



## BC Timber Sales, Skeena Business Area

Consistent with BCTS Environmental Field Procedures (EFPs 01-08):




**Stop work and contact and (report to) your project supervisor and the BCTS representative if any of the following features are found and previously unidentified.**

Do not disturb the feature, document the location and take photos if possible.

BCTS Licensees/Permittees:




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 on how BCTS identifies and manages these features are available on request.

	Category	Species	Habitat	Identification	Action Required
	Bird	Marbled murrelet ( <i>Brachyramphus marmoratus</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nests on large branches of old growth trees up to 65km from shore.</li> <li>• Feeds near shoreline.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small bulky seabird, large head for its size.</li> <li>• Short thin bill.</li> <li>• Summer plumage dark brown with red-brown tints.</li> <li>• Winter plumage mostly black above and white below with white scapular strip.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Old growth habitat retention is key.</li> <li>• If encountered during harvesting, full stop, photo document, GPS location, consult specialist.</li> <li>• Report to supervisor.</li> </ul>
	Amphibian	Western toad ( <i>Anaxyrus boreas</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest, wetlands, grassland, meadows, shrub lands, or subalpine or alpine meadows and dry habitats.</li> <li>• Usually not far from water.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skin dry with bumpy warts, coloration light to dark green to brown or even reddish.</li> <li>• Distinguished by cream-colored to white stripe down the length of back.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If encountered stop work in the immediate area.</li> <li>• Stop work if egg masses or toadlet migration encountered, photo document, GPS location, consult specialist.</li> <li>• Report to supervisor</li> </ul>
	Bird	Western Screech-owl kennicottii ( <i>Megascops kennicottii kennicottii</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every type of low elevation woodland habitat,</li> <li>• The key is availability roosting cover and nest sites.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grey-brown owl (19-25 cm ht.) with feather "ear" tufts and yellow eyes.</li> <li>• Head crowned with a triangular russet and black cap.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not disturb active nests, stop work and report the observation to supervisor immediately.</li> <li>• Take photos, GPS location.</li> </ul>







## BC Timber Sales, Skeena Business Area

	Mammal	Fisher Columbian Population 5 ( <i>Pekania          pennanti</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prefer riparian and dense wetland late seral broadleaf stands.</li> <li>• Conifer forests dominate home range.</li> <li>• Home range, little overlap with same sex.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long thin body, pointed face, rounded ears, and short legs.</li> <li>• Fur deep brown to black with lighter hairs around the face and neck.</li> <li>• Females smaller.</li> <li>• Track pattern like mink and marten but larger.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain old forest structural attributes.</li> <li>• Document (photo, GPS coordinates) sighting of Fisher or den.</li> <li>• Report to supervisor and contact BCTS.</li> </ul>
	Vascular Plant	Whitebark pine ( <i>Pinus          albicaulis</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Montane forests on thin, rocky, cold soils at or near timberline</li> <li>• Moist mountain ranges, found at lower elevations (900-1100m).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Found at high elevations.</li> <li>• 20 m in height, but often dwarfed, 5-10 m tall, or a shrubby sprawling timberline tree.</li> <li>• Thin bark with whitish scales.</li> <li>• Yellow green needles in bunches of five.</li> <li>• Egg shaped seed cones.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not disturb plant.</li> <li>• Confirm species identification.</li> <li>• Take photos and record sighting's GPS coordinates.</li> <li>• Report to supervisor and contact BCTS.</li> </ul>
	Mammal	Northern mountain caribou Population 15 ( <i>Rangifer          tarandus</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winters in mature, low elevation lodgepole pine or black spruce forests, or on wind-swept alpine slopes.</li> <li>• Calve and spend summer in mountains.</li> <li>• Connectivity is crucial.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bulky dark brown coat with creamy white neck and mane.</li> <li>• Large crescent-shaped hooves.</li> <li>• Both sexes have antlers.</li> <li>• 100-120 cm at shoulder.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If observed, stop work in the immediate area.</li> <li>• Take photos and record the sighting's GPS coordinates.</li> <li>• Report to supervisor and contact BCTS.</li> </ul>



## BC Timber Sales, Skeena Business Area

	Bird	Osprey ( <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Near water.</li> <li>Open sites with suitable nesting sites close to water.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long narrow wings, dark brown upperparts, and white underparts.</li> <li>Immatures have pale buff edging on the dark feathers of the upper surface.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If an active nest is observed, stop work in the immediate area, photo document, GPS location.</li> <li>Report the observation to supervisor.</li> </ul>
 <p>Color and Size can be misleading. Look for a combination of characteristics.</p>	Mammal	Black bear ( <i>Ursus americanus</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forested and shrubby areas to open. Wet meadows, high tidelands, ridgetops, burned areas, riparian areas, and avalanche chutes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not always black, cinnamon, brown, and blonde.</li> <li>Small black eyes, broad head, rounded ears, short tail, fine.</li> <li>Shoulder hump of grizzlies absent.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If observed, stop work in the immediate area.</li> <li>Take photos and record the sighting's GPS coordinates.</li> <li>Report to supervisor and contact BCTS.</li> </ul>
	Mammal	Wolverine luscus subspecies ( <i>Gulo gulo luscus</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Found in large, sparsely inhabited areas.</li> <li>Treed and treeless areas, all elevations.</li> <li>Winter at low elevation. Most Abundant where large ungulates and carrion are common.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Massive limbs and long, dense, dark brown fur.</li> <li>Two broad yellowish stripes extending from shoulders and joining on rump.</li> <li>Bushy tail, and large feet.</li> <li>Large head, short neck and legs.</li> <li>65-112 cm long, weigh 12-18 kg.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If animal or den observed, stop work in the immediate area.</li> <li>Take photos and record sighting's GPS coordinates. Report to supervisor and contact BCTS.</li> </ul>
	Bird	Bald Eagle ( <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forested, riparian, marine and grassland habitats.</li> <li>Nesting and foraging activities are common near water.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Characterized by the white head and tail at maturity.</li> <li>Immature eagles are mostly dark for one to two years before white begins to appear.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If an active nest is observed, stop work in the immediate area.</li> <li>Report the observation to supervisor.</li> </ul>