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Largest reward yet to aid investigation of deaths of bear family

Local residents have increased the reward to \$5100

ROBERTS CREEK, BC – After The Fur-Bearers put up a \$1,000 reward for information leading to a conviction in the case of a family of bears killed recently, Sunshine Coast residents have added to that reward to bringing it to a total of \$5,100.

The BC Conservation Officer Service (COS) is investigating after a member of the public discovered the decomposing remains of a sow and two cubs down an embankment in the Robert's Creek area of the Sunshine Coast in late September. After local media first reported the reward, residents have called The Fur-Bearers to offer their support as well.

"To date this is the largest reward we have ever offered," says Lesley Fox, Executive Director of The Fur-Bearers. "This was a tragedy and is clearly something that continues to upset many residents. We are hopeful the reward may provide incentive for individuals with knowledge of what occurred to come forward and assist the BC Conservation Officer Service in their investigation."

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) line at 877-952-7277. Anonymous tips can be provided via Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Information on co-existing with wildlife, including bears, can be found at www.TheFurBearers.com.

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The Fur-Bearers is a non-profit organization founded in 1953. We advocate on behalf of fur-bearing animals in the wild and in confinement and assist communities in co-existing with wildlife through science-based, in-field solutions, education, and policy.

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