



File MWLAP: 135-60/MIWG x.r. 36460/30/8-012

File MOF: 12210-40/FPCODEMIWILDLIFE

ORDER – WILDLIFE HABITAT AREA # 8- 012

On being satisfied that the establishment of the wildlife habitat area dealt with in this order is necessary to meet the habitat requirements of the identified wildlife, and that the general wildlife measures dealt with in this order are necessary to maintain the identified wildlife within those areas, and under the authority of section 70 (1) (b) and (c), (2), (4), and (5) of the Operational Planning Regulation, B.C. Reg. 107/98, the Deputy Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection and the Chief Forester, acting jointly, order that

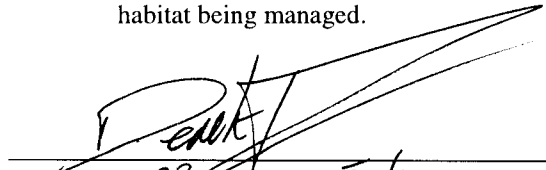
1. the wildlife habitat area shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A (#8-012) is established;
2. the wildlife habitat area referred to in section 1 is approved for Tailed Frog (*Ascaphus truei*); and
3. the following practices are established as management practices that apply as general wildlife measures inside the wildlife habitat area, referred to in section 1:

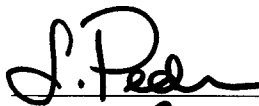
Access

- Do not construct roads within 30 m of a stream unless the district manager and regional fish and wildlife manager are satisfied there is no other practicable option and the variance is approved by the district manager and regional fish and wildlife manager. When a variance is approved, road construction must be designed and installed in a way that minimizes impacts to tailed frog instream and riparian habitats. The location, mitigation measures during construction, and short and long term sediment control on roads must be approved by the district manager and regional fish and wildlife manager.
- Do not place stream crossings in the WHA unless the district manager and regional fish and wildlife manager are satisfied there is no other practicable option and the variance is approved by the district manager and regional fish and wildlife manager. When a variance is approved for a stream crossing within the WHA, use a temporary clear span structure. Use of alternative structures must be approved in the variance by the district manager and regional fish and wildlife manager.
- Rehabilitate sites with temporary access structures.

Silviculture

- Do not harvest in the core area.
- Use partial harvesting systems in the buffer that maintain 80% basal area unless variance is approved by the district manager and regional fish and wildlife manager. 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 variance is approved by the district manager and regional fish and wildlife manager.
- Minimize risk of windthrow (see Windthrow Handbook for B.C. Forests).
- Avoid the use of pesticides. Spot treatments with herbicides may be used in exceptional circumstances (e.g., noxious weeds) where it can be demonstrated that the herbicide will not be harmful to the species or habitat being managed.


Signed this 23 day of July, 2001
Derek Thompson, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection


Signed this 20 day of July, 2001
Larry Pedersen, Chief Forester
Ministry of Forests