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ORDER – WILDLIFE HABITAT AREA # 1- 014

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 (#1–014) is established;
- 2 the wildlife habitat area referred to in section 1 is approved for Marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*); and
- 3 the general wildlife measures referred to in Order No. 1 – General Wildlife Measures, dated March 3, 1999 for Marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*) apply to this wildlife habitat area.

Signed this 27 day of March, 2002
Derek Thompson, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection

Signed this 27 day of March, 2002
Larry Pedersen, Chief Forester
Ministry of Forests

General wildlife measures

These measures must be applied within a WHA approved for the species.

Access

- Do not build roads 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.
- Seasonal constraints on the use of the road may be required. Consult MELP so any seasonal constraints can be specified.

Recreation

- Do not establish recreation sites.

Silviculture

- Do not harvest except for salvage when a variance is approved by the district manager and regional fish and wildlife manager.
- Identify WHAs on forest district fire protection maps and consider them a priority for protection from fires.

Restoration and enhancement

- In second growth stands use silvicultural techniques to encourage old-growth characteristics.

Management considerations (not mandatory)

Consider the following during operational planning:

- Schedule timber harvesting operations adjacent to WHAs between September 15 and April 15 to minimize disturbance of nesting birds.
- If a WHA is <200 ha, no more than 50% of the WHA should be bounded by forests of young seral stages.
- If prescribed burning is required for site preparation adjacent to a WHA, it should be restricted to between September 15 and April 15 to minimize the impacts on nesting marbled murrelets. An extremely high level of fire protection during slash burning is required for burns adjacent to WHAs.

Landscape unit planning considerations (not mandatory)

Marbled murrelet nesting habitat in the Georgia Depression Ecoprovince is severely depleted. Habitat conservation within this ecoprovince is critical in order to maintain populations in this part of the marbled murrelet's range. When applying biodiversity emphasis options within the