

Black Bear Seasons

CR – 17-03

2017 Black Bear Seasons

Sixth year of proposed hunt

- 6 females, 5 males harvested in 2016 season
- Mean male age, 10 years
- Mean female age, 8 years
- 55% female harvest

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3-year Average Harvest Statistics

- 42% females in harvest
- Mean female age, 7.7 years
- Mean male age, 7.4 years

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Proposed Changes

- Historically entire area was open
- 57 out of 82 bears historically harvested in 291

Unit Group

2017 Season

Hunt units 192*, 194*, 195, 196 are open to bear hunting except those portions of 192 and 194 described below in Special Regulations.

Sept 15 - Dec 1 (or until harvest limits are met)

Hunt units 201, 202, 204 and 206 are open to bear hunting

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Hunt unit 291 is open to bear hunting

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Seasons

- Any tag holder can hunt in any open unit group until that unit group is closed
- Hunters or their guides must call 1-800-800-1667 to determine if harvest limit for that units group has been reached
- Any legal weapon – not shotguns
- Mandatory classes for hunter or guides prior to hunting

Recommendation

- The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO ADOPT COMMISSION REGULATION 17 – 03, 2017 BLACK BEAR SEASONS AS PRESENTED**