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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?**

Neither agree nor disagree

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

Over all 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 hunters bait sites with their permission.

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