



ORDER – WILDLIFE HABITAT AREAS
WHA 1-487, 1-492 to 1-494 and 1-496 red-legged frogs
South Island Natural Resource 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).

1. The Regional Executive Director of the West Coast Natural Resource Region, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, being satisfied that
 - i. the following area contains habitat that is necessary to meet the habitat requirements for red-legged frogs (*Rana aurora*); and
 - ii. the habitat requires special management that is not otherwise provided for under Government Actions Regulation or another enactment;

orders that

- a) the areas shown in the maps set out in the attached Schedule A (WHAs 1-487, 1-492 to 1-494 and 1-496) and contained in the wildlife habitat area (WHA) spatial layer stored in the Geographic Warehouse (WHSE_WILDLIFE_MANAGEMENT.WCP_WILDLIFE_HABITAT_AREA_POLY) are established as wildlife habitat areas 1-487, 1-492 to 1-494 and 1-496 for red-legged frogs. The centre point of the line on the attached Schedule A maps 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 (WHSE_WILDLIFE_MANAGEMENT.WCP_WILDLIFE_HABITAT_AREA_POLY), the areas as detailed in the WHA spatial layer will take precedent.

2. The Regional Executive Director of the West Coast Natural Resource Region, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, being satisfied that
 - i. the general wildlife measures (GWMs) described below are necessary to protect or conserve red-legged frogs and the habitat of red-legged frogs; and
 - ii. Government Actions Regulation 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 1-487, 1-492 to 1-494 and 1-496.

Definitions

Words and expressions not defined in this order have the meaning given to them in the *Forest and Range Practices Act* and the regulations made under it, unless context indicates otherwise.

Schedule 1 – General Wildlife Measures (GWMs):

Access

1. Do not construct roads.
2. GWM 1 does not apply if construction of the non-permitted road grade that connects the Pacific Marine Trail and the private land to the south on the western side of the wetland within WHA 1-496 for the purposes of accessing the private land for timber harvest or fish habitat enhancement work.

Harvesting and Silviculture

3. Do not conduct timber harvesting, salvage or silvicultural activities, including crown modifications or windfirming treatments.
4. GWM 2 does not apply for felling of danger trees for worker safety and where guyline anchors and tailholds are required to facilitate timber harvesting outside a WHA.
5. Trees felled in accordance with GWM 3 must be retained on-site to provide coarse woody debris.

Pesticides

6. Do not use pesticides, except for the control for invasive plants or noxious weeds and applied:
 - a) by stem injection, cut and paint, foliar wipe or other direct plant application; or
 - b) by spot spraying for individual plants or cluster of plants if direct plant application is not practicable; and
 - c) with no direct application to either red-legged frogs or water.

Signed this 8 day of January, 2018



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