

ORDER – Wildlife Habitat Area # 1-068 to 1-076

The following order applies to the areas shown in the maps set out in the attached Schedules A and takes effect on the 10 day of February, 2005.

This order is given under the authority of sections 9(2) and 10(1) of the *Government Actions Regulation* (B.C. Reg. 17/04) and section 7(3) of the *Forest Planning and Practices Regulation* (B.C. Reg. 14/04).

The Deputy Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection orders that:

1. the wildlife habitat areas shown in the maps set out in the attached Schedules A (#1-068 to 1-076) are established;
2. the wildlife habitat areas in the attached Schedules A are established for Coastal Tailed frog (*Ascaphus truei*);
3. the general wildlife measures outlined in Schedule 1 are established for the wildlife habitat areas in the attached Schedules A; and
4. 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 1-068 to 1-076 address the amount included for Coastal Tailed frog in the Notice for the North Island Central Coast Forest District. Including consideration of this order, the amount remaining for Coastal Tailed frog in the North Island Central Coast Forest District Notice is 1549 ha with a mature timber supply impact of 192.5 ha.

Schedule 1 – General Wildlife Measures

1. *Access*

- Do not construct roads within 30 m of stream unless the MWLAP Delegated Decision maker is satisfied there is no other practicable option and the exemption is approved by the MWLAP Designated Decision Maker. If a stream crossing is required the type of crossing structure and any associated roads must be designed and installed in a way that minimizes impacts to tailed frog instream and riparian habitats. Minimize the length of road within the WHA. Use temporary clear span bridges where practicable.
- Rehabilitate sites with temporary access structures.

2. *Silviculture*

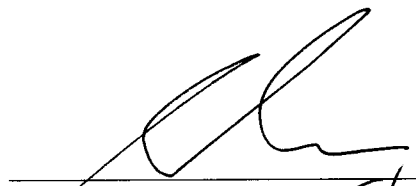
- Do not harvest in the core area. Use partial harvesting systems in the buffer that maintain 80% basal area unless an exemption is approved by the MWLAP Designated Decision Maker. Partial harvest should be oriented towards the creation of

old forest characteristics such as large diameter trees, multilayered canopies, snags and coarse woody debris.

- No salvage should be carried out unless an exemption is approved by the MWLAP Designated Decision Maker.
- Minimize risk of windthrow (see Windthrow Handbook for B.C. Forests).
- Do not use pesticides unless an exemption is approved by the MWLAP Designated Decision Maker.

3. *Mineral*

- Applicable to WHAs 1-069 and 1-073: These WHAs are located within a high mineral potential area. There is no direct conflict with existing mineral tenures or gravel pits within these WHAs. In the event that development or exploration is proposed within these WHAs the MWLAP Designated Decision Maker will be guided by policy, to be developed, when considering exemptions to the general wildlife measures.



Signed this 10 day of Feb, 2005
Gordon Macatee, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection