



Orders Establishing Ungulate Winter Range and Wildlife Habitat Areas Under the Environmental Protection and Management Regulation

FORT ST. JOHN — The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) advises applicants that the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) has brought into force several orders through the Environmental Protection and Management Regulation (EPMR) under the Oil and Gas Activities Act (OGAA). Communication of these orders occurred in accordance with Section 38 of the EPMR on Sept. 22, 2011. Included are orders applying to Designated Watersheds (community watersheds), Fisheries Sensitive Watersheds, Ungulate Winter Ranges (UWR) and Wildlife Habitat Areas (WHA). The orders and associated maps are available on the FLNRO [website](#).

In order to address the establishment of these orders, updates to the relevant Commission guidebooks and manuals have been completed.

With regard to the UWRs and WHAs established for boreal caribou, the Commission has received Interim Operating Practices for Oil and Gas Activities in Identified Boreal Caribou Habitat in British Columbia from the Ministry of Environment. These interim operating practices are available on the Ministry of Environment [website](#).

The Commission will use the interim operating practices during the process of considering applications for permits and amendments for oil and gas activities proposed within WHAs and UWRs established for boreal caribou. Applications for oil and gas activities that are consistent with the operating practices will be processed in accordance with routine procedures. Applications for oil and gas activities that are inconsistent with the operating practices may be considered if accompanied by a rationale that includes an assessment of the effects of the proposed activity on boreal caribou and their habitat.

Note that application requirements for activities within the areas established by order are described within the Additional Application Information section of the Commission's permit application manuals and the Environmental Protection and Management Guidebook.

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