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WildSafeBC Pacific Rim

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Keeping Wildlife Wild and Communities Safe

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WILDLIFE ACTIVITY UPDATE

Season Update - West Coast Region



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Food-conditioned bears Lethally euthanized



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SHEDS/STRUCTURES ACCESSED BY BEARS

Bears are strong and clever animals that can smell food from over a km away. Do not store garbage or other attractants in sheds or outdoor structures.



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OUTDOOR FREEZERS

Even locked, freezers are full of tasty foods and bears can easily access them. Freezers should always be kept inside (not in a shed or on the porch).



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GREASE BINS

Grease traps from BBQs or commercially used grease containers are extremely attractive to bears (a ¼ cup of grease is around 1200 calories). They need to be clean and locked (commercial) at all times.



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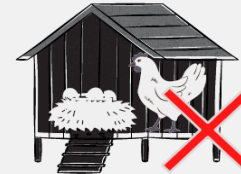
VEHICLES

It's important to keep vehicles locked and free of odors (food, food wrappers, etc.). Yes, bears can open car doors!



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Unsecured commercial bins accessed by bears



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CHICKEN COOPS

Chickens and their feed are a high attractant for bears and many other wildlife species. To keep your chickens and wildlife safe, electric fencing is necessary.

Also 51 close encounters and 7 entering of buildings with people inside

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Activities (April–November)



6 WildSafe Ranger Presentations reaching 190 students & teachers (12 classes).



25 Wildlife Awareness & other presentations reaching 340+ participants.



5 Door-to-door activities – delivered information packages to 370 residences.



8 display booths reaching over 1,050 people.



10% increase in page followers on the WildSafeBC Pacific Rim Facebook page.



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5 WildSafeBC Pledge Businesses: 10 more businesses working towards the pledge.



2 Bare Campsite Campgrounds with staff training provided in 2022.



14 electric-fences installed & 9 detailed consultations provided for future projects.



18 new bear-resistant bins purchased by residents & businesses.



90% increase (reach) with two coordinators (from 2021).



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Sortn'Go Roll-Out Support



Participated in four open-house events in Tofino, Ucluelet, Hitacu and Ty-Histanis.



It was great to see that WildSafeBC messaging was at the forefront of the new ACRD video.



Collaborated on messaging for a Westerly article about the roll-out & bears.



WildSafeBC created resource sheets specifically for the roll-out & was able to give feedback on the new ACRD Bylaw.



Collaborated with Surfrider Pacific Rim & Ozzard to add the anchoring mechanism to the Tofino & Ucluelet display.



What we've been up to in 2022





The Roadmap Ahead



Implementation of the new Wildlife Attractant Management Bylaw - ACRD Curbside Roll-Out



Adding a requirement for "WildSafe" waste management practices within business license conditions as well as development permits.



Keep pursuing Bear Smart status for the community & pass a formal resolution.



Expand the wildlife related information available on both the District's website and tourism board.



Consider providing secure A-Base multi-year funding to the WildSafeBC Program to increase capacity and scope (e.g. year-round position).



Thank you for
your Support!

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your

Leadership!

Great working with you on

Keeping Wildlife Wild

&

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