



ORDER – Wildlife Habitat Area # 6-056, 6-057

The following order applies to the areas shown in the maps set out in the attached Schedules A and takes effect on the 17 day of March, 2005.

This order is given under the authority of sections 9(2) and 10(1) of the *Government Actions Regulation* (B.C. Reg. 582/04) 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 (#6-056 and 6-057) 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* for Coastal Tailed frog in the North Coast Forest District.

Schedule 1 – General Wildlife Measures

1. Access

- Minimize roads or stream crossings within the core area. When roads are determined to be necessary, minimize length and construct narrow roads to minimize site disturbance and reduce groundwater interception in the cutslope; use sediment-control measures in cut-and-fill slopes (e.g., grass-seeding, armouring ditch lines, and culvert outfalls); deactivate roads but minimize digging and disturbance to adjacent roadside habitat; minimize site disturbance during harvesting, especially in terrain polygons with high sediment transfer potential to natal streams; and fall and yard away from, or bridging, all other stream channels (ephemeral or perennial) within the WHA, to reduce channel disturbance and slash loading.
- Where stream crossings are required, ensure the type of crossing structure and any associated roads are designed and installed in a way that minimizes impacts to tailed frog instream and riparian habitats. Use temporary clear span bridges where practicable.

2. Harvesting and silviculture

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- Do not harvest or salvage within the core area or **special management zone**.

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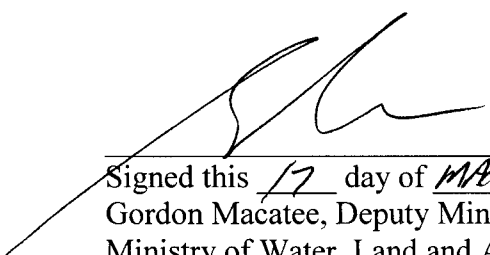
- Do not harvest in the core area **or within the gully where the gully extends beyond the core area**. Use partial harvesting systems in the management zone that maintain 70% basal area with the appropriate structure necessary to achieve the goals of the General Wildlife Measures.
- **For the special management zone**, develop a management plan that is consistent with the goals of the General wildlife measures contained in the IWMS species account for coastal Tailed-frog.
- No salvage should be carried out.
- Avoid cross-stream yarding.
- Do not use chemical applications (e.g., dustpalliative polymer stabilizers and soil binders that can be sprayed within ditch lines).

3. *Pesticides*

- Do not use pesticides unless an exemption is approved by the MWLAP Delegated Decision Maker.

4. *Range*

- Where livestock grazing occurs, follow recommended target conditions for range use in stream riparian areas. Fencing may be required by the delegated decision maker to achieve goals.



Signed this 17 day of MAR, 2005
Gordon Macatee, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection