

Bear and Garbage Annual Community Problem

The "bear" problem is an annual affair in the many communities in Alaska. During spring and fall, bears are attracted to garbage. Children are attracted to bears — one child near Juneau was recently noted carrying a piece of steak "to give to the

bear."

Protection Officers of the Fish and Wildlife Protection Division warn parents and children that a black bear is a potentially dangerous animal. He is to be avoided at all times.

Garbage should be placed in containers inside a basement, shed or heavy plank box. In this way bears will not be attracted to high population areas. Where possible, bears are live-trapped and released in remote locations.