

**Subject: RE: Information from Conservation Service on the Four Grizzlies on Grouse**

**Date:** Mon, 10 Mar 2003 16:42:17 -0800

**From:** "Ernie Crist" <ernie\_crist@dnv.org>

**To:** "Barbara Murray" <murrlaw@telus.net>, "Mayor and Council - DNV" <Council@dnv.org>

**CC:** "FONVCA" <fonvca@fonvca.org>

Dear Ms Murray:

You may be have been misled. The motion I recently submitted to Council was that there be a public debate on this issue which goes far deeper than indicated in your queries and the reply to your queries. The fact that District Council id not allow such a public debate to take place and indeed would not even allow me (contrary to standard democratic procedure) to explain my motion should alert you to the fact that there is something not quite right about the whole issue. What are they trying to hide is the question this municipality should ask itself.

As I pointed out, the idea of a wildlife sanctuary on top of Grouse M<mountain may be the greatest thing since sliced bread but who said so. The public was never asked. Don't you think the public should have had some input.

As of this moment experts agree that this so called sanctuary is nothing more than a private zoo by another name for the benefit of Grouse Mountain Resort. My point was to give the public an opportunity to have a say. Since the Council refused, it is just a matter of time before this "zoo" will be expanded.

Ernie Crist

-----Original Message-----

From: Barbara Murray [<mailto:murrlaw@telus.net>]

Sent: Monday, March 10, 2003 3:29 PM

To: Mayor and Council - DNV

Cc: FONVCA

Subject: Fw: Information from Conservation Service on the Four Grizzlies on Grouse

Mayor and Council,

I am forwarding on a response from Brian Clark from the Ministry of WLAP regarding my inquiry re: four Grizzly bear clubs on Grouse.

I , personally, would not want to see the dismantling of the Grouse Mountain Refuge as the cubs would likely have to be destroyed. I am glad to hear that our Province does allow rehabilitation of grizzly cubs back into the wild (under the right conditions). Until now, I was mistakenly under the impression that grizzly orphaned cubs in BC had to be euthanized except when a refuge site is available.

Hope this helps in your consideration of any matters pertaining to the Grizzlies on Grouse.

Thank you.

Barb Murray

Canadian Bear Alliance-North Shore Chapter

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----- Original Message -----

From: Clark, Brian WLAP:EX <<mailto:Brian.Clark@gems1.gov.bc.ca>>

To: Sundquist, Lance WLAP:EX <<mailto:Lance.Sundquist@gems7.gov.bc.ca>> ; 'Barbara <<mailto:murrlaw@telus.net>> Murray'

Cc: Van Hove, John WLAP:EX <<mailto:John.VanHove@gems2.gov.bc.ca>>

Sent: Monday, March 10, 2003 1:23 PM

Subject: RE: Rehabilitation of Grizzlies in BC

Barbara: The province has a policy on the rehabbing of grizzlies and supports it under the right conditions. In the case of the 4 grizzlies on Grouse, they were not deemed appropriate for rehab at the time of their discovery ( too young or too weak). At the time we allowed Grouse Mtn. to take them on as part of an educational program. The alternative would of been humane destruction.

The bears remain the property of the Province and cannot be sold. If Grouse was forced to

dismantle their operation, the most likely option would be to euthanize the bears. Release to the wild would not be considered due to their habitualization and we know of no other operation capable of taking on 4 grizzlies in a manner that would allow them to live under humane and stimulating conditions.

-----Original Message-----

From: Sundquist, Lance WLAP:EX  
Sent: March 8, 2003 6:12 AM  
To: 'Barbara Murray'  
Cc: Clark, Brian WLAP:EX  
Subject: RE: Rehabilitation of Grizzlies in BC

I'm forwarding your questions to Brian Clark as the permit for Grouse Mtn. is administered through his office.

Lance

-----Original Message-----

From: Barbara Murray [<mailto:murrlaw@telus.net>]  
Sent: March 7, 2003 10:38 AM  
To: Sundquist, Lance WLAP:EX  
Subject: Rehabilitation of Grizzlies in BC

Lance,

I am closely following our District's stand on the Grizzlies on Grouse as a private citizen. For my own clarification and so I can pass information on to others- what is BC's Law regarding rehabilitation of grizzly bear orphaned cubs? Does BC allow rehab facilities to take grizzly cubs and if so what are the conditions that must be met first? If Grouse Mountain were forced by NV District to dismantle their Grizzly Refuge then what would or could be done with the four cubs? Are they the property of Grouse Mountain or the Province? Could they be sold?

Thanks for any clarification regarding this matter.

Barb Murray  
North Vancouver

