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WHALE MONITORING IN THE GULF OF SAINT LAWRENCE CONDUCTED BY A REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM FROM JULY 10, 2024 TO AUGUST 02, 2024

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 a transition corridor, and the whale monitoring airspace, which will be active daily during daylight 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:

The corridor (from surface to 3 000 feet MSL except in controlled airspace)

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

48° 58' 31" N	064° 23' 05" W	to
49° 01' 05" N	064° 27' 13" W	to
49° 12' 49" N	064° 11' 48" W	to
49° 11' 00" N	064° 00' 00" W	to
49° 08' 22" N	063° 53' 02" W	to the 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	065° 00' 00" W	to
49° 22' 00" N	064° 00' 00" W	to
49° 11' 00" N	064° 00' 00" W	to
49° 20' 00" N	064° 58' 00" W	to the 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	064° 00' 00" W	to
49° 00' 00" N	063° 00' 00" W	to
48° 48' 00" N	063° 00' 00" W	to
49° 11' 00" N	064° 00' 00" W	to the 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 Transport Canada Aircraft Services at 613-720-9492.

The restriction shall be in effect from 10 July 2024 through to 02 August 2024 during daylight hours. The restricted areas are depicted on the satellite image in Figure 1, on the VNC in Figure 2, and on the profile view in Figure 3.

NOTAM

NOTAMs will be issued, under the appropriate International Civil Aviation Organization (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.

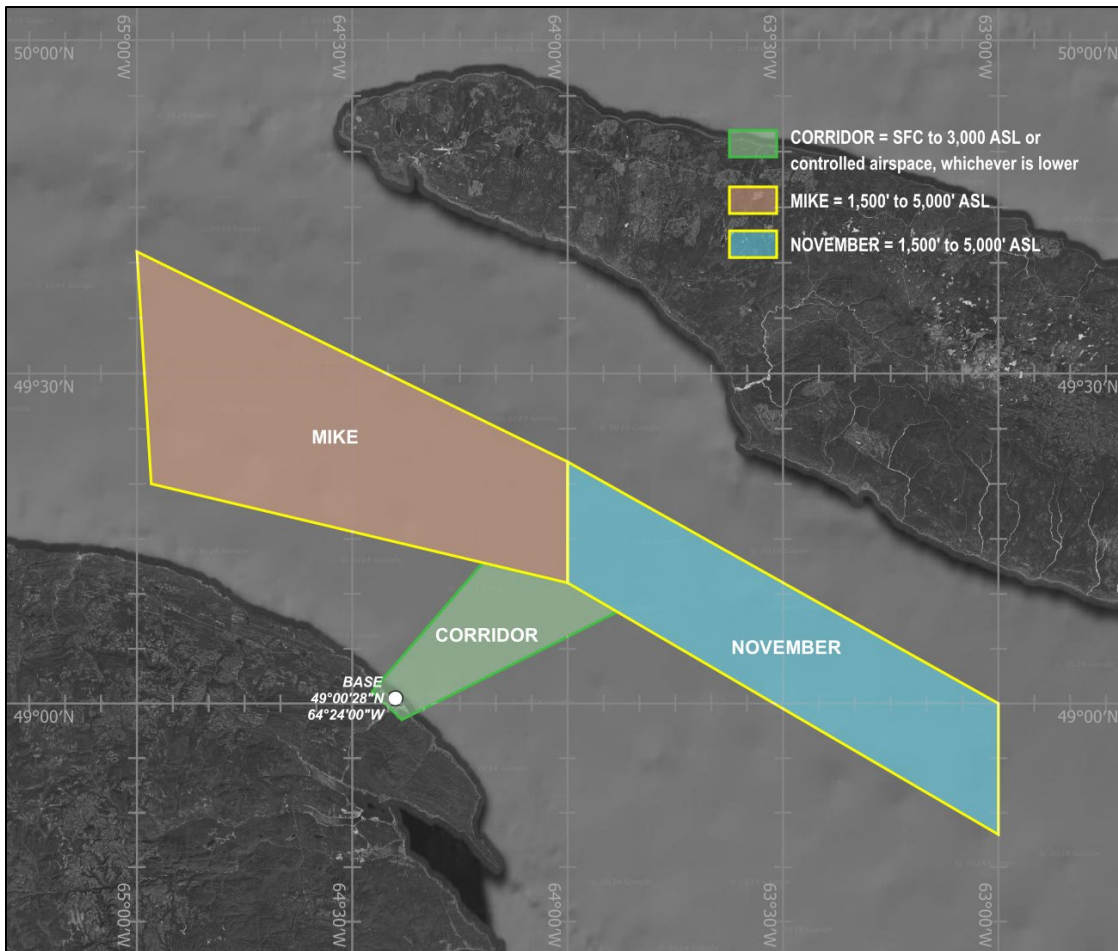


Figure 1. Satellite image view NOT FOR NAVIGATION.
Restricted areas are depicted by the colour shaded areas.

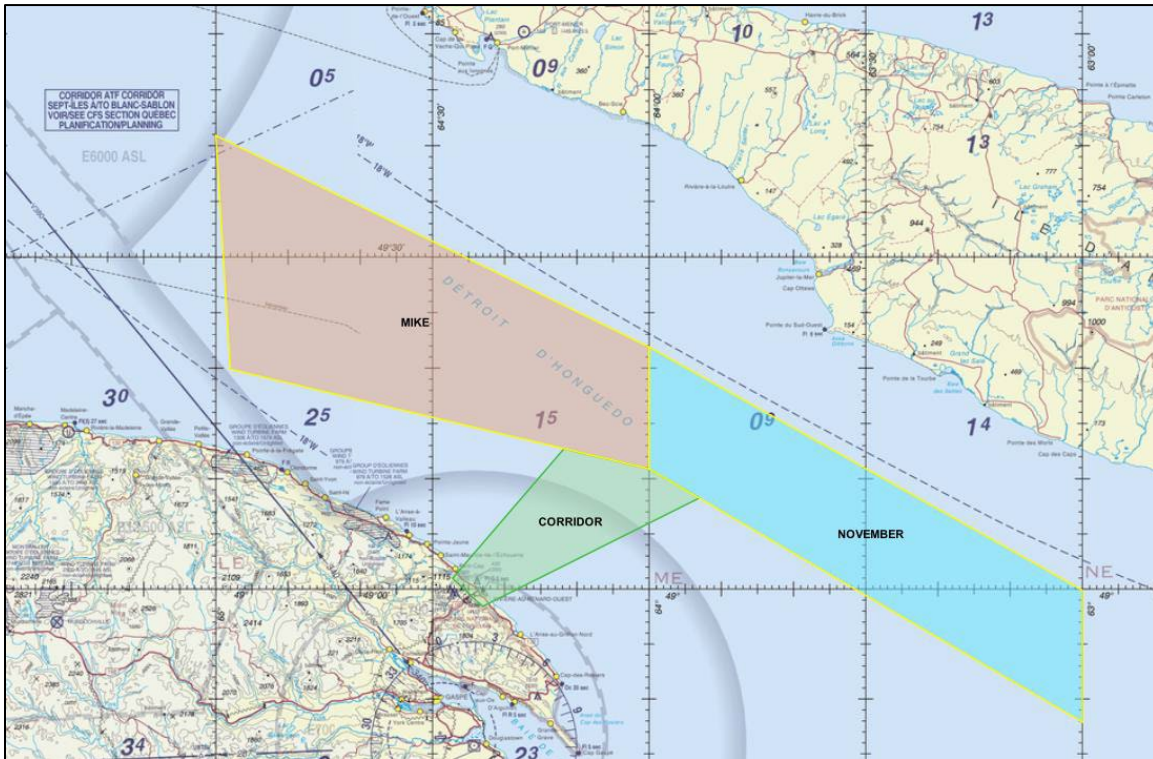


Figure 2. VNC view – NOT FOR NAVIGATION.
Restricted areas are depicted by the colour shaded areas.

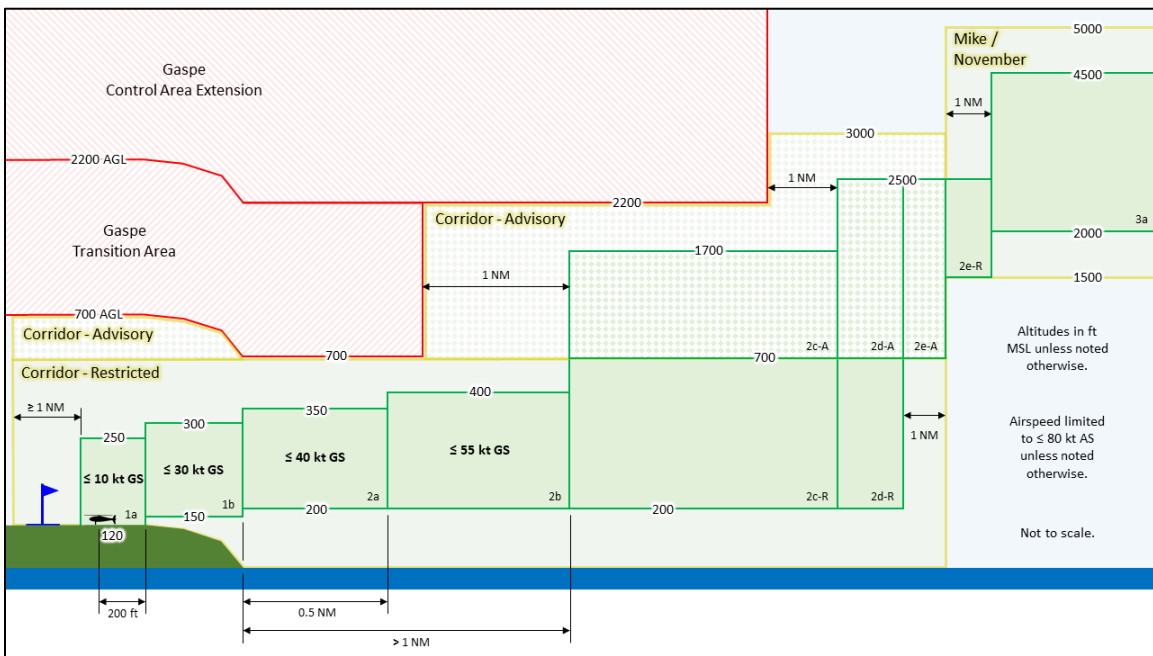


Figure 3. Profile view – NOT FOR NAVIGATION.
Restricted areas are depicted by yellow outline. Controlled airspace is depicted in orange. The green zone is depicting the planned work area used by the operator (TC – ASD RPAS).

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