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## **\$1,000 reward offered to aid investigation of black bear poaching**

*Non-profit wants to bring poachers to justice*

**North Vancouver, BC** – A \$1,000 reward being offered by a non-profit for information that leads to the conviction of the person(s) responsible for poaching black bears.

According to social media reports, the BC Conservation Officer Service is investigating after two black bears were found dead along Highway 97 near Fort Nelson. Officers have yet to determine if the cases are connected.

The law requires hunters to remove all edible portions of the animal. Lesley Fox, Executive Director for The Fur-Bearers says, "Poaching is extremely concerning and those responsible must be held accountable. We encourage the RCMP to help support the efforts of the BC COS as they regularly patrol our highways. They too can assist with hunter checks."

"We are hopeful that the reward may provide incentive for individuals with knowledge of what occurred to come forward and assist the Conservation Officer Service in their investigation."

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) line at 877-952-7277. Information on coexisting with wildlife, including bears, can be found at [www.TheFurBearers.com](http://www.TheFurBearers.com).

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The Fur-Bearers is a non-profit organization founded in 1953. They advocate on behalf of fur-bearing animals in the wild and in confinement and assist communities in co-existing with wildlife through science-based, in-field solutions, education, and policy.

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