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**WILDLIFE ACT
PERMIT FJ24-896288**

PERMIT HOLDER	BC Hydro and Power Authority 333 Dunsmuir St Vancouver British Columbia V6B 5R4 ATTENTION: Meaghan Candy PHONE: 604-328-8436
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IS AUTHORIZED UNDER s. 2(c)(i), 2(j), 2(m), and 2(o) of the Permit Regulation, B.C. Reg. 253/2000,

TO	Live capture, temporarily possess, transport and release of Western Toad (<i>Anaxyrus boreas</i>), Long-toed Salamander (<i>Ambystoma macrodactylum</i>), Wood Frog (<i>Lithobates sylvatica</i>), Boreal Chorus Frog (<i>Pseudacris maculata</i>), Columbia Spotted Frog (<i>Rana luteiventris</i>), Common Garter Snake (<i>Thamnophis</i>), Red-sided subspecies (<i>Thamnophis sirtalis parietalis</i>) and the Terrestrial Gartersnake (<i>Thamnophis. elegans</i>) in the Peace region for salvage purposes in conjunction with BC Hydro’s Site C Project Activity Zone between Hudson’s Hope and Old Fort, BC.
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SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

TERMS OF PERMIT	The permit holder must follow the attached British Columbia Interim Hygiene Protocols for Amphibian field staff and researchers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The permit holder will monitor amphibians for the presence of Rana Virus and report to the Regional Manager if the virus is detected. Restricted to the Peace River from Hudson Hope (56.038073; -121.890212) to Old Fort (56.198563; -120.827849) Qualified Personnel: Brent Matsuda, RPBio; Jessica Brunet, RPBio; Nathan Shaw, RPBio; Matthias Loeseken, RPBio; Erin Maxfield, RPBio; Angela Melney, BIT The permit holder must comply with the terms in Appendix A. 	
COMPLIANCE ADVISORY	Failure to comply with any term of this permit is an offence under the <i>Wildlife Act</i> , and may result in any or all of prosecution, suspension of the permit, cancellation of the permit, ineligibility for future permits, and denial of future permit requests.	
PERIOD OF PERMIT	This permit is only valid from December 4, 2024 to December 31, 2026	
DATE OF ISSUE	December 4, 2024	
 SIGNATURE OF ISSUER	James Morgan Deputy Regional Manager Recreational Fisheries & Wildlife Programs Peace Region	PERMIT FEE \$100.00 HCTF SURCHARGE \$10.00

APPENDIX A TERMS OF PERMIT

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REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

1. The permit holder must maintain an accurate up to date record of the wildlife hunted, trapped or killed under the permit that includes the following information:
 - a) common name of the wildlife;
 - b) location* where the wildlife was taken,
 - c) the date the wildlife was hunted, trapped or killed;
 - d) the sex and age class of the wildlife taken;
 - e) the bands or tags on the wildlife; and
 - f) a description of all nests, dams or other structures destroyed or removed.

*includes a UTM grid location in NAD83 to + or – 100m accuracy (zone 2 digits, easting 6 digits, northing 7 digits)

NOTE: A blank reporting form (Appendix C) is attached to the end of this permit for your convenience

2. The permit holder must submit the original copy of this record to FrontCounter BC, Ministry of Forests **within 21 days** of the permit's expiry.
3. The permit holder must produce a copy of the record referred to in paragraph 1 on the demand of an officer.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

1. The permit holder must comply with all laws applicable to the activities carried out under this permit.
2. This permit extends to the permit holder's employees or contractors only when they are engaged in the direct performance of their duties on behalf of the permit holder.
3. All work is to be undertaken by trained professionals with experience in capturing and handling amphibians.
4. No salvage shall occur once the amphibians enter their overwintering phase.
5. The permit holder must take all reasonably necessary steps to ensure that public safety is not jeopardized, and fish or wildlife habitat is not damaged by any action taken under authority of this permit.

- Capture and handling of specimens to be in accordance with the Standards for Live Animal Capture and Handling Guidelines established by the Ministry of Environment.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/laws-policies-standards-guidance/inventory-standards/terrestrial-ecosystems-biodiversity>

Further guidelines can be obtained on the Canadian Council on Animal Care website at

<https://www.ccac.ca/en/standards/guidelines/types-of-animals.html>

- The permit holder must ensure that the wildlife are treated in a humane manner and are not subjected to any unnecessary harm or suffering.
- No intentional mortality of red or blue listed species is to occur. All reasonable steps must be taken to ensure accidental mortality does not occur.
- All other small mammals and other organisms captured should be released unharmed.
- If working in potential Pacific Water Shrew habitat, works must be consistent with the most current Draft Best Management Practices for Pacific Water Shrew in Urban and Rural Areas, September 2010, by Craig, Vennesland and Welstead. It is the responsibility of the contractor/permit holder to obtain the most current version.
- Permit holder shall provide upon conclusion of this year's project, a copy of the final report, to FrontCounter BC, Ministry of Forests.



APPENDIX B ADVISORY

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GENERAL

- It is the permit holder's responsibility to be aware of all applicable laws and the limits of this permit. For example, this permit does not give the permit holder authority to access or travel through any private land without permission from the landowner.
- The Province is not liable for any illness contracted through wildlife handling. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to inform themselves of possible health hazards, and to ensure that all reasonably necessary safety measures are undertaken.
- If applicable, the permit holder is responsible for renewing this permit. The issuer is not obliged to send a reminder notice.

LEGISLATION

Below is a non-exhaustive list of provisions under the *Wildlife Act* and regulations that are relevant to this permit. It is the permit holder's responsibility to be aware of any provisions under the *Wildlife Act* or regulations that may apply to this permit.

Wildlife Act

Property in Wildlife

2 (1) Ownership in all wildlife in British Columbia is vested in the government.

(4) If a person by accident or for the protection of life or property kills wildlife, that wildlife, despite subsection (3), remains the property of the government.

(5) Despite anything in this Act, no right of action lies, and no right of compensation exists, against the government for death, personal injury or property damage caused by

- (a) wildlife, or
- (b) an animal that escapes or is released from captivity or is abandoned

in British Columbia

Trafficking in wildlife

22 A person who traffics live wildlife or wildlife meat, except as authorized by regulation or a permit, commits an offence.

Documents not transferable

81 Except as authorized by regulation or as otherwise provided under this Act, a licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization is not transferable, and a person commits an offence if the person

- (a) allows his or her licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization to be used by another person, or
- (b) uses another person's licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization.

Failure to pay fine

85 (1) This section applies if a person

- (a) fails to pay, within the time required by law, a fine imposed as a result of the person's conviction for an offence under this Act or the *Firearm Act*, and
- (b) has been served with notice of this section.

(2) In the circumstances referred to in subsection (1),

- (a) the person's right to apply for or obtain a licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization under this Act is suspended immediately and automatically on the failure to pay the fine,
- (b) all licences, permits and limited entry hunting authorizations issued to that person under this Act are cancelled immediately and automatically on the failure to pay the fine,
 - (b.1) the person must not apply for employment as an assistant guide,
 - (b.2) the person must not guide as an assistant guide, and

- (c) the person commits an offence if, before that fine is paid, the person
 - (i) applies for, or in any way obtains, a licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization under this Act,
 - (ii) does anything for which a licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization under this Act is required,
 - (iii) applies for employment as an assistant guide, or
 - (iv) guides as an assistant guide.

Proof of identity and authorization

97 (1) In this section, “**authorization**” means a licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization issued under this Act.

- (2) Subject to subsection (5), a person who is required to hold an authorization must, on the request of an officer,
 - (a) state the person’s name and address,
 - (b) produce prescribed photo identification, and
 - (c) demonstrate in accordance with subsection (3) that the person holds the authorization.
- (3) A person may demonstrate that the person holds an authorization by
 - (a) producing the authorization, or
 - (b) unless the regulations require that the original authorization be produced,
 - (i) producing a legible copy of the authorization, or
 - (ii) if authorized by the regulations, stating a number assigned to the person by the director as an identification number for the person.
- (4) Subject to subsection (5), a person who would be required to hold a licence or permit issued under this Act were the person not exempt under section 11 (9) or 12 (b) must, on the request of an officer,
 - (a) state the person’s name and address, and
 - (b) produce prescribed photo identification.
- (5) Subsections (2) (b) and (4) (b) do not apply to a person in a prescribed class of persons.
- (6) A person who contravenes subsection (2) or (4) commits an offence.

Permit Regulation

General offence – failure to comply with permit

8 A person who holds a permit under the Act or this regulation commits an offence if the person fails to comply with a term of the permit.

Wildlife Act General Regulation

Proof of identity

21.01 (1) For the purposes of section 97 (2)(b) and (4)(b) of the Act, the following photo identification is prescribed:

- (a) valid photo identification issued to a person by any of the following:
 - (i) the government of Canada;
 - (ii) the government of a province or territory, or an agent of the government of a province or territory, in which the person has a current address;
 - (iii) the Nisga’a Nation, if the person is a Nisga’a citizen;
 - (iv) a treaty first nation, if the person is a treaty first nation member of the treaty first nation;
- (b) in the case of a person who is a non-resident alien,
 - (i) valid photo identification in the form of
 - (A) a passport, or
 - (B) a driver’s licence issued to the person by a foreign jurisdiction in which the person has a current address, or
 - (ii) a copy of a photo identification referred to in subparagraph (i) that has been certified as a true copy by
 - (A) a lawyer, or
 - (B) a notary who is a member in good standing under the *Notaries Act*;
- (c) in any case, a valid NEXUS card.

(2) For the purposes of section 97 (5) of the Act, persons under 16 years of age are prescribed as exempt from the requirement to produce photo identification.

APPENDIX C RECORD OF WILDLIFE HUNTED, TRAPPED OR KILLED PERMIT FJ24-896288

- The permit holder **MUST** maintain an accurate up-to-date record.
- The permit holder **MUST** submit the original copy of this record to FrontCounter BC, Ministry of Forests **within 21 days** of the permit's expiry or annually as indicated in "Appendix A – Terms of Permit – Reporting Requirements" of this permit.
- The permit holder must produce a copy of this record on the demand of an officer

*If more room is required, please use a sheet of blank paper

Common name of wildlife	Location where wildlife was taken	Date wildlife was hunted, trapped or killed	Sex and age class of wildlife	Bands or tags on wildlife	Description of all nests, dams or other structures destroyed or removed

Signature of Permit Holder

Date

FrontCounter BC, Ministry of Forests
Locations: <https://portal.nrs.gov.bc.ca/web/client/locations>