

Black Bear Season Recommendations

CR – 18-02

Proposed 2018 Black Bear Seasons (Harvest Limits and Quotas TBD in May)

Unit Group

Season Dates

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, 2018

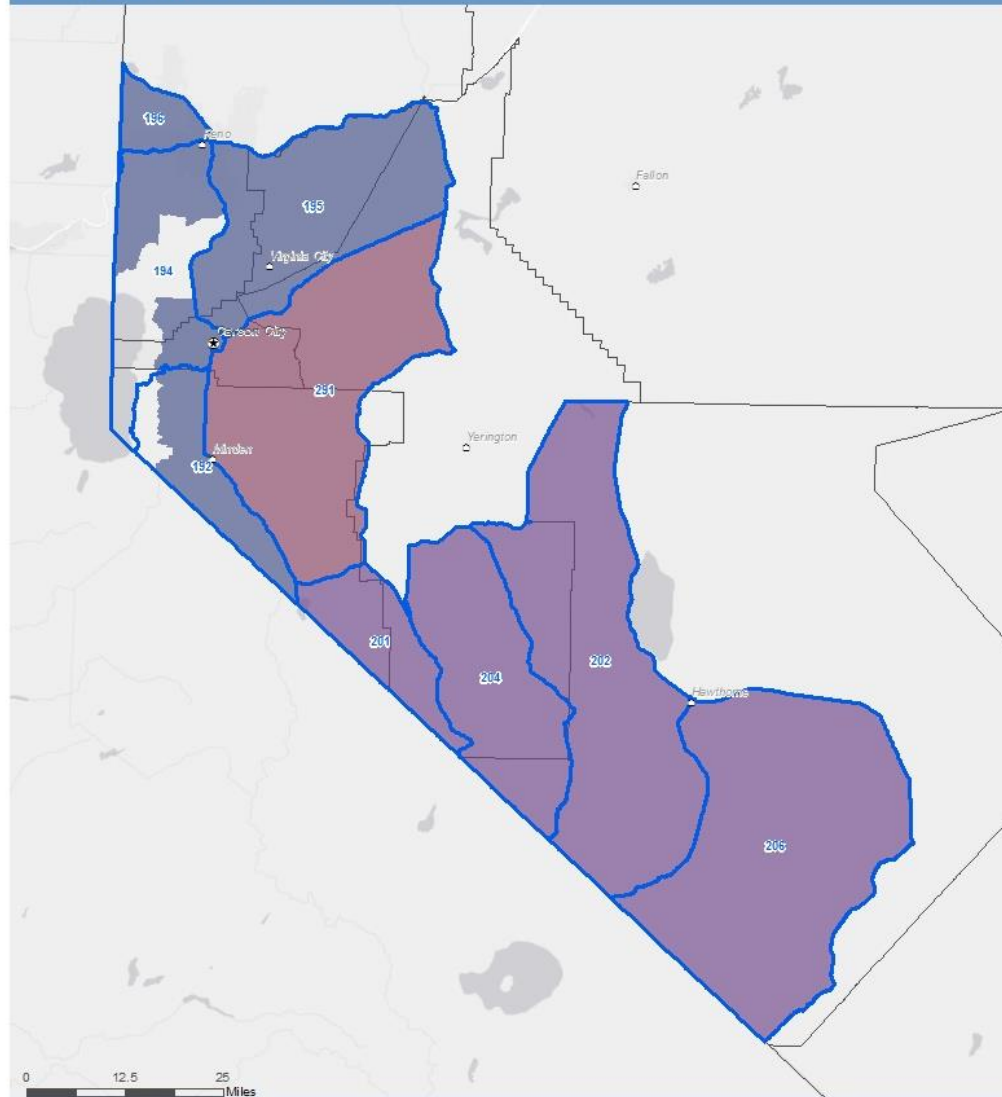
Hunt Units 201, 202, 204 and 206 are open to bear hunting

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Hunt Unit 291 is open to bear hunting

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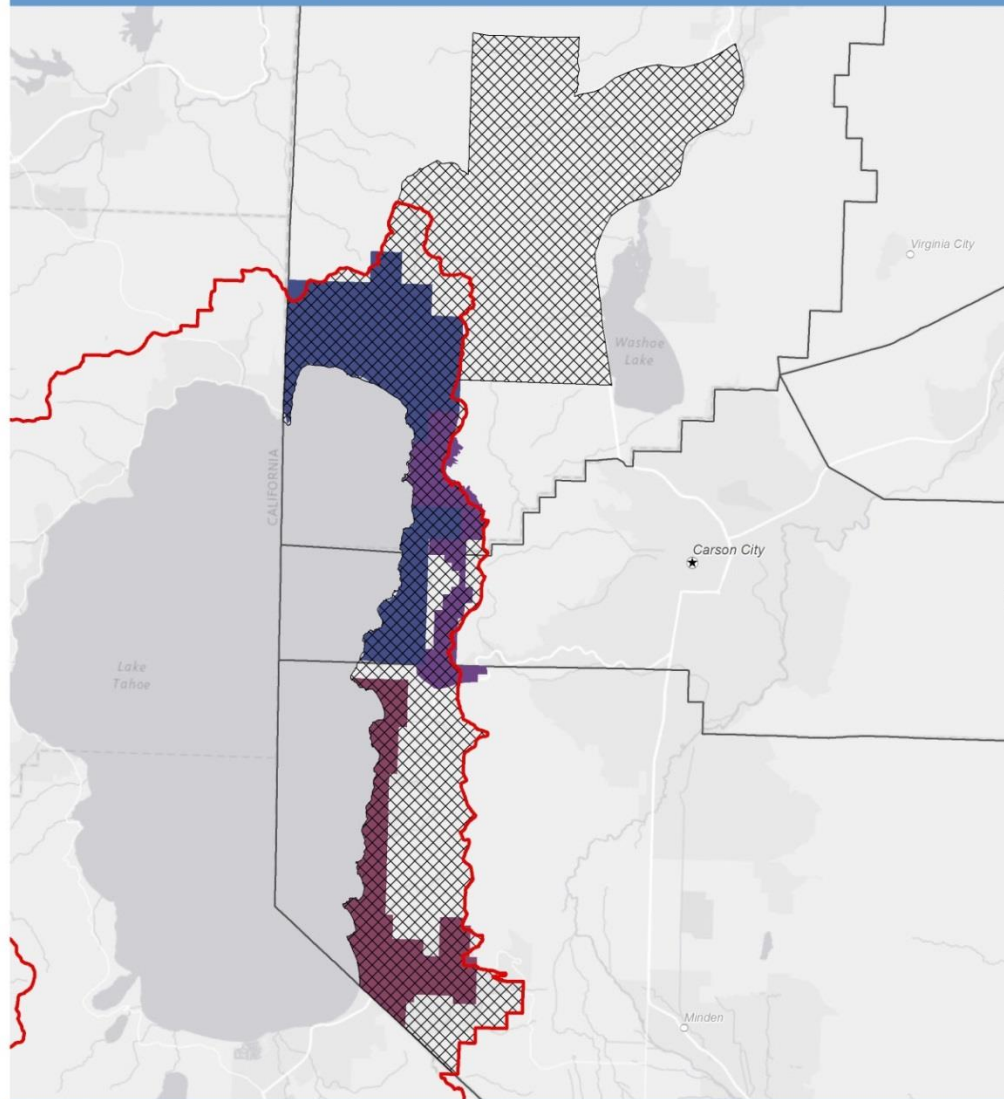
Black Bear Hunt Units



- Black Bear Hunt Units**
- Unit Groups**
- 192, 194, 195, and 196
 - 201, 202, 204, and 206
 - 291

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Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

Discharge of Firearms Prohibited



Carson City & Washoe Counties Congested Areas + 5000'



Douglas County Congested Area + 1500'



Nevada Lake Tahoe State Park

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2017 Black Bear Seasons

Seventh year of hunt

- 9 males, 4 females harvested
- Mean male age, 5 years
- Mean female age, 8 years
- 31% female harvest
- Total harvest limit for Area 19 reached on October 25, 2017 (3 males, 3 females), closed area effective October 26, 2017
- No unit group-specific female harvest limits reached

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Harvest Statistics

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2017 Black Bear Seasons

3-year Mean Harvest Statistics

- 42% females in harvest
- Mean female age, 6.6 years
- Mean male age, 6.4 years
- 2017 reduced females in harvest, increased female mean age

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Recommendation

- The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO ADOPT COMMISSION REGULATION 18 - 02, 2018–2019 BLACK BEAR SEASONS AS PRESENTED**