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To: IFW
Subject: LD 337 "An Act To Start A Spring Bear Hunting Season"

I would like to express my strong disapproval for this bill!

Our Maine bears are already subject to some of the worst "management" practices in the whole country. At least one of these practices; Bear Baiting, has been shown to artificially increase bear populations through the introduction of untold tons of food and bait for at least a month when bears are getting ready to den up. This can contribute to more cubs born. Also a spring hunt is just the wrong way to disrupt bear families when cubs are being brought up and taught how to survive in what's left of our natural world. It is distressing to see this proposal for gross mismanagement piggyback on top of already established mismanagement.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute my thoughts and concerns. I hope you can distribute my comment to all the Committee members.

Sincerely, Richard A. Hesslein Jr., 68 Peary Mountain Rd., Brownfield, Maine 04010 Tel. (207) 935-3938