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Subject: Oppose LD 337

Dear Senator Dill, Representative Nadeau and members of the Committee on Inland Fisheries & Wildlife:

As much as I support the right of ALL Mainers to hunt during appropriate times of the year, the opening of a spring bear hunt season falls into the cruel and brain-dead category. The bad public relations alone (agitating anti-hunter and the potential to greatly discourage other potential outdoor enthusiasts) must be considered given that tourism is one of Maine's largest industries.

Having grown up in southern Aroostook country, I still appreciate hunting as a nice clean sport, and although I personally no longer hunt, the right of others should not be infringed - but a spring bear hunt is just plain mean and cruel and there is no sport whatsoever in shooting helpless hungry animals that have just come out of hibernation.

Please re-think this BAD and STUPID idea.

Thanks

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