

Dear Linda,

Please express my views to the legislature regarding an additional season for bear in the spring. I find it reprehensible that any hunter could even begin to entertain the idea of hunting bear at their weakest state in the spring when they have lost so much of their body weight and muscle tone. Those facts would not be a fair situation for the bears. Cubs also exit dens with their mothers in the spring. I live in Baldwin and never see bear yet alone have any issues with them with my livestock and pets. I have seen two bear in 17 years! If there are areas with over population, current season hunting permits should be adjusted for those areas. As a wildlife admirer and rehabilitator, I am horrified by such a proposal. There are not enough rehabilitators to rehabilitate cubs and this could cause many to be orphaned. As a state that takes pride in the amounts and accessibility of our wildlife for both for residents and tourists, I believe this would be unjust for the bear population and viewed as distasteful to so many people. Please do not vote to pass this legislation.

Respectfully,

Wendy Clark

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