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Non-profit appeals court's ruling on Conservation Officer Service case

VANCOUVER – The Fur-Bearers are seeking an appeal of a court's decision on their case regarding the Conservation Officer's authority to kill wildlife who isn't at large or dangerous.

A judge ruled in December against the non-profit, whose judicial review stems from the case of a Conservation Officer killing an orphaned bear cub who was potentially suitable for rehabilitation, prior to any examination by a veterinarian or expert.

"We believe the law is clear, that officers may only kill wild animals who are at large, when those animals are likely to harm persons, property, wildlife, or wildlife habitat," says Lesley Fox, executive director of The Fur-Bearers. "We also believe that British Columbians, and all Canadians, expect that conservation officers will not kill wild animals who aren't a threat."

The appeal was filed Wednesday, January 3, 2018. More information will be made available as the proceedings move forward.

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The Fur-Bearers is a non-profit organization that advocates on behalf of fur-bearing animals in the wild and in confinement, and promotes co-existence with empowered communities.

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