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Reward offered in Beaverdell skinned bear case

Wildlife non-profit responding to social media reports of skinned bear

BEAVERDELL, BC – The discarded skin of what appears to be a bear cub found in Beaverdell has prompted a wildlife non-profit to issue a reward to assist an investigation.

The Fur-Bearers, a B.C.-based non-profit society that advocates on behalf of fur-bearing animals in the wild and in confinement, learned of the case on social media when photos and a description of the incident were posted in the The Beaverdell/Carmi Post-Its Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/287592671441589/>) in the final week of 2019. Media reports are unclear on whether the Conservation Officer Service has formally begun an investigation.

“There is much we don’t know, but the simple act of the skin of an animal being discarded in such a manner is disturbing on its own,” says Lesley Fox, Executive Director of The Fur-Bearers. “We believe that a reward for information leading to the identification and conviction of the person(s) responsible may help the community begin discussing what happened – and reporting what they may know to the Report All Poaches and Polluters line.”

The Fur-Bearers will provide updates to supporters on the status of the investigation as it becomes available on their website at TheFurBearers.com.

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The Fur-Bearers are asking anyone with information to contact the Report all Poachers and Polluters line of the BC Conservation Officer Service at 1-877-952-RAPP (7277). Photos of the scene and animal skin are viewable on the Beaverdell/Carmi Post-Its Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/287592671441589/>.

The Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals (The Fur-Bearers) was founded in British Columbia in 1953. They advocate on behalf of fur-bearing animals in the wild and in confinement and promote coexistence solutions for communities across Canada.

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