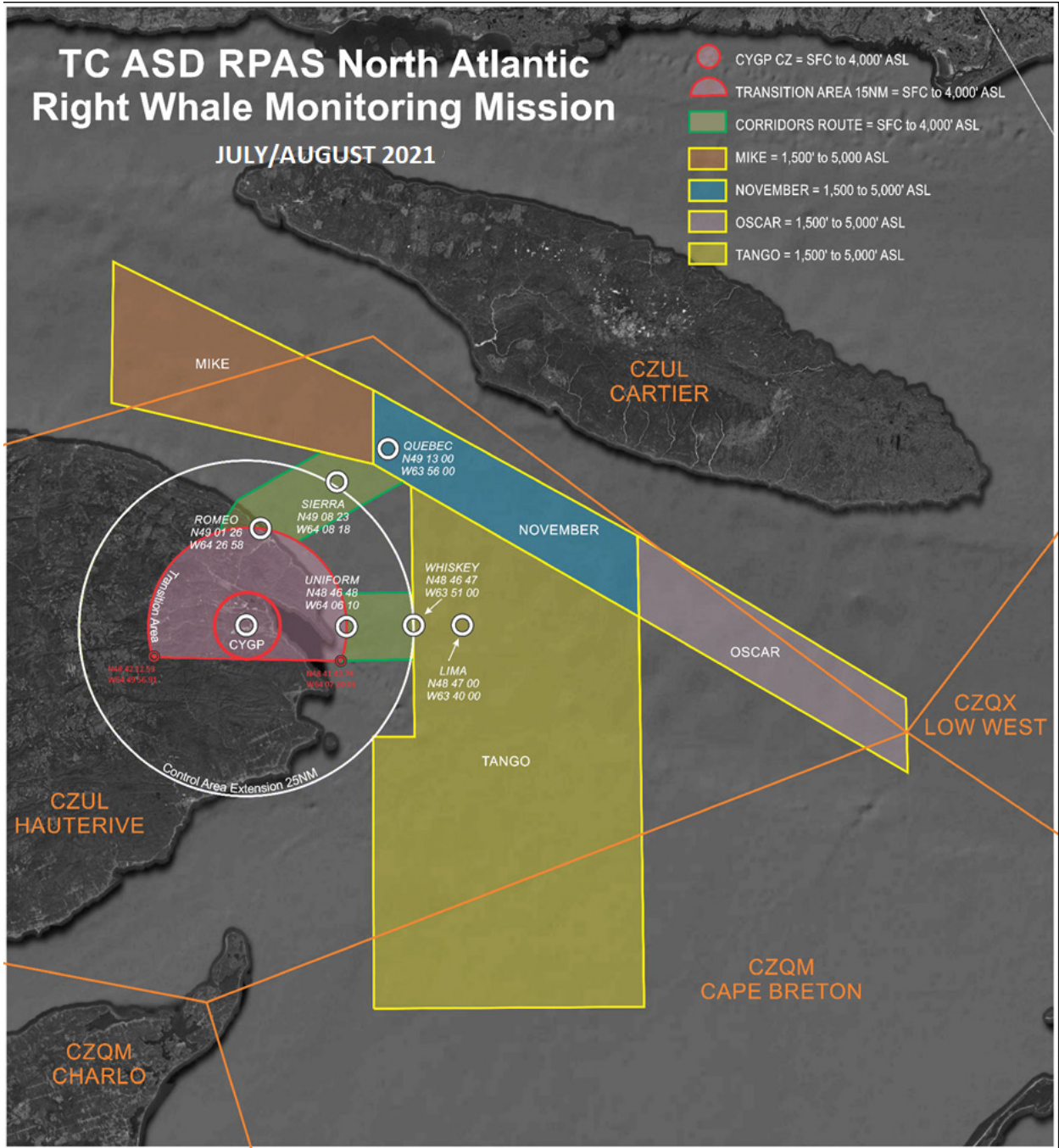


Figure 1: NOT FOR NAVIGATION.

Restricted areas are depicted by the colour shaded areas, as well as inside the red semi-circle.

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