



File MWLAP: 135-60/MIWG x.r. 36460/30/1-005

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ORDER – WILDLIFE HABITAT AREA # 1- 005

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 (#1–005) 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:

This Wildlife Habitat Area is 2593 hectares which includes 201 hectares of lake and non-productive brush. Percentage calculations will be based on forested land area. In this particular Wildlife Habitat Area, Old-growth and Mature Forest requirements will be met by forest stands greater than or equal to 61 years.

The breeding season is generally from February 15 through September 1. However, breeding times may vary yearly and by site. MWLAP should be consulted for site-specific breeding times. Activity restrictions may be removed after August 1 for inactive or unsuccessful nests.

Post-fledging area (PFA).

Access

- **No blasting should occur within 1 km of an active nest during courtship and nest establishment (i.e., February 15 – August 1). Actual times may vary by site and year. Consult MWLAP for sit-specific times, locations or variances.**
- **Do not construct roads within the PFA 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. Existing mainline roads within the PFA may be maintained at current widths and standards, but are not to be widened unless approved as above.**

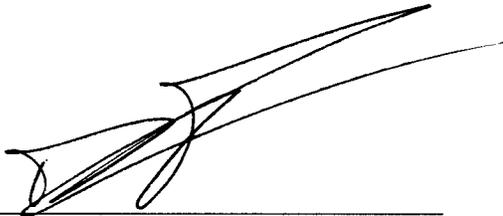
Silviculture

- **Do not harvest, salvage or stand tend within the PFA, except for treatments aimed at maintaining or improving stand structure for goshawk habitat and are jointly approved by the Regional Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Manager and District Manager. If these practices are planned, avoid breeding period (February 15–September 1).**
- **No prolonged (i.e., >2 days per week) hauling on existing roads within the PFA 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.**

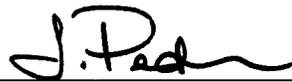
Foraging Area (FA)

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- Do not harvest in the eleven mapped units numbered 51, 54, 60, 62, 65, 66, 71, 72, 76, and 116 expected to be designated as Ungulate Winter Range/Old-Growth Management Areas under the Sayward Landscape Unit Plan, unless the treatments are designed for the purpose of improving stand structure for goshawks, ungulate winter habitat, old-growth, aboriginal traditional use or biodiversity reasons and are jointly approved by the District Manager and Regional Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Manager. Areas approved under TSL A63326 will be removed and the shortfall in old-growth retention will be regained from undesignated areas in the Foraging Area.
- Use a harvest system that will minimize road density.
- In the remaining forested area of the FA, plan the harvest sequence to ensure that the seral stage distribution will approximate 15% of the forested WHA area (25% of the FA, exclusive of OGMA, UWRs, PFA and other reserves) in 0-20 year old stands, 15% in 21-40 year old stands, 15% in 41-60 year old stands and 15% in 61-80 year old stands. This balanced age-class will be achieved over the next 60-80 years.
- Maintain coarse woody debris.
- Where practicable, over the next 20 years, reserve from harvest those stands which are highest suitability for foraging goshawks (i.e. stands with dense canopy cover and an open understory).
- When harvesting within mature and old seral stages, leave snags and mature, old live trees in clumps.
- Silviculture strategies should be selected which will promote the development of dense canopy cover and an open understory in the later phases of the forest management cycle (i.e. 41+ years).



Signed this 11 day of June, 2002
Derek Thompson, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection



Signed this 11 day of June, 2002
Larry Pedersen, Chief Forester
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