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I oppose LD 257. Any attempt by non consumptive users to restrict any type of hunting is met with uproar from hunter lobbyists, loudly proclaiming :TRADITION!"

Deer hunting in Maine is traditionally the month of November, excluduing Sundays. Several tactics have been used to gain extra hunting days, and now deer hunting is October November December, if one factors in youth days, residents days, and special archery and muzzleloading seasons.

Hunting season is a stressful time for rural non cunsumptive users. We have to wear blaze orange to step out our back door, wonder which direction and from whose property those shots came from, etc. etc. It's kind of ironic many who support this bill are probably against mask wearing in a pandemic, yet see no problem with forcing folks to wear blaze orange and pack away their white mittens for an entire season.

I oppose LD 257. NOVEMBER. PERIOD. Thanks you.