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Dear Mr. Thomsen:

This letter is to let you know the results of the Department's consideration of your petition requesting the WDFW Commission to "begin rulemaking for a spring black bear hunting season."

On August 10, 2024 the Fish & Wildlife Commission met and delegated decision making authority for petitions to me as the Director. A written summary sheet was provided to me, and department staff explained why they recommended that the petition be denied. I agree with the recommendations contained in the summary sheet, and I am hereby denying this petition. A copy of the summary sheet is included with this letter.

Thank you for bringing your concerns forward and proposing solutions through the rulemaking process.

Sincerely,

Kelly Susewind

Director

cc: Fish and Wildlife Commission

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