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Animal advocates return to court in Conservation Officer Service case ***Appeal process stemming from bear cub killing to begin June 7***

VANCOUVER – A wildlife non-profit is returning to court June 7 to challenge a decision rendered in late 2017 on their judicial appeal regarding the killing of animals by the Conservation Officer Service.

A judicial review is a process in which a judge can look at an administrative decision or action from within the government and potentially make an order that could affect policy in the future. This review, launched by non-profit The Fur-Bearers, relates to the decision to kill a black bear cub on May 6, 2016, and whether it was lawful. In December 2017, Justice G. C. Weatherill ruled against The Fur-Bearers.

“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 Fur-Bearers and attorney Arden Beddoes will be available for comment outside of the courthouse at 800 Smithe Street on June 7 at 9:45 am PST (hearing begins at 10 am), to discuss the case with the media.

More information on this case can be found at TheFurBearers.com.

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