

**ORDER – Wildlife Habitat Areas**  
**# 5-753 to 5-758, and 5-760 to 5-764**  
**Sandhill Crane –North Island Central Coast Forest District**

This order is given under the authority of sections 9(2) and 10(1) of the *Government Actions Regulation* (B.C. Reg. 582/2004) (GAR).

1. The Deputy Minister of Environment, being satisfied that
  - i. the following area contains habitat that is necessary to meet the habitat requirements for sandhill crane (*Grus canadensis*); and
  - ii. the habitat requires special management that is not otherwise provided for under GAR or another enactment;orders that
  - a) the areas shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule As (5-753 to 5-758, and 5-760 to 5-764) and contained in the wildlife habitat areas (WHAs) spatial layer stored in the Geographic Warehouse (*twha\_bc*) are established as wildlife habitat areas 5-753 to 5-758, and 5-760 to 5-764 for sandhill crane. The centre point of the line on the attached Schedule As is what establishes the WHA boundary; and
  - b) if there is a discrepancy between the areas shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule As and the WHA spatial layer stored in the Geographic Warehouse (*twha\_bc*), the areas as detailed in the WHA spatial layer will take precedent.
2. The Deputy Minister of Environment, being satisfied that
  - i. the general wildlife measures (GWMs) described below are necessary to protect and conserve sandhill crane and the habitat of sandhill crane; and
  - ii. GAR or another enactment does not otherwise provide for that protection or conservation;orders that
  - a) the GWMs outlined in Schedule 1 are established for WHAs 5-753 to 5-758 and 5-760 to 5-764; and
  - b) GWMs 2 and 3 outlined in Schedule 1 are applied to the area specified in those GWMs.

### *Definitions*

Words and expressions not defined in this order have the meaning given to them in the *Forest and Range Practices Act* (FRPA) and the regulations made under it, unless context indicates otherwise.

### Schedule 1 – General Wildlife Measures

#### *Access*

1. Do not construct roads.
2. Do not construct access roads and structures required for primary forest activities within a Specified Area of 100m horizontal distance of the WHAs during the breeding season (April to October), where practicable.
3. GWM 2 does not apply to construction of access roads and structures within a Specified Area of 100m horizontal distance of WHA 5-757 provided the Regional Manager is notified prior to commencement of construction activities.

#### *Harvesting and silviculture*

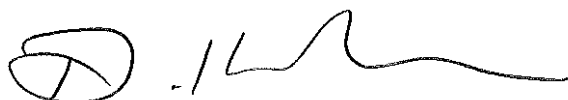
4. Do not conduct timber harvesting.
5. GWM 4 does not apply to the extent that timber harvesting within the WHA is necessary to create guyline tiebacks for timber harvesting, provided that trees that fall within the WHA boundary are retained on site to function as coarse woody debris.

#### *Pesticides*

6. Do not use pesticides, except for the application of herbicides to control for invasive plants or noxious weeds.

#### *Recreation*

7. Do not establish recreation sites or trails.



Signed this 12 day of Jan., 2010  
Doug Konkin, Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Environment

## Appendix 1:

The following information is provided by the Ministry of Environment (MoE) as background information and support to the order establishing WHAs 5-753 to 5-758 and 5-760 to 5-764. This appendix is not part of the order.

**1. Activities to which the order does not apply:** Section 2(2) of the *Government Actions Regulation* states

An order under any of sections 5 to 15 does not apply in respect of

(a) any of the following entered into before the order takes effect:

(i) a cutting permit;

(ii) a road permit;

(iii) a timber sale licence that does not provide for cutting permits;

(iv) a forestry licence to cut issued by a timber sales manager under section 47.6 (3) of the Forest Act;

(v) subject to subsection (3), a minor tenure,

(b) a declared area,

(c) areas described in section 196 (1) of the Act, and

(d) areas referred to in section 110 of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation.

**2. Authority to consider an exemption from these GWMs** is provided in section 92(1) of the FPPR, section 79(1) of the *Woodlot Licenses Planning and Practices Regulation*. An exemption may be provided if the Minister's delegate is satisfied that the intent of the GWM will be achieved or that compliance with the provision is not practicable, given the circumstances or conditions applicable to a particular area.

An exemption application should be submitted to the Minister's delegate (Regional Manager – MoE, for the Region that the WHA is located) with a rationale describing the nature of the problem and options to integrate WHA conservation with proposed forest practices. This submission will assist in timely consideration of the matter, and will inform the conditions, if any, of the exemption that may be granted prior to commencement of activities. Upon receipt of a complete exemption application, a determination will normally be made within 14 days of arrival. Incomplete packages will be returned to the proponent for re-submission.

