Going against the trend:

1. What colour trait is usually selected for in Black Bears and why-- What rule is being broken that usually keeps the white colouration of bear populations down?

Rule broken: Animals living in humid environments tend to be darker in colour than their relatives found in drier habitats

Dark is usually selected for due to the environment being darker- this helps camouflage

1. What are potential factors that result in Kermode Bears having a larger proportion of white bears than seen in Interior bears?
2. Lack of predators/ competition for food
3. Food source being mainly salmon for protein- white = salmon less aware of bears
4. If you were to research this bear, what would you want to observe in order to see the contribution factors of this bear populations colouration?