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**Task Number (MIU only):**

**Type of Statement:**

**Date of Recording:** 2018-11-23

**Start Time of Phone Call:** 16:51

**End Time of Phone Call:** 16:56

**Caller Name:** s.22

**RAPP Operator:** Ciara

**Transcribed by:** Melanie LOUTIT **on:** 2019-02-05

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- 1 C: Conservation.
- 2 s.2 : Hi I don't know which button I'm suppose to press but I got a problem.
- 3 C: Ok wh what's going on?
- 4 s.2 : Somebody put a fuckin trap where I walk my dog and my dog is now dead because she  
5 got caught in that fuckin trap how legal is this?
- 6 C: Where where was the trap?
- 7 s.22 : On on the forest service road like a meter away from the road like my dog does not even  
8 wander she's like was right by me.
- 9 C: OK so what forest service road where in BC are you?
- 10 s.2 : s.22 in Slokan Valley Appledale I'm sorry I just am so shocked  
11 me and my partner tried to get her out of there for like 10 minutes and she just choked to  
12 death (crying).
- 13 C: Awww.
- 14 s.2 : In my arms like this is fucked up (crying).
- 15 C: Awww (sympathetic).
- 16 s.2 : I'm sorry (crying) I'm so sorry.
- 17 C: No that's OK no that's.
- 18 s.2 : I'm so shocked such a good dog,
- 19 C: Oh my god that's so horrible (sympathetic).
- 20 s.2 : Is that legal for real (indiscernible) can people just do that?
- 21 C: Oh (sympathetic) um oh uh technically no they can't um.
- 22 s.22 : If I put up a fricken camera and catch who the fricken did who that what happens like  
23 what happens to those assholes?
- 24 C: Um it it depends you know they can they can go to jail they can be fined um.
- 25 s.2 : (indiscernible) It's like it's my best friend.



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- 26 C: Oh (sympathetic).
- 27 s.22 : And like I saw it die (crying) like she couldn't breathe like for real and those things are so  
28 complicated like my partners still out there trying to get her body out of this fuckin  
29 bullshit.
- 30 C: Oh god (sympathetic).
- 31 s.2 : This is fucked up (crying) I walked her every single day and now my other dog is missing  
32 too so how am I suppose to fuckin live right here.
- 33 C: Oh (sympathetic).
- 34 s.2 : I'm sorry I'm so sorry it's not your fault.
- 35 C: That's so horrible I'm so sorry I can't even imagine what you're going through  
36 (sympathetic).
- 37 s.2 : Me neither I'm just super shocked she was the best dog out there she wasn't even a  
38 wanderer she's just walking along like if he would have put the trap up the mountain  
39 somewhere like I don't know what they are trying to catch
- 40 C: Mmm hmm.
- 41 s.2 : Like a cougar or what is it?
- 42 C: Or a bear or something.
- 43 s.2 : No its too small for a bear.
- 44 C: Hmm um.
- 45 s.2 : I think I don't know I don't know anything around this crap.
- 46 C: K if if you can let your boyfriend know tell him I know this is like so horrible to to be  
47 have to tell him this but tell him document this take photos try to see if there's a like  
48 serial number on the trap anything like that so we can trace the person who did that but.
- 49 s.2 : Well we were going to try to get a hunting camera and try to like put it towards the trap  
50 catch a license
- 51 C: Yeah.



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52 s.2 : plate or something.  
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53 C: Yeah definitely.

54 s.22 I'm not going to let that slide like this is fucked up

55 C: Mmm hmm.

56 s.22 : like if trapping is legal they should put signs saying like hey keep your dog on a leash and  
57 we're trapping in this area I don't know

58 C: Mmm.

59 s.2 : but like I'm not the only one there walking with my dog like I walk there every single  
60 day.

61 C: Mmm hmm.

62 s.2 : So it's just a matter of time really.  
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63 C: And a person could have hurt themselves too so yeah that's not.

64 s.22 : Well yeah I don't know this is messed up its it was literally 2 meter off the main forest  
65 service road.

66 C: Awww (sympathetic) OK.

67 s.22 : So I don't know.

68 C: K I'm gonna I'll let the Conservation Officers know um can I take your name and call  
69 back number?

70 s.2 : Yeah of course uh it's s.22  
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71 C: Mmm hmm.

72 s.2 : uh and my number is s.22

73 C: OK.

74 s.2 : I'm so sorry.  
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75 C: No no I I can't even imagine what you're going through like that's that's so awful I can't  
76 even imagine losing my dog.





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77 s.2 : Oh it's so complicated those traps are like impossible  
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78 C: Mmm hmm.

79 s.22 : like we saw her die slowly for 10 minutes

80 C: Oh god (sympathetic).

81 s.22 : and we were trying so hard both of us and we couldn't get her out (crying).

82 C: Awww (sympathetic).

83 s.2 : so yeah I love to like I don't know I'm kinda follow through and I will try to catch that  
84 bastard

85 C: Mmm hmm.

86 s.2 : cause like for real like I don't think that should be legal like like live I don't know like if  
87 you're going to be a hunter be a fuckin hunter and play it fair

88 C: Mmm hmm.

89 s.2 : this isn't fair.  
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90 C: OK well I'm going to let the Conservation Officers know but um if if you're feeling up to  
91 it I would also um uh call the RCMP too

92 s.2 : Oh yeah OK.  
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93 C: and and let them know and maybe make a make a report

94 s.2 : (indiscernible) yeah OK.  
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95 C: um just cause normally like we would deal with the trap side but we don't deal with  
96 anything domestic so maybe just in case then the RCMP could could um make a report  
97 too about how um you know you're you're uh dog passed too away too because of this

98 s.2 : Right.  
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99 C: but I'll call the Conservation Officers.

100 s.2 : Like what if there's more like I can't walk my dog anymore like this is just messed up  
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101 C: Mmm hmm.



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102 s.2 : like the reason why we live in nature is cause we get to like go and let our dogs walk  
103 2 : freely not on a leash like I live up the mountain like

104 C: Mmm hmm.

105 s.2 : for a reason and this was literally like 2 kilometers up a forest service road  
106 2 : Oh.

107 s.2 : and like 2 meters off the road right this is just fucked up.  
108 2 : Mmm (sympathetic).

109 s.22 : Uh anyhow uh.

110 C: OK well let your boyfriend though take photos document everything

111 s.2 : OK.  
112 2 : um and I will call the Conservation Officers and let them know right away.

113 s.2 : OK thank you so much for.  
114 2 : No no problem and if anything else happens we're here 24/7 so you can always call us  
115 : OK.

116 s.22 : I hope nothing else happens I hope my other dog comes back

117 C: Mmm hmm.

118 s.2 : I'm pretty freaked out to be honest  
119 2 : Oh (sympathetic).

120 s.2 : uh yeah I gotta pray I just find him I don't know where he was (indiscernible).  
121 2 : Awww (sympathetic) OK.

122 s.2 : Alright thank you so much.  
123 2 : No problem good luck.

124 s.2 : Thank you bye  
125 2 :



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125 C: Bye



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**Type of Statement:**

**Date of Recording:** 2018-11-23

**Start Time of Phone Call:** 16:59

**End Time of Phone Call:** 17:06

**Caller name:** s.22

**RAPP Operator:** Ciara

**Briefed:** CO Mark WALKOSKY 17:05  
SGT Ben BEETLESTONE – phone message 16:59  
CO Blair THIN – phone message 17:00  
CO Kyle Bueckert – phone message 17:02

**Transcribed by:** Melanie LOUTIT **on:** 2018-02-06

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- 1 C: (pause) hmm.
- 2 BB: (Voicemail) Hi its Ben leave me a message and I'll return your call as soon as I can thank  
3 you. After leaving a message you can hang up or press pound for more options (beeping  
4 sound).
- 5 C: Hey Ben it's Ciara calling from the ECC I just got a call from a lady who was walking  
6 along a forest service road and um her dog um there was a a trap near the forest service  
7 road and her dog went into the trap um and so they were pretty upset cause their dog has  
8 passed away now um so I just wanted to give you a heads up K thanks bye.
- 9 BT: (Voicemail) Hi you've reached conservation Officer Blair Thin out of the Castlegar  
10 Office please leave a message after the beep or if this is an emergency call 1-877-952  
11 (beeping sound).
- 12 C: Hey Blair it's Ciara calling from the ECC just wanted to let you know about a trap that  
13 was found along a forest service road um the caller unfortunately found it when due to  
14 her dog going into the trap um and dying um so just wanted to give you a heads up thanks  
15 bye.
- 16 C: (pause) Conservation.
- 17 s.22 : Hi there um I'm (indiscernible).
- 18 C: OK.
- 19 s.22 : and I'm just calling I got my dogs out on the old highway in town.
- 20 C: Mmm hmm.
- 21 s.22 and there's a kill site of some sort right on the right on the road and it's just within  
22 district limits or city limits.
- 23 C: OK and um like is there a carcass there?
- 24 s.22 : Um it didn't look like it like its dark right now and there is not many tracks so I really  
25 didn't really want to disturb the site but I could see blood and where the guy backed the  
26 truck in and looks like they loaded something up so there's there might be guts there I  
27 don't know.
- 28 C: OK (pause) and so um so in Sparwood um at the old highway in town um?
- 29 s.22 : The road is called the Old Highway its right across from the dump.



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30 C: Oh OK.

31 s.22 : Right off the Highway number 3.

32 C: OK I'll let the Conservation Officers know uh can I get your name and a call back  
33 number.

34 s.22 : Yeah it's s.22 last name s.22 .

35 C: Mmm hmm.

36 s.22 : and my number is s.22 .

37 C: OK perfect I'll let them know right away.

38 s.22 [: K sounds good.

39 C: Mmm thank you.

40 s.2  
2 [: You're welcome.

41 C: Bye.

42 s.22 [: Bye.

43 C: (pause)

44 KB: (Voicemail) Hi you've reached uh Kyle Bueckert for BC Conservation Officer Service  
45 please leave a brief.

46 C: Hey Kyle Ciara calling from ECC I just have a trap that was found um in Appledale  
47 Castlegar um just the callers pretty upset cause uh her dog went into the trap and um has  
48 passed away and they can't get the dog out K thanks bye.

49 MW: (pause) Conservation Officer Mark speaking.

50 C: Hey Mark its Ciara calling from the ECC.

51 MW: Hey.

52 C: Um I know this isn't something we would normally call you guys about but the caller  
53 was pretty freaked out which um well upset um so they're walking along a forest service  
54 road in Appledale and um her dog went into the bush just off the forest service road and



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55 and um went into a trap um and has since passed away but um they're beside the trap  
56 trying to get the dog out and they can't um.

57 MW: (indiscernible)

58 C: Hmmm?

59 MW: Like a snare or something like that or?

60 C: Yeah,

61 MW: Oh.

62 C: So it

63 MW: (indiscernible) so a Ca around Castlegar

64 C: Yeah she said it was um like she was like either screaming or balling and so it was a little  
65 bit hard to kind of hard to understand the road she said but I thought it was 's.22  
66 in Appledale.

67 MW: OK.

68 C: But um but yeah she was just like so upset and so I thought maybe like there at a  
69 noticeably there might be like markers on the snare or something that like they could you  
70 know take photos of or something but um but yeah I just wanted to pass that along.

71 MW: Yeah no I can uh see if we could get them some help I don't really know too much about  
72 what's going on over there so anyway um yeah send it through please.

73 C: OK thank you.

74 MW: K thanks bye.

75 C: Bye



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**Type of Statement:**

**Date of Recording:** 2018-11-23

**Start Time of Phone Call:** 18:05

**End Time of Phone Call:** 18:08

**Caller name:** Merell RCMP Dispatch

**RAPP Operator:** Chuck

**Briefed:** CO Mark WALKOSKY

**Transcribed by:** Melanie LOUTIT **on:** 2019-02-05

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1 C: Conservation.

2 M: Hey um it's just Merrell calling from RCMP Dispatch.

3 C: Hi.

4 M: Hey um I just got a call from this lady who was pretty distraught she was saying she was  
5 walking her dog up one of the forest service roads there and it walked into a cougar trap  
6 um she advised that she called you guys and you guys said to call us cause it was  
7 considered like a hazard to the public kind of thing because it's a pretty common walking  
8 area.

9 C: Really what city or town was this?

10 M: Um it's near Nelson in s.22  
11 s.22 forest service road.

12 C: (indiscernible) the dog went off the trail OK is that uh s.22 somewhere near  
13 Castlegar I'm assuming.

14 M: Um s.22

15 C: Oh I got s.22 r what was her name?

16 M: Um her name was s.22

17 C: s.22

18 M: Yeah.

19 C: Yeah we got that call from s.22

20 M: OK.

21 C: and it looks like a Conservation Officer was briefed on it.

22 M: Oh were they OK.

23 C: Yes the CO's are aware.

24 M: OK are you wanting us to head out there or?

25 C: Um.



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26 M: Like other than I can I got someone to give her a call here but.

27 C: Yeah I don't think so.

28 M: OK.

29 C: Hold the line see if I can get through to Mark.

30 M: OK.

31 C: (pause) Hold on OK?

32 M: OK.

33 C: And your name again was?

34 M: I'm Merell.

35 C: Merell OK Hold the line (pause).

36 MW: Conservation Officer Mark speaking.

37 C: Hey Mark I got it's Chuck in ECC.

38 MW: Hey.

39 C: Hey I've got Merell on the line she's uh dispatcher at the OCC and she's phoning  
40 regarding that Castlegar incident that trap that cougar trap.

41 MW: Oh OK she she is ECC?

42 C: No she's she's with the OCC so

43 MW: Oh (indiscernible).

44 C: So RCMP so she just wants to follow up with you guys regarding that uh dog that got  
45 caught in the cougar trap.

46 MW: Yeah um I can I can talk to her quickly.

47 C: OK OK hold the line.

48 MW: K thanks.



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49 C: Hey Merell I got Mark on the line he's one of the CO's in the area.  
50 M: OK.  
51 MW: Hey.  
52 M: Hi.  
53 MW: Hi.  
54 M: So did he kind of tell you what happened already or no?  
55 MW: Yeah I briefly heard about it.  
56 M: Ok.  
57 MW: Uh it Sounds like somebody's dog got caught in a snare  
58 M: Yeah.  
59 MW: and it died yeah.  
60 M: OK I'm just wondering um from our end here would you like us to send someone up  
61 there as well or we're gonna get someone to give her a call because she was pretty  
62 distraught but other than that is there anything else you would like us to do or?  
63 MW: Yeah we like I've I'm<sup>s.22</sup> but we  
64 M: OK.  
65 MW: have 2 officers one in um Castlegar and one in Nelson that have tried contacting the  
66 complainant.  
67 M: OK  
68 MW: And there's been no answer yet  
69 M: Oh OK.  
70 MW: so we were gonna try to follow up first thing in the morning.  
71 M: OK.  
72 MW: Um as far as our action I think like there's lawful trapping seasons right now



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- 73 M: Mmm hmm.
- 74 MW: So we'd have to determine (indiscernible) that it's a lawful trap that was set.
- 75 M: OK.
- 76 MW: And all that but um I mean if you have officers around that want to deal with it they can  
77 certainly try and to talk to her a bit.
- 78 M: OK alright.
- 79 MW: OK.
- 80 M: Awesome thank you.
- 81 MW: OK thanks bye.
- 82 M: K bye.



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**Type of Statement:**

**Date of Recording:** 2018-11-23

**Start Time of Phone Call:** 20:38

**End Time of Phone Call:** 20.42

**Caller Name:** CST NOTARI

**RAPP Operator:** Mike

**Second Interviewer:** CST NOTARI

**Transcribed by:** Melanie LOUTIT **on:** 2019-02-06

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1 M: Conservation.

2 CN Hi good evening it's uh New Denver RCMP calling.

3 M: Yes.

4 N: Hi its Constable Notari here we just had a call down in uh <sup>s.22</sup> in our area and I think  
5 you guys were already notified of a dog being killed in a cougar trap.

6 M: Uh yeah let me check with my partners I think we already have that one hang on a  
7 second.

8 N: Yeah yeah OK.

9 M: (Pause) Yeah I am looking at it here we had a call from a citizen uh <sup>s.22</sup>  
10 Service Road 2 kilometers up from the road a meter off the road advises her dog went off  
11 the trail about a meter and got stuck in a trap a dog caller watches her dog died the callers  
12 really freaked out and Sergeant uh Ben Beetlestone was uh left a message let me see who  
13 else was contacted uh oh here we go CO uh Mark Wa Wa Wal Walkosky was briefed so  
14 the CO's are aware of it.

15 N: OK so did they say if they're gonna attend in the morning I guess?

16 M: I have I didn't take the message and or brief the CO's and they didn't uh indicate what  
17 they're going to do.

18 N: OK.

19 M: But I'm assuming that they're going to attend in the morning

20 N: Yeah.

21 M: because you got a dog in a cougar trap and that's not going to do them any good.

22 N: OK cause the COM is uh keeps calling but uh I'm left

23 M: Ugh yeah

24 N: in the dark and it's (indiscernible)

25 M: Yeah I'm a clerk here we answer the phones for the CO's so they don't brief us on how  
26 they're going to do their job Constable so.



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- 27 N: OK.
- 28 M: I I can't answer that question for you but I'm gonna go on a limb and assume they are  
29 going to go out tomorrow.
- 30 N: Could you put a note or is it already what's done is done?
- 31 M: No no what I do is just do an incident update here and I
- 32 N: Yeah if you don't mind and uh
- 33 M: Type in this I'm sorry spell your last name for me.
- 34 N: N-O-T-A-R-I.
- 35 M: Just trying to (indiscernible) and uh how about a contact number so if the CO's want to  
36 talk to you they can get a hold of you.
- 37 N: Yeah absolutely 250-
- 38 M: Yep.
- 39 N: 358-2222.
- 40 M: So the COM keeps uh asking you guys to find out what the heck is gonna to happen?
- 41 N: She's saying that now the traps have been set by her neighbor.
- 42 M: Wh what do you mean set by the neighbor?
- 43 N: Well it says here let's see (pause) she's saying that the traps were located up the traps are  
44 close to the main pathway and were set not sure what evidence she's got down by a  
45 s.22 she's even naming somebody that set the these traps.
- 46 M: He's he's probably one of the trappers that the CO's use.
- 47 N: Well most likely I have no idea so if you if you yeah.
- 48 M: Yeah so is the dog still in the trap that it was caught?
- 49 N: The dog is dead but I don't know if she yanked the dog out or not I'm gonna try to call  
50 her again I just can't make contact with her.
- 51 M: Yeah sounds like you got a lot it must be a long night for ya (laughs).



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- 52 N: Yeah very sad (indiscernible).
- 53 M: Well I I'm a dog owner myself so hey I would I'd be very sad too but uh like I said the  
54 CO's were briefed and they've got her name and number so I don't know if they've  
55 already spoken to her or or or what's going on.
- 56 N: Yeah you know what that update uh that you put the incident update is uh is good if you  
57 don't mind yeah.
- 58 M: OK yep so if that's alright I will send it off to the guys right away.
- 59 N: Yep cause they definitely got more experience than I do when it comes to trapping and  
60 what's legal and what's not (indiscernible).
- 61 M: Exactly OK.
- 62 N: Thank you very much sir.
- 63 M: Oh your welcome have a good evening.
- 64 N: Yeah you too man.
- 65 M: Bye bye.
- 66 N: Bye.





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**Start Time of Phone Call:** 8:17

**End Time of Phone Call:** 8:25

**Caller Name:** s.22

**RAPP Operator:** Jacob

**Briefed:** SGT Ben BEETLESTONE

**Transcribed by:** Melanie LOUTIT **on:** 2018-02-07

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1 J: Conservation.  
2 s.2  
2 : Hello?  
3 J: Hi there how can I help you out?  
4 s.2 : Yeah (laughs) um need to you know that there's a Conservation Officer on today in  
5 2 Castlegar?  
6 J: Um I wouldn't be able to let you know that what's what are you trying to report or get  
7 done here?  
8 s.2 : Um I'm a trapper here s.22  
9 J: Mmm hmm.  
10 s.22 : Um I own a line s.22 also and uh yesterday I got this nasty message on my  
11 phone s.22  
12 J: Mmm hmm.  
13 s.22  
14 J: Oh OK.  
15 s.22  
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17 J: Yep.  
18 s.22  
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20 J: OK.  
21 s.22  
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23 J: Yep.  
24 s.22  
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26 J: Yeah definitely we'll get some I'll take some information down from you and I can get it  
27 off to the CO's and get them in uh contact with you that's sound good?

28 s.22

29 J: OK so which uh sorry which city or town is this in?

30 s.22

31 J: Which uh city or town is this in?

32 s.22

33 J: OK and your name sir?

34 s.22

35 J: Sorry what's the spelling on your last name?

36 s.22

37 J: OK (pause) and your contact number sir?

38 s.22

39 J: Mmm hmm.

40 s.22

41 J: Yep.

42 s.22

43 J: And uh when did this happen?

44 s.22

45 J: OK.

46 s.22

47 J: OK and what was the location on this trap?

48 s.22



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49 J: s.22 what's the spelling on that?

50 s.22

51 J: s.22 and whereabouts s.22

52 s.22

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54 J: OK

55 s.22

56 J: So it's past the locked gate?

57 s.22

58 J: OK um alright well I'll get the information so basically one of these dogs is still missing  
59 like could potentially be um?

60 s.22

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63 J: OK and uh so just so I can give them a little bit of context what are you what are you  
64 looking for from the CO's um?

65 s.22

66 J: Oh OK.

67 s.22

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69 J: Oh OK so basically the um so are the are the individuals wanting you to kind of take  
70 them to your other traps to kind of see if the the other dog is there or?

71 s.22

72 J: Oh OK.

73 s.22

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75 J: Oh OK.  
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78 J: OK.  
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82 J: Yeah.  
s.22

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84 J: OK.  
s.22

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87 J: Yeah of course.  
s.22

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90 J: OK well alright we'll let the uh CO's know what's going on and and see if they can just  
91 give you a call and just uh chat a little bit to you and  
s.22

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93 J: kind of about the best way to proceed is.  
s.22

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95 J: Ok yeah well we'll let we'll let the CO's know what's going on  
s.22

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97 J: Alright thank you very much sir.  
s.22

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99 J: No worries at all.



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100 s.22

101 J: (pause)

102 BB: Hello.

103 J: Hey ya Ben it's Jacob (indiscernible) calling you at ECC.

104 BB: Hello.

105 J: Hey I got a a strange one for you here um it's I am not too sure how to code it for you  
106 guys but I call I got a call from a wildlife trapper s.22

107 BB: Yep.

108 J: he says he has a few traps placed in s.22

109 BB: Yep.

110 J: um and apparently last night or at some point yesterday uh at

111 BB: Yep

112 J: an individual walking their dog in the area uh got their dog caught

113 BB: Yeah I know all about it just send it to me

114 J: OK awesome will do.

115 BB: OK thanks bud bye.

116 J: Bye.

117 BB: Bye.



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**Task Number (MIU only):**

**Type of Statement:**

**Date of Recording:** 2018-11-24

**Start Time of Phone Call:** 12:03

**End Time of Phone Call:** 12:05

**Caller Name:** s.22

**RAPP Operator** Natalie

**Transcribed by:** Melanie LOUTIT **on:** 2019-02-05

**Proofed by:** 35T **on:** 35T



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1 N: Conservation.  
2 s.22 : Yeah Hi um I'm calling from uh s.22 here.  
3 N: OK.  
4 s.22 : And I'm calling with a concern about the uh s.22 whose uh putting leg hole  
5 traps on the trails.  
6 N: OK.  
7 s.22 : I'm sure you guys are already aware of this uh s.22 dog was just killed uh I  
8 think yesterday.  
9 N: And this is s.22 r?  
10 s.22 : Uh well it's in Appledale s.22 in the Slocan Valley.  
11 N: Uh so which one Appledale s.22  
12 s.22 : It's actually Appledale yeah sorry  
13 N: OK.  
14 s.22 : it's just like a 5 minute drive past.  
15 N: What's your name?  
16 s.2 : It's s.22 .  
17 N: And your address?  
18 s.22 : It's s.22 (pause) sorry my phones a little crackly so.  
19 N: That's OK and a phone number for you.  
20 s.2 : Uh yep its s.22  
21 N: OK and where are these traps?  
22 s.2 : Uh so just to give you a perspective cause I've already heard that he's not breaking any  
23 laws and that uh s.22 were even wrong to take his traps down and stuff but.  
24 N: OK let me stop you there I just need a location and not the back story.





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25 s.22 : OK um the locations of the traps I haven't actually gone up and physically looked at them  
26 cause uh but they're on trails that were um all around in our neighborhood uh like on  
27 s.22 that just go off the road and s.22 out of the forest service road this is  
28 slightly up from there

29 N: OK.

30 s.2 : but their used by  
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31 N: And what's this person's name?

32 s.22 : Uh s.22 (pause) and he has been reported by my neighbors already but we're  
33 all uh gonna to be calling you guys about it as many people that we can gather up in the  
34 neighborhood so

35 N: OK.

36 s.22 : until somethings done about it.

37 N: OK I'll forward this on to the Conservation Officers.

38 s.2 : Pardon me?  
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39 N: I'll forward this on to the Conservation Officers.

40 s.22 : OK and can you forward on to them that there's about ten kids in this neighborhood

41 N: Sure.

42 s.22 : and we all go use that trail

43 N: OK not a problem.

44 s.22 : and uh if something happens here to uh a child there's probably gonna be a lot bigger  
45 problems right so um

46 N: Uh huh OK

47 s.2 : I would appreciate a call back as soon as he possibly can or I will be calling again.  
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48 N: OK.

49 s.2 : Thank you.  
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Beetlestone,  
Ben



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Media Contact Status	CONCLUDED
Subject	Dog killed in a wildlife trap
Date / Time of Contact	11/29/2018 1:00 PM
Officer Name	Beetlestone, Ben
Rank	Sergeant
Region / Unit	Kootenay
Office Location	Castlegar
Cell #	250-304-9302
Media Format	Radio; Online news
Media Outlet	CBC news Vancouver, Rhianna Schmunk
How did you provide the information?	By Phone
Summary	<p>CO provided information regarding an incident from Friday November 23, 2018 where a person out walking their dog had it killed in a conibear trap. CO advised teh following info: COS investigated the incident the next day, determined trap was lawfully set during lawful season by a licenced trapper on authorized trapline located on Crown land. CO provided no obligation for trapper to post/sign he is actively trapping although some trappers do. Cannot trap within 200m of a dwelling. Emotional and traumatic situation for dog owner, trapper and COS. CO shows empathy to dog owner and also supports trapper lawful activity.</p> <p>Any question please ask.</p>

Created at 11/29/2018 1:34 PM by Beetlestone, Ben ENV:EX   
Last modified at 11/29/2018 1:34 PM by Beetlestone, Ben ENV:EX

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# Enforcement Routing Sheet #18-5754

**Complaint Received By:** CIARA (Operations 6 ECC)

**Date / Time received:**

2018-11-23 16:51

**Area:** APPLEDALE - CASTLEGAR - KOOTENAY BOUNDARY REGION

**COORS OR#:**

## CALLER INFORMATION

**Caller Name:** s.22  
**Mail / Street** NA  
**Address:**  
**City:** s.22, BC  
**Postal Code:**  
**Referred By:**  
**Contact Numbers**  
 Cellular s.22

## VIOLATION DETAILS

**Violation Date:** 11/23/2018

**Violation Time:**

**Violation in Progress?** No

**Violation Type:** WILDLIFE

**Offense Witnessed:**

trap

**Offense Location:**

s.22 FSR, 2 km up the road and a meter off the road.

**Offense Details:**

Advises that her dog went off the trail about a meter and got stuck in a trap. The caller watched her dog died. The caller is very freaked out and wants to catch the person who set this trap so close to the road.

16:59 Sgt CO Ben Beetlestone - left a message

17:00 CO Blair Thin - left a message




17:02 CO Kyle Bueckert - left a message

17:05 CO Mark Walkosky - briefed

DESCRIPTION				
<b>Name (if known)</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Height</b>	<b>Weight</b>
	<b>Eyes</b>	<b>Hair</b>	<b>Glasses</b>	<b>Smoker</b>
	<b>Build</b>	<b>Complexion</b>	<b>Distinguishing Features</b>	
<b>Clothing</b>				
<b>Vehicle</b>				
<b>Weapons</b>				
<b>Other Details</b>				
	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Height</b>	<b>Weight</b>
	<b>Eyes</b>	<b>Hair</b>	<b>Glasses</b>	<b>Smoker</b>
	<b>Build</b>	<b>Complexion</b>	<b>Distinguishing Features</b>	
	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Height</b>	<b>Weight</b>
	<b>Eyes</b>	<b>Hair</b>	<b>Glasses</b>	<b>Smoker</b>
	<b>Build</b>	<b>Complexion</b>	<b>Distinguishing Features</b>	

Description	Sex	Race	Height	Weight
	Eyes	Hair	Glasses	Smoker
	Build	Complexion	Distinguishing Features	
Name (if known)				
Description	Sex	Race	Height	Weight
	Eyes	Hair	Glasses	Smoker
	Build	Complexion	Distinguishing Features	
Clothing				
Vehicle				
Weapons				
Other Details				

**Notification:**  
2018-11-23 17:08 Email to: West Kootenay [CASTLEGAR, GRAND FORKS, NELSON] [COS.WestKootenay.Zone@gov.bc.ca]  
Sent from SGPEP.ECC1@gov.bc.ca

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## Enforcement Routing Sheet #18-5754 Update #2

**Complaint Received By:** MIKE (Operations 1 ECC)

**Originally logged:**

2018-11-23 16:51

**Area:** APPLEDALE - CASTLEGAR - KOOTENAY  
BOUNDARY REGION

**COORS OR#:**

**Update logged:**

2018-11-23 20:38

### CALLER INFORMATION

**Caller Name:** s.22  
**Mail / Street** NA  
**Address:**  
**City:** s.22 ;  
**Postal Code:**  
**Referred By:**  
**Contact Numbers**  
Cellular s.22

### VIOLATION DETAILS

**Violation Type:** WILDLIFE

**Offense Location:**

s.22 FSR, 2 km up the road and a meter off the road.

**Offense Details:**

Cst Notari 250-358-2222 called to say that the com has been calling about this incident. No call back required at this time.

**Notification:**

2018-11-23 20:41 Email to: West Kootenay [CASTLEGAR, GRAND FORKS, NELSON] [COS.WestKootenay.Zone@gov.bc.ca]

Sent from SGPEP.ECC1@gov.bc.ca

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## Enforcement Routing Sheet #18-5761

Complaint Received By: JACOB (Operations 1 ECC)

Date / Time received:

2018-11-24 08:17

Area: s.22 - CASTLEGAR - KOOTENAY BOUNDARY REGION

COORS OR#:

### CALLER INFORMATION

Caller Name: s.22  
 Mail / Street: NA  
 Address: s.22  
 City: s.22  
 Postal Code:  
 Referred By:  
 Contact Numbers  
 Cellular: s.22

### VIOLATION DETAILS

Violation Date: 11/23/2018

Violation Time: NA

Violation in Progress? No

Violation Type: WILDLIFE

Offense Witnessed:

Domesticated dog caught/killed in trap.

Offense Location:

s.22 approximately 1.5km up the valley beyond a locked gate.

Offense Details:

Caller advised that he is a licensed wildlife trapper and has several traps placed near the above location. Yesterday he was notified that an individual's dog was caught and killed in one of his traps while walking nearby. The individual is quite upset at the caller and advised their second dog is missing and they are concerned it is in a different trap in the area. The caller has provided the individual with the locations of his other traps but is looking for COS guidance on how to proceed.

08:24 CO Ben Beetlestone

DESCRIPTION				
Name (if known)				
Description	Sex	Race	Height	Weight
	Eyes	Hair	Glasses	Smoker
	Build	Complexion	Distinguishing Features	
Clothing				
Vehicle				
Weapons				
Other Details				
	Sex	Race	Height	Weight
	Eyes	Hair	Glasses	Smoker
	Build	Complexion	Distinguishing Features	
Name (if known)				
Description	Sex	Race	Height	Weight
	Eyes	Hair	Glasses	Smoker
	Build	Complexion	Distinguishing Features	

Description	Sex	Race	Height	Weight
	Eyes	Hair	Glasses	Smoker
	Build	Complexion	Distinguishing Features	
Name (if known)				
Description	Sex	Race	Height	Weight
	Eyes	Hair	Glasses	Smoker
	Build	Complexion	Distinguishing Features	
Clothing				
Vehicle				
Weapons				
Other Details				

**Notification:**  
2018-11-24 08:26 Email to: West Kootenay [CASTLEGAR, GRAND FORKS, NELSON] [COS.WestKootenay.Zone@gov.bc.ca]  
Sent from SGPEP.ECC1@gov.bc.ca

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## Enforcement Routing Sheet #18-5774

**Complaint Received By:** NATALIE (Operations 2 ECC)

**Date / Time received:**

2018-11-24 12:03

**Area:** APPLEDALE - CASTLEGAR - KOOTENAY BOUNDARY REGION

**COORS OR#:**

### CALLER INFORMATION

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

### VIOLATION DETAILS

**Violation Date:** 11/24/2018

**Violation Time:** 1200

**Violation in Progress?** No

**Violation Type:** WILDLIFE

**Offense Witnessed:**

Setting traps

**Offense Location:**

"on trails"

**Offense Details:**

Caller says s.22 has been laying traps "on trails" s.22 and lots of kids use those trails.

\*\*Requesting to speak with a CO or threatened to keep calling until he can speak to one\*\*

DESCRIPTION				
<b>Name (if known)</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Height</b>	<b>Weight</b>
	<b>Eyes</b>	<b>Hair</b>	<b>Glasses</b>	<b>Smoker</b>
	<b>Build</b>	<b>Complexion</b>	<b>Distinguishing Features</b>	
<b>Clothing</b>				
<b>Vehicle</b>				
<b>Weapons</b>				
<b>Other Details</b>				
	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Height</b>	<b>Weight</b>
	<b>Eyes</b>	<b>Hair</b>	<b>Glasses</b>	<b>Smoker</b>
	<b>Build</b>	<b>Complexion</b>	<b>Distinguishing Features</b>	
<b>Name (if known)</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Height</b>	<b>Weight</b>
	<b>Eyes</b>	<b>Hair</b>	<b>Glasses</b>	<b>Smoker</b>
	<b>Build</b>	<b>Complexion</b>	<b>Distinguishing Features</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Height</b>	<b>Weight</b>
	<b>Eyes</b>	<b>Hair</b>	<b>Glasses</b>	<b>Smoker</b>



	Build	Complexion	Distinguishing Features	
Name (if known)				
Description	Sex	Race	Height	Weight
	Eyes	Hair	Glasses	Smoker
	Build	Complexion	Distinguishing Features	
Clothing				
Vehicle				
Weapons				
Other Details				

**Notification:**  
2018-11-24 12:06 Email to: West Kootenay [CASTLEGAR, GRAND FORKS, NELSON] [COS.WestKootenay.Zone@gov.bc.ca]  
Sent from SGPEP.ECC1@gov.bc.ca

**From:** [Loutit, Melanie ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** [Smienk, Nathan ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: COORS 201809858- Dog killed in trap in Appledale  
**Date:** Monday, November 26, 2018 9:54:12 AM

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Correction: Date was Saturday, November 24, 2018.

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**From:** Loutit, Melanie ENV:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2018 9:50 AM  
**To:** Smienk, Nathan ENV:EX  
**Subject:** COORS 201809858- Dog killed in trap in Appledale

Hi Nathan,

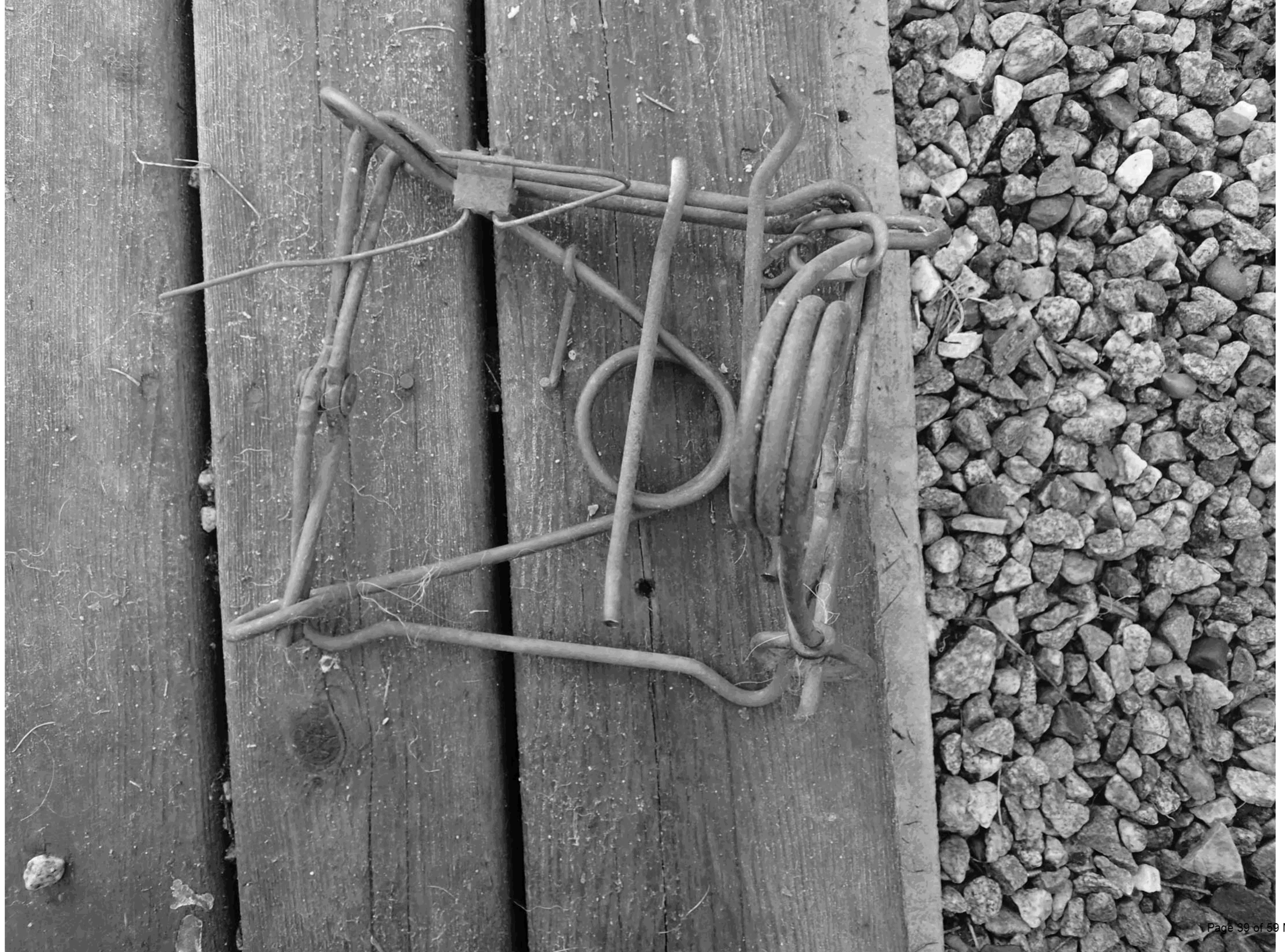
There was a phone message from <sup>s.22</sup> who lives <sup>s.22</sup> Appledale.  
She left the message on Saturday , November 29 at 11:12am.

<sup>s.22</sup> dog was killed in a trap on a walking trail used by people and mountain bikers. Trap is illegal and residents want a solution. Would like signs put up. States that it could have been one of her kids and that nobody feels safe.

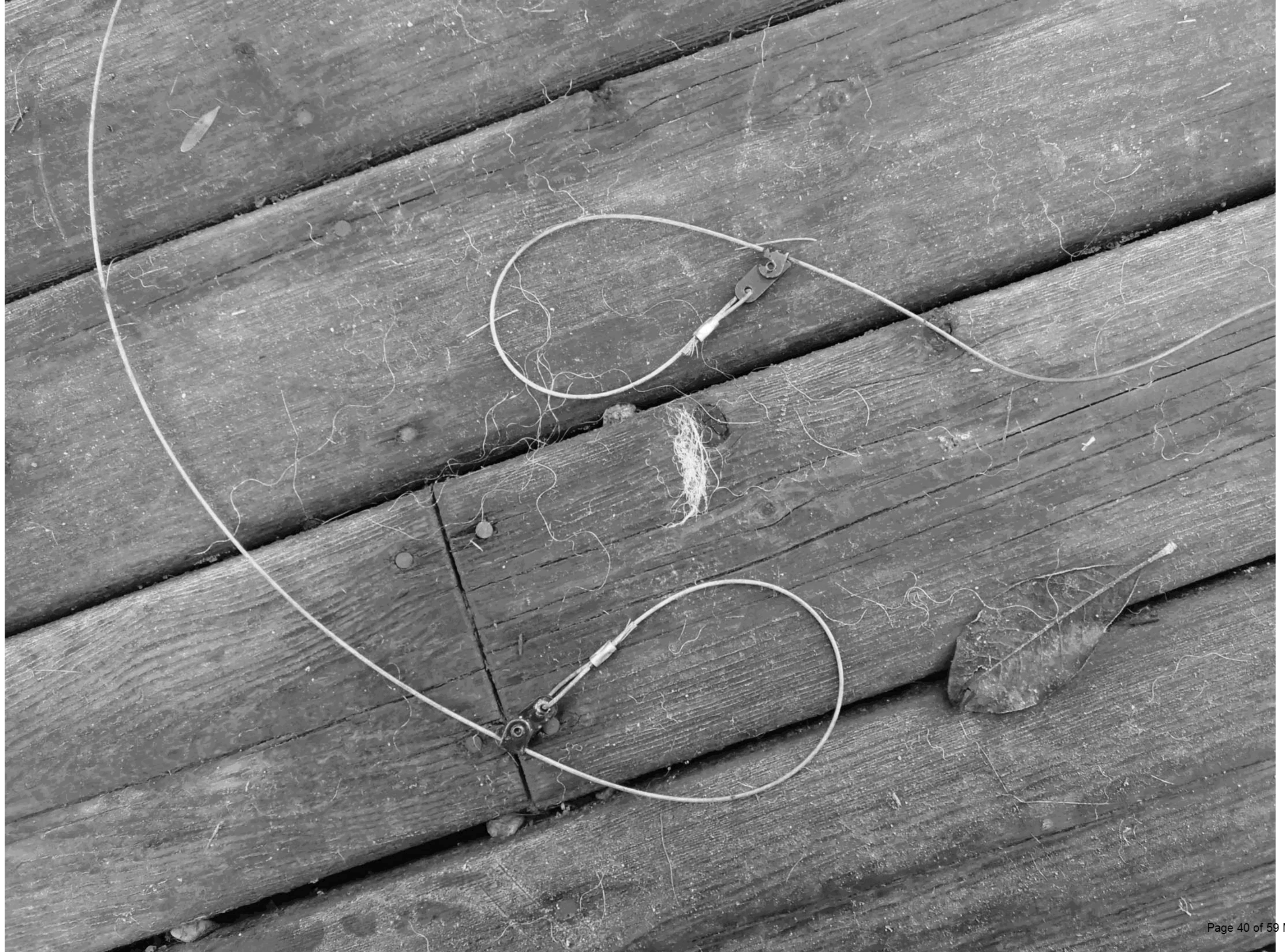
I will add this to COORS 201809858.

Thank you,

Melanie Loutit  
*Administrative Assistant*  
Conservation Officer Service  
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy  
[Melanie.Loutit@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Melanie.Loutit@gov.bc.ca) (250) 354-6144



















s.22



I s.22

s.22

GIVE  
PERMISSION  
TO TRAP MY TRAP LINE  
# TRO417001 STARTING THE  
2018-19 SEASONS

s.22

JUNE 16/18

IFL

s.22

s.22

TRAP LINE # CB16-234105

s.22

Fax back

s.22



Ministry of  
Forests, Lands and  
Natural Resource Operations

## TRAPPING LICENCE

Licence is Valid From "Date of Issue"  
To: June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

ISSUE DATE

2016

09

01

Year

MO

Day

s.22

BIRTHDATE

LICENCE NUMBER : s.22

Assistant to Registered Trapline # TR0408T001

LICENCE: \$160.00

HCTF: \$40.00

NAME/ADDRESS

s.22

Email: s.22

The licensee confirms by his/her signature on this licence to comply with the following terms and conditions:

- that he/she is a citizen of Canada or a person with the status of permanent resident of Canada;
- that he/she has successfully completed the Trapper Education Program;
- if applicable, that he/she has obtained, and will carry at all times, written permission to trap on privately owned land from the land owner; and
- if applicable, that he/she has obtained, and will carry at all times, written permission to trap on another person's registered trapline from all of the registered holder's of that trapline.

The licensee must comply with all applicable federal, provincial, municipal and regional district legislation and by-laws.

It is the responsibility of the licence holder to inform him/herself of all relevant laws.

Failure to comply with any term of this licence is an offence under the Wildlife Act, and may result in prosecution and/or denial of future licence requests.

The licensee agrees by his/her signature on this licence to comply with the terms and conditions of this licence.

The locations listed below do not include any privately owned land for which the licensee does not have the land owner's written permission to trap.

The licensee is authorized to trap furbearing animals in accordance with the Wildlife Act and the regulations there under during the open season and at the following locations:

**British Columbia – Assistant to Registered Trapline # TR0408T001**

If the holder of this licence has fines under the Wildlife Act or Firearm Act that were not paid within the time required by law, this licence is void (Wildlife Act s. 85)

s.22

**Holger Bohm, Deputy Regional Manager**  
Recreational Fisheries & Wildlife Programs  
a person authorized by the Director of Wildlife  
**Kootenay-Boundary Region**

Signature of Licensee  
(not valid until signed)

Last updated: 10-13-11



# CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE EXHIBIT REPORT

Exhibit Report No. WK 18-0025

Case File No. 201809858

<b>REGION:</b> Kootenay – West Kootenay – Nelson	
<b>NAME:</b> s.22	
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	
<b>D.O.B.</b>	

I, CO Nathan Smienk came into possession of the following goods(s)  
on: 2018-11-24 at 0925hours  
at: s.22

Exhibits listed below are to be given numbers in consecutive order

Item No.	DESCRIPTION
001	280 Conibear with cut spring
002	Snare cable with camlock cut from tree
003	Snare cable with camlock attached tree branch

*Certified Correct*

SMIENK




NAME OF CONSERVATION OFFICER (PRINT)

2018-12-01

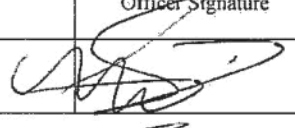
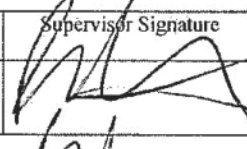

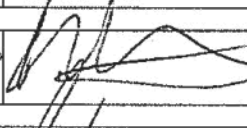
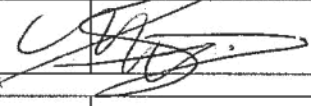
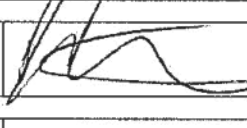
SIGNATURE OF CONSERVATION OFFICER

DATE SIGNED

## MOVEMENT OF EXHIBITS

Item No.	TO		TO		TO	
	Destination	Date Rec'd	Destination	Date Rec'd	Destination	Date Rec'd
001	Patrol truck	18-11-24				
	Recipient CO Smienk	Initials of Witness 	Recipient	Initials of Witness	Recipient	Initials of Witness
002	Patrol Truck	18-11-24				
	Recipient CO Smienk	Initials of Witness 	Recipient	Initials of Witness	Recipient	Initials of Witness
003	Patrol Truck	18-11-24				
	Recipient CO Smienk	Initials of Witness 	Recipient	Initials of Witness	Recipient	Initials of Witness
	Destination	Date Rec'd	Destination	Date Rec'd	Destination	Date Rec'd
	Recipient	Initials of Witness	Recipient	Initials of Witness	Recipient	Initials of Witness

## DISPOSITION CERTIFICATE

Item No.	Date Disposed	How Disposed	Officer Signature	Supervisor Signature
001	2018-11-24	Returned to owner		
002	2018-11-24	Returned to owner		
003	2018-11-24	Returned to owner		

## RETURNED TO OWNER

*I, the undersigned, have received item number(s) \_\_\_\_\_, in the same condition as seized.*

SIGNATURE	DATE	CONSERVATION OFFICER	DATE
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### RETURNED TO OWNER

I, the undersigned, have received item number(s) 001, in the same condition as seized. 280 conibear

  
SIGNATURE

18/11/24  
DATE

  
CONSERVATION OFFICER

18/11/24  
DATE

### RETURNED TO OWNER

I, the undersigned, have received item number(s) 002, in the same condition as seized. snare cable

  
SIGNATURE


18/11/24  
DATE

  
CONSERVATION OFFICER

18/11/24  
DATE

### RETURNED TO OWNER

I, the undersigned, have received item number(s) 003, in the same condition as seized. snare cable.

  
SIGNATURE

18/11/24  
DATE

  
CONSERVATION OFFICER

18/11/24  
DATE

### RETURNED TO OWNER

I, the undersigned, have received item number(s) 003, in the same condition as seized.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
CONSERVATION OFFICER

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

### RETURNED TO OWNER

I, the undersigned, have received item number(s) \_\_\_\_\_, in the same condition as seized.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
CONSERVATION OFFICER

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

November 24/2018  
0745 10-36. weather  
clearing in some valley  
cloud 0°C. —

0815 ERS 18-5754  
Dog killed in trap.  
Spoke to c/w.  
Advised will follow  
up. 10-17 to s.22  
s.22

0852 ERS 18-5761. Trapping  
Spoke to trapper.  
Will follow-up w him  
again when back  
in cell service 184

0925 s.22

s.22

s.22

. 280 conibane  
and 2 snares in  
cam-locks. 280  
was cut off dog.  
Site s.22 ESR  
behind gate and  
further than 200m  
from houses. Phone  
s.22

Trap caddy was ground  
set 20m s.22

ESR. Dog was smooth  
old Aussie Shepherd female  
Collected 280 trap 185  
and the 2 snares



CONSERVATION  
OFFICER SERVICE  
West Kootenay Region

#401 - 333 Victoria Street  
Nelson, BC V1L 4K3

**Nathan Smienk**  
Conservation Officer

Fax: (250) 354-6277

**RAPP 1-877-952-7277**

Report a Poacher  
or Polluter 1-877-952-7277





2018-11-24 cont  
that c/w cut down.  
c/w explained that  
he cut down the snares  
as his other dog  
freaked out and was  
missing for several  
hours. Inspected  
site w c/w. Accessed  
from s.22 s.22

1010 10-8

1045 CI for elk found  
by s.22

1230 s.22

office.  
meet w s.22  
trapper. Licence<sup>186</sup>  
and documents

provided. Traps/snares  
returned

1400 HWCR 18-21277  
s.22

Alpaca dead possible  
cougar.

1420 Verified cougar by  
tracks in sand  
as well as feeding  
pattern on alpaca  
Foot holds set  
using alpaca.  
Home owner will phone  
if hook up.

1600 10-35. NL LpD<sup>B7</sup>  
8hr shift. ~



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OFFICER SERVICE  
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**Nathan Smienk**  
Conservation Officer

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**RAPP 1-877-952-7277**

Report a Poacher  
or Polluter 1-877-952-7277



I have to stop at the office. But I can try to call that person regarding the trap again.

I just took call from ECC re trapper now called in, I will be 36 in 30 mins and will call you

Ok. I'll get fuel and hang out in cell service

If you wanna run with file go ahead, I have not spoken to anyone, if not I can deal with it. So roll if we want and we can



If you wanna run with  
file go ahead, I have not  
spoken to anyone, if not  
I can deal with it. So roll  
if ya want and we can  
chat later or ???

I spoke to the lady. She  
is very reasonable

Give a shout when you  
are 36

Just at Shell

Sat, Nov 24, 10:56

You at the office for a  
bit?

I'm going to meet with  
with the trapper and

You at the office for a bit?

I'm going to meet with the trapper and want to scan his documents if you are there

Yup



Lol. Noted

Lol. Noted

Sat, Nov 24, 12:46

I will call about the latest trapping ERS

Ok thanks

Sat, Nov 24, 14:16

Could be 2 cats

Thoughts on just using one alpaca leg rather than the whole animal?

Yup it will be fine!



# Case Summary

## Details

<b>Case File #:</b>	201809858	<b>Opened Date:</b>	2018-11-26 08:46 AM
<b>Category:</b>	CO SERVICE	<b>Discovery Date:</b>	2018-11-23
<b>Type:</b>	PUBLIC SAFETY	<b>Closed Date:</b>	
<b>Status:</b>	Open	<b>Admin Org Unit:</b>	WEST KOOTENAY ZONE
<b>Opened By:</b>	LOUTIT, MELANIE	<b>Source:</b>	REPORTED
<b>Lead Investigator:</b>	SMIENK, NATHAN	<b>Source Ref #:</b>	ERS 18-5754
<b>Lead Investigator's Phone:</b>		<b>Other Source Agency:</b>	ERS 18-5754 UPDATE 2, ERS 18-5761, ERS 18-5774 AND PHONE MESSAGE
<b>Paper File Created:</b>	No	<b>Transferred to Agency:</b>	
<b>Electronic Case File:</b>	No	<b>Other Transferred Agency:</b>	
<b>Investigation Review Process:</b>	No	<b>Joint Investigation:</b>	No
<b>Investigation Review Date:</b>		<b>Transferred Agency Contact:</b>	
<b>Investigation Start Date:</b>	2018-11-23	<b>Lead Agency:</b>	MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT
<b>Joint Agency Contact:</b>		<b>Joint Agency:</b>	MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT
<b>Other Joint Agency:</b>		<b>Joint Agency Phone:</b>	
<b>Case Description:</b>	<b>Joint Agency Case No:</b>		

ERS 18-5754 - CALLERS DOG WENT OFF TRAIL ABOUT A METER AND GOT STUCK IN TRAP AND DIED. WANTS TO CATCH PERSON WHO SET TRAP SO CLOSE TO THE ROAD.

UPDATE 2 - RCMP REPORTING THAT COM HAS CALLED ABOUT THIS INCIDENT. NO CALL BACK REQUIRED.

ERS 18-5761 - LICENSED TRAPPER HAS SEVERAL TRAPS PLACED NEAR LOCATION. NOTIFIED BY CALLER OF DOG KILLED IN ONE OF HIS TRAPS AND THAT THEIR SECOND DOG IS MISSING AND CONCERNED IT IS IN ANOTHER TRAP. TRAPPER PROVIDED INDIVIDUAL WITH TRAP LOCATIONS AND IS LOOKING FOR COS GUIDANCE ON HOW TO PROCEED.

ERS 18-5774 - CALLER REPORTING THAT <sup>s.22</sup> HAS BEEN LAYING TRAPS "ON TRAILS" NEAR <sup>s.22</sup> AND LOTS OF KIDS USE THOSE TRAILS. THREATENED THAT HE WILL KEEP CALLING UNTIL HE CAN SPEAK TO A CO.

PHONE MESSAGE FROM <sup>s.22</sup> ABOUT HER NEIGHBORS DOG BEING KILLED IN A TRAP ON A WALKING TRAIL USED BY PEOPLE AND MOUNTAIN BIKERS. TRAP IS ILLEGAL AND RESIDENTS WANT A SOLUTION. WOULD LIKE SIGNS PUT UP. STATES THAT IT COULD HAVE BEEN ONE OF HER KIDS AND THAT NOBODY FEELS SAFE.

## Members:

Name	Phone Number	Start Date	End Date
SMIENK, NATHAN		2018-11-26	2028-11-23
LOUTIT, MELANIE		2018-11-26	2028-11-23
BEETLESTONE, BEN : 105117		2018-11-26	2028-11-23

**Parties Involved:**

Name	DOB	Role	Nature of Involvement	Phone No.	Address
RCMP		COMPLAINANT			BC CAN
s.22		T			
s.22		COMPLAINANT			s.22
s.22		T			
s.22		SUBJECT OF COMPLAINT	TRAPPER		
UNKNOWN		COMPLAINANT			
s.22		T		s.22	
s.22		COMPLAINANT			
		T			
		COMPLAINANT			
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**Sites:**

Site	Site Type	Description
1. 4-17; WEST KOOTENAY ZONE		APPLEDALE, BC - s.22 FSR, 1.5-2 KM UP ROAD AND METER OFF OF ROAD BEYOND A LOCKED GATE

**Notes:**

Date	Name	Comments
2018-12-24	BEETLESTONE, BEN : 105117	REVIEWED
2018-11-26	LOUTIT, MELANIE	ENTERED AND UPLOADED ERS 18-5754, UPDATE 2, ERS 18-5761 AND ERS 18-5774.

**Continuation Report:**

Date	Time	Name	Report
2018-11-24	08:15	SMIENK, NATHAN	<p>CO Smienk called c/n regarding trapped dog. Advised that CO will attend.</p> <p>0852hours CO Smienk spoke with trapper that is trapping s.22 Advised that CO is attending the site and will be in touch when back in cell service.</p> <p>0925hours CO Smienk attended s.22 and met with dog owners s.22. Dog a medium sized 8month old Australian shepherd. s.22 explained that he had to use a hack saw to remove the trap from the dog as he did not have the tool required to open it. Provided CO Smienk with the 280 conibear trap that they removed from the dog, as well as with two cable snares that they located while looking for their second dog. s.22 took CO Smienk to the site that the trap was set. Trap just s.22 FSR. Traps not within 200 meters of any residence. Trap that caught the dog was a ground set, both the cable snares were set off the ground on pole sets. CO Smienk explained to s.22 that a full investigation will take place. Explained that the traps set are legal traps and that there is a legal trapping season.</p>

1230hours  
CO Smienk met with trapper s.22 at the s.22 COS  
office. s.22 was at the office and had provided Sgt Beetlestone  
his BCDL as well as his valid trapping licence and the letter of  
permission to trap the line from the owner of the trap line. CO  
Smienk returned the cut 280 conibear trap as well as the two cable  
snares.

2018-11-23 17:42 SMIENK, NATHAN

CO Smienk tried to call c/n regarding trapped dog. Phone rang only  
once and then no answer or sound. Attempted calling twice with  
same result.

#### Attachments:

Attach#	Description	Photo	File	Attached By	Attached Date
1	ERS 18-5754	No	ERS 18-5754.PDF	LOUTIT, MELANIE	2018-11-26
2	ERS 18-5754 UPDATE 2	No	ERS 18-5754 UPDATE 2.PDF	LOUTIT, MELANIE	2018-11-26
3	ERS 18-5761	No	ERS 18-5761.PDF	LOUTIT, MELANIE	2018-11-26
4	ERS 18-5774	No	ERS 18-5774.PDF	LOUTIT, MELANIE	2018-11-26
5	PHONE MESSAGE FROM s.22 ABOUT HER NEIGHBORS DOG.	No	PHONE MESSAGE FROM s.22 .PDF	LOUTIT, MELANIE	2018-11-26
6	280 CONIBEAR	No	PB240329.JPG	SMIENK, NATHAN	2018-12-01
7	SNARE CABLES	No	PB240330.JPG	SMIENK, NATHAN	2018-12-01
8	CONIBEAR LOCATION	No	PB240331.JPG	SMIENK, NATHAN	2018-12-01
9	CONIBEAR LOCATION	No	PB240332.JPG	SMIENK, NATHAN	2018-12-01
10	c.22 FSR GATE	No	PB240333.JPG	SMIENK, NATHAN	2018-12-01
11	s.22 BDCL, TRAPPING LICENCE AND PERMISSION LETTER.	No	s.22 TRAPPER ID AND LICENCE.PDF	SMIENK, NATHAN	2018-12-01
12	SIGNED OFF EXHIBIT REPORT	No	201809858 EXHIBIT REPORT.PDF	SMIENK, NATHAN	2018-12-04
13	2018-11-24 NOTES - CO SMIENK	No	CO SMIENK NOTES 2018- 11-24.PDF	SMIENK, NATHAN	2019-01-28

#### Contravention No.1

#### WILDLIFE ACT AND REGULATIONS 41 (a) : UNLAWFUL TRAPPING- VIOLATE REGISTERED TRAPLINE

#### Species:

#### Est. Incident Date

2018-11-23 17:00

#### Party:

s.22

#### Site:

1. 4-17; WEST KOOTENAY  
ZONE; APPLIEDALE, BC -  
s.22 FSR, 1.5-2 KM  
UP ROAD AND METER OFF OF  
ROAD BEYOND A LOCKED  
GATE

#### Party Address:

BC CAN

#### Enforcement Actions

#### Enforcement Action No. 1

#### Type:

UNFOUNDED

#### Comments:

NO VIOLATION. TRAP LAWFULLY SET AND TRAPPER LICENCE AND TRAPPING  
ON LINE WITH PERMISSION.

#### Vehicles:



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Ledger  
: SMIENK,  
Nathan



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Notes**COS Media Contact Webform**[Print this page](#)

Media Contact Status	CONCLUDED
Subject	Dog killed by Conibear trap in Central Kootenay
Date / Time of Contact	11/30/2018 11:25 AM
Officer Name	SMIENK, Nathan
Rank	Conservation Officer
Region / Unit	Kootenay
Office Location	Nelson
Cell #	250-551-9911
Media Format	Print
Media Outlet	Star Metro Van Wanyee Li 604-653-7026
How did you provide the information?	By Phone
Summary	CO provided information regarding an incident from Friday November 23, 2018 where a person out walking their dog had it killed in a conibear trap. CO advised teh following info: COS investigated the incident the next day, determined trap was lawfully set during lawful season by a licenced trapper on authorized trapline located on Crown land. CO provided no obligation for trapper to post/sign he is actively trapping although some trappers do. Cannot trap within 200m of a dwelling. Emotional and traumatic situation for dog owner, trapper and COS. CO shows empathy to dog owner and also supports trapper lawful activity.
	Any question please ask.

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