



ORDER – Wildlife Habitat Areas
2-206 to 210, 2-212 to 229, 2-232 to 238, 2-240, 2-242 to 249, 2-298 to 302
Sunshine Coast Forest District

This order is given under the authority of sections 9(2) and 10(1) of the *Government Actions Regulation* (B.C. Reg. 582/04).

The Deputy Minister of Environment orders that:

1. the wildlife habitat areas shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A (2-206, 2-208 to 2-210, 2-212 to 2-229, 2-232 to 2-238, 2-240, 2-242 to 2-249, 2-298 to 2-302) and the boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha_bc* are established;
2. the wildlife habitat areas in the attached Schedule A and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha_bc* are established for Grizzly Bear (*Ursus arctos*);
3. the general wildlife measures outlined in Schedule 1 are established for the wildlife habitat areas in the attached Schedule A and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha_bc*;
4. for the purposes of section 2(3)(a) of the *Government Actions Regulation*, these General Wildlife Measures apply to minor tenures;
5. where there is discrepancy between the wildlife habitat area boundaries as shown in the attached Schedule As and the GIS file *twha_bc*, the boundaries as detailed in the GIS file will take precedent. The centre point of the line on the map denoting the wildlife habitat area is what establishes the boundary; and
6. pursuant to section 7(3) of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation the person(s) required to prepare a forest stewardship plan are hereby exempted from the obligation to prepare results or strategies in relation to the objective set out in section 7(1) of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation to the extent that the aforementioned wildlife habitat areas address the amount included for Grizzly Bear in the Notice for the Sunshine Coast Forest District.

Schedule 1 – General Wildlife Measures

Access

- Do not construct roads, trails or landings. An exemption would not be required for road maintenance, to address safety concerns, or for reconstruction and deactivation on existing roads within the WHA; nor to allow tailholds in the WHA associated with landings adjacent to the WHA boundary. Where roads in the WHA are permanently deactivated, proponents must notify the Ministry of Environment Delegated Decision Maker.
 - No exemption is required to build a road through WHA 2-210 (Terminal Forest Products) and 2-217 (Interfor).
 - No exemption is required for a temporary bridge and road reconstruction through WHA 2-233 for Interfor and Northwest Hardwood.
 - No exemption is required to reconstruct existing roads through WHA 2-235 (Interfor).
 - No exemption is required to reconstruct the Homathko River mainline should erosion necessitate moving the road into WHA 2-213 or 2-214 (Scott Paper).

Harvesting

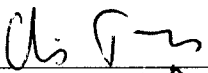
- No timber harvesting, including salvage, should be carried out within the WHA. Exemptions would only normally be considered to restore or enhance degraded habitat and to ensure windfirmness. An exemption would not be required to meet worker safety concerns (e.g. danger tree felling in the WHA) for harvesting/silviculture in cutblocks adjacent to the WHA.

Silviculture and Pesticides

- Do not use pesticides. When reforesting areas within the WHA use reduced stocking standards as outlined in the document titled, Grizzly Bear Habitat in Managed Forests: Silviculture Treatments to Meet Habitat and Timber Objectives.

Range

- Plan livestock grazing to maintain forage value for Grizzly Bears and minimize the potential for conflicts.
- Do not place livestock attractants within WHA.
- Incorporate management strategies in the range use plan to reduce contact and competition between livestock and Grizzly Bears. Consider salt placement, alternate water development, drift fencing, or altering periods of livestock use.


Signed this 4th day of December, 2006
Chris Trumpy, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Environment