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### ***Animal Health Act - General Order WD2024-01***

<b>Person(s) and Place Subject to Order</b>
<p><b>The following classes of persons are subject to this order</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All persons within British Columbia.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Contact information:</b></p>
<p><b>Location of premises this order relates to, if applicable:</b></p>
<p><b>Premises identification account number(s):</b></p> <p><b>Premises identification number(s):</b></p>
<p><b>Contact information of owner of premises, if different from above:</b></p>

THE INFORMATION REQUESTED ON THIS FORM IS COLLECTED AND MAY BE DISCLOSED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF PART 2 AND 3 OF THE *ANIMAL HEALTH ACT*.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COLLECTION AND USE OF THIS INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

Date this order is issued: May 16, 2024

Date this order takes effect, if different: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Reference Number: WD2024-001

**THE PERSON(S) SUBJECT TO THIS ORDER MUST COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER.**

**Reason for Order**

**The Chief Veterinarian reasonably believes the following:** This order and the actions listed are believed necessary under s. 39(1)(a) of the *Animal Health Act* to address the fact that an animal is or may be affected by, or is at risk of being exposed to an animal affected by, a notifiable or reportable disease: to prevent the occurrence and spread of whirling disease. Based on the current risks associated with the detection of whirling disease in the Province since December 2023, this order is necessary to prevent and control the further introduction and spread of whirling disease in British Columbia.

**Background information:**

Whirling disease caused by *Myxobolus cerebralis* is a reportable disease in respect of finfish under Section 5(h) of the Reportable and Notifiable Disease Regulation under British Columbia's *Animal Health Act*. Whirling disease was confirmed in British Columbia in December 2023. The disease can have serious impacts on the health of finfish populations.

**This Order is in Respect of the Following**

**Animal(s) (specific):**

Identification #	Age	Sex	Species	Description


**Type of animal(s) generally:**

Finfish

**Premises:****Animal products/ by-products:****Things:**

Boats and other watercraft

**Actions which Must be Taken****Action:**

A person must not transport a boat or other watercraft on a highway if the watercraft has a drainage hole in the lower hull or bilge that is blocked with a plug.

In this order, "highway" has the same meaning as in the *Transportation Act*, SBC 2004, c 24.

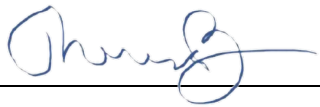
**Date by which action must be complete, if applicable:**

Completed? Y/N	Inspector Initial and Date
Notes:	

<b>Other Conditions</b>
<b>Additional Comments</b>
This order does not affect any federal rules or restrictions in place in British Columbia in relation to whirling disease.

<b>Authority for Order</b>
This order is issued pursuant to sections 39, 40 and 41 of the <i>Animal Health Act</i> .
<b>Termination of Order</b>
This Order terminates on the following date or in the following circumstances: refer to section 50(a) of the <i>Animal Health Act</i> . See Appendix A.

<b>Contact Information</b>
Name and contact information of inspector making order:
Theresa Burns, Chief Veterinarian <a href="mailto:Theresa.Burns@gov.bc.ca">Theresa.Burns@gov.bc.ca</a>
Veterinarian or diagnostic laboratory contacted:


May 16, 2024

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Chief Veterinarian Date

## Orders

You have been issued an order. Failure to comply with an order is an offense under s. 81 of the *Animal Health Act*. If this order is posted, you must not remove, alter, or deface it. If an inspector believes that you are not adequately complying with this order, an inspector is authorized to enter into the place described in this document and take action to ensure this order is carried out. You are liable for all costs of any work that the inspector authorizes to be carried out to ensure compliance with this order.

You may request reassessment, reconsideration, or review of this order. A request must be in the form and manner required by the Chief Veterinarian.

## Reassessment

You may request the issuing inspector to reassess the circumstances under which this order was made, assess the extent to which it has been complied with, and determine if it continues to be necessary. The inspector may decide to confirm, vary, or terminate this order.

## Reconsideration

If you have additional relevant information which was not available when the inspector made the order you may request the issuing inspector to reconsider this order. The inspector may

- Vary, confirm, or rescind this order;
- Delay the date the order takes effect or suspend the order, if this will not be a risk to animal or public health; or,
- Reject your request if the information is not new or not relevant.

This order continues to be in effect while the inspector reconsiders it unless the inspector agrees in writing to suspend it. You will receive written reasons for the reconsideration decision. You may not request a second reconsideration.

## Review

If you have completed a request for reconsideration you may request a review of this order. This review will be based on the existing record. The reviewer may

- Vary, confirm or rescind the order; or
- Delay the date the order takes effect or suspend the order, if this will not be a risk to animal or public health; or,
- Refer the matter back to the person who made the order, with or without directions.

The order continues to be in effect during the review. You will receive written reasons for this decision. You may not request further review under the *Animal Health Act*, but may have other recourse.

## Appendix A

Section 50 of the *Animal Health Act* states

- 50** An order ceases to have effect on the date or in the circumstances stated in the order, or if no date or circumstances are stated, as follows:
- (a) If an order is served by posting the order, or notice of the order, in or on a place, on the date the order or notice is removed from the place by the minister or the inspector who made the order, or by a person acting under the direction of either of them;
  - (b) If an order is served by publishing the order, or notice of the order, on the date the inspector who made the order publishes a notice that the order has been terminated;
  - (c) If an order is made under section 41 (m) [*general orders*], on the date the person subject to the order provides evidence of compliance as required by the order;
  - (d) In any other case, on the date the inspector who made the order provides notice by any means to the person subject to the order that the order is terminated.