

ORDER – Wildlife Habitat Areas # 8-090 – 8-094

This order is given under the authority of sections 9(2) and 10(1) of the Government Actions Regulation (B.C. Reg. 582/04).

The Deputy Minister of Environment orders that:

- 1. the wildlife habitat areas shown in the maps set out in the attached Schedules A (#8-090, 8-091 to 8-094) and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha bc* are established;
- 2. the wildlife habitat areas in the attached Schedules A and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha_bc* are established for Tiger Salamander (*Ambystoma tigrinum*);
- 3. the general wildlife measures outlined in Schedule 1 are established for the wildlife habitat areas in the attached Schedules A and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha bc*;
- 4. where there is any discrepancy between the Wildlife Habitat Area boundaries as shown in the attached Schedules A and the GIS file *twha_bc*, the boundaries as detailed in the GIS file will take precedent. The centre point of the line on the map denoting the wildlife habitat area is what establishes the boundary; and
- 5. pursuant to section 7(3) of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation the person(s) required to prepare a forest stewardship plan are hereby exempted from the obligation to prepare results or strategies in relation to the objective set out in section 7(1) of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation to the extent that wildlife habitat areas 8-090 8-094 addresses the amount included for Tiger Salamander in the Notice for the Okanagan Shuswap Forest District.

Schedule 1 – General Wildlife Measures

<u>8-090</u>

Access

• Do not construct permanent roads; rehabilitate temporary road structures, and close roads during critical times. Drift fences and culverts may be required by the delegated decision maker for locations where road mortality is a concern.

Harvesting and silviculture

- Minimize ground disturbances and do not scarify harvested areas.
- Do not place landings within core or management zone.
- Salvage harvesting should follow the same guidelines as stated above.

Pesticides

• Do not use pesticides unless an exemption is provided by the MOE delegated decision maker.

Range

- Plan livestock use in the core area to meet the general wildlife measures goals outlined in the Version 2004 species account for Tiger Salamander. Exclusion fencing may be required by the MOE delegated decision maker to meet the goals.
- Do not place livestock attractants within WHA.

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Access

• Do not construct roads; rehabilitate temporary road structures, and close roads during critical times. Drift fences and culverts may be required by the delegated decision maker for locations where road mortality is a concern.

Harvesting and Silviculture

- Do not harvest. When approved, selective harvesting methods are preferred.
- Minimize ground disturbances and do not scarify harvested areas.
- Do not place landings within core or management zone.
- Do not stock above natural densities so that open forest and grassland openings are maintained, as per a NTD4 fire maintained ecosystem.
- Salvage harvesting should follow the same guidelines as stated above.

Pesticides

 Do not use pesticides unless an exemption is provided by the MOE delegated decision maker.

Range

- Plan livestock use in the core area to meet the general wildlife measures goals outlined in the Version 2004 species account for Tiger Salamander. Exclusion fencing may be put in place by the MOE delegated decision maker if required.
- Do not place livestock attractants within WHA.

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Signed this 2 n day of 5.4

Chris Trumpy, Deputy Minister

Ministry of Environment