

ORDER – Wildlife Habitat Areas

5-073 and 5-752

Great Blue Heron – 100 Mile House and Central Cariboo Forest Districts

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 herodias*); 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 As (5-073 and 5-752) and contained in the wildlife habitat areas (WHAs) spatial layer stored in the Geographic Warehouse (*twha_bc*) are established as wildlife habitat areas 5-073 and 5-752 for great blue heron. 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 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 WHAs 5-073 and 5-752.

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.

Livestock attractant: a substance or structure that draws livestock, including, but not limited to, salt/minerals, molasses, supplements, water developments and cattle oilers.

Schedule 1 – General Wildlife Measures

1. Primary forest activities:
 - a) must not result in the construction (including blasting) of access structures within the core area; and
 - b) must not result in the construction (including blasting) of access structures within the management zone during the breeding season (March 1st to August 31st).
2. Do not conduct timber harvesting or silviculture activities:
 - a) within the core area; and
 - b) within the management zone during the breeding season (March 1st to August 31st).
3. Recreational sites and trails must not be established within the core area.
4. Primary forest activities must not result in the use of pesticides, except for the application of herbicides to control for invasive plants or noxious weeds:
 - a) outside of the breeding season (March 1st to August 31st), unless there is no other practicable option, within the core area; and
 - b) at any time within the management zone.
5. New range developments, including livestock corrals or stock trails, and placement of livestock attractants must not occur within the WHA, except as provided by GWM 6.
6. GWM 7 does not apply to the construction of fencing in the WHA.


Signed this 23 day of July, 2009
Doug Konkin, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Environment

Appendix 1:

The following information is intended to provide background information and support to the legal order establishing these WHAs. This appendix is not part of the legal order.

1. As per section 2(2) of the *Government Actions Regulation*, the order entitled “ORDER – Wildlife Habitat Areas 5-062 and 5-730” 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 FRPA; and
 - d. areas referred to in section 110 of the *Forest Planning and Practices Regulation* (FPPR).

In these instances the requirement to comply with the order and the GWMs does not apply.

2. Authority to consider an exemption from these GWMs is provided in section 92(1) of FPPR. An exemption may be provided if the Minister’s delegate is satisfied that the intent of the general wildlife measure 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 – Ministry of Environment, 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.

2. It then goes on to describe the various methods used to collect and analyze data, including surveys, interviews, and focus groups.

3. The next section details the results of the data collection process, highlighting key findings and trends.

4. Finally, the document concludes with a series of recommendations for future research and implementation.

5. The following table provides a summary of the data collected during the study, showing the distribution of responses across different categories.

6. In addition, the document includes a series of charts and graphs that illustrate the data in a more visual format, making it easier to understand the overall trends and patterns.