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To: IFW
Subject: Support LD 337

Dear Senator Dill, Representative Nadeau, and members of the Committee,

I support LD 337 to allow more opportunities to harvest black bears in Maine, namely a spring bear hunt. As you know, Maine has the largest black bear population **IN THE LOWER 48**, and at times, the Department of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may need additional resources to manage the population to prevent human/bear conflicts. Hunting is the best method for population control- allowing people to pay instead of the State paying to remove nuisance bears, bringing in revenue from out of state hunters, providing jobs, providing food, etc. Maine should have a large toolbox full of different means and methods to manage wildlife populations, and LD 337 supports that notion.

Thanks,
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