

From: [Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Hitchcock, Gord ENV:EX](#)
Subject: RE: media request - Vancouver Sun - NI bear cub monitors
Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 1:38:58 PM

I was contacted by our GCPE too. I gave the same message. And declined an interview

Sean Pendergast RPBio

A/Section Head | Fish & Wildlife Section

From: Hitchcock, Gord ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 1:19 PM
To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hitchcock, Gord ENV:EX" <Gord.Hitchcock@gov.bc.ca>
Date: May 11, 2016 at 10:35:39 AM PDT
To: "Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX" <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>, "Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX" <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Karn, David GCPE:EX" <David.Karn@gov.bc.ca>, GCPE Communications - Environment <CommEn@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>, "Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX" <Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca>, "Campbell, Sarah E PSA:EX" <Sarah.E.Campbell@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: media request - Vancouver Sun - NI bear cub

Yes, FLNRO, West Coast Regional Fish & Wildlife Section has the pen on this. Regional team led by Nanaimo Sean Pendergast RPBio A/Section Head | Fish & Wildlife Section, is drafting the key messages for both Ministries GCPE in relation to the translocation of the GPS collared bears to an undisclosed location and monitoring. As per standard protocol-no media or NIWRC representatives will be present during release.

Provincial Vet. Helen Schwantje will handle the immobilization of bears.

Release location will not be disclosed.

Role of COS-will be transport only.

Translocation will be after the general open bear hunting season. Targeting later part of June at this time.

Inspector Gordon Hitchcock

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From: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX

Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 9:32 AM

To: Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX

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From: Hitchcock, Gord ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 10:24 AM
To: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX; Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX
Cc: Karn, David GCPE:EX; GCPE Communications - Environment; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Campbell, Sarah E PSA:EX
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It is important that their (FLNRO) messaging indicates cos is not the lead for wildlife management issues such as collaring wildlife
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On May 11, 2016, at 09:30, Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

FLNRO should be able to respond

Deputy Chief Chris Doyle
OIC, Provincial Operations
Conservation Officer Service
(604) 892-7823

On May 11, 2016, at 9:26 AM, Karn, David GCPE:EX
<David.Karn@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Chris,
can you suggest who is best to speak to this.
reporter: Larry Pynn, Vancouver Sun 604-605-2362
deadline: 3pm
request: Re the two bears spared by the suspended CO. Will they be collared and monitored post release? If so can I speak with someone about that?

FYI, in Feb. we said to media query: the cubs will be released back into the wild within the next few months.

From: [Hitchcock, Gord ENV:EX](#)
To: [Ackles, Steve W ENV:EX](#); [Bates, Stuart A ENV:EX](#); [Dekelver, Richard ENV:EX](#); [Gudbranson, Gordon ENV:EX](#); [Hilgemann, James G ENV:EX](#); [Hitchcock, Gord ENV:EX](#); [Kissinger, Mark ENV:EX](#); [Newton, Mike C ENV:EX](#); [Norris, Scott ENV:EX](#); [Pauwels, Peter ENV:EX](#); [Petrovic, Steve J ENV:EX](#); [Sterling, Troy ENV:EX](#); [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#)
Subject: FW: nanaimo news
Date: Friday, April 15, 2016 3:58:34 PM

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From: Sexton, Denise ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2016 3:58 PM
To: Hitchcock, Gord ENV:EX
Subject: nanaimo news
<http://www.nanaimobulletin.com/news/375871271.html>

Bear cub-saving CO abandons battle for reinstatement

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y John McKinley - BC Local News

posted Apr 15, 2016 at 11:00 AM

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;o) Denise Sexton | Administrative Assistant
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Please be green - read it on the screen.

From: [Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Hitchcock, Gord ENV:EX](#); [Wenham, Logan FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Two bear cubs in Port Hardy??
Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2015 10:11:38 AM

FYI

Sean Pendergast RPBio
Senior Wildlife Biologist | Fish & Wildlife Section

From: Ashford, Andrew FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2015 4:16 PM
To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX; Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Cc: Barr, Larry FLNR:EX; Hitchcock, Gord ENV:EX; Ashford, Andrew FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Two bear cubs in Port Hardy??

Sean – based on our conversation I just followed up with MLA Trevena. I told her that:

- FLNR F&W Branch has a role to play in decisions around the suitability of rehabilitation for orphaned animals (like these bear cubs)
- There is a checklist/protocol that is used that includes consideration of factors like food conditioning, habituation to people or human food, and the overall health of the animal
- The decision is made by FLNR F&W Branch, including senior wildlife biologists the provincial wildlife veterinarian, and the COS.
- The two bear cubs from Port Hardy have been shipped to Errington to the rehabilitation centre.

It was a short call – she thanked me for the information about the process.

Andrew

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From: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2015 1:40 PM
To: Ashford, Andrew FLNR:EX; Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Cc: Barr, Larry FLNR:EX; Hitchcock, Gord ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Two bear cubs in Port Hardy??

Yes – if you want further info I suggest a call.

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From: Ashford, Andrew FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2015 1:28 PM
To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX; Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Cc: Barr, Larry FLNR:EX
Subject: Two bear cubs in Port Hardy??

Has FLNRO engaged in a conversation about orphaned bear cubs in Port Hardy?

I had a call from the MLA this morning on the subject.....

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To: [Hitchcock, Gord ENV:EX](#); [Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Baby bears
Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2015 10:10:53 AM

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From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2015 7:12 AM
To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: Fwd: Baby bears

Hi Sean

This has been sent to me .

Just thought you would like to know .

Since i talked to you the owner of the house called me and said it is true the cubs never entered the home or caused any problems.

There has been an on going investigation by citizens who have tried to get us involved since last year . About someone in

Campbell River making the decision to have bears unnecessary put down . I have not taken part in this in anyway .

Black bear cubs in the north and a grizzly cub. I think sometimes Govt. over reacts the investigation could have been carried out

and the cubs could have been held until a decision was made on facts . This could have been done quietly . I do hope this story

does not go nationally or internationally . It does the animals and the people in charge no good. Because when it comes to putting

an animal down next time when it is necessary will they make the right decision or crumble due to public pressure .

s.22

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Subject: Baby bears
Date: Mon, 6 Jul 2015 22:34:59 -0700
From: s.22
To:

This was on my internet feed tonight:

<https://www.change.org/p/ministry-of-environment-mary-polak-reinstate-conservation-officer-bryce-casavant>

Sent from my iPad

From: [Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Wenham, Logan FLNR:EX](#); [Hitchcock, Gord ENV:EX](#)
Cc: [Newton, Mike C ENV:EX](#); [Wilton, William FLNR:EX](#); [Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: bear cubs
Date: Monday, July 6, 2015 4:07:39 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Just an FYI – I received a call a few minutes ago from a guy in port hardy asking as to the status of the bear cubs that were rescued a couple days ago and if I could verify that they had been slated to be euthanized by the COS. I told him I leave that up to the COS. He said that COS told him to call me as we manage Rehab centers. I told him I could not comment at this time.

Might be a few more calls coming in I suppose.

Logan – I will work up a few bullets for you on the decision process in the mean time...

Thanks,

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Hey there
Interesting revelation.

Male - named Jordan
(his middle name)
Female - Athena (his daughters name)

Really?? That's a weird personal twist man, makes me feel pretty
uncomfortable ...

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Cc: [Barr, Larry FLNR:EX](#); [Hitchcock, Gord ENV:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Two bear cubs in Port Hardy??
Date: Monday, July 6, 2015 1:40:28 PM

Yes – if you want further info I suggest a call.

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