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## Grizzly trophy hunt could swing voters, survey shows

*Non-profit reveals that 48% of BC residents are more likely to support a party that vows to ban the hunt*

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**VANCOUVER** – A new survey reveals that the contentious grizzly bear trophy hunt may influence the 2017 provincial election, a non-profit says. The Fur-Bearers, a wildlife advocacy organization based in Vancouver, today released data from a survey conducted by Insights West that shows 48 per cent of BC residents are more likely to support a party that will shut down the hunt.

“The grizzly bear trophy hunt is a wildly unpopular activity that provides personal profit for very few individuals, yet most politicians seem reticent to discuss basic changes to policy surrounding it,” says Adrian Nelson, Director of Communications for The Fur-Bearers. “The results of our survey are a clear sign that the trophy bear hunt will be an election issue – and that it’s time for British Columbia’s political parties to listen to the people who will be voting for them.”

The survey also shows that the disgust with the hunt remains high: 91 per cent of British Columbians outright oppose the hunt, showing no change since the last significant survey on the subject earlier this year.

“The meat of the issue is that people right across this province want the trophy hunt to end, no strings attached,” says Nelson. “With the election growing near, we expect that the results of this survey will finally awaken the political parties to the reality of this bloody hobby that mars BC’s reputation around the world.”

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Data from the survey conducted by Insights West is attached to this press release.

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