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

Two non-profit groups want to bring poachers to justice

WEST VANCOUVER – A \$1,000 reward being offered by the North Shore Black Bear Society and The Fur-Bearers for information that leads to the conviction of the person(s) responsible for poaching a black bear found in West Vancouver.

According to reports submitted to the North Shore Black Bear Society, the carcass was first smelled by hikers on July 1, who returned July 5 to find the deceased bear.

“The incident happened about 1 km off Cypress Bowl Road on the Westlake fire road. Reports indicate that the apparently young bear appeared to be sliced open and organs from the abdominal cavity were removed,” says Christine Miller, Executive Director of the North Shore Black Bear Society. “The body had been tossed off a short cliff – about 4 metres – with ice bags and three pairs of disposable gloves.”

Lesley Fox, Executive Director for The Fur-Bearers adds, “Poaching is extremely concerning and those responsible must be held accountable. Our groups are hopeful that the reward may provide an incentive for individuals with knowledge of what happened to come forward and assist the BC Conservation Officer Service so they can investigate.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) line at 877-952-7277.

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