Order to Establish the West Babine Landscape Unit and Objectives and to vary the Atna/Shelagyote and Babine River Special Management Zone Boundaries.

ESTABLISH LANDSCAPE UNIT

Pursuant to Section 4 (1) of the *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act*, the West Babine Landscape Unit in the West Babine Sustainable Resource Management Plan (Skeena MSRM Region), as indicated on Map 1, is established as a landscape unit.

This order replaces the provincial order establishing landscape units for the area within the West Babine Landscape Unit.

OBJECTIVES FOR THE WEST BABINE SRMP

Pursuant to Section 4 (2) of the *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act*, objectives, indicators and targets as contained in the West Babine Sustainable Resource Management Plan are established as landscape unit objectives.

This order replaces the provincial order establishing old growth objectives for the area within the West Babine Landscape Unit.

ATNA/SHELAGYOTE AND BABINE RIVER SPECIAL MANAGEMENT ZONE

The Xsu qwin lik'l'inswx: West Babine Sustainable Resource Management Plan proposes amending the boundaries of the Atna/Shelagyote and the Babine River Special Management Zones to reflect more detailed assessments undertaken for this plan. This order establishes new objectives that apply within the special management zones, but do not change the boundaries themselves. It is anticipated that a separate order, by the Minister or designate, will be prepared which amends the special management zone boundaries.

TRANSITION

Pursuant to Section 10 (1) (d) (ii) of the *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act*, for forest development plans and Section 16(2) of the *Forest and Range Practices Act* for forest stewardship plans, operational plans submitted for approval on or following the effective date of the order are to be consistent with the objectives of this order.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDER

This Order takes effect on August 1st, 2004.

FUTURE AMENDMENTS

I understand that the Cultural Heritage Resources chapter is incomplete. Should First Nations within the plan area undertake cooperative planning with government around cultural heritage resources, I am prepared to amend this plan to include this new information. The amendment process would require appropriate consultation with the public and stakeholders.

Future monitoring results may identify indicators and targets that are insufficient in meeting plan objectives. Plan amendments to incorporate this information will follow provincial policy, the SRMP amendment provisions and the Kispiox LRMP amendment provisions.

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