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### **ORDER – WILDLIFE HABITAT AREA # 1- 003**

On being satisfied that the establishment of the wildlife habitat area dealt with in this order is necessary to meet the habitat requirements of the identified wildlife, and that the general wildlife measures dealt with in this order are necessary to maintain the identified wildlife within those areas, and under the authority of section 70 (1) (b) and (c), (2), (4), and (5) of the Operational Planning Regulation, B.C. Reg. 107/98, the Deputy Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection and the Chief Forester, acting jointly, order that

1. the wildlife habitat area shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A (#1–003) is established;
2. the wildlife habitat area referred to in section 1 is approved for Queen Charlotte goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis laingi*); and
3. the following practices are established as management practices that apply as general wildlife measures inside the wildlife habitat area, referred to in section 1:

#### **General**

The breeding season is from **February 15** through September 1. However, breeding times may vary yearly and by site. Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection should be consulted for site-specific breeding times. Activity restrictions may be removed after June 30 for inactive or unsuccessful nests.

#### **Nest Areas**

##### **Access**

- Do not construct roads within the nest areas unless the district manager and regional fish and wildlife manager are satisfied there is no other practicable option and the variance is approved by the district manager and regional fish and wildlife manager. **The nest areas in this Wildlife Habitat Area are mapped to exclude the existing road at the south end of the Post Fledging Area.**

#### **Silviculture**

- Do not harvest or salvage within nest areas, except for treatments aimed at maintaining or improving stand structure for nesting; (i.e., understory thinning to maintain or promote desired stand structure: single storied, crown closure  $\geq 60\%$ , and uniform trees  $\geq 60$  cm dbh). If these practices are planned, avoid breeding period (February 15 to September 1).

#### **Post-fledging area (PFA) - 253 hectares**

##### **Access**

- No blasting should occur within 1 km of an active nest during courtship and nest establishment (i.e. February 15 – June 30). Actual times may vary by site and year. Consult MWLAP for site-specific times or variances.
- **No road construction or modification of existing roads with the exception of guy-line clearances, minor quarries, or minor intrusions with approval of MWLAP biologists should occur within the Post-fledging area.**

**Silviculture**

- Do not harvest, salvage or stand-tend within the PFA, except for treatments aimed at maintaining or improving stand structure for goshawk habitat or aboriginal traditional use and are jointly approved by the District Manager and Regional Fish and Wildlife Manager. This restriction of harvest may be revised in future on analysis of Queen Charlotte Goshawk research findings.
- No prolonged hauling (i.e., > 3 days) on existing roads should occur within 200 m of an active nest between February 15 and September 1 unless variance is approved by the District Manager and Regional Fish and Wildlife Manager.

**Foraging Area (FA) – 1882 hectares**

**Silviculture**

- Use a harvest sequence that will minimize road density.
- Plan the harvest sequence to create a mosaic of successional stages interspersed in patches, with at least 20% in the closed-canopy old growth and 40% in mature forest (or old if mature is unavailable). The remaining 40% should be managed with no more than 20% in young forest (0-20 years). **Regenerating stands in the General Foraging Area that are treated to enhance canopy closure and open understory may be considered as mature forest at >50 years if these forest stands are suitable goshawk habitat.**
- Maintain coarse woody debris
- Leave stands with dense canopy cover and an open understory.
- When harvesting in within mature and old seral stages, leave snags and mature, old live trees in clumps.
- When harvesting within mature forest and old seral stages, use silvicultural techniques (including harvesting methods) that will reduce the density of shrubs, saplings, and small poles while maintaining or enhancing the canopy of large trees.



Signed this 6 day of December, 2002  
Derek Thompson, Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection



Signed this 6 day of Dec, 2002  
Larry Pedersen, Chief Forester  
Ministry of Forests