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### **TWO MEN ORDERED TO PAY \$8,750 FOR WILDLIFE OFFENCES**

MACKENZIE – B.C. resident Bryan Martin and Alberta resident Mark Greenlee pleaded guilty to Wildlife Act offences in a Mackenzie courtroom last week.

Martin was charged with knowingly making a false statement to a conservation officer. Greenlee was charged with hunting big game while not a resident, knowingly making a false statement to a conservation officer and unlawful possession of wildlife.

Both men received fines and were ordered to pay penalties totalling \$8,750. Greenlee was ordered to pay \$3,750 and Martin was ordered to pay \$5,000. The Habitat Conservation Trust Fund will receive \$8,500 of the penalties paid.

In addition to the monetary penalties, Greenlee has been ordered not to hunt in B.C. for a period of two years and to forfeit the seized wildlife (a grizzly bear, mountain goat and a caribou).

This investigation resulted from an inspection on a guide outfitter camp located in northern B.C., near the Kemess mine. The Mackenzie Conservation Officer Service determined a number of documents had been altered with regard to the wildlife harvested.

The maximum penalty for a first offence conviction under the B.C. Wildlife Act is \$50,000 or imprisonment for a term of six months, or both.

The B.C. government will introduce changes this spring to the Wildlife Act that will include tough new penalties to prevent and punish poaching and killing of endangered species.

Non-compliance with environmental requirements threaten human health and safety, and the province's natural resources. Environment Minister Barry Penner encourages the public to report all poachers and polluters by calling the COS 24-hour hotline at 1-877-952-RAPP (7277), #RAPP (7277) on the TELUS Mobility Network, or by visiting the website at [www.rapp.bc.ca](http://www.rapp.bc.ca). All tips are kept confidential.

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