

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

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Pike Place Fish Market visits the zoo: “Salmon to the bears!” Salmon toss kicks off Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation Day presented by Brown Bear Car Wash

WHAT: World-famous Pike Place Fish Market returns to toss salmon to Woodland Park Zoo’s grizzly bears on **Thursday, June 6**. Enjoy a demonstration of aerial stunts by the fishmongers before they do their famous toss to the 800-pound bears.

The salmon toss kicks off **Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation Day presented by Brown Bear Car Wash**. The annual wildlife conservation event is at the zoo on Saturday, June 8. 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 how to coexist.

WHEN: Pike Place Fish Market salmon toss: **Thursday, June 6, 10:30–10:45 a.m.**

WHERE: Grizzly bear habitat 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 habitat in the Northern Trail. 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, 25-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 8.** Become “bear smart” as the grizzlies crash the aftermath of a make-believe birthday party. Experts will share valuable bear-proof tips as the bears demonstrate what goes wrong when food and garbage aren’t stored properly. Hear talks on wolves, river otters and other animals. See the new raptor program, Flights! Camera! Action! and enjoy special kid-friendly programs. Stop by the Living Northwest conservation tent for chats with experts and up-close visits with Northwestern pond turtles. 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, National Parks Conservation Association, Conservation Northwest, Seattle Audubon, and Seattle Aquarium with its large inflatable orca. Watch Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and their partner Karelian bear dogs demonstrate how they train nuisance bears and cougars to avoid human contact. Visit the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife table to learn more about Washington species and see special demonstrations by K9 Officer Benny. Listen to Native American stories about animals and their connection with the other “people” who inhabit the world by artist and storyteller Roger Fernandes. Visit www.zoo.org/events for a schedule of activities.

Special opportunity: At Bear Affair only, vote on a name for one of the zoo’s male river otter pups and enter to win a behind-the-scenes visit with the zoo’s grizzlies (to be arranged for a future date).



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

Spring/summer hours through September 2: 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. daily.
September 3 through September 30: 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Founded in 1899, Woodland Park 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. The zoo is helping to save animals and their habitats in the wild through more than 35 wildlife conservation projects in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. 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. Visit www.zoo.org and follow the zoo on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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