

DO YOU KNOW CANADA'S WILDLIFE PROTECTION LEGISLATION?



THERE ARE MANY DANGERS FOR ANIMALS, AND IN TURN, HUMANS, WHEN SENSITIVE HABITATS ARE ENCROACHED UPON. THAT'S WHY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DEVELOPED LEGISLATION THAT PROTECTS ANIMAL HABITATS.



THE OCEANS ACT



THE SPECIES AT RISK ACT



THE FISHERIES ACT



THE COASTAL FISHERIES PROTECTION ACT

EACH ACT IS DIFFERENT, BUT THEY ALL SERVE THE SAME PURPOSE - TO PROTECT FISH AND WILDLIFE WITHIN CANADA'S BORDERS.

IN CANADA IT'S ILLEGAL TO:

- Own wildlife, unless you have a permit or license
- Have living or dead wildlife in your possession, unless you have a permit or license. This includes rescuing seemingly 'orphaned' wildlife and picking up roadkill
- Feed or attract dangerous wildlife by any means
- Kill or wound wildlife by accident without reporting it to a Fish and Wildlife officer
- Use a vehicle, aircraft, or boat with the intent to harass, injure, or kill wildlife



FISH AND WILDLIFE OFFICERS CAN:

- Arrest offenders
- Impose fines
- Confiscate property (e.g., unlicensed firearms or poached carcasses)
- Check permits, licenses, and paperwork
- Conduct inspections
- Remove and relocate dangerous wildlife
- Attend incidents that involve injured or dead wildlife (e.g., vehicle collisions with wildlife)
- Search land or premises, other than private dwellings, without a warrant if they believe, on reasonable grounds, that dangerous wildlife is attracted there
- Issue a dangerous wildlife protection order directing a landowner, occupier, or person in charge of that land or premises to contain, move, or remove the attractant within a reasonable period of time (which is specified within the order)

REDUCE YOUR IMPACT ON THE WILDLIFE IN YOUR AREA, AND ENSURE THAT YOU STAY ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE LAW.