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We are writing to oppose legislation authorizing a Spring bear hunt.

Bears are just emerging from their hibernation dens with newborn cubs. Those cubs are often left behind while the mother forages for food. The proposed ban on shooting bears with cubs in tow will be ineffectual in preventing orphaned cubs. Maine's barbaric practice of bear baiting will compound this issue, particularly as bearing emerge from their Winter fast.. Similarly, hunting with doges will be indiscriminate, placing newborn cubs in mortal danger; dogs don't discriminate.

Recent news accounts of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife staff saving abandoned cubs is hypocritical at best while the department supports legislation that will result in far more cub deaths!

It's time for Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to drop its myopic focus on the financial impact of increased, easy hunting and focus on wildlife stewardship as it should.

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