



## SUMMER 2009

**Dear Friends,**

### **Sandhill Crane Update: The chicks have hatched!**

On June 2nd, 2009 between 7:50 and 8:10 pm, we witnessed from our monitoring station the hatching of the first sandhill crane egg.

It was a very hot day for the crane parent on daytime incubation duty, who panted in the heat, fluffed its feathers often, and restlessly turned the eggs. Just prior to the hatching, the mated pair quietly exchanged care of the nest. A hole appeared in one egg, it started to rock, and there emerged a tiny wet chick. The chick was quickly hidden under the parent's body and stayed there until it was almost dark, when a little head emerged from the parent's back. The second chick hatched about 12 hours later.

To view our recent footage of these newly hatched chicks visit our [Sandhill Crane](#) page. Here you will be able to see the two chicks hatching, plus some of their antics in the first hours of life. You will also be able to see some of the footage of the nesting pair that was posted in the last two weeks.

We also have some interesting footage of a [grizzly bear](#) rubbing his back on a scent mark tree earlier this spring.

Check out the Vancouver Sun's recent feature article on Pacific Wild's work filming cranes, wolves and bears: "[B.C. wildlife captured in true form](#)".

## **OTHER NEWS**

**WESTWORLD MAGAZINE-SUMMER 2009** showcases Pacific Wild's work and all that B.C. stands to lose if the oil tanker moratorium is lifted. Read [Howl in the Mist](#) by Andrew Findley.



### **Trophy Hunt Update:**

June 15th marked the last day of the spring trophy hunt for bears. Pacific Wild, Coastal First Nations and [The Humane Society International](#) continue to work for an end to the sport hunt of bears. Progress is being made but we need your help.

British Columbia, Canada is the host of the 2010 Winter Olympics. [Tell Premier Campbell and the Olympic Organizing Committee](#) that the sport hunt of bears is one event that British Columbia should not be celebrating....

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of Pacific Wild's work to protect wildlife and their habitat in the Great Bear Rainforest. [Click here](#) to learn more about ways in which you can support Pacific Wild. For more information on our conservation initiatives, please visit [www.pacificwild.org](http://www.pacificwild.org).

Read today's Province newspaper article "[Games will be used to spotlight 300 Dead Bears](#)". . .

Illegal Bear Hunting Uncovered in the Great Bear Rainforest. [Read more. . .](#)

Vancouver Sun further explores the issues of bear hunting in "*Trophy Hunters in the Line of Fire*" by Larry Pynn, June 13, 2009 [Read more. . .](#)

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