

2012-14 Hunting Season Development  
Issue Scoping Survey - Final Results

Issue 1: Increasing spring black bear harvest in northeastern Washington

**Page 2, Q1. Which option would you prefer for addressing the issue of increasing spring black bear harvest in northeastern Washington?**

1	No hunting. Relocation of problem animals.	Sep 21, 2011 8:02 AM
2	eliminate all bear hunting	Sep 21, 2011 7:29 AM
3	Stop the hunting of bears for sport.	Sep 21, 2011 7:12 AM
4	No hunting of bears	Sep 21, 2011 4:59 AM
5	Reduce number of permits.	Sep 21, 2011 4:09 AM
6	eliminate hunting entirely	Sep 21, 2011 3:53 AM

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7	Do away with spring hunting season	Sep 21, 2011 1:44 AM
8	N/A	Sep 20, 2011 10:49 PM
9	no bear hunting. Designate land for them. Move the people living on their land!!	Sep 20, 2011 9:53 PM
10	NO KILLING OF BEARS	Sep 20, 2011 9:52 PM
11	please use supplemental Springtime feeding to control timber damage	Sep 20, 2011 9:44 PM
12	No Hunting Season	Sep 20, 2011 9:28 PM
13	use dogs	Sep 20, 2011 9:13 PM
14	There is NO reason to hunt bears, it is cruel & inhumane	Sep 20, 2011 9:02 PM
15	I do not support hunting ANY wild animal for sport. I don't want to see our wildlife injured or killed because of human activity or encroachment.	Sep 20, 2011 8:58 PM
16	I am against bear hunting except as determined necessary by ecologists.	Sep 20, 2011 8:48 PM
17	Let predator prey relationships define bear populations	Sep 20, 2011 8:44 PM
18	No use of dogs for hunting of any wildlife. No more than 12% mortality for cougars. Thank you.	Sep 20, 2011 8:40 PM
19	No hunting	Sep 20, 2011 8:16 PM
20	No hunting at all	Sep 20, 2011 7:38 PM
21	No hunting of any animal allowed	Sep 20, 2011 7:32 PM
22	No bear hunting, people should quite meddling with wildlife populations	Sep 20, 2011 7:28 PM
23	BAN THE HUNTING OF ALL ANIMALS	Sep 20, 2011 7:25 PM
24	STOP THE KILLING!!	Sep 20, 2011 7:09 PM
25	No bear hunts	Sep 20, 2011 6:54 PM
26	relocate the bears & stop the hunting.	Sep 20, 2011 6:50 PM
27	NO BLACK BEAR HUNTING.....PERIOD!	Sep 20, 2011 6:45 PM
28	Cougar populations are an essential part of Washington's ecosystem. Scientists have found that stable cougar populations get into less trouble with humans and livestock, and consequently reduce the risk of conflicts with humans. Researchers have defined a stable cougar population to be one that does not exceed a 12% human-caused mortality rate, of the estimated adult cougar population, in any given Game Management Unit (GMU). Please do not exceed a 12% mortality rate when deciding cougar management policy. Also, please do not extend cougar management to include the indiscriminate and inhumane practice of sport hound hunting.	Sep 20, 2011 6:41 PM
29	increase spring permits, but don't change fall season	Sep 20, 2011 6:29 PM

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30	No bear hunting.	Sep 20, 2011 6:17 PM
31	cougar harvest should be allocated by a quota based on population abundance of adult resident cougars in each GMU, and that each GMU have a harvest quota not to exceed greater than 12 % of this estimated adult abundance.	Sep 20, 2011 6:05 PM
32	Use other means to "control" bears instaed of killing them	Sep 20, 2011 6:00 PM
33	No Bear Hunting	Sep 20, 2011 5:43 PM
34	Reduce number of spring bear permits	Sep 20, 2011 5:42 PM
35	Do not allow bear hunting at all, especially in the spring. Instead, set up areas protected from bears for deer hunting (if people insist on hunting deer for whatever reason)	Sep 20, 2011 5:40 PM
36	quota based on population abundance	Sep 20, 2011 5:33 PM
37	Outlaw bear hunting unless the bears can shoot back	Sep 20, 2011 5:31 PM
38	don't hunt bears	Sep 20, 2011 5:30 PM
39	No bear hunting	Sep 20, 2011 5:30 PM
40	no spring hunting season	Sep 20, 2011 5:30 PM
41	eliminate the hunting altogether	Sep 20, 2011 5:28 PM
42	No hunting	Sep 20, 2011 5:28 PM
43	Stop killing bears.	Sep 20, 2011 5:26 PM
44	Cancel spring bear hunt all together. This is a terrible way to handle nuisance bears.	Sep 20, 2011 4:18 PM
45	Do not issue permits to kill black bears	Sep 20, 2011 4:17 PM
46	no spring hunt	Sep 20, 2011 2:53 PM
47	Only bears that are a serious threat to human safety and or property should be relocated and only killed after given several opportunities and then and only then by qualified Department officials in a humane manner. Spring bear hunting as well as fall bear hunting orphans cubs. Shooting large carnivores for sport is unethical and inhumane! s	Sep 20, 2011 1:14 PM
48	Decrease Spring Bear season permits to 70 unless there is appropriate rationale	Sep 20, 2011 1:09 PM
49	No hunting at all	Sep 20, 2011 12:54 PM
50	Use valid game management data to do what is best for both species. I buy a bear permit every year, but I have not gone out to specifically hunt bear.	Sep 20, 2011 12:53 PM
51	.	Sep 20, 2011 12:32 PM
52	other	Sep 20, 2011 12:29 PM

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53	Replace spring permit season with general season. No change to fall season. Allow hound hunting in both seasons.	Sep 20, 2011 12:14 PM
54	no spring bear hunting. Human encroachment is the problem not overpopulation. Relocate 100 humans for every nusiance bear hunted.	Sep 20, 2011 11:55 AM
55	The cougar harvest should be allocated by a quota based on population abundance of adult resident cougars in each GMU, and that each GMU have a harvest quota not to exceed greater than 12% of this estimated adult abundance.	Sep 20, 2011 11:29 AM
56	Disallow bear hunting or no change	Sep 20, 2011 11:27 AM
57	Option 3 above seems the worst of the above evils as I'm not a hunter. It seems like a better system to control. But the season is longer which is not idea AT ALL. Please increase education to community on how to avoid conflicts with bears--post signs, issue many alerts, do PHAs. Please.	Sep 20, 2011 11:24 AM
58	Reduce	Sep 20, 2011 11:16 AM
59	No hunting at all.	Sep 20, 2011 11:01 AM
60	I don't support hunting bears	Sep 20, 2011 10:53 AM
61	I believe bears have an important role in the ecosystem & in general and should not be hunted	Sep 20, 2011 10:47 AM
62	reduce hunting	Sep 20, 2011 10:44 AM
63	Decrease number of permits.	Sep 20, 2011 10:44 AM
64	Forbid Bear hunting all the way around.	Sep 20, 2011 10:42 AM
65	unknown	Sep 20, 2011 8:59 AM
66	Same as option 3 except use quota system during both seasons and leave the fall season dates unchanged.	Sep 20, 2011 8:30 AM
67	Spring general season, fall Aug 1 - Nov 30	Sep 20, 2011 8:17 AM
68	After the close of hound hunting for bear & cougar the populations have increased in the entire state. If it wasn't for the timber companies having hound hunters manage the bear population on their land we would be overrun by bears. In fact my neighborhood has bear problems. The problem lies with the antihunters making policy for the WDFW.	Sep 20, 2011 7:45 AM
69	increase spring tags and no change to fall season	Sep 20, 2011 7:10 AM
70	make changes according to the requests of the majority of bear hunters	Sep 20, 2011 6:40 AM
71	Increase spring permints to 225, fall season stays at Sept. 1- Nov. 15.	Sep 19, 2011 11:21 PM
72	no spring bear season, reduce hunting of bears	Sep 19, 2011 9:47 PM
73	open it up in july 1 - november 30	Sep 19, 2011 9:08 PM

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74	No change because I don't know enough about this particular facet of the issue.	Sep 19, 2011 8:20 PM
75	bring back baiting which allows you lots of time to observe the animal and see if it has cubs to make a wise choice on harvesting it! It will also help with increasing the success ratio of permits to hunters.	Sep 19, 2011 8:07 PM
76	May 1 through October 31	Sep 19, 2011 7:54 PM
77	Start a general spring bear season and leave the fall season the same.	Sep 19, 2011 7:08 PM
78	Replace the existing spring bear permit season with general spring season. Use a quota system with 24-hour harvest reporting to close bear season once the allotted number of bears have been killed. Keep fall seasons as they currently are.	Sep 19, 2011 5:39 PM
79	End any and all spring bear hunting completely. It is unethical. WA G/F would NEVER permit the spring hunting of any herbivore ... how can they rationally justify the spring killing of bears - and even the possibility of orphaning cubs - despite supposed safe guards put in place.	Sep 19, 2011 5:37 PM
80	We shouldn't hunt in spring when sows have cubs. Deer are not a consideration.	Sep 19, 2011 5:26 PM
81	Increase harvest numbers for spring bears slightly and extend spring season into June during the rut to meet objectives. Also increase permit numbers/season in the Blue Mtns. To many bears.	Sep 19, 2011 5:09 PM
82	Option #3, but have the season go from Sept. 1 to Oct. 31 instead.	Sep 19, 2011 4:54 PM
83	The use of non lead ammunition for hunting should not be a concern of Washington state.	Sep 19, 2011 4:29 PM
84	Eliminate all spring hunting - use live traps to relocate if needed	Sep 19, 2011 4:27 PM
85	use a quota system with increased bear permits that would replace current spring permit with a general season. once quota is fulfilled, season ends.	Sep 19, 2011 4:22 PM
86	remove august season. Its a waste on meat and hide. Sept 1st was good	Sep 19, 2011 4:19 PM
87	increase spring permits to 200& fall season aug1-dec1	Sep 19, 2011 4:19 PM
88	Quota system the fall general season. Allow for registered bait stations for spring bear hunts	Sep 19, 2011 4:05 PM
89	Replace spring permit with a general season. Leave the fall season as is.	Sep 19, 2011 3:24 PM
90	increase the permits, but through till mid december, bear still not in hibernation that would be taken by hunters would no doubt not survive the winters hibernation cycle, and would seek out food to sustain themselves in populated areas	Sep 19, 2011 1:30 PM
91	Concern about removal of traditional ammunition for upland game	Sep 19, 2011 1:18 PM
92	general spring with quota. allow fall baiting august thru sept. oct.thru nov.general season	Sep 19, 2011 1:16 PM

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93	lower licence fee's longer hunting time	Sep 19, 2011 12:36 PM
94	replace with general spring season and run Sept.1 to Nov. 15	Sep 19, 2011 12:17 PM
95	Use the afore mentioned quota system and Aug 1st-Nov. 15 Fall season.	Sep 19, 2011 11:58 AM
96	add bait and dogs for use in bear & cougar hunting	Sep 19, 2011 10:52 AM
97	Go a general spring season and leave the fall season the way it is.	Sep 19, 2011 10:25 AM
98	adjust fall seasons after spring hunting data has been recieved.	Sep 19, 2011 10:24 AM
99	Allow spring bear permit holders to have 2 registered bait stations. This will allow for hunters to get a better look at bears which will directly affect the sow w/ cub mortality rate. Require everyone that buys a bear tag next year and for the first time after that to first successfully pass a bear identification course online. This course would cover both Grizzly and Black bears and also the difference between Sow, Cubs and Boars. Lastly, in areas where bear populations are declining set a quota for the fall season that is adjusted for the number of harvests from the spring season to stabilize the population. This would also allow for the seasons to stay the same so long as the quota is not met.	Sep 19, 2011 10:12 AM
100	Replace existing spring bear permit season with a general spring season as described, however, fall season should remain the same.	Sep 19, 2011 9:58 AM
101	reinstate hound hunting	Sep 19, 2011 9:51 AM
102	Allow the use of hounds for all bear hunters in the general season to increase the number of bears harvested with 2nd permits available in nuisance areas.	Sep 19, 2011 9:51 AM
103	N/A	Sep 19, 2011 9:43 AM
104	DO NOT HUNT BEAR	Sep 19, 2011 8:58 AM
105	allow the use of dogs during fall season to up the chances of harvest and to help manage the bear population more effectivly	Sep 19, 2011 8:45 AM
106	Increase spring bear permits and keep general season the same	Sep 19, 2011 8:26 AM
107	General spring, no change to fall dates	Sep 19, 2011 6:24 AM
108	Allow a second tag for the East side like the West side.	Sep 18, 2011 9:53 PM
109	Stop all hunting.	Sep 18, 2011 9:02 PM
110	Have a short general spring season and a fall season (Sept 1 - ?) that closes when the harvest objective for the year is reached.	Sep 18, 2011 7:58 PM
111	Replace existing spring bear permit season with a general season such May 1 to June 15ht and leave the fall season as is	Sep 18, 2011 4:55 PM
112	Have a general spring season with 24 hour reporting, and close at allotted number, but keep fall season the same.	Sep 18, 2011 11:59 AM
113	Hunting in the spring time is a slippery slope. The potential for orphaned cubs is	Sep 18, 2011 10:57 AM

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	too high and I think that we should look at ways to humanely deal with bear-human conflicts.	
114	only shoot bears in spring if a nuisance, leave fall season open longest	Sep 18, 2011 9:33 AM
115	Extend the season and increase permits.	Sep 17, 2011 10:52 PM
116	ALLOW BAITING	Sep 17, 2011 3:26 PM
117	Make a 7 day or 14 day spring bear season in certain GMUs to accomidate the areas that have the harder springs due to bear populations and keep the fall season the same	Sep 17, 2011 1:06 PM
118	I do not think there should be any hunting of bears in the spring. I am a hiker, not a hunter and I feel my opinion is just as valid.	Sep 17, 2011 10:53 AM
119	Leave seasons the way they are and increase Spring bear permits.	Sep 17, 2011 10:26 AM
120	don't hunt bear	Sep 17, 2011 10:19 AM
121	No opinion ask the bear hunters	Sep 17, 2011 10:00 AM
122	use hounds then you will know if there are cubs with a sow	Sep 17, 2011 6:26 AM
123	remove only those bears presenting danger to humans	Sep 17, 2011 6:09 AM
124	Discontinue spring bear hunts entirely.	Sep 17, 2011 4:44 AM
125	Stop spring hunts and go to late summer into fall and winter.	Sep 16, 2011 7:12 PM
126	Cancel fall hunting season entirely.	Sep 16, 2011 5:16 PM
127	Not familiar enough with this season so I have no opnion	Sep 16, 2011 1:35 PM
128	Keep the fall hunting as is and use a problem area - domestic predidation, tree damage, nuscience bears. Have a roaming season as it happens. Hunters can put name in for a draw when it comes. Remember that it is not only deer fawn that bears predate on. The elks calves also are heavily impacted by bear. If the calf elk population drops below 20 calves to 100 cows you will need a special spring bear hunt in the calving grounds.	Sep 16, 2011 12:40 PM
129	hunt bear in the Fall	Sep 16, 2011 10:52 AM
130	Reduction in Spring Harvest back to 2007 (70).	Sep 16, 2011 10:42 AM
131	Bears should only be killed if you're hungry.	Sep 16, 2011 10:18 AM
132	general spring season and Aug. 1-Nov.15	Sep 16, 2011 8:54 AM
133	Eliminate Spring hunting. Most hunters can't ID sex of bears.	Sep 16, 2011 8:47 AM
134	500 spring bear permits/Fall season Aug. 1st to Nov. 30th	Sep 16, 2011 8:20 AM
135	Absolutely no spring hunting should be permitted	Sep 16, 2011 7:40 AM

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136	I really don't understand why you worry about bear killing deer and yet driving a damn wolf program!?	Sep 16, 2011 7:37 AM
137	no bear hunting	Sep 16, 2011 7:13 AM
138	None	Sep 16, 2011 5:54 AM
139	Increase the spring permits to 225 and leave the fall season alone, the people who fall hunt are a different group of people than who spring hunt, why penalize either group? use the 24 hour reporting and issue alerts monthly in the fall to end seasons early if nessicary.	Sep 16, 2011 12:49 AM
140	I prefer to see nature take care of itself = no killing	Sep 15, 2011 9:37 PM
141	The washington department of fish and wild life should have no further restrictions imposed on the use of lead in ammuniton in the future. With no population-level impacts cited it is time to stop the emotion and politics in wildlife management.	Sep 15, 2011 9:32 PM
142	Do not increase any limits in bear hunting.	Sep 15, 2011 7:27 PM
143	General spring season, keep fall season sept 1- nov 15	Sep 15, 2011 7:16 PM
144	Don't hunt bears. Control the population with birth control.	Sep 15, 2011 7:09 PM
145	Oct 1 - Nov 15 150 permits, Spring 75 permits	Sep 15, 2011 6:44 PM
146	Cease hunting bears entirely.	Sep 15, 2011 6:42 PM
147	No bear hunting in spring	Sep 15, 2011 5:59 PM
148	Forget deer; if the nuisance complaints are based on berry crop, manage bear harvest on that basis. Why would you consider deer, except to appease deer hunters?	Sep 15, 2011 5:51 PM
149	No bear hunting	Sep 15, 2011 5:28 PM
150	No sports hunting - disgusting!	Sep 15, 2011 5:19 PM
151	Decrease spring bear permits.	Sep 15, 2011 4:50 PM
152	Decrease	Sep 15, 2011 4:42 PM
153	Increase bear permits to 300	Sep 15, 2011 4:27 PM
154	Stop all hunting of bears, we are intruding on their habitat and as such should expect some level of "nuisance" by living in areas populated by bears. I believe common sense says "duh."	Sep 15, 2011 4:26 PM
155	no killing period!!!	Sep 15, 2011 4:23 PM
156	Return to 70 Spring permits.	Sep 15, 2011 4:23 PM
157	Replace the existing permit season with the quota system and leave the fall season as it is.	Sep 15, 2011 4:16 PM

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158	stop hunting	Sep 15, 2011 4:10 PM
159	Stop hunting bears at all you ignorant rednecks	Sep 15, 2011 3:52 PM
160	NO bear hunting	Sep 15, 2011 3:50 PM
161	No hunting = find another alternative to control the bears.	Sep 15, 2011 3:48 PM
162	you kill enough, reduce the harvest	Sep 15, 2011 3:36 PM
163	I'm against hunting. We need our predators.	Sep 15, 2011 12:52 PM
164	no spring bear hunt	Sep 15, 2011 12:07 PM
165	Stop hunting all together!	Sep 15, 2011 10:27 AM
166	Total human-caused mortalities must not exceed 12% of the estimated adult cougar population in any GMU.	Sep 15, 2011 9:31 AM
167	No bear hunting	Sep 15, 2011 8:08 AM
168	I would leave opinion to bear hunters	Sep 15, 2011 7:00 AM
169	No spring bear hunt.	Sep 15, 2011 1:19 AM
170	prohibit bear hunting statewide	Sep 15, 2011 12:41 AM
171	Decrease bear harvest. bears are being poached regularly and along with environmental stress the population will likely plummet to low numbers . Leave nature be.	Sep 14, 2011 11:49 PM
172	no hunt	Sep 14, 2011 3:20 PM
173	No Spring sports hunting of bears.	Sep 14, 2011 1:44 PM
174	Replace existing spring bear permit season with a general spring season, using a quota system and leave fall season as is.	Sep 14, 2011 10:29 AM
175	Total human-caused mortality not to exceed 12% of adult bears in any GMU	Sep 13, 2011 9:52 PM
176	Option 3 with same length fall season	Sep 13, 2011 8:38 PM
177	Option 3, (A general spring season with 24 hour report) but keep the fall season the same	Sep 13, 2011 8:27 PM
178	no bear hunting in Washington	Sep 13, 2011 6:09 PM
179	I dont hunt bear	Sep 13, 2011 4:41 PM
180	Have spring bear hunt statewide	Sep 13, 2011 4:28 PM
181	no spring hunts	Sep 13, 2011 3:52 PM
182	Rescind spring bear hunts.	Sep 13, 2011 12:13 PM

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183	by allowing an general season for a spring hunt and leaving fall dates from sept. 1 to Nov. 15. If harvest is to high in fall make spet 1 to oct. 1 archery only and oct. 1 to Nov. 15 any weapon.	Sep 13, 2011 11:19 AM
184	Initiate a master hunter general season in problem areas.	Sep 13, 2011 9:04 AM
185	eliminate spring seasons	Sep 12, 2011 8:38 PM
186	A spring bear hunt in Klickitat County	Sep 11, 2011 6:37 PM
187	LEAVE SPRING AND FALL SEASON THE SAME, CALL MASTER HUNTERS AS NEEDED TO CONTROL PROBLEM POPULATIONS	Sep 11, 2011 4:53 PM
188	adjust spring permits as needed to stay within population objectives as fall hunts provide opportunity for the most hunters	Sep 11, 2011 3:31 PM
189	get rid of spring keep fall, cause thats when people are out there to hunt	Sep 11, 2011 12:27 PM
190	reduce, you can,t bait or use dogs. Most states you can.	Sep 11, 2011 9:01 AM
191	increase spring tags with out shortening the general fall season. Or allow baiting for bear	Sep 10, 2011 5:11 PM
192	DON'T CARE	Sep 9, 2011 6:18 PM
193	Increase fall hunting for bear by extending the season. A bear that is dead in the fall, couldn't possibly cause damage the following spring. Shortening the fall season is unacceptable.	Sep 9, 2011 12:42 PM
194	No hunting of black bear	Sep 7, 2011 6:53 PM
195	make a clear seperation from east and west areas and seperate out to the diciplines , archery/muzzleloader/modern	Sep 7, 2011 3:43 PM
196	open for more permits all together. Bear are overpopulated in washington state.	Sep 6, 2011 8:11 AM
197	idk	Sep 5, 2011 2:29 PM
198	Change fall season to Sept. 1-Nov. 30	Sep 3, 2011 12:38 AM
199	don't hunt bear	Sep 2, 2011 9:59 PM
200	general spring season, plus fall season Sep 1-Nov 15	Sep 2, 2011 7:46 PM
201	N/A WESTSIDE	Sep 2, 2011 6:31 AM
202	leave spring season as is and extend fall season till end of late buck season in eastern Wa	Sep 1, 2011 6:41 PM
203	hunt with dogs	Sep 1, 2011 3:30 PM
204	Don't care as long as populations are sustainable for the ecosystem	Sep 1, 2011 12:22 PM
205	You have one option pro modern firearm season and one pro archery season. NO CHANGE	Aug 31, 2011 7:11 PM

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206	some of the areas require draw permit holders to buy a 'pass' into their area, which is making the population to go up. No one wants to pay an additional several hundred dollars for a pass to enter a hunt area after drawing a tag. Regulate the areas that are able to be hunted for spring bear and allow access to areas to permit holders only.	Aug 31, 2011 4:08 PM
207	I don't hunt bear, therefore no input	Aug 31, 2011 12:43 PM
208	Allow hounds and increase permits, which trains bears to avoid people and eliminates take of females with cubs.	Aug 31, 2011 7:52 AM
209	Use of Dogs	Aug 30, 2011 2:10 PM
210	Use an actual quota system based on science.	Aug 29, 2011 11:20 PM
211	General spring bear season and increase or decrease the amount of doe tags to compensate the area	Aug 29, 2011 8:27 PM
212	Eliminate Spring Bear hunts, for Tribal and non-Tribal both.	Aug 29, 2011 6:31 PM
213	Open it up to hound hunting	Aug 28, 2011 7:40 PM
214	Open it to other Houndsmen of the state.	Aug 28, 2011 5:51 PM
215	allowing to hunt with dogs and or bait	Aug 28, 2011 2:30 PM
216	go back to baiting sept.1 to nov.15	Aug 27, 2011 5:58 PM
217	Change fall season to a longer period and have no spring hunt.	Aug 26, 2011 9:01 PM
218	not what I wanted to comment on.	Aug 26, 2011 5:25 PM
219	Bring back hound hunting	Aug 26, 2011 5:04 PM
220	slightly increase spring with no change to fall.	Aug 26, 2011 1:40 PM
221	Increase permits to 225 and keep sept 1st to nov 15 season	Aug 26, 2011 7:34 AM
222	Bring back hound hunting and remove the baiting restriction. Educate the public on the conservation benefits of these methods; hound hunted/treed bears are easier to identify for sex, and baiting is the easiest way to spot cubs.	Aug 25, 2011 11:04 PM
223	allow bait sites , modify laws to use sound science and biology instead of popular vote	Aug 25, 2011 2:34 PM
224	Increase Spring permits to 185 and leave fall season alone	Aug 25, 2011 1:22 PM
225	allow baiting again so that specific animals can be judged and harvested also allowing hunters the opportunity to ascertain age, sex and whether or not cubs are present	Aug 25, 2011 9:42 AM
226	Use hounds, so you can tree the bears and see if they are with cubs.	Aug 25, 2011 3:25 AM
227	spring season in central Washington	Aug 25, 2011 1:46 AM

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228	Bring back hunting bear with hounds "no orphaned cubs"	Aug 24, 2011 8:55 PM
229	open more areas for spring bear like unit 520	Aug 24, 2011 8:52 PM
230	institute a general spring season with a WDFW determined quota....maintain the Sept. 1 - Nov. 15 fall season	Aug 24, 2011 7:28 PM
231	Either option 2 or 3 as far as the spring season goes but without any shortening of the fall season. As with the cougars, I feel the Dept. does not have any clue as to the actual number of animals out there. My neighbors and myself are seeing both cougar and bear from our living room windows now. For the first 30 years I lived here I saw none of these animals. Different story now!	Aug 24, 2011 6:12 PM
232	in statewide!!!crease bear hunting opportunities	Aug 24, 2011 6:02 PM
233	No spring bear hunt	Aug 24, 2011 5:46 PM
234	I'm not familiar with this hunt or area, so I prefer not to comment on this question.	Aug 24, 2011 1:22 PM
235	Allow, at least the spring tags, if not all bear hunting to be done with the use of bait.	Aug 24, 2011 10:14 AM
236	increase the spring permits and lengthen the fall season	Aug 23, 2011 9:08 PM
237	Bring back hound hunting better management	Aug 23, 2011 4:07 PM
238	allow to hunt with dogs more males would be taken	Aug 23, 2011 3:53 PM
239	Allow the use of hounds, increase permits	Aug 23, 2011 3:03 PM
240	Bear population has increased dramatically in N.E. Washington. I support more spring bear harvest with a quota system as in option three, however the fall season needs to be from August1 - through November 19. There are many bear and a second tag should also be offered at a cost to the hunter. The second tag should be sold for \$25. - \$30. What a great way to gain needed revenue and reduce bear populations to an acceptable level. Bears are killing fawns and elk calves on a regular basis.	Aug 23, 2011 2:33 PM
241	Do not increase bear harvest.	Aug 23, 2011 12:13 PM
242	Bring back dogs!	Aug 23, 2011 11:34 AM
243	I have no meaningful opinion as I don't hunt in NE Wa	Aug 23, 2011 11:00 AM
244	Don't feel I know enough to make intelligent choice	Aug 23, 2011 10:03 AM
245	no opinion, don't hunt bears	Aug 23, 2011 9:14 AM
246	Add GMU 460 to general spring season. Bear peels on trees on forest lands have been an issue.	Aug 23, 2011 8:01 AM
247	Allow hunters to bait bears. It is a very good way of being selective so that a sow with cubs doesn't accidentally get shot.	Aug 22, 2011 9:10 PM

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248	I like the idea of a general spring season however I would like to see a system where you must register so that if the quota's for spring are filled those who are registered to hunt will be notified.	Aug 22, 2011 8:26 PM
249	Allow baiting and hound hunting	Aug 22, 2011 4:43 PM
250	Increase spring to 225 or more and leave the fall as is. Concentrate efforts on stricter enforcement of POACHING the real problem.	Aug 22, 2011 3:37 PM
251	I would not increase Spring hunting for reasons of orphaning cubs mentioned. Instead would increase Fall hunting period to cover entire hunting seasons for other game by all weapons.	Aug 22, 2011 3:14 PM
252	Start using dogs again for hunting purposes	Aug 22, 2011 1:49 PM
253	Increase spring permits to 225 and leave fall season unchanged	Aug 22, 2011 12:31 PM
254	Increase the spring bear permists from 145 to 225 and keep the FALL season from Sept. 1-Nov. 15	Aug 22, 2011 11:40 AM
255	225 spring bear permits with the fall season running thru late dear season Nov 19	Aug 22, 2011 11:36 AM
256	Keep the same season, and increase general bear permits in specific GMU's	Aug 22, 2011 10:56 AM
257	Keep the season dates as they are and replace the spring permit season with a general spring season( with a quota of 225).	Aug 22, 2011 9:05 AM
258	allow baiting so hunters have more time to determine sex	Aug 21, 2011 2:56 PM
259	Don't care	Aug 21, 2011 1:59 PM
260	Do not shorten fall bear season.	Aug 21, 2011 1:06 PM
261	Instead of using department funds, allow hound hunting of nuisance bears by hunters.	Aug 21, 2011 8:16 AM
262	no interest in Bear Hunting	Aug 21, 2011 7:43 AM
263	Don't know enough to say	Aug 21, 2011 7:02 AM
264	Just who is "the public" in this case? I ask because "the public" seems to be the "REAL PROBLEM" not hunters.	Aug 20, 2011 5:05 PM
265	I like the way things are but we could look to start baiting bears or running dogs again	Aug 20, 2011 4:34 PM
266	Institue a spring general season and keep the fall season the same, and lower the price of bear tags.	Aug 20, 2011 4:26 PM
267	considering revenue drops due to the economy, the more seasons that can run concurrently, the more likely participation will be.	Aug 20, 2011 12:28 PM
268	I would suggest an increase in permits issued in the spring and implemnting the gouta system, while increasing the fall season from August 15th to Nov. 15th.	Aug 20, 2011 12:19 PM

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269	Replace the existing spring permit season with a general spring season. Change fall season to Aug. 1 t Nov. 15 with no quota as there is an increasing number of bears and without baiting or other means there will never be an overkill.	Aug 20, 2011 11:57 AM
270	No comment	Aug 20, 2011 11:07 AM
271	Option 3 but increase the harvest reporting time. It's not realistic for hunters camped out to be back in 24 hours.	Aug 20, 2011 10:44 AM
272	Close the season for two years to allow for new growth.	Aug 20, 2011 9:28 AM
273	Replace with a general spring system. Keep the fall season the way it is.	Aug 20, 2011 8:41 AM
274	General season should be August 1 thru November 30, General Spring Season open to all	Aug 20, 2011 7:41 AM
275	spring bear bait permits	Aug 20, 2011 7:14 AM
276	return hound hunting	Aug 20, 2011 6:24 AM
277	Increase Fall Bear Season or/and add quota system with 24 hr reporting	Aug 20, 2011 2:33 AM
278	The current traditional ammunition restrictions pertain to quail, dove, pheasant and any upland bird hunted on the pheasant release sites. No scientific studies have been cited showing population-level impacts on any species. The WDFW seems to be acting on emotion and politics, citing the "potential" for problems associated with traditional ammunition as the basis for these far-reaching restrictions.	Aug 19, 2011 11:25 PM
279	allow bait hunting during the fall season	Aug 19, 2011 10:12 PM
280	increase spring bear permits and have august 1 to november 15	Aug 19, 2011 9:49 PM
281	Decisions about spring and fall bear harvesting should be based upon what we know is happening not what we fear may be happening. Data about actual recorded bear harvest versus permit levels. Bears are hard to find as a hunter. Raising permit levels might not actually raise harvesting. Just want to make sure that you're using actual information not fears about what might happen to drive decisions. Appreciate that you view hunters as a lever to use to assist in population control as well as recognizing the natural balances among bear, deer, etc.	Aug 19, 2011 9:20 PM
282	Have hunters check bear kills into WDFW.	Aug 19, 2011 8:56 PM
283	Increase the permits and keep the longer season.	Aug 19, 2011 8:27 PM
284	replace spring permit hunt to general hunt till Nov. 15	Aug 19, 2011 7:46 PM
285	N/A	Aug 19, 2011 7:38 PM
286	Leave fall season alone, add permits for spring season. Bring back permit baiting in spring season	Aug 19, 2011 7:21 PM
287	increase spring permits to 225, keep fall season dates	Aug 19, 2011 6:06 PM

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288	open a spring bear season and keep the fall season the same	Aug 19, 2011 6:02 PM
289	Advise the legislature to strike the anti baiting and dogs law and Allow bears to be hunted with dogs and by baitng methods again and increase spring bear take as well as make the season from Aug 1 to Nov 15, bears are increasing dramatically as a direct result of the lack of hunting pressure and will be a huge danger if we see a berry failure. That law should never have been allowed to be voted on by the public who don't understand hunting and game management.	Aug 19, 2011 5:40 PM
290	Increase spring bear permits but leave general seasons alone	Aug 19, 2011 4:27 PM
291	Increase spring bear permits and start selling bear permits for baiting, baiting is the best way to take male bears and not females with cubs.	Aug 19, 2011 4:03 PM
292	allow baiting	Aug 19, 2011 1:38 PM
293	Don't know	Aug 19, 2011 1:29 PM
294	baiting during certian times of the year or two seasons	Aug 19, 2011 12:59 PM
295	allow bear bating in the fall	Aug 19, 2011 12:34 PM
296	Open General season from 8-1-11-30. fawnkill from Bear is too high	Aug 19, 2011 12:05 PM
297	No Change to current season and permits. Use damage permits by officers to address specific areas/bears, similar to deer damage, since the damage/nuisance is sporadic and due to berry crop. Used a scalpel instead of a hatchet.	Aug 19, 2011 10:27 AM
298	Increase spring bear permits allowing hunting with hounds	Aug 19, 2011 10:07 AM
299	Increase to 225 & no change to fall season.	Aug 19, 2011 9:46 AM
300	leave a longer season	Aug 19, 2011 9:34 AM
301	Promote Spring bear hunting with general season	Aug 19, 2011 9:03 AM
302	allow baiting in fall season	Aug 19, 2011 9:02 AM
303	Replace permit season w/quota but keep fall season open to Nov 15	Aug 19, 2011 9:00 AM
304	longer fal season(sep 1 to jan 31	Aug 19, 2011 8:56 AM
305	bring back hound hunting & no quota	Aug 19, 2011 8:40 AM
306	No opinion. Dont hunt bears	Aug 19, 2011 8:38 AM
307	No spring bear season for risk of orphaning cubs. Increase season in fall until population objective is met.	Aug 19, 2011 8:34 AM
308	I think GMU 204 needs to be added to the eastside spring bear and open 1 Aug Fall as the others do.	Aug 19, 2011 8:19 AM
309	General spring bear and extend fall bear Sept 1 to Nov 30	Aug 19, 2011 8:18 AM

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310	Increase Spring bear permits to 225 and leave the fall season as is.	Aug 19, 2011 7:46 AM
311	allow permit hunting over bait	Aug 19, 2011 7:05 AM
312	Replace the existing spring bear permit season with a general spring season. Use a quota system with 24-hour harvest reporting to close bear season once the allotted number of bears have been killed. Leave the fall season as is.	Aug 19, 2011 5:57 AM
313	licensed until bagged	Aug 19, 2011 5:54 AM
314	No preference	Aug 19, 2011 5:49 AM
315	give a certain amount of permits and increase permit season from spring till fall for those permit holders	Aug 18, 2011 10:40 PM
316	General Spring Season, allow baiting, Fall Season, Sept. 1 - Nov. 15	Aug 18, 2011 9:40 PM
317	If hunters were allowed to travel the roads in order to access hunting areas and land was open to hunting there likely would be a harvest increase.	Aug 18, 2011 9:19 PM
318	rescind the the rules prohibiting baiting for bear hunts, set reasonable conditions for using baits.	Aug 18, 2011 9:05 PM
319	increase spring bear permits from 145 to 165 and leave fall season from sept. 1-nov 15	Aug 18, 2011 8:58 PM
320	Allow the bear and cougar hunters to hunt with dogs again. They kept the population down.	Aug 18, 2011 8:40 PM
321	allow a special season for Master Hunter only work with landowners for problem bears. allow west side hunters a chance to respond to the needs of the east landowners.	Aug 18, 2011 8:36 PM
322	I don't hunt bear	Aug 18, 2011 8:31 PM
323	alow baiting- sure way to prevent orohantage, most ethical	Aug 18, 2011 8:29 PM
324	Keep both seasons the same but use the Master Hunter program to address nuisance bears. The State and Lumber compaines contract government hunters with hounds to kill nuisance bears, by using Master hunters to assist the houndsman you can both increase revenue and harvest the bear instead of wasting the animal.	Aug 18, 2011 7:23 PM
325	As an archer it seems like the seasons always refleckt the rifle seasons. If you were to increase the spring tags , why not take the season from the end of the season in november instead of september? If your worried about harvesting too many bears less would be harvested during the archery season do to the nature of archery hunting...	Aug 18, 2011 6:42 PM
326	Keep the seasons as they are in allow dogs to hunt the animals.	Aug 18, 2011 6:03 PM
327	Increase the spring bear permits and leave the fall season unchanged	Aug 18, 2011 5:55 PM
328	General Spring bear season with quota and fall season 1 Sept-15 Nov	Aug 18, 2011 5:37 PM

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329	bring back baiting!!	Aug 18, 2011 5:18 PM
330	Since I don't hunt bear I have no opinion.	Aug 18, 2011 4:55 PM
331	change the permit level to 225, but leave the fall season start date Sept 1	Aug 18, 2011 3:52 PM
332	not knowledgeable enough to decide	Aug 18, 2011 3:35 PM
333	Aug. 1-15 Nov	Aug 18, 2011 3:33 PM
334	Let the biologists decide...I don't know enough.	Aug 18, 2011 3:31 PM
335	allow hound hunting and baiting in ONLY the units mentioned above.	Aug 18, 2011 3:22 PM
336	allow hound hunting during the general season to harvest more bears, may not have as big of problem in the spring	Aug 18, 2011 3:21 PM
337	increase spring target to 225 permits and reestablish fall season to aug! to nov 15 in the NE Counties to help reduce fawn kill by bear	Aug 18, 2011 3:19 PM
338	make baiting legal this gives us time to see if a bear has cubs then use a quota system	Aug 18, 2011 3:15 PM
339	Replace the existing spring permit season with a general season, allow the use of hounds, which gives nuisance bears a healthy respect and limits, drives them back away from possible damage areas and people. Change the fall season to incorporate with the deer and elk seasons and use the 24 hr harvest reporting system. This will give benefit to both the archer and the modern firearm hunters..	Aug 18, 2011 3:04 PM
340	permit spring bear harvest in East Cascades management units	Aug 18, 2011 3:02 PM
341	Allow a persuit season for all hunters with dogs and allow so many kill tags based on the areas population survey	Aug 18, 2011 2:56 PM
342	give the resposibilty to master hunters as a gift: no fee application to tell them thanks for all they do for this state	Aug 18, 2011 2:54 PM
343	no spring bear hunts	Aug 18, 2011 2:53 PM
344	Encourage use of hounds to achieve the 225 harvest objective in the Fall	Aug 18, 2011 2:45 PM
345	I do not hunt this species	Aug 18, 2011 2:39 PM
346	Bring back hunting them with hounds cause then you can tell what shooting and dont have to shoot those sows carrying cubs.	Aug 18, 2011 2:34 PM
347	indifferent	Aug 18, 2011 2:27 PM
348	Not sure	Aug 18, 2011 2:22 PM
349	Increase tags and leave the dates of the season the same.	Aug 18, 2011 2:13 PM
350	Keep the seasons the way they are but allow baiting and hound hunting.	Aug 18, 2011 2:08 PM
351	Increase spring bear permits to 225 and leave the fall season as is.	Aug 18, 2011 2:00 PM

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352	NO COMMENT	Aug 18, 2011 1:58 PM
353	Use quota system but keep season dates Sept.1-Nov. 15	Aug 18, 2011 1:58 PM
354	Bring back the hounds	Aug 18, 2011 1:56 PM
355	Allow the use of hounds!	Aug 18, 2011 1:52 PM
356	add a master hunter hunt	Aug 18, 2011 1:47 PM
357	doesn't affect my hunting	Aug 18, 2011 1:41 PM
358	End the bear season with the late buck hunt	Aug 18, 2011 1:40 PM
359	second fall bear	Aug 18, 2011 1:35 PM
360	General season in the spring and leave the fall at Sept 1 to Nov 15. Eastern WA is an agricultural area and people can't hunt in August.	Aug 18, 2011 1:35 PM
361	No spring bear season in NE Washington	Aug 18, 2011 1:34 PM
362	Allow the use of bait for the spring permit hunts only.	Aug 18, 2011 1:34 PM
363	Due to the overwhelming predator population inncrease across the state not just one selective area and high levels of nuisance incidents we should keep the fall season from Aug. 1st. state wide to Nov. 15th with the additional spring bear permits allotted for certain areas throughout the state!	Aug 18, 2011 1:31 PM
364	Replace spring bear permit with a general spring season and leave the current fall season as is.	Aug 18, 2011 1:26 PM
365	Keep spring permit only, fall season Aug1-Nov 30	Aug 18, 2011 8:36 AM
366	General spring season with quota. Fall season from Aug 1- Nov 15th	Aug 18, 2011 8:25 AM
367	Stop bear hunting on Mt. Discovery in Grays Harbor!	Aug 17, 2011 9:54 PM
368	need to revisit the use of hounds and bait so there is not another large kill off like on the longbeach peninsula	Aug 17, 2011 9:54 PM
369	General spring season and leave fall from Sept. 1-Nov. 15, you have to many predators in this state and there numbers must be reduced.	Aug 17, 2011 7:46 PM
370	no opinion	Aug 17, 2011 6:28 PM
371	Increase the permit level but do not change the dates of the fall season	Aug 17, 2011 6:05 PM
372	Have more game checks to verify quota	Aug 17, 2011 5:56 PM
373	You need a spring season Quota and run bear season Aug.15-Nov15	Aug 17, 2011 5:02 PM
374	Allow the use of Bait during Spring seasons only if the permit holder is willing to pay a premium for the bait permit. You provide a way to increase revenue along with ensuring only sows without cubs are harvested. I would be willing to pay a much high price knowing I would be able to bait and better judge my bear.	Aug 17, 2011 3:22 PM

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375	did not respond to a season I do not use	Aug 17, 2011 3:17 PM
376	Allocate a specific number of spring permits to archers and allow them the option to bait the bears, leave fall season Sept 1-Nov15	Aug 17, 2011 3:15 PM
377	Genral spring season that opens April 15- June 15 or later with a quota system that closed once the allotted number of bears are killed. It seems in the spring the bears do not show early and more sign is seen the last week of May until June 15. Leave the fall season as is or until the quota is met.	Aug 17, 2011 2:19 PM
378	No hunting allowed, capture and remove nuisance bears to safer location	Aug 17, 2011 1:52 PM
379	Need more information, specifically what are the harvest totals by sex in each GMU from the spring hunt? Predator management to increase ungulate populations is not a good biological rationale for conducting spring bear hunts unless you have the data to support the hypothesis...	Aug 17, 2011 1:40 PM
380	Use baiting	Aug 17, 2011 11:34 AM
381	Fall only season	Aug 17, 2011 7:39 AM
382	no change to season just add permits	Aug 17, 2011 6:46 AM
383	Leave the fall season the same and make it a general in the spring. Because there are not that many guys that will actuall go out just for bear. The 24 hour monitoring and quota system would be a great idea the same way alot of the fishing seasons are.	Aug 17, 2011 6:29 AM
384	BAIT	Aug 16, 2011 10:27 PM
385	make both seasons longer, and increase the fall permit numbers.	Aug 16, 2011 5:54 PM
386	do #3 but leave the fall season Sept1 - Nov. 15th you guy's make things too complicated	Aug 16, 2011 3:47 PM
387	Increase the spring bear permits to 175 and leave the fall season the same	Aug 16, 2011 3:44 PM
388	Make spring season "male only" and increase to 225. Make fall season both sexes keep same season dates.	Aug 16, 2011 2:37 PM
389	BRING BACK BAITING!	Aug 16, 2011 1:41 PM
390	Spring bear season to 225 and keep the fall season the same	Aug 16, 2011 12:35 PM
391	do a pursuit season with hounds, then the bears will have a little more fear of humans	Aug 16, 2011 12:08 PM
392	No increase in spring bear permits, but allow bait with a registration and fee's on bait stations. Use a quota system on allotted number.	Aug 16, 2011 10:36 AM
393	bring baiting back and sell bait site permits and do random bait station checks, that way hunters target male bears and you increase revenue, I would pay \$250.00 dollars for such a permit !	Aug 16, 2011 10:32 AM
394	Work with State to reverse ban on bear baiting. This allows the hunting to know	Aug 16, 2011 9:22 AM

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that he is shooting a bear without cubs.

395	ADD SPRING PERMITS ONLY	Aug 16, 2011 8:43 AM
396	The stats. on your websight indicate that there are over 30,000 bears in WA and typically about 1600 harvested by licensed hunters. That is only about a 5% harvest rate and since studies show that they kill signifigant numbers of elk calves in some areas I am in favor of making the seasons longer in the spring and fall, making more tags available in the spring, and having advertising to incourage deer and elk hunters to hunt actually target bear as big game animals.	Aug 16, 2011 8:32 AM
397	Allow dogs and bait during the fall season	Aug 16, 2011 8:26 AM
398	Spring general season with 24-hour harvest system and keep the existing Fall season as is.	Aug 16, 2011 8:06 AM
399	Leave fall hunt as it is and open a general spring hunt with a quota.	Aug 16, 2011 8:02 AM
400	increase permits to 225 leave the season at sept. 1 to nov. 15	Aug 16, 2011 7:27 AM
401	Increase spring season, but leave the fall season how it is.	Aug 16, 2011 7:26 AM
402	Allow the use of Hounds and Bait. The use of Bait allows the opportunity to harvest dry sows or boars	Aug 16, 2011 7:25 AM
403	Open up a general spring season, allow baiting to reduce killing mothers and open the fall season to Aug 1- Novv 15	Aug 16, 2011 6:01 AM
404	Long fall season. 24 hour online/phone report. Close when harvest is reached.	Aug 16, 2011 4:43 AM
405	Increase spring bear hunting and leave fall season as is	Aug 15, 2011 10:40 PM
406	spring bear hunts on the west side instead of a handfull of hound hunters killing dozens of bears. No bear season during modern elk so bow hunters and tagged out hunters dont have a reason to pack rifles.	Aug 15, 2011 10:37 PM
407	no personal interest in bear hunting	Aug 15, 2011 9:46 PM
408	continue with an open season for regular/untrained/joe blow hunter, and manage the bears with the hounds and master hunters. Additionally, the people who complain about damage could be issued permit to take care of the problem them selves, on their own property. every Farmer I know can shoot a gun.. and if they are worried about profit, they can find someone who can and likes to shoot a gun or game.	Aug 15, 2011 9:39 PM
409	Replace spring season with quota system and maintain fall season where is currently is.	Aug 15, 2011 9:30 PM
410	Increase spring bear permints from 145 to 225 & change fall season from Sept 1-Nov 15 to Sept 1-Nov 15 or later	Aug 15, 2011 9:08 PM
411	I think the WDFW needs to do a better job of educating politicians as well as the public as to the benefits of hound and bait hunting. Treed bears are easier to determine sex, and baited bears (especially spring) are easier to determine if they have cubs. I know that if i am in the woods, hunting under current rules, I	Aug 15, 2011 8:35 PM

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will shoot the first legal bear that steps in front of me especially when I might only get a couple of seconds to shoot. Over bait or with hounds you have more time to determine if cubs are present or if it is a sow. Good management and conservation NEEDS baiting and Hound hunting even though this will require legislative action it is what is needed!

412	Year around season	Aug 15, 2011 8:20 PM
413	Increase bear permits for srping, change spring dates to end June 15 and leave fall season as is.	Aug 15, 2011 8:16 PM
414	hounds, baiting	Aug 15, 2011 8:00 PM
415	no spring hunt	Aug 15, 2011 6:14 PM
416	There should be no overall decrease. We have way more bears than anyone including the department seems to realize. Increase spring permits and make the fall season Sept 1 through Oct 31. Very few bears are taken in November.	Aug 15, 2011 5:11 PM
417	longer seasons with quota. Option 3 is too early.	Aug 15, 2011 5:09 PM
418	No opinion	Aug 15, 2011 4:53 PM
419	bring back hound hunting. its easy to tell sex when up a tree. Or go to muzzlerloader only in spring so they have to get close. Make hunters watch a video about identification of bears ect.	Aug 15, 2011 1:30 PM