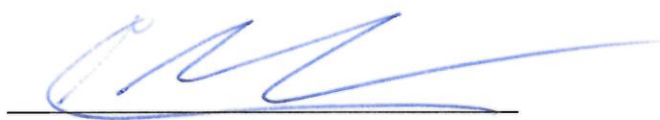


**Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations**

**Ministerial Order to Amend Objective 4  
LAKES NORTH  
SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN ORDER (2009)**

- I. Pursuant to Section 93.4 (1) of the *Land Act*, objective 4 of the Lakes North Sustainable Resource Management Plan (2009) is cancelled and replaced with the following objective for the area shown on Map 3. Any map referenced in the objective is an integral part of the objective.
- II. This Order takes effect on the date the notice is posted in the Gazette.
- III. Pursuant to section 8(2) (b) of the *Forest and Range Practices Act*, the holder of a Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) must propose and submit for approval amendments to the FSP within six months of the date that the order takes effect.



Signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017  
Eamon O'Donoghue, Regional Executive Director, Skeena Region  
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

Objective 4: Maintain habitat connectivity within the landscape connectivity matrix (LCM) shown on Map 3 and in accordance with (a), (b), (c) and (d):

- (a) Maintain each LCM in a contiguous mature and old forest condition. Each LCM is in a contiguous mature and old forest condition if:
  - i. At least 70% of the forested area within each LCM is greater than 100 years old (SBS) or 120 years old (ESSF) at any time; and
  - ii. Cutblocks are spatially distributed as follows within each LCM:
    - a. A new cutblock cannot be adjacent to an existing cutblock unless at least 70% of the net area to be reforested on the existing cutblock has developed attributes that are consistent with a mature seral condition and
    - b. Harvesting must not result in a condition where more than 30% of the width of a LCM is younger than mature and old.
- (b) Retain 100% of the forested area within the red and blue-listed ecological communities identified in Table 1.

**Table 1. Red- and Blue-listed Ecological Communities**

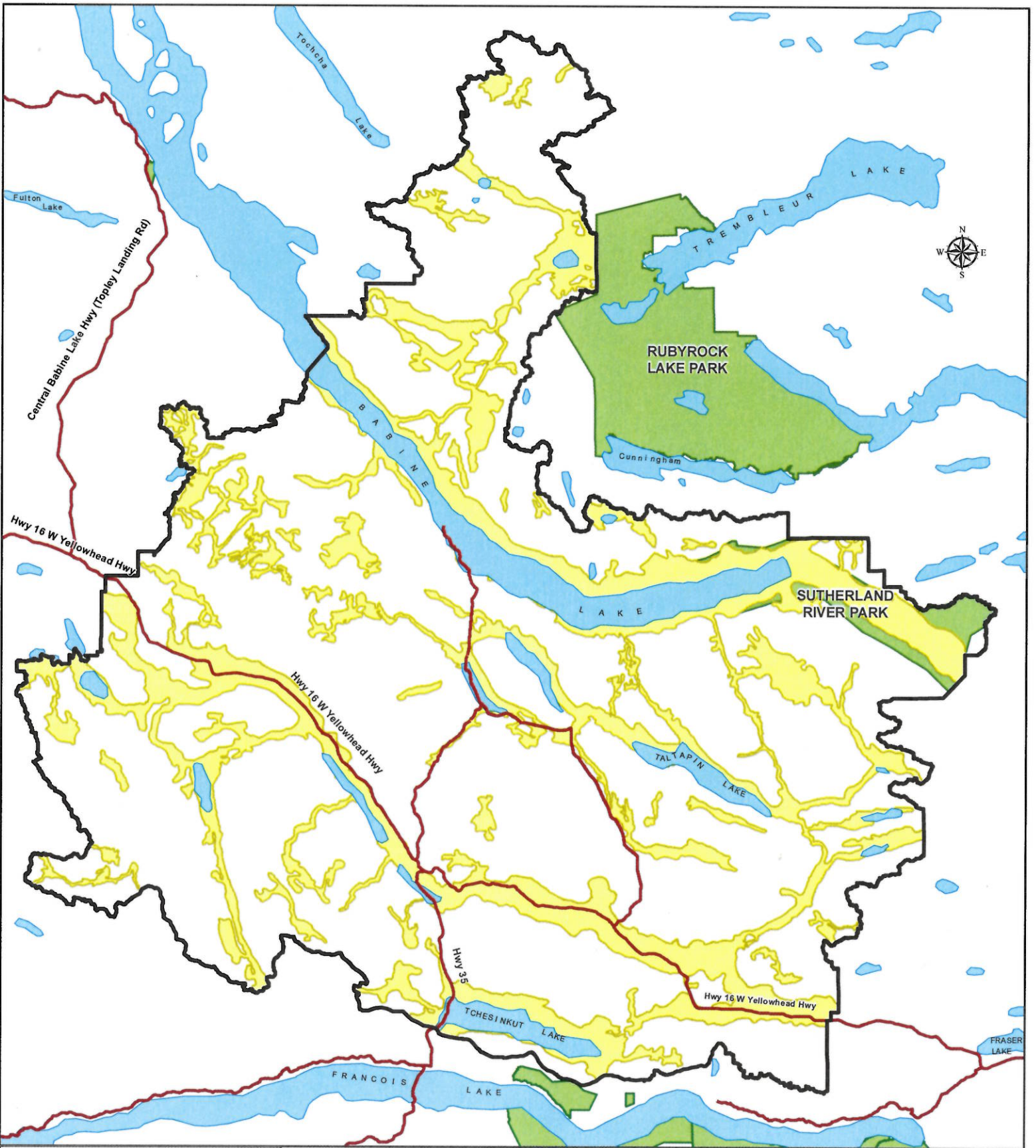
SBSdk 04, 08, 81, 82
SBSmc2 81, 82

- (c) Retain 100% of the hydro-riparian ecosystems identified in Table 2.

**Table 2. Hydro-Riparian Ecosystems**

SBS dk – 04, 07, 08, 09, 10
SBS mc2 – 07, 09, 10, 12
ESSF mc – 07, 08, 09, 10
ESSF mv1 – 04, 05
ESSF mv3 – 07

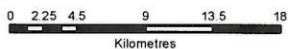
- (d) Despite a) above:
  - i. Roads may be constructed where no practicable alternatives exist and must be deactivated once primary forest activities are complete; and
  - ii. Live stems and non-merchantable understory in a stand must be retained where the salvage of dead pine trees within an LCM occurs. Salvage may only occur where 50% or more of the total mature and old stems are composed of dead pine trees, and only where harvesting of these dead pine trees maintains connectivity.



**Lakes North SRMP**

Landscape Connectivity Matrix (LCM)

Map 3



**Legend**



Lakes North SRMP Boundary



Lakes North LCM



Parks and Ecological Reserves

The information shown on this map is a representation of a spatial dataset and may not portray the full visual detail of the data. Please refer to the spatial dataset on the BC Geographic Warehouse.

