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KINGS OF THE NORTH - THE SEARCH FOR THE LAST OF THE ICE BEARS MOVIE PREMIERE

Victoria Gold is pleased to present Yukon photographer and environmentalist Peter Mather's documentary film *Kings of the North - the Search for the Last of the Ice Bears*; the story of Yukon grizzly bears delaying their winter hibernation to fish for salmon and Mather's quest to photograph these ice bears.

Kings of the North - the Search for the Last of the Ice Bears is premiering tonight in Whitehorse at the Yukon Arts Centre and will debut in Haines Junction on Friday, April 14 at the St. Elias Convention Centre. Tickets for both events are \$30.00.

Directed by Peter Zenkl with music design by Matthew Lien, the film will also premiere in Vancouver on Wednesday, April 26 at the Vancouver International Film Festival Centre with ticket proceeds to benefit the Victoria Gold Yukon Student Encouragement Society's *Every Student, Every Day* initiative to directly support increased student engagement and attendance projects in classrooms and communities throughout the territory.

As the ice bears delay their hibernation into late winter for one last feast of salmon, they become covered in a layer of icicles fishing in temperatures below minus 20C. The documentary also focuses on the natural history of salmon, bears and Indigenous peoples of the area.

Mather, an award-winning photographer and filmmaker focused on wildlife, conservation and northern peoples says, "I reached out to Victoria Gold to get involved in the film as they are so engaged in Yukon communities and in our territory's youth. Victoria Gold is the first mining company I've seen in my time in the Yukon, so committed to supporting Yukoners, so I thought it a great fit and happily, they partnered with me."

A limited-edition coffee table photography book is also being created in partnership with Victoria Gold to include 94 pictures from the seven-year-long *Kings of the North - the Search for the Last of the Ice Bears* project journey.

"The story of these ice bears is one that few people may be aware of, including Yukoners, so we are very pleased to support Peter and help bring this project forward so that we can all gain a greater understanding of these incredible animals," adds McConnell."



Kings of the North - the Search for the Last of the Ice Bears documentary filmmaker and environmentalist; Yukoner Peter Mather. Photo Credit: Morgan Haim.



An ice bear in Klukshu; the focus on Yukon filmmaker Peter Mather's new documentary film *Kings of the North - the Search for the Last of the Ice Bears*, presented by Victoria Gold.

Victoria Gold is excited to present Peter Mather's documentary film *Kings of the North - the Search for the Last of the Ice Bears* about his journey to record Yukon ice bears premiering tonight at the Yukon Arts Centre in Whitehorse, on April 14 at the St. Elias Convention Centre in Haines Junction, and on April 26 at the Vancouver International Film Festival Centre.

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ABOUT VICTORIA GOLD & THE EAGLE GOLD MINE

The Eagle Gold mine is situated within Victoria Gold's 100 per cent-owned, is situated within Victoria Gold's 100 per cent-owned Dublin Gulch Property located approximately 375 kilometres north of Whitehorse and 85 kilometres north, northeast of the Village of Mayo within the traditional territory of the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun. The property is accessible by road year-round and is connected to Yukon Energy Corp.'s electrical grid. The mine is a significant contributor to the Yukon economy employing 350-400 people.

