

LaCroix, Linda

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To: IFW
Subject: Against LD 337

Dear Linda LaCroix,

For Someone who has been seriously considering a move to Maine - I'm shocked to read of the proposal to bring in a bill which would change the State law to allow a Spring bear hunt in Maine!

We all know Mama bears are coming out of hibernation with young to feed - why should the hunting season be extended?

In Alberta, Canada, where spring bear hunting is legal, orphaned cubs were once killed by the government instead of being placed in a sanctuary. The official policy described it as "euthanasia" but that word could never factually describe the unnecessary killing of healthy baby animals. Thankfully, after a long fight for the protection of orphaned cubs, the policy was changed in 2018 to allow rehabilitation; tragically, 24 orphaned cubs were killed over the span of 5 years before the policy was lifted.

Does Maine have the resources and infrastructure to provide medical care, rehabilitation, and sanctuary for orphaned black bears?

I seriously hope Maine can stand on the side of it's precious wildlife and not on the side of the people who want to slaughter bears for fun!

Judith Lally.

