

Spirit bear faces pipeline threat

A proposed oil pipeline in Canada poses a new threat to one of the rarest creatures on Earth. Commonly mistaken for polar bears or albino black bears, the Spirit bear is actually a subspecies of the black bear that often has white fur due to a rare genetic trait



Kermode bear, or Spirit bear, is revered by First Nations tribes in British Columbia

Northern Gateway Pipeline

Capacity: 525,000bpd

Length: 1,172km

Cost: \$5.5bn

Bear range

Pop: Around
2,000 – 500
of them white

