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Pike Place Fish Market returns to toss salmon to bears *Salmon toss kicks off Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation Day presented by Brown Bear Car Wash*

WHAT: Salmon to the bears! World-famous Pike Place Fish Market returns for its salmon toss to Woodland Park Zoo's grizzly bears on **Wednesday, May 30**. Watch the fishmongers show off their expert aerial stunts with zoo guests before tossing salmon to the 850-pound bears.



The salmon toss kicks off **Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation Day presented by Brown Bear Car Wash**. The annual conservation event is at the zoo Saturday, June 2. Through a variety of expert talks, programs and activities, zoo-goers will learn about the survival of bears, wolves, turtles, raptors, and other wildlife in the Pacific Northwest and become "carnivore smart" by learning what these animals need to survive in the wild, how to help keep them safe and what humans can do to peacefully coexist.

WHEN: Pike Place Fish Market salmon toss: **Wednesday, May 30, 10:30–10:45 a.m.**

WHERE: Grizzly bear exhibit at Woodland Park Zoo. Meet PR staff at the West Entrance at Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55th & N. 56th Sts. or head to the grizzly exhibit. Park in the Penguin Lot at N. 55th St. & Phinney Ave. N. or Otter Lot off N. 59th St. & Phinney Ave. N.

WHO: Pike Place Fish Market and the zoo's grizzly bear brothers, 24-year-old Keema and Denali. The bears arrived at the zoo in 1994 from Washington State University, which maintains a small collection to conduct a long-term study on bear nutrition.

INFO: **Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation Day is Saturday, June 2.** Pick up bear-proof tips as the bears ransack a make-believe backyard picnic and show what goes wrong when food and garbage aren't stored properly. Hear talks on wolves, river otters and other animals, and enjoy raptor flight programs, ambassador animal training sessions and special programs in Zoomazium. Stop by the Living Northwest conservation tent for chats with experts, up-close visits with Western pond turtles and kid-friendly activities. Visit Molbak's Butterfly Garden and Microsoft Pollinator Patio for tips on helping pollinators in your own backyard. Visit with conservation partners from Western Wildlife Outreach, Wolf Haven, Vital Ground, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Parks Conservation Association, Conservation Northwest, Washington Trails Association, Defenders of Wildlife, Bear Smart Washington, Seattle Every Kid in a Park Collaborative and Northwest Trek Wildlife Park. Listen to Native American stories about animals and their connection with the other "people" who inhabit the world by artist and storyteller Roger Fernandes. Enter a free drawing to win a behind-the-scenes visit with the zoo's grizzly bears. Visit www.zoo.org/events for a schedule of activities.

Learn more about the zoo's Living Northwest conservation programs at <http://www.zoo.org/conservation/livingnorthwest>.

Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation Day presented by Brown Bear Car Wash is free with zoo admission or membership. Admission through

September 30: Adult (13-64) \$20.95; Child (3-12) \$12.95; Toddler (0-2) Free. Active, retired, and veteran U.S. military and their families, seniors and people with physical disabilities receive an admission discount. Zoo members receive free zoo admission year round. Parking: \$6 plus applicable state and local taxes.

For more information or to become a zoo member, visit www.zoo.org or call 206.548.2500.

Summer zoo hours through September 30: 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily.

Founded in 1899, Woodland Park Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums and certified by the rigorous American Humane Conservation program. The Humane Certified™ seal of approval is another important validation of the zoo's long-standing tradition of meeting the highest standards in animal welfare. Woodland Park Zoo is helping to save animals and their habitats through more than 35 field projects in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. Each year, the zoo engages more than a million visitors of all ages, backgrounds, abilities, and walks of life in extraordinary experiences with animals, inspiring them to make conservation a priority in their lives and a difference in our planet's future ecological health and sustainability. Visit www.zoo.org and follow the zoo on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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