

ORDER – Wildlife Habitat Area

1-394

Great Blue Heron – 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 great blue heron (*Ardea herodias fannini*); and
 - ii. the habitat requires special management that is not otherwise provided for under GAR or another enactment;orders that
 - a) the area shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A (1-394) and contained in the wildlife habitat areas (WHAs) spatial layer stored in the Geographic Warehouse (*twha_bc*) is established as wildlife habitat area 1-394 for great blue heron. The centre point of the line on the attached Schedule A is what establishes the WHA boundary; and
 - b) if there is a discrepancy between the area shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A and the WHA spatial layer stored in the Geographic Warehouse (*twha_bc*), the area 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 the habitat of great blue heron; 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 WHA 1-394.

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 develop roads or trails.

Harvesting and silviculture

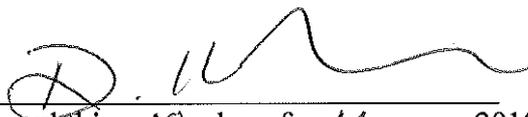
2. Do not conduct harvesting or silvicultural activities.

Pesticides

3. Do not use pesticides.

Recreation

4. Do not develop recreation trails, structures, or facilities.



Signed this 18 day of May, 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 WHA 1-394. 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 *Forest 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.

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that this is essential for ensuring transparency and accountability in the organization's operations.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and tools used to collect and analyze data. It highlights the need for a systematic approach to data collection and the importance of using reliable and valid measurement instruments. The document also discusses the challenges associated with data collection and analysis, such as missing data and measurement error.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the interpretation and reporting of research findings. It discusses the importance of providing a clear and concise summary of the results and the implications of the findings. The document also emphasizes the need to communicate the results in a way that is accessible and understandable to a wide range of stakeholders.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the ethical considerations that must be taken into account when conducting research. It highlights the importance of obtaining informed consent from participants and ensuring that the research is conducted in a fair and equitable manner. The document also discusses the need to protect the confidentiality and privacy of the data collected.