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TO FIGHT FOR THE HUNT



Guide Outfitters
Association of British Columbia
Wildlife First™

SUPPORT Ron Fleming of Love Bros & Lee in the class action for closing the grizzly bear hunt

AMERICANS:

Funds may be directed through Conservation Force at www.conservationforce.org. Stipulate the project "BC grizzly lawsuit."

CANADIANS:

A Legal Defense Fund has been set up at the Bulkley Valley Credit Union in Smithers. E-transfer funds via lovebroslee@bulkley.net or wire transfer to the account #66050015-9871.

For more information visit
www.bearsinbc.com/news

It's NOT about the money – outfitters want the hunt back.

Class action is the only legal path available to hunters in BC. The outcome of this case will be precedence-setting for Canada and influence how government makes wildlife management decisions.

We must ensure that future decisions are science-based, not emotions-based.

TOGETHER, LET'S FIGHT TO GET THE HUNT BACK

FIGHT FOR THE HUNT: Q-and-As

Who filed the class action?

- Ron Fleming, owner of Love Bros & Lee, a 45-year guide outfitting company outside Smithers, BC, and longtime member of GOABC, initiated the class action proceedings in BC Supreme Court.

Why is this class action happening?

- In 2017, the Government of BC implemented a complete ban on grizzly bear hunting based on emotion instead of science.
- A settlement will bring financial relief to the guide outfitters who have and will continue to see substantial losses to their businesses and livelihoods because of the government's arbitrary action.
- It is disappointing that small businesses have no choice but to bring a lawsuit against the government.

Can Ron sue to re-open the grizzly bear hunt?

- No. Businesses may only sue for damages. *This is also why resident hunters do not have a legal option.*
- The remedies sought are: damages for negligent misrepresentation; damages for misfeasance in public office; special damages; and, punitive damages.

What was wrong with the government's action?

- The complete ban on hunting does nothing to address the very real and legitimate threat of habitat loss, which was confirmed in a recent Auditor General's report.
- Grizzly bear hunting in BC has been highly controlled and regulated since 1976. Harvesting less than 2% of the total grizzly population annually was purposely very conservative to ensure a sustainable harvest and healthy population. A regulated hunt helps prevent population swings and maintain a reliable, healthy balance.
- This decision takes away the ability to use hunting as a means of grizzly control for ungulate recovery, i.e. caribou.

What can supporters of grizzly bear hunting do if they want to get involved?

- Hunters and businesses across BC are encouraged to contact their local MLA to voice their concern.
- Make a contribution to Ron's Legal Defence Fund via lovebroslee@bulkley.net or direct deposit to the Bulkley Valley Credit Union account #66050015-9871.