

To the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Legislative Committee:

Please oppose the proposal to introduce LD 337 which would allow a spring bear hunt in Maine.

According to WildWatch Maine: "The fall bear-hunting season is already nearly three months long. Maine is the only state left in the nation to allow all three methods of killing bears – baiting, hounding, and trapping. Adding a spring bear-hunting season would allow virtually no time for bears to live free from hunting threats."

What's more, wildlife managers around the country oppose spring bear hunts because of the high likelihood of orphaning, and ultimate death, of bear cubs. This can negatively impact bear populations across the board.

Please oppose LD 337.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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