

WildSafeBC Central Okanagan Season Summary 2024



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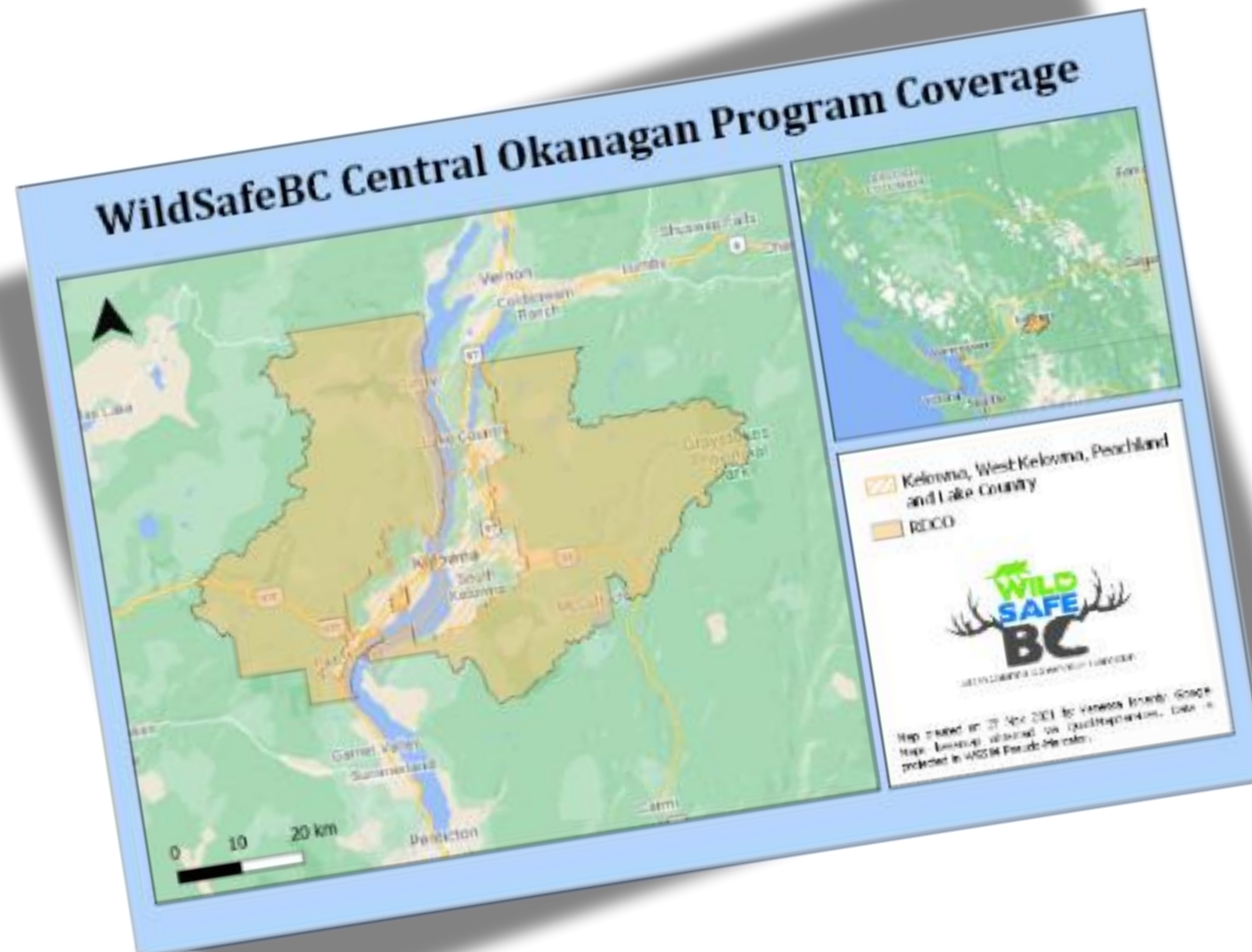
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Mission: reduce human-wildlife conflicts in all aspects of our lives, including how we live, work, play and grow

- Achieved through education, collaboration, and community solutions



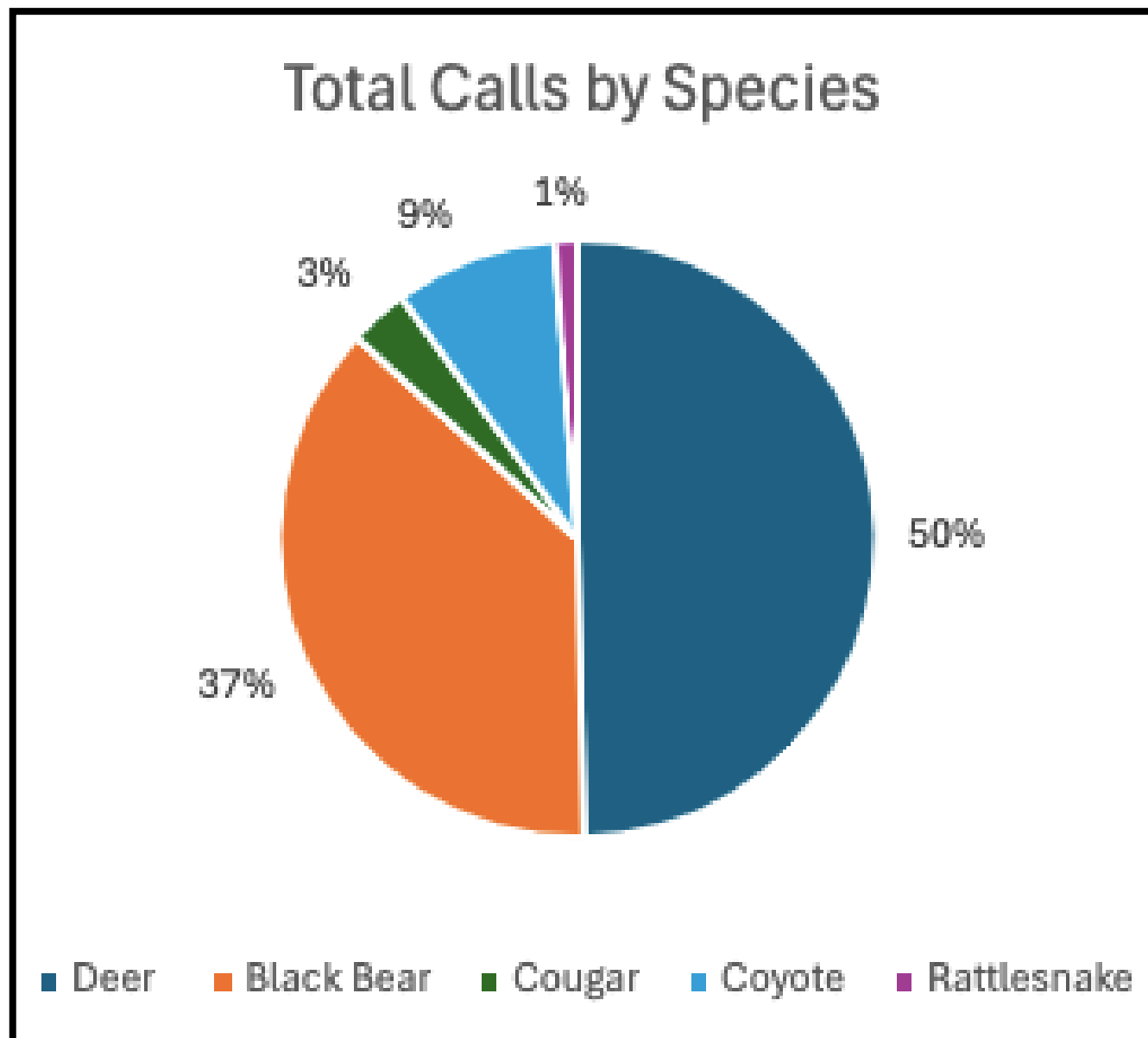
Central Okanagan



- **Lake Country**
- **Kelowna**
- **West Kelowna**
- **Peachland**

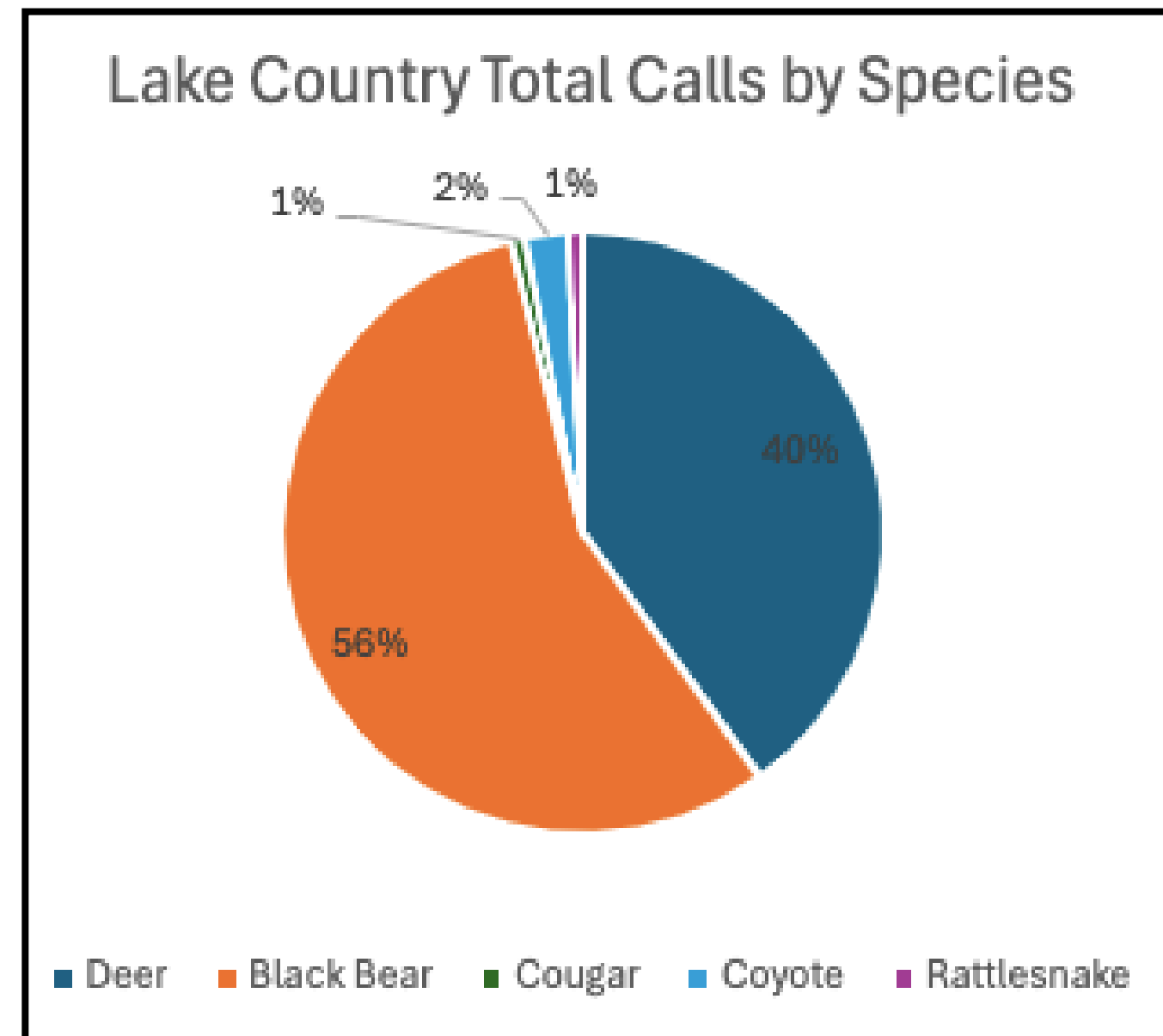
COS Reports 2024

Entire Program Area: (Jan - Oct)



Total of 1721 calls

Lake Country: (Jan - Oct)

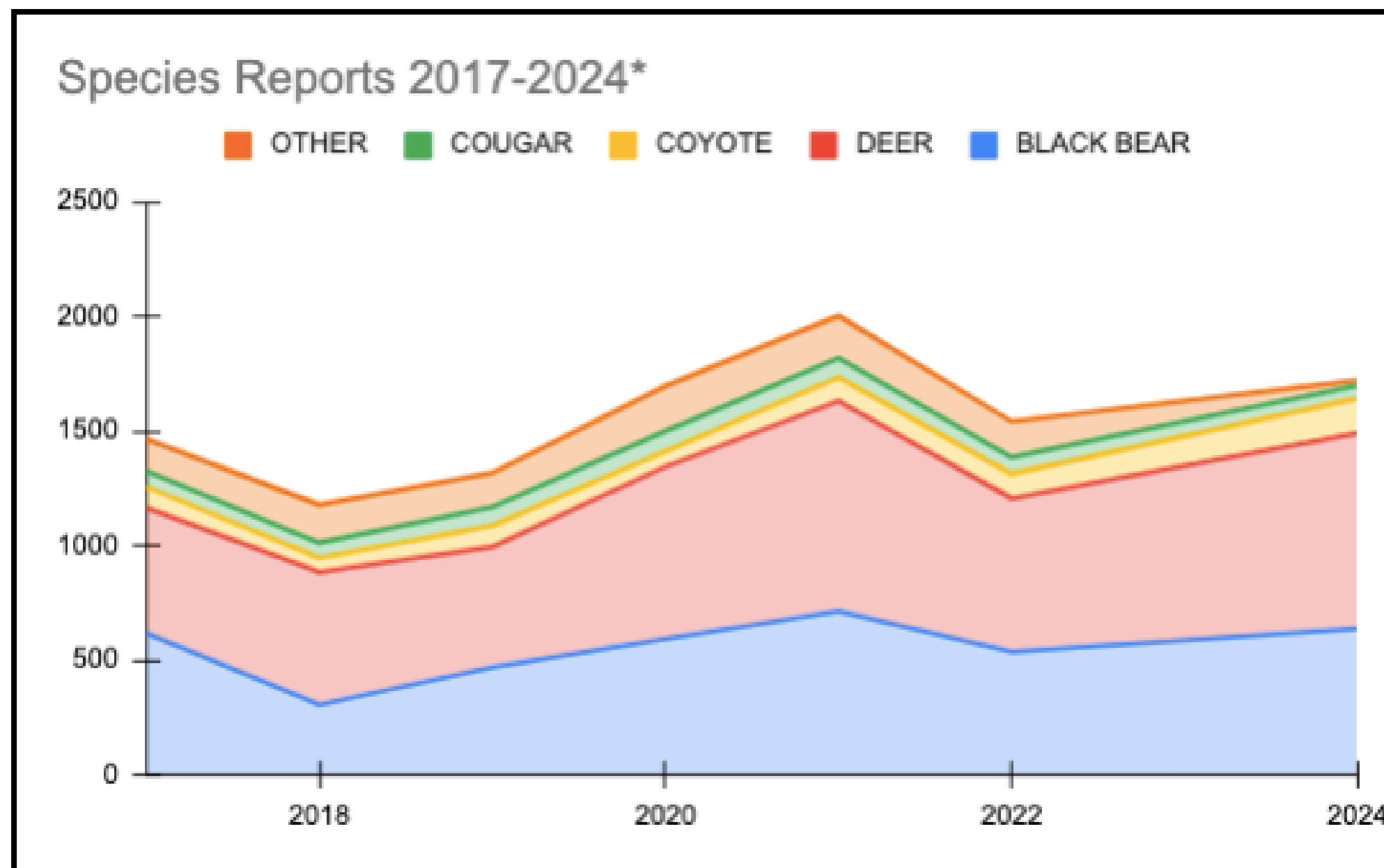


Total of 130 calls

COS Reports

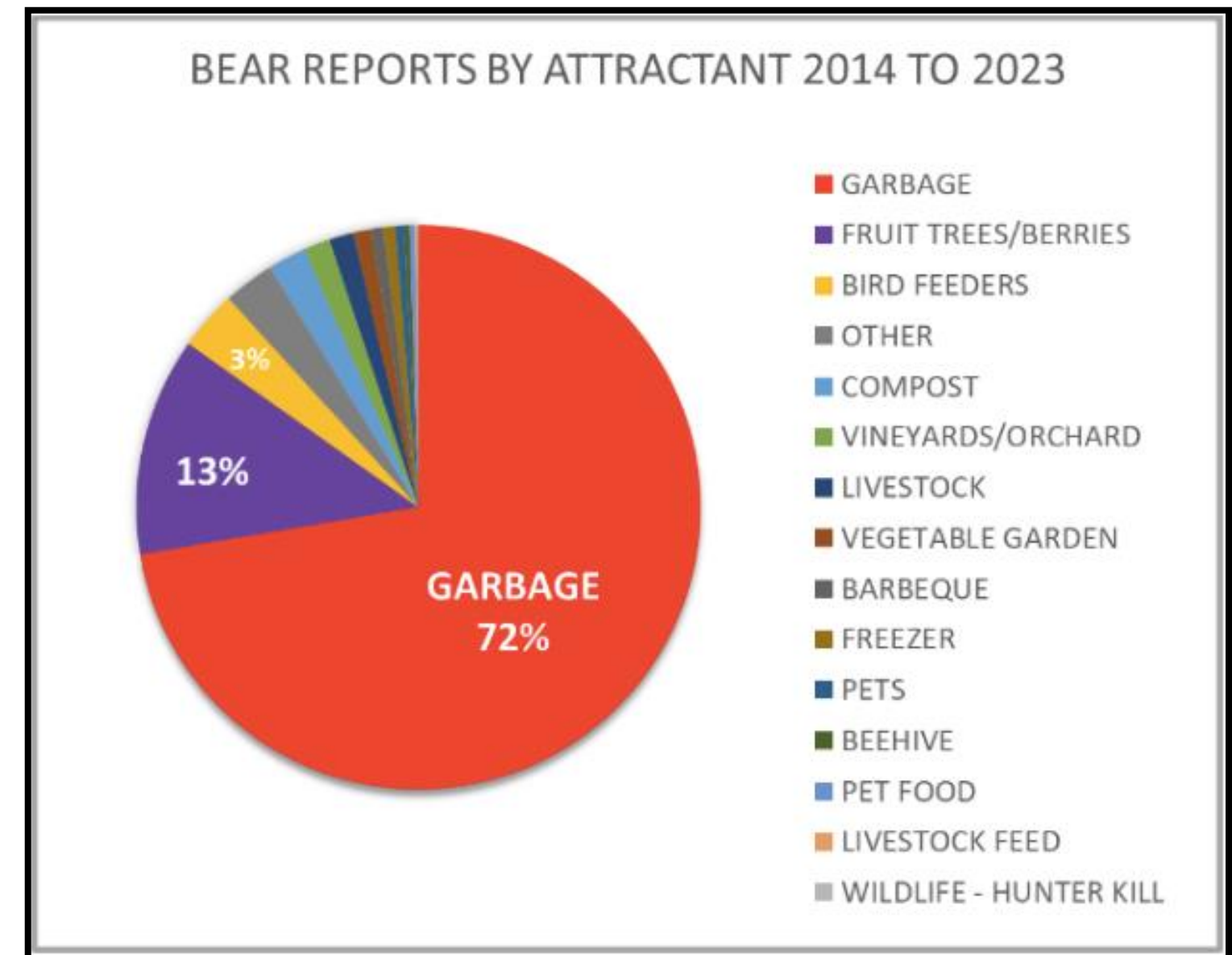
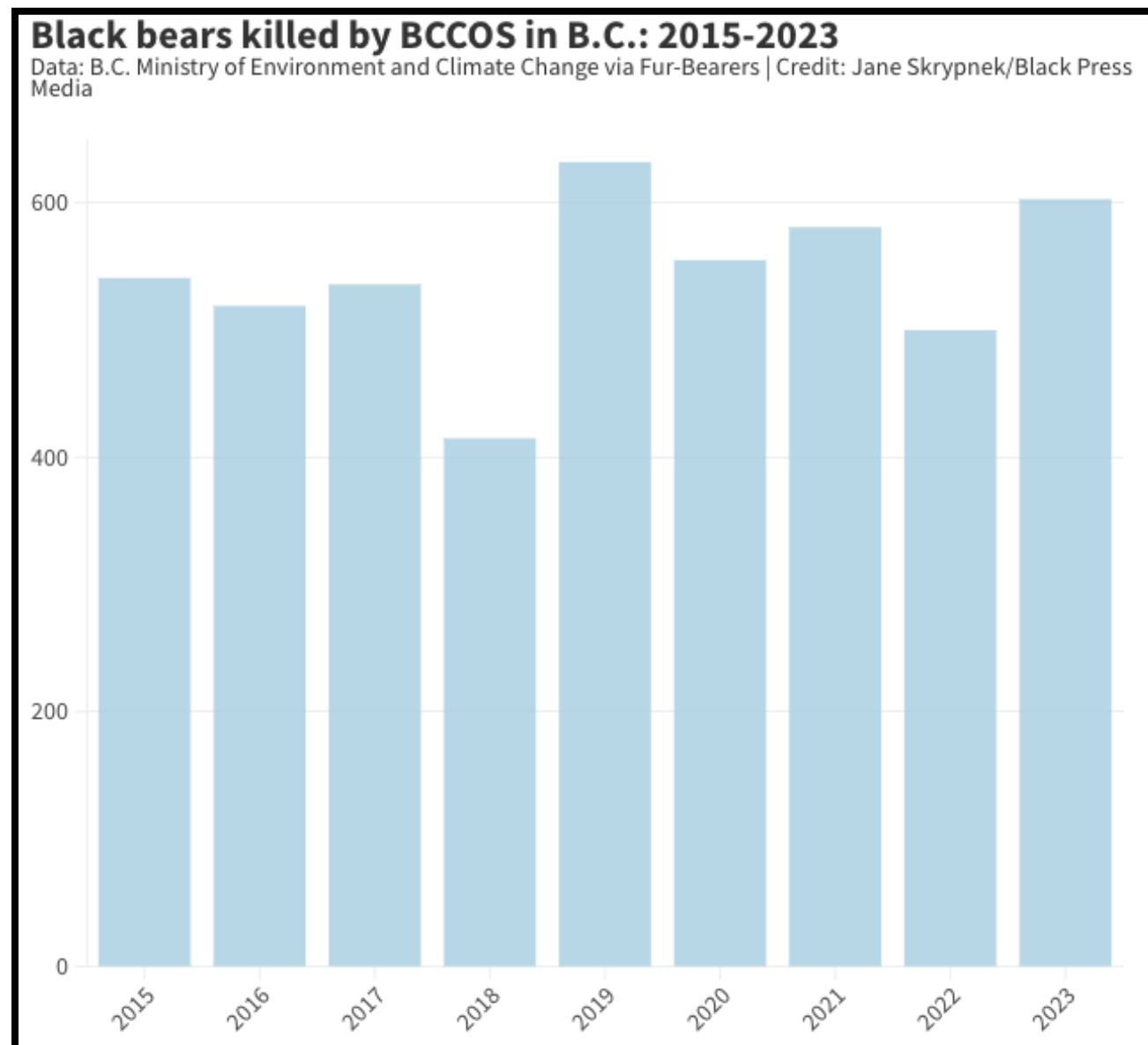
Reports peak in September and June

- Reports from COS have been on an increasing trend over the past 7 years



*Excluding 2023

Human-Wildlife Conflicts



- **Black bear destructions increasing across province**

- **How to address these attractants to reduce conflicts?**

Educational Season Highlights

480+

Students Educated

1350+

Community Members Reached

8

Press Releases

13

Community Event Booths

9500+

Facebook Users Reached

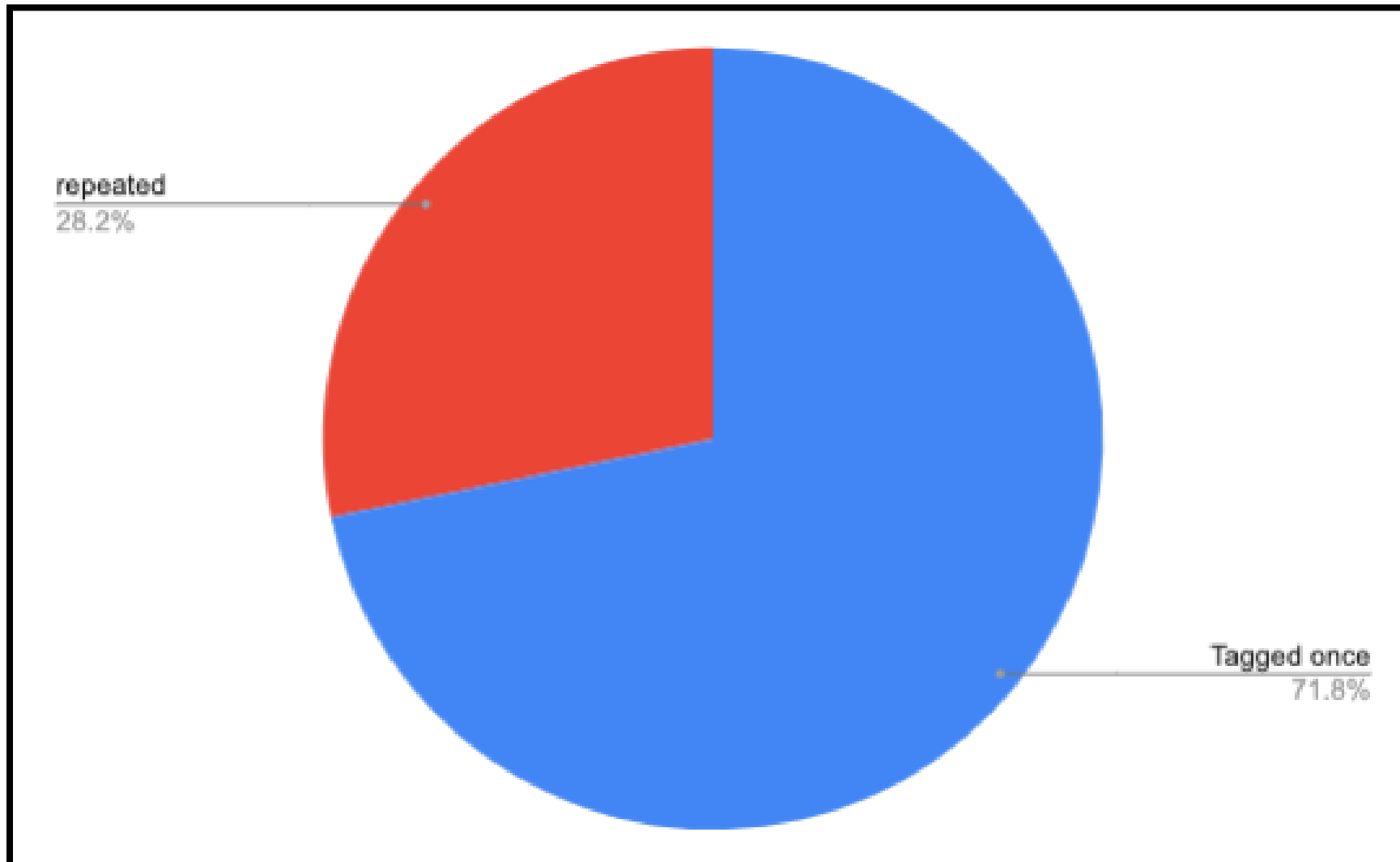
2000+

Bins Tagged

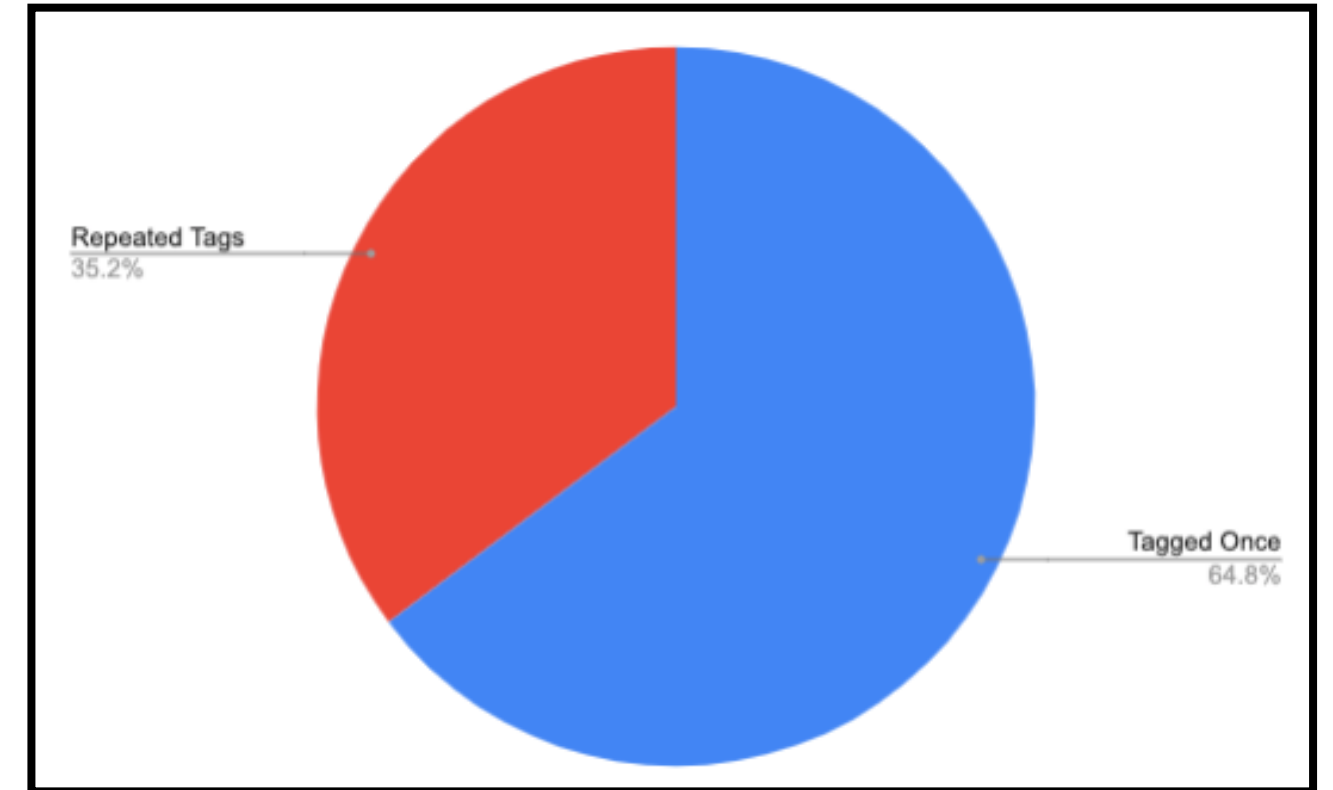
Bin Tagging

How well does it work?
In Lake Country?

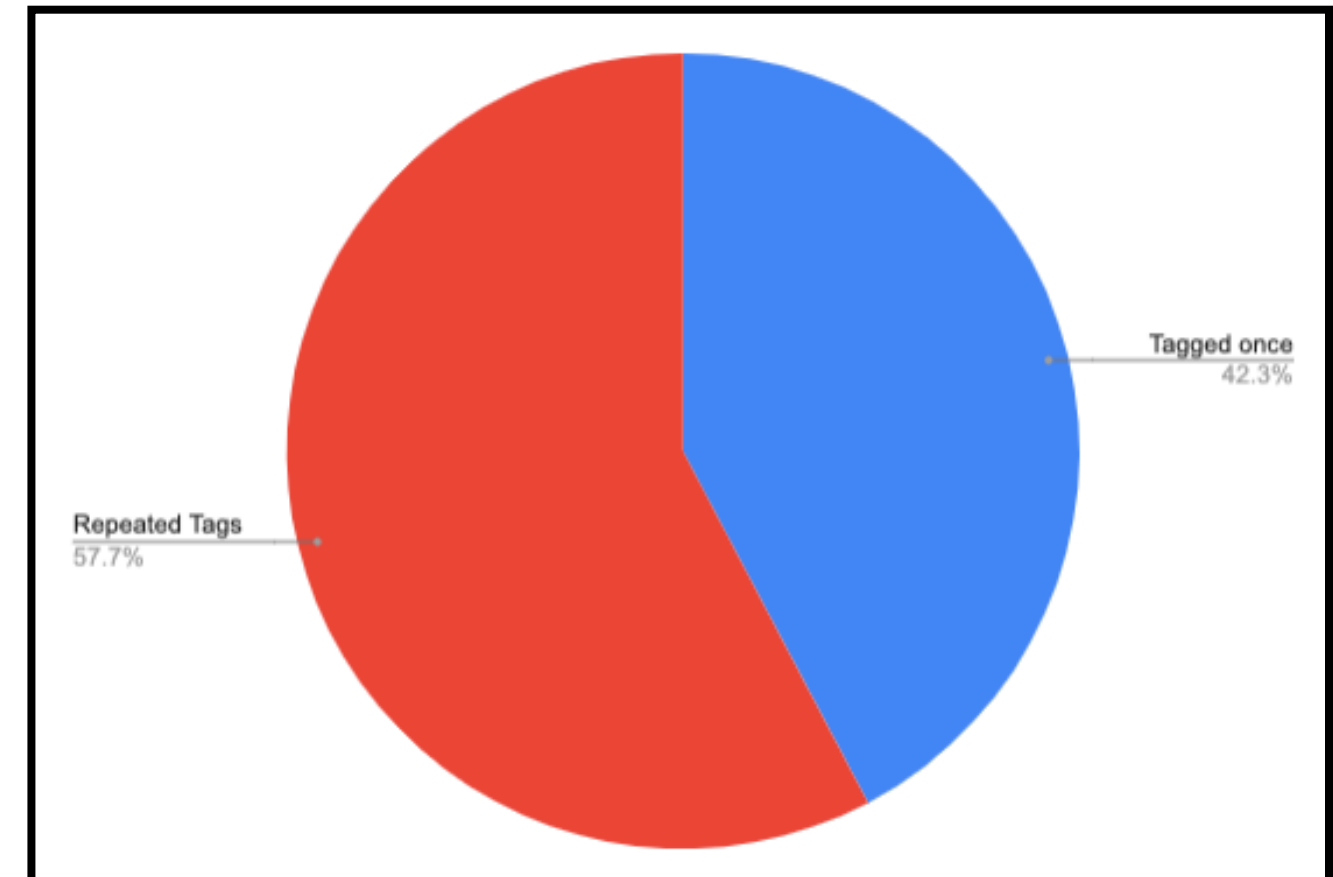
Central Okanagan:



Lake Country 1:



Lake Country 2:



Challenges and Opportunities

EDUCATION

Continue bear-smart education programs

Increased trailhead signage + provide timely alerts

ATTRACTANTS

Residents leaving bins out, unpicked fruit, etc.

Opportunity for exploring bear-resistant solutions

COS

Underreporting of bear activity to COS RAPP line

Opportunity for bylaw enforcement

Opportunity for further education

Opportunity for collaboration + education



Thank you

