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Shorten the number of years it takes to draw a bear harvest tag

It takes way to long get a bear harvest tag. This puts older and younger hunters at a disadvantage. It also reduces hunting opportunities for people that did not get a harvest tag. The DNR is also losing revenue, because they are selling fewer kill permits.

Deer hunters have a success rate of 15 to 22 percent. They still purchase over 600,000 harvest licenses each year. Hunters are willing to continue buying with lower success rates. Bear hunters on the other hand in units A,B and D have success rates between 60 and 75 percent. If the legislature and governor were to work with the department to reduce the success rate more harvest tags could be sold. This would reduce the length of time it would take to get a kill tag and put more hunters in the woods to enjoy a bear hunt.

Suggestions

- 1) Shorten the season.
- 2) Reduce the number of baits a hunter can have.
- 3) Reduce the number of dogs that released on a bear.

Be it resolved that the conservation congress work with the department and the governing bodies to reduce the hunter success rate of bear hunters.

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