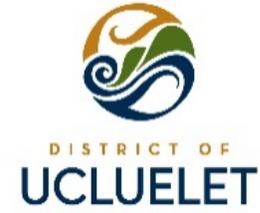
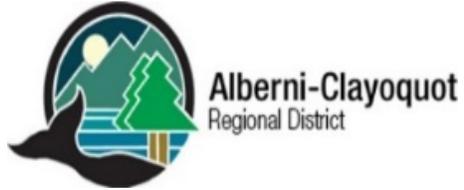


WSBC Pacific Rim Program

- **Program Support – Season - Area:** May – Feb – All levels of government – 3 businesses – 1 NGO
 - Ahousaht First Nation - Ahousaht
 - Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation – Opitsaht – Esowista – Ty-his-tanis
 - District of Ucluelet
 - District of Tofino
- **Human-Wildlife Interactions:**
 - Bear reports down  from: 143 in 2019 to 40 in 2020 – 2 conflict destructions versus 13 – 9 road deaths
 - Cougar reports up  from: 9 in 2019 to 13 in 2020 – 1 attack on dog in Tofino
 - Wolf reports down  from: 19 in 2019 to 14 in 2020 – 2 incidents with dogs
- **Program Activities: Operations / Collaborations (13 – WBCP – Waste – Food – OCP – Bylaws)**
 - WildSafe Ranger session - Tofino Parks and Recreation Adventure Camp,
 - eight presentations - community groups - local government - 97 participants,
 - seven bin tagging surveys – 24 addresses,
 - 4 booth days - 130 people reached – BC Goes Wild for Wildlife Weekend,
 - FB follows 653  901 : 38% increase  - 34 posts,
 - 8 electric fencing installations supported with subsidies – resorts – chickens – garden - goats,
 - multiple interviews for local newspaper, blog posts, research projects, educational videos, radio, and
 - bear spray workshop - District of Tofino staff – Kayak Guide training

Thank you!



Keeping Wildlife Wild and Communities Safe

Bamfield

WildSafe Tips



Pick fruit early and let it ripen indoors



Powerwash blossoms off in spring to reduce harvest



Install electric fencing



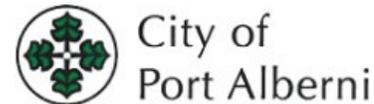
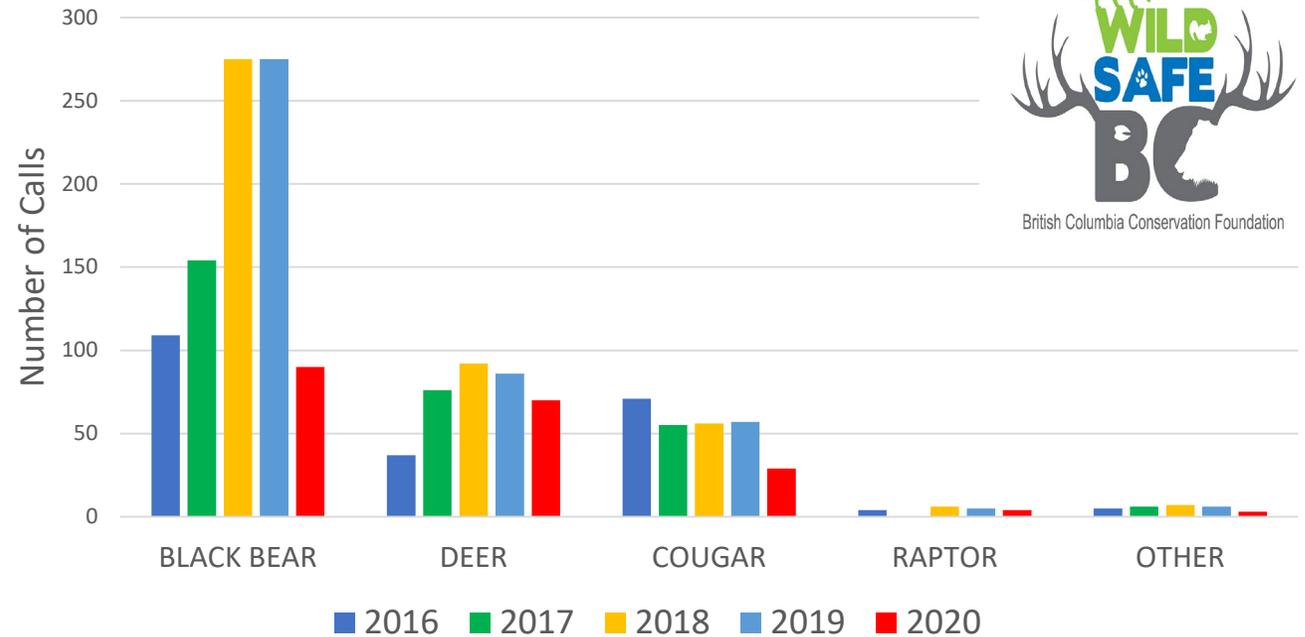
Prune trees to keep them manageable

Keeping wildlife wild and communities safe

Alberni Valley

- WildSafe Ranger program
- Success of garbage tagging
- Community outreach
- Pumpkin Pick up
- Moving forward:
 - WildSafe organics roll-out
 - Electric fencing workshops
 - Working with farmers institute

Reports to COS and WARP in the Alberni Valley by Species, 2016-2020



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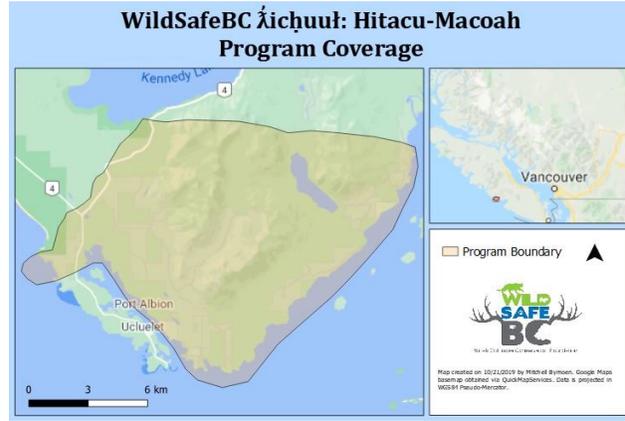
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News Update

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The ʕims – black bears – love qaawii – berry – season!

By Marianne Paquette
WildSafeBC Hitacu-Macoah Coordinator

One of my favourite times of the year is berry season and on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, we are quite fortunate in terms of edible berries.

We are now at the tail end of the huckleberry, salmonberry, and blackberry season, but the huckleberry, blackberry, and the yam – salal, to name a few, will start ripening soon. As you go about your day, I am sure you can find plenty of tasty berry bushes along your path.

However, you not the only one that might be interested in these sweet treats which means that they will make the most of what is accessible to them. With the amazing amount and diversity of maturing berries available in our region throughout the season, black bears also like to take advantage of this great resource of high-calorie foods. Did you know that black bears

huckleberries. The black huckleberry is the sweetest and black bears need their sugar to pack on layers of fat in time for winter denning. On the other hand, one thing to keep in mind is that just as fruit trees in your garden, one great way to keep the black bears wild and feeding on shrubs that are away from the community is by picking the ones you have around your house.

Make it a fun activity for the whole family and find tasty recipes to use your wild berries. If you don't like the berries that grow around your home, maybe you can offer them to a neighbour or simply trim the shrubs before they start to get fruit on them.

Happy ʕayax – berry picking – everyone and remember to report all wildlife conflicts to the BC Conservation Officer Service RAPP line at 1-877-972-7277.

If you have any concerns or questions, don't hesitate to contact me at hitacu-macoah@wildsafebc.com.

seeds will pass through unbroken and therefore are still able to germinate. Consequently, one way that black bears fulfil a very important ecological role is by dispersing the berry seeds along the landscape and

entire genome (very dense cluster) of berries with their dextrous lips and tongue. Also prized by both humans and black bears are any of the Vaccinium species, like blueberries and

