

A Snapshot of 20 Years Saving the Great Bears

Raincoast leads a

Raincoast launches intensive effort to educate and inform the public about British Columbia's grizzly trophy hunt.

successful campaign to secure a threeyear province-wide moratorium on the grizzly trophy hunt and releases the short film A Grizzly Sport. Later that year, however, the ban is overturned after one hunting season because of a change in government.

2001

which concluded much revenue on an is formed as a result of this report.

2002

Raincoast publishes **Raincoast files** the report Losing Freedom of Ground, analyzing **Information request** conservation to Province of BC for enforcement grizzly mortality data capabilities of and ultimately wins coastal BC and through a Supreme southeast Alaska, **Court of BC decision** revealing large gaps after a 5 year legal in enforcement battle. capability between jurisdictions. 2004

Raincoast publishes

Economics, Policy,

and the Future of

British Columbia.

that bear-viewing

generates twice as

annual basis than

Commercial Bear

2003

trophy hunting. The

Viewing Association

Grizzly Bears in

the study, Crossroads:

After evidencebased formal appeal by Raincoast, and partner groups in the UK and Germany, the European Union bans the importation of grizzly bear parts from BC into EU member countries.

2007

Raincoast purchases

our first commercial

km², for \$1.3 million.

hunting tenure,

spanning 24,700

Using scientific

evidence provided

by Raincoast, the EU

upholds the grizzly

trophy parts ban

twice in one year

BC governments

lobby for its

revocation.

2005

after Canadian and

Raincoast and partners publish scientific journal paper identifying link between salmon-eating grizzlies and persistent organic pollutants.

Raincoast launches unique 'Salmon Carnivore Project' to assess how salmon abundance and distribution affect the well-being of grizzly bears and other coastal carnivores.

2009

2008

After finally gaining access to provincial mortality data through legal challenges, **Raincoast and David Suzuki Foundation** uncovered that a record number of 430 grizzlies were killed in the previous year.

Raincoast publishes an influential scientific study revealing frequent and widespread 'over mortality events' in which more bears were killed than the government's management models should have allowed.

2013

2011

Raincoast secures

km² 'Spirit bear'

hunting tenure,

effectively halting

the trophy killing

of black bears that

carry the Spirit bear

gene in an area of the

Great Bear Rainforest

where white bears

are common.

purchase of the 3,500

Raincoast purchases our third hunting tenure, along the Klinaklini River in the southern region of the Great Bear Rainforest.

After more than

two decades of

controversy, the

government of

British Columbia

bans the grizzly

hunt throughout

the province.

2017

work in partnership with Coastal First Nations toward a long term solution that safeguards all coastal carnivores from trophy hunting in the Great Bear Rainforest.

We will continue to

2019

2018

Raincoast and Coastal **First Nations raise** funds to purchase a fourth hunting tenure (Nadeea) in the heart of the Great Bear Rainforest.