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## **REWARD: Black bear caught in Coquitlam trap**

*Wildlife protection charity reminds public that traps are dangerous and illegal use can lead to significant fines*

VICTORIA – A \$1,000 reward for information leading to the identification and conviction of the person(s) responsible for setting a trap that caught a Coquitlam black bear by two toes is on the table, says wildlife protection charity The Fur-Bearers.

The BC Conservation Officer Service last week reported that they had captured, assessed, and released a black bear who was caught by a trap near the Pitt River Boat Club. The BC COS have confirmed they are continuing to investigate the incident and are looking for information on the person(s) responsible.

“Trapping has serious consequences, including the inarguable harm to non-target species and costs associated as seen last week,” says Lesley Fox, Executive Director of The Fur-Bearers. “This reward shows that we – and the people of British Columbia – take illegal trapping seriously and will not accept it in 2024.”

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Report All Poachers and Polluters line at 1-877-952-RAPP (7277) or use the online form at <https://forms.gov.bc.ca/environment/rapp/>.

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The Fur-Bearers is a registered Canadian charity founded in 1953 that protects fur-bearing animals through conservation, advocacy, research, and education. Learn more at [TheFurBearers.com](https://TheFurBearers.com).

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