



## **ORDER – Wildlife Habitat Areas # 6-058 and 6-059**

This order is given under the authority of sections 9(2) and 10(1) of the *Government Actions Regulation* (B.C. Reg. 582/04).

The Deputy Minister of Environment orders that:

1. the wildlife habitat area shown in the map set out in the attached Schedules A (6-058 and 6-059) and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha\_bc* are established;
2. the wildlife habitat area in the attached Schedule A and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha\_bc* 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 Schedule A and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha\_bc*;
4. where there is any discrepancy between the wildlife habitat area boundaries as shown in the attached Schedules A and the GIS file *twha\_bc*, the boundary as detailed in the GIS file will take precedent. The centre point of the line on the map denoting the wildlife habitat area is what establishes the boundary; and
5. 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 Kalum Forest District.

### **Schedule 1 – General Wildlife Measures**

#### *Access*

- No road construction or stream crossings will be established within the core area. Where other options are not practicable, and roads or stream crossings are determined to be necessary for access, an exemption is required from the Minister of Environment or delegate.
- When roads are determined to be necessary, minimize their length and width to alleviate as much as practicable, site disturbance. Reduce groundwater interception in the cut-slope; 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; and minimize site disturbance during road right-of-way clearing, especially in terrain polygons with high sediment transfer potential to natal streams.
- Where stream crossings are required, fall and yard away from, or bridging, all other stream channels (ephemeral or perennial) within the WHA, to reduce channel disturbance and slash loading; and ensure the type of crossing structure and any associated roads are

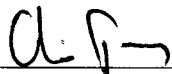
designed and installed in a way that minimizes impacts to tailed frog in-stream and riparian habitats. Use temporary clear span bridges where practicable.

*Harvesting and silviculture*

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

*Pesticides*

- Do not use pesticides unless an exemption is approved by the Minister of Environment or delegate.

  
Signed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006  
Chris Trumpy, Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Environment