WildSafeBC Provincial Remote Support Annual Report 2023

Kaslo

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WildSafeBC Summary of Remote Program Support for Kaslo

Due to challenging circumstances in the work force in 2023, several communities, including Kaslo, were not able to secure a WildSafeBC Community Coordinator. In lieu of a Community Coordinator for this area a total of 39 hours of WildSafeBC program delivery was provided remotely by the Provincial Support and Nelson Community Coordinators.

Support activities included: Social Media support with regular posts on the community Facebook Page, follow up on emails and telephone calls from district staff, residents, and visitors. The Nelson Coordinator was able to attend community events and conduct door to door education in areas as requested by the Conservation Officer Service (COS). The WildSafeBC Ranger Program (WRP) was delivered to students via virtual platform.

Below is a summary of activities for the 2023 Kaslo Program:

Social Media: over 50 posts reached more than 1200 followers on the WildSafeBC Kaslo Facebook page.

Follow up on enquiries from residents and groups of interest:

Community Events: The Coordinator from Nelson attended the Kaslo Birthday Celebration and made 20 contacts.

Door to Door Education: The Nelson Coordinator visited over 70 residences in Lardeau Village and Mirror Lake as requested by the COS. Notices addressing the responsible management of wildlife attractants were posted throughout Kaslo.

Support provided to Regional District: provided examples for bear in area signage to the Regional District and arranged for a WSBC coordinator to attend community events and do door to door education in areas as requested by the COS.

Remote delivery of the WildSafeBC Ranger Program: Presented the WRP to 20 Kindergarten students from Jewitt Elementary school via virtual platform.

A total of 39 hours of remote program support and in-person program delivery were provided in Kaslo. Moving forward, WildSafeBC is hoping to be able to resume in person delivery of the WildSafeBC program for 2024.