

From: [Morgan, Carly ENV:EX](#)
To: [Carroll, Deborah ENV:EX](#); [Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX](#)
Cc: [Jackson, Brittany ENV:EX](#)
Subject: RE: MR: MGH briefing re: Hansen Island Grizzly (357348) - April 23, 4:00pm
Date: April 22, 2020 3:51:08 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

That is perfect, thanks so much Deb!

Carly

From: Carroll, Deborah ENV:EX
Sent: April 22, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Morgan, Carly ENV:EX ; Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX
Cc: Jackson, Brittany ENV:EX
Subject: RE: MR: MGH briefing re: Hansen Island Grizzly (357348) - April 23, 4:00pm

Hi Carly,

This meeting is regarding a grizzly bear, 'Mali', that came into contact with Hansen Island residents last week. The bear was successfully relocated to the mainland by COS who worked with Indigenous leaders to develop a plan.

Jim and Doug will be able to provide Mark and Minister with more information at the briefing. Is this enough to work off of for now?

Thanks!

Deborah

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Subject: MR: MGH briefing re: Hansen Island Grizzly (357348) - April 23, 4:00pm

Hi Deb/Coleen,

Please see below table for booked meeting with Hansen Island Grizzly. Deb, do you have any more info on the topic in case Mark isn't aware of it like Jim is? The MO didn't respond to my request for more information.

Meeting Request	
Request for meeting with	MGH
Topic	Hansen Island Grizzly – note this is just the topic, it is an internal meeting not with the stakeholder
Staff Attendees	Mark Zacharias, Jim Standen, Doug Forsdick
Materials	N - verbal
Date/Time	April 23 rd , 4:00pm
Meeting Duration	30 minutes
Location	By Phone
Cliff Log #	357348
eApprovals #	
Materials due to DMO	
Materials due to MO	
Additional info/comments:	

Thank you,



Carly Morgan

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From: [Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX](#)
To: [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#)
Subject: RE: New - Hanson Is Grizzly Bear update#2 - escalation
Date: April 8, 2020 8:24:53 AM

Ben

Critical that you cc Danielle on anything issues management related

Doug

From: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 7, 2020 8:16 PM
To: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX <Sean.Pendergast@gov.bc.ca>; Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>
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Insp. Ben York
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Thanks again Ben, and great work from your team.

Sean Pendergast RPBio
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Cc: [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#); [Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX](#); [Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX](#)
Subject: Re: New - Hanson Is Grizzly Bear update#2 - escalation
Date: April 7, 2020 9:38:27 PM

Sean ^{s.22} phoned me and confessed there is more. Bear got into camp garbage 2 days ago. Stored in cabin 100 m from where the residence located and where it broke into the pantry this pm

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 7, 2020, at 8:27 PM, Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
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Thanks for the update Ben.

I would support attempting a relocation at this time but if the bear continues to escalate behaviour we may have to consider other options. From the described activities the bear has undertaken, we might not have been given the whole story on the bears interactions with the island residents.

Be careful guys...

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From: [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#)
To: [Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Q Please - Hanson GB
Date: April 29, 2020 2:40:03 PM

Yeah looks good. Maybe re-order the points to emphasize no issues at shooting location first. It's obvious they mean that location, not Hanson Is.

On Apr 29, 2020, at 13:32, Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Sorry know you're busy but when you get a sec please, looking to clarify news story on below. Would like to add a line or two to previously approved KM's.
Any concerns?

.From story: Mali's keen nose unfortunately led him to a pile of garbage that a cottage owner had improperly stored.

- To clarify, there is no cottage, or residential community, on Hanson Island. There is a research lab and fishing lodge.
- The COS history on this bear is minimal, as reports of it hanging around on Hanson Island came in only a few days before it was relocated.
- There were reports of the bear encountering residents and gaining access to attractants, which created a public safety risk.
- The COS uses the term attractants to refer to any non-natural food source – including garbage, pet food, birdseed, human food and more – that can attract bears and other wildlife.
- Residential, commercial and recreational sites where attractants are managed properly have fewer human-wildlife conflicts and fewer animals destroyed.
- It is also important to note there were no attractant management issues where the shooting took place.

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From: [Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX](#)
To: [Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX](#)
Subject: RE: RUSH PLEASE - GB QA
Date: April 24, 2020 10:12:00 AM

Looks good.

Chris

From: Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX
Sent: April 24, 2020 10:10 AM
To: Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX
Cc: York, Ben A ENV:EX
Subject: RUSH PLEASE - GB QA

Hi Chris,

Apologies on the rush. Attached is a media QA.

The language reflects previously approved statement; the below is new.

Ben has reviewed.

For your review/approval please, thanks!

1. What is the history of this bear?

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7. Does the COS have any formal agreements in place with FN around identifying problem bears?

- The COS continues ongoing outreach efforts to help educate communities and stakeholders on how to avoid human-wildlife conflicts, such as the importance of attractant management so that wildlife can stay wild.
- The COS will continue to work collaboratively with area First Nations to identify and mitigate any human-wildlife conflict issues.

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To: [Newton, Mike C ENV:EX](#); [Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX](#); [Adams, Bradley ENV:EX](#)
Subject: Well done! Fwd: Hanson update #4 April 9
Date: April 9, 2020 7:12:15 PM

Gentlemen,

Please note the Chief and Deputy Chief's kudos and appreciation. It was a very fluid and challenging situation for you all. You rose to the occasion and made us West Coast proud. Thank you.

Insp. Ben York
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX" <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>
Date: April 9, 2020 at 5:53:17 PM PDT
To: "Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX" <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>, "York, Ben A ENV:EX" <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>, "Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX" <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Hanson update #4 April 9

I could not agree more

Ben, please pass along to the team the awesome job they have done in this situation that was unique, charged and needed some very specific attention. Their efforts are appreciated and noted.

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Subject: RE: Hanson update #4 April 9

Thanks Ben,

Good work by your team!

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Subject: Hanson update #4 April 9

Bear captured by snare and chemically immobilized at approximately 14:00h.
Transported by helicopter to Hoeya Sound approximately 1/2 way up Knight Inlet.
Local FN guardians from s.16 present and have advised their
respective leadership. GPS collar did not arrive in time to be utilized.

Insp. Ben York

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On Apr 9, 2020, at 12:57 PM, York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
wrote:

Snares ineffective to this point. Bear still in area. Arranging for transport
of culvert trap to island by BC Parks landing craft later today. s.16; s.22
s.16; s.22 updated by phone this morning.

From: York, Ben A ENV:EX

Sent: April 9, 2020 8:51 AM

To: Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>; Bell, Danielle L
ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
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Subject: Hanson update #2 - escalating behaviour

FYI – Officers on site. As is GB. Significant behavioural escalation. Was
trashing a refrigerator when they arrived, but just aggressively pushed
officers off of a snare as they were attempting to reset it. Bear was

previously afraid/indifferent of humans and easy to push off. Now aggressively seeking and defending human food sources.

From: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: April 9, 2020 5:50 AM

To: Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>; Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Hanson update

No success snaring yesterday. Officers overnighted at a nearby lodge and will begin operations again first thing this morning.

Insp. Ben York

Officer I/C, West Coast Region

Conservation Officer Service

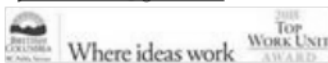
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From: [Standen, Jim ENV:EX](#)
To: [Corns, Paul GCPE:EX](#); [Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX](#); [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#); [Sather, Kelly ENV:EX](#); [Lindsay-Baugh, Anna ENV:EX](#); [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#); [Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX](#); [Roth, Pamela GCPE:EX](#); [Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX](#)
Cc: [Jardine, Kevin EAO:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Hanson Isl. GB
Date: April 29, 2020 8:37:52 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Saw that this morning. It may prove challenging for the service that this is being portrayed as the new way of doing business. Managing for public safety under such expectations will make the job much harder for those on the front lines. The bear spray bit seems to keep living on too.

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Indigenous-led approach changes outlook for grizzlies on West Coast

Globe and Mail

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

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By Nancy Macdonald¹

When Mali woke late last month from his long winter's nap, he did what all sleepy young grizzlies do after exiting their snowy dens: He set off immediately to find something to eat.

So began an incredible journey that took the bruin all the way from B.C.'s central mainland to the coast of Vancouver Island, and back again. Although it would earn the big, brawny bear a place in the province's history, it ended in a way that few who got to know him saw coming.

Provincial officials believe that what officers chose to do with the bear could provide a blueprint for a new, Indigenous-led approach to grizzly-bear management in the province. In 2017, Victoria summarily ended the grizzly-bear trophy hunt, sparing 300 animals a year. Mali could end the shooting of these bears altogether in B.C.

Mali came ashore from his monster swim on Hanson Island in the Broughton Archipelago, a maze of islands just off the northern flank of Vancouver Island. The Broughton's cedar forests are rich with Indigenous history. Its narrow passages are alive with killer whales, seals, porpoises and eagles.

The Broughton Archipelago Marine Park draws wildlife tourists from around the world. With the decline of logging and the fishery, ecotourism is playing an increasingly large role in the local economy.

Bear viewing, kayak tripping and sport fishing are some of the biggest draws.

Grizzlies are not native to the Broughton.

But declining salmon runs along the central coast have sent them searching for food far beyond their normal range.

There are enough mussels, huckleberries, skunk cabbage and sedge grass in the region's muddy estuaries to keep a bear happy until the salmon start to run in late summer.

Scientists estimate that Mali was three, and in his first year outside his mama's den.

Older, more dominant bears, some perhaps jealously guarding their feeding sources, may have chased him off their ranges. Grizzlies have a sense of smell 100 times that of humans. Mali's keen nose unfortunately led him to a pile of garbage that a cottage owner had improperly stored.

Not long ago, this would have triggered an automatic death sentence for a bear in B.C.

Conservation officers consider bears who have gotten into trash to be "habituated" and destroy them, says Nicholas Scapillati, head of the Grizzly Bear Foundation.

Officers have put down 162 grizzlies and more than 4,000 black bears in the past eight years in B.C.

But Mali happened to swim onto the traditional territory of the Mamalilikulla First Nation.

Richard Sumner, chief of the Kwakwaka'wakw community, refused to allow conservation officers to fire a shot.

The Mamalilikulla revere the grizzly for its ferocious strength.

Their oral history says some of their ancestors are descended from the animal. Grizzlies run through many of their songs, stories and art.

Some of the region's residents, however, are terrified by the growing number of grizzlies being drawn to the area.

The plan to spare Mali arose from the killing of a grizzly named Gatu by a resident in the coastal village of Kingcome in November of last year. Gatu's death sparked anger and grief in some First Nations communities and among local tour operators, according to Mike Willie.

The 42-year-old hereditary chief of the Kwikwasut'inuxw Nation grew up in Kingcome but was forced to leave, at the age of 12, for high school in Victoria. His bear-viewing outfit, Sea Wolf Adventures, grew from his yearning to return to the ocean, and to his culture.

After Gatu's death, Mr. Willie teamed up with the Grizzly Bear Foundation and two powerful First Nations leaders, Mr. Sumner and Douglas Neasloss, former chief of the Kitasoo/Xai' xais Nation.

In March, they met with B.C.

Environment Minister **George Heyman** and lobbied for the modernization of a provincial wildlife act written in the 1800s, with few updates and zero

First Nations input.

Science has its place, Mr. Willie told the minister. "So do the cultural values that have formed and shaped our interaction with these territories for 14,000 years.

That also needs a place at the table."

Half of Canada's grizzlies live in B.C. - some 15,000, according to provincial modelling. "Together, we mapped out a different approach," prioritizing "co-existence" with the bears, Mr. Willie says.

Just a few days later, Mali swam ashore. Conservation officers ordered the bear destroyed.

That is "not an option," Mr. Sumner told them. "This is our territory."

Inspector Ben York, the conservation officer in charge of B.C.'s West Coast, was called in.

So was Mr. Heyman, who encouraged a non-lethal approach, according to people briefed on the call.

Mr. Willie, who was sidelined by the pandemic in Victoria, paced his small home, cellphone in hand.

"If you want reconciliation, this is exactly what we're talking about," he told officers.

Hour after hour, the two sides went back and forth until Mr. York finally broke: "Okay, chief," he said, addressing Mr. Sumner.

"We'll try your way."

It took two days for officers, working with two Indigenous guardians, to trap the wily bear.

They gently laid the tranquilized bear on a mat, applying ointment to keep his eyes moist, dousing him with sea water to keep him cool and blindfolding him to keep him calm.

On April 13, a government helicopter airlifted the bear to an inlet in the

Great Bear Rainforest.

We saved a grizzly, Mr. Willie remembers thinking. "It felt so good."

When Mali woke, he "wasn't eating garbage," Mr. Scapillati said. He immediately began stumbling around, feeding on sedge grass and mussels in a remote estuary - "what he should have been doing all along."

"Our officers, our senior bureaucrats - all of us are learning to listen," Mr. Heyman said in a statement released to media.

"We are learning to make space for conservation."

The fates, however, had decided against a happily-ever-after ending to this story.

Ten days after Mali's release, Mr. Heyman telephoned Mr. Willie: The bear had been shot to death, just 30 kilometres from where he was released, he said.

Mali had swum to a tiny island, where he came upon a resident and his barking dog.

The citizen told conservation officers that he shot the bear twice in self-defence. Dogs are known to agitate grizzlies and can trigger attacks, which may have occurred in this case.

"It is fortunate the resident is safe," Mr. Scapillati said.

"But this could have been avoided. Bear spray has been proven to be more effective than guns."

To honour the bear, the region's three First Nations are planning a series of travelling town halls focusing on the use of bear spray and rubber bullets, and on bear-proofing trash, gardens, fruit trees and barbecues.

He won't be the last grizzly to turn up in the Broughton.

The minister assured Mr. Willie, who broke down after hanging up, that Mali will provide the outline for a "new, collaborative" wildlife management process going forward.

The grizzly's remains will be returned to the Mamalilikulla First Nation. After a ceremony, he will be buried on their traditional territories.

"We failed Mali," Mr. Willie said. All the joy and energy in his voice had gone. "This is really hard to swallow." [Link to Story](#)

From: York, Ben A ENV:EX
To: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Hanson Island GB
Date: April 28, 2020 9:27:00 AM

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he doesn't

actually say COS – just “conservation officials”. He was pushing this agenda during our last call as well, citing research papers etc. I told him I was aware of the USFW studies and that it was one of the tools we would recommend, but told him we should all be glad that the victim had any tool available to save his life. s.22 I had hoped that was the end of it, but...

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Cc: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>; Sather, Kelly ENV:EX <Kelly.Sather@gov.bc.ca>; Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Hanson Island GB

Extremely unfortunate. I am hoping that the media have made this mix up but I will certainly be bringing this up as a topic with the GBF when I speak with them.

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Cc: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>; Sather, Kelly ENV:EX <Kelly.Sather@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Hanson Island GB

Unfortunate the GBF positioning the COS on bear spray as the most effective tool to keep citizens and bears safe in connection to this incident. Hopefully we will not see rxn.

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Grizzly bear just relocated from Vancouver Island shot dead

Campbell River Mirror

Monday, April 27, 2020

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By Staff¹

The grizzly bear Mali, relocated a couple of weeks ago after it showed up on Hanson Island, was shot dead last week by a resident in an act of self defence.

B.C. Conservation Officer Service confirmed that the incident took place on the evening of April 20. Investigation into the circumstance concluded the shooting was in self defence and no charges were laid .

Mali was identified by the ear tags that were placed on him during the relocation operation when he was moved to a remote area on **B.C.**'s mainland.

In a statement, the Conservation Officers Services said that the bear was killed more than 30 kilometres away from the isolated area where it was released.

The grizzly bear made headlines earlier in April due to the historical nature of joint efforts in its relocation operation. Several groups including conservation officers, First Nations and the Grizzly Bear Foundation came together to relocate Mali.

Nicholas Scapillati, executive director of Grizzly Bear Foundation, said that although the bear was successfully relocated, there was no means to trace its movements and it must have wandered off again into a residential area in search of food or a new habitat.

"Unfortunately Mali wasn't collared when he was relocated since everything happened very rapidly back then," said Scapillati.

The bear's death highlights deeper issues such as **climate change**, lack of salmon and habitat loss among other issues which may be causing bears to wander into residential areas.

Mali who previously swam over to Hanson Island, went there in search of food.

"Grizzly bears are moving across the Island and we need to put some science behind this issue and find out why they are moving," said

Scapillati.

He also said, that on spotting a bear in a residential area, most people panic and resort to guns which often results in the death of the bear.

Conservation officials throughout the region have been advising on the use of bear spray as the "most effective tool" and a "safer option for both citizens and bears."

Scapillati stressed on increasing awareness through educative campaigns about bear sprays and attractants so that humans and bears can live in peaceful coexistence in the future.

"Mali's situation could have been very different," he added.

However, the joint conservation efforts that took place in relocating Mali earlier was a positive development in conservation efforts, setting precedent for more such rescue and relocation operations.

"Sad things can happen in conservation sometimes, but you learn a lot and know that more grizzly bears need to be protected."

The conservation officers will give Mali's body to the First Nations who will hold a small burial ceremony for the bear. [Link to Story](#)

From: [Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX](#)
To: [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#); [Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX](#); [Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX](#); [Mowat, Garth FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Hanson update #2 - escalating behaviour
Date: April 9, 2020 8:58:27 AM

Not a good escalation. Hopefully the guys stay safe – Laura is working on getting the collar shipped and I have contacted David Jack in McNeill to see if he can receive the collar and get it to the island.

Sean Pendergast RPBio
Section Head | Fish & Wildlife

From: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 9, 2020 8:51 AM
To: Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>; Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX <Sean.Pendergast@gov.bc.ca>; Mowat, Garth FLNR:EX <Garth.Mowat@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Hanson update #2 - escalating behaviour

FYI – Officers on site. As is GB. Significant behavioural escalation. Was trashing a refrigerator when they arrived, but just aggressively pushed officers off of a snare as they were attempting to reset it. Bear was previously afraid/indifferent of humans and easy to push off. Now aggressively seeking and defending human food sources.

From: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 9, 2020 5:50 AM
To: Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>; Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Hanson update

No success snaring yesterday. Officers overnighted at a nearby lodge and will begin operations again first thing this morning.

Insp. Ben York
Officer I/C, West Coast Region
Conservation Officer Service
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From: [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#)
To: [Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX](#)
Cc: [Mowat, Garth FLNR:EX](#); [Smit, Laura FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Hanson update
Date: April 9, 2020 8:25:00 AM

Don't really know how we would get it to the island after. Port McNeill is the closest office, but no one there. Black Creek is a 2hour drive to the closest dock and I only have one officer left there. Only thing I can think might work would be for a NRO to run it to the dock and a NGO to run it over. But I think we won't have time...

From: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX <Sean.Pendergast@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 9, 2020 8:21 AM
To: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Mowat, Garth FLNR:EX <Garth.Mowat@gov.bc.ca>; Smit, Laura FLNR:EX <Laura.Smit@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Hanson update

Damn huh? Collar has been reprogrammed as far as I know. I will see about getting it couriered to the McNeil Office? Laura – do you think this is possible?

Sean Pendergast RPBio
Section Head | Fish & Wildlife

From: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 9, 2020 8:16 AM
To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX <Sean.Pendergast@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Hanson update

FYI. Any word on a collar? Mike says they saw him when they showed up this morning (sent me a pic), but they think he's back inside one of the cabins right now.

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From: [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#)
To: [Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Hanson
Date: April 21, 2020 12:09:00 PM

Just agreements in principle during our other Hanson GB conversations. We all agree it's a good idea, but no framework in place

From: Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 21, 2020 12:04 PM
To: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Hanson

Being asked this Q from GCPE -

Do we actually have anything formal?

What conversations has the Ministry had with local First Nations in that region around creating a local team in the area with Indigenous watchmen that could help identify problem bears and determine how to handle them?

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To: [Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX](#); [Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX](#); [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#)
Cc: [Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX](#)
Subject: RE: FYI Hanson GB Story
Date: April 29, 2020 8:30:03 AM

Hi Danielle

Thanks for this and I think you should reach out to G and M if you are good with that. We want to ensure that they represent the facts.

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From: Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 29, 2020 7:34 AM
To: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>; Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>; York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FYI Hanson GB Story

FYI in case you haven't seen, front page of the Globe & Mail.
I've highlighted a couple areas of concern below, perhaps to mention in GB Foundation discussions.
I am also happy to reach out to G&M and clarify a couple of points.
Thanks

- Said piles of garbage a cottage owner improperly stored led bear there (not true)
- The quotes from us I imagine are third-hand but imply they're not (Ben please advise)
- Bear spray issue again

Indigenous-led approach changes outlook for grizzlies on West Coast

Globe and Mail

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

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By Nancy Macdonald¹

When Mali woke late last month from his long winter's nap, he did what all sleepy young grizzlies do after exiting their snowy dens: He set off immediately to find something to eat.

So began an incredible journey that took the bruin all the way from B.C.'s central mainland to the coast of Vancouver Island, and back again. Although it would earn the big, brawny bear a place in the province's history, it ended in a way that few who got to know him saw coming.

Provincial officials believe that what officers chose to do with the bear could provide a blueprint for a new, Indigenous-led approach to grizzly-bear management in the province. In 2017, Victoria summarily ended the grizzly-bear trophy hunt, sparing 300 animals a year. Mali

could end the shooting of these bears altogether in B.C.

Mali came ashore from his monster swim on Hanson Island in the Broughton Archipelago, a maze of islands just off the northern flank of Vancouver Island. The Broughton's cedar forests are rich with Indigenous history. Its narrow passages are alive with killer whales, seals, porpoises and eagles.

The Broughton Archipelago Marine Park draws wildlife tourists from around the world. With the decline of logging and the fishery, ecotourism is playing an increasingly large role in the local economy.

Bear viewing, kayak tripping and sport fishing are some of the biggest draws.

Grizzlies are not native to the Broughton.

But declining salmon runs along the central coast have sent them searching for food far beyond their normal range.

There are enough mussels, huckleberries, skunk cabbage and sedge grass in the region's muddy estuaries to keep a bear happy until the salmon start to run in late summer.

Scientists estimate that Mali was three, and in his first year outside his mama's den.

Older, more dominant bears, some perhaps jealously guarding their feeding sources, may have chased him off their ranges. Grizzlies have a sense of smell 100 times that of humans. Mali's keen nose unfortunately led him to a pile of garbage that a cottage owner had improperly stored.

Not long ago, this would have triggered an automatic death sentence for a bear in B.C.

Conservation officers consider bears who have gotten into trash to be "habituated" and destroy them, says Nicholas Scapillati, head of the Grizzly Bear Foundation.

Officers have put down 162 grizzlies and more than 4,000 black bears in the past eight years in B.C.

But Mali happened to swim onto the traditional territory of the Mamalilikulla First Nation.

Richard Sumner, chief of the Kwakwaka'wakw community, refused to allow conservation officers to fire a shot.

The Mamalilikulla revere the grizzly for its ferocious strength.

Their oral history says some of their ancestors are descended from the animal. Grizzlies run through many of their songs, stories and art.

Some of the region's residents, however, are terrified by the growing number of grizzlies being drawn to the area.

The plan to spare Mali arose from the killing of a grizzly named Gatu by a resident in the coastal village of Kingcome in November of last year. Gatu's death sparked anger and grief in some First Nations communities and among local tour operators, according to Mike Willie.

The 42-year-old hereditary chief of the Kwikwasut'inuxw Nation grew up in Kingcome but was forced to leave, at the age of 12, for high school in Victoria. His bear-viewing outfit, Sea Wolf Adventures, grew from his yearning to return to the ocean, and to his culture.

After Gatu's death, Mr. Willie teamed up with the Grizzly Bear Foundation and two powerful First Nations leaders, Mr. Sumner and Douglas Neasloss, former chief of the Kitasoo/Xai' xais Nation.

In March, they met with B.C.

Environment Minister **George Heyman** and lobbied for the modernization of a provincial wildlife act written in the 1800s, with few updates and zero First Nations input.

Science has its place, Mr. Willie told the minister. "So do the cultural values that have formed and shaped our interaction with these territories for 14,000 years.

That also needs a place at the table."

Half of Canada's grizzlies live in B.C. - some 15,000, according to provincial modelling. "Together, we mapped out a different approach," prioritizing "co-existence" with the bears, Mr. Willie says.

Just a few days later, Mali swam ashore. Conservation officers ordered the bear destroyed.

That is "not an option," Mr. Sumner told them. "This is our territory."

Inspector Ben York, the conservation officer in charge of B.C.'s West Coast, was called in.

So was Mr. Heyman, who encouraged a non-lethal approach, according to people briefed on the call.

Mr. Willie, who was sidelined by the pandemic in Victoria, paced his small home, cellphone in hand.

"If you want reconciliation, this is exactly what we're talking about," he told officers.

Hour after hour, the two sides went back and forth until Mr. York finally broke: "Okay, chief," he said, addressing Mr. Sumner.

"We'll try your way."

It took two days for officers, working with two Indigenous guardians, to trap the wily bear.

They gently laid the tranquilized bear on a mat, applying ointment to keep his eyes moist, dousing him with sea water to keep him cool and blindfolding him to keep him calm.

On April 13, a government helicopter airlifted the bear to an inlet in the Great Bear Rainforest.

We saved a grizzly, Mr. Willie remembers thinking. "It felt so good."

When Mali woke, he "wasn't eating garbage," Mr. Scapillati said. He immediately began stumbling around, feeding on sedge grass and mussels in a remote estuary - "what he should

have been doing all along."

"Our officers, our senior bureaucrats - all of us are learning to listen," Mr. Heyman said in a statement released to media.

"We are learning to make space for conservation."

The fates, however, had decided against a happily-ever-after ending to this story.

Ten days after Mali's release, Mr. Heyman telephoned Mr. Willie: The bear had been shot to death, just 30 kilometres from where he was released, he said.

Mali had swum to a tiny island, where he came upon a resident and his barking dog.

The citizen told conservation officers that he shot the bear twice in self-defence. Dogs are known to agitate grizzlies and can trigger attacks, which may have occurred in this case.

"It is fortunate the resident is safe," Mr. Scapillati said.

"But this could have been avoided. Bear spray has been proven to be more effective than guns."

To honour the bear, the region's three First Nations are planning a series of travelling town halls focusing on the use of bear spray and rubber bullets, and on bear-proofing trash, gardens, fruit trees and barbecues.

He won't be the last grizzly to turn up in the Broughton.

The minister assured Mr. Willie, who broke down after hanging up, that Mali will provide the outline for a "new, collaborative" wildlife management process going forward.

The grizzly's remains will be returned to the Mamalilikulla First Nation. After a ceremony, he will be buried on their traditional territories.

"We failed Mali," Mr. Willie said. All the joy and energy in his voice had gone. "This is really hard to swallow." [Link to Story](#)

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To: [Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX](#)
Cc: [Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX](#); [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Grizzly Bear update
Date: April 23, 2020 12:04:09 PM

All good

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 23, 2020, at 12:01 PM, Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX
<Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thanks!

FYI slight edits from GCPE in attached, most notably to reflect GB was heading in the same general direction of where it was captured, and a line about how additional engagement was taken in this situation.

Ben is fine with this and so am I but please let me know if you have any concerns.

The conf call is slated for 1 p.m.

Thanks again

From: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 23, 2020 11:39 AM
To: Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>; York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Grizzly Bear update

Excellent and thank you for taking that stand

This needs to get out

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From: Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 23, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>; York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Grizzly Bear update

FYI just so you're aware the backstory is the MO told the GB Foundation that we would not say anything publicly about this and they're pissed.

Besides the optics, I've reiterated to GCPE we have a public obligation to provide a factual update. The statement would then be going out after this courtesy call.

Thanks

From: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: April 23, 2020 10:51 AM

To: Corns, Paul GCPE:EX <Paul.1.Corns@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX <Mark.Zacharias@gov.bc.ca>; Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>; Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>; Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>; York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: Grizzly Bear update

Danielle

Can you see if Ben is available for this

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Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 23, 2020, at 10:23 AM, Corns, Paul GCPE:EX <Paul.1.Corns@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

MO connected with NS. GBF can facilitate a call with the 3 FN chiefs and the Hereditary Chief^{s.16; s.22} for this afternoon for a verbal report out on the investigation. Specific questions.

Did the bear charge
Were there attractants

Let me know if this is workable.

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From: Corns, Paul GCPE:EX

Sent: April 23, 2020 10:13 AM

To: Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX <Mark.Zacharias@gov.bc.ca>; Forsdick, Doug
O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Grizzly Bear update

Kelly is going to speak with NS to clarify the public obligation to report out on the investigation.

Doug is it possible for COS to provide a verbal report out to the GBF, FN's on the result of the investigation so that we can move forward?

Thanks

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From: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: April 23, 2020 9:39 AM

To: Corns, Paul GCPE:EX <Paul.1.Corns@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Grizzly Bear update

FYI – we should set up a call with Nicholas

From: Nicholas Scapillati <nscapillati@grizzlybearfoundation.com>

Sent: April 23, 2020 9:38 AM

To: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: Grizzly Bear update

Courtney,

I had a conversation with Minister Heyman earlier this week and we discussed not releasing the information about the death of Mali. Has the minister changed his mind?

Also, in the spirit of the relationship that the MOE and COS are building with the local First Nation I suggest that you pause on releasing the information to reporters until the FN and GBF receive the report.

Perhaps we should have a quick phone chat.

Kind regards,

Nicholas Scapillati
Executive Director

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On Apr 23, 2020, at 9:18 AM, Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX
<Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Nicholas,

We wanted to keep you in the loop about the communications strategy around the killing of the grizzly bear from Hanson Island.

We have a couple outstanding media requests from media on the relocation of the grizzly that were placed with us before this incident. The conservation officer service has drafted a statement advising of the incident and the conclusion of its investigation into it.

We intend to send this statement to the reporters who have requests in with us today to let them know what's happened. If they would like an interview or follow up questions, one of the COS inspectors has agreed to do those.

We can share the final statement with you when it's ready; it's just undergoing some minor revisions at this point. Please let us know if you would like any involvement in this approach. Happy to facilitate in any way.

Thanks,

Courtney

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From: [Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX](#)
To: [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Hanson GB helicopter invoice
Date: April 17, 2020 4:30:47 PM

I will cover it

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 17, 2020, at 4:08 PM, York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Don't have it yet, but expecting it to be ~ \$2100-ish. HQ or Region? I don't think we should be asking Wildlife to grab any of it.

Thanks
Ben

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From: [Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX](#)
To: [Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX](#); [Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX](#); [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Hanson Grizzly Statement
Date: April 22, 2020 4:14:20 PM

Are we actually still investigating? – if not should we be more direct that we have investigated and concluded that the killing of the bear was justified to protect life?

From: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 22, 2020 4:08 PM
To: Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>; Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>; York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Hanson Grizzly Statement

Makes perfect sense to me

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From: Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 22, 2020 4:07 PM
To: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>; Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>; York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Hanson Grizzly Statement

Just got off a call with GCPE about this plan and was literally going to hit send on my own email.

Cliff's notes:

- Plan is to provide a straightforward statement to interested media tomorrow (similar to below).
- There will be a QA Doc for any follow-ups

I have the pen on both of those so you'll see them.

We need to ID a spokesperson – Perhaps Ben for consistency but please let me know who you'd prefer.

As for the collaboration on the larger piece, I think that will be too dated and not necessary – each third-party (with their own interests) can engage media as they wish. At this time, I understand the GB Foundation isn't interested in engaging media.

I think this is a solid way to close the loop on this. Please let me know if you have any questions/concerns.

Thanks

From: Corns, Paul GCPE:EX <Paul.1.Corns@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: April 22, 2020 3:55 PM

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Cc: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>; Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>; Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX <Leila.Farmer@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Hanson Grizzly Statement

An communications update on the Hanson Island GB. We were putting the pieces together for a collaborative statement from the parties included in the news release however logistics are proving difficult and timing is a consideration.

We understand word is getting out in the Hanson Island community and perhaps beyond
We have two previous media requests regarding the original nr which we are holding (CBC online and Globe and Mail).

The recommendation is to not divert from standard COS approach

Issue a statement noting the circumstance and that an investigation continues. The statement would be drafted from the previously COS approved messaging as below. A q/a is currently being drafted.

- The Grizzly Bear that was relocated from Hanson Island earlier this month has been shot and killed by a citizen after it reportedly charged at them.
- The COS acknowledges the cultural significance of the Grizzly Bear to Indigenous communities, and the compassion shared by area First Nations, local ecotourism operators and the Grizzly Bear Foundation to help relocate the bear.
- The killing of the bear was reported to the COS on Monday evening. The bear had allegedly charged a person at an undisclosed location. Today, Conservation Officers confirmed the identity of the bear by its ear tags.
- After an encounter with residents on Hanson Island, the young male Grizzly Bear had been transported by helicopter to an undisclosed wilderness location in remote mainland habitat and released.
- Conservation Officers consulted with area First Nations and biologists from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) throughout this process.
- The COS has taken possession of the carcass as part of the investigation, which is ongoing.

Given the profile of the earlier exercise and the participation of the expanded number of agencies involved, we are still considering a follow-up op/ed be issued on behalf of COS/GBF/Indigenous Guardians....

Again, this story is unlikely to hold much longer. We recommend the statement be released and

issued tomorrow morning.

Please let me know if you approve proceeding on this basis or would like to revise.

Thanks

Paul



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From: [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#)
To: [Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Hanson Is GB on the move - Fwd: HWCR 20-0556 - GRIZZLY BEAR - FOOD CONDITIONED - PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL
Date: April 17, 2020 3:53:18 PM

Sorry Doug. Was just trying to give folks a sense of which way he's heading currently. He was dropped about halfway up a long mainland inlet (Knight). Hope was he would stay in the good habitat where he was dropped or at least move inland. Instead, he has moved down inlet. If he continues in that direction, he will be back in the area he was captured.

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On Apr 17, 2020, at 3:46 PM, Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thanks Ben

I don't understand your second sentence, can you clarify that one for me.

I appreciate the update so I can keep DM notified.

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From: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 17, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>; Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>; Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Hanson Is GB on the move - Fwd: HWCR 20-0556 - GRIZZLY BEAR - FOOD CONDITIONED - PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL

99% Confirmed this is Hanson bear already moving from translocation site. **s.22**
s.22

s.16; s.22 called me about an hour ago accusing COS of being en route to take action on bear without consulting FN. Assured him no CO's attending and had no plans to do so if bear not in conflict. Told him we would contact local FN if action required and circumstances allowed. He seemed ok with that.

Let me know if you need more.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Newton, Mike C ENV:EX" <Mike.C.Newton@gov.bc.ca>
Date: April 16, 2020 at 12:24:11 PDT
To: "York, Ben A ENV:EX" <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: HWCR 20-0556 - GRIZZLY BEAR - FOOD CONDITIONED - PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "COS North Island Zone ENV:EX" <COS.North.Island.Zone@gov.bc.ca>
Date: April 16, 2020 at 12:06:45 PM PDT
To: "Newton, Mike C ENV:EX" <Mike.C.Newton@gov.bc.ca>, "Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX" <Gordon.Gudbranson@gov.bc.ca>, "Petrovic, Steve J ENV:EX" <Steve.Petrovic@gov.bc.ca>, "Adams, Bradley ENV:EX" <Bradley.Adams@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: HWCR 20-0556 - GRIZZLY BEAR - FOOD CONDITIONED - PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL

From: s.15; s.17

Sent: April-16-20 12:06:24 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

To: COS North Island Zone ENV:EX

Subject: HWCR 20-0556 - GRIZZLY BEAR - FOOD CONDITIONED - PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL

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MCNEILL

You can access the document at the following URL:

[https://wildlife1.embc.gov.bc.ca/ECCLog_FY2021/COSIncident.nsf/PWORsByDate/D52A9921DA62E9408825854C00689374?
OpenDocument](https://wildlife1.embc.gov.bc.ca/ECCLog_FY2021/COSIncident.nsf/PWORsByDate/D52A9921DA62E9408825854C00689374?OpenDocument)

Human Wildlife Conflict Report #20-0556

Complaint Received By: JACOB (Operations 4 ECC)

Date / Time received: 2020-04-16 12:02

Area: PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL - WEST COAST REGION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Location: SAME ADDRESS

Location Description:

Caller Name: s.22

Mail / Street Address / City: NA, PORT MCNEILL, BC

Postal Code:

Referred By: s.22

CONTACT NUMBERS

s.22

OCCURRENCE INFORMATION

Incident Date Time: 2020-04-16 12:02

Species Involved: GRIZZLY BEAR

Attractants Noted: NOT APPLICABLE

Nature of Complaint: FOOD CONDITIONED

Action Taken: EMAILED CO

Details: Caller is s.22

s.22 : advised that yesterday at
0600 and again at 1200 a grizzly bear came to the site. No aggression shown
by the animal s.22

s.22

No sightings have occurred today. Emailing due to delay.

ACTIONS TAKEN

From: [Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX](#)
To: [Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX](#)
Subject: Re: For Review Please - GB Statement
Date: April 22, 2020 7:29:04 PM

I don't know if we need to go into the specifics of being charged and just indicate the bear was shot in self defense.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 22, 2020, at 7:01 PM, Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX wrote:

Hi Chris,
Revised statement attached for your review/approval please, as discussed.
Ben has reviewed.
Thanks!

DANIELLE BELL

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From: [Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX](#)
To: [Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX](#)
Subject: RE: For Review Please - Hanson GB
Date: April 8, 2020 1:25:00 PM

Doug then I think ADM

From: Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX
Sent: April 8, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX
Subject: RE: For Review Please - Hanson GB
Thanks – am I sending to Doug then or to GCPE to go to MO?
Not sure where this landed.

From: Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 8, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: For Review Please - Hanson GB
Looks good.

From: Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 8, 2020 1:05 PM
To: Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: For Review Please - Hanson GB
Chris,
Info bullets for MO, with the latest. Ben has reviewed.
Thanks!

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From: [Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX](#)
To: [Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX](#)
Subject: Re: For Review Please - Media, Hanson GB
Date: April 21, 2020 8:14:38 AM

Hold off on this as there may be an update on the bears movement

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 21, 2020, at 7:48 AM, Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX wrote:

Morning,

Please find attached Globe and Mail media request and suggested response.

Chris and Ben have reviewed the attached.

I've since learned the MO may be interested in doing this interview. If so, I'd suggest that perhaps you should also join if it goes into the details around COS decision-making.

Please let me know if you'd consider this, thanks!

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From: [Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX](#)
To: [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#); [Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX](#)
Cc: [Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Further thoughts/info on Hanson Is bear
Date: April 27, 2020 12:08:31 PM

Ben

Great info and I could not agree more.

I will make a reach out call to ^{s.16;} s.22 and let him know this is our preference to so this way to ensure that in the spirit of reconciliation that we are inclusive of all nations that may have an interest.

D

From: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 27, 2020 10:14 AM
To: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>; Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Further thoughts/info on Hanson Is bear

Did a bit of research over the weekend that might assist you in discussions (I fully recognize will end up in my wheelhouse pretty quick anyways)

s.13; s.16

I respectfully suggest that we include all these nations in any cooperative GB management moving forward in the area and not limit it solely to the parties interested in this last incident. I believe this will reduce polarization and conflict, as well as leading to a much more inclusive and constructive process.

s.13; s.16

Let me know if you would like more information.

Thanks

Ben

Inspector Ben York

Officer in Charge, West Coast Region

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From: [Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX](#)
To: [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#)
Subject: RE: FYI Hanson GB Story
Date: April 29, 2020 8:00:36 AM

Thanks for clarifying – that’s unfortunate.

From: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 29, 2020 7:57 AM
To: Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>; Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: FYI Hanson GB Story

The only quote attributed to me is somewhat correct in substance if not the actual words. s.13; s.16
s.13; s.16

s.13; s.16 Called Chris for direction, called Newton and directed him to capture. Then got back to
s.16; s.22 and told him we would attempt capture and relocation.

Nothing else is close to anything I said.

Insp. Ben York
Officer I/C, West Coast Region
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On Apr 29, 2020, at 7:34 AM, Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

FYI in case you haven’t seen, front page of the Globe & Mail.
I’ve highlighted a couple areas of concern below, perhaps to mention in GB Foundation discussions.
I am also happy to reach out to G&M and clarify a couple of points.
Thanks

- Said piles of garbage a cottage owner improperly stored led bear there (not true)
- The quotes from us I imagine are third-hand but imply they’re not (Ben please advise)
- Bear spray issue again

Indigenous-led approach changes outlook for grizzlies on West Coast

Globe and Mail

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

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By Nancy Macdonald¹

When Mali woke late last month from his long winter's nap, he did what all sleepy young grizzlies do after exiting their snowy dens: He set off immediately to find something to eat.

So began an incredible journey that took the bruin all the way from B.C.'s central mainland to the coast of Vancouver Island, and back again. Although it would earn the big, brawny bear a place in the province's history, it ended in a way that few who got to know him saw coming.

Provincial officials believe that what officers chose to do with the bear could provide a blueprint for a new, Indigenous-led approach to grizzly-bear management in the province. In 2017, Victoria summarily ended the grizzly-bear trophy hunt, sparing 300 animals a year. Mali could end the shooting of these bears altogether in B.C.

Mali came ashore from his monster swim on Hanson Island in the Broughton Archipelago, a maze of islands just off the northern flank of Vancouver Island. The Broughton's cedar forests are rich with Indigenous history. Its narrow passages are alive with killer whales, seals, porpoises and eagles.

The Broughton Archipelago Marine Park draws wildlife tourists from around the world. With the decline of logging and the fishery, ecotourism is playing an increasingly large role in the local economy.

Bear viewing, kayak tripping and sport fishing are some of the biggest draws.

Grizzlies are not native to the Broughton.

But declining salmon runs along the central coast have sent them searching for food far beyond their normal range.

There are enough mussels, huckleberries, skunk cabbage and sedge grass in the region's muddy estuaries to keep a bear happy until the salmon start to run in late summer.

Scientists estimate that Mali was three, and in his first year outside his mama's den.

Older, more dominant bears, some perhaps jealously guarding their feeding sources, may have chased him off their ranges. Grizzlies have a sense of smell 100 times that of humans. Mali's keen nose unfortunately led him to a pile of garbage that a cottage owner had improperly stored.

Not long ago, this would have triggered an automatic death sentence for a bear in

B.C.

Conservation officers consider bears who have gotten into trash to be "habituated" and destroy them, says Nicholas Scapillati, head of the Grizzly Bear Foundation.

Officers have put down 162 grizzlies and more than 4,000 black bears in the past eight years in B.C.

But Mali happened to swim onto the traditional territory of the Mamalilikulla First Nation.

Richard Sumner, chief of the Kwakwaka'wakw community, refused to allow conservation officers to fire a shot.

The Mamalilikulla revere the grizzly for its ferocious strength.

Their oral history says some of their ancestors are descended from the animal. Grizzlies run through many of their songs, stories and art.

Some of the region's residents, however, are terrified by the growing number of grizzlies being drawn to the area.

The plan to spare Mali arose from the killing of a grizzly named Gatu by a resident in the coastal village of Kingcome in November of last year. Gatu's death sparked anger and grief in some First Nations communities and among local tour operators, according to Mike Willie.

The 42-year-old hereditary chief of the Kwikwasut'inuxw Nation grew up in Kingcome but was forced to leave, at the age of 12, for high school in Victoria. His bear-viewing outfit, Sea Wolf Adventures, grew from his yearning to return to the ocean, and to his culture.

After Gatu's death, Mr. Willie teamed up with the Grizzly Bear Foundation and two powerful First Nations leaders, Mr. Sumner and Douglas Neasloss, former chief of the Kitasoo/Xai' xais Nation.

In March, they met with B.C.

Environment Minister **George Heyman** and lobbied for the modernization of a provincial wildlife act written in the 1800s, with few updates and zero First Nations input.

Science has its place, Mr. Willie told the minister. "So do the cultural values that have formed and shaped our interaction with these territories for 14,000 years.

That also needs a place at the table."

Half of Canada's grizzlies live in B.C. - some 15,000, according to provincial modelling. "Together, we mapped out a different approach," prioritizing "co-existence" with the bears, Mr. Willie says.

Just a few days later, Mali swam ashore. Conservation officers ordered the bear

destroyed.

That is "not an option," Mr. Sumner told them. "This is our territory."

Inspector Ben York, the conservation officer in charge of B.C.'s West Coast, was called in.

So was Mr. Heyman, who encouraged a non-lethal approach, according to people briefed on the call.

Mr. Willie, who was sidelined by the pandemic in Victoria, paced his small home, cellphone in hand.

"If you want reconciliation, this is exactly what we're talking about," he told officers.

Hour after hour, the two sides went back and forth until Mr. York finally broke: "Okay, chief," he said, addressing Mr. Sumner.

"We'll try your way."

It took two days for officers, working with two Indigenous guardians, to trap the wily bear.

They gently laid the tranquilized bear on a mat, applying ointment to keep his eyes moist, dousing him with sea water to keep him cool and blindfolding him to keep him calm.

On April 13, a government helicopter airlifted the bear to an inlet in the Great Bear Rainforest.

We saved a grizzly, Mr. Willie remembers thinking. "It felt so good."

When Mali woke, he "wasn't eating garbage," Mr. Scapillati said. He immediately began stumbling around, feeding on sedge grass and mussels in a remote estuary - "what he should have been doing all along."

"Our officers, our senior bureaucrats - all of us are learning to listen," Mr. Heyman said in a statement released to media.

"We are learning to make space for conservation."

The fates, however, had decided against a happily-ever-after ending to this story.

Ten days after Mali's release, Mr. Heyman telephoned Mr. Willie: The bear had been shot to death, just 30 kilometres from where he was released, he said.

Mali had swum to a tiny island, where he came upon a resident and his barking dog.

The citizen told conservation officers that he shot the bear twice in self-defence. Dogs are known to agitate grizzlies and can trigger attacks, which may have

occurred in this case.

"It is fortunate the resident is safe," Mr. Scapillati said.

"But this could have been avoided. Bear spray has been proven to be more effective than guns."

To honour the bear, the region's three First Nations are planning a series of travelling town halls focusing on the use of bear spray and rubber bullets, and on bear-proofing trash, gardens, fruit trees and barbecues.

He won't be the last grizzly to turn up in the Broughton.

The minister assured Mr. Willie, who broke down after hanging up, that Mali will provide the outline for a "new, collaborative" wildlife management process going forward.

The grizzly's remains will be returned to the Mamalilikulla First Nation. After a ceremony, he will be buried on their traditional territories.

"We failed Mali," Mr. Willie said. All the joy and energy in his voice had gone. "This is really hard to swallow." [Link to Story](#)

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From: [Carroll, Deborah ENV:EX](#)
To: [Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX](#); [Standen, Jim ENV:EX](#)
Subject: MGH briefing re: Hansen Island Grizzly (357348) - April 23, 4:00pm
Date: April 22, 2020 3:45:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Jim and Doug, just flagging for you that the below meeting has been booked tomorrow at 4pm. It's an internal briefing for MGH on the Hansen Island grizzly bear, 'Mali', that was relocated by COS last week. Let me know if you think any other COS staff should be involved in the discussion.

Thanks,
Deborah

From: Morgan, Carly ENV:EX
Sent: April 22, 2020 3:32 PM
To: Carroll, Deborah ENV:EX ; Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX
Cc: Jackson, Brittany ENV:EX
Subject: MR: MGH briefing re: Hansen Island Grizzly (357348) - April 23, 4:00pm

Hi Deb/Coleen,

Please see below table for booked meeting with Hansen Island Grizzly.

Meeting Request	
Request for meeting with	MGH
Topic	Hansen Island Grizzly – note this is just the topic, it is an internal meeting not with the stakeholder
Staff Attendees	Mark Zacharias, Jim Standen, Doug Forsdick
Materials	N - verbal
Date/Time	April 23 rd , 4:00pm
Meeting Duration	30 minutes
Location	By Phone
Cliff Log #	357348
eApprovals #	
Materials due to DMO	
Materials due to MO	
Additional info/comments:	

Thank you,



Carly Morgan

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From: York, Ben A ENV:EX
To: MacKay, Andy E ENV:EX
Subject: **s.16**
Date: April 30, 2020 1:48:00 PM

As discussed:

s.16

Thanks

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Inspector Ben York

Officer in Charge, West Coast Region

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From: [Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX](#)
To: [Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX](#); [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#); [Newton, Mike C ENV:EX](#)
Cc: [Corns, Paul GCPE:EX](#); [Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX](#); [Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX](#); [Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX](#); [Roth, Pamela GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Follow-up Media Request: CTV Vancouver Island - Hanson Island grizzly bear death (Mali)
Date: April 28, 2020 4:52:16 PM

It's in approvals.

Thanks.

From: Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX <Jeremy.Uppenborn@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 28, 2020 4:26 PM
To: Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>; York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>; Newton, Mike C ENV:EX <Mike.C.Newton@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Corns, Paul GCPE:EX <Paul.1.Corns@gov.bc.ca>; Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>; Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>; Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>; Roth, Pamela GCPE:EX <Pamela.Roth@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Follow-up Media Request: CTV Vancouver Island - Hanson Island grizzly bear death (Mali)

Checking in on this...

From: Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 28, 2020 12:38 PM
To: Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX <Jeremy.Uppenborn@gov.bc.ca>; York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>; Newton, Mike C ENV:EX <Mike.C.Newton@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Corns, Paul GCPE:EX <Paul.1.Corns@gov.bc.ca>; Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>; Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>; Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>; Roth, Pamela GCPE:EX <Pamela.Roth@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Follow-up Media Request: CTV Vancouver Island - Hanson Island grizzly bear death (Mali)

Thanks Jeremy, will clarify a couple of points and get back to you.

From: Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX <Jeremy.Uppenborn@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 28, 2020 12:23 PM
To: Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>; York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>; Newton, Mike C ENV:EX <Mike.C.Newton@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Corns, Paul GCPE:EX <Paul.1.Corns@gov.bc.ca>; Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>; Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>; Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>; Roth, Pamela GCPE:EX <Pamela.Roth@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Follow-up Media Request: CTV Vancouver Island - Hanson Island grizzly bear death (Mali)
Importance: High

Hi Danielle et al,

We provided CTV Vancouver with the statement on Mali today and the reporter has come back with

a few questions for clarification. Are you able to assist, please? My comments in red.
Thank you,
Jeremy
778 974-5825

Reporter

Scott Cunningham, Reporter
CTV Vancouver Island - Victoria
scott.cunningham@bellmedia.ca
250-414-6568 c: 250-661-8630

Deadline ASAP**Request**

Just want to be clear.

You say that there weren't attractants. That means garbage or human food? Does this cover it? Anything additional? There wouldn't be fruit trees this time of the year...

Also, what does citizen mean? A person with a gun powerful enough to kill a bear in one of the most remote areas of the province? Was the citizen at their residence or property?

I think you need to say why they came into contact with a bear and needed to kill it. Did they stumble across Mali and it charged? What happened. Can anyone clarify? Any issues with providing more information for this request?

Background

This is a follow-up to a media request from April 28, 2020.

REQUEST:

Can I get some details on the killing of Mali the grizzly bear. Crumby story considering so much time and money was spent on saving it. Email statement is fine.

RESPONSE:

Provided Statement

Here is a statement, attributable to the B.C. Conservation Officer Service:

The young male grizzly bear that was relocated from Hanson Island earlier this month has been shot and killed by a citizen, the Conservation Officer Service can confirm.

The investigation into the circumstances concluded the shooting was in self defence. There were no attractant management issues where the encounter took place. The investigation is concluded, and charges will not be laid.

The COS acknowledges the cultural significance of the grizzly bear to Indigenous communities and the compassion shared by area First Nations, local ecotourism operators and the Grizzly Bear Foundation to help relocate the bear.

The killing of the bear was reported to the COS on the evening of April 20. The bear was shot at an undisclosed location. On April 21, Conservation Officers confirmed the identity of the bear by its ear tags.

After an encounter with residents on Hanson Island – an island off of Vancouver Island's Telegraph Cove - the bear had been transported by helicopter more than 50 kilometres away to an undisclosed wilderness location in remote mainland habitat and released. This location was carefully chosen, in consultation with experts and First Nations, to give the bear the best chance of survival possible.

The bear was killed more than 30 kilometres away from the isolated area where it was released, after traversing rugged terrain and water.

Guidelines allow conservation officers to exercise discretion and flexibility while making decisions in the field, as each situation is unique. The determination to relocate is not a new approach for the COS. In this instance additional engagement was undertaken supported by scientific data, procedures and policies to provide the animal with the greatest opportunity for survival.

Throughout the entire process, conservation officers consulted with area First Nations and biologists from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD).

The COS met with First Nations to continue the discussion of the protection of grizzly bears in the Broughton and how to respectfully care for the body of the bear for ceremony in the bear's home range.

Recommendation

From: [Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX](#)
To: [Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX](#)
Cc: [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#)
Subject: RE: For Review Please - CTV GB Q's
Date: April 28, 2020 1:34:26 PM

Thanks!

From: Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 28, 2020 1:33 PM
To: Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: For Review Please - CTV GB Q's

Looks great!

From: Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 28, 2020 1:16 PM
To: Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: For Review Please - CTV GB Q's

Hi Chris,

Please find below suggested responses for additional media Q's on Hanson GB.

Ben has reviewed.

Thanks

You say that there weren't attractants. That means garbage or human food?

- The COS uses the term attractants to refer to any non-natural food source - including garbage, pet food, birdseed, human food and more – that can attract bears and other wildlife.
- Residential, commercial and recreational sites where attractants are managed properly have fewer human-wildlife conflicts and fewer animals destroyed.

Also, what does citizen mean? A person with a gun powerful enough to kill a bear in one of the most remote areas of the province?

- The term citizen was simply used to clarify that this was not a Conservation Officer or other official that shot the bear. This was a property owner.
- Due to privacy legislation, the COS will not identify the citizen involved, who is not facing any enforcement action.

I think you need to say why they came into contact with a bear and needed to kill it. Did they stumble across Mali and it charged? What happened.

- The bear encounter took place directly outside the citizen's seasonal cabin.
- There were no attractant management issues where the encounter took place.
- The investigation concluded the shooting was in self-defence.
- The COS is not specifying the exact location of the shooting for several reasons, including to protect the identity of the citizen involved.

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From: York, Ben A ENV:EX
To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX; Schwantje, Helen FLNR:EX; Mowat, Garth FLNR:EX
Subject: Hanson Island Grizzly Bear killed
Date: April 22, 2020 1:19:00 PM

Shot afternoon April 20 s.22

s.22

s.22

Definitely a defense of life shooting.

Not out in the public yet and obviously sensitive. Please treat as such.

We have the bear in the Nanaimo walk in freezer. Helen, please don't necropsy in case FN request it for cultural reasons. It has a WHID number already.

Inspector Ben York

Officer in Charge, West Coast Region
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- On Sunday, April 5, COS was made aware of a Grizzly Bear that had been hanging around outside the s.22 on Hanson Island, a remote island off of Vancouver Island's Telegraph Cove.
- The island has a fishing lodge on its northwest side, while the research station is on the south side. The isolated area - there is no community - is occasionally used by wilderness campers, with marine access only.
- s.22
- NGO's believe this is a Grizzly Bear that they have seen in the past, hanging around nearby Parson Bay. They would like to see it relocated deeper into one of the mainland inlets.
- On Tuesday, April 7, COS attended the site. Those at the site also included s.22 s.22 s.16
- The bear is healthy and was assessed as low risk. It was easily scared off and feeding on natural food sources, with no reports of accessing non-natural attractants or personal property.
- Conservation Officers provide attractant management and deterrence advice, as well as arranged for daily contact and monitoring. Bear bangers were also distributed.
- The COS has consulted with FN s.16 and FLNRORD throughout this process.
- However, later on Tuesday evening, the bear's behaviour escalated considerably, as it broke into a residential building at the s.22 and obtained a significant human food reward.
- Staff were not in the building at the time and scared the bear off with bangers.
- COS recommended staff leave Hanson Island for their safety, but they refused and instead moved to a more secure building.
- CO's determined this was a rapid escalation in bear behaviour, but at this time, relocation is still considered a viable outcome for resolving this wildlife conflict.
- The COS also became aware of additional details regarding past conflict behaviour with the bear that warranted an immediate response.
- COS again attended Hanson Island today. Conservation Officers are currently on site attempting to capture the Grizzly Bear for relocation via helicopter.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

1. What is the history of this bear?

- The COS history on this bear is minimal, as reports of it hanging around on Hanson Island came in only a few days before it was relocated.
- There were reports of the bear encountering residents and gaining access to attractants, which created a public safety risk.

2. Why was it relocated?

- The grizzly bear had an encounter with residents on Hanson Island.
- The decision was made to relocate the bear by helicopter more than 50 kilometres away to an undisclosed wilderness location in remote mainland habitat.
- This location was carefully chosen, in consultation with experts, to give the bear the best chance of survival possible.

3. Who made the decision to relocate the bear?

- The COS consulted with area First Nations and biologists from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) throughout this process, including the relocation.
- Guidelines allow conservation officers to exercise discretion and flexibility while making decisions in the field, as each situation is unique.
- The determination to relocate is not a new approach for the COS.
- In this instance additional engagement was undertaken supported by scientific data, procedures and policies to provide the animal with the greatest opportunity for survival.

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4. Was the bear relocated far enough?

- The undisclosed wilderness location where the bear was released was located more than 50 kilometres away from where it was captured on Hanson Island.
- This remote mainland habitat was carefully chosen in consultation with area First Nations and biologists with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operation and Rural Development, to give the bear the best chance of survival.
- The bear was killed more than 30 kilometres away from the isolated area where it was released, after traversing rugged terrain and water.

5. Will this outcome have any impact on COS decision-making going forward?

- Guidelines allow conservation officers to exercise discretion and flexibility while making decisions in the field, as each situation is unique.
- The determination to relocate is not a new approach for the COS.
- In this instance additional engagement was undertaken supported by scientific data, procedures and policies to provide the animal with the greatest opportunity for survival.
- Throughout the entire process, conservation officers consulted with area First Nations and biologists from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD).

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6. Was this a new policy to relocate the bear?

- Guidelines allow conservation officers to exercise discretion and flexibility while making decisions in the field, as each situation is unique.
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- In this instance additional engagement was undertaken supported by scientific data, procedures and policies to provide the animal with the greatest opportunity for survival.
- Throughout the entire process, conservation officers consulted with area First Nations and biologists from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD).

7. Can the COS elaborate on the circumstances around the shooting of the bear or the citizen who shot it?

- The investigation into the circumstances concluded the shooting was in self defence.
- There were no attractant management issues where the encounter took place. The investigation is complete and charges will not be laid.
- The bear was shot at an undisclosed location. The COS is not specifying the exact location for several reasons, including to protect the identify of the citizen involved.
- Due to privacy legislation, the COS will also not identify the citizen involved, who is not facing any enforcement action.

7. Has the COS notified FN? What happens to the carcass – can the FN acquire it for burial purposes?

- The COS acknowledges the cultural significance of the grizzly bear to Indigenous communities and the compassion shared by area First Nations, local ecotourism operators and the Grizzly Bear Foundation to help relocate the bear.
- The COS met with First Nations to continue the discussion on the protection of grizzly bears in the Broughton and how to respectfully care for the body of the bear for ceremony in the bear's home range.

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8. Did the decision to relocate this bear risk public safety?

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- Throughout the entire process, conservation officers consulted with area First Nations and biologists from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD).

9. Have grizzly bear encounters increased in the Broughton Archipelago?

- Grizzly bear encounters in the Broughton Archipelago have increased in recent years.
- This may be due to several factors, including territory and food availability.

10. What is the best way to prevent bear-human conflicts from happening in the first place?

- The COS continues ongoing outreach efforts to help educate communities and stakeholders on how to avoid human-wildlife conflicts, such as the importance of attractant management so that wildlife can stay wild.
- Securing attractants – such as garbage, pet food or bird seed – is the best way to prevent wildlife conflicts from happening in the first place.

11. Does the COS have any formal agreements in place with FN around identifying problem bears?

- The COS continues ongoing outreach efforts to help educate communities and stakeholders on how to avoid human-wildlife conflicts, such as the importance of attractant management so that wildlife can stay wild.
- The COS will continue to work collaboratively with area First Nations to identify and mitigate any human-wildlife conflict issues.

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Statement from MGH [DRAFT]

I want to recognize the cultural significance of the grizzly bear to Indigenous communities and the compassion shared by area First Nations, local ecotourism operators and the Grizzly Bear Foundation to help relocate the bear.

There's a desire from all sides to move forward from this event with a renewed commitment to coming together to build understanding and address opportunities and interests to minimize human-wildlife conflicts and keep the public, and bears, safe.

Moving forward, this is an opportunity to ensure early and open communication that respects cultural values and traditions and how they can be integrated with scientific data and procedures to minimize conflicts between bears and people.

We are committed to working closely with each other.

Supportive statement from the COS:

- The COS continues ongoing outreach efforts to help educate communities and stakeholders on how to avoid human-wildlife conflicts, such as the importance of attractant management so that wildlife can stay wild.
- We continue to work collaboratively with area First Nations to identify and mitigate any human-wildlife conflict issues, as well as address matters related to grizzly bear conservation.

Background info from the COS:

- The bear encounter took place directly outside the citizen's remote cabin in the Broughton Archipelago .
- There were no attractant management issues where the encounter took place.
- The investigation concluded the shooting was in self-defence.

The young male grizzly bear that was relocated from Hanson Island earlier this month has been shot and killed by a citizen, the Conservation Officer Service can confirm.

The investigation into the circumstances concluded the shooting was in self defence. There were no attractant management issues where the encounter took place. The investigation is concluded, and charges will not be laid.

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The killing of the bear was reported to the COS on the evening of April 20th. The bear was shot at an undisclosed location. On April 21st, Conservation Officers confirmed the identity of the bear by its ear tags.

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The COS met with First Nations to continue the discussion on the protection of grizzly bears in the Broughton and how to respectfully care of the body of the bear for ceremony in the bear’s home range.

From: York, Ben A [mailto:]
To: [mailto:]
Cc: [mailto:], [mailto:], [mailto:], [mailto:], [mailto:]
Subject: Map of Human Grizzly bear Interactions
Date: April 27, 2002 4:50:33 PM

I hope this meets your needs Chief. s.22
s.22

Let me know if you need more.

Ben York
Officer IIC, West Coast Region
Conservation Officer Service
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

From: [Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX](#)
To: [Larson, Carrie A ENV:EX](#)
Subject: FW: New - Hanson Is Grizzly Bear update#2 - escalation
Date: July 8, 2020 1:57:09 PM

From: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 7, 2020 8:16 PM
To: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX <Sean.Pendergast@gov.bc.ca>; Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Newton, Mike C ENV:EX <Mike.C.Newton@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: New - Hanson Is Grizzly Bear update#2 - escalation

Apparently the bear decided our visit was permission to start acting up - this evening it broke into a part of the residential building at the s.22 (fortunately separated from the actual living quarters) and obtained a significant human food reward. Staff were NOT in the building at the time and were able to scare the bear away with bangers. Sgt Newton recommended they leave the island tonight, but they refused to do so and have moved to another, more secure building that has never been used for food storage.

We have no reason to believe we were give false information on the animal's conflict history although this was a pretty quick escalation in behaviour. Officers also talked to the s.22 s.22 on opposite side of island who had encountered the bear, but had no conflict. Given the information we have so far, including tonight's incident, the bear can still be classified as a Category 2 animal for the purposes of our response guidelines. Relocation is still considered a viable outcome for resolving the conflict.

Sgt. Newton, CO's Gudbranson and Adams will be attending again first thing tomorrow morning. They will attempt to capture if safe to do so. We will relocate by helicopter unless otherwise directed.

Insp. Ben York
Officer I/C, West Coast Region
Conservation Officer Service
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On Apr 7, 2020, at 2:40 PM, Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX <Sean.Pendergast@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

This sounds like the best outcome for all. Thank you for looking into and following up with this Ben. Making sure that staff are aware of what to and not to do with the bears to ensure it does not habituate is key. It sounds like education was lacking from most that were in attendance. Hopefully as the spring progresses the bear moves back

towards the mainland in search of a female (presuming it is a male) and the potential problem resolves itself.

Thanks again Ben, and great work from your team.

Sean Pendergast RPBio
Section Head | Fish & Wildlife

From: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: April 7, 2020 2:30 PM

To: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>; Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX <Sean.Pendergast@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Hanson Is Grizzly Bear update

Sgt. Newton and CO Adams attended today. Also present were
s.16; s.22
s.16; s.22 s.22

s.22

Bear is healthy and currently low/no risk. Easily scared off and feeding on natural food sources only. Has NOT accessed non-natural attractants or been in people's belongings. s.22

s.22 CO's provided attractant and deterrence advice, arranged for direct line daily contact and monitoring, source and delivered bear bangers to staff. No other action unless change in behaviour^{s.16; s.22} and s.22 very happy with outcome and seemed surprised that it was a response option for us. It seemed they believed our only response would be destruction or relocation.

s.22 reiterated request to have ongoing dialogue between COS, FLNRO Wildlife (Sean, FYI), FN and commercial recreational providers to discuss bear population dynamics in the area, management and conflict response. We agreed to work with him locally on that initiative. All parties seemed satisfied with response and outcome. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Inspector Ben York

Officer in Charge, West Coast Region
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From: [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#)
To: [Newton, Mike C ENV:EX](#)
Subject: FW: RUSH MO Request - Grizzly
Date: April 14, 2020 10:50:00 AM

From: Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 14, 2020 9:06 AM
To: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>; Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: RUSH MO Request - Grizzly

Thanks Ben, I can soften.
Chris, are there any concerns on your end? (revised below).

Thanks

From: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 14, 2020 8:57 AM
To: Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: RUSH MO Request - Grizzly

Unless we have something definitive from FLNRO, I'm a little reluctant to say why GB's are showing up more in the Broughton (last bullet). We aren't the experts and there are other possibilities. Maybe you could be more speculative or just say that territory and food are some possible reasons. This is especially important for the food piece as there is local finger pointing at alleged impacts to fisheries in the area by other industries such as fish farms. Controversy we don't want to fuel.

From: Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 14, 2020 8:43 AM
To: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RUSH MO Request - Grizzly
Importance: High

Morning,

MO doing CTV interview on Hanson Grizzly at 1030 and asked for a couple of bullets in prep.
Any issues with sending below? (1st line reflects news release).
Thanks

- A young male grizzly bear, who had an encounter with residents of Hanson Island in British Columbia's Broughton Archipelago, has been safely relocated to a remote mainland habitat thanks to the efforts of First Nations, the Minister of Environment, the Conservation Officer Service, local ecotourism operators, and the Grizzly Bear Foundation.
- Hanson Island is a remote island off of Vancouver Island's Telegraph Cove.
- The COS consulted with First Nations and FLNRORD biologists as they worked to safely capture the Grizzly Bear.
- On Thursday, April 9, Conservation Officers tranquilized the bear.
- The bear was transported by helicopter to an undisclosed location, in remote mainland habitat, and released.
- Grizzly bear encounters in the Broughton Archipelago have increased in recent years. This may be due to several factors, including territory and food availability.

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From: [Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX](#)
To: [Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX](#)
Cc: [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Statement
Date: April 23, 2020 4:09:30 PM
Attachments: [HansonGB Statement \(003\).docx](#)

FYI Chris this is the latest draft after FN/GBF edits incorporated.

From: Corns, Paul GCPE:EX <Paul.1.Corns@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 23, 2020 3:44 PM
To: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>; Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>; Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Standen, Jim ENV:EX <Jim.Standen@gov.bc.ca>; Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX <Mark.Zacharias@gov.bc.ca>; Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Statement

It is important context Ben. I have the line in here. My only concern is not making it a sticking point with the FN's and Foundation. Hoping to bring this to conclusion with this draft. Please let me know if you approve as is.

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From: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 23, 2020 3:16 PM
To: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>; Corns, Paul GCPE:EX <Paul.1.Corns@gov.bc.ca>; Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Standen, Jim ENV:EX <Jim.Standen@gov.bc.ca>; Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX <Mark.Zacharias@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Statement

It should also be noted that there were no attractant management concerns at the location the bear was killed. It was a perfect set up with no history of bear conflict in 50+ years.

From: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 23, 2020 3:11 PM
To: Corns, Paul GCPE:EX <Paul.1.Corns@gov.bc.ca>; Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>; York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Standen, Jim ENV:EX <Jim.Standen@gov.bc.ca>; Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX <Mark.Zacharias@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Statement

Hi Paul

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From: Corns, Paul GCPE:EX <Paul.1.Corns@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 23, 2020 2:58 PM
To: Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>; Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>; York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Standen, Jim ENV:EX <Jim.Standen@gov.bc.ca>; Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX <Mark.Zacharias@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Statement

Several unsolicited changes to the statement. The first two seem fairly straightforward. My suggestions to the additions. Alternatively if you are fine with the input I am fine to leave it in.
p

s.13; s.16

From: Sather, Kelly ENV:EX <Kelly.Sather@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 23, 2020 2:25 PM
To: Corns, Paul GCPE:EX <Paul.1.Corns@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Statement

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Withheld pursuant to/removed as

s.13; s.16

The young male grizzly bear that was relocated from Hanson Island earlier this month has been shot and killed by a citizen, the Conservation Officer Service can confirm.

The investigation into the circumstances concluded ~~theis was a shooting~~ was in self defence. There were no attractant management issues where the encounter took place. The investigation is concluded and charges will not be laid.

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The COS met with First Nations to continue their discussion on the protection of grizzly bears in the Broughton and how to respectfully care of the body of the bear for ceremony in the bear’s home range.

From: [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#)
To: [Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX](#)
Subject: Fwd: Google Earth Image
Date: April 8, 2020 4:18:45 PM

Suggestions from Wildlife for relocation spots

Insp. Ben York
Officer I/C, West Coast Region
Conservation Officer Service
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX" <Sean.Pendergast@gov.bc.ca>
Date: April 8, 2020 at 3:45:49 PM PDT
To: "York, Ben A ENV:EX" <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Google Earth Image

We have a collar in Nelson that could get here. Not sure how trapping is going.

Sean Pendergast RPBio
Section Head | Fish & Wildlife

-----Original Message-----

From: Mowat, Garth FLNR:EX <Garth.Mowat@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 8, 2020 3:15 PM
To: MacDermott, Jerry FLNR:EX <Jerry.Macdermott@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX <Sean.Pendergast@gov.bc.ca>; Smit, Laura FLNR:EX <Laura.Smit@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Google Earth Image

Guys we have one collar that could work but it will take Laura some time to re-program so please let us know ASAP if you might need this collar.

Garth Mowat PhD, PAg
Provincial Large Carnivore Specialist
Wildlife & Habitat Branch | Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource
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-----Original Message-----

From: MacDermott, Jerry FLNR:EX <Jerry.Macdermott@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 8, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Mowat, Garth FLNR:EX <Garth.Mowat@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX <Sean.Pendergast@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Google Earth Image
Importance: High

Hi Garth,

I hope all is well with you.

Sean has tasked me to look at some areas for potential release of a problem bear located on Hanson Island.

I understand that those involved are somewhat forcing this relocation as this bear does not necessarily fit relocation protocols. Ideally this bear would be gps collared given its history and potential dispersal and chance of human conflict in future.

I noted a couple locations on Gilford island but it is only 20 km away and the bear would likely return. I noted the Ahta (52 km away from Hanson) as it has a significant estuary and slide tracts above slope but is somewhat sandwiched between the Kingcome Inlet and Thompson sound. Many of these areas have established bears, logging camps and First Nation communities/reserves. I do not know the extent of the Ahta 3 reserve and have some obvious apprehension releasing it in and around humans. That being said, anywhere within the Hunwadi/Ahnuhati-Bald Conservancy (Ahnuhati and Kwalate creek) is quite remote and large in size. This area in general would likely suffice, if it decides to stay.

Any input you have would be appreciated. If you go into your google earth and zoom in on the area you will see the habitat present.

As you and Tony et al have worked extensively over the years on gbears and the model etc you may have a better idea than I.

Thanks Garth,

Jerry

Jerry MacDermott RB Tech

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-----Original Message-----

From: MacDermott, Jerry FLNR:EX

Sent: April 8, 2020 12:58 PM

To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX <Sean.Pendergast@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Google Earth Image

The Ahta between Thompson sound and Kingcome has potential but I believe there is a small reserve present at the mouth of the Ahta.

Jerry

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From: [Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX](#)
To: [Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX](#)
Cc: [Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX](#); [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#)
Subject: FYI FN want investigation
Date: April 30, 2020 8:03:00 AM

FYI in case you haven't seen, CTV follow-up story on Hanson GB has FN calling for a 'deeper investigation.'

The article states from FN that COS did not inform them of any investigation, and that our partnership essentially ended once the GB was relocated.

It also says we/FN/MO will be meeting to go over everything.

I will put together KM's for any media follow-up as necessary, or if you need any info bullets put together, please let me know.

I imagine a few Q's might be coming our way.

Thanks

<https://vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/b-c-first-nations-call-for-deeper-investigation-after-rescued-grizzly-shot-dead-1.4917974>

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From: [Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX](#)
To: [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#)
Subject: FYI Update
Date: April 23, 2020 11:44:48 AM

Minor edits to below from GCPE – any concerns? I think it's probably fine...they're also asking if we can say the GB was headed back in the same direction it came from.

What about something like 'in the general direction of Hanson Island' or are you worried that would say too much? Lemme know please thanks .

The bear was killed more than 30 kilometres away from the isolated area where it was released, after traversing rugged terrain and water.

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To: [Newton, Mike C ENV:EX](#)
Cc: [Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX](#); [Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX](#)
Subject: Hanson bear for media Re: NGO photos
Date: April 16, 2020 1:17:18 PM

I'm on my phone and can't see pics. Have looped in DC Doyle and Danielle. Gut says we don't want to say only to have it turned around as "censorship" later.

Chris/Danielle, what about Mike just goes back with a comment about sensitivity to public perceptions or access to COS ops as a partner moving forward. Hard to say without pics...

On Apr 16, 2020, at 12:39, Newton, Mike C ENV:EX
<Mike.C.Newton@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Are i able to provide feedback to ^{s.22} Re which photos he can share for GB
Foundation news release please?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

^{s.22}
From:
Date: April 16, 2020 at 12:35:45 PM PDT
To: "Newton, Mike C ENV:EX" <Mike.C.Newton@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: photos



From: [Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX](#)
To: [Larson, Carrie A ENV:EX](#)
Subject: FW: COS, s.16 and a young grizzly bear on Hanson Island
Date: July 8, 2020 1:56:41 PM
Attachments: GBF Logo for Mail Signature.jpg

From: Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX <Mark.Zacharias@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 8, 2020 11:27 AM
To: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>; Standen, Jim ENV:EX <Jim.Standen@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Corns, Paul GCPE:EX <Paul.1.Corns@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: COS, s.16 and a young grizzly bear on Hanson Island

Doug: As discussed, thanks

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Sather, Kelly ENV:EX" <Kelly.Sather@gov.bc.ca>
Date: April 8, 2020 at 11:26:38 AM PDT
To: "Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX" <Mark.Zacharias@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: COS, s.16 and a young grizzly bear on Hanson Island

Names and details!

From: Nicholas Scapillati <nscapillati@grizzlybearfoundation.com>
Sent: April 8, 2020 11:26 AM
To: Sather, Kelly ENV:EX <Kelly.Sather@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: COS, s.16 and a young grizzly bear on Hanson Island

Kelly,

Thanks for calling me this morning.

Here are the players I mentioned.

s.16; s.22

s.16; s.22

s.16; e ?? has taken the lead on coordinating the meeting with the Minister on March 12th and the meeting with COS Chief Doug Forsdick this past Monday s.16; s.16; s also coordinating the conversation this morning with the chief and the guardians on Hanson Island.

s.16; s.22

s.16; s.22 was also at the meeting on the 12th and this past Monday's call. He asserted that... "The Nation wants this bear relocated and that it will not be killed."

s.22

s.16; s.22

s.22 and s.16; are in a boat off of Hanson Island with the COS right now.
s.22

Kind regards,

Nicholas Scapillati
Executive Director

Grizzly Bear Foundation
310-1529 West 6th Avenue,
Vancouver, BC, V6J 1R1
Coast Salish Territories xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skxwú7mesh (Squamish) & səlifwətaʔl
(Tsleil-Waututh)

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Email: nscapillati@grizzlybearfoundation.com

Web: www.grizzlybearfoundation.com





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GRIZZLY BEAR FOUNDATION

From: [Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX](#)
To: [Larson, Carrie A ENV:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Hanson Is GB on the move - Fwd: HWCR 20-0556 - GRIZZLY BEAR - FOOD CONDITIONED - PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL
Date: July 8, 2020 1:54:40 PM

From: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 17, 2020 3:59 PM
To: Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX <Mark.Zacharias@gov.bc.ca>; Standen, Jim ENV:EX <Jim.Standen@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Hanson Is GB on the move - Fwd: HWCR 20-0556 - GRIZZLY BEAR - FOOD CONDITIONED - PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL

No serious concerns at this point but wanted to give some early warning about movement of Hanson Island GB.

From: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 17, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>; Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>; Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Hanson Is GB on the move - Fwd: HWCR 20-0556 - GRIZZLY BEAR - FOOD CONDITIONED - PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL

99% Confirmed this is Hanson bear already moving from translocation site.

He was dropped about halfway up a long mainland inlet (Knight). Hope was he would stay in the good habitat where he was dropped or at least move inland. Instead, he has moved down inlet. If he continues in that direction, he will be back in the area he was captured.

s.22

s.16; s.22 called me about an hour ago accusing COS of being en route to take action on bear without consulting FN. Assured him no CO's attending and had no plans to do so if bear not in conflict. Told him we would contact local FN if action required and circumstances allowed. He seemed ok with that.

Let me know if you need more.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "COS North Island Zone ENV:EX" <COS.North.Island.Zone@gov.bc.ca>
Date: April 16, 2020 at 12:06:45 PM PDT
To: "Newton, Mike C ENV:EX" <Mike.C.Newton@gov.bc.ca>, "Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX" <Gordon.Gudbranson@gov.bc.ca>, "Petrovic, Steve J ENV:EX" <Steve.Petrovic@gov.bc.ca>, "Adams, Bradley ENV:EX" <Bradley.Adams@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: HWCR 20-0556 - GRIZZLY BEAR - FOOD CONDITIONED - PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL

—s.15; s.17—

From:
Sent: April-16-20 12:06:24 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: COS North Island Zone ENV:EX
Subject: HWCR 20-0556 - GRIZZLY BEAR - FOOD CONDITIONED - PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL

HWCR 20-0556 - GRIZZLY BEAR - FOOD CONDITIONED - PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL

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Human Wildlife Conflict Report #20-0556
Complaint Received By: JACOB (Operations 4 ECC)
Date / Time received: 2020-04-16 12:02
Area: PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL - WEST COAST REGION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Location: SAME ADDRESS
Location Description:
Caller Name: s.22
Mail / Street Address / City: NA, PORT MCNEILL, BC
Postal Code:
Referred By: s.22

CONTACT NUMBERS

Cellular: s.22

OCCURRENCE INFORMATION

Incident Date Time: 2020-04-16 12:02
Species Involved: GRIZZLY BEAR
Attractants Noted: NOT APPLICABLE
Nature of Complaint: FOOD CONDITIONED
Action Taken: EMAILED CO
Details: Caller is the s.22
s.22 advised that yesterday at
0600 and again at 1200 a grizzly bear came to the site. No aggression shown
by the animal s.22
s.22

No sightings have occurred today. Emailing due to delay.

ACTIONS TAKEN

From: [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#)
To: [Newton, Mike C ENV:EX](#); [Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX](#); [Adams, Bradley ENV:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Hanson Island grizzly
Date: April 14, 2020 10:23:00 AM

Gents, you have the recognition and thanks of the Minister himself. You have also been noted in the DM's update this morning. Thank you again for your professionalism and excellence. Brings a tear of pride and joy to my eye

Inspector Ben York

Officer in Charge, West Coast Region
Conservation Officer Service
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
(250) 751-3163 (d) s.17

From: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 14, 2020 9:07 AM
To: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>; Airey, David ENV:EX <David.Airey@gov.bc.ca>; Kondas, Greg ENV:EX <Greg.Kondas@gov.bc.ca>; Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>; Brinsky, Shawn ENV:EX <Shawn.Brinsky@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Hanson Island grizzly

Ben

Can you pass on to the team that was involved, including yourself and Danielle, a huge thank you for the way this sensitive situation was handled.

As you can see the Minister wanted to ensure everyone received a thank you.

Doug

From: Heyman, George ENV:EX <George.Heyman@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 13, 2020 3:06 PM
To: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX <Mark.Zacharias@gov.bc.ca>; Standen, Jim ENV:EX <Jim.Standen@gov.bc.ca>; Sather, Kelly ENV:EX <Kelly.Sather@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Hanson Island grizzly

Dear Doug,

I'm sure this outstanding effort to find a way to relocate and save this bear was not without real concern for making the right choice, not without considerable tension, and not without concern for the delicate nature of indigenous relations and reconciliation.

You and your officers showed a willingness to work hard to find a good result for the community, the Nations, the individuals potentially at risk, and of course the bear. Thank you for this very good work and very good result and please convey my thanks, respect and appreciation to all the officers involved.

Best regards, George Heyman

<https://grizzlybearfoundation.com/blogs/news/press-release-first-nations-conservation-officers-come-together-to-save-a-young-grizzly-bear-during-coronavirus-lockdown-read-the-official-release-here>

Sent from my iPhone

From: Newton, Mike C ENV:EX <Mike.C.Newton@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 14, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Ellis, Sarah ENV:EX <Sarah.Ellis@gov.bc.ca>; Sexton, Denise ENV:EX <Denise.Sexton@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: HWCR 19-31614 - GRIZZLY BEAR - AGGRESSIVE - PRESENT/RECENT - CAMPBELL RIVER - CAMPBELL RIVER

Thinking we might need this info copied and create a new 20- ... HWCR number please.
Shouldn't be a 19- number as new fiscal. Thoughts on fix (because currently a search of ecc stats and the file doesn't show) Thx Mike

Sgt. Mike Newton
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy Conservation Officer Service North Island Zone
(250) 337-2408

-----Original Message-----

From: COS North Island Zone ENV:EX <COS.North.Island.Zone@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 7, 2020 10:28 AM
To: Newton, Mike C ENV:EX <Mike.C.Newton@gov.bc.ca>; Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX <Gordon.Gudbranson@gov.bc.ca>; Petrovcic, Steve J ENV:EX <Steve.Petrovcic@gov.bc.ca>; Adams, Bradley ENV:EX <Bradley.Adams@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: HWCR 19-31614 - GRIZZLY BEAR - AGGRESSIVE - PRESENT/RECENT - CAMPBELL RIVER - CAMPBELL RIVER

____ s.15; s.17 _____

From:
Sent: April-07-20 10:27:39 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: COS North Island Zone ENV:EX
Subject: HWCR 19-31614 - GRIZZLY BEAR - AGGRESSIVE - PRESENT/RECENT - CAMPBELL RIVER - CAMPBELL RIVER

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Human Wildlife Conflict Report #19-31614 Complaint Received By: CHRISTIE CRERAR (ThompsonCariboo COS) Date / Time received: 2020-04-07 10:20
Area: CAMPBELL RIVER - CAMPBELL RIVER - WEST COAST REGION

PERSONAL INFORMATION
Location: SAME ADDRESS

Location Description:

Caller Name: s.22

Mail / Street Address / City: s.22 , HANSEN ISLAND, CAMPBELL RIVER Postal Code:

Referred By:

CONTACT NUMBERS

s.22

OCCURRENCE INFORMATION

Incident Date Time: 2020-04-07 10:20

Species Involved: GRIZZLY BEAR

Attractants Noted:

Nature of Complaint: AGGRESSIVE - PRESENT/RECENT Action Taken:

Details: GB on Hansen island

People at s.22 worried for their safety COM s.22 outreached direct to COS HQ COs Newton and Adams will attend to assess

ACTIONS TAKEN

2020-04-07 10:27:07 AM COs Newton and Adams will attend to assess

From: [Adams, Bradley ENV:EX](#)
To: [Newton, Mike C ENV:EX](#)
Subject: FW: invoice
Date: April 20, 2020 2:25:00 PM
Attachments: BC CONSERVATION.pdf

West Coast helicopters Invoice for Hansen island G bear

Brad

From: Alissa Patrick <campbellriver@wcheli.com>
Sent: April 20, 2020 2:06 PM
To: Adams, Bradley ENV:EX <Bradley.Adams@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: invoice

Hi Brad

Let me know if you get this copy

Thank you,



Alissa Patrick
Campbell River Base
West Coast Helicopters
250-286-8863

West Coast Helicopters Maintenance and
Contracting Ltd
1011 Airport Road
Port McNeill BC V0N 2R0
GST/HST Registration No.: 86108 1453
RT0001



INVOICE

INVOICE TO
B.C. Conservation Officer
Service
2217 Mine Road
Port McNeill B.C VON2R0

INVOICE # 3291
DATE 04/09/2020
DUE DATE 05/09/2020
TERMS Net 30

AIRCRAFT ID	FLIGHT TICKET #
GHFA	66602

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
04/09/2020	Flight Revenue - MD 500	AT5- HANSON ISLAND- P/U SLING BEAR TO HOEYA SOUND-RTN TO AT5	1.40	1,250.00	1,750.00
04/09/2020	Jet A	FUEL USED	1.40	190.00	266.00

PILOT: s.22

SUBTOTAL	2,016.00
GST @ 5%	100.80
TOTAL	2,116.80
BALANCE DUE	CAD 2,116.80

CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE CONTINUATION REPORT

COORS #: 202003330

Case Description: *WLA 26 (1)(C) : HUNT, TAKE, TRAP,
WOUND OR KILL WILDLIFE NOT WITHIN OPEN SEASON*

2020-04-20 @ 18:26 hrs: s.22
CO GUDBRANSON called
s.22

CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE CONTINUATION REPORT

2020-04-20 @ 19:05 hrs:

CO GUDBRANSON called Sgt. NEWTON and updated on details s.22
s.22 Arrangements to attend location to investigate.

2020-04-20 @ 19:07 hrs:

CO GUDBRANSON received text message photograph s.22
s.22

2020-04-20 @ 19:35 hrs:

CO GUDBRANSON called s.22
s.22

2020-04-21 @ 10:45 hrs:

CO's NEWTON and GUDBRANSON depart Port McNeill via COS vessel, and attend s.22
s.22 . Inspected

dead Grizzly Bear, male approx. 350 lbs.

Ear tagged both ears, yellow BC Wildlife tags:

- 1-183 Right ear
- 1-145 Left ear

Bear located s.22
s.22

CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE CONTINUATION REPORT

s.22

2020-04-21 @ 13:50 hrs:

Interview with s.22

s.22

2020-04-21 @ 14:30hrs:

s.22

events reviewed s.22

s.22

After

2020-04-21 @ 15:30 hrs:

Helicopter arrived, bear loaded into sling and removed to Port McNeill, possession received by CO ADAMS.

Bear transferred to CO GUDBRANSON's truck and transported to Campbell River.

2020-04-22 @ 10:30 hrs:

CO GUDBRANSON transported bear to Nanaimo COS. Received by Inspector YORK, placed into walk in freezer, seizure tag# 96130.

2020-04-23:

CO GUDBRANSON completed Exhibit Report 202003330 and items#2 and #3 placed from patrol vehicle gun locker box to Exhibit Locker.

2020-05-14:

CO's GUDBRANSON and NEWTON transported Grizzly Bear carcass to Village Island for burial.s.16; s.22 final disposition.

2020-06-09:

CO GUDBRANSON disposed of exhibit items 2, 3. Garbage.

CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE CONTINUATION REPORT

2020-06-10:

Sgt. NEWTON reviewed and signed off exhibit final disposition.

[Edit](#)[Close](#)**Human Wildlife Conflict Report #20-0715**

Area: SAYWARD - CAMPBELL RIVER - WEST COAST REGION
Status: Pending

COM Details

Caller Name (COM): s.22
Street Address: .

Occurrence Information

Incident Date/Time: 2020-04-20 15:30
Species Involved: GRIZZLY BEAR
Nature of Complaint: DEAD WILDLIFE - PUBLIC SAFETY RISK
Attractants Noted: NOT APPLICABLE
Action Taken: PHONED CO

Details:

s.22 shot a grizzly. s.22
 s.22
 s.22 probably 400 lbs. The carcass has not been moved.

Actions Taken

Date	Time	Narrative
2020-04-20	17:01:10	I/m for CO Steve Petrovcic on cell
2020-04-20	17:02:03	I/m for CO Gord Gudbranson on cell
2020-04-20	17:02:56	I/m for SCO Mike Newton on cell
2020-04-20	17:04:09	I/m for CO Brad Adams on cell

Outcome Report

Action Required: Yes
Sergeant Reviewed: No

Ref. Report #: 202003330
Concluded On:

Attended: Yes
Complainant Contacted: Yes

Officer(s) Assigned	Time Spent	Hours
1. Newton	1	Hours
2. Gudbranson	1	Hours
3.		Hours
Total Time Spent (hours):	2	Hours

Narrative:

2020-04-20 - See details in COORS 202003330

Coordinates of occurrence location, if known:

Zone Easting Northing

Equipment:

Equipment Used	Date Set	Date Removed

Actions Taken by C.O.

Complaint Outcome: Destroyed by Other

Date: * 2020-04-20

Species Involved: GRIZZLY BEAR

Inspection #: Compulsory Inspection Number

How Many Involved: 1

Sex: Male

Age:	Adult		
Drug Used:	-- select drug --	Relocation Location	
Weight:	approx 350 lbs	Tag Numbers:	
Amount Used:		LEFT	RIGHT
Vial Number:		UTM	
Method:	-- select method --		
Drug Induction:		ZONE	EASTING
Provide details (i.e., number of darts used, location of induction, length of recovery, etc.)		NORTHING	
Provide relocation location details.			

Complaint Outcome:	-- select outcome --
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Workflow History

2020-04-24 09:33 - s.15 - New Document: Status: Pending



CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE EXHIBIT REPORT

Exhibit Report No. 202003330

Case File No. 202003330

REGION: West Coast Region	North Island Zone
NAME(s): _____	
ADDRESS: _____	
D.O.B. _____	

I, Gordon Gudbranson came into possession of the following goods(s)
on April 21, 2020
at: s.22

Exhibits listed below are to be given numbers in consecutive order

Item No.	DESCRIPTION
1	Male Grizzly Bear with ear tag 1-183 right ear, 1-145 left ear, seizure tag# 96310.
2	Spent .44 Rem Mag bullet
3	Empty .44 Rem Mag casing

Certified Correct

NAME OF CONSERVATION OFFICER (PRINT)

2020-04-23


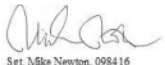

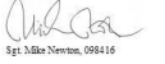
SIGNATURE OF CONSERVATION OFFICER

DATE SIGNED

MOVEMENT OF EXHIBITS

Item No.	TO		TO		TO	
1	Personal possession CO Gudbranson's patrol vehicle.	Date Rec'd 2020-04-21	Destination Nanaimo COS Office freezer, 2080 Labieux Rd, Nanaimo	Date Rec'd 2020-04-22	Destination	Date Rec'd
	Recipient CO Gudbranson	Initials of Witness CO BA/Sgt.MN	Recipient Inspector York	Initials of Witness CO GG.	Recipient	Initials of Witness
2,3	Destination Personal Possession of CO Gudbranson's patrol vehicle	Date Rec'd 2020-04-21	Destination Black Creek COS 1812 Miracle Beach Drive Black Creek	Date Rec'd 2020-04-23	Destination	Date Rec'd
	Recipient CO Gudbranson	Initials of Witness SGT. MN	Recipient CO Gudbranson	Initials of Witness CO GG	Recipient	Initials of Witness
	Destination	Date Rec'd	Destination	Date Rec'd	Destination	Date Rec'd
	Recipient	Initials of Witness	Recipient	Initials of Witness	Recipient	Initials of Witness

DISPOSITION CERTIFICATE

Item No.	Date Disposed	How Disposed	Officer Signature	Supervisor Signature
01	2020-05-14	Returned to Mamallilikulla First Nation, Village Island, for burial s.16; s.22		 Sgt. Mike Newton, 098416
2, 3	2020-06-09	Garbage		 Sgt. Mike Newton, 098416

RETURNED TO OWNER

I, the undersigned, have received item number(s)____, in the same condition as seized.

SIGNATURE

DATE

CONSERVATION OFFICER

DATE



AUDIO RECORDING TRANSCRIPT
CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE



File #: 202003330
Caption: s.22

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Person Interviewed: s.22

Task Number (MIU only): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Type of Statement: [Choose an item.](#)

Date of Recording: 2020-04-21

Start Time of Interview: 13:50

End Time of Interview: 13:55

Location of Interview: s.22

Interviewer: CO Gord GUDBRANSON

Second Interviewer: Sgt. Mike NEWTON

Transcribed by: Sarah ELLIS **on:** 2020-04-23

Proofed by: CO Gord GUDBRANSON **on:** 2020-04-24

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Withheld pursuant to/removed as

s.22

From: Crerar, Christie ENV:EX <Christie.Crerar@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 7, 2020 3:54 PM
To: Ellis, Sarah ENV:EX <Sarah.Ellis@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Grizzly

Hi Sarah! What was the HWCR # that I entered this morning? Just out of curiosity?

Thanks!

Christie
(250) 371-6218

From: Ellis, Sarah ENV:EX <Sarah.Ellis@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 7, 2020 10:45 AM
To: Crerar, Christie ENV:EX <Christie.Crerar@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Grizzly

Yes, the zone inbox received it and it is great. Thank you. I did not know you could make it make sense lol. That's perfect!

From: Crerar, Christie ENV:EX <Christie.Crerar@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 7, 2020 10:28 AM
To: Ellis, Sarah ENV:EX <Sarah.Ellis@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Grizzly

Hey Sarah! I've entered it. Can you please just let me know you received it?

Thanks!

Christie
(250) 371-6218

From: Ellis, Sarah ENV:EX <Sarah.Ellis@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 7, 2020 10:13 AM

To: Crerar, Christie ENV:EX <Christie.Crerar@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Grizzly

Thank you!

As below
GB on Hansen island
s.22
COMS.22 outreached direct to COS HQ
COs Newton and Adams will attend to assess

I believe it happened this morning 2020-04-07. I have no idea if this is a near miss or attack. I am trying to get info but guys are mobilizing and not answering lol. Can you create something with just this info?

Forever grateful.

Sarah Ellis

Conservation Officer Service Administrative Assistant
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy | 1812 Miracle Beach Drive Black Creek BC V9J 1K1
Telephone: 250 331-4463

From: Newton, Mike C ENV:EX <Mike.C.Newton@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 7, 2020 9:55 AM
To: Ellis, Sarah ENV:EX <Sarah.Ellis@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Grizzly

GB on Hansen island
s.22
COMS.22 outreached direct to COS HQ
COs Newton and Adams will attend to assess

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 7, 2020, at 9:23 AM, Ellis, Sarah ENV:EX <Sarah.Ellis@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

I don't know anything about it. An attack? Hansen Island?

From: Newton, Mike C ENV:EX <Mike.C.Newton@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 7, 2020 9:22 AM

To: Ellis, Sarah ENV:EX <Sarah.Ellis@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: Grizzly

Yes please get us a hwcr opened

No calls to call center

We will have to generate one

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 7, 2020, at 8:22 AM, Ellis, Sarah ENV:EX <Sarah.Ellis@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Need me to start anything on a grizzly incident? I don't see anything in the inbox regarding it though.

Sarah Ellis

Conservation Officer Service Administrative Assistant

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy | 1812 Miracle Beach Drive Black Creek BC V9J
1K1

Telephone: 250 331-4463

From: [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#)
To: [Newton, Mike C ENV:EX](#); [Adams, Bradley ENV:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Hanson Is Grizzly Bear update
Date: April 7, 2020 4:07:48 PM

Thank you gentlemen. Ya done good.

From: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 7, 2020 2:45 PM
To: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>; Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX <Sean.Pendergast@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Hanson Is Grizzly Bear update

Great work by the team

Thanks

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From: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 7, 2020 2:30 PM
To: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>; Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX <Sean.Pendergast@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Hanson Is Grizzly Bear update

Sgt. Newton and CO Adams attended today. Also present were ^{s.16; s.22}
^{s.16; s.22} ^{s.22}
^{s.22}

Bear is healthy and currently low/no risk. Easily scared off and feeding on natural food sources only. Has NOT accessed non-natural attractants or been in people's belongings. ^{s.22}
^{s.22}

CO's provided attractant and deterrence advice, arranged for direct line daily contact and monitoring, source and delivered bear bangers to staff. No other action unless change in behaviour. ^{s.16; s.22} and ^{s.22} very happy with outcome and seemed surprised that it was a response option for us. It seemed they believed our only response would be destruction or relocation.

^{s.22} reiterated request to have ongoing dialogue between COS, FLNRO Wildlife (Sean, FYI), FN and commercial recreational providers to discuss bear population dynamics in the area, management and conflict response. We agreed to work with him locally on that initiative. All parties seemed satisfied with response and outcome. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Inspector Ben York

Officer in Charge, West Coast Region
Conservation Officer Service

From: s.22
To: [Adams, Bradley ENV:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Test Hanson isl
Date: April 7, 2020 6:51:03 PM

Hi Brad,

s.22

Have tried emailing Mike but no response - is one of you able to call us ASAP on
s.22

Thanks,
s.22

On Tue, 7 Apr 2020, 13:24 Newton, Mike C ENV:EX, <Mike.C.Newton@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

From: Adams, Bradley ENV:EX
To: s.22
Cc: Newton, Mike C ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Test Hanson isl
Date: April 7, 2020 7:31:00 PM

Hey everyone,

Spoke with Mike during the sliver of coverage he had while travelling to Campbell River. We will be discussing a plan moving forward once he has the ability to review the emails you send to him. Is boating to Alert Bay, Telegraph or another secure location an option for everyone for the time being?

I understand its not ideal to just leave, but it might be the best option for the time being to prevent any potential wildlife conflicts.

Like I mentioned on the phone, I will be calling you back with our plan. Just waiting to have a conversation with Mike to make a plan.

Brad ADAMS

Conservation Officer

Conservation Officer Service-Port McNeill/North Island Zone

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

Phone: (250) 956-0111

Email: bradley.adams@gov.bc.ca

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From:

Sent: April 7, 2020 6:51 PM

To: Adams, Bradley ENV:EX <Bradley.Adams@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: Test Hanson isl

Hi Brad,

s.22

Have tried emailing Mike but no response - is one of you able to call us ASAP on

Thanks,
s.22

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Sent from my iPhone

From: York, Ben A ENV:EX
To: Newton, Mike C ENV:EX
Cc: Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX; Adams, Bradley ENV:EX
Subject: Direction regarding Hanson Island Grizzly Bear
Date: April 8, 2020 12:09:15 PM

As discussed by phone today:

As of 12:00h today, I am directing you to attempt the capture and relocation of the sub-adult grizzly bear currently on Hanson Island at the ^{s.22} Euthanizing the bear is authorized only to protect officer or public safety from an *imminent* threat.

Inspector Ben York

Officer in Charge, West Coast Region
Conservation Officer Service
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
(250) 751-3163 (d) s.17

From: [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#)
To: [Newton, Mike C ENV:EX](#); [Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX](#); [Adams, Bradley ENV:EX](#)
Subject: Well done! Fwd: Hanson update #4 April 9
Date: April 9, 2020 7:12:15 PM

Gentlemen,

Please note the Chief and Deputy Chief's kudos and appreciation. It was a very fluid and challenging situation for you all. You rose to the occasion and made us West Coast proud. Thank you.

Insp. Ben York
Officer I/C, West Coast Region
Conservation Officer Service
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX" <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>
Date: April 9, 2020 at 5:53:17 PM PDT
To: "Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX" <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>, "York, Ben A ENV:EX" <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>, "Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX" <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Hanson update #4 April 9

I could not agree more

Ben, please pass along to the team the awesome job they have done in this situation that was unique, charged and needed some very specific attention. Their efforts are appreciated and noted.

D

From: Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 9, 2020 3:35 PM
To: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>; Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>; Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX <Sean.Pendergast@gov.bc.ca>; Mowat, Garth FLNR:EX <Garth.Mowat@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Hanson update #4 April 9

Thanks Ben,

Good work by your team!

Chris Doyle
Deputy Chief | OIC Provincial Operations | Conservation Officer Service
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
778-947-0286

From: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: April 9, 2020 3:30 PM

To: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>; Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>; Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX <Sean.Pendergast@gov.bc.ca>; Mowat, Garth FLNR:EX <Garth.Mowat@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Hanson update #4 April 9

Bear captured by snare and chemically immobilized at approximately 14:00h.
Transported by helicopter to Hoeya Sound approximately 1/2 way up Knight Inlet.
Local FN guardians from s.16; s.22 present and have advised their
respective leadership. GPS collar did not arrive in time to be utilized.

Insp. Ben York

Officer I/C, West Coast Region
Conservation Officer Service
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

On Apr 9, 2020, at 12:57 PM, York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
wrote:

Snares ineffective to this point. Bear still in area. Arranging for transport
of culvert trap to island by BC Parks landing craft later today. s.16;
s.16; s.22 updated by phone this morning.

From: York, Ben A ENV:EX

Sent: April 9, 2020 8:51 AM

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ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
<Sean.Pendergast@gov.bc.ca>; Mowat, Garth FLNR:EX
<Garth.Mowat@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Hanson update #2 - escalating behaviour

FYI – Officers on site. As is GB. Significant behavioural escalation. Was
trashing a refrigerator when they arrived, but just aggressively pushed
officers off of a snare as they were attempting to reset it. Bear was

previously afraid/indifferent of humans and easy to push off. Now aggressively seeking and defending human food sources.

From: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: April 9, 2020 5:50 AM

To: Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>; Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Hanson update

No success snaring yesterday. Officers overnighted at a nearby lodge and will begin operations again first thing this morning.

Insp. Ben York

Officer I/C, West Coast Region

Conservation Officer Service

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

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Sarah Ellis

Conservation Officer Service Administrative Assistant

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy | 1812 Miracle Beach Drive Black Creek BC V9J
1K1

Telephone: 250 331-4463

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Telephone: 250 331-4463

Subject: RE: Grizzly

Hey Sarah! I've entered it. Can you please just let me know you received it?

Thanks!

Christie
(250) 371-6218

Subject: FW: Grizzly

Thank you!

As below
GB on Hansen island
s.22

COMS.22 reached direct to COS HQ
COs Newton and Adams will attend to assess

I believe it happened this morning 2020-04-07. I have no idea if this is a near miss or attack. I am trying to get info but guys are mobilizing and not answering lol. Can you create something with just this info?

Forever grateful.

Sarah Ellis

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Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX

From: Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX
Sent: April 14, 2020 9:29 AM
Subject: DM Update



Good morning everyone:

I hope everyone had a good Easter long weekend and took some time to rest and recharge.

If you haven't done so already, please check the newest version of the [FAQs](#) on the [COVID-19 page on MyHR](#). Changes are indicated as 'new' or 'updated'. These include information on the use of masks, returning to work after symptoms and information about events. Please note you may need to clear your browser cache to see the most recent versions.

Staying Connected Remotely

In response to our new remote work culture, the Strategic Policy Branch in ESSP has set up a Virtual Break Room on [Yammer](#) so staff can connect in an informal way while working outside of the office. Branch staff are enjoying having a space to connect and share new routines with their colleagues. If you want to start a Yammer group for your program area, [log in using your government email and IDIR password](#), click the plus sign beside Government of BC Groups in the left navigation and create a private access internal group.

If you are required to come into the office, please you clean boardrooms and other shared spaces after use, as you would in normal circumstances. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

A Big Thanks to Our Volunteers

As noted in my previous DM Update, 13 staff have volunteered to assist EMBC with supply chain management. This past weekend 16 additional ministry staff volunteered to assist with secondary screening of incoming passengers to Canada at the Vancouver Airport to ensure arriving passengers have an adequate self-isolation plan. Both these efforts are in addition to staff that have volunteered to support EMBC TEAMS. Additional volunteer opportunities will be shared as they come up. For everyone that has volunteered to help: Thank you!

Hanson Island Grizzly

This weekend, First Nations, Indigenous Guardians and the Conservation Officer Service attended to a young male grizzly that was habituating to humans on Hanson Island in the Broughton Archipelago. I won't give away the ending but you can read the Grizzly Bear Foundation [press release](#) here. Thank-you to the COS for your efforts on this issue.

COVID-Related Expenses

Any [eligible, COVID-related expenses](#) are to be charged to program area budgets with the new COVID project code (ENV's is 290X001) applied to allow for overall tracking of costs and in case there is some reimbursement made available in future.

You may be asked periodically to provide information to support tracking of resources. Please cooperate with your Division Leads (Jennifer Meadows, Melissa Scott, Kim Tiffin, Melissa Ostropolski, David Ranson, Doug Forsdick, Vickie Jackson and Karla Kennedy/Brittany Jackson).

MyPerformance Extension

While most ministries use the fiscal year cycle for MyPerformance and have an annual sign-off deadline of May 31, the Public Service Agency recognizes that in the face of the unique challenges presented by COVID-19 some ministries or business units may need added flexibility. As such, the deadline to complete 2019-20 MyPerformance profiles has been extended to September 30, 2020. The system will be locked down as of October 1, 2020 and any additions or alterations to profiles after this date will require a formal unlock request. Your Executive will communicate their internal sign-off schedule in line with ministerial realities within this extended sign-off window.

As always, take care of yourself and others. Have a great week.

Regards, Mark

Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX

From: Newton, Mike C ENV:EX
Sent: April 16, 2020 12:26 PM
To: Adams, Bradley ENV:EX
Cc: Petrovcic, Steve J ENV:EX; Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX
Subject: Fwd: HWCR 20-0556 - GRIZZLY BEAR - FOOD CONDITIONED - PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL

Please call back Brad
Could well be our guy
Advise them to lock down s.22 site and keep us advised!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "COS North Island Zone ENV:EX" <COS.North.Island.Zone@gov.bc.ca>
Date: April 16, 2020 at 12:06:45 PM PDT
To: "Newton, Mike C ENV:EX" <Mike.C.Newton@gov.bc.ca>, "Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX" <Gordon.Gudbranson@gov.bc.ca>, "Petrovcic, Steve J ENV:EX" <Steve.Petrovcic@gov.bc.ca>, "Adams, Bradley ENV:EX" <Bradley.Adams@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: HWCR 20-0556 - GRIZZLY BEAR - FOOD CONDITIONED - PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL

-----s.15; s.17-----
From: _____
Sent: April-16-20 12:06:24 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: COS North Island Zone ENV:EX
Subject: HWCR 20-0556 - GRIZZLY BEAR - FOOD CONDITIONED - PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL

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Human Wildlife Conflict Report #20-0556
Complaint Received By: JACOB (Operations 4 ECC)
Date / Time received: 2020-04-16 12:02
Area: PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL - WEST COAST REGION

PERSONAL INFORMATION
Location: SAME ADDRESS
Location Description:
Caller Name:s.22

Mail / Street Address / City: NA, PORT MCNEILL, BC

Postal Code:

Referred By: S.22

CONTACT NUMBERS

Cellular: S.22

OCCURRENCE INFORMATION

Incident Date Time: 2020-04-16 12:02

Species Involved: GRIZZLY BEAR

Attractants Noted: NOT APPLICABLE

Nature of Complaint: FOOD CONDITIONED

Action Taken: EMAILED CO

Details: Caller is S.22

S.22 He advised that yesterday at 0600 and again at 1200 a grizzly bear came to the site. No aggression shown by the animal S.22
S.22

No sightings have occurred today. Emailing due to delay.

ACTIONS TAKEN

Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX

From: York, Ben A ENV:EX
Sent: April 7, 2020 10:42 AM
To: Ellis, Sarah ENV:EX; Newton, Mike C ENV:EX; Adams, Bradley ENV:EX; Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX; Petrovcic, Steve J ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Grizzly

Thanks Sarah. I appreciate your initiative. Not a PAT (fortunately), just a high profile GB in possible conflict. You should move that file out of the COS shared drive for now as we will capture most of it in the eventual HWCR (now you know why I was asking you guys this morning if you had access 😊). Keep a folder going though for now to capture our actions and any documentation/emails that we end up with.

b

From: Ellis, Sarah ENV:EX <Sarah.Ellis@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 7, 2020 10:13 AM
To: Newton, Mike C ENV:EX <Mike.C.Newton@gov.bc.ca>; Adams, Bradley ENV:EX <Bradley.Adams@gov.bc.ca>; Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX <Gordon.Gudbranson@gov.bc.ca>; Petrovcic, Steve J ENV:EX <Steve.Petrovcic@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Grizzly

Hi All,

I have loaded all the documents required in a PAT file (both minor and mod/major). I will delete what you don't need once that has been determined. This includes the necessary paperwork for a victim to sign for disclosure of medical records which always takes forever (maybe you could get it done in the beginning of the investigation?)

I have zero details other than Grizzly, Hansen Island. I can't open and HWCR until I have more detail. s.22 I have to request another region to create it which may also take a bit.

Also once I get more detail I could open a sitrep on your behalf if that has not already been done.

ECF location:

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(If link doesn't work you can at least see the file path)

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Telephone: 250 331-4463

Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX

From: COS North Island Zone ENV:EX
Sent: April 20, 2020 5:05 PM
To: Newton, Mike C ENV:EX; Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX; Petrovic, Steve J ENV:EX; Adams, Bradley ENV:EX
Subject: FW: HWCR 20-0715 - GRIZZLY BEAR - DEAD WILDLIFE - PUBLIC SAFETY RISK - CAMPBELL RIVER - SAYWARD

From: s.15; s.17

Sent: April-20-20 5:05:25 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

To: COS North Island Zone ENV:EX

Subject: HWCR 20-0715 - GRIZZLY BEAR - DEAD WILDLIFE - PUBLIC SAFETY RISK - CAMPBELL RIVER - SAYWARD

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Human Wildlife Conflict Report #20-0715

Complaint Received By: KAREN (Operations 8 ECC) Date / Time received: 2020-04-20 16:55

Area: SAYWARD - CAMPBELL RIVER - WEST COAST REGION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Location: SEE BELOW DESCRIPTION

Location Description: s.22

Caller Name: s.22

Mail / Street Address / City: ., Postal

Code:

Referred By:

CONTACT NUMBERS

Cellular: s.22

Residence: s.22

OCCURRENCE INFORMATION

Incident Date Time: 2020-04-20 15:30

Species Involved: GRIZZLY BEAR

Attractants Noted: NOT APPLICABLE

Nature of Complaint: DEAD WILDLIFE - PUBLIC SAFETY RISK Action Taken: PHONED CO

Details: s.22 shot a grizzly. s.22

s.22

s.22

It was probably 400 lbs. The carcass has not been moved.

ACTIONS TAKEN

2020-04-20	17:01:10	I/m for CO Steve Petrovcic on cell
2020-04-20	17:02:03	I/m for CO Gord Gudbranson on cell
2020-04-20	17:02:56	I/m for SCO Mike Newton on cell
2020-04-20	17:04:09	I/m for CO Brad Adams on cell

Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX

From: Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX
Sent: April 20, 2020 7:31 PM
Cc: Newton, Mike C ENV:EX; Petrovcic, Steve J ENV:EX; Adams, Bradley ENV:EX
Subject: Re: HWCR 20-0715 - GRIZZLY BEAR - DEAD WILDLIFE - PUBLIC SAFETY RISK - CAMPBELL RIVER - SAYWARD-accepted

Got it.

Gordon Gudbranson
Conservation Officer Service

North Island Zone

Sent from my iPhone

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From: s.15; s.17

Sent: April-20-20 5:05:25 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

To: COS North Island Zone ENV:EX

Subject: HWCR 20-0715 - GRIZZLY BEAR - DEAD WILDLIFE - PUBLIC SAFETY RISK - CAMPBELL RIVER - SAYWARD

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Cellular: s.22

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2020-04-20	17:02:56	I/m for SCO Mike Newton on cell
2020-04-20	17:04:09	I/m for CO Brad Adams on cell

Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX

From: Ellis, Sarah ENV:EX
Sent: April 8, 2020 7:31 AM
To: Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Hi

Wow, beauty day!! Stay safe GG.

From: Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX <Gordon.Gudbranson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 8, 2020 7:29 AM
To: Ellis, Sarah ENV:EX <Sarah.Ellis@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Hi

I'm with Mike and Brad at Hanson Island for the GB issue today.
Have a great day.
Gord

Gordon Gudbranson
Conservation Officer Service

North Island Zone

Sent from my iPhone

Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX

From: Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX
Sent: April 9, 2020 9:18 PM
To: Newton, Mike C ENV:EX
Subject: Hanson Island
Attachments: IMG_8479.MOV; ATT00001.htm

Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX

From: Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX
Sent: April 29, 2020 8:50 AM
To: Newton, Mike C ENV:EX
Subject: Fwd: Indigenous input helps save wayward grizzly bear from summary killing | Wildlife | The Guardian

This is the kind of stuff I told you I was afraid of.

Did not know there was a "stand off" between us and s.16; s.22 and s.22 and the minister was talking to us at on the front lines...

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/apr/19/grizzly-bear-canada-indigenous-conservation-british-columbia>

Gordon Gudbranson
Conservation Officer Service

North Island Zone

Sent from my iPhone

Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX

From: Newton, Mike C ENV:EX
Sent: April 14, 2020 12:41 PM
To: Adams, Bradley ENV:EX; Petrovcic, Steve J ENV:EX; Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX
Subject: FW: HWCR 20-0452 - GRIZZLY BEAR - AGGRESSIVE - PRESENT/RECENT - CAMPBELL RIVER - CAMPBELL RIVER-accepted

Got it

Sgt. Mike Newton
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy Conservation Officer Service North Island Zone
(250) 337-2408

-----Original Message-----

From: COS North Island Zone ENV:EX <COS.North.Island.Zone@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 14, 2020 12:39 PM
To: Newton, Mike C ENV:EX <Mike.C.Newton@gov.bc.ca>; Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX <Gordon.Gudbranson@gov.bc.ca>; Petrovcic, Steve J ENV:EX <Steve.Petrovcic@gov.bc.ca>; Adams, Bradley ENV:EX <Bradley.Adams@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: HWCR 20-0452 - GRIZZLY BEAR - AGGRESSIVE - PRESENT/RECENT - CAMPBELL RIVER - CAMPBELL RIVER

From: s.15; s.17

Sent: April-14-20 12:39:09 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: COS North Island Zone ENV:EX
Subject: HWCR 20-0452 - GRIZZLY BEAR - AGGRESSIVE - PRESENT/RECENT - CAMPBELL RIVER - CAMPBELL RIVER

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Human Wildlife Conflict Report #20-0452

Complaint Received By: DENISE (WestCoast COS) Date / Time received: 2020-04-14 12:34

Area: CAMPBELL RIVER - CAMPBELL RIVER - WEST COAST REGION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Location:

Location Description: Hanson Island

Caller Name: s.22

Mail / Street Address / City: s.22

HANSON ISLAND Postal Code:

Referred By:

CONTACT NUMBERS
s.22

OCCURRENCE INFORMATION

Incident Date Time: 2020-04-07 10:20

Species Involved: GRIZZLY BEAR

Attractants Noted:

Nature of Complaint: AGGRESSIVE - PRESENT/RECENT Action Taken:

Details: s.22

COM s.22

outreached direct to COS HQ COs

Newton and Adams will attend to assess

ACTIONS TAKEN

2020-04-07 10:27:07 - COS Newton and Adams will attend to assess
(originally entered as HWCR 19-31614)

Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX

From: Newton, Mike C ENV:EX
Sent: April 16, 2020 3:34 PM
To: Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX; Petrovcic, Steve J ENV:EX; Adams, Bradley ENV:EX; Norris, Scott ENV:EX; Bates, Stuart A ENV:EX
Subject: Fwd: FYI Media Request

Link worth watching

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX" <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca>
Date: April 16, 2020 at 2:32:56 PM PDT
To: "Newton, Mike C ENV:EX" <Mike.C.Newton@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FYI Media Request

Just an FYI as mentioned so you can see the types of q's we're getting.
Cheers

The Globe and Mail is very interested in the good news story of the relocation of the young grizzly in the Broughton Archipelago, and whether conservation officers might be encouraged to attempt relocation rather than shooting grizzlies acclimated to humans.

Innovative policies like this, not to mention the end to the trophy grizzly hunt mark a distinct (and welcome) change in approach from the previous government.

I'd be interested in speaking with the minister, if he is available. I'm interested in potential changes to the current wildlife act (my understanding is that it was written in the 1800s and needs updating); current policy on grizzly bears that wander into areas of human habitation; and why the ministry chose to try something new in this case.

Saving a BC grizzly: Indigenous reconciliation is changing how conservation officers deal with problem bears

<https://vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/saving-a-b-c-grizzly-indigenous-reconciliation-is-changing-how-conservation-officers-deal-with-problem-bears-1.4897769>

DANIELLE BELL

Communications & Outreach Coordinator
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Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX

From: Newton, Mike C ENV:EX
Sent: April 20, 2020 6:42 PM
To: Trudgian, Jack ENV:EX
Cc: Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Grizzly

Good thx Jack
We got ECC call

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 20, 2020, at 6:26 PM, Trudgian, Jack ENV:EX <Jack.Trudgian@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

>
> Mike a s.22 called me s.22 shot a grizzly for
> protection s.22

Told

s.22 to call RAPP line. They left messages for everyone.

> Thanks

>

> Sent from my iPhone

Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX

From: Adams, Bradley ENV:EX
Sent: April 16, 2020 1:38 PM
To: Newton, Mike C ENV:EX; Petrovcic, Steve J ENV:EX; Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX
Subject: Fwd: Grizzly at s.22

Brad ADAMS
Conservation Officer/ North Island Zone
BC Conservation Officer Service
(250) 230-0740
Bradley.adams@gov.bc.ca

This message was sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

s.22
From:
Date: April 16, 2020 at 12:47:39 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Bradley ENV:EX" <Bradley.Adams@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Grizzly at s.22

Hello Brad,

Thank you for the call and quick response, truly appreciated

I will follow up with the s.22 and ensure they contact me as soon as they see the animal – and ensure they keep their distance.

I included a google map below of s.22 site

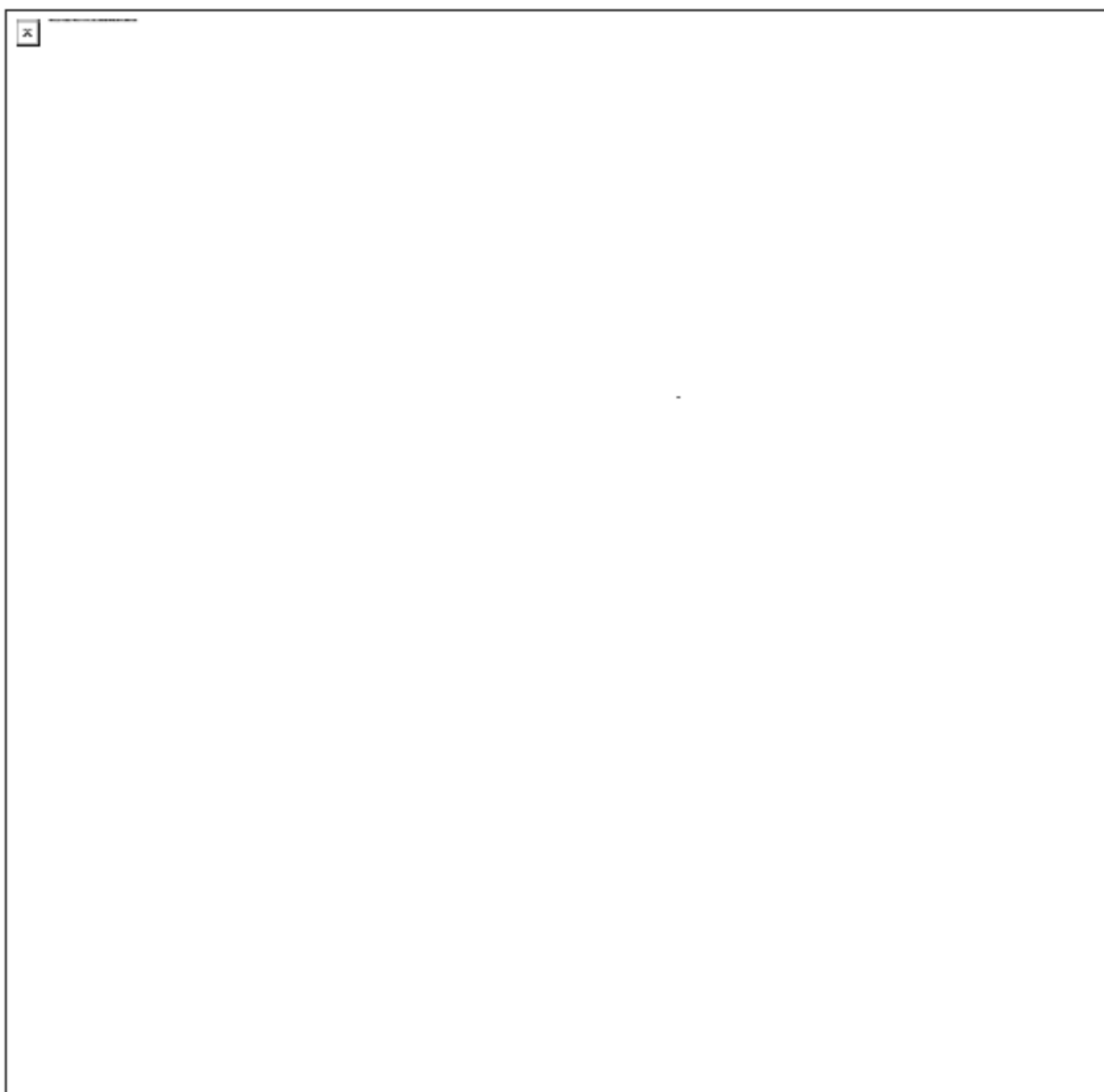
Best regards

s.22

s.22







s.22

From:
Sent: April 16, 2020 8:30 AM
To: s.22
Cc:
Subject: Grizzly at s.22

Good Morning Kelly,

We had a grizzly bear at s.22 yesterday. It was swimming back and forth between the shore and s.22
s.22 It hung around on the shore a bit and then went up into the tree line and disappeared. It did come back later in the day but as soon

as it saw us again, it turned around and went back into the trees. We have not yet seen it today but if it does show up, I will give you another email to update you.

s.22



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Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX

From: Adams, Bradley ENV:EX
Sent: April 16, 2020 12:29 PM
To: COS North Island Zone ENV:EX
Cc: Newton, Mike C ENV:EX; Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX; Petrovic, Steve J ENV:EX
Subject: Re: HWCR 20-0556 - GRIZZLY BEAR - FOOD CONDITIONED - PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL

Left him a message. Will update once I hear back.

Brad ADAMS
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> On Apr 16, 2020, at 12:06 PM, COS North Island Zone ENV:EX <COS.North.Island.Zone@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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> _____s.15; s.17
> From:
> Sent: April-16-20 12:06:24 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
> To: COS North Island Zone ENV:EX
> Subject: HWCR 20-0556 - GRIZZLY BEAR - FOOD CONDITIONED - PORT MCNEILL
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>
> Human Wildlife Conflict Report #20-0556 Complaint Received By: JACOB
> (Operations 4 ECC) Date / Time received: 2020-04-16 12:02
> Area: PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL - WEST COAST REGION
>
> PERSONAL INFORMATION
> Location: SAME ADDRESS
> Location Description:
> Caller Name:s.22
> Mail / Street Address / City: NA, PORT MCNEILL, BC Postal Code:
> Referred By:s.22
>
> CONTACT NUMBERS
> Cellular: 's.22
>

> OCCURRENCE INFORMATION
> Incident Date Time: 2020-04-16 12:02
> Species Involved: GRIZZLY BEAR
> Attractants Noted: NOT APPLICABLE
> Nature of Complaint: FOOD CONDITIONED
> Action Taken: EMAIL FD CO
> Details: Caller is the s.22
> s.22 advised that
> yesterday at
> 0600 and again at 1200 a grizzly bear came to the site. No aggression
> shown by the animal s.22
> s.22
>
> No sightings have occurred today. Emailing due to delay.
>
> ACTIONS TAKEN
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Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX

From: Adams, Bradley ENV:EX
Sent: April 16, 2020 12:39 PM
To: Newton, Mike C ENV:EX
Cc: Petrovcic, Steve J ENV:EX; Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX
Subject: Re: HWCR 20-0556 - GRIZZLY BEAR - FOOD CONDITIONED - PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL

It's our Hansen bear by the sounds of it. Double tagged younger grizzly. Pictures on the way.

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On Apr 16, 2020, at 12:26 PM, Newton, Mike C ENV:EX <Mike.C.Newton@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Please call back Brad
Could well be our guy
Advise them to lock down s.22 site and keep us advised!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "COS North Island Zone ENV:EX" <COS.North.Island.Zone@gov.bc.ca>
Date: April 16, 2020 at 12:06:45 PM PDT
To: "Newton, Mike C ENV:EX" <Mike.C.Newton@gov.bc.ca>, "Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX" <Gordon.Gudbranson@gov.bc.ca>, "Petrovcic, Steve J ENV:EX" <Steve.Petrovcic@gov.bc.ca>, "Adams, Bradley ENV:EX" <Bradley.Adams@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: HWCR 20-0556 - GRIZZLY BEAR - FOOD CONDITIONED - PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL

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Human Wildlife Conflict Report #20-0556
Complaint Received By: JACOB (Operations 4 ECC)
Date / Time received: 2020-04-16 12:02
Area: PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL - WEST COAST REGION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Location: SAME ADDRESS
Location Description:
Caller Name: s.22
Mail / Street Address / City: NA, PORT MCNEILL, BC
Postal Code:
Referred By: s.22

CONTACT NUMBERS

Cellular: s.22

OCCURRENCE INFORMATION

Incident Date Time: 2020-04-16 12:02
Species Involved: GRIZZLY BEAR
Attractants Noted: NOT APPLICABLE
Nature of Complaint: FOOD CONDITIONED
Action Taken: EMAILED CO
Details: Caller is s.22

s.22 He advised that yesterday at
0600 and again at 1200 a grizzly bear came to the site. No aggression shown
by the animal s.22
s.22

No sightings have occurred today. Emailing due to delay.

ACTIONS TAKEN

Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX

From: Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX
Sent: April 24, 2020 2:50 PM
To: Ellis, Sarah ENV:EX
Subject: RE: GB

Ready to add now,
Thank you.

From: Ellis, Sarah ENV:EX <Sarah.Ellis@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 24, 2020 2:05 PM
To: Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX <Gordon.Gudbranson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: GB

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ecfs.nrs.bcgov\CORS_PROD\WEST_COAST\NORTH_ISLAND_ZONE\202003330
DBRANSON Photos\PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBITS.docx

s.22

WLA Newton\Photographs\GU

Sarah Ellis

Conservation Officer Service Administrative Assistant
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy | 1812 Miracle Beach Drive Black Creek BC V9J 1K1
Telephone: 250 331-4463

Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX

From: Ellis, Sarah ENV:EX
Sent: April 24, 2020 1:52 PM
To: Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX
Subject: RE: 202003330s.22

Ha just another day at the office for a CO!

From: Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX <Gordon.Gudbranson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 24, 2020 1:42 PM
To: Ellis, Sarah ENV:EX <Sarah.Ellis@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: 202003330 s.22

Thank You!
Just trying to wash Grizzly Bear blood out from underneath the plywood ATV ramps from workie.....stinkie.....

From: Ellis, Sarah ENV:EX <Sarah.Ellis@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 24, 2020 1:22 PM
To: Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX <Gordon.Gudbranson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: 202003330 s.22

Hi Gord,

I have your photos in an exhibit. I filled in a couple of descriptions but thought due to the eyes on it, it might require your descriptions?

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ecfs.nrs.bcgov\CORS PROD\WEST COAST\NORTH ISLAND ZONE\202003330 WLA Newton\Photographs

Or I can put in what you tell me.

s.22

Sarah

From: Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX <Gordon.Gudbranson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 24, 2020 9:36 AM
To: Ellis, Sarah ENV:EX <Sarah.Ellis@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: 202003330s.22

Awesome!
Thank you so much Sarah.
My photos were all taken by me, and Mike took his.
Thanks again.
Gord

Gordon Gudbranson
Conservation Officer Service

North Island Zone

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 24, 2020, at 9:11 AM, Ellis, Sarah ENV:EX <Sarah.Ellis@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi GG,

ECF created and loaded with your attachment and Mike's. Statement has been transcribed and is ready for your proofing.

Mike had sent me some pictures already, two of which look similar to yours. Were they all taken by you? Or did you both take pictures?

Thanks!

Sarah Ellis

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Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX

From: COS North Island Zone ENV:EX
Sent: April 7, 2020 10:28 AM
To: Newton, Mike C ENV:EX; Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX; Petrovcic, Steve J ENV:EX; Adams, Bradley ENV:EX
Subject: FW: HWCR 19-31614 - GRIZZLY BEAR - AGGRESSIVE - PRESENT/RECENT - CAMPBELL RIVER - CAMPBELL RIVER

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From:
Sent: April-07-20 10:27:39 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: COS North Island Zone ENV:EX
Subject: HWCR 19-31614 - GRIZZLY BEAR - AGGRESSIVE - PRESENT/RECENT - CAMPBELL RIVER - CAMPBELL RIVER

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Human Wildlife Conflict Report #19-31614 Complaint Received By: CHRISTIE CRERAR (ThompsonCariboo COS) Date / Time received: 2020-04-07 10:20
Area: CAMPBELL RIVER - CAMPBELL RIVER - WEST COAST REGION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Location: SAME ADDRESS

Location Description:

Caller Name: s.22

Mail / Street Address / City s.22

HANSEN ISLAND, CAMPBELL RIVER Postal Code:

Referred By:

CONTACT NUMBERS

s.22

OCCURRENCE INFORMATION

Incident Date Time: 2020-04-07 10:20

Species Involved: GRIZZLY BEAR

Attractants Noted:

Nature of Complaint: AGGRESSIVE - PRESENT/RECENT Action Taken:

Details: GB on Hansen island

s.22

s.22 COM outreached direct to COS HQ COs Newton and
Adams will attend to assess

ACTIONS TAKEN

2020-04-07 10:27:07 AM COs Newton and Adams will attend to assess

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From: COS North Island Zone ENV:EX
Sent: April 16, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Newton, Mike C ENV:EX; Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX; Petrovcic, Steve J ENV:EX; Adams, Bradley ENV:EX
Subject: FW: HWCR 20-0556 - GRIZZLY BEAR - FOOD CONDITIONED - PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL

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From:

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Human Wildlife Conflict Report #20-0556

Complaint Received By: JACOB (Operations 4 ECC) Date / Time received: 2020-04-16 12:02

Area: PORT MCNEILL - PORT MCNEILL - WEST COAST REGION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Location: SAME ADDRESS

Location Description:

Caller Name:s.22

Mail / Street Address / City: NA, PORT MCNEILL, BC Postal Code:

Referred By:s.22

CONTACT NUMBERS

Cellular: ;s.22

OCCURRENCE INFORMATION

Incident Date Time: 2020-04-16 12:02

Species Involved: GRIZZLY BEAR

Attractants Noted: NOT APPLICABLE

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Details: Caller is s.22

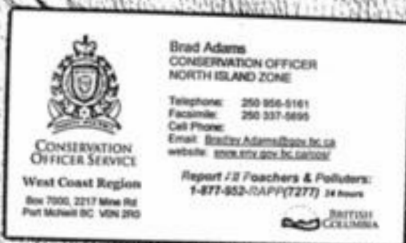
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s.22

No sightings have occurred today. Emailing due to delay.

ACTIONS TAKEN



MONDAY APRIL 6, 2020
 PORT Moresby, BC
 0700 - 10-3 PORT Moresby
 ADAM DAY, BIRD, HAWK
 FOLLOW-UP

1200

1400

1500 - PREP GEAR AND BOAT
 TO ATTEND HANSEN ISLAND
 WITH PA MICK ADAMS

1600 - CHECK OIL LEVELS,
 BATTERY LEVELS, WASH
 INTERIOR, CHECK TIRES.

1730 - PREP DRUG K.I.T +
 TRAPPING GEAR FOR TRIP
 TO HANSEN ISLAND

1900 10-35 AT RESIDENCE

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Telephone: 250 956-5161
Facsimile: 250 337-5685
Cell Phone:
Email: Bradley.Adams@gox.bc.ca
Website: www.gox.gov.bc.ca/gox/

West Coast Region
Box 7000, 2217 Mine Rd
Port Moresby BC V8N 2P0

Report 12 Poachers & Polluters:
1-877-952-CAPP(7277) 24 hours



0700 - 10:08 PORT MINEILL
OFFSET, Hook-up BOAT
LOAD TRAPPING GEAR &
BAIT. 12 TO 1 PM BOAT
LAUNCH.

0800 - BOAT HAUL FULL OF WATER
PUMP NOT WORKING, DRAIN
BOAT BY REMOVING A HAUL
PLUG.

0930 - BOAT STILL DRAINING
HAUL. EST NEWTON ARRIVE

NOV - 17 TUG HANSEN ¹⁰³ ISLAND
ETA 30 minutes.

ARRIVE AT LANSSEN
ISLAND, MET s.22

s.22

s.22

Sgt. Newton and myself
through Grizzly Bear
current behaviours.

NO NOTED BEHAVIOR
CONFLICTS. GRIZZLY ACCESSED
FEED STORAGE AREA, DOUBT
NOT VERY SECURE. ASSESSMENT
OF THE BEAR IS ⁷⁸ ALLOW
IT TO MOVE ON, TO SECURE



AND MANAGE ATTEMPTS
 AS HAWK SEASON WILL
 BEGIN IN THE COMING
 MONTH AND THE BEAR
 SHOULD MOVE BACK TO
 THE MAINLAND.
 - RETURN TO ALDER BAY
 TO COLLECT BEAR BANGS
 FROM NPO OFFICER
 DAVID BROOKS. BEAR
 BANGS FOR s.22
 TO
 ENCOURAGE NEGATIVE
 STIMULANT TO GRIZZLY
 BEAR WHEN IT IS
 CLOSE TO THE s.22
 - ATTEND DOUBLE BAY HOGS
 TO UPDATE s.22 OWNERS.
 - 17 TO PORT MERRILL
 AND BACK IN PORT MERRILL
 LOAD BOAT ONTO TRAILER
 AND RETURN EQUIPMENT TO
 COMPOUND.
 18 - 10-35 AT FOURPENCE
 BJ 105



APRIL 7 2020. PORT

SPENCE

OT

157 - REVIEW FROM TIM

s.22

REPORTED THE GRIZZLY
BEAR HAD ENTERED
THE FORD STORAGE
AREA AND WAS NOT
EASILY DELETED. s.22
FIND HIMSELF A...

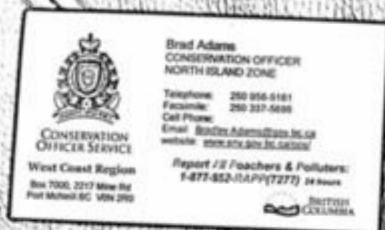
PLAY FROM THE BEAR...

s.22

ADVISED THEY
HAD SENT NOTICE TO
MIKE VINTON ABOUT
WHAT HAPPENED. I
WAS AWARE MIKE TO
BE 17 TO CR, I
CONTACTED ~~THE~~ MUSA YOUNG
TO ADVISE HIM OF THE
UPDATE FROM s.22

I CONTACTED OCC TO
ADVISE MIKE TO CALL
ME ASAP.

- SPoke WITH MIKE, ADVISED
TO LOAD BOAT AND TRAILER
GEAR TO RETURN TO HANSEN



FIRST LIGHT. PUT WEST
COAST HELICOPTER ON
STANDBY FOR POSSIBLE
RELOCATION.

0000 - 10-35 OT



[Signature]

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WEDNESDAY APRIL 8, 2008
PORT MCNEILL - HANSEN
ISLAND, BC

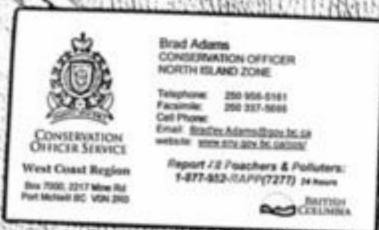
0000 10-8, HOUR UP BOAT, 12
TO TELEGRAPH COVE TO
LAUREN A.C.B. LOAD GEAR
INTO BOAT AWAIT SGT NEWTON
AND CO. SUBPARSON

0600 17 TO HANSEN ISLAND
TO RECALL GRIFFIN BOAT
BEHAVIOUR, SAFELY EVACUATE
RESIDENCE OF

s.22

s.22

0730 - GEAR BUILDING, AWAIT DIRECT-
ION FROM LEADERSHIP AFTER
INITIAL ASSESSMENT.



OBSERVE THE CABIN ALONG
THE BAY, GARBAGE
ALL OVER, 15-17 BAGS
OF GARBAGE ON SITE.
IN ADDITION TO GARBAGE
SIGN OF READING, FARM
ALSO FOUND THROUGHOUT THE
WOODS.

- DIRECTION RECEIVED TO
RELOCATE GRIZZLY. BEEN
SETTING TRAP.

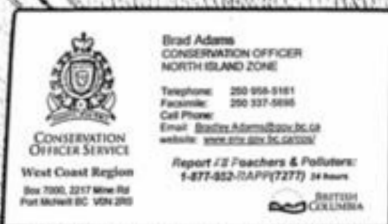
- TRAPS BEING RESET
AND BAITED 6 BEAR
TRIGGER ALDREDGE AND
BUCKET SET. 110

Box - REMAIN GEAR FROM
SMALL, REMAIN BAIT
PREP GEAR TO RETURN
IN THE MORNING
FIRST LIGHT.

- 17 FAIRWELL HARBOUR
OVERNIGHTING IN
CABIN.

- 17 TO TELEGRAPH COVE
TO PICK UP SUPPLIES FOR
OVERNIGHTING.

Box - 18-35 AT FAIRWELL
HARBOUR



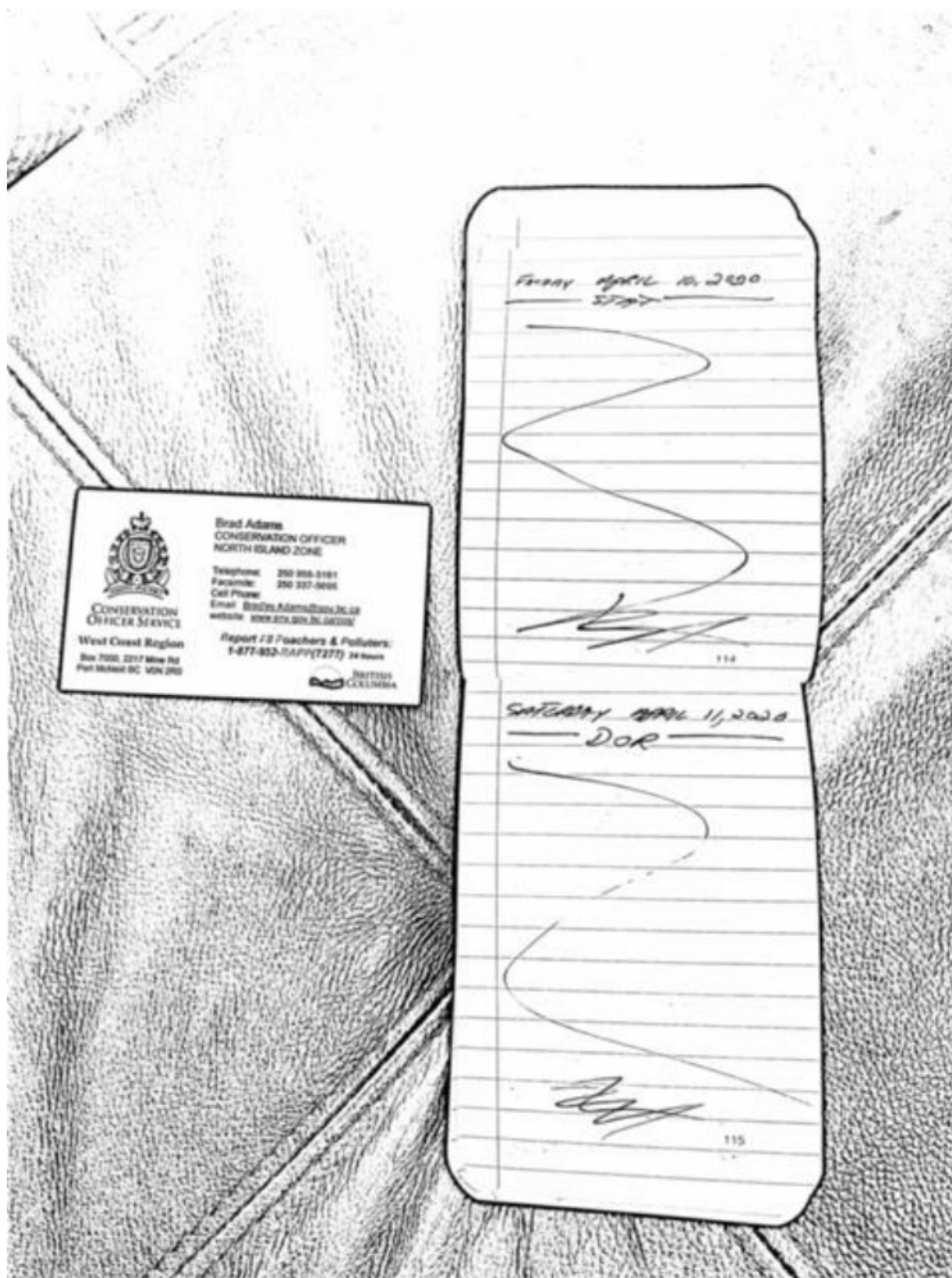
THURSDAY APRIL 09, 2020
FAIRWELL HARBOUR →
HANSEN ISLAND, BC

0800 - 17 TO HANSEN ISLAND
FROM FAIRWELL HARBOUR,
0900 - RESET SNADES, SET
MORE TRAPS / SNADES.
CLEAR BUILDINGS,
1030 - FALL ANKLE, CONTINUE
CLEARING / INSPECTING BUILDINGS
FOR DAMAGE. BEAR
DESTROYED BUCKET SET,
REMOVE SNADE.
- BEAR IN SNADE, TRANQUILIZE
CONTACT NCH FOR TRANSPORT
TO HANSEN SUMMIT 17 WITH
s.22 s.16; s.22

TO RELEASE
SITE - BEAR MOBILE
- 17 BACK TO TELEGRAPH
COVE.
- MEET GG AT TELEGRAPH
COVE LOAD BOAT
UNLOAD GEAR.
- TRAILER WINCH LAMINATE
HANDLE HIT WRIST AND
FINGERS.
- DROP BOAT OFF AND
GEAR AT OFFICE.

2000 10-25 AT RESIDENCE

[Signature]



Sent from my iPhone

Gordon Gudbranson
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Report All Poachers & Poolluters:
1-877-952-RAP (7277) 24 hours

BRITISH
COLUMBIA



CONSERVATION
OFFICER SERVICE
West Coast Region

1812 Miramichi Beach Dr
Black Creek BC V0J 1K1

1910 Co Petrovac issued
WN to SOC ~~CO~~

1938 s.22

1945 Sgt A Newton
GB update

2120 coffee - load
Trapping gear
immobilization
equipment

2220 off duty res - 10:35
SOC

Wednesday April 8/2
cool
0350

0350 load gear to
EV82060 - 5001 on
10-36 RCMP
10-17 to Por
McNeill

0645 Telegraph Cove
CO Adams, Sgt Newton

Gordon Gudbranson
CONSERVATION OFFICER

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Cell Phone: 250 337-5895
email: Gordon.Gudbranson@ec.gc.ca
website: www.ec.gc.ca/cncc

Report All Poachings & Polluters!
1-877-952-RAPP(7277) 24 hours



CONSERVATION
OFFICER SERVICE
West Coast Region

1812 Miramichi Street Dr
Black Creek BC V4V 5K1

07K 10-8 g GB load
entered Hamlets

on a ledge
Hanson Island

s.16; s.22

s.22

GB on beach

- further to note

s.22

removed from area
for public safety
- Soft Nodder

commenced in them

- GB entered cabin
across bay from

s.22

s.22

to access stored
gear

- van sacked - bedding

- foam mattress

clothing skin removed
by bear + bear tearing
up chunks of foam
mattress

GB back @ main

s.22

entered
building + removed
Taughneck took w



Gordon Gudbranson
CONSERVATION OFFICER

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item from building

- watched GB circle
building + break window

- GB accessed outside
fridge + broken apart
- rice + soup bag
accessed from fridge

Sgt Newton in
comm'r E Inspector York
while W Adams
Self on safety watch

146

- GB level to
Category 1.

- Sgt Newton in
comm'r E Inspector
York - GB level 1
+ support from Barb
Noblet, Sean Pendergast
Mr Schwartz + Mr
Doyle to encourage
GB

- Request to call

s.16; s.22

Inspector York fired
several times - Sgt
Newton in comm'r

s.16; s.22

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s.16

a head
CO Adams called

arrangements for
Transport York to
Willam

- On file CO's awaiting
confirmation to
commence to s.16
prior to authorization

Sgt Newton advised
by French York that
plan to be relocated
and moved onto

Tom minister of
Environment -

- even though support
by FINROD -

Set Capture gear
on beach

Set Capture gear
near cabin / bridge
area - cutting set
CO Adams Sgt Newton

Set trail set @
south head cabin



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s.16; s.22

s.22

- bear breached
beach net while
setting antibody set

s.22

shuttling to +
from ACB vessel

1830 Pull capture gear
for evening

1900 Farewell Bay

s.22

- unload gear

1915 10-8 to 00 Adaxo

1940 ACB vessel
Telegraph Cove
for supplies

1957 10-8

2030 Farewell Bay
- dinner @

s.22

s.22

off duty private
accommodation

Thursday, April 9/20
high cloud
0645

0645 On duty Farewell Bay
ACB vessel. Spot gear
10-36 R call, Sgt. Newton

2020/04/09 Thurs.

Weather: cooler

AM temp. w.

predom. clear

skies + sun.

- Writer reviewing
e-mail in Aff.

- Text & ~~th~~ SP
e-mail review.

0930 10-36 10-8.

- Text from
NRO Daniel
Smallcombe

84

10-7@CR

FLNRO.

- Note: ph. comm.
w. Sgt. Stables.

s.22

- Meeting

- Receipt issued
ramped-up.

- Field Response
required.

- Follow-up call
w. Sgt. Bates.

- Call from
Insp. York.

- re-tasked on
new priority.



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- Spoke w. Stu Bates.
- Rtn to res. for overnight kit, report res.
- 10-17 to office.
- Ph. comm. w. Park employee Simpson (?) re: traps.
- Bear Traps #1, 2
- 6" wide (72")
12' long⁸⁶

6' 2½" w
13" long.
→ New octagon one.

- Writer stood-down by CO Gudbranson via text message.
- Gear re-secured.



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COLUMBIA

TUESDAY APRIL 21, 2020,
PORT McNEILL, BC

0700 - 10-8 LOAD ACB IN
PREPARATION FOR SGT NEWTON
& GUBBRANSON.

0900 SHOPRITE FOR XD-100
OIL.

0930 PM BOAT LAUNCH

1000 HWCR / ERS / COORS
FILES

1600 - GRIEZY HELI-SLUNG
INTO PATROL TRUCK.
BEAR COVERED WITH
TORPS, TRANSPORTED TO
PORT McNEILL OFFICE
COMPOUND.

1800 - 10-8 AT COMPOUND
TO EXCHANGE BEAR
FROM MY TRUCK TO
CO GUBBRANSON'S TRUCK
FOR TRANSIT DOWN ISLAND

1830 - UNLOAD ACB VESSEL

1900 - ^{BA} ~~EXCHANGE~~ TRANSFER
BEAR INTO CO GUBBRANSON
TRUCK.

2000 - 10-35 AT RESIDENCE

20/04/21

0645 10.36 CR. 10.17 Ball

Bay. Check trap

1030 10.36 Bay 10.46

1030 10.36 Bay 10.46

trap de

GB reported - shot self
defence. Boat in water.

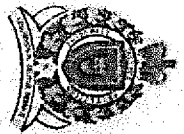
BA 166 papped vessel

12.17 PM check w/ for
10.17

12.20 Arrive

13.55

will provide statement



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APR 21
1350 h
s.22



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1530 s.22

heli-sling EB

to PM- possession to Co

Brad ADAMS.

1830 Transfer EB to Gundersen Plu

22u Pull bait. s.22

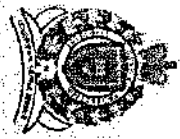
Close trap

2245 10.35 OK

s.16; s.22

Mon Nov 4

s.22



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Wednesday, April 15/20
s.22

Thursday, April 16/20
s.22

Friday, April 17/20
s.22

Saturday, April 18/20
DOR

Sunday, April 19/20
DOR

Monday, April 20/20
DOR
1927 s.22

1905 Sgt Newton - up deck

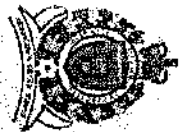
1935 s.22

s.22

→ call

2000

end call w. s.22

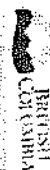


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email location
drop pin to Sgt Newton
+ Inspector York

- prep gear + equipment
EV82060

Tuesday, April 21/20
0700

0700 On duty EV82060,
SPOT ON, 10-3L
s.22 OCC, 10-8-20

0718 Petrol Can - refuel
EV82060

0720 10-17 to Port McNell

0950 Pt McNell boat
ramp - w Arlen's
w vessel

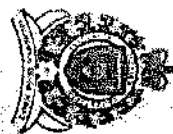
gear loaded

Inspector York

s.22

ear tag w ^{yellow} RAPP#

1000 Sgt Newton
load gear



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W Sept Newton

s.22

1158

- anchor heart

1230

s.22

- shore

1340

s.22

1351

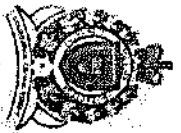
Digital Statement
from s.22

- business cards to

s.22

1430

s.22



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- GB taken to
driftwood @ beach
for heli removal

1530 Helicopter to
beach - net for
bear

1600 ACB vessel

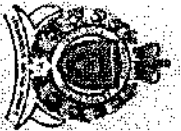
1745 Port McNeill
beach ramp

1810 Refuel ACB vessel
@ Peon Can
- Sgt Newton
MasterCard

PT McNeill to office
- work ACB vessel

GB to EV82760
- wheel broken

1930 10-8



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220 10-7 @ 100, 10-35
RAMP OCC —

Wednesday, April 22/20
overcast
0830

0830 On duty EVS 250,
SPOT on, 10-36
RAMP OCC —

0845 10-17 & Nanaimo

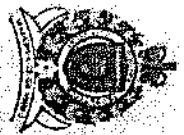
1030 Nanaimo COS office
Inspector York

G Bear to Wildlife
Branch keeper
Seizure tag # 96316

1152 10-8, 10-17 &
Campbell River —

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COLUMBIA

email location
droppin to Sgt Newton
+ Inspector York

- prep gear + equipment
EV82060

Tuesday, April 2/12
0700

0720 Oh dick EV82060,
SPOT ON, 10-36
RAMP OCC, 10-8-08

0718 Petrol Can - refuel
EV82060

0730 10-11 to Port McNell

0900 PT McNell boat
ramp - 00 alarms
w vessel.

gear loaded - a

Inspector York

s.22

yellow
ear tag w RAPP #

1000 Sgt Newton
load gear

s.22

15 Sept Newton

s.22

1158

- anchor fixed

s.22

1230

- shore

s.22

1340

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from

s.22

- business cards to

s.22

1430

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- GB taken to
duftwood beach
for heli removal

1530 Helicopter to
beak - net for
beak

1600 ACB vessel

1745 Port McNeill
beak ramp

1810 Repair ACB vessel
@ Pedro Can
- Sgt Newton
Mastercard

Port McNeill Co office
- work ACB vessel

GB to EJ 82060
- wreck broken

1930 10-8

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2202 10-7 @ 100, 10-35
RAMP OCC — ~~ES~~

Wednesday, April 22/20
overcast
0830

0830 On duty EVS 200,
SPOT on, 10-36
RAMP OCC — ~~ES~~

0845 10-17 & Nanaimo

1030 Nanaimo COS office
Inspector York

G Bear to Wildlife
Branch breeder

Seizure tag #96316

1152 10-8, 10-17 &
Campbell River — ~~ES~~

1309 ECC - bear, injured

s.22

1345 ECC - upchuck #2
- been trying to
get in house

G Williams called
RAMP enroute

From: [Heyman.MLA, George](#)
To: [Minister, ENV ENV:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Great job on Mali
Date: April 30, 2020 8:44:37 AM

From: s.22

Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 4:54 PM

To: Hon. George Heyman ; Heyman.MLA, George

Subject: Great job on Mali

Hi George,

Just read in the Globe and Mail about the grizzly bear, Mali.

You did a great job.

John Horgan, Adrian Dix, and Bonnie Henry and the rest of the government are doing a great job on the pandemic, too.

Thanks for everything.

s.22

From: s.22
To: [Minister, ENV ENV:EX](#)
Subject: Hanson Island Grizzly- Excellent work
Date: April 15, 2020 3:44:20 PM

Good afternoon Minister

I thought I would write a brief note complementing you and your Conservation officers Decision to relocate the grizzly bear that was found on Vancouver Island back to the mainland. I believe there such an excellent precedent for handling many more of these types of situations.

As has been mentioned there is significantly more money involved in ecotourism then there is in Euthanizing Bears, wolves and coyotes Etc.

Excellent work

s.22