

## ORDER – Wildlife Habitat Areas # 1-190 to 1-197

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 Schedules A (1-190, 1-191, 1-192, 1-193, 1-194, 1-195, 1-196, 1-197) and boundaries contained in the GIS file twha bc are established;
- 2. the wildlife habitat areas in the attached Schedules A and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha bc* are established for Scouler's corydalis (*Corydalis scouleri*);
- 3. the general wildlife measures outlined in Schedule 1 are established for the wildlife habitat areas in the attached Schedules A and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha bc*;
- 4. where there is any discrepancy between the Wildlife Habitat Area boundaries as shown in the attached Schedule A 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 establishes the boundary;
- 5. for the purposes of section 2(3)(a) of the *Government Actions Regulation*, these General Wildlife Measures apply to minor tenures; 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 for Scouler's corydalis in the Notice for the South Island Forest District.

## Schedule 1 – General Wildlife Measures

#### Access

- Do not construct access structures (roads, trails, or stream crossings) in the core area.
- Avoid developing access structures in the management zone, particularly upslope of the core area.
- Where roads are determined to be necessary or already exist within a WHA, ensure road maintenance activities do not damage or kill plants, unless there are road safety concerns and no other practicable options.
- Where roads are determined to be necessary or already exist within a WHA, ensure road maintenance activities do not introduce invasive species or increase the risk that invasive plants will spread.

# Harvesting and Silviculture

- Do not harvest within the core area except for treatments aimed at maintaining or improving stand characteristics for Scouler's corydalis.
- If there is a decision to harvest within the management zones, ensure a partial harvesting system is used that maintains greater than 60% basal stem area.
- Do not salvage unless it can be done without disturbing important structural elements (e.g. dominant overstorey trees).

## Pesticides

• Do not use pesticides.

## Recreation

• Do not develop recreational structures, trails or facilities within the core area.

Signed this 23 day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

Chris Trumpy, Deputy Minister J

Ministry of Environment