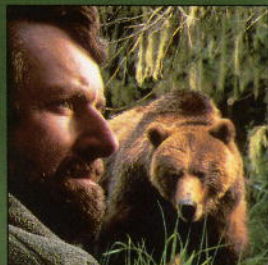




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## GRIZZLIES



One of nature's most awe-inspiring creations, the grizzly bear is threatened by clear-cutting, hunting and habitat loss. Wayne McCrory has spent 25 years passionately campaigning to protect the grizzly and the rare white spirit bear of the British Columbia rain forest.

His lobbying paid off in 1983, when two wilderness areas were set off to protect these stunning creatures and their habitat – and he is committed to making sure that humans don't drive these incredible animals to extinction.

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Wayne McCrory is at home in the British Columbia bush, and totally at home tracking and observing the awe-inspiring grizzly and rare white spirit bear. He has spent the last 25 years observing and protecting both of these animals.

A passionate and effective lobbyist, McCrory successfully won the support of the United Nations for his fight to save the grizzly bear habitat on the edge of the Rocky Mountains. In 1983, he was rewarded for his vocal perseverance when BC's provincial government established protected wilderness areas in the Kootenays and the Kutzeymateen Valley as provincial parks to safeguard these magnificent creatures and their habitat.

A long-time opponent of clear-cutting and over-harvesting, McCrory now directs his efforts to save the habitat of the rare white spirit bear of Princess Royal Island. A subspecies of the black bear, the white spirit bear accounts for one tenth of the bear population of the island. Native legend has it that the spirit bear was created during the Ice Age, as a reminder of a frozen world. Today only 200 of these unique animals exist in the world, and they are found only on BC's Princess Royal Island. Wayne McCrory is determined to see that they are not driven into extinction.

### PRE-VIEWING QUESTIONS

Locate the following sites on a map of Canada: British Columbia, Rocky Mountains, the Kootenays, Kutzeymateen Valley, Princess Royal Island.

Over the course of human history people have hunted animals for different reasons. Why would people have hunted animals in the following time periods? Think in terms of all the uses people would have made of the different animal parts.

- Seals in Newfoundland in 1524
- Bears in North America in 1776
- Whales in the Pacific Ocean in 1992

### POST-VIEWING QUESTIONS

What is clear-cut logging and how does it affect the bears' environment?

The bear is described as an "indicator species". What does this mean? Why is it important to be aware of what is happening to the indicator species in an environment?

What happens to a bear when it hibernates? How should a bear prepare for this period in its life cycle?

Many animals rub their bodies against objects in their environments. Why do the following animals do it?

- bears against trees
- pet dogs against a piece of furniture
- cats against people's legs

Many animals have behaviours that appear aggressive or frightening to people. What are bears really doing when they jaw each other? If you didn't know what this behaviour meant, what would you think bears are doing or saying when they jaw each other?



Champion:  
Wayne McCrory

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Information on Bear habitat loss  
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Information and pictures of Grizzlies  
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**Part 8: ORCAS** (C9197 100): Radical researcher and visionary Dr. Paul Spong, having researched killer whales for over three decades, helps us understand how humans affect orca habitat and behaviour.

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**Part 10: DOLPHINS** (C9197 097): Diane Claridge and Ken Balcomb are leaders in the fight to free the planet's imprisoned dolphins and whales and return them to the wild.

**Part 11: SWIFT FOXES** (C9197 094): Clio Smeeton has dedicated her life to completing her parents' dream of reintroducing the once-extinct swift fox to its Canadian Prairie home.

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