



Summer 2009

Bears and Sightings

Thank you for calling in your bear sightings to the Department of Environment-Conservation Officers- Haines Junction. When you call in your bear sightings let them know **where** you saw the bear, **when** you saw the bear, **what** the bear was doing, and **how** many were spotted. This information that you provide gives the CO's and the community a "heads up" to bear location and activity in and around the community. This can also offer an insight to biologists and CO's as to why bears are choosing to come into town or into areas that they normally would not.

Here are the sightings for so far for June-

Date and time	Location	Description
June 4 – 10:45	CAFN Admin Building	2 grizzlies
June 4 – 11:00	Across from CAFN Admin Building	1 cinnamon colored black bear
June 4 – 13:05	Crossing highway by Yukon Electric to Kluane Machine	1 small grizzly
June 4	Fire Operations Centre	1 black bear on trail system sow and 2 grizzly cubs pair of grizzlies
June 5 – 18:41	Pine Lake Campground turnoff	2 grizzlies
June 9 – 08:30 to 16:00	Between Airport turnoff and recycle centre	2 grizzlies

Call in your bear sightings to **634-2247** -you can also leave a message there after hours
Or call

The TIP Line at **1-800-661-0525** you can call this number any time you require a Conservation Officer and no one is at the local number or at any time with your bear sighting. Magnets with these numbers may still be available at the Conservation Officers office. Sightings will be posted around town for your information.

Working in Bear Country and Staying Safe in Bear Country DVD's are available for loan from the AlsekRRC office call Susan at 634-2524 or email admin@alsekrrc.ca to arrange a pick up.

ARRCouncil was also recently informed that a bear population study will be taking place in the Southern Lakes portion of the Yukon.

Moose in Zone 7

At the Alsek RRC January meeting the Council heard a presentation from Department of Environment- Kluane Regional Biologist about a moose survey that was performed in Zone 7 over approximately 4500 sq.km. The bull to cow ratio was 53:100 which is deemed to be low (the average in the Yukon being 68:100), calf to cow ratio was 27:100, and yearling to cow ratio 16:100, indicating low calf survival last year. The community has brought forward concerns about fewer bulls in this area and this survey has shown this as well. Incidentally, Kluane National Park saw a very different trend, with high moose numbers comparable to surveys performed in the 70's.

Hello! Good-Bye!

Hello to the newest Council member, Rick Mazur, and goodbye to Patt Delaney, who spent 3 terms with Council. Patt-Your dedication and thoughtfulness to the issues will be missed.

Your Council Members are- Co Chair's- Paul Birckel and Wade Istchenko
Members- Remie Dionne, Rick Mazur, Boyd Campell, Greg Eikland
Alternate Members- Hardy Ruf, Ron Chambers

Council meets every second Monday of the month, and our minutes can be viewed on line at www.yfwmb.ca/rrc/alsek

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