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Bear Populations, Management of

WHEREAS: From March 1 through September 1 of any calendar year, it is unlawful for any person to kill a black bear by any means including, but not limited to, firearm or bow and arrow; and

WHEREAS: Drought and scarce food in higher elevations have led bears along streams into towns where they have found abundant food provided, intentionally or carelessly, by people; and

WHEREAS: This limitation on black bear hunting, environmental factors and an increase in the human population expanding into bear habitat has led to an increase in conflicts between bears and humans; and

WHEREAS: Bear problems began unusually early in 2001 and bear-human conflicts became much more frequent and more severe; and

WHEREAS: A number of bears had to be destroyed by the Division of Wildlife and wildlife officers have spent an exorbitant amount of time dealing with bear-human conflicts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CLUB 20 supports legislative efforts that would authorize the Division of Wildlife to issue a limited number of black bear hunting permits after June 25 until September 1 upon a determination that issuance of such permit is necessary to the public health, welfare, and safety.

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