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## WILDLIFE ACT AMENDED CAS PERMIT VI13-85539

PERMIT HOLDER	Beyond Bears Inc. PO Box 4058 Mission BC V2V 4J3  ATTENTION: Mark Dumas or Daphne Greer PHONE: (604) 607-8833
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IS AUTHORIZED UNDER s. 4 (f)(iii) and 4 (h) of the Permit Regulation, B.C. Reg. 253/2000,

TO	<p><b>Possess</b> the following species individual of controlled alien species for the purpose of import into British Columbia to satisfy a 30 day quarantine period required by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) followed by transport out of BC to Manitoba for commercial filming purposes.</p> <p>1. Male, 3 month old, Polar Bear (<i>Ursus maritimus</i>) (microchip # 956000003109084).</p> <p>(the species individuals together the "CAS" and each species individual a "CAS individual")</p> <p>at the following location(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>6566 Bradner Road Abbotsford BC V4X 2C6</li></ul> <p>and while transporting as permitted below.</p> <p><b>Ship or transport</b> the following species individuals of controlled alien species in British Columbia only to and from the following locations:</p> <p>1. Vancouver International Airport in Richmond, BC and 6566 Bradner Road, Abbotsford, BC.</p>
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### SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

TERMS OF PERMIT	The permit holder must comply with the terms in Appendix A.	
COMPLIANCE ADVISORY	Failure to comply with any term of this permit is an offence under the <i>Wildlife Act</i> , and may result in any or all of prosecution, suspension of the permit, cancellation of the permit, ineligibility for future permits, and denial of future permit requests.	
PERIOD OF PERMIT	This permit is only valid from April 4, 2013 to June 30, 2013	
DATE OF ISSUE	April 4, 2013  This permit supersedes CAS Permit VI13-85539 issued on March 26, 2013.	
SIGNATURE OF ISSUER	Penny Lloyd A/Director of Wildlife	PERMIT FEE N/A  HCTF SURCHARGE N/A

# APPENDIX A TERMS OF PERMIT

## AMENDED CAS PERMIT VI13-85539

### REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Within 72 hours of a CAS individual leaving British Columbia, the permit holder **MUST** submit to the Permit and Authorization Service Bureau via fax (250-387-1814) an affidavit by a person other than the permit holder (e.g. veterinarian, registered professional biologist) attesting to the fact that the CAS individual, identified as on the face page of this permit, has left British Columbia and the date of departure.

### GENERAL CONDITIONS:

1. The permit holder must comply with all laws applicable to the activities carried out under this permit.
2. This permit extends to the permit holder's employees and volunteers, but only when they are engaged in the activities authorized by this permit on behalf of the permit holder.
3. The permit holder must not authorize an employee or volunteer under the age of 19 to handle a CAS individual.
4. The permit holder must ensure that no person handles a CAS individual under authority of this permit unless the person has at least 2 years of experience working with controlled alien species of the species *Ursus maritimus* (Polar Bears).
5. This permit extends to a person authorized to practise veterinary medicine in BC while that person possesses a CAS individual for the purpose of veterinary medical treatment, but is only effective for the first 72 hours after the person takes possession of a CAS individual for any given treatment.

**NOTE:** If veterinarian is in possession of a CAS individual for the purpose of longer term treatment (greater than 72 hours) the veterinarian will need to apply for a Rescue Centre permit.

6. The permit holder must ensure that any person transporting a CAS individual under authority of this permit carries a copy of this permit on their person.
7. The permit holder must not display the CAS for public viewing.
8. The permit holder must not house a CAS individual in the same enclosure as wildlife or a domestic animal (to reduce the possibility of the transmission of disease and parasites).
9. The permit holder must take all steps reasonably necessary to ensure that public safety is not jeopardized by any action taken under authority of this permit.
10. The permit holder must immediately notify the Permit and Authorization Service Bureau should a CAS individual cause harm to any person or animal.
11. The permit holder must ensure that no CAS individual is released or escapes.
12. The permit holder must immediately notify the Conservation Officer Service (1-877-952-7277) or the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Fish, Wildlife & Habitat Management Branch Regional Manager if a CAS individual escapes or is released.

13. The permit holder is responsible for all costs associated with the keeping and care of the CAS, and any damage, loss or injury to persons or property caused by the CAS.
14. The following applies to each CAS individual and the term "described" means "described in the attached detailed enclosure description applicable to the taxonomic group to which the CAS individual belongs." e.g. a detailed enclosure description for Pythonidae applies to each CAS individual that is a member of the Family Pythonidae.

The permit holder must do the described things, including, without limitation, the following:

- (a) keep the CAS individual only in an enclosure
  - made of materials described,
  - constructed in the described way,
  - padlocked in the described way, and
  - which includes the described elements;
- (b) while the CAS individual's enclosure is being cleaned
  - move the CAS individual to the described secure area, and
  - take the described security measures;
- (c) maintain the described features in the CAS individual's enclosure in the described way, and
- (d) keep no more than one CAS individual in the described enclosure unless the detailed enclosure description provides for a greater number, in which case, no more than that number.

The permit holder may depart from the strict observance of a specific requirement in this paragraph by substituting an alternate measure, but only if that alternate measure will clearly result in persons and animals being no less safe than if the specific requirement had been strictly observed.

15. The following applies to each CAS individual and the term "described" means "described in the attached public safety plan applicable to the taxonomic group to which the CAS individual belongs." e.g. a public safety plan for Pythonidae applies to each CAS individual that is a member of the Family Pythonidae.

The permit holder must do the described things, including, without limitation, the following:

- (a) not allow the CAS individual to come into contact with people except in the described way;
- (b) ensure in the described way the safety of those that come into contact with the CAS individual;
- (c) in the described way, prevent the CAS individual from escaping or coming into unintended contact with other people;
- (d) if the CAS individual escapes, notify others in the described way and recapture it in the described way;
- (e) if the CAS individual is transported,
  - transport it only in the described way,
  - transfer it to its transport container only in the described way, and
  - follow the described emergency plan if it escapes during transport
- (f) if the CAS individual is being transported into or from BC, transport it into or from BC only in the described way.

## APPENDIX B ADVISORY

### AMENDED CAS PERMIT VI13-85539

#### GENERAL

- It is the permit holder's responsibility to be aware of all applicable laws and the limits of this permit. For example, the welfare of animals, including CAS is regulated under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and the Criminal Code.
- The Province is not liable for any harm caused by the CAS or illness contracted through handling the CAS. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to inform themselves of possible dangers and health hazards, and to ensure that all reasonably necessary safety measures are undertaken.
- To assist you in complying with federal law requiring humane treatment of animals, please be aware that international standards for the humane transport of animals exist and are available at:

**Air transport:**

*Live Animals Regulation* from the International Air Transport Association (IATA) for \$94US at [https://www.iataonline.com/Store/Products/Product+Detail.htm?cs\\_id=9105%2D30&cs\\_catalog=Publications](https://www.iataonline.com/Store/Products/Product+Detail.htm?cs_id=9105%2D30&cs_catalog=Publications)

**Ground transport:**

*AATA Manual for the Transportation of Live Animals* from the Animal Transportation Association (AATA) for £45 at [http://www.tim-harris.co.uk/aata\\_orderform.html](http://www.tim-harris.co.uk/aata_orderform.html)

#### LEGISLATION

Here are some, but not all, relevant excerpts from the **Wildlife Act**:

**Application of this Act to controlled alien species**

**6.6** (1) Sections 3, 82 (4), 89, 93, 94 (1), 95 and 107 (2) apply in relation to controlled alien species as if those species were wildlife.

**Release or escape of animals**

**77** (1) A person who releases or abandons an animal or from whose captivity an animal escapes

(a) is, despite section 11 (4) of the *Livestock Act*, liable to the government for loss or damage to wildlife or wildlife habitat caused by the animal, and for all costs incurred by the government in pursuing, recovering, holding or destroying it, and

(b) is not entitled to any compensation from the government if the animal is destroyed under section 79

(2) If a person releases or abandons an animal, other than a domestic animal, the person commits an offence.

(3) If an animal, other than a domestic animal, escapes from the possession of a person, the person commits an offence if he or she fails to make every reasonable effort to recover the animal.

(4) This section does not apply if the person is authorized by the regional manager to release the animal.

**Destruction of animals**

**79** (1) An officer may kill an animal, other than a domestic animal, that is at large and is likely to harm persons, property, wildlife or wildlife habitat.



## Documents not transferable

- 81** Except as authorized by regulation or as otherwise provided under this Act, a licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization is not transferable, and a person commits an offence if the person
- (a) allows his or her licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization to be used by another person, or
  - (b) uses another person's licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization.

## Failure to pay fine

- 85** (1) This section applies if a person
- (a) fails to pay, within the time required by law, a fine imposed as a result of the person's conviction for an offence under this Act or the *Firearm Act*, and
  - (b) has been served with notice of this section.
- (2) In the circumstances referred to in subsection (1),
- (a) the person's right to apply for or obtain a licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization under this Act is suspended immediately and automatically on the failure to pay the fine,
  - (b) all licences, permits and limited entry hunting authorizations issued to that person under this Act are cancelled immediately and automatically on the failure to pay the fine, and
  - (c) the person commits an offence if, before that fine is paid, the person
    - (i) applies for, or in any way obtains, a licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization under this Act, or
    - (ii) does anything for which a licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization under this Act is required.

## Entering premises

- 89** (1) For the purpose of ensuring that this Act and the regulations are being complied with, an officer may enter and inspect any premises or enclosure in which live wildlife or live fish is kept but, at the request of the owner or occupier, the officer must produce proof of identity.
- (2) Despite the *Trespass Act*, an officer exercising duties under this Act may enter any land, whether enclosed or not but, at the request of the owner or occupier of the land, the officer must produce proof of identity.

## Production of licence or permit

- 97** If a person who is required to hold a licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization issued under this Act
- (a) fails to produce it for inspection to an officer on request, or
  - (b) fails or refuses to state his or her name and address to an officer on request,
- the person commits an offence.

## REGULATIONS

Here are some, but not all, relevant excerpts from the **Controlled Alien Species Regulation** made under the Wildlife Act:

### Possession

- 3** A person must not possess a prohibited species individual unless the person holds a permit authorizing the possession of that prohibited species individual.

## Breeding

4 (1) Subject to subsection (2), a person who possesses a prohibited species individual must prevent the prohibited species individual from breeding.

(2) A person who possesses a prohibited species individual referred to in subsection (1) may allow the prohibited species individual to breed if:

(a) the person

- (i) operates an accredited zoo or aquarium;
- (ii) is a certified educational institution, or
- (iii) is a certified research institution.

(b) the person holds a permit authorizing the person to allow that prohibited species individual to breed, and

(c) the breeding is in accordance with a management plan approved by a regional manager.

## Release prohibited

5 A person must not release a restricted species individual or a prohibited species individual or allow a restricted species individual or a prohibited species individual to be released or to escape.

## Shipping or transportation

5.1 A person must not ship or transport in British Columbia a prohibited species individual unless the person holds a permit authorizing the shipping or transportation of the prohibited species individual.

This excerpt from the **Permit Regulation**, made under the Wildlife Act, is relevant:

8 A person who holds a permit under the Act or the Permit Regulation commits an offence if he or she fails to comply with a term of the permit.

# APPENDIX 1 DETAILED ENCLOSURE DESCRIPTION

## AMENDED CAS PERMIT VI13-85539

Please complete a Detailed Enclosure Description for each type of CAS. Please provide photographs showing critical details of the enclosure(s) to support your answers (see checklist on the permit application).

This plan is for the following CAS: Male, 3 month old Baby Polar Bear (microchip # 956000003109084)  
Common Name - e.g. Tiger

Please note: **This is an approved CFIA quarantine facility in which the baby polar bear will stay until the 30 day quarantine period is over. Then the baby will be taken to Winnipeg, for commercial filming. When the filming is over, the baby will be going back to China via Toronto.**

1. What is the length of the enclosure?

28 feet

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2. What is the height of the enclosure?

7 feet

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3. What is the width of the enclosure?

7 feet 6 inches

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4. What is the enclosure made of (i.e. a glass aquarium/terrarium, a fenced in area, etc)? Please be specific for each surface, for example, if wire is used for a side of a cage, what gauge is it?

The walls are metal on the outside with plywood on the inside. There are windows on both sides. There is a 9 gage chain link fence panels inside making a pen of 8 feet long and 7 .6 feet wide.

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5. Is there an indoor and outdoor component to the enclosure? Please explain.

Yes, the trailer is surrounded by 6 ft chain link fence but it is up to CFIA as to if the cub can go out because he is in quarantine for 30 days.

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6. Is the enclosure padlocked? If no, please explain why.

Yes.

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7. Is the enclosure double-walled? If no, please explain why.

Yes.

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8. Is the entrance double-doored? If no, please explain why.

Yes.

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9. Is there a roof to the enclosure? If yes, explain what it is made of. If no, explain why.

Yes the roof is made of metal with vents in it.

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10. If applicable, is there a den area where the CAS can sleep and/or hide? If yes, please provide detailed information about the size of this area.

We will have a den box made of wood 3 ft wide by 4 ft long and 3 ft high.

11. What is the floor of the enclosure made of? For example, is the floor of the enclosure made of cement, dirt, rocks, etc.

The floor is made of plywood.

12. Is there a secure area to place the CAS while the enclosure is being cleaned? Please explain details of how the CAS is moved and what the security measures are for the time the animal is in the area.

Yes, he will be placed in a vari kennel.

13. Describe natural or unnatural fixtures in the enclosure (pool, rocks, trees, branches, toys etc.) and their maintenance.

The young cub will be bedded with straw and or shavings. There will be a large log for the cub to climb on. There will be a wooden platform for the cub to jump up on and off of. Drilled holes in the log filled with some treats (food) to prevent boredom. There will be a few more toys, such as a hard plastic animal zoo balls, different angled PVC piping. The enclosure will also have a large Rubbermaid (hard rubber) tub for the cub to get in and out of filled with water, (like a small child's pool), 5ft in diameter and 3 feet high. The tub will be filled and drained with fresh water daily, starting at a low level (approx. 1 foot) teaching the cub to swim. The bear will also be able to have the different play devices (previously described) to bring into the water to also alleviate boredom, anxiety and frustration. We will alternate hanging one of the balls for the bear to swat and pay with by an unreachable chain.

## APPENDIX 2 PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN

### AMENDED CAS PERMIT VI13-85539

Please complete a Public Safety Plan for each type of CAS. The purpose of the Public Safety Plan is to ensure that people are safe from the CAS.

This plan is for the following CAS: **Male, 3 month old Baby Polar Bear (microchip # 956000003109084)**  
(Common Name - e.g. Tiger)

1. With whom, and how often does the CAS come into contact with people (including handler)?

Mark Dumas, the groom from Tianjin Haichang Polar Ocean World and a veterinarian, daily

2. How are you ensuring the safety of those that come into contact with the CAS?

Please see Emergency Procedures which is in place for all our wildlife.

3. How will you prevent the CAS from coming into unintended contact with other people?

He is under quarantine orders by CFIA so there will be limited contact.

4. How will you prevent the CAS from escaping?

Please see Emergency Procedures

5. If the CAS does escape how will it be recaptured?

Please see Emergency Procedures

6. If the CAS does escape, who do you plan to notify (e.g. landlord, police, etc.)? Please provide use with your plan.

Please see Emergency Procedures

7. If the CAS does escape, what is the threat to the public?

Minimal as he is a baby and has been hand reared.

8. What is the location of the nearest hospital? Has the medical staff been notified of any specific need in case of human injury with this species?

Abbotsford Regional Hospital There are no specific need required.

9. What is the proximity of the Conservation Officer Service (COS), Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) or local police and your veterinarian?

Anywhere from 20 – 35 minutes away.

**If the CAS is being transported:**

10. How is/are the CAS to be transported while in British Columbia? (i.e. what kind of transportation container is used? Is the container locked?

In a Ministry approved crate, then placed in our Ford truck then taken from/to the airport. Yes it is locked.

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11. What is the method of transferring the CAS into the transport container?

The CAS will be placed in the crate by either Mark Dumas or the groom who will travel with the baby.

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12. What is the expected duration of transport?

2 hour drive time from the airport to our compound and the CFIA approved quarantined area. Then when the quarantine period is over we will take the CAS back to the airport and fly to Manitoba.

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13. What is the emergency plan if the CAS escapes?

Please see Emergency Procedures

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14. If applicable, how is/are CAS being transported into/from British Columbia? (i.e. are International Air Transport Association (IATA) or Animal Transportation Association (ATA) standards (as applicable), for live animal transportation being followed?)

The baby is coming from China on an airplane following (IATA) guidelines and when the filming is completed, the CAS will be flying back home to China on an airplane.

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## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

### A) Breach of the compound enclosure

1. In an emergency, the handlers have three areas of responsibility:

To protect the public in the immediate area surrounding the farm and others; to protect the remaining animals and staff if any; to contain the escaped animal and return it safely to its enclosure.

2. In the event of an escape any number of onsite-qualified trainers has the knowledge and ability to instigate re-containment procedures. Any large or dangerous animal will not be allowed out of its escape proof cage if qualified trainers are not on site.

a) Qualified trainers will instigate re-containment procedures (See re-containment procedures).

b) In the event of an escape, non-qualified staff are required to move toward the onsite office building or main house whichever is closest or safest without running.

c) Alert the rest of the remaining staff compound with three blasts of a car horn or marine horn. They are then required to meet at the onsite office building or main house for further information from the on site manager or trainer on duty.

d) Either Dr. Ken Macquisten DVM or Dr. Bruce Burton DVM and if necessary both, will be notified to arrange for immediate travel to the Bradner Road compound with safe tranquilizing methods ready for use.

e) Notify the Conservation Officer Service (1-877-952-7277) by phone as per the emergency phone number list. (See attached list). The trainer on duty will determine if the local RCMP or fire department needs to be notified. Staff of Beyond Bears Inc at the onsite office is to direct veterinarians, conservation officers or any other qualified trainers to the scene of the breakout. Any travel required in the compound can be done in an enclosed vehicle.

f) When re - containment has been achieved, the staff, the required vets and the conservation officer will be notified that the situation is no longer unsafe.

### B) Breach of the supervised areas within the compound.

1. In the event of an escape, any number of onsite qualified trainers has the knowledge and ability to instigate re-containment procedures. Any large or dangerous animal will not be allowed out of its escape proof cage if the above-qualified staffs are not present in the compound.

2. a) Qualified trainers will instigate re- containment procedures. (See re containment procedures).

b) Alert the rest of the compound staff with three blasts of a car horn or marine horn. They are then required to meet at the onsite office building or main house for further information from the on site manager or qualified trainer.

c) When re- containment has been achieved, the staff, the required vets and the conservation officer will be notified that the situation is no longer unsafe.

### EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

<b>Dr. Ken Macquisten DVM</b>	<b>Work</b>	<b>(604)</b>	<b>850-0960</b>
	<b>Home</b>		s.22
	<b>Cell</b>	<b>(604)</b>	<b>309-5744</b>
<b>Dr. Bruce Burton DVM</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>(604)</b>	<b>856-4166</b>
<b>Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (Jack Evans or Brent Gurd)</b>	<b>Cell</b>	<b>(604)</b>	<b>341-1826</b>
	<b>Office</b>	<b>(604)</b>	<b>586-5650</b>
<b>RCMP</b>		<b>911</b>	
<b>Mark Dumas</b>	<b>Cell</b>	<b>(604)</b>	<b>302-1497</b>
<b>Dawn Dumas</b>	<b>Cell</b>	<b>(604)</b>	<b>864-1781</b>
<b>Fire Dept</b>		<b>911</b>	

### RE- CONTAINMENT PROCEDURES

In an emergency, the trainers have three areas of responsibility. First: to protect the public, (cast and crew), in the immediate area surrounding the location. Secondly: to protect the remaining animals and crew, if any. And finally: to contain the escaped animal and return it safely to the enclosure.

In the event of an escape, any number of Beyond Bears Inc. qualified trainers have the knowledge and ability to instigate re-containment procedures. Animals that are on a filming location, (film set), are not allowed out of their escape proof cage until or unless Beyond Bears' qualified trainers are on set.

Qualified trainer will instigate re-containment procedures that follow:

In the event of a breakout from a supervised containment area for any animal, there are different methods available based on the species of animal involved, (it's state of mind and level of food drive at the time.) These methods (leashing and trailers and the electric fence) are a part of the animal's previous training. This is a daily conditioning in the upkeep of the animals.

**Leashing:** All of the animals, with the exception of the Alaskan Brown Bear, are trained to walk on a leash or chain. Allowing the leash to be put on is a part of the animals' regular routine.

**Trailing:** All the animals are trained to travel in a Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations approved trailer. These trailers can be quickly moved into position wherever needed. The animal can then be easily coerced via food or bait to enter the trailer. Our qualified trainer can do this safely.

**Electric Fence:** For the bears, a portable electric fence containment system normally used on location can be used in an emergency by constructing it around the animal involved. Any of the bears can be easily distracted for the brief time needed by using food, bait, or in the event of a minimum appetite, a possession can be used. (IE. A toy or other desired article). This method will be used until the trailer is available then trailing would take effect.

**Bait or Food:** If easy access is available to an escape proof cage the qualified personnel can coerce the animal involved to return to it with a wide selection of food or bait readily available at all times.



**Toy or**

**Possessions:** This method can be used similar to Bait or Food when food drive has little or no effect.

In the unlikely event of a violent encounter with a staff member or another animal the controlled use of a CO2 fire extinguisher can be effectively and safely used to calm the situation until alternate methods of re-containment can be implemented.

**Drugs:** Will be used only as a last resort and will be supplied by and administered by a vet.

Before even considering letting an animal out of their escape proof cage, the area will be inspected and any safety concern are dealt with. The cast and crew are fully briefed on the correct procedure of what to do in the event of a breakout. The number of extra personnel is kept to a minimum when the animal is working.

Before an animal is brought to a location, notification is given to wildlife officials. If outside our normal vet's range, a local vet is contacted, so they could be prepared, in the event of an emergency. A tranquilizer gun is carried, in a secure location, which would be available as a last resort.

Our animals are not on display to the public, they are working animals for the movie and film industry. When a wild animal is required for a production project, it is assessed for any safety concerns and evaluated in the feasibility of the project. The animals that are contained in an electric fence while working are preconditioned and have a healthy respect for it as their containment. The fence contains 5000 volts (no ampere). The only personnel allowed inside this fence are the designated qualified trainers. All production personnel are kept outside of the electric fence of at least a distance of 5 feet. When the animal is working on set (location), there are a limited number of personnel on set.

## Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX

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**From:** Mark Dumas from Beyond Bears [beyondbears@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 4, 2013 11:55 AM  
**To:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Amended CAS Permit - VI13-85539 - Beyond Bears Inc.

Thank you very much

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

**From:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX [<mailto:Nurie.Aliperti@gov.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2013 11:47 AM  
**To:** 'Mark Dumas from Beyond Bears'  
**Subject:** Amended CAS Permit - VI13-85539 - Beyond Bears Inc.

Hello Mark Dumas or Daphne Greer,

Further to our phone conversation, please find attached an amended CAS permit which correctly identifies the scientific name of a Polar Bear as *Ursus maritimus*.

A hard copy will follow by regular mail in the next few days.

Thank you,

*Nurie Aliperti*

Wildlife and CAS Permit Administrator  
Permit and Authorization Service Bureau  
Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch  
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

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Direct Phone: (250) 952-0681  
Fax: (250) 387-1814

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March 26, 2013

Beyond Bears Inc.  
PO Box 3058  
Mission BC V2V 4J3

Attention: Mark Dumas or Daphne Greer

**RE: CONTROLLED ALIEN SPECIES PERMIT**

Attached is CAS Permit VI13-85539 authorizing you to possess controlled alien species as outlined in your permit.

Please take the time to read through your permit as to the terms of this permit and its advisories. For example:

- Within 72 hours of a CAS individual leaving British Columbia, the permit holder **MUST** submit to the Permit and Authorization Service Bureau via fax (250-387-1814) an affidavit by a person other than the permit holder (e.g. veterinarian, registered professional biologist) attesting to the fact that the CAS individual, identified as on the face page of this permit, has left British Columbia and the date of departure.
- The permit holder must immediately notify the Conservation Officer Service (1-877-952-7277) or the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Fish, Wildlife & Habitat Management Branch Regional Manager if a CAS individual escapes or is released

You have the right to appeal this decision to the Environmental Appeal Board within 30 days from the date of issue of your permit. For more information on the EAB appeal process, see Appendix 1, attached to this letter, and the following website: [www.eab.gov.bc.ca](http://www.eab.gov.bc.ca).

If you have any questions with regards to your permit please contact Nurie Aliperti, Permit Officer (Permit and Authorization Service Bureau) at 1-866-433-7272 ext 231.

Thank you,

Penny Lloyd  
A/Director of Wildlife

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## APPENDIX 1

### **Right to Appeal (notice required by Ministry policy)**

You may appeal this decision to the Environmental Appeal Board under section 101.1 of the *Wildlife Act*. To do this, you must give written notice of appeal to the Environmental Appeal Board not later than (a) 30 days from the date you actually receive this notice, or (b) 44 days from the date, this decision is deposited in Canada Post, registered mail, whichever is earlier.

A notice of appeal must comply with the Environmental Appeal Board procedure regulation (BC Reg. 1/82) under the *Environmental Management Act*. It may be provided by mailing it by registered mail to the chair of the Environmental Appeal Board at PO Box 9425 Stn. Prov. Govt., Victoria, B.C., V8W 9V1, or by leaving it for the chair during business hours at the 4<sup>th</sup> floor, 747 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C.

You, your counsel, or a representative must sign the notice of appeal and contain:

- your name and mailing address,
- the name of your counsel or representative, if any,
- the reasons for the appeal,
- particulars relative to the appeal, and
- a statement of the nature of the order requested.

Your notice of appeal must be accompanied by a fee of \$25.00, payable to the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations.

## Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX

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**From:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2013 3:38 PM  
**To:** Russell, Veronica A ENV:EX  
**Cc:** Ha, Diana ENV:EX  
**Subject:** FOR YOUR RECORDS: CAS permit - Beyond Bears Inc - VI13-85539  
**Attachments:** BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.pdf; BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.Permit Cover Letter.pdf

A copy for your records.

Thank you,

Nurie Aliperti  
Wildlife and CAS Permit Administrator  
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## Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX

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**From:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2013 3:37 PM  
**To:** 'Mark Dumas from Beyond Bears'  
**Subject:** Controlled Alien Species (CAS) Transitory Permit - Beyond Bears Inc. - VI13-85539  
**Attachments:** BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.pdf; BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.Permit Cover Letter.pdf

Hello Mark Dumas or Daphne Greer,

Please find attached Controlled Alien Species permit VI13-85539 and a letter from the Acting Director of Wildlife.

Also, please be aware that during the adjudication of your CAS transitory permit application, the Acting Director had a verbal conversation with the SPCA regarding the relevant details of your application.

Thank you,

Nurie Aliperti  
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## Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX

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**From:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2013 4:19 PM  
**To:** 'Sara Dubois'  
**Subject:** Controlled Alien Species (CAS) Permit - Beyond Bears Inc - VI13-85539  
**Attachments:** BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.pdf

Hello Sara,

As requested, please find attached a copy of the Controlled Alien Species (CAS) permit issued today to Beyond Bears Inc.

Please let me know if you require anything further.

Thank you,

Nurie Aliperti  
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## Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX

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**From:** Mark Dumas from Beyond Bears [beyondbears@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 5, 2013 2:49 PM  
**To:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** CAS application for baby polar bear  
**Attachments:** Beyond Bears CAS application.pdf; Certificate of insurance.pdf; Chinese HC for polar bear cub.pdf; CSA Apendixs.docx; IMAG0149.jpg; IMAG0150.jpg; IMAG0151.jpg; IMAG0152.jpg; IMAG0153.jpg; IMAG0156.jpg; IMAG0157.jpg; Baby polar bear.JPG; Emergency Procedure.doc; Re-containment procedures.doc

Good Afternoon Nurie,

We have finally received the Health Certificate for the baby polar bear. I know time is of the essence here and any assistance you can provide to expedite this application is greatly appreciated.

Cheers

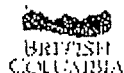
Daphne

Beyond Bears Inc

604-607-8833

Mark's cell 604-302-1497





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## Transitory\* Controlled Alien Species Permit Application

Please complete all sections of this form that are relevant to your situation. Type or print legibly. Attach additional sheets as needed.  
\*For use by the film industry or circuses\* or in other special circumstances for the possession and transportation of species individuals of Controlled Alien Species listed below ("CAS") that will be brought into British Columbia and remain only for a short time before leaving. Do not use this application for any other CAS permit or for any wildlife species. Please refer to the Permit & Authorization Service Bureau website for the appropriate application instead.

\*A circus is a travelling company, consisting of CAS, that will be used for public entertainment or public display.

### APPLICANT:

Last Name: DUMAS First Name: MARK Middle Initial: P  
Organization (if applicable): BEYOND BEARS INC  
Incorporation/Registry # (if applicable): BC 431089  
Name of Contact Person (if different from applicant): DAPHNE GREER  
Street or PO Box: PO BOX 3058  
City or Town: MISSION Province/State: BC Postal/Zip Code: V2V 4J3  
Phone (day): 604-607-8833 Cell: 604-302-1497 Fax: 604-302-1497 E-mail: beyondbears@shaw.ca

### PART A: CAS details

List each CAS individually and provide a recent (taken within the past 6 months) photograph of each CAS. If necessary, please use a separate sheet of paper. If the CAS has an identifying mark, please indicate that information below.

<u>Polar Bear</u> <u>Ursu:</u>	<u>Ursus maritimus</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>25month</u>	<u>there will be</u>
COMMON NAME*	LATIN NAME**	M/F	AGE	IDENTIFYING MARK (E.g. band #, tattoo, microchip)
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\* Tiger \*\* Panthera tigris

### PART B: Activity

Fill out one of sub-section a., b., or c. as applicable

a. The applicant is proposing to use the CAS for a film that is intended to be distributed commercially ☒

Type of production (i.e. feature film, TV series, commercial): feature film

Permit number as issued by the Authority Having Jurisdiction for film production: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of animal <sup>trainer</sup> ~~wrangler~~ (if different from applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

Is the animal <sup>trainer</sup> ~~wrangler~~ a member of the Teamsters Local 155 Union? Yes ☒ No ☐

If the wrangler is not a member of the Teamsters Local 155, please provide proof of the wrangler's qualification(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For further questions regarding this application

call Victoria 250-387-2928; elsewhere in B.C. 1-866-433-7272  
or visit the PASB website at <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/pasb/>

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b. The applicant is a circus ☐ Will the CAS be performing or exhibited while in BC? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please explain in detail the purpose of coming into BC.

c. The director of wildlife may authorize a person to possess a species individual of a CAS even though it was not in BC on March 16, 2009, but only if satisfied that special circumstances exist. Please explain in detail why the director should be satisfied that special circumstances exist:

### PART C: Shipping or transportation

Provide all the destination(s) (complete physical address) in BC where each CAS is (are) being brought.

Vancouver International Airport, 6566 Bradner Rd Abbotsford (our compound)

### PART D: Dates CAS will enter and leave BC

It is Ministry policy to normally require species individuals of CAS subject to Transitory CAS possession permits to be taken back out of BC following the completion of the activity they were initially brought in for; therefore, the Permit and Authorization Service Bureau needs to know the final date that the CAS is needed in BC. It is also Ministry policy to set the final removal date as one week after the CAS is no longer needed in BC.

DATE CAS WILL BE BROUGHT INTO BC: May 20/13 FINAL DATE THAT CAS NEEDED IN BC: June 30/13

Applicant **should** provide detailed information regarding the enclosure(s) in which the CAS will be housed. Photographs showing critical details of the CAS enclosure(s) are also required. See **Appendix 1** for the CAS detailed enclosure description form.

Applicant **should** complete a public safety plan that explains the measures they will take to ensure that public safety will be protected. See **Appendix 2** for the public safety plan form.

Applicant **should** complete a detailed CAS animal welfare plan that explains the measures they will take to ensure the health and welfare of the CAS. See **Appendix 3** for the CAS animal welfare plan form.

Applicant **should** provide proof of \$2 million in public liability and property damage insurance. See **Appendix 4** for the certificate of insurance.

Applicant **should** provide a veterinarian health certificate or other documentation from a licenced veterinarian, dated no earlier than 30 days before the date of this application, for each of the CAS indicating that each is free of disease (no particular form is required).

**NOTE:** The applicant is unlikely to receive a permit if the applicant does not provide a public safety plan, an animal welfare plan, a detailed description of all CAS enclosures with photographs, and proof of \$2 million in public liability and property damage insurance.

For further questions regarding this application

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Is there a municipal by-law regulating or prohibiting the possession of the species individuals of CAS in the location you plan to bring it to?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, will your possession of the CAS be in compliance with the municipal by-law? Yes ☐ No ☐

### IMPORTANT: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO BE INCLUDED WITH PERMIT APPLICATION:

- ☒ VETERINARIAN HEALTH CERTIFICATE
- ☒ PHOTOGRAPHS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL CAS
- ☒ DETAILED ENCLOSURE DESCRIPTION (APPENDIX 1)
- ☒ PHOTOGRAPHS OF CAS ENCLOSURE(S)
- ☒ PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN (APPENDIX 2)
- ☒ ANIMAL WELFARE PLAN (APPENDIX 3)
- ☒ CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE (APPENDIX 4)

The information required by this form and any documents you provide with it are collected under the authority of the Wildlife Act in accordance with the collection, use and disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act to process your permit application under the Wildlife Act. This information will be used to verify your eligibility for the permit you are seeking and for other purposes related to the administration of the Wildlife Act and may involve review with other bodies (your personal information will not be disclosed in this process). However, your personal information will be disclosed to the BCSPCA to determine infractions or pending charges under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. The SPCA is bound by the privacy provisions of the Personal Information Protection Act. If you have any questions about the collection or use of this information, contact the Director of Wildlife.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I represent that the information provided in this application is true.

  
Signature of Applicant

Mar 5/13  
Date of Application

It is an offence to knowingly make a false statement in order to obtain a permit. Violations may result in prosecution under the Wildlife Act, refusal of future permit requests or both. Any permit obtained knowingly using false information is void.

Please allow a minimum of 60 working days for processing.

Incomplete applications may delay processing time for a permit. Resubmitted applications are processed in resubmitted date order.

### PLEASE FORWARD MY PERMIT TO:

Address: (as above) ☐ or

Mail to: \_\_\_\_\_

or Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

or E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(your e-mail address or location of Government Agent/FrontCounter BC office to be picked up at)

Please send completed application and any supporting documents to the Permit and Authorization Service Bureau at one of the following:

By Mail: PO Box 9372 STN PROV GOVT, Victoria BC, V8W 9M3  
By Courier: 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 2975 Juidand Road, Victoria BC, V8W 9M3  
By Fax: (250) 387-1814 or through any Service BC - Government Agent Office  
or through any FrontCounter BC Office

### LEGISLATION

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call Victoria 250-387-2928; elsewhere in B.C. 1-866-433-7272  
or visit the PASB website at <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/pasb/>

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# APPENDIX 1

## CONTROLLED ALIEN SPECIES

### DETAILED ENCLOSURE DESCRIPTION

Please complete a Detailed Enclosure Description for each type of CAS. Please provide photographs showing critical details of the enclosure(s) to support your answers (see checklist on the permit application).

This plan is for the following CAS Baby Polar Bear  
Common Name - e.g. Tiger

Please note: This is an approved CFIA quarantine facility in which the baby polar bear will stay until the 30 day quarantine period is over. Then the baby will be taken to Winnipeg, for the shooting of the movie. When the movie shoot is over, the baby will be going back to China via Vancouver International Airport.

1. What is the length of the enclosure?  
28 feet

2. What is the height of the enclosure?  
7 feet

3. What is the width of the enclosure?  
7 feet 6 inches

4. What is the enclosure made of (i.e. a glass aquarium/terrarium, a fenced in area, etc)? Please be specific for each surface, for example, if wire is used for a side of a cage, what gauge is it?  
The walls are metal on the outside with plywood on the inside. There are windows on both sides. There is a 9 gage chain link fence panels inside making a pen of 8 feet long and 7 .6 feet wide

5. Is there an indoor and outdoor component to the enclosure? Please explain.  
Yes, the trailer is surrounded by 6 ft chain link fence but it is up to CFIA as to if the cub can go out because he is in quarantine for 30 days.

6. Is the enclosure padlocked? If no, please explain why.  
Yes

7. Is the enclosure double-walled? If no, please explain why.  
Yes

8. Is the entrance double-doored? If no, please explain why.  
Yes

9. Is there a roof to the enclosure? If yes, explain what it is made of. If no, explain why.  
Yes the roof is made of metal with vents in it.

10. If applicable, is there a den area where the CAS can sleep and/or hide? If yes, please provide detailed information about the size of this area.  
We will have a den box made of wood 3 ft wide by 4 ft long and 3 ft high

11. What is the floor of the enclosure made of? For example, is the floor of the enclosure made of cement, dirt, rocks, etc.  
The floor is made of plywood.

12. Is there a secure area to place the CAS while the enclosure is being cleaned? Please explain details of how the CAS is moved and what the security measures are for the time the animal is in the area.  
Yes, he will be placed in a vari kennel

13. Describe natural or unnatural fixtures in the enclosure (pool, rocks, trees, branches, toys etc.) and their maintenance.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please see Appendix 3 question number 12\_\_\_\_\_

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **CONTROLLED ALIEN SPECIES**

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN**

Please complete a Public Safety Plan for each type of CAS. The purpose of the Public Safety Plan is to ensure that people are safe from the CAS.

This plan is for the following CAS \_\_\_\_\_ Baby Polar Bear \_\_\_\_\_  
Common Name - e.g. Tiger

1. With whom, and how often does the CAS come into contact with people (including handler)?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mark Dumas, the groom from Tianjin Haichang Polar Ocean World and a veterinarian, daily

2. How are you ensuring the safety of those that come into contact with the CAS?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Please see attached safety plan which we have in place for all our wildlife \_\_\_\_\_

3. How will you prevent the CAS from coming into unintended contact with other people?  
\_\_\_\_\_ He is under quarantine orders by CFIA so there will be limited contact

4. How will you prevent the CAS from escaping?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Please see attached safety plan

5. If the CAS does escape how will it be recaptured?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Please see attached safety plan \_\_\_\_\_

6. If the CAS does escape, who do you plan to notify (e.g. landlord, police, etc.)? Please provide use with your plan.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Please see attached safety plan \_\_\_\_\_

7. If the CAS does escape, what is the threat to the public?  
\_\_\_\_\_ minimal as he is a baby and has been hand reared \_\_\_\_\_

8. What is the location of the nearest hospital? Has the medical staff been notified of any specific need in case of human injury with this species?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Abbotsford Regional Hospital There are no specific need required

9. What is the proximity of the Conservation Officer Service (COS), Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) or local police and your veterinarian?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Anywhere from 20 – 35 minutes away \_\_\_\_\_

**If the CAS is being transported:**

10. How is/are the CAS to be transported while in British Columbia? (i.e. what kind of transportation container is used? Is the container locked?

\_\_\_ In a ministry approved crate, then placed in our Ford truck then taken from/to the airport. Yes it is locked \_\_\_\_\_

11. What is the method of transferring the CAS into the transport container?

\_\_\_ The baby polar bear will be placed in the crate by either Mark or the groom who will travel with the baby. \_\_\_\_\_

12. What is the expected duration of transport?

\_\_\_ 2 hour drive time from the airport to our compound and the CFIA approved quarantined area. Then when the quarantine period is over we will take him back to the airport and fly to Manitoba. When the filming is over we will bring him back to our property so he can fly back to China. \_\_\_\_\_

13. What is the emergency plan if the CAS escapes?

\_\_\_ See attached public safety plan \_\_\_\_\_

14. If applicable, how is/are CAS being transported into/from British Columbia? (i.e. are International Air Transport

Association (IATA) or Animal Transportation Association (ATA) standards (as applicable), for live animal transportation being followed?)

\_\_\_ The baby is coming from China on an airplane following (IATA) guidelines and when the movie if finished filming he will be flying back home to China on an airplane. \_\_\_\_\_

## **APPENDIX 3**

### **CONTROLLED ALIEN SPECIES**

### **ANIMAL WELFARE PLAN**

Please complete an Animal Welfare Plan for each type of CAS. The Animal Welfare Plan should answer in full the following questions that are based on the BC SPCA's Five Freedoms:

This plan is for the following CAS \_\_\_ baby polar bear \_\_\_\_\_  
Common Name - e.g. Tiger

#### ***Freedom from hunger and thirst***

1. How often is the CAS fed?

\_\_\_ Approximately every 2 to 4 hours or as the young bears shows signs of being hungry. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What kind of food does the CAS receive? And is it commercially available to you?

\_\_\_ Esbalic (milk replacement) ground up recovery diet (dog food), salmon, chicken (lots of skin for additional fat) and various other kinds of fish & meats depending on preference of the baby bear. These foods are all readily available. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. If applicable, is the CAS receiving adequate and appropriate dietary and/or nutritional supplements? Please explain.

\_\_\_ as per our Veterinarian, We use Centrum (multivitamin) and calcium (both are ground up and put into the milk or feed. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Does the CAS have access to clean/potable water? If applicable, how is freezing mitigated?

\_\_\_ Fresh clean potable water at all times \_\_\_\_\_

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5. If there is more than one CAS in an enclosure, how are you ensuring that each CAS has access to adequate food and water? (I.e. how are you ensuring that both alpha and beta CAS receive adequate food and water?)

\_\_\_ No there is only one baby polar bear \_\_\_\_\_

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6. How often are the enclosure and fixtures cleaned and if applicable, bedding replaced?

\_\_\_ Three times daily or as needed \_\_\_\_\_

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7. How often is the CAS assessed by a veterinarian licensed in B.C.?

\_\_\_ Once a week for one month \_\_\_\_\_

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8. What is the course of action if the CAS becomes sick or injured?

\_\_\_ Any signs of illness or injury to the baby bear, our vet will be notified and will attend to the animal immediately. \_\_\_\_\_

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#### ***Freedom from distress***

9. What is the course of action if the CAS starts showing signs of fear, frustration, anxiety or depression?

\_\_\_ We plan to be with the baby polar bear at all time; as the cub has been hand reared by people and has not been with his mother. The bear will be comforted by our presence. If we notice signs of fear from something, we will remove the object causing the fear. \_\_\_\_\_

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#### ***Freedom from discomfort***

10. How is the CAS protected from environmental factors such as too much or too little heat, light, wind, humidity, etc?

\_\_\_ The enclosure has a heater for heat, an electric fan (there is a lot of ventilation also) to keep cool along with a larger container of water for the baby bear to get in and out of. The enclosure is protected from wind when all the doors are closed. We also put large ice cubes to keep cool on hot or humid days. The enclosure is also protected from the sun. \_\_\_\_\_

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11. How is the CAS protected from physical factors that may cause pain or discomfort (e.g. concrete flooring, exposed wire caging)?

\_\_\_\_\_The baby polar bear will be on a plywood floor which is attached to a steel frame. A 9 gage chain link fence will enclose the young animal with a secure gate to be locked at all times. \_\_\_\_\_

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***Freedom to express behaviours that promote well-being***

12. What are you doing to ensure the promotion of the CAS' natural behaviour? (For example, if applicable, is there a tree for CAS to climb, is there space for the CAS to jump, is there dirt for CAS to dig, is there an opportunity for social interactions?).

\_\_\_\_\_The young cub will be bedded with straw and or shavings. There will be a large log for the cub to climb on. There will be a wooden platform for the cub to jump up on and off of. Drilled holes in the log filled with some treats (food) to prevent boredom. There will be a few more toys, such as a hard plastic animal zoo balls, different angled PVC piping. The enclosure will also have a large Rubbermaid (hard rubber) tub for the cub to get in and out of filled with water, (like a small Childs' pool), 5ft in diameter and 3 feet high. The tub will be filled and drained with fresh water daily, starting at a low level (approx. 1 foot) teaching the cub to swim. The bear will also be able to have the different play devices (previously described) to bring into the water to also alleviate boredom, anxiety and frustration. We will alternate hanging one of the balls for the bear to swat and pay with by an unreachable chain. \_\_\_\_\_

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# APPENDIX 4



## CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

**Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**  
The personal information requested on this form is collected under the authority of and used for the purpose of administering the **Financial Administration Act**. Questions about the collection and use of this information can be directed to the Director, Client Services, Core Government and Citizens at 250 386-8815, PO Box 9105 STN PROV GOVT, Victoria BC V8W 9V1.  
Please refer all other questions to the contact named in Part 1.

Part 1 To be completed by the Province

THIS CERTIFICATE IS REQUESTED BY and ISSUED TO MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT FISH & WILDLIFE BRANCH	
PERMIT & AUTHORIZATION SERVICE BUREAU ATTN: CONTROLLED ALIEN SPECIES	PHONE NO (250) 387-2828 FAX NO (250) 387-1814
MAILING ADDRESS PO Box 9372 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria BC	POSTAL CODE V8W 9M3

Part 2 To be completed by the Insurance Agent or Broker

INSURED	NAME <b>BEYOND BEARS INC.</b>		
	ADDRESS <b>P.O. BOX 3058 6566 BRADNER RD. BOOTS RD, MESSIAH, BC</b>		
OPERATION S INSURED	POSTAL CODE <b>V2V 7S3</b>		
	PROVIDE DETAILS <b>TRAINING / SUPPLY OF ANIMALS TO THE FILM INDUSTRY</b>		
TYPE OF INSURANCE List each separately	COMPANY NAME, POLICY NO. & BRIEF DESCRIPTION	EXPIRY DATE YYYY/MM/DD	LIMIT OF LIABILITY/AMOUNT
COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY	LLLOYD'S #12-0096	2013/04/02	\$2,000,000.
	- GENERAL LIABILITY - TENANTS LEGAL LIABILITY	2013/04/02	\$250,000.

This certificate certifies that policies of insurance described herein are in full force and effective as of the date of this certificate and comply with the insurance requirements of the Agreement identified above, except as follows:

AGENT OR BROKER COMMENTS:

AGENT OR BROKER <b>BROKER DIRECT INSURANCE</b>	ADDRESS <b>202-15388 24th AVE, SURREY, BC</b>	PHONE NO (604) <b>200-0085</b>
SIGNED BY THE AGENT OR BROKER ON BEHALF OF THE ABOVE INSURER(S) 		DATE SIGNED <b>FEB 19, 2013</b>

Broker Direct Insurance Services Ltd.  
202-15388 24th Avenue  
South Surrey, BC V4A 2J2  
Ph: 604-200-0085 Fax: 604-200-0141

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# 动物健康证明

## Animal Health Certificate

罗清 Dr. Luo Qing

中华人民共和国农业部执业兽医师 Practicing veterinarian - Ministry of Agriculture of the People's Republic of China

证书编号 Certificate No: A012012120027

动物主人 Owner: 天津极地旅游有限公司海洋文化分公司 The Ocean Culture Branch of Tianjin Polar Tourism Limited Corporation

地址 Address: 天津市滨海新区响螺湾商务区 61 号 No. 61 CBD of Conch Bay, Binhai New Area, Tianjin, China.

电话 Phone: 86-22-25389599

证明日期 Date Issued: March 4, 2013

动物信息 Animal Information:

称呼 Name: "Pezoo"

种类 Species: 北极熊 Polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*)

出生日期 Date of Birth: December 12, 2012

性别 Sex: 雄性 Male

颜色 Color: 白色 White

体重 Weight: 12.03kg

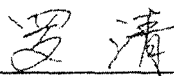
识别信息 Identification:

检查方法 Method of Examination: 外观体格检查 Visual / Physical

作为一名执业兽医师, 我证明本人已于 2013 年 3 月 4 日对上述动物进行了身体检查, 并证明该动物无危及自身、其它动物或人类的感染性疾病、接触性传染病、潜在传染性疾病或其他身体异常。

I certify, as a licensed veterinarian, that the above described animal has been inspected by me on March 4, 2013, and that she is not showing signs of infectious, contagious, communicable disease or physical abnormality that would endanger the animal, other animals, or the general public.

签字 Signed:



日期 Date:

2013.3.4

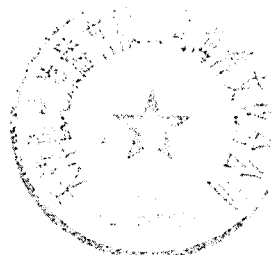
Dr. Luo Qing

Animal Research Center

No. 61 CBD of Conch Bay, Binhai New Area

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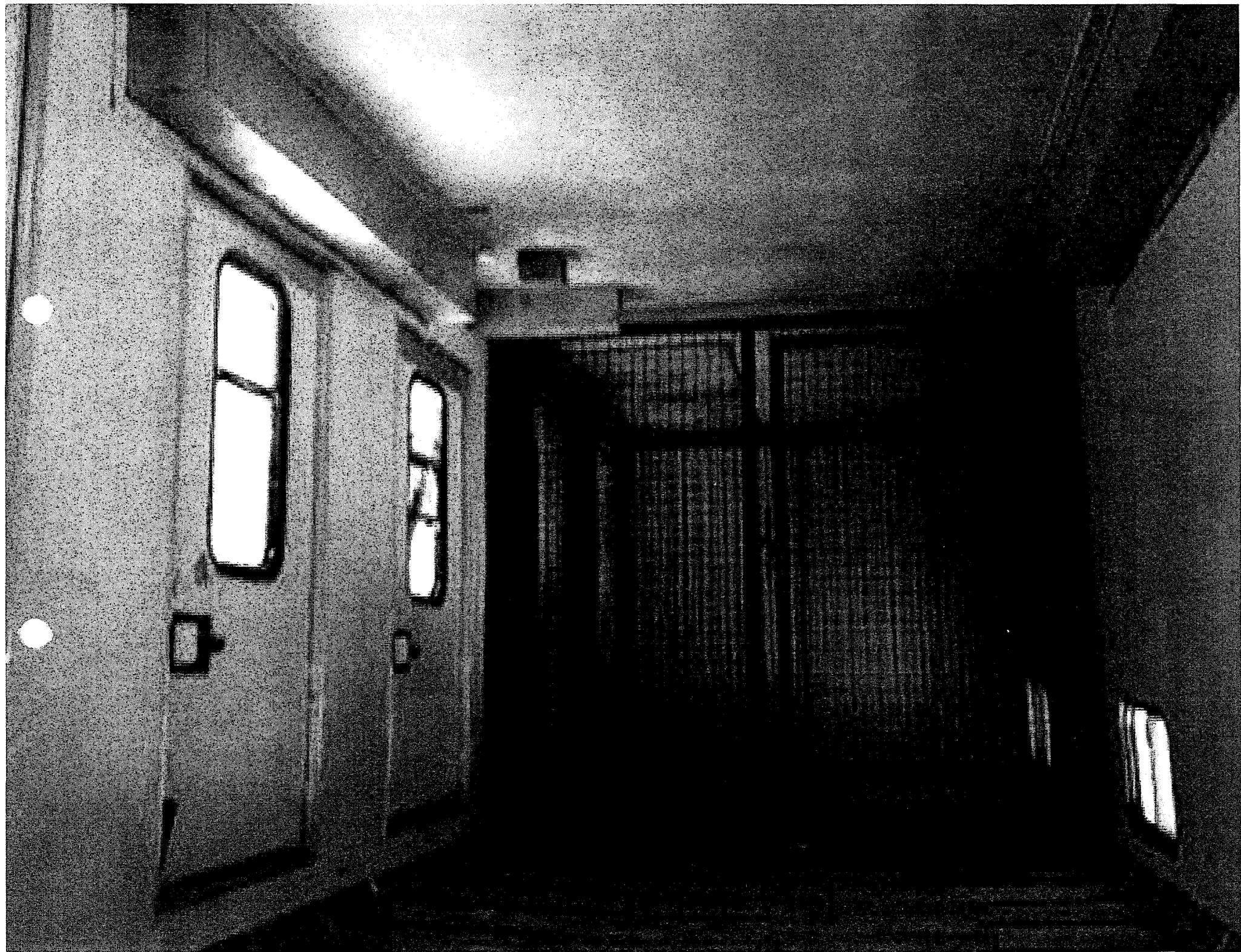














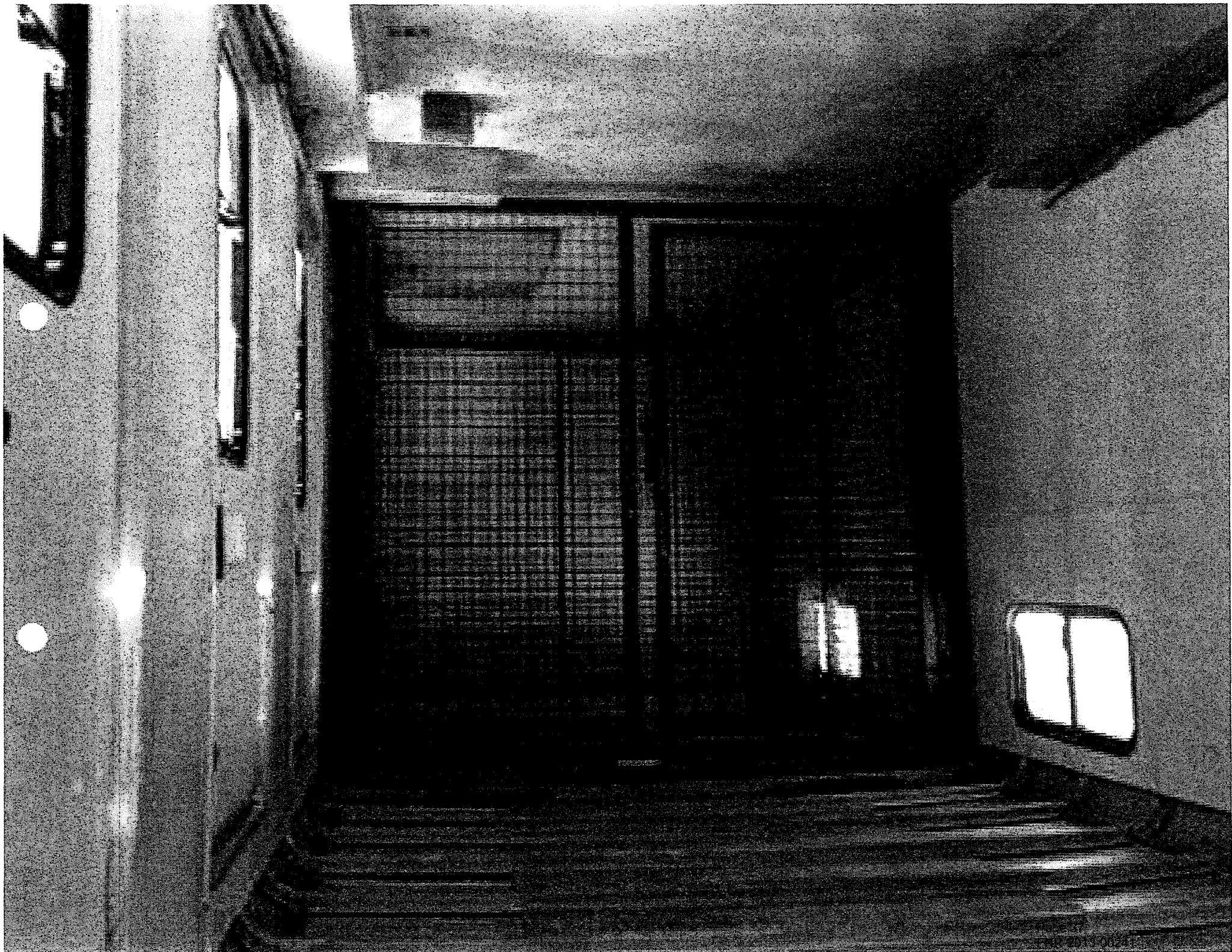


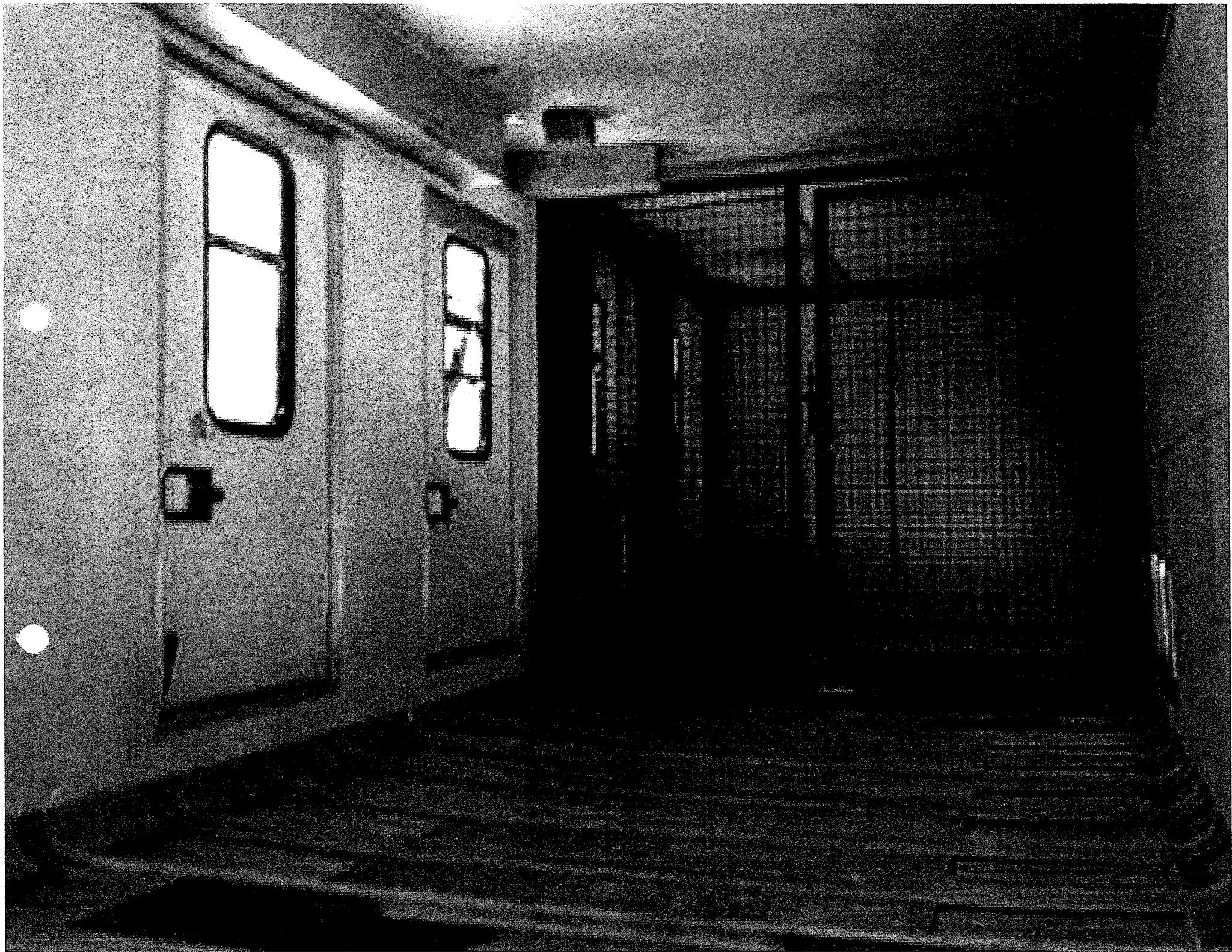














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## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

### A) Breach of the compound enclosure

1. In an emergency, the handlers have three areas of responsibility:

To protect the public in the immediate area surrounding the farm and others; to protect the remaining animals and staff if any; to contain the escaped animal and return it safely to its enclosure.

2. In the event of an escape any number of on site-qualified trainers has the knowledge and ability to instigate re-containment procedures. Any large or dangerous animal will not be allowed out of its escape proof cage if qualified trainers are not on site.

3. a) Qualified trainers will instigate re-containment procedures (See re-containment procedures).

b) In the event of an escape, non-qualified staff are required to move toward the on site office building or main house which ever is closest or safest without running.

c) Alert the rest of the remaining staff compound with three blasts of a car horn or marine horn. They are then required to meet at the on site office building or main house for further information from the on site manager or trainer on duty.

d) Either Dr. Ken Macquisten DVM or Dr. Bruce Burton DVM and if necessary both, will be notified to arrange for immediate travel to the Bradner Road compound with safe tranquillizing methods ready for use.

Notify the department of Environment and Lands conservation officer by phone as per the emergency phone number list. (See attached list). The trainer on duty will determine if the local RCMP or fire department needs to be notified. Staff at the on site office are to direct veterinarians, conservation officers or any other qualified trainers to the scene of the breakout. Any travel required in the compound can be done in an enclosed vehicle.



E) When re - containment has been achieved, the staff, the required vets and the conservation officer will be notified that the situation is no longer unsafe.

## **B) Breach of the supervised areas within the compound.**

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### **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

<b>Dr. Ken Macquisten DVM</b>	<b>Work</b>	<b>(604) 850- 0960</b>
	<b>Home</b>	<b>s.22</b>
	<b>Cell</b>	<b>(604) 309 - 5744</b>
<b>Dr. Bruce Burton DVM</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>(604) 856 - 4166</b>
<b>Environment and Lands</b>	<b>Cell</b>	<b>604-341-1826</b>
<b>(Jack Evans)</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>604-586-5650</b>
<b>RCMP</b>		<b>911</b>
<b>Mark Dumas</b>	<b>Cell</b>	<b>(604) 302 - 1497</b>
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## RE- CONTAINMENT PROCEDURES

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In the event of an escape, any number of Beyond Bears qualified trainers have the knowledge and ability to instigate re-containment procedures. Animals that are on a filming location, (film set), are not allowed out of their escape proof cage until or unless Beyond Bears' qualified trainers are on set.

Qualified trainer will instigate re-containment procedures that follow:

In the event of a breakout from a supervised containment area for any animal, there are different methods available based on the species of animal involved,( it's state of mind and level of food drive at the time.) These methods (leashing and trailers and the electric fence) are a part of the animal's previous training. This is a daily conditioning in the upkeep of the animals.

**Leashing-** All of the animals with the exception of the Alaskan Brown Bear, are trained to walk on a leash or chain. Allowing the leash to be put on is a part of the animals' regular routine.

**Trailing** - all the animals are trained to travel in a Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection, Fish & Wildlife approved trailer. These trailers can be quickly moved into position wherever needed. The animal can then be easily coerced via food or bait to enter the trailer. Our qualified trainer can do this safely.

**Electric Fence** - For the bears, a portable electric fence containment system normally used on location can be used in an emergency by constructing it around the animal involved. Any of the bears can be easily distracted for the brief time needed by using food, bait, or in the event of a minimum appetite, a possession can be used. (IE. A toy or other desired article). This method will be used until the trailer is available then trailing would take effect.

**Bait or Food** - If easy access is available to an escape proof cage the qualified personnel can coerce the animal involved to return to it with a wide selection of food or bait readily available at all times.

**Toy or Possession:** This method can be used similar to Bait or Food when food drive has little or no effect.

In the unlikely event of a violent encounter with a staff member or another animal the controlled use of a CO2 fire extinguisher can be effectively and safely used to calm the situation until alternate methods of re-containment can be implemented.

**Drugs** - Will be used only as a last resort and will be supplied by and administered by a vet.

Before even considering letting an animal out of their escape proof cage, the area will be inspected and any safety concern are dealt with. The cast and crew are fully briefed on the correct procedure of what to do in the event of a breakout. The number of extra personnel is kept to a minimum when the animal is working.

Before an animal is brought to a location, notification is given to wildlife officials. If outside our normal vet's range, a local vet is contacted, so they could be prepared, in the event of an emergency. A tranquilizer gun is carried, in a secure location, which would be available as a last resort.

Our animals are not on display to the public, they are working animals for the movie and film industry. When a wild animal is required for a production project, it is assessed for any safety concerns and evaluated in the feasibility of the project. The animals that are contained in an electric fence while working are preconditioned and have a healthy respect for it as their containment. The fence contains 5000 volts (no ampere). The only personnel allowed inside this fence are the designated qualified trainers. All production personnel are kept outside of the electric fence of at least a distance of 5 feet. When the animal is working on set (location), there are a limited number of personnel on set.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 6, 2013 9:46 AM  
**To:** Schwantje, Helen FLNR:EX  
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- This bear needs a microchip or some type of permanent ID – Dumas says “there will be” but the vet does not state one.
- Do not see any electric fencing around the trailer – is there not a need for security from ingress on the property or are they comfortable with this setup?
- When is the bear being shipped back to China?

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## Summary of CAS PAC Recommendations and Comments

**DATE:** March 5, 2013

**Application Number:** 85539

**Type of Application:** Transitory

**CAS Individual(s):** 2 ½ month old, male polar bear (x1)

☐ Recommended

☒ Changes/More Information required (before recommendation can be made)

☐ Not Recommended

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### CAS PAC Recommendations and Concerns to be addressed:

A) In the Cover Letter:

B) In the Advisory section of the permit:

C) As a Permit Condition:

D) By Requesting More Information from Applicant:

**MFLNRO:** March 5, 2013

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### CAS PAC Concerns Addressed in other ways:

**CAS PAC Concerns for discussion:**



**CAS PAC Notes:**



## **Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX**

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**From:** Schwantje, Helen FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 6, 2013 11:38 AM  
**To:** Smith, Jennifer FLNR:EX; Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 6, 2013 12:52 PM  
**To:** Gurd, Brent FLNR:EX  
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**From:** Mark Dumas from Beyond Bears [beyondbears@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 7, 2013 8:03 AM  
**To:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: CAS application for baby polar bear

Thank you

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

**From:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX [mailto:Nurie.Aliperti@gov.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2013 12:58 PM  
**To:** 'Mark Dumas from Beyond Bears'  
**Subject:** RE: CAS application for baby polar bear

Hello Daphne,

Thank you for submitting a CAS transitory permit application for a baby polar bear.

Your application package has been forwarded to the Controlled Alien Species Permit Advisory Committee (CAS PAC) and the South Coast regional office for review.

Once I receive further information, I will be able to advise you further.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 5, 2013 2:49 PM  
**To:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** CAS application for baby polar bear

Good Afternoon Nurie,  
We have finally received the Health Certificate for the baby polar bear. I know time is of the essence here and any assistance you can provide to expedite this application is greatly appreciated.

Cheers  
Daphne  
Beyond Bears Inc  
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Mark's cell 604-302-1497

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Hi Nurie,

I've read through the application and related material. I don't have any comments or concerns beyond what the CAS PAC has raised.

Regards,

Brent Gurd, Ph.D., R.P.Bio  
Wildlife Biologist  
Resource Management Branch  
South Coast Region  
BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations  
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CAS Re: Urgent Attendance for Polar Bear Cub quarantine in Abbotsford, British Columbia

To Director of Wildlife

This three month old male Polar Bear cub is coming into Canada from China for a motion picture

Production called Midnight Sun. He will arrive in British Columbia for quarantine as per CFIA guideline and pre-training, as soon as possible from Tianjin Haichang Polar Ocean World.

When the bear has cleared quarantine, he will then be transported to Manitoba where the Filming will begin. It will take approximately 6 weeks of filming, then he will return to British Columbia for the return flight back to China.

We were just given the green light on this project. We informed the production that we would do our best to expedite the permit process as quickly as possible, as they are relying heavily on a shooting schedule based on the arrival of the Cub and snow. We apologize for any inconvenience for such short notice.

Thus, your immediate attention to this permit application will greatly be appreciated. Time is crucial in this area if they are to proceed with the film production in Canada

Sincerely

*Mark Dumas*

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You can find the CFIA port-of-entry office you require on the following web link:

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/offices/eng/1300462382369/1300462438912>

Richmond office phone number is 604-666-7042

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For the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food  
Pour le ministre d'agriculture et agroalimentaire

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1. The original of this permit and any other necessary export documentation pertaining to the shipment must be provided for inspection at the first port of entry.

2. The zoosanitary export documentation pertaining to the shipment must clearly describe the animal(s) or thing(s) and the country of origin. The export document must be issued by a veterinary inspector of the central veterinary service of the country of origin; or by a

Veterinarian designated for such purposes by the central veterinary service of the country of origin and endorsed by an official veterinary inspector of the central veterinary service of the country of origin.

3. The conditions in this permit can only be changed or amended by a CFIA inspector. Any change to the permit by an unauthorized person will render the permit invalid.

4. Accompanying export documentation must be issued in either English or French.

5. Should the disease status of the country of origin change between the time of issuance of this permit and the time of unrestricted entry into Canada, the import shipment may be refused entry into Canada or be subject to additional quarantine and testing or treatment. Importers will be responsible for any additional incurred costs.

**6. CERTIFICATION**

7. The animal(s) and donor animal(s) must originate from a premises certified free from brucella abortus as follows:

Certification/Inspection Requirements:

1) The premises of origin must have been free from any clinical, pathological and epidemiological evidence of brucellosis for the thirty-six (36) months immediately preceding exportation or collection.

8. The animal(s) or thing(s) must originate from a premises certified free from pseudorabies (Aujeszky's disease).

Certification/Inspection Requirements:

1) The premises of origin and all farms within a radius of three (3) kilometers must have been free from any clinical or epidemiological evidence of



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pseudorabies (excluding viral strains associated with approved marker vaccines) for a period of twelve (12) months prior to exportation.

9. The animal(s), donor animal(s) or thing(s) must originate from a premise certified free from rabies.

Certification/Inspection Requirements:

1) The premises of origin must have been free from any clinical or epidemiological evidence of rabies, in livestock, for a period of six (6) months prior to the date of export or any quarantine related to the exportation.

10. The animal(s) or donor animal(s) must originate from a premises certified free from tuberculosis as follows:

Certification/Inspection Requirements:

1) The premises of origin has been free from any clinical, microbiological, pathological, or epidemiological evidence of tuberculosis (*Mycobacterium bovis*) for the thirty-six (36) months immediately prior to movement of the animal(s) off the premises or collection.

11. The animal(s) must be certified free of brucellosis. Animals being presented for importation must not have been vaccinated for brucellosis.

Certification/Inspection Requirements:

1) Negative results for brucella abortus must have been obtained using the buffered plate antigen test (BPAT) or complement fixation (CF) or, where applicable, an alternate test acceptable to CFIA, on samples taken from the animal(s) within thirty (30) days of export or collection. During post entry quarantine in Canada, the animal(s) must be retested for brucellosis using the BPAT or, where applicable, an alternate test acceptable to CFIA, with negative results.

12. The animal(s) must be certified free from pseudorabies (Aujeszky's disease).

Certification/Inspection Requirements:

1) The animals must have tested negative for pseudorabies (excluding viral strains associated with approved marker vaccines) using serum neutralization (SN) or indirect ELISA or, where applicable, an alternate test acceptable to CFIA, conducted within thirty (30) days preceding the date of shipment.

During post entry quarantine in Canada negative test results for pseudorabies (excluding viral strains associated with approved marker vaccines) must be obtained using SN or indirect ELISA or, where applicable, an alternate test acceptable to CFIA, on samples taken from the animals at least thirty (30) days after previous tests.

13. The residency of the animal(s) being presented for importation must be certified as follows:

Certification/Inspection Requirements:

1) The animal(s) being presented for importation must have been continually resident in the country or zone of origin for at a minimum of six (6) months immediately preceding shipment or any quarantine period.





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14. The animal(s) being presented for importation must not come into contact with any animals, products or equipment of a lesser zoosanitary health status during the entire required periods of residency, isolation, storage, transportation to the port of exportation.

15. The animals must be certified to have been treated for parasites as follows:

Certification/Inspection Requirements:

1) The animal must have been treated for internal and external parasites with effective broad spectrum parasiticides during the thirty (30) days prior to export and the dates of treatment, active ingredients and dose rates used for each animal are either recorded on the export certificate or on an individual health record attached to the export certificate.

16. The animal(s) being presented for importation must be identified by an acceptable electronic means.

Certification/Inspection Requirements:

1) The animal(s) to be imported must be permanently and uniquely identified with electronic microchips in the country of origin. The accompanying export certification must correlate the unique identification number to a description detailing the animals' breed, colour, sex, age and any identifying marks, as appropriate. The location of the microchip must be described. A reader capable of reading the chips must accompany the animals to the Canadian port(s) of entry. Immature, unweaned animals travelling at the foot of their dam, may be identified by external means correlating to that of its dam. This identification must be recorded on the accompanying export health certificate.

17. The animals must be certified to be fit to be transported without undue suffering by reason of infirmity, illness, injury, fatigue or other cause during the expected journey. They may be ordered removed from Canada if the manner of shipping is found to be in contravention of transport regulations under the Health of Animals Regulations.

Certification/Inspection Requirements:

1) The animals must be accompanied by a declaration by the certifying veterinarian or shipper in the country of origin stating: When transport is by air, transportation of the animals is in accordance with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations, approved by the Office International des Epizooties (OIE). For all forms of transport, suitable arrangements have been made for the feeding, watering and care of the animals during transportation, as far as can be determined. Where applicable, the shipment must not include animals that will probably give birth during transportation. Young animals being shipped without their dam have been fully weaned prior to export.

18. The animal(s) described on this permit must be shipped by the most direct and appropriate route from the point of export to the address of destination in Canada. Transshipment through another country requires written authorization from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Certification/Inspection Requirements:

1) Written approval for routing of the shipment of animals through another country must be attached to the permit and accompany the shipment. With the exception of changing planes, animals must not be off loaded at any port of call en route.



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19. The animals presented for importation must be tested and treated for endo- and ecto- parasites during the post entry quarantine.

Certification/Inspection Requirements:

1) During the post entry quarantine, the animal(s) presented for importation must be subjected to at least two test for endo and ecto parasites. Samples should be taken at the beginning of the quarantine and repeated near the end of the quarantine period. Testing methods and antiparasitic treatment should be used as appropriate to the species of animal and parasitic agent.

20. Any animal that dies during quarantine must be subjected to a post-mortem examination by a licensed veterinarian to determine the cause of death and the CFIA is to be advised. Carcasses of imported animals that die, must be disposed of in a manner that prevents the entry into the food chain of any animal.

**21. IMPORTER'S OBLIGATIONS**

22. The animal(s) and its accompanying documentation must be presented for inspection to a federal veterinary inspector at the first point of entry. Prior arrangements must be made to ensure that inspection will be provided at the appropriate time.

23. The animal(s) must be imported into Canada through a minimum level quarantine facility approved by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency for that purpose. The import quarantine facility must have been previously approved for use as a minimum security quarantine facility by a veterinary inspector designated under the Health of Animals Act. The facility evaluation shall include: location, fencing, physical structure, lighting, water supply, waste disposal, vector and pest control, movement of people, security, cleaning and disinfection protocols. A report that the facility has been approved must have been issued by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). No animal may be moved from their respective quarantine premises until duly discharged by an inspector designated under the Health of Animals Act. On completion of quarantine with negative results on all tests, the animals will be released to the importer and / or owner.

24. The animal(s) being presented for importation must be quarantined for a minimum of thirty (30) days or a longer period of time as necessary to complete the tests required to meet the import conditions. The animals must be quarantined at the premises previously approved for such purpose by a veterinary inspector designated under the Health of Animals Act and specified on this permit.

25. The importer is responsible for all costs incurred or associated with any testing or treatment of the animal(s) that may be required under the import permit or under the authority of the Health of Animals Act or the Health of Animals Regulations. The importer shall pay all fees for services required in respect of the importation under the National Animal Health Program Cost Recovery Fees Regulations in place at the time of importation.

26. Consideration of an application necessary for issuance of a permit to import the described animal is subject to Class 1 fees.

27. The issuance of this permit does not relieve the owner or the importer of the obligation to comply with any other relevant federal, provincial or municipal



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legislation or requirement.

28. Failure to comply with the conditions contained in this permit or with the provisions of the Health of Animals Act and Regulations may result in the cancellation of this permit and will result in the forfeiture to the Crown of the animal(s) imported or in the removal of the animal(s) from Canada, all without compensation to, and at the expense of the importer. No person shall import any animal(s) into Canada from any country unless the animal(s) meet the conditions that are shown on the export certificate issued by the exporting country. The importer(s) are responsible for the animal(s) imported their health, fitness, soundness, and freedom from disease, active or latent, and genetic or other defects. Where the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) carries out tests and takes precautions when animal(s) are imported into Canada to reduce the risk of the introduction and spread of disease in Canada, such tests and precautions do not constitute and are not a warranty, guarantee, assurance, undertaking or anything similar that the animals imported are healthy, fit, sound, free from disease, active or latent or genetic or other defects and such tests and precautions do not relieve or lessen the importer's responsibility as set out above. The importer, his heirs, executors, successors and assigns release and discharges Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada and the CFIA of and from all claims and demands, damages, actions or causes of action arising or to arise by reason of the importation of the animals and agrees to indemnify and save harmless Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada and the CFIA from and against all actions, damages, claims and demands which may be brought in respect of or arising out of the importation of such animal(s), their health, fitness, soundness, freedom or otherwise from disease, active or latent, genetic or other defects.

29. The terms used in the accompanying export documentation must be consistent with definitions under the Health of Animals Act and Regulations.

Certification/Inspection Requirements:

1) "Animal" includes birds, bees, hatching eggs, embryos and fertilized ova / eggs.

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Original of this Import Permit must be presented at port of entry inspection and all conditions of import permit are required to be met prior to arrival at port of entry.

## Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX

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**From:** Mark Dumas from Beyond Bears [beyondbears@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 7, 2013 8:49 AM  
**To:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: CAS application for baby polar bear  
**Attachments:** CFIA Import permit baby polar bear.pdf; Letter to CAS.docx

Good Morning Nurie,

I'm not sure if you need a copy of our CFIA import permit. I realized I didn't include it with all of the other attachments.

Cheers  
Daphne

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

**From:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX [mailto:Nurie.Aliperti@gov.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2013 12:58 PM  
**To:** 'Mark Dumas from Beyond Bears'  
**Subject:** RE: CAS application for baby polar bear

Hello Daphne,

Thank you for submitting a CAS transitory permit application for a baby polar bear.

Your application package has been forwarded to the Controlled Alien Species Permit Advisory Committee (CAS PAC) and the South Coast regional office for review.

Once I receive further information, I will be able to advise you further.

Thank you,

Nurie Aliperti  
Wildlife and CAS Permit Administrator  
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**From:** Mark Dumas from Beyond Bears [mailto:beyondbears@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 5, 2013 2:49 PM  
**To:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** CAS application for baby polar bear

Good Afternoon Nurie,

We have finally received the Health Certificate for the baby polar bear. I know time is of the essence here and any assistance you can provide to expedite this application is greatly appreciated.

Cheers  
Daphne  
Beyond Bears Inc

Mark's cell 604-302-1497

## Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX

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**From:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 7, 2013 10:05 AM  
**To:** Schwantje, Helen FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT ACTION: New Controlled Alien Species (CAS) transitory permit application for review and comments - BEYOND BEARS INC.85539  
**Attachments:** BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.CFIA Import permit baby polar bear.pdf; 85539.Letter to Director of Wildlife re-CAS.doc

Hi Helen,

Please find attached the following additional documents received today from the applicant for your review and comments:

1. Copy of Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) Import Permit; and
2. Letter to the Director of Wildlife regarding this application;

Please let me know if you require anything further.

Thank you,

Nurie

**From:** Schwantje, Helen FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 6, 2013 11:38 AM  
**To:** Smith, Jennifer FLNR:EX; Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT ACTION: New Controlled Alien Species (CAS) transitory permit application for review and comments - BEYOND BEARS INC.85539

- This bear needs a microchip or some type of permanent ID
- What provisions are there for security from ingress onto the property
- What are the exact timelines for arrival in BC, arrival in MB and back to BC and China?
- Please request confirmation that the trailer is adequate for quarantine and a copy of correspondence from the CFIA re quarantine.

**From:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 6, 2013 9:46 AM  
**To:** Schwantje, Helen FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** URGENT ACTION: New Controlled Alien Species (CAS) transitory permit application for review and comments - BEYOND BEARS INC.85539  
**Importance:** High

Hello Helen,

Please find attached a new CAS transitory application package for your review and comments.

### Important Notes:

- This CAS transitory permit application is to bring a baby (2 ½ month old) polar bear into BC on March 20, 2013 until June 30, 2013;

- amended CAS Permit VI10-61069 for a female, 18 year old Polar Bear for the purpose of commercial filming.
  - wildlife permit (SU12-79732), valid August 1, 2012 to July 31, 2013, to possess live wildlife for the purpose of the film industry but not for public display.
- In previous email correspondence with the applicant, PASB was advised that an application would likely be submitted for CAS (baby polar bear) to be brought into BC for the required CFIA 30-day quarantine period. After the 30 day quarantine period is over, the applicant has proposed that the baby polar bear will be transported to Winnipeg, where the commercial filming will take place, and, once the filming is over, return to BC so that the baby polar bear can return to China via the Vancouver International Airport.

As the applicant has indicated on the application that the proposed date to bring the CAS into BC is **March 20, 2013**, it would be much appreciated if you could provide any comments that you would like the Director to consider when adjudicating this application as soon as possible, or **before 4:30 pm Friday March 8, 2013** so that this application can proceed to the next stage of the adjudication process.

**Supporting documents:**

1. CAS transitory permit application (attached);
2. Appendices 1, 2 and 3 (Detailed Enclosure Description, Public Safety Plan and Animal Welfare Plan) – attached;
3. Certificate of Insurance (attached);
4. Animal Health Certificate from China (attached);
5. Photos of enclosure – inside and outside (attached);
6. Photo of CAS (baby polar bear) – attached;
7. Emergency Procedures (attached);
8. Re-containment Procedures (attached);
9. Email correspondence with the applicant January 25, 2013 regarding bringing a 3 baby bears (1 polar bear, 2 Syrian ) into BC (attached);
10. COORS – no history.

Please let me know if you require anything further.

Your assistance is much appreciated.

Thank you,

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Attention: Mark Dumas or Daphne Greer

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**To:** Smith, Jennifer FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** draft letter to applicant with CAS PAC questions - 85539  
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Importance: High

Hello Helen,

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**Supporting documents:**

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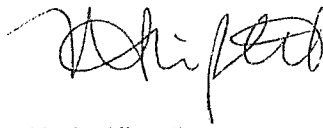
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**From:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 6, 2013 9:46 AM

**To:** Schwantje, Helen FLNR:EX

**Subject:** URGENT ACTION: New Controlled Alien Species (CAS) transitory permit application for review and comments - BEYOND BEARS INC.85539

**Importance:** High

Hello Helen,

Please find attached a new CAS transitory application package for your review and comments.

**Important Notes:**

- This CAS transitory permit application is to bring a baby (2 ½ month old) polar bear into BC on March 20, 2013 until June 30, 2013;
- This applicant currently holds the following permits:
  - amended CAS Permit VI10-61069 for a female, 18 year old Polar Bear for the purpose of commercial filming.
  - wildlife permit (SU12-79732), valid August 1, 2012 to July 31, 2013, to possess live wildlife for the purpose of the film industry but not for public display.
- In previous email correspondence with the applicant, PASB was advised that an application would likely be submitted for CAS (baby polar bear) to be brought into BC for the required CFIA 30-day quarantine period. After the 30 day quarantine period is over, the applicant has proposed that the baby polar bear will be transported to Winnipeg, where the commercial filming will take place, and, once the filming is over, return to BC so that the baby polar bear can return to China via the Vancouver International Airport.

As the applicant has indicated on the application that the proposed date to bring the CAS into BC is **March 20, 2013**, it would be much appreciated if you could provide any comments that you would like the Director to consider when adjudicating this application as soon as possible, or **before 4:30 pm Friday March 8, 2013** so that this application can proceed to the next stage of the adjudication process.

**Supporting documents:**

1. CAS transitory permit application (attached);

2. Appendices 1, 2 and 3 (Detailed Enclosure Description, Public Safety Plan and Animal Welfare Plan) – attached;
3. Certificate of Insurance (attached);
4. Animal Health Certificate from China (attached);
5. Photos of enclosure – inside and outside (attached);
6. Photo of CAS (baby polar bear) – attached;
7. Emergency Procedures (attached);
8. Re-containment Procedures (attached);
9. Email correspondence with the applicant January 25, 2013 regarding bringing a 3 baby bears (1 polar bear, 2 Syrian ) into BC (attached);
10. COORS – no history.

Please let me know if you require anything further.

Your assistance is much appreciated.

Thank you,

*Nurie Aliperti*

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## Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX

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**From:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2013 11:48 AM  
**To:** Smith, Jennifer FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Transitory Controlled Alien Species (CAS) permit application - one male 2 1/2 month old Polar Bear

FYi below.

I have forwarded the applicant's response to CAS PAC for further review and comments.

Thanks,

Nurie

**From:** Mark Dumas from Beyond Bears [mailto:beyondbears@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2013 11:25 AM  
**To:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Transitory Controlled Alien Species (CAS) permit application - one male 2 1/2 month old Polar Bear

Please see answers in blue below,

Thank you Nurie for all your assistance  
Cheers  
Daphne

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

**From:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX [mailto:Nurie.Aliperti@gov.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 08, 2013 12:44 PM  
**To:** 'Mark Dumas from Beyond Bears'  
**Subject:** Transitory Controlled Alien Species (CAS) permit application - one male 2 1/2 month old Polar Bear

Hello Mark Dumas or Daphne Greer,

Thank you for submitting a Transitory Controlled Alien Species (CAS) permit application to temporarily possess a male, 2 ½ month old Polar Bear in British Columbia. Your application states that you wish to bring the CAS into BC to satisfy a 30 day quarantine period required by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) before transporting the Polar Bear to Winnipeg, Manitoba for commercial filming.

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Please confirm that the CAS has been implanted with an electronic microchip and confirm what the microchip/identification number is. 956000003109084

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The trailer is located at the back part of our fully secured fenced property away from any existing

area has been CFIA approved,

3. In your application package, you propose to bring the CAS into British Columbia for a 30 day quarantine period, transport the CAS from BC to Manitoba for filming, then come back to BC once filming is complete and leave BC to travel back to the country of origin; however, specific dates for leaving and re-entry into BC have not been provided.

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Please note that we are requesting this short turn-around time for your response because we understand that you require a decision on this application before March 20, 2013.

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## Summary of CAS PAC Recommendations and Comments

**DATE:** March 5, 2013

**Application Number:** 85539

**Type of Application:** Transitory

**CAS Individual(s):** 2 ½ month old, male polar bear (x1)

☒ Recommended

☒ Changes/More Information required (before recommendation can be made)

☐ Not Recommended

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### CAS PAC Recommendations and Concerns to be addressed:

A) In the **Cover Letter**:

- CAS individuals should be uniquely identifiable (i.e. PIT tagged, micro-chipped, tattooed, etc).

B) In the **Advisory** section of the permit:

C) As a **Permit Condition**:

D) By Requesting **More Information** from Applicant:

**MFLNRO:** March 5, 2013

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### CAS PAC Notes:

**MFLNRO:** March 8, 2013

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## Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jennifer FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2013 5:02 PM  
**To:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT ACTION: New Controlled Alien Species (CAS) transitory permit application for review and comments - BEYOND BEARS INC.85539

Thanks Nurie!!

Looks like we should be ready to send the whole package to Daphne for her to review before the application goes to the director.

Cheers,  
Jen

**From:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2013 4:52 PM  
**To:** Smith, Jennifer FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT ACTION: New Controlled Alien Species (CAS) transitory permit application for review and comments - BEYOND BEARS INC.85539

Hi Jen,

I had a chance to speak with Helen this afternoon about the applicant's response below and Helen has told me that she is fine with this CAS application and has no further comments.

Thanks,

Nurie

**From:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2013 11:47 AM  
**To:** Schwantje, Helen FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT ACTION: New Controlled Alien Species (CAS) transitory permit application for review and comments - BEYOND BEARS INC.85539

Hi Helen,

Further to your emails below, please find attached a response from the applicant for review.

For your convenience, I have also copied the applicant's response below.

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Mon 2013-03-11 11:25 AM:

Please see answers in blue below,

Thank you Nurie for all your assistance

Cheers

Daphne

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

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The trailer is located at the back part of our fully secured fenced property away from any of our existing animals. There is a fenced area in which the trailer is located which has a double locked gate. As we are not a zoo we don't have random public on our property. There will be a qualified staff member living with the baby polar bear in the double locked trailer for his 30 day stay in BC. This area has been CFIA approved,

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Thank you,

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Please let me know if you require anything further.

Thank you.

Nurie

**From:** Schwantje, Helen FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, March 8, 2013 9:29 AM  
**To:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT ACTION: New Controlled Alien Species (CAS) transitory permit application for review and comments - BEYOND BEARS INC.85539

Fine with me but still would like a permanent ID at some point.

**From:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 7, 2013 10:05 AM  
**To:** Schwantje, Helen FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT ACTION: New Controlled Alien Species (CAS) transitory permit application for review and comments - BEYOND BEARS INC.85539

Hi Helen,

Please find attached the following additional documents received today from the applicant for your review and comments:

1. Copy of Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) Import Permit; and
2. Letter to the Director of Wildlife regarding this application;

Please let me know if you require anything further.

Thank you,

Nurie

**From:** Schwantje, Helen FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 6, 2013 11:38 AM  
**To:** Smith, Jennifer FLNR:EX; Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT ACTION: New Controlled Alien Species (CAS) transitory permit application for review and comments - BEYOND BEARS INC.85539

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March 19, 2013

Beyond Bears Inc.  
PO Box 3058  
Mission BC V2V 4J3

Attention: Mark Dumas or Daphne Greer

**RE: TRANSITORY CONTROLLED ALIEN SPECIES(CAS) PERMIT APPLICATION – ONE MALE, 2 ½ MONTH OLD POLAR BEAR**

I write to notify you that your Controlled Alien Species (CAS) transitory permit application will be forwarded to the Director of Wildlife on **Friday March 22, 2013** for adjudication, unless we receive a reply from you prior to March 22, 2013, in which case your application will be sent to the Director of Wildlife before March 22, 2013.

I would like to provide you with an opportunity to add any additional information for his consideration before he makes a decision regarding your application.

This letter, including the following enclosed documents and any additional comments you may want to include will be forwarded to the Director for his consideration when adjudicating your application:

- Your complete CAS transitory permit application package received by PASB on March 5, 2013;
- Copy of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) import permit issued to Beyond Bears received by PASB on March 7, 2013;
- Letter to the Director of Wildlife received by PASB on March 7, 2013;
- Written correspondence to you from PASB on March 8, 2013 regarding questions raised by the CAS Permit Advisory Committee (PAC) and the South Coast regional office;
- Your written response to the letter of March 8, 2013 received by PASB on March 11, 2013;
- The summary of CAS PAC Recommendations and Comments;
- Comments from the South Coast regional office regarding your transitory permit application;

If you would like to provide comments regarding the above documents, please ensure any comments are forwarded in writing to this office by email to [Nurie.Aliperti@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Nurie.Aliperti@gov.bc.ca) or by fax to (250) 387-1814 no later than **12:00 pm Thursday March 21, 2013** so they can be considered by the Director. If you choose not to submit any comments or requests by this date, they won't be available for the Director to consider when making a decision.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (250) 952-0681 or toll free (within BC) at 1-866-433-7272, extension 27.

Sincerely,

Nurie Aliperti  
CAS Permit Administrator  
Permit and Authorization Service Bureau

Encl.

**Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX**

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**From:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 9:12 AM  
**To:** Smith, Jennifer FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** CAS - BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.Letter to client - oppportunity to respond  
**Attachments:** BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.Letter to client - oppportunity to respond.doc

Hi Jen,

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Would you be able to review this letter and let me know what changes or revisions you suggest?

Thanks so much,

Nurie

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Yes – sorry, I forgot to include that – I will add that to the letter.

Thanks,

Nurie

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Hi Nurie,

This letter looks good to me ☺ One question though, I didn't see reference to the SPCA check, should that be added into the bulleted list?

Cheers,  
Jen

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**From:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 10:06 AM  
**To:** 'Sara Dubois'  
**Subject:** URGENT ACTION - CAS- SPCA Records Check - 85539

**Importance:** High

Hello Sara,

We have received a CAS transitory (CAS will be in BC for a specified period of time) permit application from an existing CAS commercial filming permit holder to import a 2 ½ month old polar bear from China to satisfy a 30 day quarantine period required by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). Once the quarantine period is over, the baby polar bear will leave BC to complete commercial filming in Manitoba and then return to China via Toronto.

Would you be able to do a cruelty check for the following?:

Name: Mark Dumas  
Address: 6566 Bradner Road  
Abbotsford BC  
Telephone: (604) 607-8833

Organization: Beyond Bears Inc.  
Address: PO Box 3058  
Mission BC V2V 4J3  
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As the applicant is proposing to import the polar bear on March 30, 2013, we are hoping to put this application in front of the Director this Friday March 22, 2013 so it would be much appreciated if you could provide a response as soon as possible, but **no later than 4:00 pm Wednesday March 20, 2013.**

Please accept my apologies for the short notice.

Your assistance is much appreciated.

Thank you,

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**From:** Sara Dubois [sdubois@spca.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 1:06 PM  
**To:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT ACTION - CAS- SPCA Records Check - 85539

Hi Nurie,

We do not have any complaints on file for this individual.

As per my last email, is it possible to know the Director's decisions on CAS permits?

Thanks,  
Sara

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 1:16 PM  
**To:** 'Sara Dubois'  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT ACTION - CAS- SPCA Records Check - 85539

Hi Sara,

Yes – I can let you know what the Director's decision is, once it has been made.

Thanks,

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**Importance:** High

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We have received a CAS transitory (CAS will be in BC for a specified period of time) permit application from an existing CAS commercial filming permit holder to import a 2 ½ month old polar bear from China to satisfy a 30 day quarantine period required by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). Once the quarantine period is over, the baby polar bear will leave BC to complete commercial filming in Manitoba and then return to China via Toronto.

Would you be able to do a cruelty check for the following?:

Name: Mark Dumas  
Address: 6566 Bradner Road  
Abbotsford BC  
Telephone: (604) 607-8833

Organization: Beyond Bears Inc.  
Address: PO Box 3058  
Mission BC V2V 4J3  
Telephone: (604) 607-8833

As the applicant is proposing to import the polar bear on March 30, 2013, we are hoping to put this application in front of the Director this Friday March 22, 2013 so it would be much appreciated if you could provide a response as soon as possible, but **no later than 4:00 pm Wednesday March 20, 2013.**

Please accept my apologies for the short notice.

Your assistance is much appreciated.

Thank you,

Nurie Aliperti  
Wildlife and CAS Permit Administrator  
Permit and Authorization Service Bureau  
Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch  
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

Toll Free within BC: 1-866-433-7272  
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REPLY COPY

March 19, 2013

Beyond Bears Inc.  
PO Box 3058  
Mission BC V2V 4J3

Attention: Mark Dumas or Daphne Greer

**RE: TRANSITORY CONTROLLED ALIEN SPECIES(CAS) PERMIT APPLICATION – ONE MALE, 2 ½ MONTH OLD POLAR BEAR**

I write to notify you that your Controlled Alien Species (CAS) transitory permit application will be forwarded to the Director of Wildlife on **Friday March 22, 2013** for adjudication, unless we receive a reply from you prior to March 22, 2013, in which case your application will be sent to the Director of Wildlife before March 22, 2013.

I would like to provide you with an opportunity to add any additional information for his consideration before he makes a decision regarding your application.

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If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (250) 952-0681 or toll free (within BC) at 1-866-433-7272, extension 27.

Sincerely,

Nurie Aliperti  
CAS Permit Administrator  
Permit and Authorization Service Bureau

Encl.

## Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX

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**From:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 1:55 PM  
**To:** 'Mark Dumas from Beyond Bears'  
**Subject:** Controlled Alien Species (CAS) transitory permit application - Beyond Bears Inc  
**Attachments:** 85539.Letter to Director of Wildlife re-CAS.doc; BEYOND BEARS INC.85539. Photo of baby polar bear.pdf; BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.Appendices 1 2 and 3.docx; BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.CAS transitory application.pdf; BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.Certificate of insurance.pdf; BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.CFIA Import permit baby polar bear.pdf; BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.Emergency Procedure.docx; BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.Enclosure photos.pdf; BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.health certificate for polar bear cub.pdf; BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.Re-containment procedures.docx; Email - comments from regional office.pdf; Letter to applicant - CAS PAC and region questions.pdf; Letter to applicant - opportunity to respond.pdf; SPCA Records check.pdf; Summary of CAS PAC Recommendations and Comments.pdf; applicant's response - RE\_ Transitory Controlled Alien Species (CAS) permit application - one male 2 1\_2 month old Polar Bear.pdf

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**Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX**

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**From:** Mail Delivery Subsystem [postmaster@gems9.gov.bc.ca]  
**To:** beyondbears@shaw.ca  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 1:56 PM  
**Subject:** Relayed: Controlled Alien Species (CAS) transitory permit application - Beyond Bears Inc

**Delivery to these recipients or distribution lists is complete, but delivery notification was not sent by the destination:**

beyondbears@shaw.ca

Subject: Controlled Alien Species (CAS) transitory permit application - Beyond Bears Inc

## Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jennifer FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2013 1:14 PM  
**To:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: CAS - draft permit and cover letter - 85539

Looks good to me ☺ I think we're ready to roll.

Not Responsive but I'll give her a call on Monday for a friendly reminder that this is in the inbox.

Cheers,  
Jen

**From:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2013 11:51 AM  
**To:** Smith, Jennifer FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** CAS - draft permit and cover letter - 85539

Hi Jen,

Attached is the draft permit and cover letter for Beyond Bears Inc.

Would you be able to review the draft permit and cover letter and let me know what changes/revisions you suggest?

Thanks so much,

Nurie



## **Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX**

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**From:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2013 11:51 AM  
**To:** Smith, Jennifer FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** CAS - draft permit and cover letter - 85539  
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*Nurie*

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**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2013 2:17 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Penny FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** URGENT ACTION: Controlled Alien Species(CAS) transitory permit for consideration - BEYOND BEARS INC.85539  
**Attachments:** BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.doc; BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.Permit Cover Letter.doc; applicant's response - RE\_ Transitory Controlled Alien Species (CAS) permit application - one male 2 1\_2 month old Polar Bear.pdf; BEYOND BEARS INC.85539. Photo of baby polar bear.pdf; BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.Appendices 1 2 and 3.docx; BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.CAS transitory application.pdf; BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.Certificate of insurance.pdf; BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.CFIA Import permit baby polar bear.pdf; BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.Emergency Procedure.docx; BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.Enclosure photos.pdf; BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.health certificate for polar bear cub.pdf; BEYOND BEARS INC.85539.Re-containment procedures.docx; Letter to applicant - CAS PAC and region questions.pdf; Letter to applicant - opportunity to respond.pdf; Summary of CAS PAC Feedback.doc; 85539.Letter to Director of Wildlife re-CAS.doc

**Importance:** High

Hello Penny,

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### Important Notes:

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16. SPCA records check:

*"We do not have any complaints on file for this individual."*

17. COORS – no history.

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Thank you,

Nurie Aliperti  
Wildlife and CAS Permit Administrator  
Permit and Authorization Service Bureau  
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## Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX

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**Subject:** Penny, Nurie, re: Controlled Alien Species(CAS) transitory permit for consideration - BEYOND BEARS INC.85539  
**Location:** Penny's Office (Penny to phone Jen @ 250 751-3216)  
**Start:** Mon 2013-03-25 9:00 AM  
**End:** Mon 2013-03-25 9:30 AM  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
**Meeting Status:** Accepted  
**Organizer:** Lloyd, Penny FLNR:EX  
**Required Attendees:** Smith, Jennifer FLNR:EX; Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX

When: Monday, March 25, 2013 9:00 AM-9:30 AM (GMT-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).  
Where: Penny's Office (Penny to phone Jen @ 250 751-3216)

Note: The GMT offset above does not reflect daylight saving time adjustments.

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## Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jennifer FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2013 2:47 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Penny FLNR:EX; Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT ACTION: Controlled Alien Species(CAS) transitory permit for consideration  
- BEYOND BEARS INC.85539

Sounds good. Thanks Penny!!

Cheers,  
Jen

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

**From:** Lloyd, Penny FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2013 2:29 PM  
**To:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX; Smith, Jennifer FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** Re: URGENT ACTION: Controlled Alien Species(CAS) transitory permit for consideration - BEYOND BEARS INC.85539

I will look at this on Monday. I have asked Diana to schedule 30 min.

Penny Lloyd  
Acting Director until Apr 2  
FWH Branch  
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Tel 250 356 0830 Cell 250 889 8458

Sent from my iPhone

On 2013-03-22, at 2:17 PM, "Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX" <Nurie.Aliperti@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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> 17. COORS - no history.

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> Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the above or require anything further.

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> Thank you,

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> Nurie Aliperti  
> Wildlife and CAS Permit Administrator  
> Permit and Authorization Service Bureau Fish, Wildlife and Habitat  
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## Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jennifer FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2013 3:42 PM  
**To:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Polar bear application

**Importance:** High

FYI

**From:** Lloyd, Penny FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2013 3:42 PM  
**To:** 'Sara Dubois'  
**Cc:** Smith, Jennifer FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** Polar bear application  
**Importance:** High

Hello Sara,

Would you mind giving me call regarding the polar bear application? (Time sensitive)

Thanks very much.

Penny Lloyd  
Acting Director until Apr 2  
FWH Branch  
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations  
Tel 250 356 0830  
Cell 250 889 8458





March 22, 2013

Beyond Bears Inc.  
PO Box 3058  
Mission BC V2V 4J3

Attention: Mark Dumas or Daphne Greer

**RE: CONTROLLED ALIEN SPECIES PERMIT**

Attached is CAS Permit VI13-85539 authorizing you to possess controlled alien species as outlined in your permit.

Please take the time to read through your permit as to the terms of this permit and its advisories. For example:

- Within 72 hours of a CAS individual leaving British Columbia, the permit holder **MUST** submit to the Permit and Authorization Service Bureau via fax (250-387-1814) an affidavit by a person other than the permit holder (e.g. veterinarian, registered professional biologist) attesting to the fact that the CAS individual, identified as on the face page of this permit, has left British Columbia and the date of departure.
- The permit holder must immediately notify the Conservation Officer Service (1-877-952-7277) or the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Fish, Wildlife & Habitat Management Branch Regional Manager if a CAS individual escapes or is released

You have the right to appeal this decision to the Environmental Appeal Board within 30 days from the date of issue of your permit. For more information on the EAB appeal process, see Appendix 1, attached to this letter, and the following website: [www.eab.gov.bc.ca](http://www.eab.gov.bc.ca).

If you have any questions with regards to your permit please contact Nurie Aliperti, Permit Officer (Permit and Authorization Service Bureau) at 1-866-433-7272 ext 231.

Thank you,

Penny Lloyd  
A/Director of Wildlife

Encl

## APPENDIX 1

### **Right to Appeal (notice required by Ministry policy)**

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You, your counsel, or a representative must sign the notice of appeal and contain:

- your name and mailing address,
- the name of your counsel or representative, if any,
- the reasons for the appeal,
- particulars relative to the appeal, and
- a statement of the nature of the order requested.

Your notice of appeal must be accompanied by a fee of \$25.00, payable to the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations.

## Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX

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**From:** Lloyd, Penny FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2013 5:08 PM  
**To:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Cc:** Smith, Jennifer FLNR:EX; Wilson, Andrew S FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT ACTION: Controlled Alien Species(CAS) transitory permit for consideration - BEYOND BEARS INC.85539

**Importance:** High

Hello Nurie,

The permit application is approved.

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I had a 5 minute conversation with SPCA regarding the permit application. SPCA had no significant concerns with this particular application and this particular bear being held in the Lower Mainland. At a higher level, they oppose bears being used in films. I have told SPCA that we will forward a copy of permit. In the interest of time, please forward this information to the applicant along with my decision.

Sincerely,

Penny Lloyd  
Tel: 250.356.0830  
Cell: 250.889.8458

Acting Director  
Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch  
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations  
Government of British Columbia

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## Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jennifer FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2013 11:10 AM  
**To:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Can u pls forward me the polar bear permit app

FYI - for the file

Cheers,  
Jen

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

**From:** Lloyd, Penny FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2013 11:13 AM  
**To:** Smith, Jennifer FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** Can u pls forward me the polar bear permit app

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Our systems are down.

Thanks!

Penny Lloyd  
Acting Director until Apr 2  
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**Sent:** Thursday, January 24, 2013 11:53 AM

**To:** Forslund, Troy ENV:EX

**Subject:** CAS permit application

Good Morning Troy,

We are looking to import and then re-export a baby polar bear Not Responsive for a movie that is being shot in Canada, my question for you is how long will a CAS permit take to acquire.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Cheers  
Daphne  
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The cub is only in B.C. for a CFIA-required 30 day quarantine. During that time, the company will care for the cub with a trainer from China.

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### KEY FACTS REGARDING THE ISSUE:

Beyond Bears Inc is an animal talent company specializing in training exotic animals for the commercial film industry. Beyond Bears has been granted a Wildlife Act permit for the temporary possession of a three month old male polar bear cub, which is Controlled Alien Species as defined under the Wildlife Act.

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Although the bear will not be made available for public viewing at any time, due to the youth and rarity of a polar bear in B.C and Manitoba, as well as the distance travelled for the purposes of a commercial filming production, the presence of the polar bear may attract interest from public and media.

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<b>CONFIDENTIAL ISSUES NOTE</b>  Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Created: March 25, 2013 Minister Responsible: Steve Thomson	s.13, s.14 <b><u>Commercial Filming Transitory CAS Application for Polar Bear for Commercial Filming</u></b>
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### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

Comment [J2]: If this application is approved....

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Comment [J3]: the Feds (CFIA) deal with import, the Province can only deal with possession while in BC

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Communications Contact: Patrick Vert 953-4200  
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**Subject:** FW: Polar bear application

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The application to temporarily possess this polar bear cub in B.C. has met all permit requirements and we have fully informed the SPCA.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has issued a permit for the B.C. based company to import this polar bear into Canada.

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 24, 2013 4:02 PM  
**To:** 'Mark Dumas from Beyond Bears'  
**Subject:** RE: CAS permit application

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When do you propose to import the baby polar bear                      Not Responsive                      mentioned below?

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 24, 2013 11:53 AM  
**To:** Forslund, Troy ENV:EX  
**Subject:** CAS permit application

Good Morning Troy,

We are looking to import and then re-export a baby polar bear                      Not Responsive                      for a movie that is being  
shot in Canada, my question for you is how long will a CAS permit take to acquire.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Cheers  
Daphne  
Beyond Bears Inc  
604-607-8833

## Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2013 11:03 AM  
**To:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** Export permit for CAS

Good Morning Nurie,

Firstly, thank you for all your assistance in getting us the CAS for the baby polar bear. I have a question, do I need to apply for an export permit for the CAS to leave BC after the thirty day quarantine?

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**To:** 'Mark Dumas from Beyond Bears'  
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**Possess** the following species individual of controlled alien species for the purpose of import into British Columbia to satisfy a 30 day quarantine period required by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) followed by transport out of BC to Manitoba for commercial filming purposes.

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*Kelly Smith*

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Again thank you,

Cheers





## Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX

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**From:** Smith, Kelly B FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 2, 2013 8:11 AM  
**To:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Export permit for CAS

FYI

**From:** Mark Dumas from Beyond Bears [<mailto:beyondbears@shaw.ca>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2013 1:27 PM  
**To:** Smith, Kelly B FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Export permit for CAS

Thank you for that information. Just want to double check about our Polar Bear (Agee) VI10-61069, I do not need any additional permits for her either. Just to submit a record of her travels as well as a health certificate and proof of insurance before Nov 30.

Cheers  
Daphne

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

**From:** Smith, Kelly B FLNR:EX [<mailto:Kelly.Smith@gov.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2013 11:40 AM  
**To:** 'Mark Dumas from Beyond Bears'  
**Cc:** Aliperti, Nurie FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Export permit for CAS

Hi Daphne,

There are not actual export permits for CAS (not like the wildlife permits), only transport or transitory.

CAS Permit VI13-85539 allows for transport of the CAS listed in the permit out of BC.

**Possess** the following species individual of controlled alien species for the purpose of import into British Columbia to satisfy a 30 day quarantine period required by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) followed by transport out of BC to Manitoba for commercial filming purposes.

If the CAS has not left BC by the time period on the permit (June 30, 2013), then you would have to request an amendment to that CAS permit.

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**From:** Mark Dumas from Beyond Bears [<mailto:beyondbears@shaw.ca>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2013 11:30 AM  
**To:** Smith, Kelly B FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Export permit for CAS

could you please provide me with an answer for my question below.

Thank you  
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Daphne

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**From:** Mark Dumas from Beyond Bears [<mailto:beyondbears@shaw.ca>]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2013 11:03 AM

**To:** Nurie FLNR:EX Aliperti

**Subject:** Export permit for CAS

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**To:** 'Mark Dumas from Beyond Bears'  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 23, 2013 11:58 AM  
**To:** Smith, Kelly B FLNR:EX  
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**Subject:** RE: Polar Bears

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**Subject:** RE: Polar Bears

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