

From: s.17
To: COS Cariboo-Chilcotin Zone ENV:EX
Subject: Notification of ERS 18-4750 - BELLA COOLA - HAGENSBORG
Date: October 17, 2018 6:34:09 PM

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Enforcement Routing Sheet #18-4750

Complaint Received By: JACOB (Operations 1 ECC)

Date / Time received: 2018-10-17 18:25

Area: HAGENSBORG - BELLA COOLA - THOMPSON CARIBOO REGION

COORS OR#:

CALLER INFORMATION

Caller Name s.22

Mail / Street Address / City s.22

Postal Code:

Referred By: RAPP EMAIL

CONTACT NUMBERS

Cellular: s.22

VIOLATION DETAILS:

Violation Date: 2018-10-15

Violation Time: NA

Violation in Progress: No

Violation Type: WILDLIFE

Offense Witnessed: Harrassing wildlife.

Offense Location: See report.

Offense Details: A video appearing on YouTube posted Oct 15 2018 shows an identifiable man shooting a sow grizzly bear in the face with a shotgun from 3-5 m away.

I want to be certain the COS is aware there is a wounded bear in the

Saloompt Residential area north east of Hagensborg. A link is attached

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o0uM7s8hprc&app=desktop&fbclid=IwAR34-AITsToCzmCAY8LThaHD7KHfNFdDw1cvsUsMWZemFftOo75Qvqi3eA>

I can identify this person as s.22

DESCRIPTION

Name (If known):

Sex:

Race:

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Glasses:

Smoker:

Build:
Complexion:
Distinguishing Features:
Clothing:
Vehicle:
Weapons:
Other Details:

From: Conservation Officer Service ENV:EX
To: s.22
Subject: RE: Grizzly shot in Bella Coola
Date: October 18, 2018 7:29:28 AM

Thank you for contacting the Conservation Officer Service.
Your email has been forwarded on to the officers in that area.
Regards,
Conservation Officer Service

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 9:28 PM
To: Conservation Officer Service ENV:EX
Subject: Grizzly shot in Bella Coola

Dear CO's

I just came across a video of an obviously unnecessary shot Grizzly bear in Bella Coola. It has been posted on youtube a couple days ago and is getting spread on Facebook.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o0uM7s8hprc&app=desktop>

Thanks for doing the right thing and investigate this situation if it hasn't been reported so far.

Thanks for your work,

s.22

From: s.17
To: COS Cariboo-Chilcotin Zone ENV:EX
Subject: Notification of ERS 18-4765 - BELLA COOLA - BELLA COOLA
Date: October 18, 2018 11:27:35 AM

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Enforcement Routing Sheet #18-4765

Complaint Received By: HANNAH (Operations 1 ECC)

Date / Time received: 2018-10-18 11:22

Area: BELLA COOLA - BELLA COOLA - THOMPSON CARIBOO REGION

COORS OR#:

CALLER INFORMATION

Caller Name s.22

Mail / Street Address / City: s.22

Postal Code:

Referred By:

CONTACT NUMBERS

Cellular: s.22

VIOLATION DETAILS:

Violation Date: 2018-10-17

Violation Time: 19:00

Violation in Progress: No

Violation Type: WILDLIFE

Offense Witnessed: Shooting wildlife

Offense Location s.22

Offense Details: Caller advised he saw a video on facebook of someone shooting a grizzly bear as it was charging towards him. He thinks the bear had three cubs and is unsure of who the SUS is.

DESCRIPTION

Name (If known):

Sex:

Race:

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Glasses:

Smoker:

Build:

Complexion:

Distinguishing Features:

Clothing:

Vehicle:

Weapons:

Other Details:

From: [Karn, David GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Tyre, Jeff ENV:EX](#); [Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX](#)
Cc: [Schley, Cam D ENV:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Media request - CTV - Bella Coola grizzly bear shot
Date: October 23, 2018 12:11:07 PM

Reporter is still seeking comment but not specific to the incident. Just about grizzly w cubs behaviour in general. Said I'd check.

dk

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Deadline: today
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To: [Tyre, Jeff ENV:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Wounded sow video
Date: October 23, 2018 12:19:29 PM

fyi

From: Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 11:27 AM
To: 'MARGARET MUNRO'
Cc: Anderson, Hana J ENV:EX
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Date: October 23, 2018 3:43:56 PM

Jeff, please advise... I'm lead on both of these.

From: Margaret Munro [<mailto:m-munro@shaw.ca>]
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To: Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX
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Date: October 23, 2018 4:54:27 PM

Thank you.

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To: Anderson, Hana J ENV:EX
Cc: Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Wounded sow video
I'll make a couple calls. Consider it dealt with. I'll respond to Margaret.
Thxs for the heads up

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To: [Butler, Len ENV:EX](#)
Cc: [Tyre, Jeff ENV:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Conflict in Bella Coola (Complaint-email sent to MLA)
Date: October 24, 2018 7:23:03 AM

Received in the COS HQ Mailbox.

Sue B.

From: Olsen.MLA, Adam [<mailto:Adam.Olsen.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 4:43 PM
To: s.22
Cc: Conservation Officer Service ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Conflict in Bella Coola
Hello s.22

These issues are very concerning and this is not the first I have heard of these complaints in the Bella Coola valley or elsewhere in British Columbia.

It is my understanding that those fruit trees are an attractant and that the property owner must address that by protecting the trees.

As I am located in Victoria, BC it is very difficult for me to deal with these issues directly so I have blind-copied the local MLA Jennifer Rice on this email.

I would also strongly recommend that you begin your advocacy directly with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. They are the Ministry responsible for addressing this very concerning issue you have raised with my office.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if for some reason you are not getting the answers you require.

Best Regards,

Adam Olsen, MLA

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Date: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 3:48 PM

To: "Olsen.MLA, Adam"

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On Oct 22, 2018, at 5:10 PM s.22

wrote:

Good afternoon, Adam. I'm hearing concerning reports of serious conflict in Bella Coola and that bears are being shot and killed simply for being bears. I unfortunately witnessed confrontational behavior from locals first-hand when I was there a couple of months ago but had no idea it would escalate to this. In one instance, I encountered a man with a rifle who seemingly came out of nowhere while I was respectfully observing a Grizzly and her 3 cubs. I eventually got him to leave peacefully but a conservation officer and I heard gunshots from his area later that night and immediately were concerned for the bears. I spent every evening I was there doing bear safety education to anyone around and resolved more than a few issues to keep both humans and bears safe.

I'm hoping you can shed some light on what is being done to prevent this senseless and barbaric behaviour and how I can help further? It sounds like this conflict is, for the most part, entirely preventable by humans but instead bears are being killed 'due to safety concerns'. I'm advised by locals that 'help' only shows up after the fact. I.e. once a bear has already been compromised, wounded or killed. It sounds like the system is designed to ensure conflict instead of preventing it. Why are the humans not being held accountable by adhering to and following common bear safety protocols? Why are there not consequences and/or fines to encourage people to keep their land free of bear attractants? Having been there, I know that this is not always possible as people have fruit trees and bushes in their yards and live next to rivers where the salmon run. But perhaps these people could be checked in on to ensure they are not creating conflict with wildlife. To be educated, so they know proper bear safety and thus don't fear. Garbage, however, being left around etc is absolutely preventable and there should be consequences for doing so. Right now it sounds like bears are the only ones paying the consequences.

Just to be clear, I'm not judging here or blaming. I fully understand that you can educate until you're blue in the face and have protocols in place and still have issues. But, to me, it doesn't sound like everything that could be done is being done. Not by a long shot. s.22 in a large law firm with offices all over the world so I get that it's impossible to get everyone to dance to the same beat. However, I'm really hoping that we can come up with a plan together. I also want people to know that there are now individuals outside of Bella Coola that are aware of this issue and we're looking forward to finding solutions that keep everyone safe.

I look forward to hearing from you very soon and thank you for your time.

Kindest regards,

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Subject: RE: Conflict in Bella Coola (Complaint-email sent to MLA)
Date: October 24, 2018 8:51:21 AM

Sounds good Jeff.

Cam

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Begin forwarded message:

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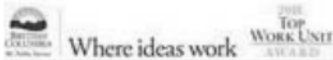
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Date: October 24, 2018 1:33:22 PM

Rec'd in the COS HQ Mailbox!

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

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Thank you.

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From: COS Cariboo-Chilcotin Zone ENV:EX
To: Butler, Len ENV:EX; Tyre, Jeff ENV:EX; McIntyre, Ryane ENV:EX; Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX; Connatty, Jared ENV:EX; Leblanc, Robert ENV:EX; Hayward, Adrian ENV:EX; Ford, Christopher ENV:EX; Anderson, Hana J ENV:EX
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Date: October 24, 2018 3:53:05 PM

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Enforcement Routing Sheet #18-4750 Update #1
Complaint Received By: KAREN (Operations 6 ECC)
Originally logged: 2018-10-17 18:25
Update logged at: 2018-10-24 15:49
Area: HAGENSBORG - BELLA COOLA - THOMPSON CARIBOO REGION
COORS OR#:

CALLER INFORMATION

Caller Name: **s.22**
Mail / Street Address / City: **s.22**
Postal Code:
Referred By:

CONTACT NUMBERS

Cellular: **s.22**

VIOLATION DETAILS:

Violation Type: WILDLIFE
Offense Location: See report.
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Date: October 25, 2018 10:03:43 AM

Please check in with DC Doyle before you proceed.

Thx

Launa Murai
W) 778-698-4298. C) 250-208-5933

On Oct 25, 2018, at 9:09 AM, Tyre, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Tyre@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Launa, I'm headed to the office and will have a note for Minister Heyman shortly.

Cheers,

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Subject: Re: Minister's briefing - Bella Coola incident
Date: October 25, 2018 11:00:10 AM

Looks good to me Jeff. Thanks.

Cam

On Oct 25, 2018, at 10:46 AM, Tyre, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Tyre@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good morning, additional comments added as per your emails. Please review and forward on to Launa or back to me for additional comments.

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Sgt Jeff Tyre
Conservation Officer Service
Cariboo/Chilcotin Zone
Williams Lake office
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Cell -s.17

From: [Badry, Micheal J ENV:EX](#)
To: [Tyre, Jeff ENV:EX](#)
Subject: Bella Coola GB
Date: October 25, 2018 12:01:05 PM
Attachments: S.22

[Conflict in Bella Coola.msg](#)
[Grizzly Sow killed in BC.msg](#)

Hi Jeff,

FYI, I have received 4 emails directly regarding this incident (attached). Please let me know if I can be of any help.

Mike

Mike Badry

Wildlife Conflict Manager

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Subject: s.22
Date: Thursday, October 25, 2018 04:22:14

Dear Mike

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s.22

Thanks.

Prospective BC resident

s.22

https://bc.ctvnews.ca/mobile/caught-on-cam-grizzly-charges-man-in-front-yard-1.4146652?fbclid=IwAR0zJU_aChi6GFqgXaX_Kj6hxkkrJ1VVL3irCnNgKue0UkYT2zYYSvjR0l#_gus&_gucid=&_gup=Facebook&_gsc=owULiRU

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Subject: Re s.22
Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 15:03:05

To the Honorable George Heyman and Mike Badry of the conservation officer service of BC,

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s.22

If we do not learn to tolerate these beings we will lose them forever.
s.22

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It falls upon all BC residents to respect our threatened wildlife species and to abide by the Wildlife Act if we are to see them persist.

Please let me know what actions will be taken in response to this gross act of neglect.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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From: s.22
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Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 12:13:22

Mr. Badry, I was shocked and saddened to see the footage of a person charging a Grizzly sow on 10/23/18, while shooting at it for no apparent reason. The bear was eating fruit out of this person's orchard and the animal was not displaying any type of aggressive behavior, s.22
s.22

s.22

I respectfully request that this incident be investigated s.22
s.22 What happened to this animal's offspring??? Are they left to fend for themselves and starve to death?

s.22

Thank you.

s.22

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From: [Margaret Munro](#)
To: [Tyre, Jeff ENV:EX](#); [Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX](#)
Cc: [Anderson, Hana J ENV:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Wounded sow video
Date: October 25, 2018 2:18:58 PM

Hi Jeff, Steve and Hana,
Thanks for the update. If you could let me know the outcome of the investigations as soon as they are complete, I'd appreciate it.
Best,
Margaret

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On Oct 25, 2018, at 1:55 PM, Tyre, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Tyre@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Margaret, my names Jeff Tyre and I'm the supervisor for the Bella Coola office of the COS. The second incident did occur but because of the similarities to the video incident I'd prefer if officers didn't comment on either incident for the time being until both investigations have been completed.

I'm certain Steve will follow up with you once our investigations have been completed.

Cheers,

Sgt Jeff Tyre

Conservation Officer Service

Cariboo/Chilcotin Zone

Williams Lake office

Desk 250-398-4210

From: Margaret Munro [<mailto:m-munro@shaw.ca>]

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 3:35 PM

To: Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX

Cc: Anderson, Hana J ENV:EX

Subject: Re: Wounded sow video

Hi Steve,

Thanks for your note. Appreciate why you can't comment until the investigation is complete. If you could let me know the outcome as soon as a decision is made, I'd appreciate it.

Meantime could you confirm that the shooting occurred this month. The video was posted to YouTube Oct 14.

Also curious about another incident, which I understand occurred a few weeks ago. I hear an elderly fellow sitting in his wheelchair, shot and killed a grizzly cub that had been up on his porch and in his yard chasing chickens.

Is there a convenient time I could call you today or tomorrow.

Best,
Margaret

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On Oct 23, 2018, at 11:27 AM, Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX

<Steven.Hodgson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon Margaret. The file is under investigation and cannot comment on it at this time. The COS can certainly provide you with an outcome once the investigation is completed.

Sorry to not be more helpful.

Steve

From: MARGARET MUNRO [<mailto:m-munro@shaw.ca>]

Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 7:33 PM

To: Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX

Subject: Wounded sow video

Hi Steve,

Was just sent this video. Would like to get your take on it when you have time. No rush, Friday or Monday would be fine.

M

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o0uM7s8hprc&app=desktop&fbclid=IwAR3iN889KaNHb2aIxWhkhqwW-n31duz5Q0UbodE5ykjXgmTV6YwINUdqAnQ)

[v=o0uM7s8hprc&app=desktop&fbclid=IwAR3iN889KaNHb2aIxWhkhqwW-n31duz5Q0UbodE5ykjXgmTV6YwINUdqAnQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o0uM7s8hprc&app=desktop&fbclid=IwAR3iN889KaNHb2aIxWhkhqwW-n31duz5Q0UbodE5ykjXgmTV6YwINUdqAnQ)

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From: s.17
To: COS Cariboo-Chilcotin Zone ENV:EX
Subject: HWCR 18-18992 - GRIZZLY BEAR - SIGHTINGS - BELLA COOLA - BELLA COOLA
Date: October 25, 2018 3:30:39 PM

HWCR 18-18992 - GRIZZLY BEAR - SIGHTINGS - BELLA COOLA - BELLA COOLA

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Human Wildlife Conflict Report #18-18992

Complaint Received By: NATALIE (Operations 3 ECC)

Date / Time received: 2018-10-25 15:23

Area: BELLA COOLA - BELLA COOLA - THOMPSON CARIBOO REGION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Location: SAME ADDRESS

Location Description:

Caller Name s.22

Mail / Street Address / City: N/A, s.22

Postal Code:

Referred By:

CONTACT NUMBERS

Cellular: s.22

OCCURRENCE INFORMATION

Incident Date Time: 2018-10-25 15:23

Species Involved: GRIZZLY BEAR

Attractants Noted: NOT APPLICABLE

Nature of Complaint: SIGHTINGS

Action Taken: EMAILED CO

Details: Caller demanding the cell phone numbers of the local COs because he wants to know why the person who shot the Grizzly Bear has not been charged. Caller yelled at call taker and demanded he be called by local CO so they could answer for themselves and explain to him why this person hasn't been charged. Calltaker ended call when caller began yelling

ACTIONS TAKEN

2018-10-25 15:28:10 Not a sighting

From: Anderson, Hana J ENV:EX
To: Butler, Len ENV:EX; Tyre, Jeff ENV:EX; McIntyre, Ryane ENV:EX; Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX; Connatty, Jared ENV:EX; Leblanc, Robert ENV:EX; Hayward, Adrian ENV:EX; Ford, Christopher ENV:EX
Cc: Anderson, Hana J ENV:EX
Subject: RE: HWCR 18-18992 - GRIZZLY BEAR - SIGHTINGS - BELLA COOLA - BELLA COOLA
Date: October 25, 2018 3:55:56 PM

s.15

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

From: COS Cariboo-Chilcotin Zone ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 3:31 PM
To: Butler, Len ENV:EX; Tyre, Jeff ENV:EX; McIntyre, Ryane ENV:EX; Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX; Connatty, Jared ENV:EX; Leblanc, Robert ENV:EX; Hayward, Adrian ENV:EX; Ford, Christopher ENV:EX; Anderson, Hana J ENV:EX
Subject: FW: HWCR 18-18992 - GRIZZLY BEAR - SIGHTINGS - BELLA COOLA - BELLA COOLA

From s.17

Sent: October-25-18 3:30:37 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: COS Cariboo-Chilcotin Zone ENV:EX
Subject: HWCR 18-18992 - GRIZZLY BEAR - SIGHTINGS - BELLA COOLA - BELLA COOLA

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Date / Time received: 2018-10-25 15:23
Area: BELLA COOLA - BELLA COOLA - THOMPSON CARIBOO REGION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Location: SAME ADDRESS
Location Description:
Caller Name s.22
Mail / Street Address / City: N/A, s.22
Postal Code:
Referred By:

CONTACT NUMBERS

Cellula s.22

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From: [Conservation Officer Service ENV:EX](#)
To: [COS Cariboo-Chilcotin Zone ENV:EX](#)
Cc: [Tyre, Jeff ENV:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Shooting the mother grizzly bear
Date: October 26, 2018 7:12:47 AM

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2018 7:08 AM
To: Conservation Officer Service ENV:EX
Subject: Shooting the mother grizzly bear
s.22

This message was sent securely using ZixCorp.

From: COS Cariboo-Chilcotin Zone ENV:EX
To: Butler, Len ENV:EX; Tyre, Jeff ENV:EX; McIntyre, Ryane ENV:EX; Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX; Connatty, Jared ENV:EX; Leblanc, Robert ENV:EX; Hayward, Adrian ENV:EX; Ford, Christopher ENV:EX; Anderson, Hana J ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Notification of ERS 18-5024 - BELLA COOLA - BELLA COOLA
Date: October 26, 2018 11:03:17 AM

From: **s.17**
Sent: October-26-18 11:03:15 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: COS Cariboo-Chilcotin Zone ENV:EX
Subject: Notification of ERS 18-5024 - BELLA COOLA - BELLA COOLA

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Enforcement Routing Sheet #18-5024
Complaint Received By: SHANE (Operations 3 ECC)
Date / Time received: 2018-10-26 10:52
Area: BELLA COOLA - BELLA COOLA - THOMPSON CARIBOO REGION
COORS OR#:

CALLER INFORMATION

Caller Name: **s.22** **s.22**
Mail / Street Address / City: UNKNOWN
Postal Code:
Referred By:

CONTACT NUMBERS

Cellular **s.22**

VIOLATION DETAILS:

Violation Date: 2018-10-26
Violation Time:
Violation in Progress: No
Violation Type: WILDLIFE
Offense Witnessed: Cruelty to wildlife.
Offense Location: Bella Coola
Offense Details: Hunter reporting a castanet Kelowna media video story of shooting a sow in the face with a shot gun in front of 3 healthy cubs. The video has since been taken off the site.

DESCRIPTION

Name (If known):
Sex:
Race:
Height:
Weight:
Eyes:
Hair:
Glasses:

Smoker:
Build:
Complexion:
Distinguishing Features:
Clothing:
Vehicle:
Weapons:
Other Details:

From: s.17
To: COS Cariboo-Chilcotin Zone ENV:EX
Subject: Notification of ERS 18-5024 - BELLA COOLA - BELLA COOLA
Date: October 26, 2018 11:03:17 AM

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Date / Time received: 2018-10-26 10:52

Area: BELLA COOLA - BELLA COOLA - THOMPSON CARIBOO REGION

COORS OR#:

CALLER INFORMATION

Caller Name s.22

Mail / Street Address / City: UNKNOWN, s.22

Postal Code:

Referred By:

CONTACT NUMBERS

Cellular s.22

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Build:

Complexion:

Distinguishing Features:

Clothing:

Vehicle:

Weapons:

Other Details:

From: [Badry, Micheal J ENV:EX](#)
To: [Tyre, Jeff ENV:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Bella Coola man shooting mother bear with birdshot
Date: October 29, 2018 8:41:07 AM

One more Jeff.

Mike

From: s.22

Sent: Sunday, October 28, 2018 6:45 PM

To: Badry, Micheal J ENV:EX

Subject: Bella Coola man shooting mother bear with birdshot

Dear Mr Badry.

I recently spent 4 days floating on the Atnarko River doing some grizzly bear viewing and I have a great respect for these magnificent animals. I know that there are people in the area who are passionate about these bears.

Unfortunately for me, I watched the video of the man who shot at the mother grizzly in his yard s.22

s.22

I am giving a talk s.22 in November about my experience with the bears in Bella Coola and will be including this incident s.22

s.22

Thank you for your consideration of this issue. I hope you take action against this man.

s.22

From: s.22
To: Tyre, Jeff ENV:EX; bc@wildsafebc.com; Rice.MLA, Jennifer LASS:EX
Cc: s.22
Subject: Accountability
Date: October 29, 2018 1:49:48 PM

I recently watched a video on YouTube where a man named s.22 was seen shooting a mother Grizzly .

s.22

In the video the bears appear to be eating food under a tree that looks to be a non native apple tree .

In the video it shows that he had the bears on the run and then he chose to run after them over pressuring the Sow and causing her to defend herself and resulting in her being shot . I'm sure many can speculate as to where he hit the bear with the 12g target load , but it appears to me that he got her in the jaw partially and in her front left leg . s.22

s.22

There seems to be a large number of valley residents who believe this was ok and was justified , this is very concerning.

It seems there is an old school mentality s.22 is still very much alive and well in the Bella Coola valley by a number of individuals .

My question to you is ;

What are you doing about this ?

Is a Conservation Officer actively looking for this bear to confirm that there is an injury or not and asses the level of injury sustained?

What are you going to do about the attractants s.22 yard ?

What are you going to do about this culture of abuse and old school shoot shovel and shut up mentality?

The Bella Coola valley is such a pristine and beautiful place that seems to be unique with its bear human conflict issues , many other villages on the outer coast do not see this level of conflict .

s.22

s.22

I know what needs to be done , the cycle needs to be broken with enforcement of existing laws and regulations.

Accountability needs to start before it's too late .

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=o0uM7s8hprc&noapp=1&client=mv-google>

Thanks from
s.22

From: [Butler, Len ENV:EX](#)
To: [Tyre, Jeff ENV:EX](#)
Subject: Fwd: WATCHER: Incoming Assignment – eApprovals item 12185
Date: October 29, 2018 2:42:26 PM

Jeff click in the cliff and see the email sent by ^{s.22} . Is this the person that you responded too?

LB

Sent from my iPhone
Len Butler

Begin forwarded message:

From: ENV eApproval:s.17
Date: October 29, 2018 at 1:16:33 PM PDT
To: <Len.Butler@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: WATCHER: Incoming Assignment – eApprovals item 12185

An eApprovals Item has been sent to Butler, Len.

Cliff Number: 334052

Other Number:

TRIM Number:

Topic: Conflict re: bears being shot near Bella Coola without consequences or regard for human safety, not enough being done to educate residents / keep properties free of bear attractants.

Date Final Due: 11/9/2018 12:00:00 AM

Last Action: Item Sent To

Comments:

Hi Len, please assign for drafting under ADM signature. Draft due to ADM for Nov 9.

eApprovals Link:

<https://enveapprovals.gov.bc.ca/prod/SitePages/watchedItems.aspx>

Super User Link:

<https://enveapprovals.gov.bc.ca/prod/SitePages/superUser.aspx>

Cliff Link:

<https://env.cliff.gov.bc.ca/log/upd/tl/576971/link>

From: [Anderson, Hana J ENV:EX](#)
To: [Butler, Len ENV:EX](#); [Tyre, Jeff ENV:EX](#); [Schwantje, Helen FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: HWCR 18-20136 Grizzly Cubs
Date: November 14, 2018 1:15:13 PM

Just wanted to update you guys that **s.22** will be arriving in Bella Coola tomorrow and retrieving the two grizzly cubs of the year and transporting them in her trap. Hopefully I will be successful in recovering the third cub.

Background was the sow broke into the side of a house thru a door and pushed in two windows and fed on half a freezer of food. The sow showed aggression towards the home owner by charging when he was chasing her away and she also showed aggression towards CO Hodgson and I when we were scaring her away. The sow followed that up with sneaking up behind us after we finished setting up electric fencing around the side of the house.

Due to the public safety risk she posed and her persistence she was caught and destroyed.

Reference: HWCR 18-20136

Please let me know if you need more details, I'm in and out of cell.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [ENV eApprovals](#)
To: [Butler, Len ENV:EX](#)
Subject: WATCHER: Incoming Assignment – eApprovals item 12342
Date: November 20, 2018 2:49:27 PM

An eApprovals Item has been sent to Butler, Len.

Cliff Number: 334558

Other Number: Batch Response

TRIM Number:

Topic: Comments and concerns regarding grizzly bear shooting.

Date Final Due: 11/27/2018 12:00:00 AM

Last Action: Item Sent To

Comments:

Inspector BUTLER to action draft generic response under ADM signature. Draft due to ADM Nov 29. An additional 8 business days has been provided due to late forwarding by CU.

eApprovals Link:

<https://enveapprovals.gov.bc.ca/prod/SitePages/watchedItems.aspx>

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<https://enveapprovals.gov.bc.ca/prod/SitePages/superUser.aspx>

Cliff Link:

<https://env.cliff.gov.bc.ca/log/upd/tl/577537/link>

From: [Conservation Officer Service ENV:EX](#)
To: [Tyre, Jeff ENV:EX](#)
Subject: FW: shooting a grizzly sow bear
Date: November 22, 2018 7:26:47 AM

Hi Jeff

Received in the COS HQ mailbox.

This was just forwarded to us yesterday, note the date the complainant sent it to F&W.

Thanks

Sue

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

From: Fish and Wildlife FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 3:23 PM
To: Conservation Officer Service ENV:EX
Subject: FW: shooting a grizzly sow bear

Over to you, thank you!

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

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 9:32 AM
To: Fish and Wildlife FLNR:EX
Cc: Barnett.MLA, Donna LASS:EX; councilsec@nuxalknation.ca
Subject: shooting a grizzly sow bear

Hello Fish and Wildlife,

I recently watched a video on TV showing a Bella Coola resident purposely shooting a grizzly bear sow to get her and cubs to leave his property. She appears to have been shot twice with a shotgun from a very close range. She may now be going blind and will definitely be a threat to humans. She was probably just trying to fatten up for winter by eating whatever he had around (fruit tree). s.22

s.22

Thanks,

s.22

From: [Anderson, Hana J ENV:EX](#)
To: [Butler, Len ENV:EX](#)
Subject: Re: **s.22**
Date: November 28, 2018 7:22:43 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Correction** November 13th the sow was killed in conflict for breaking into the house. Sorry, days a flying by here.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 28, 2018, at 7:02 PM, Anderson, Hana J ENV:EX <Hana.Anderson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Len, sorry for the delay in response. I was out of cell range.

There was a 6 day time delay in reporting of the incident. When the incident was reported I reviewed the satellite images of the area to assess the risk and benefit of doing a ground search for the sow. The property is surrounded by vast wilderness. With a 6 day time delay searching in the dense woods for a stressed out mobile sow with birdshot injuries become more risky than beneficial for both public safety and animal health. I did however review all HWCR's in the valley from the date of the incident to the date of reporting, no reports were consistent with the sow. We then monitored the area closely for any sightings/conflicts afterwards.

The sow that was killed in conflict or **s.22** on October 13th was found to have #6 lead bird shot in its left front leg, left front shoulder, and a couple birdshot pellets in its left face. Suggesting it was facing the shooter with head lowered. No obvious infection was present and all the entrance wounds were healed closed. The sow was otherwise very healthy. The sow matched the physical characteristic of the sow in the **s.22** conflict and the cubs matched the age class and colouration. There were other behaviour indicators that suggest that it was the same sow. That said, **s.22** insists he remembers shooting the front right of the sow.

Let me know if you would like any more information.

CO Hana Anderson
Conservation Officer Service (COS)
Cariboo/Chilcotin Zone, Bella Coola

From: Butler, Len ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 4:51 PM
To: Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX
Cc: Anderson, Hana J ENV:EX
Subject: Re: **s.22**
Thanks Steve

Sent from my iPhone
Len Butler

On Nov 28, 2018, at 4:13 PM, Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX <Steven.Hodgson@gov.bc.ca>

wrote:

I will let Hana answer the request as she is the lead on the file. She is just up on the plateau doing some CI work.

From: Butler, Len ENV:EX

Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 4:04 PM

To: Anderson, Hana J ENV:EX; Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX

Subject: s.22

Hana/Steve

After learning of th s.22 incident what efforts were taken to locate the sow and the cubs? Also did we come to a determination if the sow that was destroyed recently was the same bear with the buckshot? Need to know this info as soon as possible.

Thanks

Len

Inspector LEN BUTLER

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From: [Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX](#)
To: [Standen, Jim ENV:EX](#)
Cc: [Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Conflict in Bella Coola (Complaint-email sent to MLA)
Date: October 24, 2018 8:44:57 AM

Good morning Jim,

Communications from MLA below were forwarded to the COS inbox. It does not look like he is asking for a response so an FYI at this point.

Chris

From: Tyre, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 8:33 AM
To: Schley, Cam D ENV:EX; Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX
Subject: Fwd: Conflict in Bella Coola (Complaint-email sent to MLA)

I'm not going to reply and will wait for Len's return.

Jeff Tyre

Sgt Cariboo/Chilcotin Zone
Conservation Officer Service

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Conservation Officer Service ENV:EX"
<Conservation.Officer.Service@gov.bc.ca>
Date: October 24, 2018 at 7:23:00 AM PDT
To: "Butler, Len ENV:EX" <Len.Butler@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Tyre, Jeff ENV:EX" <Jeff.Tyre@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Conflict in Bella Coola (Complaint-email sent to MLA)

Received in the COS HQ Mailbox.
Sue B.

From: Olsen.MLA, Adam [<mailto:Adam.Olsen.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 4:43 PM
To: s.22
Cc: Conservation Officer Service ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Conflict in Bella Coola

Hello s.22

These issues are very concerning and this is not the first I have heard of these complaints in the Bella Coola valley or elsewhere in British Columbia. It is my understanding that those fruit trees are an attractant and that the property owner must address that by protecting the trees. As I am located in Victoria, BC it is very difficult for me to deal with these issues

directly so I have blind-copied the local MLA Jennifer Rice on this email. I would also strongly recommend that you begin your advocacy directly with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. They are the Ministry responsible for addressing this very concerning issue you have raised with my office.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if for some reason you are not getting the answers you require.

Best Regards,

Adam Olsen, MLA

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From s.22

Date: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 3:48 PM

To: "Olsen.MLA, Adam" <Adam.Olsen.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: Conflict in Bella Coola

This is what we're dealing with. This is a video of a man charging at a sow grizzly bear (with 3 cubs) apparently because she was eating off his fruit trees. You will note, he charged first. He then shot her in the face. She is apparently still out there wounded with her three cubs depending on her for everything.

<https://youtu.be/o0uM7s8hprc>

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 22, 2018, at 5:10 PM s.22

wrote:

Good afternoon, Adam. I'm hearing concerning reports of serious conflict in Bella Coola and that bears are being shot and killed simply for being bears. I unfortunately witnessed confrontational behavior from locals first-hand when I was there a couple of months ago but had no idea it would escalate to this. In one instance, I encountered a man with a rifle who seemingly came out of nowhere while I was respectfully observing a Grizzly and her 3 cubs. I eventually got him to leave peacefully but a conservation officer and I heard gunshots from his area later that night and immediately were concerned for the bears. I spent every evening I was there doing bear safety education to anyone around and resolved more than a few issues to keep both humans and bears safe.

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Date: October 25, 2018 2:45:17 PM

Some bullets - this is not for outside release as this matter is still under investigation.

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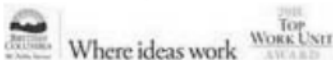
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Date: October 25, 2018 7:38:05 AM

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One point to add is what took place when the male self-reported it on the 10th?

Chris

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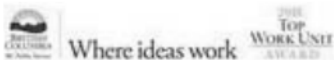
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From: s.22

Date: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 3:48 PM

To: "Olsen.MLA, Adam" <Adam.Olsen.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: Conflict in Bella Coola

This is what we're dealing with. This is a video of a man charging at a sow grizzly bear (with 3 cubs) apparently because she was eating off his fruit trees. You will note, he charged first. He then shot her in the face. She is apparently still out there wounded with her three cubs depending on her for everything.

<https://youtu.be/o0uM7s8hprc>

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On Oct 22, 2018, at 5:10 PM, s.22

wrote:

Good afternoon, Adam. I'm hearing concerning reports of serious conflict in Bella Coola and that bears are being shot and killed simply for being bears. I unfortunately witnessed confrontational behavior from locals first-hand when I was there a couple of months ago but had no idea it would escalate to this. In one instance, I encountered a man with a rifle who seemingly came out of nowhere while I was respectfully observing a Grizzly and her 3 cubs. I eventually got him to leave peacefully but a conservation officer and I heard gunshots from his area later that night and immediately were concerned for the bears. I spent every evening I was there doing bear safety education to anyone around and resolved more than a few issues to keep both humans and bears safe.

I'm hoping you can shed some light on what is being done to prevent this senseless and barbaric behaviour and how I can help further? It sounds like this conflict is, for the most part, entirely preventable by humans but instead bears are being killed 'due to safety concerns'. I'm advised by locals that 'help' only shows up after the fact. I.e. once a bear has already been compromised, wounded or killed. It sounds like the system is designed to ensure conflict instead of preventing it. Why are the humans not being held accountable by adhering to and following common bear safety protocols? Why are there not consequences and/or fines to encourage people to keep their land free of bear attractants? Having been there, I know that this is not always possible as people have fruit trees and bushes in their yards and live next to rivers where the salmon run. But perhaps these people could be checked in on to ensure they are not creating conflict with wildlife. To be educated, so they know proper bear safety and thus don't fear. Garbage, however, being left around etc is absolutely preventable and there should be consequences for doing so. Right now it sounds like bears are the only ones paying the consequences.

Just to be clear, I'm not judging here or blaming. I fully understand that

you can educate until you're blue in the face and have protocols in place and still have issues. But, to me, it doesn't sound like everything that could be done is being done. Not by a long shot. s.22 in a large law firm with offices all over the world so I get that it's impossible to get everyone to dance to the same beat. However, I'm really hoping that we can come up with a plan together. I also want people to know that there are now individuals outside of Bella Coola that are aware of this issue and we're looking forward to finding solutions that keep everyone safe.

I look forward to hearing from you very soon and thank you for your time.

Kindest regards,
s.22

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