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December 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 26, 2022 3:01 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the black bear management plan, Administrative Rule R657-33 and the 2023 hunts?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended black bear changes?

Bear hounds were a distraction on Mt. DUTTON DURING ELK ARCHERY LAST FALL. They weren't chasing elk, but had elk running all over pine creek and forest creek due to all the baying going on while we were trying hunt and fill our tags. It would be nice if bear season wasn't during an archery hunt. The hunters were very good guys and only doing what law allows.

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November 26, 2022 9:12 pm

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December 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 27, 2022 12:14 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly agree
regarding the recommended changes to
the black bear management plan,
Administrative Rule R657-33 and the
2023 hunts?

Do you have any additional comments more units open in the spring for spot and stock bear hunting.
about the recommended black bear
changes?

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December 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 27, 2022 5:34 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the black bear management plan, Administrative Rule R657-33 and the 2023 hunts?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended black bear changes?

Overall, I like the proposed changes for the upcoming bear seasons. What I do have a concern with is getting rid of the baiting season for the fall hunts. I understand that there can be some conflict in the fall with hounds, but I don't feel it is enough to get rid of baiting all together. My concern is that sportsmen that bait bears can do it all on their own. They don't need to hire, or be friends with, someone that has hounds. This is literally a hunt that anyone can do, not just a select few that have hounds. Hound hunters already have the spring bear season, the summer pursuit season and the falls seasons as well as lion season all winter and spring. I feel it's wrong to take a season from the DIY sportsmen. I would propose that the Bait hunt in the fall be the month of September when the hounds are not allowed to run because of the conflicts with the archery hunters. This seems like a no-brainer to me. Just let them bait when the hounds aren't in the field.

If for some reason, we don't have a fall bait season then I propose that 50% of the fall permits go into the summer bait season so that DIY sportsmen don't lose out on that opportunity.

I strongly agree with sharing another hunter's bait sites with their permission.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the black bear management plan, Administrative Rule R657-33 and the 2023 hunts?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended black bear changes?

1. Reduce the number of hounds allowed to chase a bear from 16 to 8;
 2. Eliminate the Fall pursuit season so bears can fatten up for the winter season without stress and wasting calories;
 3. Add critical definitions to the regulations such as what "at bay," "cornering," "injury," and "waste" mean; and
 4. Eliminate non-resident pursuit permits and require all persons on a chase to obtain a permit.
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December 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback
December 1, 2022 12:05 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the black bear management plan, Administrative Rule R657-33 and the 2023 hunts?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended black bear changes?

There should be NO pursuit season. Why is this form of torture still allowed in Utah and illegal in so many other states, including Wyoming?! It's just inhumane and should stop. There's never just one bad apple....

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the black bear management plan, Administrative Rule R657-33 and the 2023 hunts?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended black bear changes?

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 2. Eliminate the Fall pursuit season so bears can fatten up for the winter season without stress and wasting calories;
 3. Add critical definitions to the regulations such as what "at bay," "cornering," "injury," and "waste" mean; and
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December 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback
December 1, 2022 12:26 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the black bear management plan, Administrative Rule R657-33 and the 2023 hunts?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended black bear changes?

Hi my name is mykel gillins of beaver utah I just wanted to say I love this sport of hound hunting and pursuing game with hounds it sickens me to see that a few bad apples are going to kill what I love to do and my family loves to do please consider this message and not let them take my passion and many others passion away

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the black bear management plan, Administrative Rule R657-33 and the 2023 hunts?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended black bear changes?

The Utah Wildlife Board and DWR should prohibit hunting or chasing with a pack of hounds, because of the lack of ability to enforce the law and administrative rules, and because of the danger of abuse posed by the hounds and negligent hunters, or hunters that intentionally violate the law. For example, two recent cases in the news:
Utah case: KSL News - Watch: Newly released video at center of push to tighten Utah bear chasing rules, December 1, 2022.
<https://www.ksl.com/article/50529712/watch-newly-released-video-at-center-of-push-to-tighten-utah-bear-chasing-rules>
Hawaii case: KHON2 News - Horse attacked by hunting dogs in Windward Oahu struggles to survive, March 21, 2021.
<https://www.khon2.com/local-news/horse-attacked-by-hunting-dogs-in-windward-oahu-struggles-to-survive/>

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December 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback
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Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the black bear management plan, Administrative Rule R657-33 and the 2023 hunts?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended black bear changes?

I support hunting bears and lions with the use of hounds. I also fully support Utah's pursuit seasons for both species. I'm not a Hunter, but I feel that by having our predators pursued by hounds, it keeps the fear of humans in them an inadvertently is safer for the bears and lions.

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December 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback
December 1, 2022 4:31 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the black bear management plan, Administrative Rule R657-33 and the 2023 hunts? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended black bear changes? I feel the state is heading the right way with bear hunts and I support the hunting opportunity with hounds!

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December 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback
December 2, 2022 8:23 am

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the black bear management plan, Administrative Rule R657-33 and the 2023 hunts?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended black bear changes?

Strongly support division recommendations. And strongly support hunting with hounds as a important management tool.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the black bear management plan, Administrative Rule R657-33 and the 2023 hunts?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended black bear changes?

I think the DWR should not allow any hound hunting/chasing. The recent video that circulated in the media is a great example why hunters should not be allowed to hunt in this fashion. Please consider banning this type of hunt as it is unethical to subject a bear to that type of stress.

I would also like to make a comment on the in person options for providing feedback. I live in Salt Lake County and was surprised that there were no planned in person meetings held within SL County. As the largest county in the State, population wise, I think that should be changed going forward. The closest option to me was the Jan 3 Farmington board meeting that meets at 9 am on a Tuesday so that is not really an option for someone who works full time. Please consider additional meeting options to allow SL County citizens an opportunity to voice their opinion in person.

Thank you,
Jacob Richardson
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December 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback
December 20, 2022 11:25 am

Which best describes your position Strongly agree
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Administrative Rule R657-33 and the
2023 hunts?

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended black bear changes?

20 December 2022

Black Bear Proposals for 2023
C/O Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
Main Office
Box 146301
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6301

Re: Black Bear Proposals for 2023

Dear Wildlife Board Members and Director Shirley:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Black Bear Proposals for 2023.

The proposed changes to the Black Bear Management Plan, Administrative Rule and Hunting Structure generally demonstrate responsible and sustainable management of black bears while maintaining high levels of opportunity for hunters. SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, including carnivores such as black bears, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the Black Bear Management Plan, Administrative Rule and Hunting Structure changes. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the continued partnership with the Division and the Wildlife Board. SCI is always first for hunters!

Sincerely,
Sven Lindquist
President

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December 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback
December 20, 2022 2:03 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to Administrative Rules R657-70 and R657-19? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to these Administrative Rules? Make the ESA work the way it's designed

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the black bear management plan, Administrative Rule R657-33 and the 2023 hunts? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended black bear changes? Disagree because this is one more reduction in hound hunting opportunity. It is very difficult to maintain an efficient pack of bear hounds with the proposed restrictions. Hounds have to be in shape and have regular opportunity to be efficient. The November week will be very inefficient after 2 months of no pursuit opportunities. There seems to be an anti-predator sentiment amongst the decisions makers (ie. current cougar extirpation program across most of the state). Please manage bear populations for a quality opportunity vs the cougar type extirpation plan. Propose 3-year waiting period for unfilled tags or tags filled with boars and a 6-year waiting period for tags filled with sows (could have exceptions for areas truly over population objective). That will have more effective sex selective influence than the current orientation course. Sex based quotas can also be effective and reduce guide pressure to shoot sows. Bait container is a great idea. Thank you
