



**ACTION IS REQUIRED** if any of the listed species (or their nests/dens/etc.) are observed!

Consistent with [BCTS Environmental Field Procedures \(EFPs 01-08\)](#):



1. **STOP** work in the immediate area; **do not disturb** the species/feature
2. **DOCUMENT** - take photos & GPS coordinates
3. **REPORT** to your supervisor and contact BCTS – further management action may be required before starting work again

**BCTS Licensees:** Consistent with the TSL clauses and [BCTS Advisory Bulletin No. 2015/09/22 “Having a Plan”](#):

- Licensees are responsible for ensuring all their operations are in accordance with BCTS Forest Stewardship Plans, and all relevant legislation
- Licensees may have the responsibility to change the plan and are advised to consult a Qualified Professional
- **Additional information and training** related to **Chinook** Species of Management Concern, including the full list of species to be aware of, is available online here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/bc-timber-sales/forest-certification/ems-sfm>
- More information on how BCTS identifies and manages these features is available on request

**Important Note:** The following species and their habitat features are a small sample of the full focus list, provided as a quick reference for equipment operator awareness.

### Western Toad

*Anaxyrus boreas*

- Look for & report eggs and tadpoles in any standing water (ex: wetlands, rock quarries, ditch lines)
- Dry, bumpy “warty” skin
- Eggs laid in strands



### Pileated woodpecker

*Dryocopus pileatus*

\*N/A in Haida Gwaii\*

- Look for & report round cavity nests too
- Very large woodpecker
- Mostly black with white stripes on the face and neck and a flaming-red crest
- In flight, wings are broad and crow-like with large white patches on underside



### American goshawk

*Accipiter gentili*

- Look for & report stick nests too
- Large, bulky hawk
- Mature: dark slate grey above and pale barred underparts, wide white strip over the eye, and red-orange eye
- Immature: brown and streaky, narrow dark bands in the tail, and an indistinct pale eyebrow stripe with yellow eyes



### Haida Gwaii Ermine

*Mustela erminea haidarum*

\*Haida Gwaii only\*

- Small weasel with a long, slender body
- Black-tipped furred tail
- Small face with short oval ears
- In summer, the upperparts are reddish-brown and lower parts creamy-white
- In winter, their coat turns white



### Western Screech Owl

*Megascops kennicottii*

\*N/A in Haida Gwaii\*

- **Look for & report cavity nests too**
- Small stocky owl; squarish head with little ear tufts; dark bill
- Colour varies from gray to brown; dark streaks on belly



### Phantom orchid

*Cephalanthera austiniiae*

\*N/A in Haida Gwaii\*

- Up to 65cm in height
- White to cream coloured, turning yellow to brown with age
- Stems have 5-20 vanilla scented flowers



### Northern Red-legged frog

*Rana aurora*

\*invasive in Haida Gwaii\*

- **Look for & report eggs and tadpoles in any standing water** (ex: wetlands, rock quarries, ditch lines)
- Smooth skin; colour may vary; adults have red legs on underside
- Eggs laid in large clusters



### Whitebark pine

*Pinus albicaulis*

\*N/A in Haida Gwaii\*

- Yellow green needles, in bunches of five, 4-7 cm long
- Large, egg-shaped cones, 5-8 cm long
- Rarely >30 m in height; often contorted and dwarfed at 5-10 m tall
- Thin bark with whitish scales



### Black bear

*Ursus americanus*

- **Look for & report potential dens too**
- Not always black, cinnamon, brown, and blonde
- Small black eyes, broad head, rounded ears, short tail
- Shoulder hump (as seen in a grizzly bear) absent

