



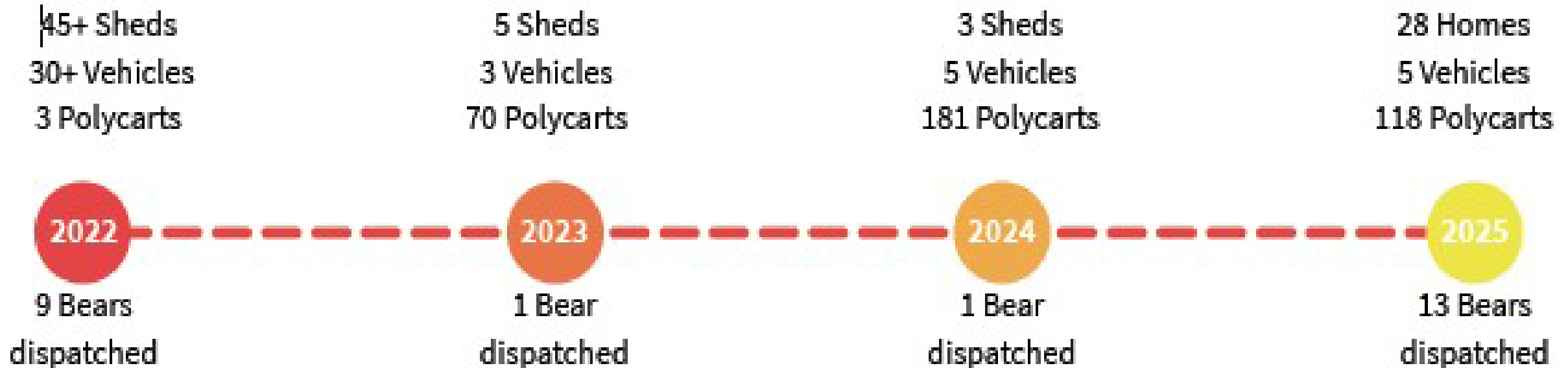
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Action Plan Review
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
West Coast Committee
August 19th, 2026

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The Action Plan

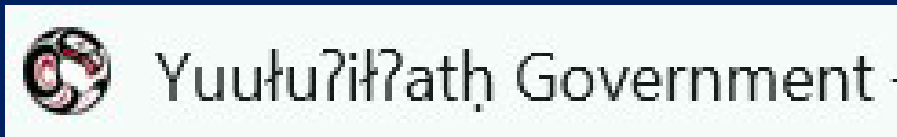
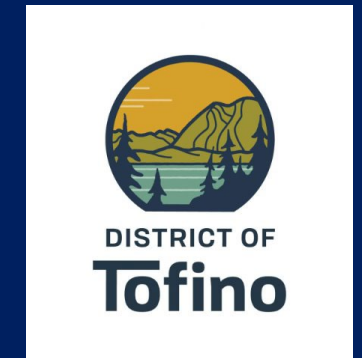
Learn more about
available resources



The Action Plan aims to reduce human-bear conflict by addressing our most poorly managed wildlife attractant: residential polycarts.



Clayoquot Biosphere Trust Vital Grant 20k 2025/2026



Coordinated continuous, extensive, collaborative actions with
partners – Ongoing

Solutions

Manage your attractants at home by:



250+

Replace brass with steel carabiners

District
Offices

Ucluelet
First
Nation

Many
Public
Events



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Anchoring

**\$20 Gift card for
Windsor Plywood**





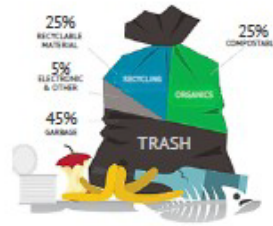
Securing your carts at home



Why the Curbside System?

The ACRD rolled out the curbside collection system to the West Coast as part of the provincial mandate to reduce emissions and total garbage produced. Here, it was studied that 55% of household garbage could've been diverted to compost (25%), recyclables (25%), or electronic/construction reusables (5%).

This system is to guide residents towards producing less garbage and lengthen the lifespan of our landfill. As a result, plastics, metals and organics are recycled back into the communities, and promoting circular economy.



Store your garbage/organics inside to not attract wildlife

Best Option



Store your garbage indoors and transfer into clean carts for the morning of collection

Next Best



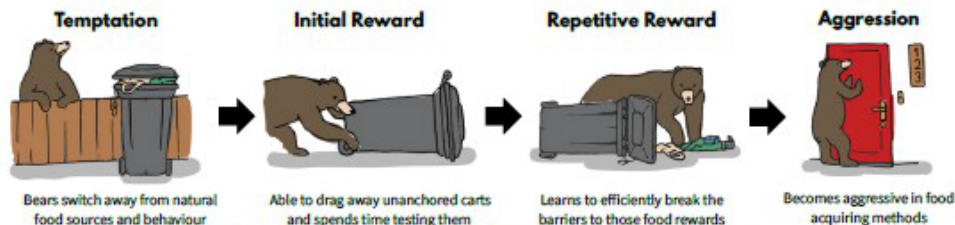
Keep carts stored outdoors clipped (stainless steel) carabiners and anchored to a fixed structure

Other Options

Wildlife Attractant

Bear resistant carts are effective only when used properly. Rinsing, freezing or using two bags for your waste reduces odour. If you can, keep your waste inside until collection day. If you must store your waste outside, keep your cart clipped with stainless steel carabiners and anchored to a fixed structure.

Unsecure garbage and compost are the leading causes of black bear conflict. If we can prevent food-rewards, communities will be safer and wildlife can live naturally.



NEED HELP? WildSafeBC can help you install steel carabiners and anchoring systems or electric fencing.



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Education And Engagement

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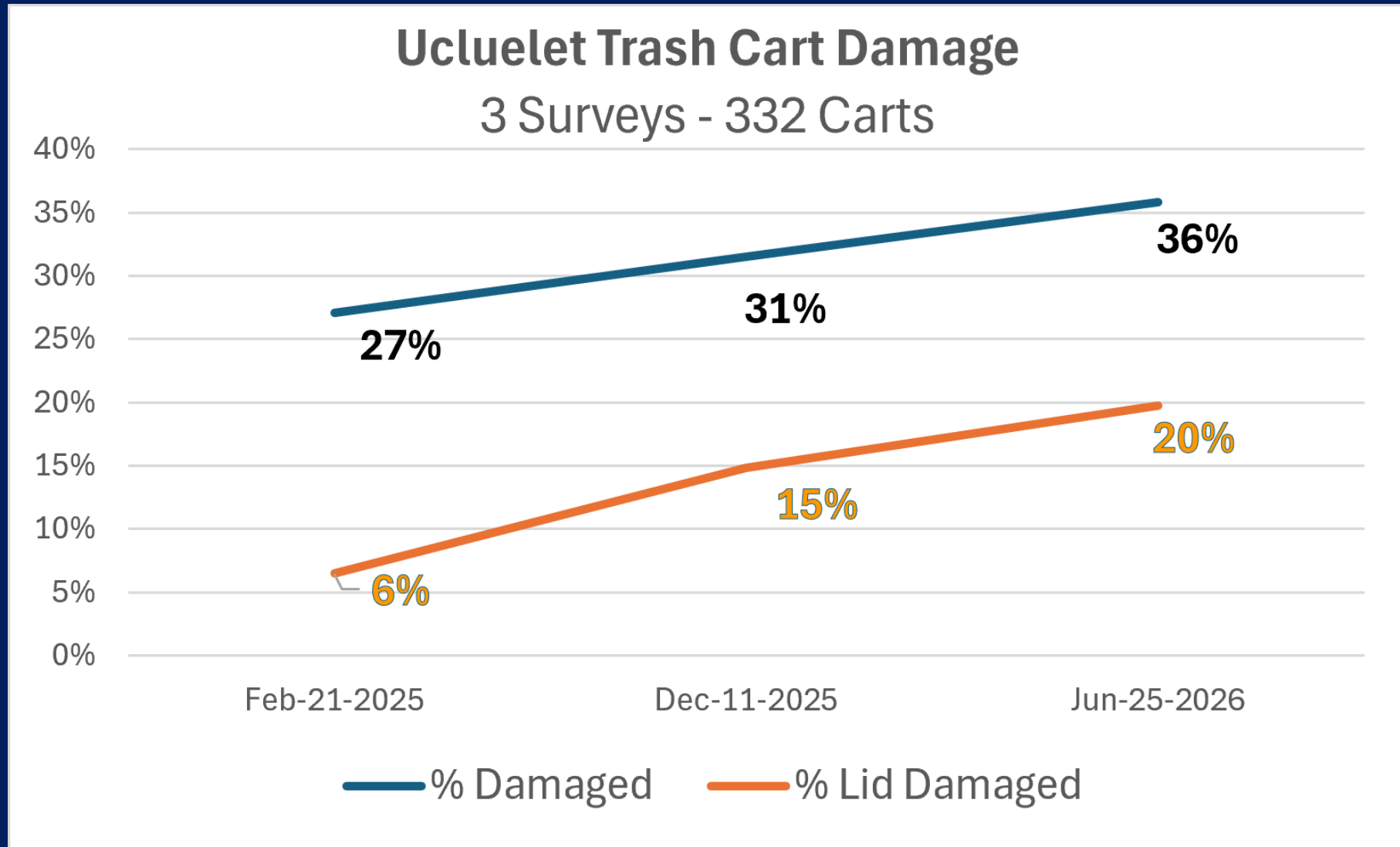
Neighbourhood Champion

Share with others
how to remove/store
wildlife attractants

At-home
checklist!



Learning from Bears – 9 Damaged Cart Surveys



Stainless Steel Carabiners has to be paired with Securing of Carts

Prevent This!



Taking Personal Action is Critical



Is your bin secure?
Keep bears alive by
securing your attractants

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Check the lock before you walk

IT IS THE LAW

Anchoring Your Carts at Home



Providing
Residents
Options

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Electric Fencing

Contact WildSafeBC for
help with electric fencing

Providing Residents Options



10 Electric Fenced Cart Enclosures

Compliance & Enforcement

Follow provincial,
regional and local
bylaws

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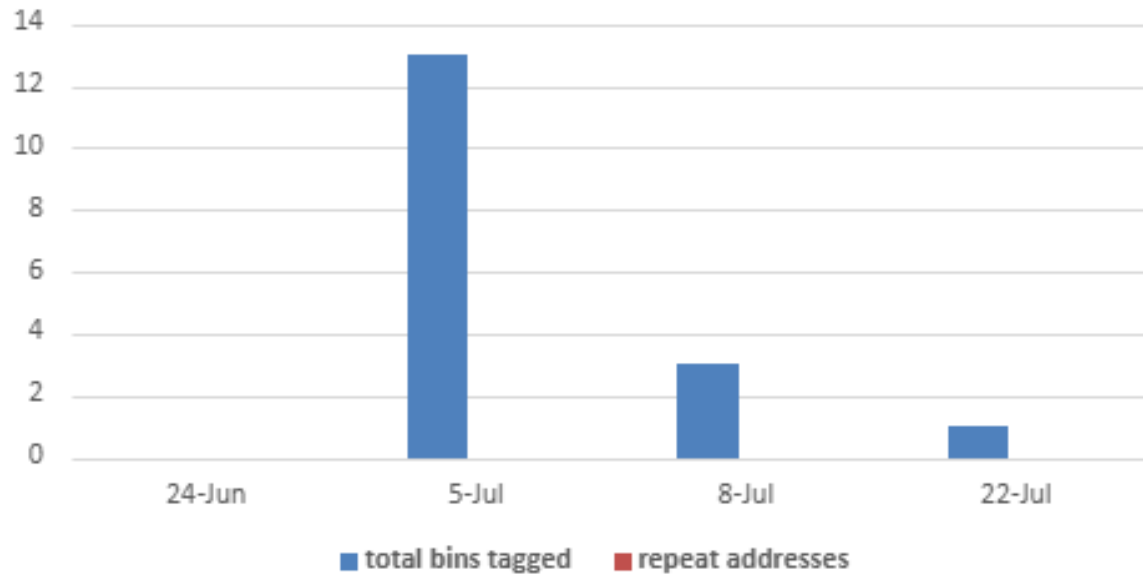
Bin-Tag Survey

Ucluelet – 5x
Tofino – 6x



BC COS Bylaw

Ucluelet Bin Tagging Results 2026

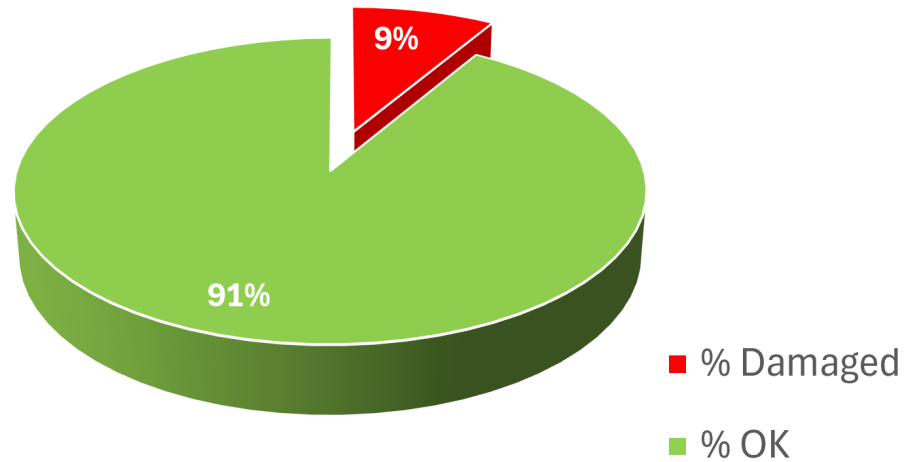


Tofino Bin Tagging Results 2026



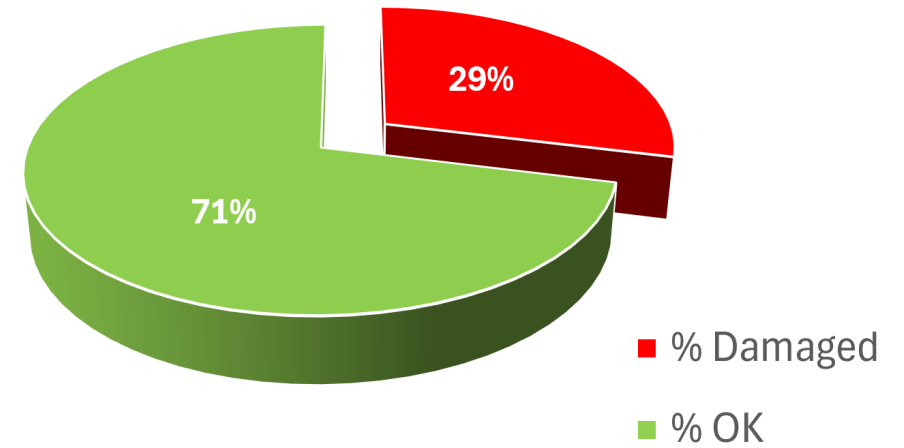
Tofino 2026 Cart Surveys

292 carts surveyed



Ucluelet 2026 Cart Surveys

236 carts surveyed



**Damaged Cart Surveys – 1807 Carts
Inspected over 2 Years – 3 Communities**



"It's the Law"

Education/Compliance Packages Left on 105 Damaged Carts







Unsecure Wildlife Attractant Warning

You are not in compliance with Ucluelet's Wildlife Attractant Bylaw 1390, 2026.



DO YOUR PART



SECURE YOUR CART

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IT IS THE LAW

As required by local bylaws

Warning: Unsecure Wildlife Attractant

IT IS THE LAW NO GARBAGE IN CARDBOARD BIN

SECURE YOUR WASTE, KEEP BEARS ALIVE



INCORRECT

- Disposing dirty, oily or scented cardboard in this bin

CORRECT

- Flattened clean, scent free cardboard
- Keep lid closed and locked after use



ACRD Bylaw 1036, 2022, Section 26:

An Owner or Occupier must not leave, place or store outdoors any Solid Waste that is a wildlife attractant unless such Solid Waste is left, placed or stored in both of the following:

1. in a Bear Resistant Collection Cart with latching devices secured; and
2. in a Bear Resistant enclosure (e.g. inside house or closed garage) surrounding the Bear Resistant Collection Cart or, if the Bear Resistant Collection Cart is stored outdoors, the container must be anchored to prevent tipping or being dragged away by an adult bear.



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OZZARD
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**COMMERCIAL BIN MUST BE
CLOSED AND LATCHED**

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As required by local bylaws



Proposed On-Going West Coast BC COS Wildlife Safety Response Officer Service



- Human-Wildlife Conflict Reports Actioned
- Education of legal responsibilities
- Verbal / Written Warnings
- Residential Neighborhood Audits
- Business Audits
- Dangerous Wildlife Protection Orders
- Bylaw Infraction Notices
- Worked closely with Bylaw, WildSafeBC and others

More to Come



Ongoing ACTION PLAN – Guiding Principles

- Learn from Bears – Adapt quickly

- Learn from Residents – Bear-Safe Champions and Neighborhoods

- Learn from Others – Bear of Durango – upcoming Movie Night

THANK YOU!



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**CONSERVATION
OFFICER SERVICE**



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Canada

Parcs
Canada

long beach lodge
RESORT

Pacific Sands

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