

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF WATER, LAND AND RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

*Land Act*

I, Matthew LeRoy, Executive Director, Land Use Planning and Cumulative Effects, Coast Area, as delegate of the Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, order that the Vancouver Island Land Use Plan – Higher Level Plan Order, is amended as set out in the attached amending Order.

January 6, 2026

*Date*



*Minister of Water, Land and Resource  
Stewardship*

*(or authorized signatory)*

Matt LeRoy, Executive Director Coast Area

*Printed Name and Title (if authorized signatory)*

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*(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)*

**Authority under which Order is made:**

Act and section: Land Act section 93.4

Other: Land Use Objective Regulation

## **Preamble**

The preamble provides background and context but does not form part of the legal order.

This order is for the purposes of facilitating the implementation of the Gwa'ni Land Use Planning Project in the Nimpkish Valley on northern Vancouver Island.

Land use direction is being modernized by amending the Vancouver Island Land Use Plan – Higher Level Plan Order to remove conflicts with the new Gwa'ni Land Use Objectives Order. The Gwa'ni Land Use Objectives Order replaces portions of the Vancouver Island Land Use Plan – Higher Level Plan Order within the associated Order areas.

The Gwa'ni Land Use Plan and its summary replace the Vancouver Island Summary Land Use Plan for non-legal direction within the Gwa'ni plan area.

# Vancouver Island Land Use Plan – Higher Level Plan Order

## Amendment Order

### 1. Relationship with Forest and Range Practices Act

- (1) Pursuant to section 93.4 of the *Land Act*, this Order amends the Vancouver Island Land Use Plan Higher Level Plan Order (VILUP HLPO), made by the Minister of Forests, Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks, and Minister of Energy and Mines on October 24, 2000.

### 2. The VILUP HLPO is amended, as per the attached Map 1, as follows:

- (1) Special Management Zone 10 is repealed;
- (2) Special Management Zones 6, 9 and 11 are amended to the boundaries reflected on Map 1; and
- (3) Resource Management Zones 6, 7, 10, 11, 15, 19, 21 and 28 are amended to the boundaries reflected on Map 1.
- (4) The map attached as Map 1 to this Order replaces Map 1 of the VILUP HLPO.
- (5) The boundaries in Map 1 are also defined by a source spatial data set. Where there is any discrepancy between the boundaries as shown in Map 1 and the source spatial data set, the boundaries as defined in the latter will take precedent. All source spatial datasets are available in:  
<https://catalogue.data.gov.bc.ca/dataset/legal-planning-objectives-current-polygon>.
- (6) For the purposes of subsection (5), “**source spatial dataset**” means information in the form of a Geographic Information System feature class format, shapefile format, or coverage.

### 3. Amendment to Objective II.C

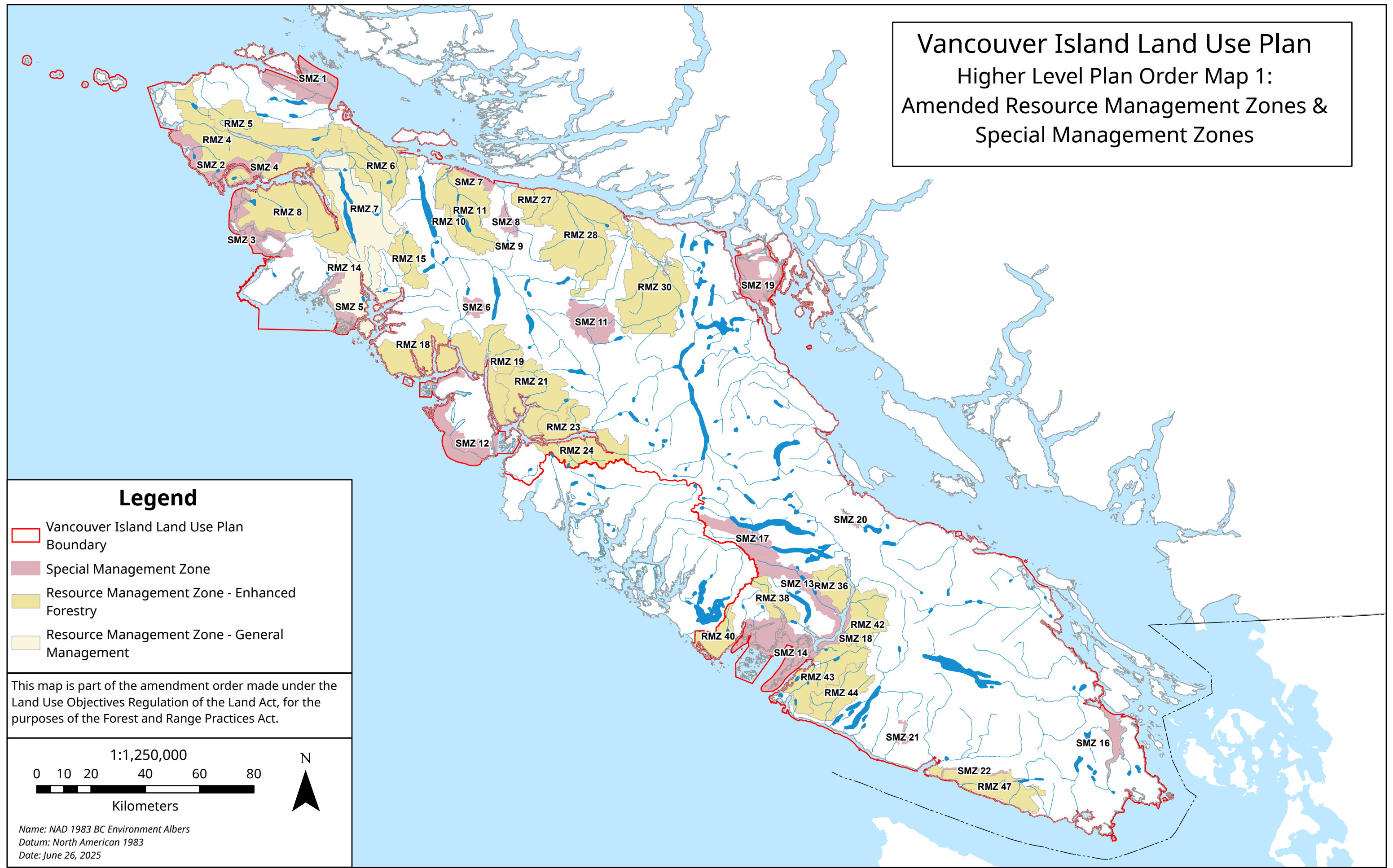
- (1) Objective II.C is amended by deleting “, as shown on Map 3”, and Map 3 is repealed.

### 4. Application of this Order

- (1) This Order takes effect on the date that notice of this Order is published in the Gazette.
- (2) The period of time for forest stewardship plan holders to make mandatory amendments required under section 8(4)(a) of the *Forest and Range Practices Act* in relation to this Order is six months, starting on the date this Order comes into effect as specified in subsection (1).
- (3) For certainty, any objectives established pursuant to the VILUP HLPO that relate to Special Management Zone 10 no longer apply to that Special Management Zone as a result of its repeal under this Order.

# Vancouver Island Land Use Plan

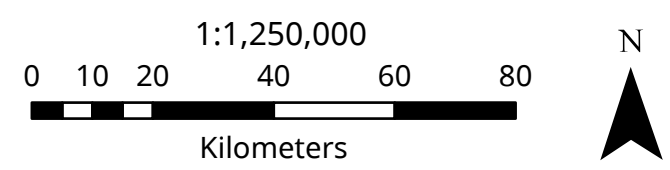
## Higher Level Plan Order Map 1: Amended Resource Management Zones & Special Management Zones



### Legend

- Vancouver Island Land Use Plan Boundary
- Special Management Zone
- Resource Management Zone - Enhanced Forestry
- Resource Management Zone - General Management

This map is part of the amendment order made under the Land Use Objectives Regulation of the Land Act, for the purposes of the Forest and Range Practices Act.



Name: NAD 1983 BC Environment Albers  
 Datum: North American 1983  
 Date: June 26, 2025