

Black Bear Season Recommendations

CR – 20-02

Recommendations

Unit Group	2020 Season
Hunt units 192*, 194*, 195, 196	Sept 15 - Dec 1 (or until harvest limits are met)
Hunt units 201, 202, 204 and 206	Sept 15 - Dec 1 (or until harvest limits are met)
Hunt unit 291 and 203	Sept 15 - Dec 1 (or until harvest limits are met)

2020 Black Bear Seasons

Ninth year of hunt

- 3 females, 14 males harvested in 2019 season
- Mean male age, 8.6 years
- Mean female age, 4.7 years
- 17.6% female harvest

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3-year Average Harvest Statistics

- 22.7% females in harvest
- Mean female age, 5.1 years
- Mean male age, 6.5 years

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The Department recommends that the
Commission **VOTE TO ADOPT**
COMMISSION REGULATION 20-02, 2020
BLACK BEAR SEASONS AS PRESENTED