

(E) "CHAMPION TREE" MEANS THE LARGEST TREE OF ITS SPECIES WITHIN THE UNITED STATES, THE STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPALITY, AS APPROPRIATE.

~~(E)~~ (F) "COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USES" INCLUDES MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS, OFFICE COMPLEXES, SHOPPING CENTERS, AND OTHER SIMILAR USES AND THEIR ASSOCIATED STORAGE AREAS, YARDING, AND PARKING AREAS.

~~(F)~~ (G) "COMMERCIAL LOGGING OR TIMBER HARVESTING OPERATIONS" MEANS THE CUTTING AND REMOVING OF TREE STEMS FROM A SITE FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, LEAVING THE ROOT MASS INTACT.

~~(G)~~ (H) "CRITICAL HABITAT FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES" MEANS A HABITAT OCCUPIED BY ~~A CURRENT STATE LISTED~~ AN ENDANGERED SPECIES ~~WHICH IS KNOWN FROM 5 OR FEWER SITES OR BY A FEDERALLY LISTED SPECIES WHICH:~~

~~(1) IS RESTRICTED IN ITS POTENTIAL TO INCREASE IN NUMBERS DUE TO LIMITED MOBILITY RATES; AND~~

~~(2) WILL BENEFIT FROM CRITICAL HABITAT AREA DESIGNATION DUE TO ITS BIOLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS~~ AS DETERMINED OR LISTED UNDER § 4-2A-04 OF THIS ARTICLE.

~~(H)~~ (I) "CRITICAL HABITAT AREA" MEANS A CRITICAL HABITAT FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES AND ITS SURROUNDING PROTECTION AREA. A CRITICAL HABITAT AREA SHALL:

(1) BE LIKELY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE LONG-TERM SURVIVAL OF THE SPECIES;

~~(2) INCLUDE AN ADJACENT BUFFER WHICH IS DEEMED BY THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LOCAL JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE SITE IS LOCATED, TO BE THE MINIMUM NECESSARY TO INSURE~~ ENSURE ~~THE PROTECTION OF THE SPECIES;~~

~~(3)~~ (2) BE LIKELY TO BE OCCUPIED BY THE SPECIES FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE; AND

~~(4)~~ (3) CONSTITUTE HABITAT OF THE SPECIES WHICH IS DEEMED CRITICAL UNDER TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 2A, § 6 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE.

~~(H)~~ (J) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.