

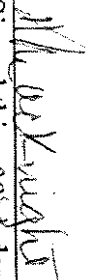


ORDER – WILDLIFE HABITAT AREAS
2-444 to 2-473, 2-491 to 2-493, 2-526 to 2-528, & 2-563 to 2-566
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT REGULATION

This Order is given under the authority of section 30 of the *Environmental Protection and Management Regulation* (B.C. Reg. 200/2010) (EPMR) under the *Oil and Gas Activities Act*.

The delegated decision maker, being satisfied that the following area contains habitat that is necessary to meet the habitat requirements of a category of species at risk, orders that:

- a) the areas shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A (2-444 to 2-473, 2-491 to 2-493, 2-526 to 2-528, & 2-563 to 2-566) and contained in the wildlife habitat area (WHA) spatial layer stored in the Geographic Warehouse (WHSW) (WHSW_WILDLIFE_MANAGEMENT.WCP_WILDLIFE_HABITAT_AREA_POLY) are established as wildlife habitat areas 2-444 to 2-473, 2-491 to 2-493, 2-526 to 2-528, & 2-563 to 2-566 for Grizzly Bear (*Ursus arctos*) for the purposes of the EPMR. The centre point of the line on the attached Schedule A 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 A and the WHA spatial layer stored in the Geographic Warehouse (WHSW) (WHSW_WILDLIFE_MANAGEMENT.WCP_WILDLIFE_HABITAT_AREA_POLY), the areas as detailed in the WHA spatial layer will take precedent.


Signed this 23rd day of February, 2015
Heather Macknight, Regional Executive Director, South Coast Region
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

Schedule A – Wildlife Habitat Areas 2-444 to 2-473, 2-491 to 2-493, 2-526 to 2-528, & 2-563 to 2-566 maps

Environmental Protection and Management Regulation
Decision Rationale – Approval of Wildlife Habitat Areas 2-444 to 2-473,
2-491 to 2-493, 2-526 to 2-528, & 2-563 to 2-566
Grizzly Bear (*Ursus arctos*)

In approving these wildlife habitat areas (WHAs 2-444 to 2-473, 2-491 to 2-493, 2-526 to 2-528 & 2-563 to 2-566) each of the tests under the *Environmental Protection and Management Regulation* (EPMR) was considered.

EPMR 30 – Wildlife Habitat Area

1. *The Wildlife Habitat Area contains habitat necessary to meet the habitat requirements of Grizzly Bear.*

I am satisfied that the WHAs (2-444 to 2-473, 2-491 to 2-493, 2-526 to 2-528 & 2-563 to 2-566) approved by this Order contain habitat that is necessary to meet the seasonal habitat requirements of Grizzly Bear.

Inventory to determine habitat suitability was completed in 2004 and 2010 by qualified professionals with Grizzly Bear expertise. WHA boundaries were designed to include the extent of suitable habitat at the female home range scale.

EPMR 37 – Notice and Consultation

1. *Notice of the proposed Order was provided to:*
 - a) organizations representative of persons who
 - i. Conduct geophysical exploration, or
 - ii. Construct pipelines but who do not hold an associated drilling license or lease, that will be affected by the Order, and
 - b) holders of leases or drilling licenses under the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act* that will be affected by the Order.
2. *Consultation with persons referred to above was provided if the Order may have a material adverse effect on that person.*
 - a) Due diligence was exercised to ensure that notice of the Order was given to:
 - a) organizations representative of persons who conduct geophysical exploration or construct pipelines, but who do not hold an associated drilling license or lease; and,
 - b) any holder of an agreement under the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act* that would be affected by this Order.

I am aware that there are no *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act* agreement holders overlapping these WHAs. No comments were received by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations from any of the four organizations representative of persons who conduct geophysical exploration or construct pipelines but who do not hold an associated drilling license or lease. Comments were received

from the Oil and Gas Commission and they provided support for establishing the Order and noted no conflicting objectives. Since there were no indications that the Order would have a material adverse effect on any person carrying out oil and gas activities, I am satisfied that consultation was not necessary.



Signed this 23rd day of September, 2015
Heather Macknight, Regional Executive Director, South Coast Region
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