## LaCroix, Linda

From: Sent: To: Subject: Alice Olcott <alice.olcott@gmail.com> Saturday, February 9, 2019 2:55 PM IFW Spring Bear Hunt

To Linda LaCroix, Committee Clerk - Please copy and distribute the following comments to members of the IFW committee. Thank you for your assistance.

To: Chairs Senator Dill, Representative Nadeau, and Members of the IFW Committee:

I am writing to express my STRONG opposition to LD 337, an act to create a spring bear hunt in Maine.

The vast majority of Mainers are not hunters. While bear hunting is highly lucrative for some hunters and small business, their economic interests should not trump our ethical interests to keep Maine bears safe. Like humans, bears are only given one life to live. Most Mainers chose not to engage in activities that end the lives of bears, and the committee should hear our call to end this proposal for a spring bear hunt immediately.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alice Olcott Kittery Point, ME