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## **Members of the Voluntary Lake Monitoring Network**

**Quebec is distinguished by the many lakes that make its natural heritage exceptional. 20 years ago this year, the Ministry of the Environment, Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks relied on citizen involvement to monitor the evolution of as many lakes as possible. The Voluntary Lake Monitoring Network (RSVL) unites the expertise of Ministry specialists and citizen science in an effective collaborative model.**

**From 87 lakes monitored in 2004, the RSVL currently has 844 lakes distributed throughout southern Quebec. This success is attributable to your commitment, you who are at the forefront, who travel every summer to sample and observe the lake that you have the good fortune and chance to be near.**

**Your involvement is all the more relevant and necessary at a time when our bodies of water are subject to growing pressures such as the intensification of human activities, the proliferation of invasive alien aquatic species and the recurrence of algal blooms. blue-green algae. It is more important than ever that our lakes remain at the heart of our concerns.**

**A common objective mobilizes us: to better understand the lakes in order to better protect them. The Department is happy and proud to take up this important challenge with you and I wanted to thank you for being involved in monitoring and protecting this invaluable resource that our lakes are.**

**Please accept the expression of my best feelings.**

**The Minister,**

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