



File MWLAP: 135-60/MIWG x.r. 36460/30/1-048  
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### **ORDER – WILDLIFE HABITAT AREA # 1- 048**

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 Site Planning Regulation, B.C. Reg. 107/98, the Deputy Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection orders that

1. the wildlife habitat area shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A (#1–048) 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:

#### ***Objectives***

1. Prevent disturbance and abandonment of breeding goshawks.
2. Maintain important breeding and foraging habitat features within core area (PFA).
3. When foraging habitat is included within WHA, maintain suitable foraging habitat and habitat features.

#### ***Measures***

##### ***Access***

- Do not construct roads within the core and management zone unless the environmental stewardship manager approves a variance. **Existing mainline roads within the core may be maintained at current widths and standards, but are not to be widened unless approved as above.**

##### ***Harvesting and silviculture***

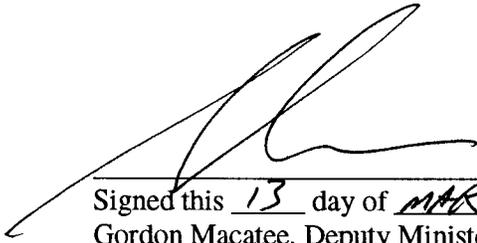
##### **Core**

- **Core area should be managed for 100% retention. Do not harvest or salvage (e.g., cedar and salal) within core except for 1) treatments aimed at maintaining or improving stand structure for Queen Charlotte Goshawks 2) danger tree removal for worker safety along adjacent cutblock edges and existing roads, and 3) tail-holds for yarding equipment, where these activities are approved through a variance by the regional environmental stewardship manager. If these practices are approved, avoid breeding period (February 15-September 1).**
- Do not commercial thin within core area unless the environmental stewardship manager approves a variance.

##### **Management Zone**

- **Management zone should be managed for single tree selection.**
- **Before harvesting, develop a management plan for harvesting within the management zone, whereby the plan is developed in conjunction with WLAP regional staff under the guidance of an agreed upon MOU.**
- **Aboriginal traditional use in the management zone will be permitted. If the traditional use requires removal of any trees, it should be done during the *non-breeding* season September 1 – February 15).**

- Commercial thinning may occur within the management zone provided the activities promote the structural characteristics of forests for goshawk foraging (e.g., low density thinning of young seral stages to promote older structural attributes).



Signed this 13 day of MAR, 2003  
Gordon Macatee, Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection