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Blackbear shot and killed in Terrace Bay

by Darren MacDonald
The News

Terrace Bay Police were forced to kill a blackbear last Thursday morning, after the animal refused to go back into the forest.

Ministry of Natural Resources officials estimated the bear was a few years old and weighed about 150 pounds.

The bear had wandered in from the forest, and was trying to get into a garbage shed located behind the McCausland Hospital.

Officers surrounded the bear, and laid a bear trap. When the bear wouldn't go into the trap, the police tried to frighten it back into the forest with firecracker-type devices called Polar Bear Bangers.

Usually the noise scares the bear enough to send it scrambling back into the woods, but the cub had become too bold to



Terrace Bay police are asking residents to keep their garbage indoors for the next couple of weeks, so it doesn't attract anymore bears into the area. They hope to prevent this from happening again.

be frightened off. "We gave him a hundred chances to run back into the woods, but he wouldn't go," said Terrace Bay Police Chief Wes Fenton. "We only shoot bears as a last resort."

Fenton said the month of October is usually the only time bears are troublesome. "Their natural food is drying

up because of the frost, so they come here looking for an easy meal before they go into hibernation," said Fenton.

Bears have a keen sense of smell, and are attracted to garbage, especially when it's left outside.

"We really hate having to kill them, but we can't take any chances," said Fenton.

"(The bears) are usually quite passive, but you never know."

This is the second bear killed so far this year, but the first died under quite different circumstances.

Late last month, a local man tried to kill a bear after it apparently wandered into his backyard.

The man shot the bear in the eye with a .22 calibre rifle, and the wounded bear ran off.

"We found it on the CPR tracks a few days later, and the

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Pays Plat Chief rejects new constitutional proposals

by Darren Mac Donald
The News

The Chief of the Pays Plat Indian Reservation wants nothing to do with the Federal Government's Constitutional proposals.

Aime Bouchard said the proposal's promise of self-government within 10 years may sound revolutionary, but it fails to recognize rights native people have always had.

"We've had the rights for hundreds of years — we've never given up our right to sovereignty," he said.

"And now they want to give it to us in 10 years?" Bouchard said he's frustrated with what he perceives as a double standard in the way Quebec and natives are treated.

"With this government it's Quebec, Quebec, Quebec. Well, the first nations are more distinct than Quebec."

Despite taking a more moderate approach than Quebec in dealing with the constitution, Bouchard said natives are always considered last in constitutional bargaining.

"They're (the federal gov-

ernment) not leaving us right out of it, but they're putting us off," said Bouchard.

"Maybe we should be looking for independence," he said. "But we're not."

However, Bouchard said he will attend the federal hearings that will look at possible changes to the constitutional package.

"After Meech, I don't think we can trust this government," Bouchard said.

"But I'll probably still go up and say I don't support it, and tell them why."

Look who's running for office

The following persons have registered to run in the upcoming Municipal elections in Schreiber and Terrace Bay:

Schreiber Reeve:

- Mike Cosgrove
- Bob Krause
- Joseph King (one position)

Terrace Bay Reeve

- Jim Zeigler (one position)


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