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BLACK BEAR HARVEST SUMMARY 2021



Thomas Mecca Jr. (right) with his black bear taken in the Town of New Albion, Cattaraugus County, December 2021. Pictured with Thomas are his father Tom Mecca and cousin Mark Mecca Jr.

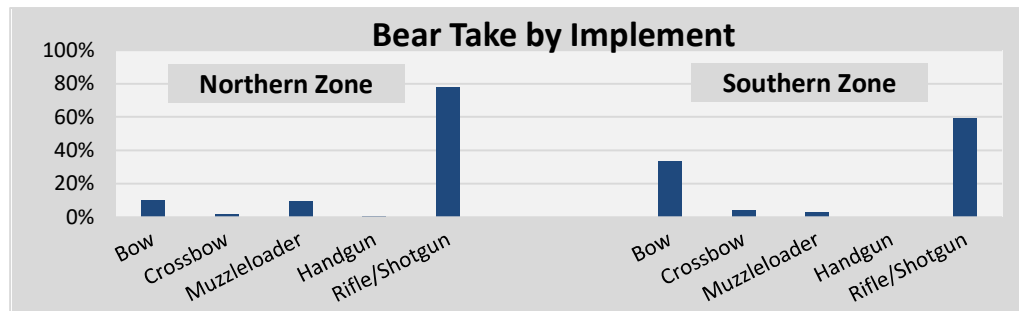


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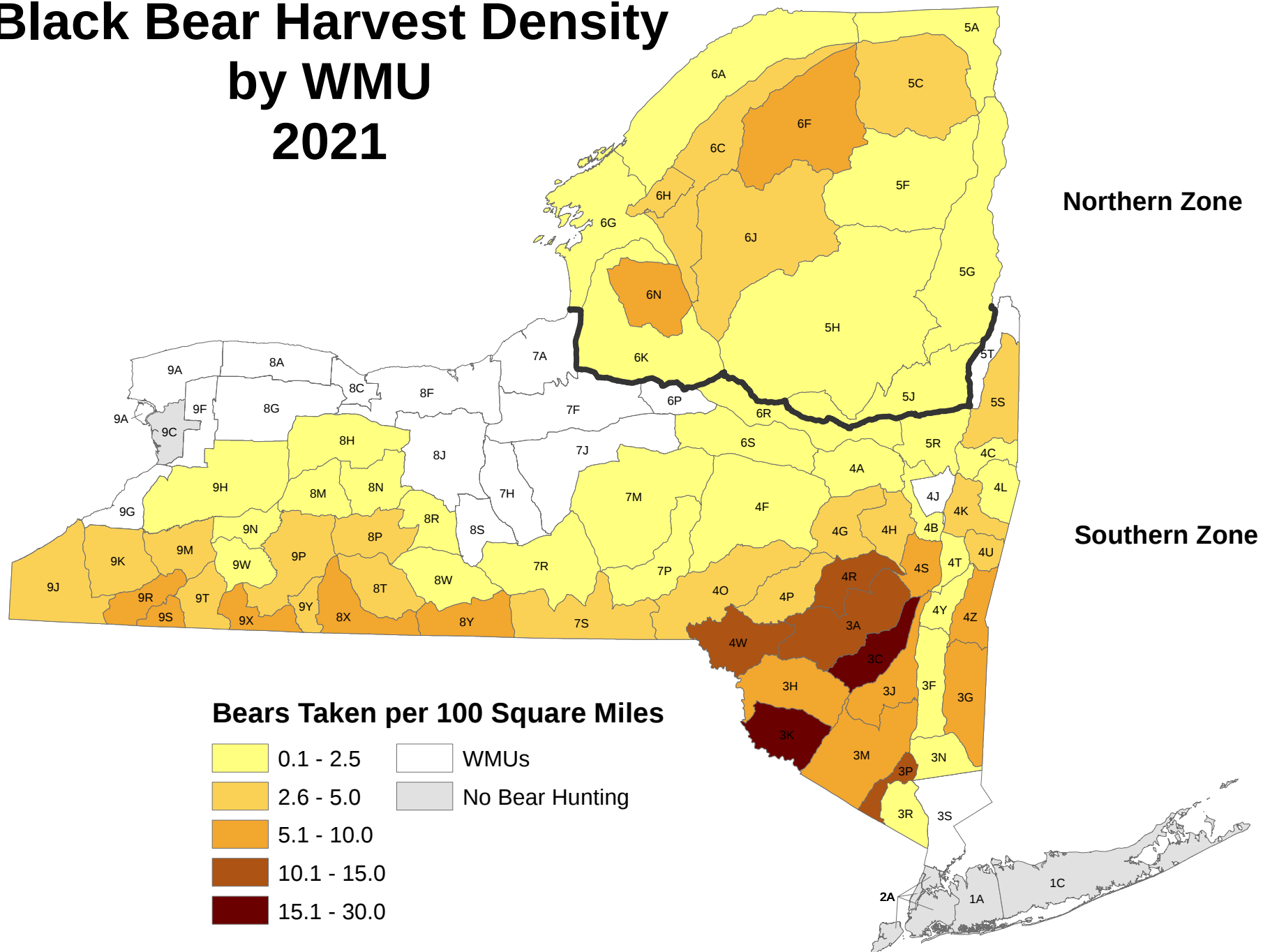
2021 Bear Harvest Summary

	2021	2020	5-Year Average (2016 - 2020)	Historical Average (1991-2000)
Northern Zone	403	571	457	515
Early	NA*	298	188	172
Bow	12	47	39	15
Muzzleloader	12	64	47	25
Regular	376	161	182	303
Youth	3	1	0	NA
% Female : % Male	46% - 54%	43% - 57%	43% - 57%	43% - 57%
Southern Zone	943	1,152	1,039	207
Early	100	366	221	NA
Bow	322	417	354	54
Muzzleloader	23	3	12	1
Regular	490	356	442	153
Youth	8	10	9	NA
% Female : % Male	38% - 62%	45% - 55%	42% - 58%	37% - 63%
New York State	1,346	1,723	1,496	722
Early	100	664	410	172
Bow	334	464	393	69
Muzzleloader	35	67	59	26
Regular	866	517	625	455
Youth	11	11	10	NA
% Female : % Male	40% - 60%	44% - 56%	43% - 57%	41% - 59%



* In 2021, DEC simplified the bear hunting seasons in the Adirondack WMUs by expanding the regular season to incorporate the early, bow, and muzzleloader season. Bow and muzzleloader season continued in the other Northern Zone WMUs.

Black Bear Harvest Density by WMU 2021



2021 NEW YORK STATE BLACK BEAR TAKE BY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNIT

Season Key: E = Early, B = Bowhunting, M = Muzzleloader, R = Regular, Y = Youth, T = Total

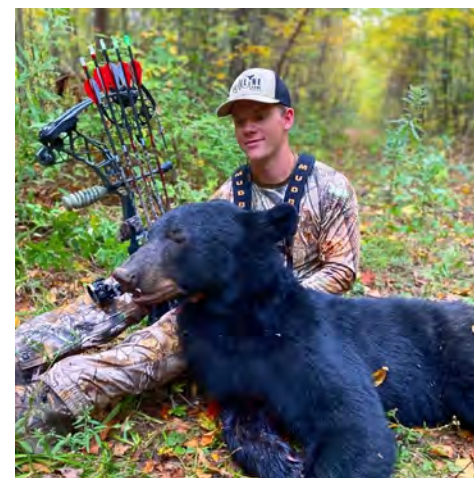
Northern							3J	1	12	0	12	0	25	8H	0	0	0	2	0	2
WMU	B	M	R	Y	T		3K	24	22	2	44	0	92	8M	0	1	0	0	0	1
5A	0	1	13	1	15		3M	12	17	0	31	0	60	8N	0	2	0	1	0	3
5C	0	0	48	0	48		3N	0	2	0	0	0	2	8P	0	2	0	10	0	12
5F	0	0	18	0	18		3P	0	3	0	10	0	13	8R	0	2	0	0	0	2
5G	0	0	21	0	21		3R	0	2	0	0	0	2	8T	0	5	0	10	2	17
5H	0	0	62	2	64		4A	0	1	0	1	0	2	8W	0	2	1	3	0	6
5J	0	0	10	0	10		4B	0	0	0	3	0	3	8X	0	16	4	13	0	33
6A	3	7	6	0	16		4C	0	2	0	2	0	4	8Y	0	8	0	10	0	18
6C	0	0	42	0	42		4F	0	5	1	5	0	11	9H	0	0	0	2	0	2
6F	0	0	78	0	78		4G	0	10	0	3	0	13	9J	0	7	1	17	0	25
6G	2	0	1	0	3		4H	0	7	0	5	0	12	9K	0	6	1	8	0	15
6H	0	0	8	0	8		4K	0	3	0	5	0	8	9M	0	4	0	8	0	12
6J	1	0	43	0	44		4L	0	1	0	2	0	3	9N	0	1	0	0	1	2
6K	3	1	4	0	8		4O	0	18	1	16	0	35	9P	0	14	0	6	0	20
6N	3	3	22	0	28		4P	4	3	0	4	0	11	9R	0	6	1	7	0	14
Northern Zone							4R	12	7	0	16	0	35	9S	0	0	0	7	0	7
Bowhunting					12		4S	0	10	1	4	0	15	9T	0	3	0	6	0	9
Muzzleloader					12		4T	0	0	0	2	0	2	9W	0	2	1	2	0	5
Regular					376		4U	0	2	0	2	0	4	9X	0	11	0	4	0	15
Youth					3		4W	6	9	0	44	2	61	9Y	0	3	0	1	0	4
Southern							4Y	0	0	0	1	2	3	Southern Zone						
WMU	E	B	M	R	Y	T	4Z	0	10	0	11	0	21	Early						
3A	21	13	0	67	0	101	5R	0	2	0	0	0	2	Bowhunting						
3C	10	18	2	21	0	51	5S	0	2	3	9	0	14	Muzzleloader						
3F	0	1	0	1	0	2	6R	0	2	1	9	1	13	Regular						
3G	0	17	2	6	0	25	6S	0	1	0	0	0	1	Youth						
3H	10	11	0	23	0	44	7M	0	2	0	2	0	4							
							7P	0	1	0	3	0	4							
							7R	0	0	1	1	0	2							
							7S	0	11	0	8	0	19							

State Total	1,346
Early	100
Bowhunting	334
Muzzleloader	35
Regular	866
Youth	11

NEW YORK STATE BEAR TAKE BY SEX

NZ	E	B	M	R	Y	T
Female	0	6	6	172	1	185
Male	0	6	6	204	2	218

SZ	E	B	M	R	Y	T
Female	38	122	9	186	3	358
Male	62	200	14	304	5	585



Noah Smith; October 2021;
Schoharie County, Town of Blenheim, WMU 4G.

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*Kevin Morley; November 2021;
Cattaraugus County, Town of Ashford, WMU 9M.*

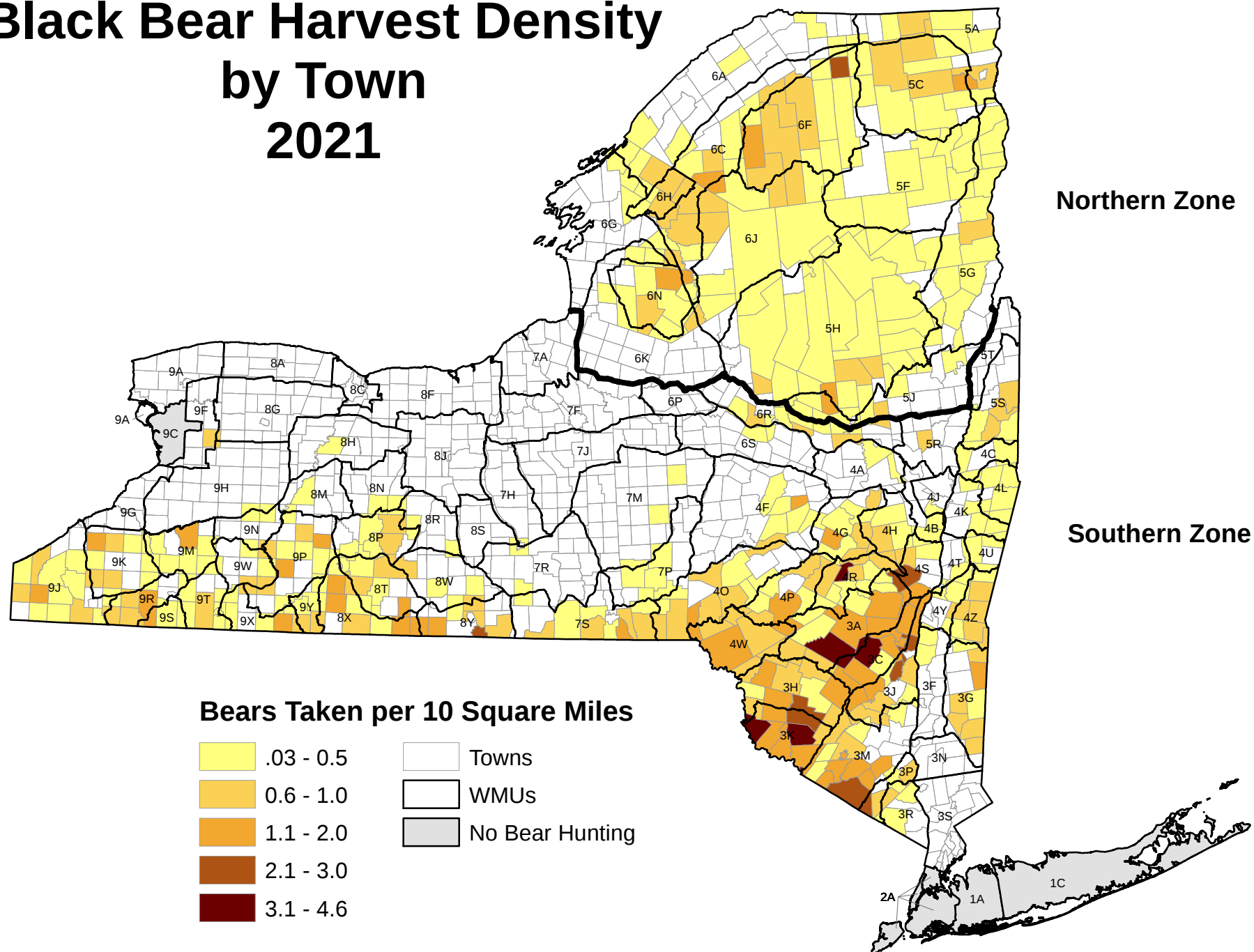


*Ashley Rayburn; November 2021;
St. Lawrence County, Town of Clare, WMU 6F.*



*Phil Snader; November 2021;
Steuben County, Town of Troupsburg, WMU 8X.*

Black Bear Harvest Density by Town 2021



2021 NEW YORK STATE BEAR TAKE BY TOWN AND COUNTY

Key: E = Early, B = Bowhunting, M = Muzzleloader, R = Regular, Y = Youth, T = Total

Northern Zone							Mayfield	0	0	1	2	3	Total							0	0	3	0	3	
Clinton	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Oppenheim	0	0	1	0	1	Saratoga	E	B	M	R	Y	T						
Altona		0	0	3	0	3	Stratford	0	0	3	0	3	Day		0	0	1	0	1						
Black Brook		0	0	2	0	2	Total	0	0	16	2	18	Edinburg		0	0	2	0	2						
Chazy		0	0	1	1	2	Hamilton	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Hadley		0	0	2	0	2					
Clinton		0	0	4	0	4	Arietta		0	0	8	0	8	Total		0	0	5	0	5					
Dannemora		0	0	1	0	1	Benson		0	0	5	0	5	St Lawrence	E	B	M	R	Y	T					
Ellenburg		0	0	8	0	8	Hope		0	0	4	0	4	Clare		0	0	15	0	15					
Mooers		0	1	1	0	2	Indian Lake		0	0	1	0	1	Clifton		0	0	10	0	10					
Peru		0	0	3	0	3	Lake Pleasant		0	0	1	0	1	Colton		0	0	17	0	17					
Plattsburgh		0	0	3	0	3	Long Lake		1	0	6	0	7	De Kalb		0	1	1	0	2					
Saranac		0	0	9	0	9	Morehouse		0	0	3	0	3	Edwards		0	0	5	0	5					
Schuyler Falls		0	0	5	0	5	Wells		0	0	6	0	6	Fine		0	0	8	0	8					
Total		0	1	40	1	42	Total		1	0	34	0	35	Fowler		0	0	2	0	2					
Essex	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Herkimer	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Gouverneur		0	0	2	0	2					
Chesterfield		0	0	2	0	2	Norway		0	0	2	0	2	Hammond		0	2	0	0	2					
Crown Point		0	0	6	0	6	Ohio		0	0	4	0	4	Hopkinton		0	0	14	0	14					
Elizabethtown		0	0	2	0	2	Salisbury		0	0	1	0	1	Madrid		0	0	1	0	1					
Essex		0	0	1	0	1	Webb		0	0	6	0	6	Parishville		0	0	8	0	8					
Jay		0	0	1	0	1	Total		0	0	13	0	13	Piercefield		0	0	3	0	3					
Keene		0	0	3	0	3	Jefferson	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Pierrepont		0	0	1	0	1					
Lewis		0	0	1	0	1	Alexandria		2	0	0	0	2	Pitcairn		0	0	7	0	7					
Minerva		0	0	3	0	3	Antwerp		2	1	7	0	10	Russell		0	0	5	0	5					
Moriah		0	0	1	0	1	Le Ray		0	0	2	0	2	Total		0	3	99	0	102					
Newcomb		0	0	4	0	4	Philadelphia		0	1	1	0	2	Warren	E	B	M	R	Y	T					
North Elba		0	0	1	0	1	Theresa		1	0	1	0	2	Bolton		0	0	1	0	1					
Schroon		0	0	4	0	4	Wilna		0	0	5	0	5	Hague		0	0	1	0	1					
Ticonderoga		0	0	2	0	2	Total		5	2	16	0	23	Horicon		0	0	2	0	2					
Westport		0	0	2	0	2	Lewis	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Johnsburg		0	0	2	0	2					
Willsboro		0	0	1	0	1	Croghan		0	0	15	0	15	Queensbury		0	0	2	0	2					
Wilmington		0	0	1	0	1	Denmark		0	0	1	0	1	Stony Creek		0	0	1	0	1					
Total		0	0	35	0	35	Diana		0	0	9	0	9	Thurman		0	0	4	0	4					
Franklin	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Greig		0	0	1	0	1	Warrensburg		0	0	1	0	1					
Bangor		0	0	2	0	2	Harrisburg		2	0	0	0	2	Total		0	0	14	0	14					
Bellmont		0	0	11	0	11	Lewis		1	0	1	0	2	Southern Zone	E	B	M	R	Y	T					
Bombay		0	2	0	0	2	Leyden		0	1	1	0	2	Albany											
Brandon		0	0	9	0	9	Lowville		1	0	2	0	3	Berne		0	0	1	0	1					
Chateaugay		0	0	2	0	2	Lyonsdale		0	0	1	0	1	Bethlehem		0	0	1	0	1					
Dickinson		0	0	1	0	1	Martinsburg		0	2	9	0	11	Coeymans		0	0	2	0	2					
Duane		0	0	3	0	3	Montague		0	0	1	0	1	Rensselaerville	0	5	0	1	0	6					
Franklin		0	0	7	0	7	New Bremen		0	0	3	0	3	Westerlo		2	0	0	0	2					
Malone		0	0	5	0	5	Osceola		2	0	3	0	5	Total	0	7	0	5	0	12					
Santa Clara		0	0	3	0	3	Pinckney		0	0	1	0	1	Allegany	E	B	M	R	Y	T					
Tupper Lake		0	0	4	0	4	Turin		0	0	1	0	1	Alfred		1	0	0	0	1					
Waverly		0	0	3	0	3	West Turin		0	1	2	0	3	Allen		0	0	1	0	1					
Total		0	2	50	0	52	Total		6	4	51	0	61	Alma		5	0	2	0	7					
Fulton	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Oswego	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Almond		1	0	0	0	1					
Bleecker		0	0	3	0	3	Boylston		0	0	2	0	2	Andover		1	0	1	0	2					
Caroga		0	0	7	0	7	Redfield		0	0	1	0	1	Angelica		3	0	2	0	5					
Ephratah		0	0	1	0	1																			

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Belfast	1	0	0	0	1		Ellington	2	0	1	0	3		Tompkins	0	0	0	8	0	8
Birdsall	0	0	1	0	1		Gerry	0	0	2	0	2		Walton	1	4	0	4	0	9
Bolivar	1	0	0	0	1		Harmony	1	0	0	0	1		Total	15	24	0	62	3	104
Burns	3	0	1	0	4		Kiantone	0	0	1	0	1		Dutchess	E	B	M	R	Y	T
Caneadea	2	0	0	0	2		Mina	1	0	2	0	3		Amenia	5	0	3	0	8	
Cuba	1	1	0	0	2		North Harmony	0	0	1	0	1		Beekman	2	0	0	0	2	
Friendship	2	0	0	0	2		Poland	0	0	2	0	2		Dover	3	0	0	0	3	
Grove	1	0	1	0	2		Ripley	0	0	1	0	1		Northeast	3	0	1	0	4	
Independence	1	1	1	0	3		Sherman	0	0	4	0	4		Pawling	3	0	1	0	4	
Rushford	1	0	0	0	1		Stockton	0	0	1	0	1		Pine Plains	0	0	1	0	1	
Scio	1	0	0	0	1		Villanova	1	0	1	0	2		Red Hook	1	0	0	0	1	
Wellsville	1	0	0	0	1		Westfield	0	0	4	0	4		Rhinebeck	0	0	1	0	1	
Willing	3	0	0	0	3		Total	14	2	25	0	41		Union Vale	3	0	0	0	3	
Total	29	2	10	0	41		Chemung	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Total	20	0	7	0	27	
Broome	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Ashland	2	0	1	0	3		Erie	E	B	M	R	Y	T
Binghamton	1	0	0	0	1		Big Flats	0	0	1	0	1		Alden	0	0	2	0	2	
Colesville	1	0	3	0	4		Chemung	3	0	1	0	4		Total	0	0	2	0	2	
Conklin	2	0	1	0	3		Elmira	1	0	2	0	3		Fulton	E	B	M	R	Y	T
Kirkwood	2	0	0	0	2		Horseheads	1	0	2	0	3		Broadalbin	0	1	1	0	2	
Sanford	4	2	3	0	9		Veteran	0	0	1	0	1		Johnstown	0	0	0	1	1	
Union	0	0	1	0	1		Total	7	0	8	0	15		Oppenheim	0	0	1	0	1	
Vestal	5	0	0	0	5		Chenango	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Total	0	1	2	1	4	
Windsor	2	0	4	0	6		Afton	1	0	1	0	2		Greene	E	B	M	R	Y	T
Total	17	2	12	0	31		Coventry	0	0	1	0	1		Ashland	0	0	0	2	0	2
Cattaraugus	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Greene	0	0	1	0	1		Cairo	1	5	1	7	0	14
Allegany	1	0	4	0	5		Oxford	0	0	1	0	1		Catskill	2	5	0	3	0	10
Ashford	3	0	4	0	7		Plymouth	0	0	2	0	2		Durham	1	0	0	2	0	3
Carrollton	1	0	1	0	2		Total	1	0	6	0	7		Greenville	3	0	0	0	3	
Cold Spring	1	0	6	0	7		Columbia	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Halcott	0	0	0	1	0	1
Dayton	0	0	1	0	1		Ancram	2	0	1	0	3		Hunter	1	3	0	11	0	15
Ellicottville	0	0	1	0	1		Austerlitz	2	0	0	0	2		Jewett	0	1	0	1	0	2
Franklinville	1	0	0	0	1		Chatham	0	0	2	0	2		Lexington	1	0	0	2	0	3
Great Valley	1	0	0	0	1		Claverack	0	0	1	0	1		New Baltimore	0	0	1	0	1	
Hinsdale	0	0	2	0	2		Copake	3	0	1	0	4		Prattsville	4	1	0	3	0	8
Machias	0	0	2	0	2		Gallatin	0	0	2	0	2		Windham	0	1	0	0	0	1
Mansfield	0	0	1	0	1		Ghent	0	0	1	0	1		Total	10	19	1	33	0	63
Napoli	2	0	0	0	2		Greenport	0	0	0	1	1		Herkimer	E	B	M	R	Y	T
New Albion	0	0	1	0	1		Hillsdale	1	0	3	0	4		German Flatts	1	0	0	0	1	
Olean	0	0	1	0	1		New Lebanon	0	0	1	0	1		Herkimer	0	0	2	0	2	
Otto	1	0	0	0	1		Taghkanic	1	0	2	0	3		Little Falls	0	0	1	0	1	
Persia	0	0	1	0	1		Total	9	0	14	1	24		Manheim	0	0	1	0	1	
Portville	1	0	0	0	1		Delaware	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Schuyler	2	0	0	0	2	
Randolph	1	1	0	0	2		Andes	4	2	0	9	0	15	Total	3	0	4	0	7	
Red House	0	0	3	0	3		Colchester	0	2	0	4	3	9	Livingston	E	B	M	R	Y	T
South Valley	0	0	3	0	3		Davenport	1	0	2	0	3		Avon	0	0	1	0	1	
Total	13	1	31	0	45		Delhi	0	1	0	0	1		Mount Morris	2	0	0	0	2	
Chautauqua	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Deposit	0	3	0	3	0	6	Portage	0	0	1	0	1	
Arkwright	2	1	1	0	4		Franklin	0	0	4	0	4		Total	2	0	2	0	4	
Busti	3	0	1	0	4		Hamden	0	1	0	1	0	2	Madison	E	B	M	R	Y	T
Carroll	2	0	0	0	2		Hancock	3	4	0	20	0	27	Hamilton	1	0	0	0	1	
Charlotte	0	0	2	0	2		Middletown	4	0	0	1	0	5	Total	1	0	0	0	1	
Chautauqua	1	0	1	0	2		Roxbury	3	1	0	3	0	7	Montgomery	E	B	M	R	Y	T
Clymer	0	1	0	0	1		Sidney	3	0	0	0	3								
Ellery	1	0	0	0	1		Stamford	0	2	0	3	0	5							

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Florida	1	0	0	0	1		Schenectady	E	B	M	R	Y	T		Tusten	3	5	2	12	0	22	
Mohawk	0	0	2	0	2		Princetown	0	0	1	0	1			Total	33	30	3	68	0	134	
St Johnsville	0	0	1	0	1		Total	0	0	1	0	1			Tioga	E	B	M	R	Y	T	
Total	1	0	3	0	4		Schoharie	E	B	M	R	Y	T		Nichols		1	0	2	0	3	
Ontario	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Blenheim		5	0	0	0	5		Owego		1	0	0	0	1	
Naples		0	0	1	0	1	Broome		3	0	0	0	3		Spencer		0	1	0	0	1	
Total		0	0	1	0	1	Conesville	1	1	0	1	0	3		Total		2	1	2	0	5	
Orange	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Fulton		1	0	0	0	1		Tompkins	E	B	M	R	Y	T	
Blooming Grove	1	1	0	3	0	5	Gilboa	0	0	0	1	0	1		Ithaca		0	0	1	0	1	
Chester	1	0	0	2	0	3	Middleburgh		0	0	1	0	1		Total		0	0	1	0	1	
Crawford	0	1	0	1	0	2	Summit		1	0	0	0	1		Ulster	E	B	M	R	Y	T	
Deerpark	2	5	0	5	0	12	Wright		0	0	2	0	2		Denning	6	5	0	21	0	32	
Goshen	0	0	0	5	0	5	Total	1	11	0	5	0	17		Esopus	0	1	0	2	0	3	
Greenville	0	1	0	0	0	1	Schuyler	E	B	M	R	Y	T		Gardiner	0	1	0	2	0	3	
Highlands	0	1	0	1	0	2	Reading		1	0	0	0	1		Hardenburgh	0	0	0	2	0	2	
Middletown	1	0	0	0	0	1	Total		1	0	0	0	1		Hurley	2	1	0	2	0	5	
Minisink	0	1	0	3	0	4	Steuben	E	B	M	R	Y	T		Kingston	0	2	0	0	0	2	
Mount Hope	0	1	0	0	0	1	Addison		0	1	3	1	5		Lloyd	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Port Jervis	1	0	0	0	0	1	Avoca		0	0	1	0	1		Marbletown	1	1	0	0	0	2	
Tuxedo	0	0	0	4	0	4	Bath		3	0	6	0	9		Olive	2	1	1	15	0	19	
Wallkill	2	1	0	2	0	5	Cameron		0	0	2	0	2		Plattekill	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Warwick	3	6	0	13	0	22	Canisteo		2	0	3	0	5		Rochester	4	5	1	4	0	14	
Wawayanda	0	2	0	3	0	5	Caton		2	0	2	0	4		Rosendale	1	2	0	2	0	5	
Woodbury	0	1	0	0	0	1	Cohocton		1	0	0	0	1		Saugerties	2	4	0	1	0	7	
Total	11	21	0	42	0	74	Fremont		0	0	1	0	1		Shandaken	4	3	0	13	0	20	
Otsego	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Greenwood		4	0	1	0	5		Shawangunk	0	1	0	3	0	4	
Decatur		2	0	2	0	4	Hartsville		3	0	2	0	5		Ulster	2	3	0	2	0	7	
Maryland		2	0	0	0	2	Hornby		0	1	0	0	1		Wawarsing	4	8	0	10	0	22	
Middlefield		0	2	0	0	2	Hornellsville		0	0	2	0	2		Woodstock	2	2	0	4	0	8	
Westford		0	0	1	0	1	Howard		2	0	0	1	3		Total	30	42	2	83	0	157	
Worcester		1	0	0	0	1	Jasper		0	0	2	0	2		Washington	E	B	M	R	Y	T	
Total		5	2	3	0	10	Lindley		2	0	4	0	6		Cambridge		1	1	1	0	3	
Putnam	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Prattsburg		1	0	2	0	3		Easton		0	0	1	0	1	
Patterson		1	1	1	0	3	Pulteney		0	0	1	0	1		Jackson		1	0	3	0	4	
Total		1	1	1	0	3	Troupsburg		3	0	1	0	4		Salem		0	0	4	0	4	
Rensselaer	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Tuscarora		4	1	1	0	6		White Creek		0	1	0	0	1	
Berlin		0	0	3	0	3	Wheeler		1	0	2	0	3		Total		2	2	9	0	13	
Brunswick		1	0	1	0	2	Woodhull		0	0	1	0	1		Wyoming	E	B	M	R	Y	T	
Grafton		0	0	1	0	1	Total	28	3	37	2	70		Eagle		1	0	0	0	1		
Hoosick		2	0	0	0	2	Sullivan	E	B	M	R	Y	T		Pike		0	0	0	1	1	
Nassau		0	0	2	0	2	Bethel		4	2	0	7	13		Total		1	0	0	1	2	
Petersburgh		1	0	0	0	1	Callicoon		0	4	0	2	0	6		Yates	E	B	M	R	Y	T
Sand Lake		1	0	0	0	1	Cochecton		0	2	0	1	0	3		Italy		1	0	0	0	1
Schaghticoke		0	0	1	0	1	Delaware		0	0	0	1	0	1		Total		1	0	0	0	1
Stephentown		1	0	2	0	3	Fallsburg		0	1	0	0	0	1								
Total		6	0	10	0	16	Forestburgh		6	5	0	6	0	17								
Rockland	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Fremont		1	1	0	2	0	4		NYS Total						1,346
Ramapo		0	1	0	1	2	Highland		1	0	0	5	0	6		Early						100
Stony Point		0	1	0	0	1	Liberty		5	0	0	2	0	7		Bowhunting						334
Total		0	2	0	1	3	Lumberland		3	2	0	3	0	8		Muzzleloader						35
Saratoga	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Mamakating		5	0	0	5	0	10		Regular						866
Ballston		2	0	0	0	2	Neversink		0	2	0	5	0	7		Youth						11
Total		2	0	0	0	2	Rockland		0	0	0	7	0	7								
							Thompson		5	6	1	10	0	22								

* Only towns and counties with bear harvests are reported here.



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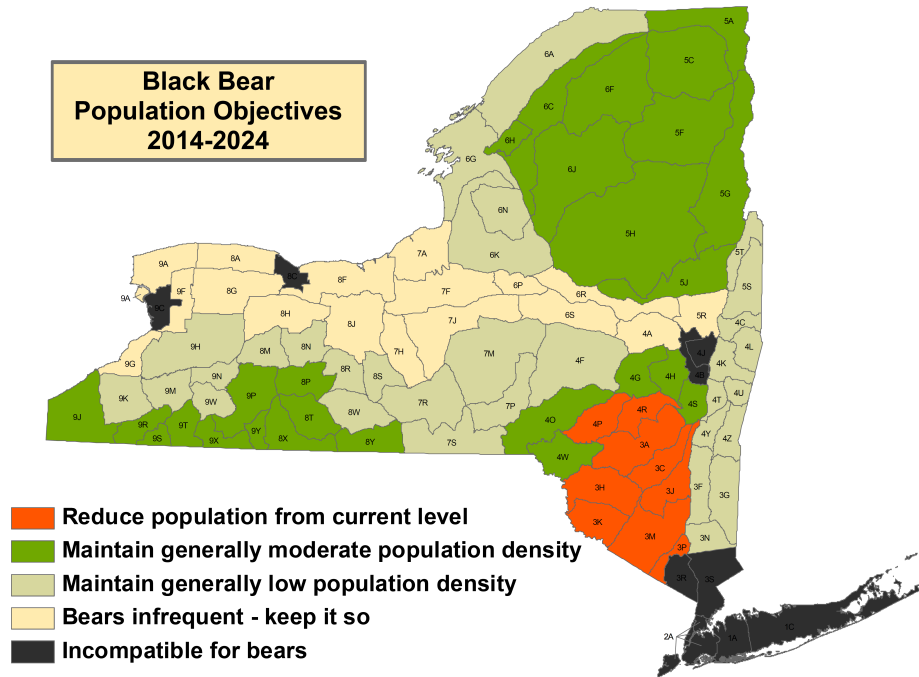
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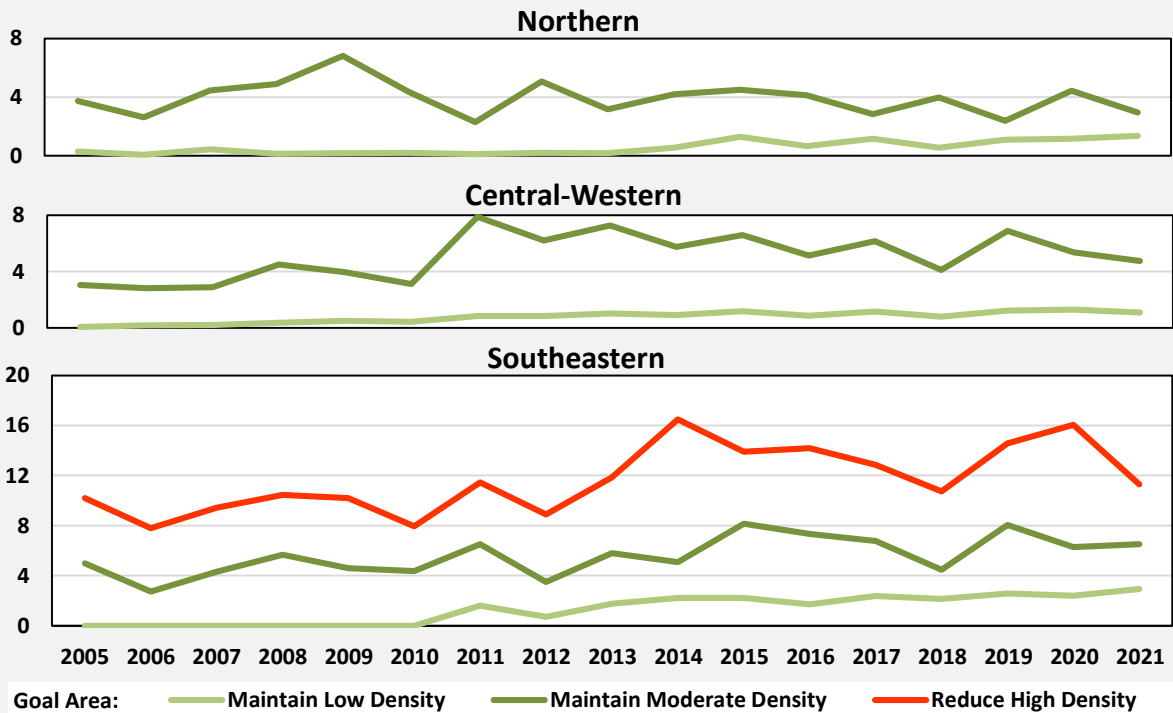
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Black Bear Harvest by Population Management Objective



Bears Taken per 100 Square Miles



Management Goals were established in 2014, and an early bear season was initiated in portions of southeastern New York that same year to reduce the high density bear population.

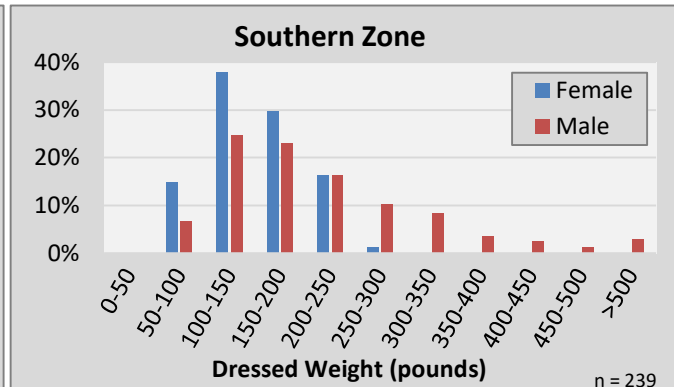
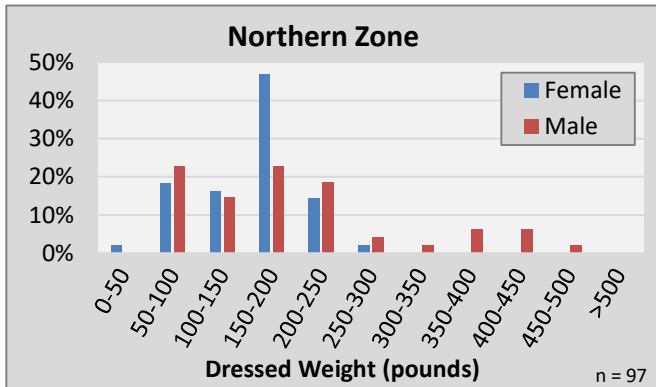
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Heaviest Reported Bears - 2021

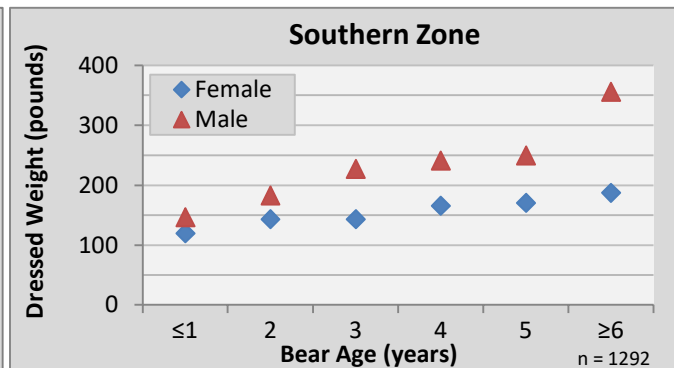
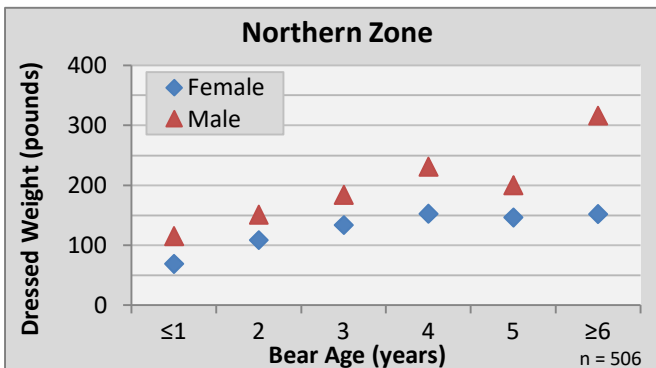
Rank	Dressed Weight (pounds)	Sex	Season	County	Town	WMU
1	560	Male	Regular	Greene	Hunter	3A
2	550	Male	Regular	Cattaraugus	Hinsdale	9W
3	545	Male	Regular	Ulster	Hurley	3C
4	500	Male	Early	Delaware	Middletown	4P
5	478	Male	Muzzleloading	Otsego	Middlefield	4F
6	452	Male	Regular	Delaware	Colchester	4W
7	450	Male	Regular	St Lawrence	Colton	6F
8	440	Male	Regular	Allegany	Burns	9P
9	425	Male	Regular	St Lawrence	Colton	6F
10a	410	Male	Bowhunting	Broome	Kirkwood	7S
10b	410	Male	Bowhunting	Orange	Deerpark	3K

Scaled weights of dressed bears were submitted for 28% of the bears reported in 2021.

Distribution of Harvested Black Bears by Weight - 2021



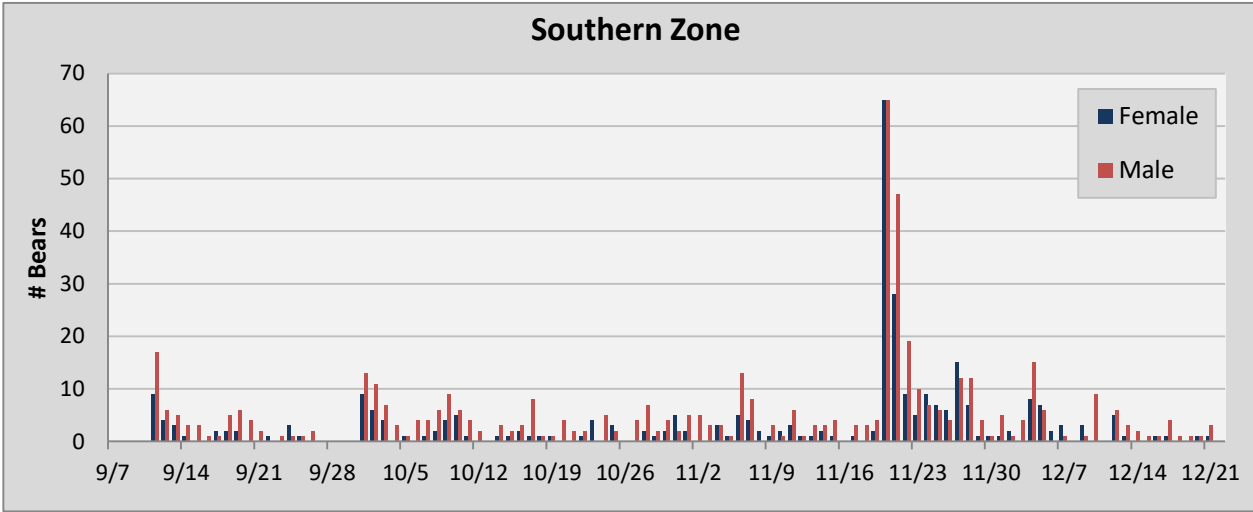
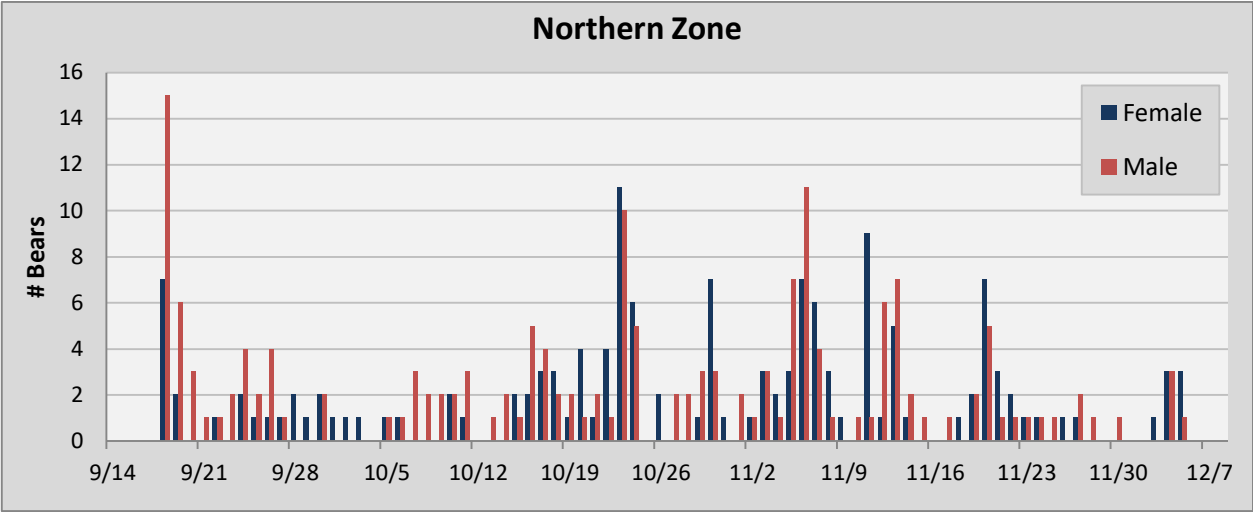
Average Weight by Age and Sex of Harvested Black Bears (2018-2020)



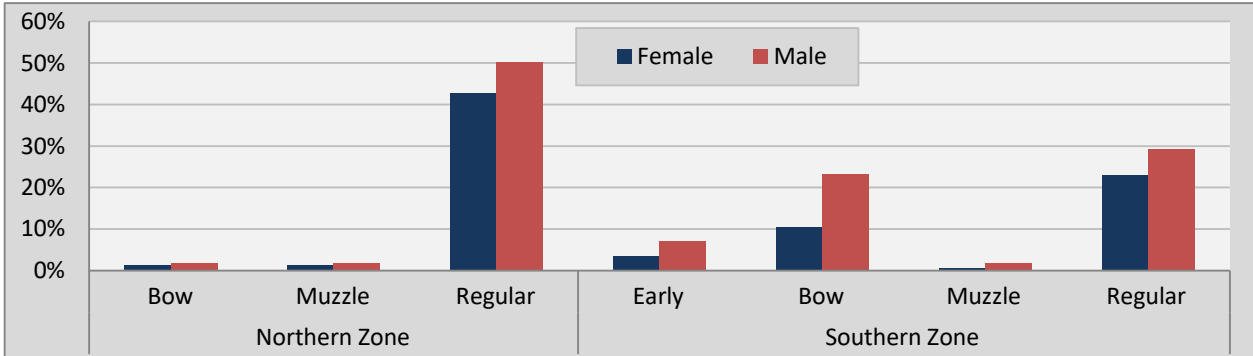
Note: Bear ages are determined by examining cross-sections of a premolar tooth (see www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/45598.html). Bear teeth from the 2021 seasons have not yet been analyzed.

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2021 Reported Bear Take by Day



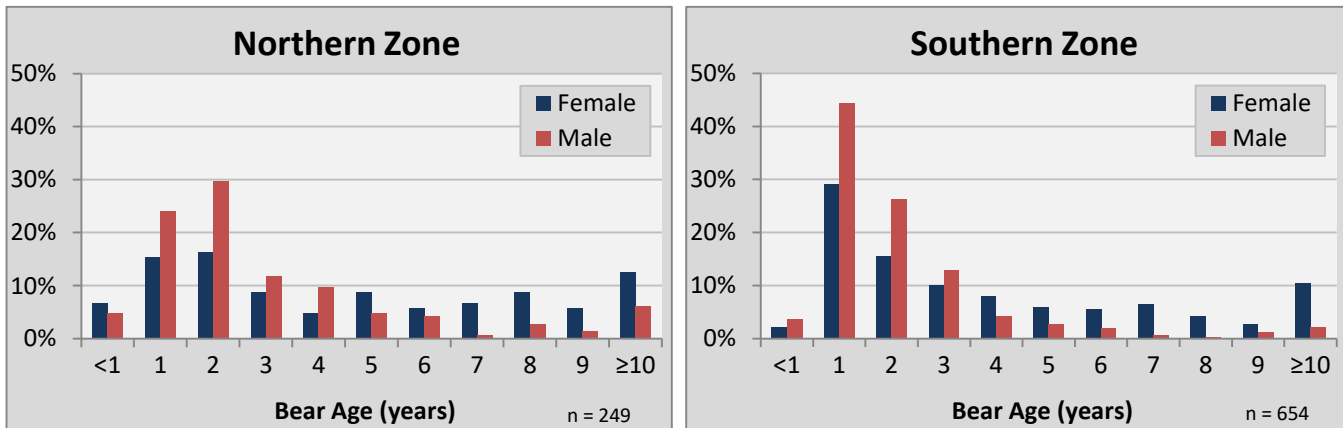
2021 Distribution of Black Bear Harvest by Sex



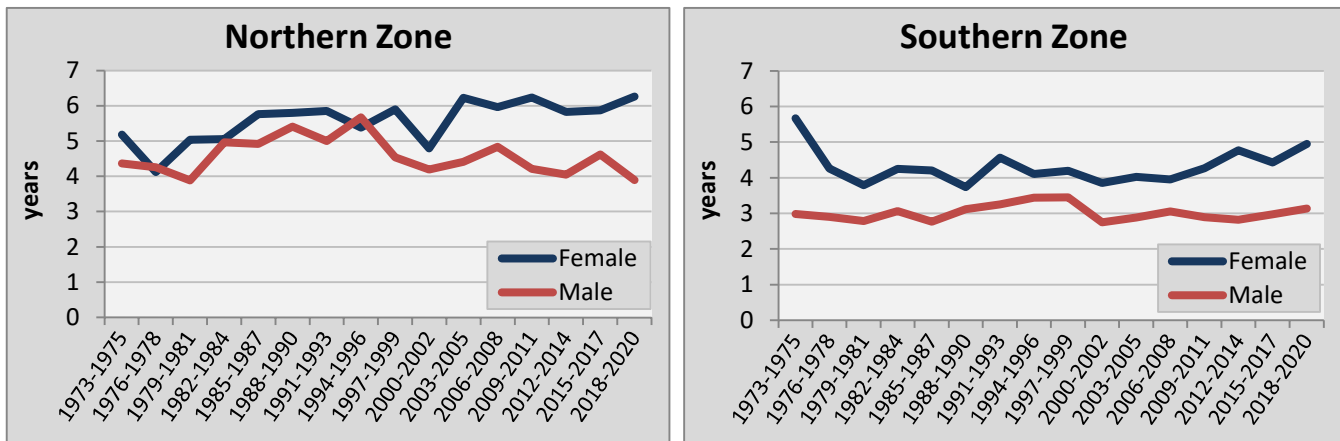
Notes: Sum of male and female proportions across seasons within each zone equals 100%.
Male and female bear take during the Youth Season was <1% of the total harvest.

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Age Distribution of Bear Harvest: 2020



Average Age of Harvested Bears



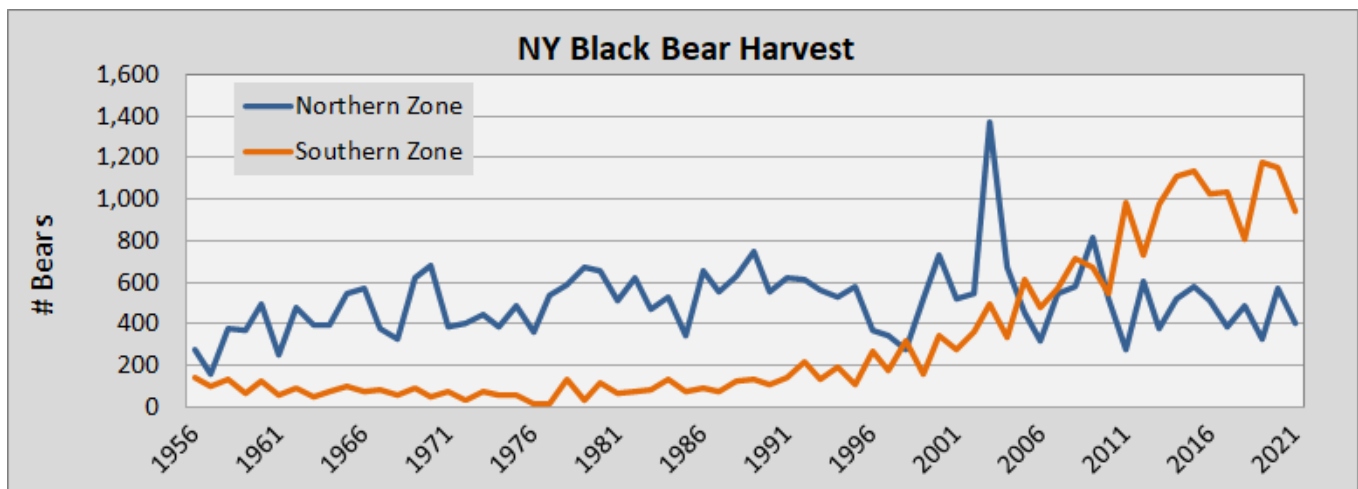
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Black Bear Harvest History

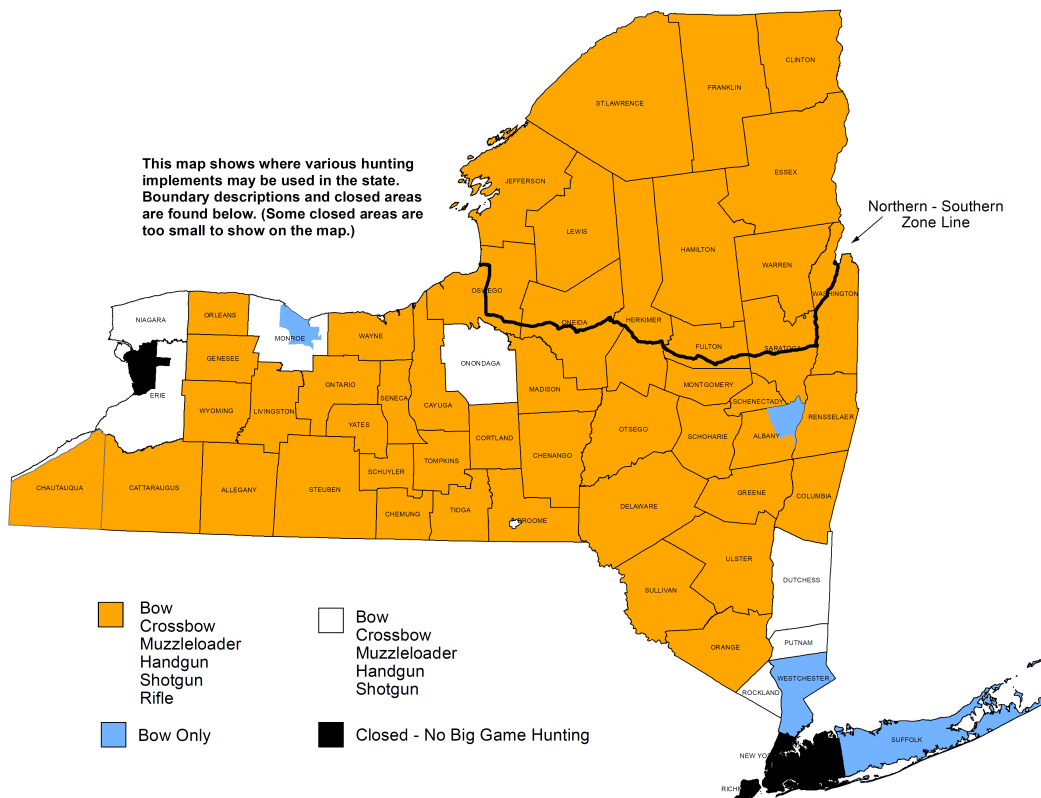
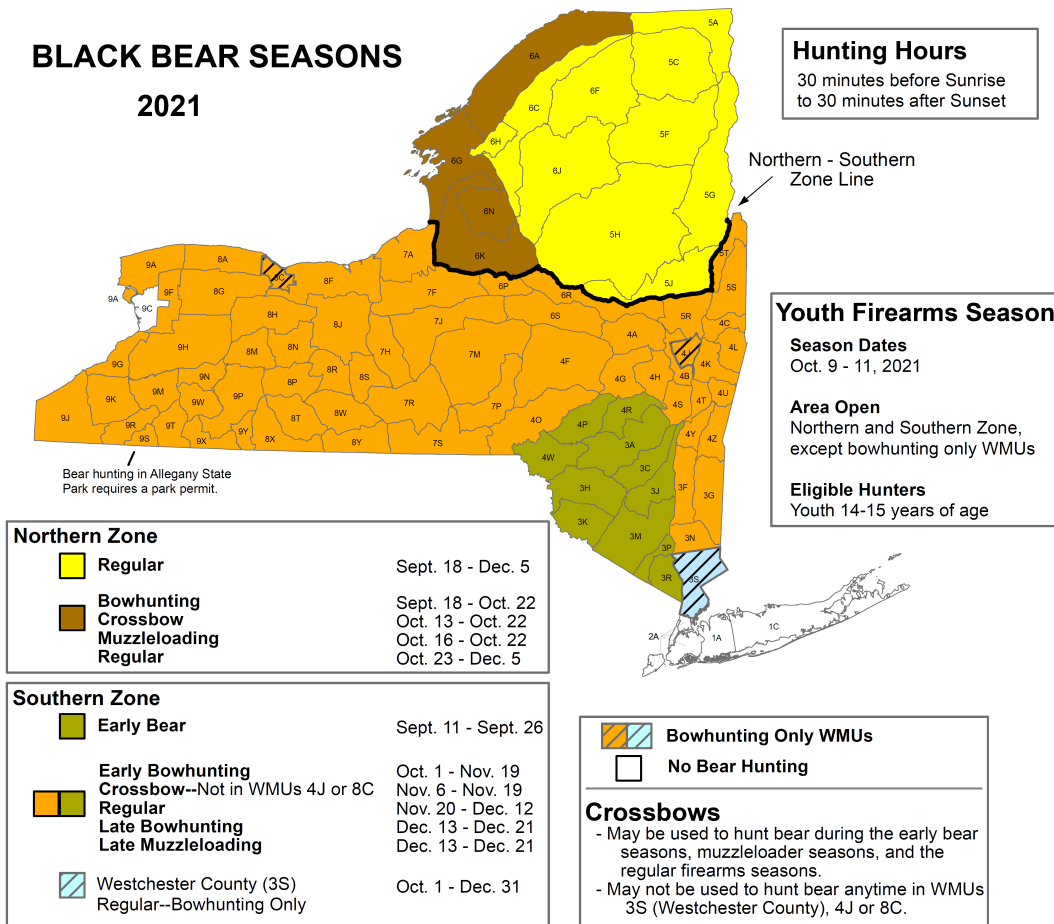
	Northern Zone						Southern Zone						State Totals					
Year	E	B	M	R	Y	Total	E	B	M	R	Y	Total	E	B	M	R	Y	Total
2021		12	12	376	3	403	100	322	23	490	8	943	100	334	35	866	11	1,346
2020	298	47	64	161	1	571	366	417	3	356	10	1,152	664	464	67	517	11	1,723
2019	64	19	30	213	0	326	184	352	17	619	7	1,179	248	371	47	832	7	1,505
2018	259	55	48	129	0	491	179	294	18	302	11	804	438	349	66	431	11	1,295
2017	82	25	33	242	1	383	150	330	12	537	8	1,037	232	355	45	779	9	1,420
2016	238	48	61	167		514	228	379	10	398	10	1,025	466	427	71	565	10	1,539
2015	183	53	94	253		583	192	327	17	596		1,132	375	380	111	849		1,715
2014	291	26	42	159		518	337	305	16	452		1,110	628	331	58	611		1,628
2013	84	15	35	246		380		317	6	655		978	84	332	41	901		1,358
2012	386	39	49	132		606		332	6	393		731	386	371	55	525		1,337
2011	70	3	9	193		275	290	21	672		983	70	293	30	865		1,258	
2010	255	35	71	160		521	280	10	253		543	255	315	81	413		1,064	
2009	426	44	128	216		814	266	10	397		673	426	310	138	613		1,487	
2008	85	13	99	385		582	219	18	476		713	85	232	117	861		1,295	
2007	306	28	61	149		544	219	9	345		573	306	247	70	494		1,117	
2006	74	9	16	219		318	228	9	241		478	74	237	25	460		796	
2005	184	19	45	205		453	208	11	394		613	184	227	56	599		1,066	
2004	425	49	54	146		674	178	4	158		340	425	227	58	304		1,014	
2003	730	35	112	493		1,370	221	10	262		493	730	256	122	755		1,863	
2002	182	16	30	322		550	111	4	247		362	182	127	34	569		912	

Season Key: E=Early B=Bowhunting M=Muzzleloading R=Regular Y = Youth



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BLACK BEAR SEASONS 2021



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Black Bear Management Cooperator Program

DEC relies upon hunter participation to collect critical data for black bear management. Successful hunters are required by law to report their harvest, but many hunters also voluntarily submit premolar teeth from the bears (Figure 1), which are then used to determine the bear's age. DEC uses this information to assess the impact of harvest on the bear population by determination of the average age of harvested male and female bears in the various bear hunting areas. Additionally, by recording age and sex of harvested bears over a period of years, biologists can more accurately model bear populations.

Hunters who **Report their Bear** and **Submit a Tooth** become **NYS Black Bear Management Cooperators** and receive a commemorative patch.

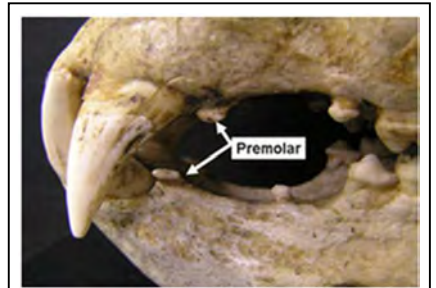


Figure 1. Portion of bear skull showing upper and lower premolar teeth, immediately behind the large canines.

Black Bear Cooperator Patches 2006-2021



Learn More about Black Bears

DEC has several great resources available for those interested in learning more about black bears, bear management, and bear hunting.



Black Bear Management Plan for New York State 2014-2024



Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources
Bureau of Wildlife

See www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7215.html
for New York's Black Bear program.

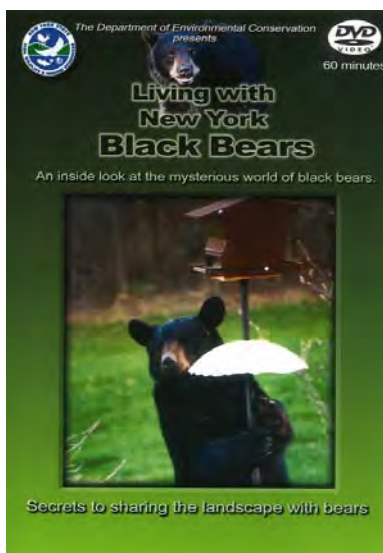


Hunting the Black Bear in New York



New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

This short booklet is full of tips for bear hunters, before and after the harvest.
www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/bbhunting10.pdf



Living with New York Black Bears DVD is available at school and public libraries throughout New York.

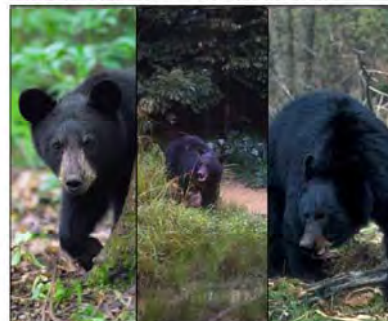
Reducing Human-Bear Conflict



See www.dec.ny.gov/animals/6995.html
for strategies to keep humans and bears safe.

An Evaluation of **Black Bear** Management Options

Northeast Black Bear Technical Committee, August 2012



This booklet, from the Northeast Black Bear Technical Committee, describes various options for bear management.
www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/bearmgmtopt.pdf