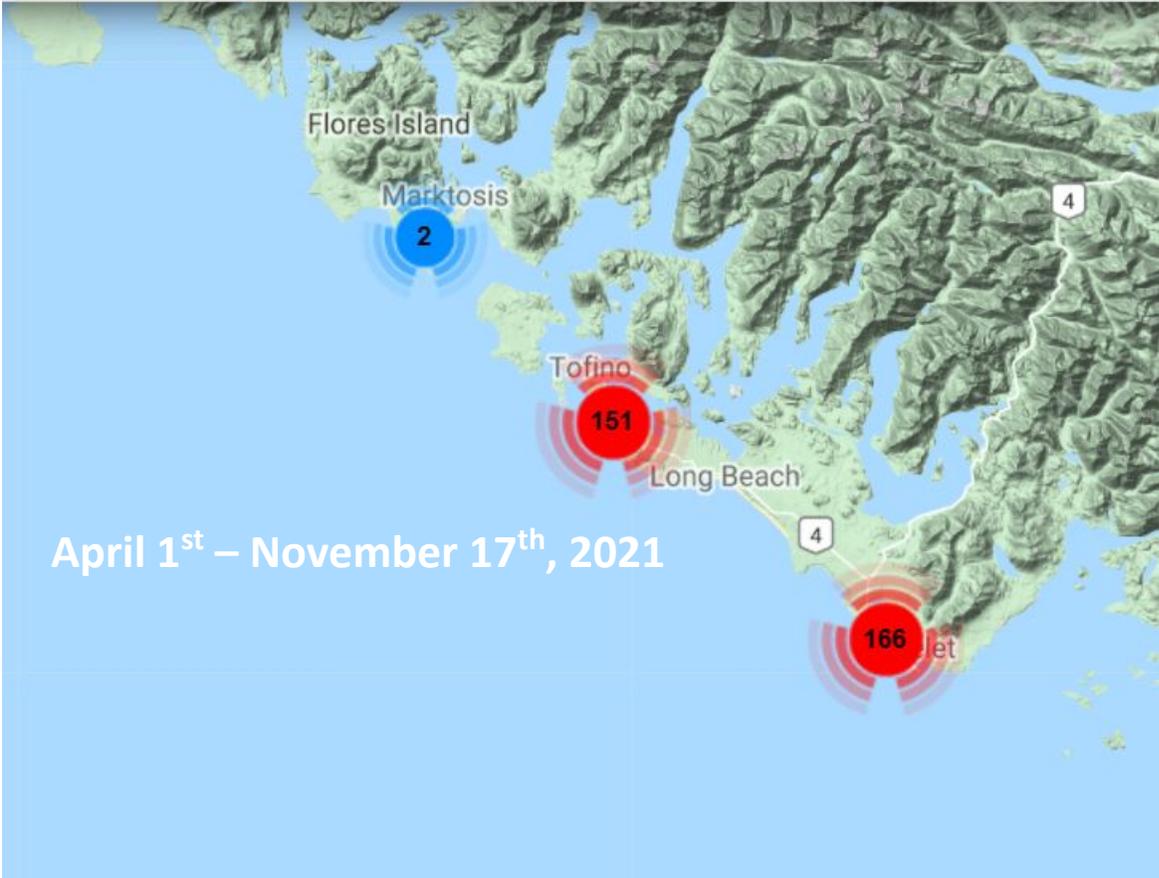


**WSBC Pacific Rim
ACRD Delegation
November 17, 2021**

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Wildlife Alert Reporting Program

Public Beta



2021 Human-Bear Season in 3 Parts

- Part 1 – The Bad News - Quick Facts – Troubling but shows the way ahead
- Part 2 – The Good News - Teamwork – Coordinated Response – Progress on Many Fronts
- Part 3 – The Way Forward - Breaking the Cycle

Part 1 Realities - Consequences

- *This portion illustrates the challenges and realities of a remarkable human-bear conflict season*
- The bears have shown us in detail the issues to address
- Provides essential knowledge for breaking the cycle
- Lessons learned inform the way ahead
- Facts convey the urgency

Quick Facts – 2021

The Bad News

- 50+ incidents involving property damage – Costs - Many Ks – Staff Time – Community Stress
- 2021 - increased aggressive incidents – 4 bluff charges – 2x bear spray
- 3 home invasions
- 13 bears killed in 2021 – 2 traps still set
- 38 bear deaths in past 3 years due to human causes
 - 28 human-bear conflicts (2019 – 13 / 2020 – 2 / 2021 – 13)
 - 10 collisions with vehicles (2020 – 10)



Bear #13 October 27, 2021



Structures

37 and counting

Chicken Coops

12 Locations

50+ chickens



Vehicles

4 break-ins



Part 2

The Good News

– Teamwork – Strong Response

Coordinated Response – Districts – Businesses – Organizations – Residents – COS – PRNPR – First Nations

Some highlights:

- Both waste management companies have increased deployment of self-latching commercial bins
- Businesses and residents investing in long-term solutions
- Working relationships with Bylaw Services - COS



Scope and reach of WSBC Pacific Rim program grows year-to-year-year

- **Program Support – Season - Area: May – Feb – All levels of government – 1 business – 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**

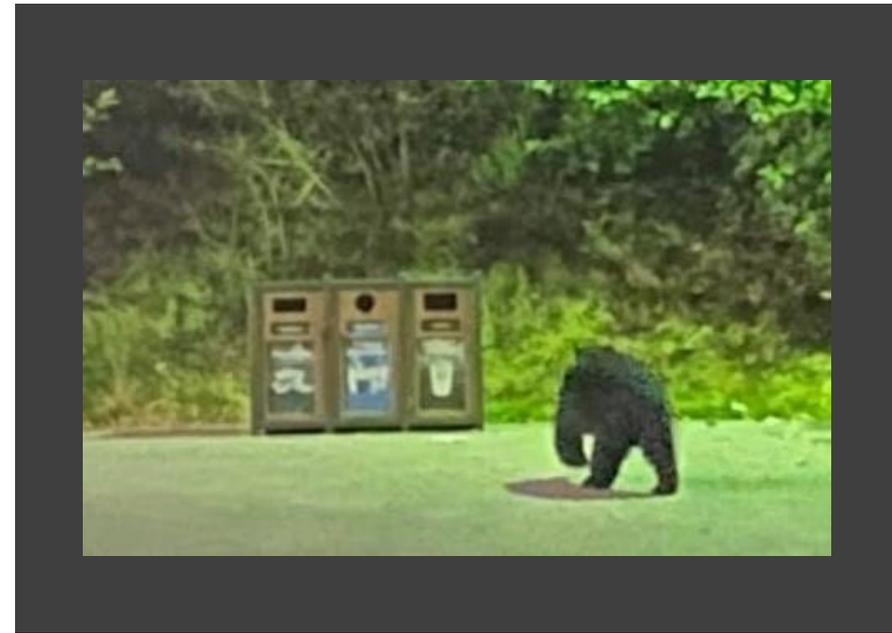
24/7 Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) line showed:

- Bear reports up from 44 in 2020 to 317 in 2021 - Up over 600% - **as of Nov. 17th – #s still climbing daily**
- Cougar reports the same with 12 in 2020 and 12 in 2021
- Wolf reports down from 14 in 2020 to 4 in 2021

- **Program Activities Snapshot: Education – Prevention – Operational Response**

- 8 WildSafe Ranger Presentations to 14 classes - 150 youth plus their teachers reached
- 12 presentations to community groups and 130 participants
- 400 plus people reached through leaving Door To Door education packages at residences
- 2 display booths and 304 people reached
- 37 Facebook posts and 217 (1129) new Facebook page followers from January 1, 2021, to date
- Initiated process with 6 businesses to become part of the WSBC Business Pledge Program
- Training workshop for 10 staff from 3 campgrounds for the Bare Campsite Program -11 campgrounds provided with BCP info –14 electric fencing installations with support from subsidy funds – 12 potential installations in cue

Businesses Investing in Bear-Resistant Options – replacing non-bear resistant bins





Many Residents are also investing in long term solutions

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14 Electric Fencing Installations – 12 potential projects for 2022





WildSafe Ranger Sessions – BC Goes Wild Weekend





Enjoy your visit but stay safe and please respect the wildlife that live here

Do not leave food, garbage, recyclables or coolers (empty or full) outside.

Manage your waste responsibly.
Only put out garbage on morning of pickup. Unleashed - Milsheem - Tuesdays.

Keep pet food and bowls inside and bring pets in at night.

Avoid surprise encounters. Make noise by clapping your hands and using your voice. Watch for scat and other signs of wildlife. Avoid walking alone, carry bear spray and know how to use it.

Keep pets on a leash in wildlife country. Not only can dogs displace wildlife, dogs that chase after bears can bring them back to their owners or be killed. Wolves can perceive dogs as potential threat also.

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Garbage is the most reported attractant involved in human-bear conflicts. Bears that access garbage may be injured, cause property damage or become a risk to the community.

- Keep garbage, compost and other attractants secure - indoors is best
- Never put your containers out prior to the morning of collection
- Freeze smelly items and keep containers clean

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- Bears that access garbage may be injured, cause property damage or become a risk to the community.

While you were out!

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January 8, 2021
Bear in Area
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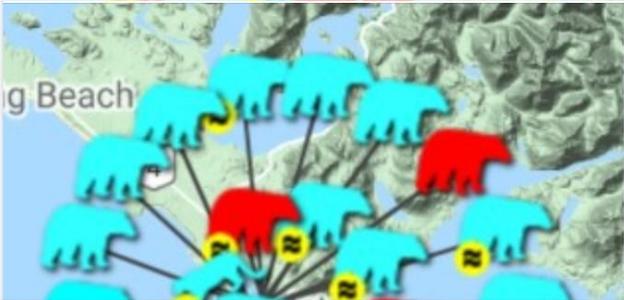
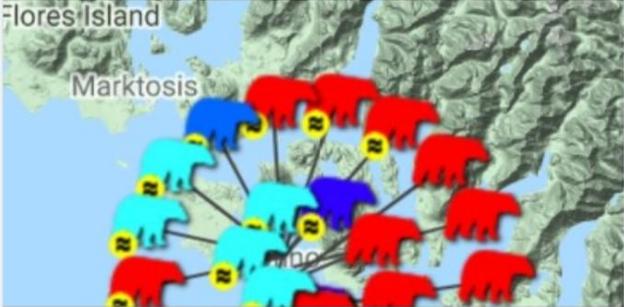
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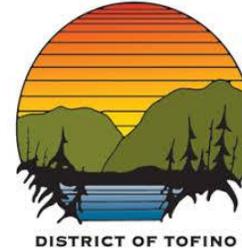
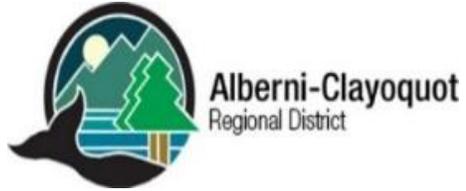
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Upcoming Ucluelet and Tofino District Delegations – Presentations will be on The Way Ahead for Keeping Wildlife Wild and Our Communities Safe

- Bylaws
- Bear Smart
- Ongoing Support for WSBC Pacific Rim Program

Thank you!



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