

Resolution #4
Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs

OPPOSE REMOVING QUOTA LIMITS FOR BEAR HUNTING IN CALIFORNIA

Submitted by: Kern/Kaweah Chapter Sierra Club

Oppose Quota limits for Bear Hunting in California

Background: The California Department of Fish and Game is considering removing quota limits for bear hunting in California. Currently if the California DF&G receives notification that 1,700 bears have been taken by hunters before the official end of bear hunting season occurs, the hunting season is closed early. A notification of early closure is sent to each bear tag holder. The DF&G has determined that it is an unnecessary expense and that there would be no negative impact on bear populations in the state if quotas were removed. The only evidence for a statewide bear population count is based on a “bait station study” that only showed where bears were, not how many.

Due to widespread opposition in May, the California Department of Fish and Game Commission postponed action on the proposal. Sierra Club of California, representing all of the Sierra Club Chapters in California, has opposed the proposed action. Opposition to eliminating quota limits on bears in California originated with the Kern/Kaweah Chapter of the Sierra Club, a member club of the Federation.

Resolution: The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs opposes the elimination of quota limits on bear hunting in California.

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