

Preamble

The Province is committed to managing Crown land within the Coastal Douglas-fir moist maritime (CDFmm) biogeoclimatic subzone in a manner that provides protection for rare or endangered plant communities.

This preamble is provided for context and background and does not form part of the following ministerial order.

Ministry of Agriculture and Lands

Ministerial Order

Coastal Douglas-fir moist maritime (CDFmm) Biogeoclimatic Subzone

Part 1 - Interpretation

1. Relationship with *Forest and Range Practices Act* objectives

- (1) Pursuant to section 93.4 of the *Land Act*, the objective set out in paragraph 3 of this order is established as a land use objective for the purposes of the *Forest and Range Practices Act*, and applies to the Crown lands within the mapped polygons shown on Schedules 1 to 6 attached to this order.
- (2) Nothing in, under or arising out of this order either abrogates or derogates from any aboriginal rights, aboriginal title or treaty rights of any applicable First Nation, nor relieves the Province of any obligation to consult with any applicable First Nation.

2. Definitions

- (1) In this order, “**plant communities**” means vegetation that possesses a similar vegetation structure and native species composition, and occurs repeatedly on similar habitats within the Coastal Douglas-fir moist maritime biogeoclimatic subzone.
- (2) Words and expressions not defined in this order have the meaning given to them in the *Forest and Range Practices Act*, the *Range Act* and the regulations made there under, unless the context indicates otherwise.

3. Objective for CDFmm biogeoclimatic subzone plant communities

- (1) Protect all CDFmm biogeoclimatic subzone plant communities within the polygons identified in Schedules 1 to 6 attached to this order.
- (2) Despite subsection (1), up to 5% of a polygon may be disturbed if there is no practicable alternative for road access or other infrastructure or to address a safety concern.
- (3) Where the objective refers to an area shown on a schedule and the area is also defined by a spatial dataset, the boundaries of the area as defined by the spatial dataset apply in the event of any inconsistency. All spatial dataset are available at <http://www.geobc.gov.bc.ca>.

Part 2 - Transition

4. Application of this order

- (1) This order takes effect on the date that the notice of the order is published in the Gazette.
- (2) The applicable period under 8(2) (b) of the *Forest and Range Practices Act* is 12 months starting on the date this order comes into effect.

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Date

