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\$5,000 reward offered in Roche Lake Road bear poaching

Paws removed from carcass, remainder of bear left behind, according to reports

KAMLOOPS – A \$5,000 reward for information leading to the identification and conviction of the person(s) responsible for a case of poaching near or on Roche Lake Road is being offered by charity The Fur-Bearers.

The Fur-Bearers is a non-partisan, charitable organization founded in 1953 to protect fur-bearing animals through conservation, advocacy, research, and education.

According to media reports, an area resident discovered the corpse after seeing scavenging birds. A photo of the deceased bear clearly shows all four paws were removed, possibly by a saw. The resident appropriately reported their finding to the BC Conservation Officer Service (BC COS), who are investigating.

“Poaching has no place in British Columbia,” says Aaron Hofman, Director of Advocacy and Policy for The Fur-Bearers. “We are encouraging all residents who may have information, or may have witnessed unusual activity on Roche Lake Road on or before Thursday, September 8, near Kamloops to contact investigators at the BC COS.”

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the BC COS RAPP line at 1-877-952-7277 or online at <https://forms.gov.bc.ca/environment/rapp/>. Reports can be made anonymously.

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