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Human Wildlife Conflict Report #14-8032**Outcome Report**

Area: CAMPBELL RIVER - CAMPBELL RIVER - SOUTH COAST REGION
Status: Reviewed [Concluded on: 2014-Jul-14]

Call Received: 2014-07-08 17:45
Received By: YVONNE (Yvonne Sinclair)

COM Details

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Caller Name (COM): s.22
Street Address: WESTERN FOREST PRODUCTS,
FRASER BAY LOGGING CAMP,
STAFFORD LAKE FSR
CAMPBELL RIVER, BC

Contact Number(s):
Business s.22

Occurrence Information

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Incident Date/Time: 2014-07-08 17:45
Species Involved: GRIZZLY BEAR
Nature of Complaint: ORPHANED - LARGE
CARNIVORES/UNGULATES ONLY
Attractants Noted: NOT APPLICABLE
Action Taken: EMAILED CO

Occurrence Location: SAME ADDRESS

Details:

Caller says they have a small grizzly bear cub that has been hanging around their camp for about a week. It's looking sickly. It's about 60-70 lbs and about the size of a German Shepherd. Caller said some people have been feeding it.

Actions Taken

Date	Time	Narrative
2014-07-08	18:10:56	emailed CO.

Outcome Report

Action Required: Yes
Sergeant Reviewed: Yes

Ref. Report #:
Concluded On: 2014-07-14

Officer(s) Assigned	Time Spent	Hours
1. Newton	1.75	Hours
2. bates	12	Hours
3.		Hours
Total Time Spent (hours):	13.75	Hours

Attended: Yes
Complainant Contacted: Yes

Narrative:

2014-07-09 08:15 Sgt. Newton called COM. Left message to return call.
 09:15 Sgt. Newton tried COM again. Number prov'd rings to Stafford Lake Camp/WFP, s.22 answered phone. s.22 doesn't know COM s.22, thinks he may be out in the bush working. s.22 advised he last saw bear yesterday, and then advised that he actually sees bear now. Bear is walking out on boom stick in bay. s.22 feels the bear is taking refuge near the camp. Small bear, appears to be last years cub.
 Sgt. Newton prov'd advice to s.22 that this bear should be discouraged from hanging out near the camp and should be scared off at every opportunity. Under no circumstances should anyone feel sorry for the bear and feed it. Feeding Grizzly Bears is illegal, and a sure way to encourage the bear to become habituated, and dependent/associate people and the camp w/ a food source and this will ultimately create a serious safety problem and the bear may result in the bear having to be destroyed. Sgt. Newton requested COS receive updates and prov'd the RAPP #.
 s.22 is leaving camp today for days off, but will ensure the next crew know to update COS w/ this bears behaviour. (MN)

10:02 Sgt. Newton called WFP office/Campbell River. Patched through to s.22 who is in charge of Stafford Bay logging camp. Advised s.22 COS has rec'd the report of the bear hanging around and possibly being fed. s.22 unaware of the grizzly bears presence in/around camp. s.22 will make some calls and ensure staff know to update COS and discourage the bear from hanging around. (MN)

2014-07-10 13:47 Angelika/Northern Lights Wildlife Rehab Center called Sgt. Newton direct on his cell to advise she's aware of the G.Bear cub (unsure of age, COY or 1.5+?) Angelika's info. suggests the bear may be "knee height". Angelika was contacted by s.22 from Benwest Logging/ph: s.22 (Benwest Logging contracts out/logs for Western Forest Products) at the Loughborough Inlet camp location. Angelika has been in touch w/ Tony Hamilton and is asking to be kept in the loop re: this bear.

Sgt. Newton requested Angelika fw; any contact info for COM's she has re: this bear, as COS has been in touch w/ WFP and hasn't rec'd an update today. Angelika fw; email to Sgt. Newton. See attached (MN):

At 1.05 pm today (July9th, 2014) we received a call from s.22 about an orphaned grizzly cub on Loughborous Inlet in a Logging Camp. The connection was very poor and I did not get the Gentleman's name, but he reported that for the past 4 days they had a grizzly cub sleeping in one of their shops. He described the bear as a cub of the year (below knee height) and in poor condition, skinny with patches of fur missing.

At 1.20 pm we got a call from Benwest Logging and a lady named s.22 followed up on the earlier call with the info that the mother had been shot and asking if they could feed the cub as it was starving. I informed that feeding wildlife without permission is illegal and assured her I would contact the authorities as soon as possible. Her # s.22.

I reached Mike Newton at 1.47pm and he was aware of the bear so his info differs from the info I received, he will investigate. Peter and are will be able and are willing to drive to location anytime if that becomes necessary.

Thank you all for helping with this situation!

Angelika
(end email)

2014-07-10 15:40 hrs. Sgt. Newton contacted WFP camp supervisor s.22. No updates from WFP today. s.22 advised that WFP own the camp property, while Benwest Logging own the camp/buildings/structures. Sgt. Newton advised that COS was contacted by Northern Lights Wildlife Rehab who were made aware of the situation by Benwest Logging staff on site. COS needs to determine the age/condition of this bear. Any updates/assist. from WFP (photo's etc.) would be appreciated. s.22 prov'd Benwest Camp supervisor name / contact s.22

s.22 officer in Campbell River. (MN)

15:55 hrs Sgt. Newton contacted Benwest (Bendickson Logging) and spoke w/ COM who contacted NL WL rehab. s.22 ; who advised the small bear (unknown age) has been hanging around the camp for about a week. They are concerned it will be run over, as it's right at the sort/loading area. The bear has been sleeping behind some tires in their open outdoor shed. s.22 will email Sgt. Newton the photo she has, and attempt to obtain more pictures of the bear so the size/age/condition can be assessed by Prov. Vet and WL Bio's. s.22 also prov'd s.22 name as her supervisor. RAPP # prov'd to s.22. Sgt. Newton asked that all updates on the bears activity come thru RAPP. (MN)

16:10 Sgt. Newton rec'd one photo of G.Bear from s.22 at BenWest Logging. Reply email sent:

Thanks very much for the picture s.22

I noticed the apple in the bears mouth.. the most critical message to staff out there is do not feed this bear. Feeding him/her will only teach the bear to associate people w/ potential food handout source, which will habituate the bear to non-natural food/environment and raise the potential for conflict.

Please fw; any further pics you have. I'll contact you and s.22 and WFP w/ the plan once we have all avail info.

Thanks for all your help
Cheers, Mike (end email)

Photo fw; to Tony Hamilton, Dr. Schwantje, WL Regional Biio Pendergast and A/Inspector Ben York. (MN)

Further discussions between COS and FLNRO biologist and vet. Bear determined to be 1.5 yr old. Not rehab candidate. Angelika from Norther lights agrees w/ age assessment/size from pictures.

2014-07-12 09:00 Sgt. Newton and CO Bates attend location via COS vessel. Arrive in camp at 11:50 hrs. Met by foreman s.22 and owner/mgr. s.22. Officers undertook camp safety briefing.

CO's observed Grizzly Bear on small equipment float at dryland sort. Sgt. Newton darted GB w/ Pseudart system, one full vile of Telezol/672-498. Dart in bears rump/lg. muscle mass at 12:23 hrs.

Bear retreated into shade of bushline between beach and dryland sort, and bedded down immediately.

CO's approached after 15 min and GB completely immobilized.

GB removed into small transport barrel and removed from site. Officers advised s.22 and s.22 that the bear is not a rehab candidate and would have to be put down. Officers transported the bear down Loughborough inlet approx. 7 miles from camp and brought it to a small beach. Blood samples were taken as per DR.Helen Schwantje's request, and the bear was euthanized w/ .22 rifle by CO Bates.

2014-07-14 12:50 Sgt. Newton advised Benwest Logging COM s.22 by email of the outcome of our assessment of this bear. Sgt. Newton advised WFP supervisor s.22 via phone of the outcome. (MN)

13:45 hrs Dr. Schwantje attended Black Creek COS. Sgt. Newton completed CI form and prov'd to Dr. Schwantje for skull measurements (bear will be thawed and necropsied in Nanaimo at later date/time, skull measurements/tooth will be extracted at that time by Dr. Schwantje.)

Dr. Schwantje took blood samples and frozen GB. File concluded. (MN)

2014-07-16 15:45 hrs. Dr. Helen Schwantje emailed Sgt. Newton w/ GB necropsy results. attached:

I necropsied the little guy from the logging camp yesterday. He was immobilized then euthanized by a 22 on Saturday by the COS. Blood was drawn and the carcass was transported to Van Is - I picked it up on Monday and thawed it overnight.

- 46 lbs
- Front pads 90 + 93 mm, hind pads 72 + 75 mm
- All teeth permanent with canines still partially erupted
- Very poor hair coat – evidence of and verbal description of many lice
- Healing skin wounds on neck and tip of left ear removed and healed.
- Axillary lymph nodes significantly enlarged.
- Absolutely no body fat and extreme skeletal muscle atrophy = severe emaciation
- Blood with watery consistency – likely severely anemic
- Stomach and intestinal content was minimal and consistent with shoreline sea life plus cardboard/paper products
- Routine tissues were collected and I will submit them to the lab, I have also submitted serum for assessment but I am quite confident that there is no underlying disease – this animal was orphaned as a yearling some time ago by the looks of things and could not feed himself adequately. The skin injuries were mild and superficial.

Coordinates of occurrence location, if known:

Zone Easting Northing

Equipment:

Equipment Used Date Set Date Removed

Actions Taken by C.O.

Complaint Outcome: Destroyed by COS **Date:** * 2014-07-12

Species Involved: GRIZZLY BEAR **Inspection #:** 120908
Compulsory Inspection Number

How Many Involved: 1

Sex: Male

Age: Juvenile

Drug Used: TELAZOL **Relocation Location**

Weight: 40 lbs Tag Numbers:

Amount Used: 5cc drug in 2.5 cc/concentrate LEFT RIGHT

Vial Number: 672-498 UTM

Method: DART - PNEUDART ZONE EASTING NORTHING

Drug Induction:

small bear/big dose based on decision to euth. post darting/inspection. Bear went down immediately; bedded down within 8 seconds of dart strike. Dart in left hind quarter. High strike/large muscle mass. Bear euth. w/ .22 rifle approx. 50 min after dart strike, still very much immobilized at that time, no sign of reversed drug symptoms.

Provide details (i.e., number of darts used, location of induction, length of recovery, etc.) Provide relocation location details.

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Workflow History

2014-07-09 09:54 -s.15 - New Document: Status: Pending
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2014-07-12

Sat	14/07/12	_____
	Leaving / clearing /	_____
0855	10-36 Campbell R.	_____
	with Sgt NEWTON.	_____
0938	Launched boat	_____
	10-17 to Loughborough	_____
	Inlet	_____
1200	10-23 Frazer Bay	_____
	Logging camp.	_____
1	Completed Safety	_____
	Orientation with	_____
	owners	_____

s.22

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131223 Bear located and
darted.
- 1235 Bear down
- 1245 Examined bear
1 1/2 yr old male
grizzly.
Emaciated, covered
in lice and hair
missing along sides
and back. Venereal

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infected wounds and
scabs on neck and
back.

- 1300 Advised C/N's bear
is not a candidate
for rehab and
would be put down.
- 1320 Placed bear in car
on boat. 1017 to
Blk Cr.
- 1345 Stopped along inlet
went ashore.
Took blood sample
from femoral artery
or vein

Ken put down
2 shots 22 point
blank to chest -
heart area.

1355 Put bear back in
can 11-17 to
B/K Co.

1620 Back at Campbell River
Boat on trailer

1645 10-63 B/K Creek -
cleaned boat
Unloaded gear
Put bear carcass
in freezer and

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put blood samples
in fridge.

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