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Concerning Bill LD 142, I am speaking on behalf of several people who live between Machias and Brunswick, all of whom are asking - why the need to lure and kill bears?

First of all this is not a 'sport,' since a sport is defined as 'one who is fair and honest.' There is nothing fair about luring unsuspecting and usually unarmed bears to a spot to be maimed or killed.

This is also a stain on an otherwise beautiful state. To insert maiming and killing into our common land is an insult perpetrated by the minority on the majority who prefers to have wild-life living, not wild-dead. To manufacture the excuse that the bears are endangering our children is just a ridiculous excuse to condone bad, violent behavior. It is for "fun" and that is sick.

There are fewer hunters as people evolve away from their prehistoric ancestors. This is a desperate attempt to lure killers into Maine so they can have the fun of targeting animals. That is not the best we can be.