PORTEAU COVE
CAMPGROUND

WILDLIFE PROTECTION PLAN

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1.0 INTRODUCTION AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION PLAN OVERVIEW

This Wildlife Protection Plan establishes mandatory procedures for controlling wildlife attractants at the Porteau Cove Campground (PCC) in accordance with Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Wildlife Attractant Bylaw No. 1551-2018.

The plan is designed for active campsite conditions where food handling, temporary storage, and high turnover increase the risk of wildlife interaction. Improper attractant control will result in wildlife habituation, increased aggression, and potential site shutdown.

This plan sets specific handling, storage, inspection, and enforcement requirements that all personnel must follow, consistent with WildSafeBC's Bare Campsite Program.

1.1 Overview:

WildSafeBC's Bare Campsite Program – 5 Steps for Success:

- Create clear expectations before campers arrive and make them aware that they are going to a Bare Campsite Program campground.
- Repeat Bare Campsite Program information when they arrive and during their stay.
- Have bear-resistant infrastructure.
- Provide Bare Campsite Program and Bear Safety training to staff.
- Review campsites and detect concerns before wildlife does.

No food, garbage, or attractants left unsecured at any time:

- All waste goes into wildlife resistant container AND enclosure immediately after use.
- Clean all cooking and eating areas after every use.
- Clean BBQs and all cooking receptacles after each use.
- Cooking oil or grease must be properly disposed of after each use.
- No feeding wildlife. Zero tolerance.
- Report all wildlife sightings depending on risk level, refer to Section 7.0.

Who assumes control during wildlife-related situations:

- Site Supervisor: Day-to-day enforcement and inspections.
- Incident Commander: Takes control if wildlife presents a safety risk or repeated intrusion.

1.2 Handling Wildlife Risks

When potentially dangerous wildlife is observed or suspected near site:

- Stop work in the immediate area if safety is a concern.
- Identify and remove or secure the attractant source immediately if safe to do so.
- Ensure all nearby bins, coolers, and food items are secured.
- Do not approach or attempt to scare wildlife.
- Notify Site Supervisor immediately.
- Escalate to Incident Commander if safety is a concern.

1.3 General Wildlife Protection Requirements

- No food or garbage is to be left unattended at any time, including during short breaks.
- All workers must pack out or properly dispose of personal food waste immediately after eating.
- No open garbage bags are permitted anywhere on site.
- No intentional or unintentional feeding of wildlife.
- Any repeated non-compliance is grounds for removal from site.

2.0 SITE SETUP REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Waste Infrastructure

PCC will be equipped with:

- Wildlife resistant bins will be prevalent across the site, Refer to Figure 1.
- Tent sites will have access to an appropriate amount of Bear Caches, refer to Figure 2.
- All bins placed inside a wildlife resistant enclosure or secured cage.
- A waste transfer station secured with a wildlife resistant enclosure, including four enclosed sides, a roof, and lockable access.
- Wildlife resistant bins will be equipped with latching mechanisms that are verified daily.

Figure 1 – Wildlife Resistant Bin Example:



Figure 2 – Bear Cache Example:



Figure 3 – Specialty Bins:



Note: PCC may implement specialty waste containers (e.g., fish waste bins) to support proper waste segregation, reduce odour, and minimize wildlife attraction.

2.2 Waste Area Location

- Waste areas must be located a minimum practical distance from sleeping and cooking areas.
- Areas must be clearly marked and accessible.
- No overflow permitted. Notify Campground Manager if bins are full. Additional waste receptacles will be present for special events to prevent overflow.

2.3 Non-Storage Related Equipment

- Bear spray for designated PCC staff working in high-risk areas.
- Site signage warning of wildlife hazards and attractant control requirements.
- Lockable tools for securing or repairing bins, enclosures, and latches.

- Cleaning and sanitation equipment (e.g., brushes, detergents, degreasers) for removal of food residue and attractants.
- Spill response materials for grease, food waste, and other attractants, refer to *Section 4.2*.
- Communication devices for reporting wildlife sightings and coordinating response.

3.0 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Immediate Disposal:

- All food waste must be disposed of immediately after use.
- No temporary storage in tents, or open containers.

All attractant waste must be:

- Placed in a wildlife resistant container.
- Stored within a wildlife resistant enclosure.

Collection Day Procedure

- Bins may be placed out between 6:00 and 19:00 only.
- Bins must be returned to enclosure immediately after pickup.
- No overnight exposure.

Bin Condition

- Lids must fully close and latch every time.
- Damaged bins must be tagged and repaired or replaced within 10 business days.
- Dirty bins must be cleaned if odour is present.
- Bins will be routinely cleaned to reduce odour and wildlife attraction.

4.0 WILDLIFE ATTRACTANTS AND STORAGE

4.1 Food Handling and Storage

Eating Areas:

- Eating is restricted to designated areas only.
- Area must be cleaned immediately after use.
- No food scraps left on ground, tables, or surfaces.

Food Storage:

- All food must be stored in sealed containers when not in use.
- Overnight storage must be inside wildlife resistant systems, within glamping structures when occupied, or locked vehicles where appropriate.

Cooking Equipment:

- BBQs, stoves, and utensils must be cleaned after every use.
- No grease buildup permitted.
- Grease must be disposed of in sealed containers, not on ground or in open bins.

4.2 Non-Food Attractants

Liquid and Chemical Storage:

- Fuel, antifreeze, grease, and similar materials must be sealed and stored to prevent access.
- Containers must remain closed when not in use.

Spill Response:

- Refer to *Section 2.9* of the PCC Emergency Preparedness Document for all hazardous material spills and response procedures.
- Non-hazardous but wildlife-attracting materials (e.g., cooking oil, BBQ grease, food waste liquids) must be cleaned immediately upon discovery.
- PCC will be equipped with cleaning and sanitation equipment (e.g., brushes, detergents, degreasers) for removal of food residue and attractants.
- All contaminated surfaces and materials must be fully cleaned to eliminate residual odours and attractants.
- Spills must not be left unattended at any time.

6.0 DAILY INSPECTION AND CONTROL

End-of-Day Checklist:

Site Supervisor or designate must confirm:

- All garbage is secured in container and enclosure.
- No food waste or scraps remain on ground.
- Cooking areas such as BBQs and tools that are kept outdoors are clean.
- All lids are closed and latched.
- No attractants left in vehicles, equipment, or open areas.
- Any fallen fruit from trees has been cleared and is disposed of or stored in wildlife resistant enclosures.
- Any bird feeders on the premises are suspended in a manner that makes it inaccessible to wildlife and the area below the bird feeder is clear of attractant accumulations.

- Any composting activity is carried out and composting devices or equipment is maintained in a manner so as to not attract wildlife.
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Morning Check

- Inspect for wildlife disturbance (scattered garbage, tracks, damaged bins).
- Address deficiencies as soon as possible.

7.0 WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS AND RESPONSE

7.1 Wildlife Reporting and Escalation Criteria

Wildlife sightings shall be reported based on risk level:

Report Immediately:

- Grizzly bear, cougar, or wolves within campground.
- Any wildlife accessing garbage or food.
- Any wildlife displaying aggressive behaviour or lack of fear of humans.
- Report to Conservation Officer.
- Report to Emergency Services if immediate danger to life.

Report if Repeated or Problematic:

- Black bears, skunks, raccoons, deer, or similar animals observed repeatedly within camp areas.
- Any wildlife attempting to access attractants.
- Report to Conservation Officer.

No Reporting Required:

- Common animals (e.g., squirrels, birds) that are behaving naturally and not interacting with food or waste.

8.0 NON-COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

DO NOT APPROACH DANGEROUS WILDLIFE. KEEP YOUR DISTANCE AND ESCORT GUESTS AWAY FROM THE HAZARD AREA IF SAFE.

No person shall contravene this document or SLRD Bylaw No. 1551, 2018.

Immediate Correction:

- Any unsecured attractant must be corrected immediately upon discovery.

Repeated Violations:

- Individuals may be asked to leave the site for failure to comply with wildlife guidelines.

Regulatory Risk:

- Violations may result in fines and each day of non-compliance is a separate offence.

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District retains the authority to enforce the bylaws referenced herein.

9.0 TRAINING AND IMPLEMENTATION

9.1 Guests and Staff Training & Bare Campsite Program

PCC staff will be:

- Trained on this manual.
- Trained on WildSafeBC's Bare Campsite Program.
- Trained on safe practices when dealing with wildlife.
- Trained on dealing with specific species of dangerous wildlife (e.g., cougars, grizzly bears)
- Familiar with waste procedures.
- Familiar with food handling rules.
- Understand the wildlife reporting procedures.

Guests will be:

- Made aware of wildlife risks within the campsite.
- Provided with basic wildlife safety guidelines (e.g., do not approach wildlife, proper food storage).
- Instructed on proper use of bear caches and waste bins.
- Informed of prohibited activities (e.g., feeding wildlife, leaving food unattended).
- Asked to report dangerous wildlife sightings to PCC staff.

9.2 Ongoing Enforcement and Communication:

- Supervisor to reinforce expectations during daily tailboards.
- Issues to be corrected in real time, not deferred.

- PCC wildlife regulations will be communicated to guests through staff and posted signage.
- Signage identifying dangerous wildlife will be installed as required, see *Figure 3*.

Figure 4 – Temporary Wildlife in Area Signage Example:



10.0 SPECIAL EVENTS REQUIREMENTS

General:

Any special event held at the campsite must manage waste and wildlife attractants in a manner that prevents access by wildlife at all times.

Waste Provision:

- Sufficient wildlife resistant containers must be provided based on the size and duration of the event.
- Containers must be located in accessible and clearly identified areas.
- Overflow of waste is not permitted. Additional capacity must be provided as needed.

Outdoor Catering Requirements:

- All catering operations must comply with wildlife attractant control requirements.
- Food must not be left unattended or exposed.

- Food service areas must be actively managed and kept clean.
- All food waste must be disposed of immediately in wildlife resistant containers.
- Temporary bins must be wildlife resistant or continuously attended.
- At the end of each service period, all food, waste, and equipment must be removed or secured.
- Grease, cooking oils, and food liquids must be collected in sealed containers and properly disposed.
- Containers used for solid waste must be emptied by midnight on each day of the event.

Daily Waste Control:

- All waste must be collected and secured throughout the event.
- At the end of each day, all waste must be transferred into wildlife resistant containers and enclosures.
- No waste or food is to remain exposed overnight.

Compliance:

- Event organizers are responsible for ensuring all waste and attractants are properly managed.
- PCC staff will monitor activities to ensure compliance.
- Failure to comply may result in removal of the event or additional enforcement measures.

11.0 Contact Information and Reporting

Refer to *Section 5* of the Emergency Preparedness Document