ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

Game Code

Black Bear (Ursus americanus)

2022 Comprehensive Black Bear Management Policy

Adopted Amendment: N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.6

Proposed: December 5, 2022, at 54 N.J.R. 2205(a).

Adopted: September 6, 2023, by the Fish and Game Council, Frank J. Virgilio, Chair.

Filed September 7, 2023, as R.2023 d.119, with non-substantial changes not requiring

additional public notice and comment (see N.J.A.C. 1:30-6.3).

Authority: N.J.S.A. 13:1B-23 through 41 and 23:1-1 et seq.

DEP Docket Number:

09-22-11.

Effective Date: October 2, 2023.

Operative Date: October 7, 2023.

Expiration Date: May 11, 2028.

The Fish and Game Council (Council) is adopting amendments at N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.6. The Council is additionally adopting the 2022 New Jersey Comprehensive Black Bear Management Policy (CBBMP), prepared by the Council and approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection ("Department" or "NJDEP").

The Game Code ("Game Code" or "Code"), N.J.A.C. 7:25-5, states when, under what

circumstances, in what locations, by what means, and in what amounts and numbers, game birds, game animals, and fur-bearing animals may be pursued, taken, killed, or had in possession. Since the early 1900s, the Game Code has provided a system for the protection, propagation, increase, control, and conservation of game birds, game animals, and fur-bearing animals in this State, and for their use and development for public recreation and food supply. Periodic revision of season opening and closing dates, bag limits, and other regulations based on scientific investigation and research ensures the greatest likelihood of success in reaching these goals.

The CBBMP is a compilation of the Council's black bear preservation and management goals, the various means by which the preservation and management goals may be accomplished, and the factors to be considered in determining which means should be implemented to achieve those goals. The CBBMP includes several integrated tools to accomplish these goals, such as research and monitoring, non-lethal and lethal control of problem bears, public education on coexisting with bears, law enforcement to reduce human/bear conflicts, and a controlled hunt.

The proposed amendments and new CBBMP were published in the New Jersey Register at 54 N.J.R. 2205(a), on December 5, 2022. The comment period closed February 3, 2023. Additional notice was sent by email to the news media maintaining a press office in the State House Complex, as well as to a Statewide list of newspapers and news outlets. Notice of the proposal and the proposal itself were posted on the Department and the NJDEP Fish and Wildlife (Fish & Wildlife) websites and sent out through Department and Fish & Wildlife listservs. Additional notice was provided by mailing copies of the notice of proposal, upon request, to interested organizations and persons, and also provided by reviewing the proposed amendments

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VERSION WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE OCTOBER 2, 2023 NEW JERSEY REGISTER. SHOULD THERE BE ANY DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THIS TEXT AND THE

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and CBBMP at county and State meetings of the New Jersey Federation of Sportsman's Clubs.

This rule adoption can also be viewed or downloaded from the Department's website at

http://www.nj.gov/dep/rules.

Summary of Hearing Officer's Recommendation and Agency's Response:

The Council held a public hearing on January 18, 2023, at the New Jersey State Museum

Auditorium. Fish & Wildlife's rule manager for the Game Code, Carole Stanko, was the hearing

officer. Three Council members were present to hear oral comments. Thirty-three people

commented at the public hearing. After review of testimony received at the public hearing and

public comment submitted during the comment period, the hearing officer recommended

adoption of the CBBMP and amendments to the Game Code with non-substantial changes, as

summarized below. The Council accepted the hearing officer's recommendations and voted to

adopt the CBBMP and amendments to the Game Code with non-substantial changes. A copy of

the record of the public hearing is available for Inspection in accordance with applicable law by

contacting:

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Summary of Public Comments and Agency Responses:

The following 3,637 commenters submitted oral and/or written comments on the proposed CBBMP and amendments at N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.6.

- 1. Abbe, Carolyn
- 2. Abbott, Wilmer
- 3. Abdill, John
- 4. Abeal, Ralph
- 5. Abone, Sam
- 6. Abrams, Jeff
- 7. Abruzzese, Anne
- 8. Acconzo, Sheri
- 9. Adam, Erik
- 10. Adamczyk, Michael
- 11. Adams, Kevin
- 12. Adams, MK
- 13. Adams-Eilers, Elizabeth
- 14. Addamo, Claudia
- 15. Adornati, Nicholas
- 16. Afonso, Dan

- 18. Agrista, Rosemary
- 19. Ahmed, Ammar
- 20. Aji, Scott
- 21. Ajone, Sam
- 22. Aktay, Mary
- Alba, Charles
- 24. Alba, Michael
- 25. Albano, Jill
- 26. Albano, Joseph
- 27. Alberici, Anna
- 28. Alberti, Adam
- 29. Albow, Susan
- 30. Alexander, Alfred
- 31. Alexander, Alfred
- 32. Alexander, David
- 33. Alexander, Michael
- 34. Algarin, Bonnie
- 35. Allamand, Carole
- 36. Allen, Kathleen
- 37. Allen, Lisa
- 38. Allington, Joyce

Allmann, Kevin
Allonardo, Mark
Almeida, Lucy
Almeida-Altamirano, Gabriela
Aloia, Frank
Alonso, Maria
Alpaugh, Leslie
Alpaugh, Sam
Alstrom, Laurie
Alter, Chuck
Althof, Ben
Althouse, Josh
Alzate, Claudia
Amberger, Michael
American Woodcock Society
Amico, Michael
Amirhosseini, Nushin
Amodeo, Danielle
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Andersen, Jeffrey
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Anderson, Beverly

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67.	Anderson, Scott
68.	Andretta, Janeen
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70.	Andrews, Marguerite
71.	Andriani, James
72.	Anello, Trish
73.	Angeli, Carolyn
74.	Angulo, Kassandra
75.	Animal Protection League of NJ
76.	Anonymous, Anonymous
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79.	Ansari, Marie
80.	Anthony, Mary Jean
81.	Antman, Pat
82.	Antonuccio, Romeo

83.	Apadula, Victoria
84.	Appel, Kurt
85.	Appelbaum, Susan
86.	Aquilino, Vincent
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88.	Aquino, Daniel
89.	Aquino, Jill
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98.	Armstrong, Michelle
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100.	Arpa, Claire
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103.	Artigliere, Leonard
104.	Arton, Patricia

105.	Artymyshyn, Renee
106.	Artzt, Alice
107.	Arvind, Kumar
108.	Asaro, Chris
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110.	Ashe, Marianne
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451.	Cappiello, Michael, New Jersey Fur Harvesters
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520.	Chamberlain, April
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637.	Cordero, Frank
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1,897, 1,899, 1,901, 1,902, 1,903, 1,910, 1,911, 1,912, 1,917, 1,918, 1,925, 1,928, 1,933, 1,934, 1,935, 1,938, 1,939, 1,940, 1,941, 1,942, 1,946, 1,950, 1,951, 1,952, 1,953, 1,954, 1,955, 1,958, 1,960, 1,964, 1,965, 1,968, 1,970, 1,973, 1,975, 1,976, 1,980, 1,981, 1,983, 1,984, 1,989, 1,990, 1,994, 1,998, 2,003, 2,005, 2,008, 2,011, 2,016, 2,017, 2,022, 2,026, 2,029, 2,032, 2,034, 2,035, 2,047, 2,049, 2,050, 2,051, 2,057, 2,058, 2,059, 2,061, 2,063, 2,067, 2,069, 2,070, 2,071, 2,074, 2,075, 2,077, 2,078, 2,090, 2,093, 2,095, 2,096, 2,099, 2,100, 2,102, 2,103, 2,104, 2,105, 2,106, 2,107, 2,108, 2,109, 2,110, 2,113, 2,114, 2,116, 2,119, 2,332, 2,122, 2,124, 2,125, 2,126, 2,127, 2,128, 2,131, 2,134, 2,137, 2,138, 2,139, 2,140, 2,141, 2,143, 2,147, 2,148, 2,152, 2,153, 2,154, 2,155, 2,157, 2,158, 2,161, 2,164, 2,165, 2,171, 2,176, 2,178, 2,179, 2,184, 2,185, 2,189, 2,190, 2,191, 2,193, 2,194, 2,195, 2,196, 2,199, 2,200, 2,204, 2,205, 2,206, 2,209, 2,211, 2,213, 2,218, 2,220, 2,223, 2,224, 2,227, 2,230, 2,235, 2,236, 2,237, 2,238, 2,239, 2,240, 2,244, 2,246, 2,249, 2,252, 2,255, 2,258, 2,263, 2,264, 2,265, 2,266, 2,269, 2,273, 2,276, 2,278, 2,282, 2,284, 2,285, 2,286, 2,291, 2,295, 2,297, 2,298, 2,302, 2,303, 2,304, 2,307, 2,309, 2,310, 2,319, 2,321, 2,324, 2,326, 2,327, 2,329, 2,330, 2,334, 2,335, 2,340, 2,341, 2,342, 2,350, 2,351, 2,352, 2,353, 2,359, 2,360, 2,365, 2,366, 2,368, 2,369, 2,371, 2,372, 2,377, 2,381, 2,382, 2,383, 2,384, 2,385, 2,388, 2,392, 2,393, 2,394, 2,396, 2,403, 2,404, 2,406, 2,416, 2,423, 2,426, 2,429, 2,430, 2,436, 2,437, 2,438, 2,441, 2,443, 2,444, 2,446, 2,447, 2,454, 2,457, 2,464, 2,465, 2,467, 2,468, 2,469, 2,471, 2,472, 2,473, 2,475, 2,476, 2,477, 2,478, 2,480, 2,483, 2,484, 2,485, 2,486, 2,488, 2,489, 2,490, 2,496, 2,497, 2,499, 2,500, 2,502, 2,503, 2,504, 2,507, 2,508, 2,509, 2,510, 2,513, 2,514, 2,515, 2,517, 2,525, 2,526, 2,529, 2,530, 2,533, 2,535, 2,536, 2,550, 2,551, 2,553, 2,554, 2,556, 2,557, 2,560, 2,563, 2,564, 2,566, 2,567, 2,568, 2,572, 2,574, 2,577, 2,578, 2,579, 2,580, 2,582, 2,583, 2,586, 2,587, 2,588, 2,589, 2,590, 2,593, 2,596, 2,598, 2,599, 2,600, 2,602, 2,603, 2,610, 2,611,

2,614, 2,617, 2,623, 2,624, 2,626, 2,627, 2,628, 2,631, 2,633, 2,635, 2,638, 2,644, 2,645, 2,648, 2,649, 2,652, 2,653, 2,654, 2,659, 2,660, 2,661, 2,667, 2,668, 2,669, 2,674, 2,675, 2,676, 2,679, 2,680, 2,681, 2,685, 2,687, 2,688, 2,689, 2,690, 2,693, 2,696, 2,698, 2,699, 2,700, 2,701, 2,702, 2,705, 2,708, 2,709, 2,711, 2,717, 2,725, 2,727, 2,728, 2,733, 2,734, 2,735, 2,736, 2,737, 2,740, 2,743, 2,745, 2,752, 2,755, 2,757, 2,760, 2,764, 2,765, 2,766, 2,768, 2,769, 2,773, 2,775, 2,776, 2,777, 2,779, 2,780, 2,782, 2,783, 2,784, 2,785, 2,790, 2,796, 2,799, 2,803, 2,808, 2,810, 2,814, 2,816, 2,818, 2,824, 2,825, 2,827, 2,828, 2,830, 2,831, 2,833, 2,832, 2,835, 2,836, 2,839, 2,843, 2,844, 2,847, 2,848, 2,849, 2,850, 2,851, 2,853, 2,858, 2,861, 2,863, 2,864, 2,865, 2,866, 2,868, 2,869, 2,872, 2,873, 2,874, 2,875, 2,877, 2,878, 2,880, 2,887, 2,889, 2,890, 2,891, 2,892, 2,895, 2,897, 2,900, 2,901, 2,903, 2,904, 2,909, 2,912, 2,916, 2,918, 2,921, 2,923, 2,924, 2,926, 2,928, 2,930, 2,933, 2,935, 2,939, 2,940, 2,941, 2,942, 2,944, 2,945, 2,948, 2,949, 2,952, 2,953, 2,956, 2,957, 2,958, 2,959, 2,960, 2,961, 2,962, 2,963, 2,964, 2,965, 2,968, 2,969, 2,970, 2,971, 2,972, 2,973, 2,974, 2,976, 2,977, 2,980, 2,985, 2,991, 2,996, 2,998, 2,999, 3,000, 3,001, 3,004, 3,009, 3,012, 3,014, 3,015, 3,016, 3,018, 3,023, 3,024, 3,025, 3,026, 3,028, 3,031, 3,034, 3,035, 3,037, 3,042, 3,043, 3,044, 3,045, 3,046, 3,047, 3,051, 3,055, 3,056, 3,057, 3,063, 3,065, 3,066, 3,067, 3,069, 3,073, 3,075, 3,077, 3,078, 3,079, 3,080, 3,081, 3,085, 3,087, 3,089, 3,094, 3,095, 3,097, 3,098, 3,096, 3,099, 3,102, 3,103, 3,106, 3,109, 3,110, 3,114, 3,115, 3,116, 3,117, 3,120, 3,121, 3,124, 3,125, 3,126, 3,128, 3,136, 3,137, 3,138, 3,139, 3,140, 3,141, 3,142, 3,144, 3,145, 3,146, 3,147, 3,148, 3,149, 3,150, 3,155, 3,161, 3,162, 3,163, 3,170, 3,175, 3,176, 3,178, 3,185, 3,186, 3,187, 3,193, 3,194, 3,195, 3,198, 3,199, 3,205, 3,206, 3,208, 3,213, 3,214, 3,215, 3,216, 3,217, 3,222, 3,224, 3,225, 3,226, 3,228, 3,229, 3,232, 3,233, 3,234, 3,240, 3,246, 3,247, 3,248, 3,249, 3,253, 3,259, 3,261, 3,263, 3,265, 3,268, 3,269, 3,270, 3,271, 3,273, 3,277, 3,278, 3,280, 3,288,

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3,610, 3,611, 3,612, 3,613, 3,614, 3,615, 3,619, 3,620, 3,621, 3,623, 3,624, 3,625, 3,626, 3,627,

RESPONSE: The Council acknowledges the comments in support of the proposed Comprehensive Black Bear Management Policy.

3,628, 3,634, 3,635, and 3,637).

2. COMMENT: The commenters expressed support for the CBBMP because it was based on sound science and/or management (11, 43, 45, 125, 155, 166, 202, 205, 212, 229, 241, 245, 288, 331, 350, 377, 414, 447, 461, 468, 473, 479, 480, 485, 488, 495, 517, 537, 551, 554, 564, 615, 638, 654, 655, 663, 667, 686, 704, 750, 761, 766, 788, 789, 839, 844, 857, 885, 887, 901, 912, 943, 947, 957, 958, 981, 982, 983, 990, 991, 1,005, 1,011, 1,021, 1,050, 1,062, 1,076, 1,116, 1,155, 1,156, 1,163, 1,167, 1,184, 1,216, 1,240, 1,243, 1,255, 1,259, 1,264, 1,296, 1,297, 1,301, 1,302, 1,318, 1,355, 1,357, 1,371, 1,388, 1,393, 1,419, 1,421, 1,422, 1,431, 1,461, 1,475, 1,476,

1,486, 1,503, 1,619, 1,628, 1,636, 1,638, 1,661, 1,667, 1,668, 1,680, 1,681, 1,696, 1,700, 1,728, 1,729, 1,758, 1,815, 1,832, 1,833, 1,917, 1,939, 1,951, 1,958, 1,968, 2,058, 2,061, 2,090, 2,114, 2,116, 2,140, 2,148, 2,164, 2,171, 2,176, 2,184, 2,190, 2,195, 2,220, 2,223, 2,224, 2,227, 2,230, 2,236, 2,249, 2,263, 2,266, 2,302, 2,319, 2,350, 2,352, 2,359, 2,365, 2,369, 2,372, 2,406, 2,430, 2,437, 2,464, 2,476, 2,483, 2,496, 2,513, 2,525, 2,588, 2,589, 2,598, 2,626, 2,627, 2,633, 2,649, 2,653, 2,654, 2,669, 2,685, 2,688, 2,698, 2,700, 2,737, 2,776, 2,818, 2,835, 2,843, 2,887, 2,891, 2,897, 2,903, 2,918, 2,933, 2,939, 2,941, 2,942, 2,961, 3,031, 3,035, 3,063, 3,066, 3,067, 3,078, 3,089, 3,103, 3,137, 3,149, 3,150, 3,185, 3,214, 3,225, 3,249, 3,280, 3,314, 3,341, 3,361, 3,390, 3,402, 3,433, 3,437, 3,447, 3,461, 3,465, 3,475, 3,509, 3,523, 3,539, 3,550, 3,574, 3,579, 3,594, 3,602, 3,620, 3,624, and 3,626), it is multi-faceted and comprehensive (205, 468, 480, 495, 564, 654, 704, 750, 804, 885, 947, 957, 983, 1,011, 1,021, 1,099, 1,167, 1,184, 1,301, 1,302, 1,357, 1,388, 1,414, 1,421, 1,422, 1,461, 1,486, 1,681, 1,700, 1,729, 1,815, 1,833, 1,917, 1,958, 1,968, 2,058, 2,061, 2,116, 2,140, 2,176, 2,223, 2,359, 2,406, 2,430, 2,483, 2,530, 2,598, 2,649, 2,653, 2,680, 2,696, 2,835, 2,887, 2,891, 2,941, 3,063, 3,078, 3,103, 3,149, 3,185, 3,268, 3,341, 3,447, 3,465, 3,475, 3,509, 3,523, 3,574, 3,602, and 3,624), and because nuisance complaints are correlated with population (205, 288, 468, 480, 495, 564, 654, 704, 750, 796, 804, 885, 947, 957, 981, 1,011, 1,021, 1,167, 1,184, 1,301, 1,302, 1,357, 1,388, 1,421, 1,431, 1,461, 1,476, 1,486, 1,681, 1,729, 1,815, 1,833, 1,958, 1,968, 2,058, 2,061, 2,116, 2,140, 2,176, 2,223, 2,359, 2,406, 2,430, 2,483, 2,502, 2,598, 2,649, 2,653, 2,839, 2,887, 2,891, 2,941, 3,063, 3,078, 3,103, 3,149, 3,341, 3,447, 3,465, 3,475, 3,509, 3,523, 3,574, 3,594, 3,602, and 3,624). Commenters also supported the CBBMP because they indicated that the science should drive management (111, 216, 350, 461, 709, 761, 788, 958, 1,259, 1,281, 1,374, 1,393, 1,619, 1,622, 1,668, 1,832, 1,940,

2,090, 2,114, 2,148, 2,195, 2,227, 2,249, 2,352, 2,372, 2,464, 2,476, 2,513, 2,517, 2,627, 2,685, 2,737, 2,825, 2,843, 2,903, 2,962, 3,031, 3,126, 3,225, 3,314, 3,343, 3,361, 3,390, 3,402, 3,433, 3,437, 3,614, and 3,620).

RESPONSE: The Council acknowledges the comments in support of the proposed CBBMP and the recognition that it is science-based.

3. COMMENT: The CBBMP is supported because it is a wise use of New Jersey's natural resources (137 and 2,784), it acknowledges that both lethal and non-lethal measures have benefits (125, 205, 288, 468, 473, 480, 495, 517, 564, 654, 885, 1,099, 1,355, 1,414, 1,700, 1,917, 1,925, 2,372, 2,701, 3,150, and 3,509), and New Jersey is the most densely populated state (2,588). One commenter noted, "sustaining a reasonable number of bears is the responsibility of all, those for and against the hunt" (1,130). Another noted that most actions described in the CBBMP are non-lethal (1,917).

RESPONSE: The Council acknowledges the comments in support of the proposed Comprehensive Black Bear Management Policy.

4. COMMENT: Commenters support the CBBMP, but not hunting (390, 435, 581, 858, 904, 1,196, 2,527, and 2,559).

RESPONSE: The Council acknowledges the comments in support of the proposed Comprehensive Black Bear Management Policy and acknowledges some segments of the public are opposed to lethal management, such as a regulated hunting season. The Council notes that lethal population control is but one component of the CBBMP, which also includes various non-

lethal methods to manage adverse human interactions with black bears.

5. COMMENT: Commenters oppose the entire CBBMP with no reason given (24, 66, 69, 73, 77, 102, 119, 127, 134, 147, 194, 208, 215, 230, 231, 233, 243, 264, 293, 317, 333, 438, 440, 471, 477, 516, 555, 560, 596, 631, 672, 732, 740, 772, 808, 855, 875, 902, 920, 928, 944, 950, 951, 955, 971, 977, 1,006, 1,053, 1,059, 1,081, 1,097, 1,104, 1,106, 1,129, 1,136, 1,146, 1,165, 1,182, 1,205, 1,218, 1,245, 1,276, 1,286, 1,312, 1,339, 1,366, 1,368, 1,378, 1,416, 1,426, 1,430, 1,487, 1,495, 1,497, 1,519, 1,525, 1,541, 1,551, 1,572, 1,586, 1,590, 1,613, 1,646, 1,656, 1,663, 1,665, 1,675, 1,763, 1,772, 1,823, 1,831, 1,841, 1,842, 1,861, 1,862, 1,906, 1,913, 1,944, 1,947, 1,948, 1,949, 1,959, 1,992, 2,000, 2,027, 2,031, 2,045, 2,097, 2,101, 2,121, 2,129, 2,133, 2,151, 2,181, 2,187, 2,198, 2,203, 2,208, 2,215, 2,225, 2,250, 2,279, 2,287, 2,292, 2,308, 2,314, 2,399, 2,410, 2,421, 2,435, 2,481, 2,484, 2,505, 2,545, 2,565, 2,569, 2,585, 2,601, 2,621, 2,635, 2,650, 2,722, 2,729, 2,750, 2,767, 2,820, 2,838, 2,879, 2,946, 3,019, 3,026, 3,070, 3,118, 3,154, 3,165, 3,172, 3,191, 3,227, 3,243, 3,260, 3,276, 3,279, 3,285, 3,339, 3,352, 3,370, 3,381, 3,400, 3,415, 3,416, 3,462, 3,473, 3,499, 3,506, 3,607, and 3,632), or indicate that they are opposed to the killing of black bears, to the bear hunt, and/or to the regulated hunting of bears (1, 13, 22, 35, 36, 44, 71, 98, 101, 109, 115, 117, 122, 123, 133, 144, 149, 192, 209, 251, 278, 286, 294, 307, 334, 336, 340, 349, 381, 393, 402, 424, 428, 499, 520, 527, 552, 578, 580, 603, 616, 644, 657, 659, 673, 727, 738, 757, 769, 825, 884, 1,028, 1,064, 1,066, 1,113, 1,114, 1,115, 1,121, 1,124, 1,142, 1,179, 1,192, 1,215, 1,282, 1,289, 1,294, 1,321, 1,405, 1,428, 1,438, 1,477, 1,540, 1,546, 1,571, 1,580, 1,591, 1,645, 1,648, 1,653, 1,657, 1,669, 1,672, 1,684, 1,694, 1,695, 1,726, 1,730, 1,795, 1,809, 1,817, 1,819, 1,828, 1,830, 1,848, 1,851, 1,857, 1,859, 1,863, 1,882, 1,896, 1,914, 1,932,

1,986, 1,991, 1,997, 1,999, 2,014, 2,030, 2,036, 2,083, 2,084, 2,085, 2,098, 2,144, 2,159, 2,173, 2,183, 2,219, 2,241, 2,251, 2,247, 2,315, 2,322, 2,420, 2,439, 2,440, 2,474, 2,487, 2,570, 2,573, 2,630, 2,641, 2,646, 2,672, 2,715, 2,718, 2,721, 2,724, 2,746, 2,751, 2,763, 2,778, 2,797, 2,800, 2,806, 2,807, 2,826, 2,854, 2,856, 2,911, 2,915, 2,931, 2,932, 2,943, 2,989, 2,994, 3,033, 3,068, 3,084, 3,107, 3,151, 3,167, 3,174, 3,189, 3,202, 3,223, 3,236, 3,244, 3,264, 3,286, 3,291, 3,326, 3,328, 3,329, 3,342, 3,347, 3,369, 3,389, 3,393, 3,406, 3,426, 3,456, 3,457, 3,471, 3,489, 3,492, 3,495, 3,501, 3,507, 3,529, 3,535, 3,557, 3,573, 3,575, 3,592, and 3,631), or consider the bear hunt as cruel, inhumane, unethical, or unnecessary (22, 47, 55, 60, 79, 90, 105, 116, 121, 131, 136, 139, 149, 157, 161, 167, 180, 189, 190, 214, 227, 265, 294, 305, 318, 319, 328, 351, 358, 378, 379, 422, 423, 434, 435, 442, 450, 453, 462, 474, 481, 487, 520, 567, 578, 590, 599, 600, 607, 616, 620, 648, 664, 683, 733, 739, 771, 793, 811, 830, 854, 889, 904, 918, 919, 929, 940, 956, 961, 988, 995, 1,001, 1,012, 1,018, 1,026, 1,049, 1,056, 1,060, 1,065, 1,067, 1,073, 1,105, 1,108, 1,111, 1,113, 1,124, 1,133, 1,137, 1,142, 1,150, 1,169, 1,186, 1,193, 1,195, 1,198, 1,202, 1,212, 1,274, 1,293, 1,313, 1,314, 1,317, 1,325, 1,370, 1,372, 1,387, 1,405, 1,410, 1,420, 1,427, 1,451, 1,460, 1,473, 1,488, 1,512, 1,514, 1,517, 1,518, 1,521, 1,522, 1,523, 1,524, 1,542, 1,544, 1,554, 1,581, 1,584, 1,626, 1,632, 1,647, 1,653, 1,657, 1,688, 1,702, 1,713, 1,723, 1,752, 1,785, 1,806, 1,807, 1,824, 1,825, 1,880, 1,882, 1,905, 1,908, 1,914, 1,923, 1,956, 1,966, 1,993, 2,012, 2,013, 2,018, 2,019, 2,020, 2,021, 2,023, 2,042, 2,076, 2,085, 2,098, 2,120, 2,132, 2,135, 2,146, 2,160, 2,162, 2,166, 2,186, 2,192, 2,207, 2,242, 2,245, 2,259, 2,268, 2,270, 2,305, 2,306, 2,313, 2,318, 2,325, 2,328, 2,347, 2,361, 2,363, 2,373, 2,374, 2,376, 2,386, 2,391, 2,411, 2,415, 2,422, 2,425, 2,427, 2,495, 2,524, 2,541, 2,543, 2,548, 2,558, 2,606, 2,607, 2,608, 2,622, 2,636, 2,637, 2,642, 2,655, 2,657, 2,691, 2,710, 2,747, 2,749, 2,756, 2,801, 2,802, 2,805, 2,823, 2,829, 2,837,

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2,840, 2,841, 2,842, 2,845, 2,854, 2,856, 2,862, 2,883, 2,884, 2,886, 2,899, 2,908, 2,927, 2,934, 2,947, 2,966, 2,975, 2,992, 2,994, 3,022, 3,039, 3,054, 3,072, 3,092, 3,113, 3,127, 3,129, 3,151, 3,152, 3,171, 3,183, 3,188, 3,197, 3,203, 3,210, 3,212, 3,237, 3,238, 3,239, 3,242, 3,258, 3,286, 3,303, 3,312, 3,344, 3,349, 3,359, 3,399, 3,406, 3,418, 3,472, 3,524, 3,552, 3,557, 3,561, 3,564, 3,569, 3,585, and 3,604), or are hunters who disagree with the CBBMP due to the proposed Game Code amendments (1,398, 1,442, 1,668, and 2,094).

The CBBMP was also opposed because commenters assert that "bears are not native to New Jersey and were imported" (1,891 and 3,492) "so the State could be run like a big game shooting range" (3,492).

RESPONSE: The Council is authorized and required to manage wildlife throughout the State of New Jersey as a renewable resource and to maximize the benefits derived from this resource, including the taking of bears, while utilizing a flexible system of protection, propagation, increase, control, and conservation of wildlife populations. The Council periodically promulgates amendments to the Game Code to meet its responsibilities by adjusting seasons, bag limits, and methods of take, on the basis of scientific information. The Council recognizes that some commenters are opposed to the taking of bears, including regulated hunting as a management tool. However, this rulemaking represents the Council's best efforts to fulfill its statutory mandate utilizing both lethal and non-lethal measures respective to New Jersey's black bear population. As such, the Council has concluded that the CBBMP should include a regulated black bear hunt as part of a comprehensive approach to black bear management.

As discussed in Section II.A of the CBBMP, bear population monitoring has shown significant growth and range expansion of the State's black bear population, which has resulted

in high levels of negative and dangerous bear-human incidents, despite the Department and Fish & Wildlife's expanded non-lethal management initiatives. Based upon the scientific information summarized therein, the CBBMP finds that the bear population should be decreased and stabilized (population control) at a level consistent with available habitat and cultural carrying capacity. Although the CBBMP contains numerous non-lethal management options, it finds that no viable method of population control, other than hunting, is available. Regulated hunting seasons since 2003 have demonstrated that bears can be harvested safely and without adverse impact to the population. Thus, the Council and the Department support regulated hunting as a safe and effective management tool to reduce negative bear-human incidents, to control the State's black bear population, and to provide recreation in a cost-effective manner. In accordance with its statutory mandate, the Council has determined that the continuation of a regulated black bear hunting season in Bear Management Zones (BMZs) 1 through 5 is appropriate.

In 2005, the New Jersey Supreme Court (*U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Found. v. N.J. Dep't. Envtl. Prot.*, 182 *N.J.* 461 (2005)) explained that the CBBMP should take into consideration the management tools available for management of the State's black bear population. The Council and the Department have examined the management of black bears in other states and note that most states with viable bear populations use hunting as the means to control their black bear populations. No alternative method of population control is used. The Council and the Department further recognize that regulated hunting is a legitimate and effective means to control and manage the bear population, can slow the rate of population growth, and can reduce associated problems (for example, bear-vehicle collisions, home entries, livestock kills, pet kills,

property damage, and agricultural damage) in a cost-effective manner. Thus, regulated hunting is an important component of the CBBMP.

The Council and the Department also acknowledge the benefit of an integrated wildlife management approach for the State's black bear population, which is consistent with the black bear management efforts that Fish & Wildlife has undertaken for many years. That is why the CBBMP reflects an integrated wildlife management plan, incorporating the following components: education; control of human-derived food; research and analysis of the State's black bear population; analysis of the State's available black bear habitat; cooperative research with other states, academic institutions, and other entities engaged in research on black bear management; control of bears that threaten human safety, agricultural crops or property, and nuisance bears, by lethal and non-lethal means; habitat protection; and bear population control.

The Council and the Department note that many of the commenters opposed to a black bear hunt support other aspects of the CBBMP, often suggesting that an expansion of non-lethal management efforts would eliminate the need for a black bear hunt. However, as detailed in the CBBMP, based on Fish & Wildlife's extensive experience with black bear management, scientific research, and review of practices by other states, as well as the fiscal and other constraints present, the Council and the Department have concluded that a regulated hunt is the only scientifically supported and feasible method of population control at this time. As explained in the CBBMP, Fish & Wildlife fully supports utilizing all available, practicable, scientifically proven methods for the management of the State's black bear population and will continue to invest significant resources in non-lethal management strategies as critical pieces of the State's integrated management approach alongside a regulated hunt.

The Council also notes that black bears are native to New Jersey. Their continued presence in New Jersey is the result of decades of dedicated conservation actions.

6. COMMENT: The bear hunt is unnecessary because the bear population is already decreasing due to climate change and decreases in natural foods (1,113, 1,405, 1,657, 1,979, and 2,219). Bear productivity is highly correlated to the availability of natural foods, so last year's drought will result in low berry and acorn production and consequently low cub production this year (75). RESPONSE: There is no evidence that New Jersey's black bear population is declining as a result of climate change and loss of natural foods. Rather, as demonstrated in Figure 1 of the 2022 CBBMP, New Jersey's black bear population is increasing. The commenter notes recent extreme climate events, such as "record-level drought and heat in 2022," and claims that because bear productivity is highly correlated to the availability of natural foods, last year's drought will result in low berry and acorn production and, consequently, low cub production this year. However, there have been no documented significant, regional, or long-term reduction in natural food sources for black bears in New Jersey as a result of last year's drought. The Council notes that New Jersey cub production has remained remarkably stable over Fish & Wildlife's 40-plus years of research, meaning that, in the past, cub production has not been affected by natural food shortages as might be the case in states with poorer or less productive habitat. The Mid-Appalachian habitat of which New Jersey is a part is so diverse, with so many plant species providing food sources, that a berry or acorn failure would not be as devastating as it would be in poorer habitats with fewer varieties of natural food sources. In northern New Jersey, a mix of southern oak-hickory forest and northern beech-maple forest combine to offer bears exceptional

natural food resources in the form of hard mast, such as acorns, hickory nuts, walnuts, and beech nuts (USDA Forest Service 2008) along with soft mast associated with these forest types. Large parcels of forested public land adjacent to and intermixed with high quality habitat on private lands in northern New Jersey offer autumn mast, as well as summer foods, such as berries. Notwithstanding the real effects of climate change in New Jersey, the Council finds that New Jersey continues to offer substantial areas of high-quality black bear habitat that will continue to support strong population growth for the immediate future.

7. COMMENT: Population modeling fails to account for super-additive mortality caused by extreme climate events and anthropogenic factors such as surges in deaths by vehicle strikes (1,405 and 3,174).

RESPONSE: The annual, all-cause mortality of black bears, including mortality from vehicle strikes, is factored into all black bear management decisions. Notably, bear-vehicle mortality is largely a density-dependent phenomenon, which will increase as bear populations continue to grow and expand, such that bears disperse into roadways, or into areas where motorists may not expect to see bears on roadways. Population control is one part of the comprehensive approach, which includes non-lethal methods, to manage adverse human interactions with black bears, such as vehicular strikes. All annual bear mortality is recorded and considered when implementing changes to the CBBMP and the Game Code.

Regarding climate change concerns, New Jersey has not experienced any extreme climate events that have negatively impacted the bear population. Winters have gotten milder, not harsher, and any vegetative productivity loss due to short-term diminished rainfall is mitigated

by bears' extremely varied eating habitats. For example, if bears relied solely on any one tree species for survival, and that tree was killed off by drought/disease, bears would be impacted. However, because bears eat a wide variety of both plant and animal matter, including carrion and fish, they are not impacted.

8. COMMENT: Decades of hard conservation work have finally begun to see results with small rebounds in the bear population, so a bear hunt is unnecessary (41, 360, 514, 626, 751, 1,118, 1,168, 1,400, 1,415, 1,542, 2,391, 2,604, 2,643, 3,275, 3,292, and 3,481).

RESPONSE: The Council acknowledges the recognition of its conservation efforts in restoring the black bear population in New Jersey from under 100 animals in 1971 to over 3,000 animals today. Beginning as early as 2003, the Council recognized that the population of black bears had increased in number and expanded in geographic area, such that the population could sustain a bear hunt (CBBMP 2022). The Council has determined that continuing the bear hunt will not jeopardize conservation efforts, and that the population is best managed with a regulated hunt at this time. As with other game species, rules within the State Game Code ensure the longevity of the overall population of black bears.

9. COMMENT: Commenters oppose bear hunting because hunting leads to an increase in population due to a "compensatory rebound effect," where the reduction of population leads to a higher reproductive rate in the surviving animals (1,291, 1,352, 2,214, and 3,036).

RESPONSE: The compensatory rebound effect is the phenomenon by which a decrease in a population induces higher reproductive rates due to the corresponding increase in food resources

for those animals that remain. This can only occur when a population has first exceeded the biological carrying capacity of the habitat. In effect, when the population is so great that food becomes scarce, the condition of females becomes such that they cannot effectively sustain pregnancy. Under such circumstances, a reduction in population would enable those females to obtain the necessary food resources needed to reach or maintain better physical condition to bear young, resulting in increased litter sizes or birth rates. As New Jersey has excellent habitat providing a consistent variety of natural food for bears, the bear population has not yet reached its biological carrying capacity and food resources are not negatively affecting the reproductive health of female bears. As such, any decrease in population due to hunting will not result in a compensatory rebound effect in New Jersey.

10. COMMENT: The CBBMP does not measure or reflect the values of New Jersey residents (63, 405, 1,113, 1,405, 1,454, 1,657, 1,923, 2,606, 2,747, 2,811, 2,854, 3,093, and 3,330), and taxpayers should have a say in how their money is spent (24, 302, 342, 546, 918, 919, 2,541, and 3,191). Commenters living in bear country expressed that they should have the most say regarding the management of black bears (2,230, 2,249, and 2,284).

RESPONSE: The Council considers and accounts for all data and views expressed when formulating the CBBMP and Game Code. The Council welcomes and encourages all interested parties to participate in the monthly open public meetings of the Council. Likewise, the Council and Department welcomed and encouraged comments from all interested parties on the proposed CBBMP and related Game Code amendments. The public comment process pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., provides for a public hearing

and a minimum 30-day comment period for any proposed rulemaking, which was extended to 60 days for this rulemaking. The economic impacts of the proposed CBBMP and related Game Code amendments were also considered.

11. COMMENT: Neither the bear hunt nor the CBBMP protects black bears (68, 234, 237, 281, 319, 557, 577, 611, 1,058, 1,171, 1,521, 2,007, 2,037, 2,043, 2,076, 2,112, 2,118, 2,175, 2,183, 2,207, 2,245, 2,511, 3,049, and 3,294).

RESPONSE: The Council and the Department endeavor through the CBBMP, and the bear hunt as a management objective, to protect and conserve New Jersey's black bear population. The Council's classification of black bears as a game animal in 1953 protected black bears from indiscriminate killing, and the Council's closure of the hunting season in 1971 enabled the black bear population to recover from a population low of fewer than 100 animals. The CBBMP and Game Code further protect bears through the recommendation and institution of regulatory safeguards which prevent overharvest, including conservative bag limits, a prohibition on taking bears under 75 pounds or adult bears accompanying bears under 75 pounds, and a mandatory hunt closure if a 30 percent harvest rate is reached.

12. COMMENT: If the emergency bear hunt proceeds, it will cause population-level harm. The emergency rule and the CBBMP do not place a cap on the total number of bears that may be harvested (75, 474, 607, 846, 1,027, 1,198, 1,249, 1,275, 1,642, 2,183, 2,361, 2,715, 2,802, 2,854, 3,174, and 3,189).

RESPONSE: The November 15, 2022 emergency adoption of the CBBMP and related Game Code amendments has expired and is beyond the scope of this rulemaking, which concerns the concurrently proposed CBBMP and related Game Code amendments.

The Game Code continues to contain multiple safeguards to prevent the overharvest of black bear and population-level harm, namely, a conservative bag limit, the closure of the hunt if the harvest rate reaches 30 percent, and the ability to close the season to respond to emergencies or special circumstances.

13. COMMENT: The level of human-caused mortality that a bear population can sustain is four to 10 percent (75 and 1,405).

RESPONSE: It may be the case that the level of human-caused mortality a bear population can sustain is four to 10 percent in states with poorer habitat and fewer natural food sources than New Jersey, but with New Jersey's high-quality habitat, that is not the case. As noted in the CBBMP, less productive areas of the country average fewer than 2.2 cubs per litter, while the Department has determined that the average litter size in New Jersey is 2.7 cubs per litter. The most common litter size is three (43 percent), followed by litters of four (23 percent) and two (22 percent), which has remained remarkably stable over the 40 years that Department has conducted research. In New Jersey, litters of five and six have been documented through den site visits and staff observation of bears outside dens. Litters of this size are infrequently seen in North America and are a measure of New Jersey's excellent bear habitat.

This consistent cub birth rate supports the Council's position that, due to superior bear habitat in northern New Jersey, the State's black bear population can sustain a 20 to 30 percent

harvest rate. The harvest rate is not the percentage of the total bear population that can be harvested. Rather, as discussed in the CBBMP, the harvest rate equals the number of tagged bears harvested, divided by the number of tagged bears available for harvest.

14. COMMENT: Harm to individual animals constitutes irreparable harm (75).

RESPONSE: A regulated hunt that results in the take of individual animals will not cause irreparable harm to the overall bear population, as there are safeguards in place to prevent species-or population-level harm to New Jersey's black bears. Data, including black bear hunting season data, are reviewed annually by the Department to ensure that the management goal of sustaining a robust black bear population is met. In order to secure the longevity and viability of New Jersey's black bear population, several measures are in place to ensure that over-harvest from regulated hunting does not occur, including the mandatory closure of the season if a harvest rate of 30 percent is met, and the ability to close any season in response to emergencies or special circumstances.

15. COMMENT: The bear hunt is opposed because bears play a vital role in the ecosystem because they spread berry and plant seeds, "maintain populations of other species including insects, squirrels, and mice," are a keystone species, and are the "key to the health of America's and New Jersey's forests" (110, 135, 338, 405, 432, 442, 514, 515, 526, 561, 570, 571, 585, 626, 681, 745, 751, 774, 826, 842, 865, 897, 898, 922, 976, 1,004, 1,014, 1,030, 1,089, 1,113, 1,118, 1,119, 1,168, 1,206, 1,342, 1,345, 1,352, 1,364, 1,400, 1,405, 1,415, 1,428, 1,437, 1,496, 1,540, 1,542, 1,552, 1,603, 1,643, 1,644, 1,645, 1,657, 1,811, 1,825, 1,848, 1,849, 1,851, 1,869, 1,895, 1,919, 1,920, 1,921, 1,932, 1,977, 1,979, 2,040, 2,052, 2,079, 2,086, 2,160, 2,197, 2,210, 2,219,

2,274, 2,318, 2,343, 2,345, 2,348, 2,349, 2,391, 2,397, 2,544, 2,549, 2,604, 2,613, 2,643, 2,662, 2,663, 2,664, 2,665, 2,666, 2,694, 2,748, 2,751, 2,812, 2,821, 2,845, 2,852, 2,870, 2,932, 2,955, 3,027, 3,036, 3,053, 3,058, 3,091, 3,143, 3,294, 3,336, 3,372, 3,393, 3,397, 3,477, 3,478, 3,479, 3,480, 3,570, 3,589, 3,595, and 3,605).

RESPONSE: It is the Department and Council's intent to provide for the conservation of this dynamic and important native species, and the CBBMP is designed to ensure the continued viability of the black bear population while mitigating the negative interactions associated with an increasing population of black bears.

As such, there is no intent to eliminate black bears from New Jersey or undermine their role in the ecosystem. To ensure this, black bear hunts are strictly regulated, with safeguards in place to prevent overharvest and maintain a thriving population, including a conservative bag limit, season closure if the harvest rate reaches 30 percent, and the ability to close the season at any time for an emergency or special circumstance.

16. COMMENT: A bear hunt is not needed to reduce the bear population because there is a weak or flawed correlation between the bear population and bear-human conflicts (75, 337, 1,313, 1,804, 2,272, 2,747, 3,093, and 3,336).

RESPONSE: New Jersey is the most densely (human) populated state in the nation. The concurrent expanding human population and bear population in the northwest portion of the State, as well as neighboring Pennsylvania and New York, provides a high potential for human-bear conflicts. As a result of this, the 1997 Black Bear Management Plan (1997 BBMP) recommended that bears be managed in New Jersey at the same density as our neighboring states

of New York and Pennsylvania (one bear per 2.5 square miles) since bears living along our respective borders represent one regional population. The Department's research has found that black bear densities in some areas in northwestern New Jersey are as high as two to three bears per square mile, representing a density five to seven times higher than the density recommended pursuant to New Jersey's 1997 BBMP.

The Department's data further shows that the number of black bear incidents in New Jersey correlates closely with the bear population estimates in the northwest portion of the State, as illustrated in Figure 3 in the CBBMP. Researchers at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (Minnesota DNR) found a similar correlation and determined that complaints related to bear-human conflicts increased along with their growing bear population (Garshelis, 2,020). The Minnesota DNR also found that the relationship between population size and complaints regarding bear-human conflict was evident despite highly varying food conditions, indicating that the correlation was oriented toward the bear population, rather than food scarcity or other factors.

17. COMMENT: The commenters oppose the adoption of the 2022 CBBMP because the emergency rule was calculated to foil public participation and there is no emergency or imminent peril (65, 75, 79, 95, 96, 105, 115, 150, 152, 170, 185, 196, 201, 249, 271, 272, 277, 278, 287, 294, 295, 301, 339, 341, 370, 386, 391, 398, 412, 434, 491, 492, 519, 541, 550, 562, 563, 597, 644, 645, 648, 666, 671, 674, 687, 718, 743, 759, 793, 809, 819, 822, 837, 873, 878, 879, 880, 882, 903, 910, 939, 945, 964, 994, 1,013, 1,015, 1,029, 1,032, 1,037, 1,054, 1,058, 1,078, 1,101, 1,107, 1,108, 1,109, 1,113, 1,124, 1,125, 1,131, 1,149, 1,157, 1,179, 1,190, 1,199,

1,201, 1,204, 1,215, 1,221, 1,265, 1,278, 1,283, 1,290, 1,292, 1,299, 1,320, 1,329, 1,334, 1,346, 1,354, 1,382, 1,401, 1,405, 1,412, 1,507, 1,531, 1,534, 1,535, 1,536, 1,537, 1,538, 1,558, 1,563, 1,570, 1,592, 1,596, 1,629, 1,631, 1,657, 1,663, 1,676, 1,691, 1,711, 1,724, 1,761, 1,814, 1,863, 1,881, 1,894, 1,929, 1,943, 1,985, 1,986, 1,988, 2,004, 2,024, 2,028, 2,030, 2,041, 2,044, 2,083, 2,084, 2,115, 2,149, 2,170, 2,188, 2,201, 2,202, 2,221, 2,229, 2,232, 2,248, 2,260, 2,362, 2,412, 2,413, 2,417, 2,418, 2,432, 2,455, 2,461, 2,482, 2,487, 2,491, 2,498, 2,520, 2,532, 2,538, 2,540, 2,542, 2,591, 2,597, 2,609, 2,612, 2,618, 2,706, 2,721, 2,731, 2,732, 2,770, 2,781, 2,787, 2,788, 2,854, 2,856, 2,894, 2,898, 2,936, 2,954, 2,982, 2,983, 2,984, 2,987, 2,988, 2,990, 3,007, 3,029, 3,041, 3,049, 3,071, 3,130, 3,131, 3,153, 3,184, 3,219, 3,220, 3,241, 3,251, 3,254, 3,256, 3,287, 3,358, 3,366, 3,385, 3,386, 3,392, 3,394, 3,395, 3,409, 3,413, 3,434, 3,435, 3,449, 3,453, 3,468, 3,482, 3,493, 3,494, 3,512, 3,514, 3,521, 3,537, 3,542, 3,609, 3,618, 3,630, and 3,638). RESPONSE: The November 15, 2022 emergency adoption of the CBBMP and related Game Code amendments has expired and is beyond the scope of this rulemaking, which concerns the concurrently proposed CBBMP and related Game Code amendments. Accordingly, comments regarding the Statement of Imminent Peril that was issued as part of that adoption, are outside the scope of this rulemaking. The public comment process pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., provides for a public hearing and a minimum 30-day comment period for any proposed rulemaking, which was extended to 60 days for this

18. COMMENT: The CBBMP does not meet the New Jersey Supreme Court's standards (75, 1,113, 1,405, 1,657, and 1,890).

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RESPONSE: On February 28, 2005, the New Jersey Supreme Court issued an opinion in which it held that the Council may authorize a black bear hunt only if a hunt is consistent with a comprehensive black bear management policy developed by the Council and approved by the Commissioner. *U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation v. New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection*, 182 *N.J.* 461 (2005). The Court further held that comprehensive policies for black bear management should include the broad preservation goals of the Council, the tools at the Council's disposal to accomplish those goals, and the factors that should be considered when determining which tools will be utilized. The Court also indicated the Council may include consideration, among other things, of the absolute size of the bear population, the number of harmful bear-human interactions, and the fiscal and human resources available to carry out the stated goals.

The 2022 CBBMP meets all of these standards and was developed by the Council to be a current, updated CBBMP, and is consistent with prior CBBMPs which were upheld by the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division in 2011 (*Animal Prot. League of N.J. v. N.J. Dep't of Envtl. Prot.*, 423 *N.J. Super.* 549 (App. Div. 2,011)) and in 2019 (*League of Humane Voters of N.J. v. N.J. Dep't of Envtl. Prot.*, DOCKET NO. A-4630-15T4 (App. Div. Feb. 12, 2019)).

19. COMMENT: The commenters indicated that hunting is the best management tool available to control the black bear population (26, 103, 183, 343, 377, 473, 969, 986, 1,347, 1,358, 1,385, 1,700, 1,833, 1,917, 2,483, 2,574, 2,890, 2,903, and 2,923), as it is effective in keeping wildlife populations in balance (111, 229, 473, 821, 823, 983, 986, 989, 1,041, 1,578, 1,585, 1,700, 1,714, 1,940, 1,989, 2,075, 2,138, 2,179, 2,236, 2,239, 2,258, 2,310, 2,416, 2,468, 2,473, 2,566,

2,574, 2,593, 2,743, 2,833, 2,850, 2,853, 2,972, 2,977, 3,314, 3,322, 3,384, and 3,516), is costeffective (43, 107, 120, 125, 205, 218, 288, 464, 468, 479, 480, 482, 485, 495, 512, 517, 535, 564, 573, 653, 654, 667, 676, 693, 704, 713, 724, 744, 750, 752, 789, 803, 804, 817, 820, 823, 848, 885, 901, 938, 947, 957, 958, 1,011, 1,021, 1,139, 1,152, 1,167, 1,173, 1,180, 1,184, 1,224, 1,231, 1,240, 1,259, 1,301, 1,302, 1,357, 1,388, 1,421, 1,422, 1,423, 1,431, 1,461, 1,476, 1,482, 1,486, 1,556, 1,604, 1,610, 1,661, 1,681, 1,692, 1,701, 1,729, 1,756, 1,802, 1,815, 1,833, 1,917, 1,951, 1,958, 1,968, 2,029, 2,058, 2,061, 2,090, 2,116, 2,126, 2,140, 2,176, 2,184, 2,190, 2,223, 2,237, 2,286, 2,309, 2,310, 2,359, 2,393, 2,406, 2,430, 2,468, 2,471, 2,483, 2,525, 2,530, 2,574, 2,598, 2,635, 2,649, 2,653, 2,680, 2,681, 2,688, 2,701, 2,709, 2,736, 2,796, 2,810, 2,835, 2,887, 2,891, 2,939, 2,941, 2,972, 3,014, 3,044, 3,057, 3,063, 3,069, 3,077, 3,078, 3,089, 3,103, 3,109, 3,149, 3,198, 3,268, 3,315, 3,341, 3,383, 3,402, 3,447, 3,464, 3,465, 3,475, 3,523, 3,532, 3,555, 3,574, 3,594, 3,602, 3,624, and 3,626), and is a proven scientific method of bear management (111, 314, 473, 1,471, 1,575, 1,578, 3,089, and 3,509). The commenters also indicated that data collected from harvested bears provides key data about the population (1,917), and that hunting is an essential management tool as bears have no natural predators to help keep their population in check (172, 298, 331, 343, 795, 823, 1,652, 2,717, 2,865, 3,474, and 3,608).

RESPONSE: The Council acknowledges the comments in support of a regulated hunting season as an important management tool.

20. COMMENT: A sustainable bear hunt is supported (315, 327, 380, 505, 537, 576, 680, 710, 843, 980, 1,295, 1,520, 1,548, 1,575, 1,625, 2,063, 2,139, 2,297, 2,454, 2,699, 2,702, 2,733, 2,740, 3,195, 3,407, 3,470, 3,509, and 3,563), as it is ethical (752, 1,152, 1,482, 1,561, 1,758,

1,802, 2,237, 2,669, and 2,923), and provides food for families (108, 211, 216, 1,911, 1,940, 2,589, 2,725, 2,784, 2,942, 3,350, and 3,356).

Bears should be managed like other game species (2,843, 3,302, 3,356, 3,420, 3,563, and 3,606), like deer (108, 1,940, 2,258, 2,653, and 3,606), and a season should only be based on whether the population can support it or not (3,222). The hunt should also be managed in a humane way (2,437).

RESPONSE: The Council acknowledges the support for a regulated and sustainable bear hunt. Fish & Wildlife manages bear in accordance with its practices for all game species, ensuring that the population is managed in a manner that reflects the Council's values of humane treatment, species sustainability, and safe recreation practices.

21. COMMENT: Hunting reduces negative bear interactions (1,652, 1,661, 1,917, 2,310, 2,446, 2,477, and 2,593), by not only reducing their numbers, but by also instilling fear of humans back into bears (2, 23, 103, 111, 619, 663, 676, 764, 797, 852, 1,112, 1,453, 1,866, 2,249, 2,263, 2,291, 2,773, 3,075, 3,353, 3,474, and 3,560). A regulated hunting season also prevents and lessens agricultural damage caused by bears (343, 473, 619, 848, 1,374, 2,675, 2,835, 3,035, 3,229, 3,363, 3,483, and 3,509). One commenter cautions that while human-bear encounters are an aspect of management they should not be the only goal of game management (2,825).

RESPONSE: The Council acknowledges the recognition of the correlation between population estimates and negative human bear incidents, and that fewer bears can lessen agricultural damage experienced by farmers. The Council notes that the CBBMP sets forth multiple objectives for the management of the New Jersey black bear population, including, but not limited to, managing

the black bear population at a level commensurate with available habitat and consistent with reducing risk to public safety and property.

22. COMMENT: Hunting is supported by the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation developed to keep bears and other wildlife as part of the ecosystem (429, 655, 663, 1,406, 1,419, 1,471, 1,575, 1,622, 2,104, 2,282, and 2,310), and is a key part of conservation (3,099, 3,516, 3,555, and 3,620). Hunting is a tradition (1,917, 2,626, 2,669, 3,198, and 3,356) and hunters enjoy bear hunting (211 and 3,142).

RESPONSE: The Council recognizes the role hunting plays in the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, which is based on the tenets that fish and wildlife are renewable resources for the non-commercial use of citizens and should be managed such that they are available at optimum population levels forever. The Council also recognizes that there is a cultural component to hunting. As such, recreational hunting is recognized in the CBBMP.

23. COMMENT: Archery hunting allows harvest of bears closer to developed areas (52, 986, and 2,743) and is highly effective (3,411).

RESPONSE: The Council acknowledges that an advantage of archery is that it allows access to more developed areas that may not be conducive to hunting with a firearm. Archery has proven to be an effective and popular method among hunters, as modern archery equipment is far more accurate, powerful, and effective than equipment used during the 1960s, when archery hunting for bears was first allowed in New Jersey.

24. COMMENT: The commenters asserted that the "lack of a hunt caused an increase in incidents" (3,265, 3,594, and 3,626) and that having "no hunt puts a greater burden on local police departments to address issues and creates dangerous situations in neighborhoods" (1,361 and 2,090). The commenters also asserted that "New York and Pennsylvania have bear seasons and do not have issues with bears like New Jersey" (3,612) and that "New Jersey has the second highest rate of human-bear conflicts, exceeded only by Florida" (1,917), and there has not been a full bear season since 2017 (2,310). The commenters also asserted that bears reproduce too quickly not to have a hunt (1,917 and 2,810).

RESPONSE: The Council acknowledges that human bear incidents are closely correlated with the estimated size of the bear population in the northwest portion of the State, and notes that Fish & Wildlife staff have trained nearly 1,000 local police officers, State Troopers, and State, county, and municipal park rangers to assist in problem bear response. The Council also notes that New Jersey is unique in both the density of bears and humans, which can result in higher levels of bear-human conflict than may be seen in other states. As set forth in the CBBMP, a regulated hunt is the only viable available method to control the bear population at this time.

25. COMMENT: Hunting generates money (1,782, 2,126, 2,213, and 2,477) and bears should be managed to generate funds for proper management and protection (2,653, 2,923, and 2,942).

RESPONSE: While money generated from hunting is put towards the management and protection of the State's wildlife resources, the bear hunt does not generate a significant amount of revenue for the Department. All black bear hunters in New Jersey must have a current and valid New Jersey Hunting License, as well as a special black Bear Hunting Permit. Black bear

hunting permits cost \$2.00 each and are the least expensive hunting permit that Fish & Wildlife issues. Sales of these permits has averaged \$14,740 a year for the past six bear hunting seasons. Many black bear hunters already obtain a New Jersey hunting license for seasons other than bear hunting. The combined amount of permit and license sales is significantly less than the millions of dollars the Department spent to manage New Jersey's black bear population in 2022.

26. COMMENT: Non-lethal methods do not control the population (125, 205, 288, 377, 468, 480, 495, 517, 564, 637, 654, 704, 750, 798, 840, 885, 947, 957, 981, 1,011, 1,021, 1,167, 1,184, 1,225, 1,240, 1,297, 1,301, 1,302, 1,357, 1,388, 1,421, 1,422, 1,461, 1,476, 1,486, 1,661, 1,681, 1,729, 1,815, 1,833, 1,958, 1,968, 2,058, 2,061, 2,116, 2,140, 2,176, 2,223, 2,263, 2,310, 2,359, 2,365, 2,406, 2,430, 2,483, 2,589, 2,598, 2,649, 2,653, 2,701, 2,839, 2,887, 2,891, 2,941, 3,057, 3,063, 3,078, 3,103, 3,124, 3,139, 3,149, 3,150, 3,170, 3,185, 3,313, 3,341, 3,447, 3,465, 3,474, 3,475, 3,523, 3,574, 3,594, 3,602, and 3,624), are a waste of money (374), and "bear-proofing" is not effective (103).

RESPONSE: The CBBMP utilizes a multi-faceted approach to black bear management that incorporates both lethal and non-lethal techniques. Non-lethal measures can be effective in mitigating human bear conflicts especially through controlling human-derived foods that attract nuisance bears. While non-lethal control methods are an important tool in mitigating human/black bear conflicts, the Council acknowledges that non-lethal techniques alone cannot completely resolve human/black bear conflicts, nor do they control the population.

27. COMMENT: The commenters support the CBBMP and indicated that there are too many bears (2, 4, 9, 23, 39, 52, 108, 172, 191, 195, 202, 236, 241, 242, 276, 288, 290, 343, 377, 380, 382, 403, 439, 452, 468, 473, 480, 495, 503, 505, 538, 544, 545, 576, 595, 604, 605, 610, 630, 651, 660, 691, 704, 721, 722, 724, 750, 764, 773, 784, 786, 788, 795, 796, 803, 804, 816, 823, 832, 833, 847, 848, 852, 868, 881, 883, 885, 892, 899, 947, 957, 973, 1,011, 1,021, 1,063, 1,075, 1,167, 1,184, 1,207, 1,213, 1,223, 1,236, 1,257, 1,261, 1,279, 1,281, 1,301, 1,302, 1,327, 1,328, 1,338, 1,357, 1,361, 1,374, 1,388, 1,421, 1,431, 1,436, 1,461, 1,486, 1,622, 1,627, 1,650, 1,659, 1,666, 1,681, 1,700, 1,701, 1,719, 1,729, 1,756, 1,758, 1,764, 1,782, 1,789, 1,798, 1,815, 1,833, 1,839, 1,845, 1,853, 1,877, 1,902, 1,911, 1,942, 1,958, 1,968, 1,975, 1,976, 2,032, 2,058, 2,061, 2,069, 2,096, 2,116, 2,140, 2,147, 2,155, 2,176, 2,195, 2,223, 2,246, 2,298, 2,330, 2,359, 2,381, 2,392, 2,406, 2,416, 2,430, 2,447, 2,471, 2,477, 2,483, 2,507, 2,589, 2,598, 2,635, 2,649, 2,653, 2,674, 2,675, 2,701, 2,709, 2,728, 2,733, 2,736, 2,766, 2,773, 2,779, 2,780, 2,814, 2,835, 2,865, 2,887, 2,891, 2,941, 2,945, 2,949, 2,969, 2,991, 3,000, 3,001, 3,024, 3,035, 3,045, 3,057, 3,063, 3,073, 3,077, 3,078, 3,080, 3,095, 3,098, 3,103, 3,120, 3,138, 3,148, 3,149, 3,170, 3,195, 3,198, 3,224, 3,229, 3,247, 3,263, 3,320, 3,327, 3,337, 3,341, 3,350, 3,380, 3,398, 3,433, 3,447, 3,465, 3,475, 3,483, 3,515, 3,523, 3,560, 3,562, 3,574, 3,579, 3,598, 3,602, 3,624, and 3,626), and that the numerous bears are resulting in increasing bear complaints (111, 179, 288, 343, 447, 468, 480, 495, 503, 704, 750, 796, 848, 885, 947, 957, 1,011, 1,021, 1,076, 1,167, 1,184, 1,261, 1,301, 1,302, 1,357, 1,388, 1,421, 1,461, 1,476, 1,486, 1,681, 1,704, 1,729, 1,815, 1,833, 1,958, 1,968, 2,058, 2,061, 2,069, 2,116, 2,140, 2,176, 2,190, 2,223, 2,284, 2,359, 2,406, 2,430, 2,483, 2,529, 2,574, 2,598, 2,649, 2,653, 2,835, 2,887, 2,891, 2,941, 3,063, 3,078, 3,103, 3,149, 3,341, 3,402, 3,447, 3,465, 3,475, 3,523, 3,574, 3,602, and 3,624). The commenters indicated a concern for

human, pet, and livestock safety (107, 111, 120, 158, 202, 205, 288, 331, 343, 468, 473, 480, 495, 564, 619, 654, 704, 713, 722, 724, 750, 764, 773, 798, 813, 832, 847, 852, 885, 947, 957, 967, 1,011, 1,021, 1,036, 1,041, 1,063, 1,098, 1,152, 1,167, 1,184, 1,236, 1,259, 1,279, 1,281, 1,297, 1,301, 1,302, 1,328, 1,338, 1,357, 1,358, 1,374, 1,388, 1,421, 1,436, 1,453, 1,461, 1,484, 1,486, 1,650, 1,659, 1,666, 1,681, 1,714, 1,729, 1,790, 1,802, 1,815, 1,833, 1,866, 1,873, 1,958, 1,968, 2,058, 2,061, 2,069, 2,108, 2,116, 2,126, 2,140, 2,176, 2,223, 2,237, 2,291, 2,310, 2,319, 2,352, 2,359, 2,384, 2,406, 2,430, 2,483, 2,489, 2,514, 2,529, 2,574, 2,587, 2,588, 2,598, 2,649, 2,653, 2,674, 2,701, 2,709, 2,728, 2,736, 2,765, 2,835, 2,887, 2,892, 2,941, 2,969, 3,018, 3,024, 3,035, 3,063, 3,073, 3,075, 3,078, 3,095, 3,098, 3,103, 3,124, 3,128, 3,149, 3,234, 3,299, 3,341, 3,353, 3,363, 3,447, 3,465, 3,474, 3,475, 3,523, 3,560, 3,562, 3,574, 3,579, 3,591, 3,602, 3,613, 3,614, 3,619, 3,620, and 3,624).

The commenters indicated they personally had a close call or direct concern with bears (103, 120, 545, 576, 724, 764, 1,063, 1,112, 1,236, 1,259, 1,453, 1,461, 1,659, 1,839, 1,877, 1,942, 1,975, 2,090, 2,392, 2,393, 2,416, 2,423, 2,588, 2,675, 2,969, 3,018, 3,024, 3,035, 3,075, 3,095, 3,098, 3,124, 3,234, 3,247, 3,299, 3,355, 3,474, 3,483, 3,545, and 3,619) and some indicated that the population needs to be kept at a safe level (10, 111, 120, 156, 164, 205, 216, 229, 298, 331, 408, 473, 564, 654, 885, 983, 986, 1,098, 1,560, 1,561, 1,578, 1,683, 1,700, 1,812, 1,917, 1,925, 1,946, 2,157, 2,384, 2,446, 2,504, 2,566, 2,574, 2,611, 2,614, 2,737, 2,765, 2,784, 2,968, 3,075, 3,363, 3,391, 3,509, 3,594, 3,598, and 3,627).

The commenters also indicated that bears are destructive, get into the garbage, and create a mess (1,942 and 3,545), and asserted that a plan is needed on "how we are going to manage bears" (118, 403, 502, 517, 523, 637, 813, 1,548, 2,069, 2,429, 2,509, and 3,120).

RESPONSE: The Council acknowledges the comments in support of the CBBMP. The CBBMP utilizes a multi-faceted approach to black bear management that incorporates both lethal and non-lethal techniques. Non-lethal measures can be effective in mitigating human-bear conflicts, especially through controlling human-derived foods that attract nuisance bears. While non-lethal control methods are an important tool in mitigating human/black bear conflicts, the Council acknowledges that non-lethal techniques alone cannot completely resolve human/black bear conflicts, nor control the population, and that hunting is the most effective form of population control available at this time.

28. COMMENT: The commenters state that no one has been attacked or killed by black bears in New Jersey (167, 322, 434, 570, 590, 929, 1,056, 1,065, 1,170, 1,212, 1,304, 1,348, 1,352, 1,566, 1,670, 1,927, 1,945, 1,956, 1,969, 2,135, 2,214, 2,640, 2,738, 2,845, 2,885, 2,888, 2,978, 2,990, 3,188, 3,210, 3,262, and 3,308), and that bears are shy, frightened of, or avoid humans, and are not aggressive (63, 75, 167, 180, 287, 363, 405, 570, 603, 612, 862, 1,007, 1,087, 1,113, 1,235, 1,352, 1,353, 1,405, 1,463, 1,587, 1,612, 1,640, 1,642, 1,657, 1,686, 1,825, 1,927, 2,002, 2,028, 2,214, 2,259, 2,346, 2,391, 2,402, 2,415, 2,511, 2,640, 2,692, 2,704, 2,927, 3,036, 3,084, 3,157, 3,514, 3,569, 3,596, and 3,599).

RESPONSE: While the Council agrees that black bears are generally not aggressive and tend to be wary of humans, many of New Jersey's black bears have become habituated to humans and have become conditioned to associate humans and neighborhoods with food sources. As a result, these black bears have become less fearful of people, and while it is rare, black bears have harmed humans in New Jersey, including a fatality in 2012.

However, the dangers posed by an expanding black bear population include more than potential injury to or killing of humans. The Department received 1,538 bear damage and nuisance reports between January 1, 2022, and October 21, 2022, representing a 237 percent increase compared to the same time period in 2021. These 1,538 incidents, in less than a full year, are higher than in any full year since 2014. The most concerning of these incidents include 62 aggressive encounters with humans, one human attack, 12 dog attacks, 12 home entries, 15 attempted home entries, 89 instances of property damage, and 52 attacks on protected livestock. The increasing black bear population has also had a detrimental impact on agriculture in the State. It is the intent of the Council, through the CBBMP, to reduce such incidents.

29. COMMENT: Lethal methods of predator control are not as effective as non-lethal methods at protecting property or reducing or eliminating threats to human safety (185, 196, 201, 249, 294, 295, 301, 303, 370, 405, 412, 597, 687, 695, 743, 759, 809, 822, 873, 945, 1,113, 1,405, 1,558, 1,570, 1,657, 1,686, 2,132, 2,214, and 2,694), as shown by "at least nine peer-reviewed scientific articles" (3,330).

RESPONSE: The CBBMP is a compilation of the Council's black bear conservation and management goals, the various means by which the conservation and management goals may be accomplished, and the factors to be considered in determining which means should be implemented to achieve those goals. The CBBMP does not rely on any one method to achieve its various goals, but rather, it includes several integrated tools to accomplish these goals, such as research and monitoring, non-lethal and lethal control of problem bears, public education on coexisting with bears, law enforcement to reduce human/bear conflicts, and a regulated bear

hunt. It is important to recognize that each tool often serves to further more than one of the Council's management goals. For example, the bear hunt not only reduces or eliminates threats to human safety and property damage, but also serves as a means of recreation and furthers the Department's research efforts.

As addressed in the Response to Comment 32, damage and nuisance complaints – including incidents of harm to property and livestock and adverse interactions with humans - are closely correlated with the estimated size of the bear population in the northwest portion of the State. While there are both lethal and non-lethal methods for reducing bear-human conflict, which are evaluated in the CBBMP and discussed along with their varying levels of efficacy, there are no available and viable means of black bear population control outside of the bear hunt at this time.

30. COMMENT: Only non-lethal measures should be used to manage the bear population, and should be increased as they are the only effective solution for proper bear management (17, 38, 60, 63, 70, 78, 88, 91, 100, 145, 148, 149, 203, 240, 303, 309, 310, 318, 321, 345, 361, 393, 456, 472, 514, 543, 550, 553, 558, 562, 582, 645, 670, 703, 712, 719, 723, 754, 793, 815, 824, 826, 838, 849, 864, 870, 874, 904, 922, 960, 976, 988, 1,004, 1,031, 1,033, 1,035, 1,047, 1,077, 1,085, 1,086, 1,087, 1,100, 1,113, 1,122, 1,124, 1,189, 1,193, 1,202, 1,248, 1,254, 1,268, 1,270, 1,298, 1,300, 1,305, 1,324, 1,332, 1,350, 1,352, 1,381, 1,383, 1,400, 1,405, 1,417, 1,418, 1,438, 1,463, 1,479, 1,483, 1,499, 1,507, 1,514, 1,530, 1,542, 1,547, 1,557, 1,579, 1,598, 1,603, 1,607, 1,617, 1,623, 1,630, 1,635, 1,657, 1,691, 1,698, 1,713, 1,723, 1,780, 1,787, 1,825, 1,829, 1,844, 1,890, 1,898, 1,921, 1,922, 1,956, 1,982, 2,015, 2,089, 2,136, 2,145, 2,156, 2,177, 2,217, 2,232, 2,280,

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RESPONSE: The CBBMP, at Control of Human-Derived Food (Section II.D), identifies several important non-lethal strategies, such as reducing availability of food attractants, garbage management, the use of bear-resistant garbage containers, and the enforcement of bans against feeding bears. The policy also recommends the use of aversive conditioning, another non-lethal technique, to address certain nuisance bear issues. However, these methods alone cannot effectively alleviate all negative bear-human interactions. They also do not impact the population of bears within the State.

Bears can obtain human-derived food sources through direct feeding, as well as through access to pet food, bird feeders, household trash, etc. Limiting the availability of such food sources can help reduce the potential for negative bear-human interactions. The benefits and limitations of garbage management are discussed in detail in the CBBMP. While the large-scale

implementation of bear-resistant garbage cans and dumpsters remains a goal, mandating their use is beyond the authority of the Council. Fish & Wildlife has long recommended methods to control trash so that it is made unavailable to bears; for example, that trash is not placed outside or taken to the curb for disposal until the morning of pickup and should be stored at other times in areas inaccessible to bears. This information is included in bear-related outreach campaigns and on the agency's website. Fish & Wildlife has also been working cooperatively with the Division of Parks and Forestry to develop educational programs, signage, and regulations that preclude bear feeding, maintain clean picnic and camp sites, and keep food inaccessible to bears in State parks and forests (see, for example, N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.7 and 6.1).

The Council notes that there is no evidence to support claims that bears in New Jersey produce more cubs due to the availability of unnatural foods, that human-supplied food sources increase fecundity, or that the absence of such supplemental foods would result in a decrease in reproductive rates. As noted by consistent reproductive rates over more than 40 years of study, the most significant driver of black bear reproduction in New Jersey is the consistent natural food base provided by the State's excellent habitat. Studies that suggest human-derived food increases bear litter sizes have taken place in some central and western states, where the availability of natural food resources is inconsistent and unpredictable as compared to New Jersey.

31. COMMENT: Only non-lethal techniques like aversive conditioning should be used to control bear-human conflicts (62 and 2,277).

RESPONSE: As stated in the CBBMP, the Council recognizes the importance of a multi-faceted approach to black bear management, which includes the use of non-lethal techniques. The Council recognizes that the use of non-lethal techniques, such as aversive conditioning, is widely accepted to mitigate nuisance behavior in black bears, especially within communities and park environments, and the CBBMP recommends the continued use of non-lethal techniques. Fish & Wildlife and properly trained law enforcement agencies will continue to use non-lethal rubber projectiles and pyrotechnics as a means of aversive conditioning to mitigate nuisance bear behavior. The Council notes that since 2005, Fish & Wildlife personnel and law enforcement officers trained by Fish & Wildlife have extensively used aversive conditioning on nuisance bears including the use of rubber projectiles and pyrotechnic rounds.

However, while non-lethal control methods are part of the response to address human/black bear conflicts, non-lethal techniques alone cannot completely resolve human/black bear conflicts. Fish & Wildlife has determined, as have other State and Federal agencies and institutions, that aversive conditioning can deter a bear from returning to the treatment location, but treated bears continue nuisance activity at other locations and, in some cases, return to the original location after a period of time. Aversive conditioning reduces, but does not eliminate, foraging by nuisance bears in human-developed areas. Fish & Wildlife's research efforts have demonstrated that, while aversive conditioning has limited short-term effectiveness, it does not eliminate nuisance behavior in bears, and does nothing to reduce or stabilize the bear population. *Madonia, M. J. 2011. Evaluation of Aversive Conditioning Using Satellite Collars on Black Bears in New Jersey. M.S. Thesis. East Stroudsburg State University, East Stroudsburg, PA. pp.125.*

Despite concentrated non-lethal management efforts by the State and the Department over the past several years, including adding a \$1.5 million-dollar supplemental appropriation to the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 and FY 2023 budgets to fund efforts in black bear research, response, and non-lethal management measures, the bear population in New Jersey has continued to grow. Other non-lethal methodologies such as fertility control, garbage management, and black bear outreach and education are addressed in the Responses to Comments 30, 31, 34, 35, and 40.

32. COMMENT: The black bear hunting season is opposed. The black bear season will not solve nor alleviate damage/nuisance problems or conflicts caused by bears (5, 8, 12, 21, 22, 29, 30, 34, 35, 37, 42, 47, 51, 56, 57, 64, 74, 78, 83, 88, 91, 92, 93, 113, 114, 130, 140, 145, 157, 159, 161, 162, 167, 168, 169, 173, 174, 175, 176, 186, 190, 204, 209, 217, 220, 221, 224, 226, 239, 247, 255, 258, 259, 261, 269, 270, 273, 275, 277, 278, 281, 285, 286, 289, 297, 307, 323, 330, 336, 353, 355, 357, 366, 367, 368, 372, 396, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 422, 425, 432, 441, 444, 448, 459, 463, 465, 466, 467, 476, 478, 490, 498, 506, 510, 518, 525, 528, 531, 532, 536, 539, 540, 556, 591, 592, 593, 606, 609, 613, 614, 624, 625, 626, 627, 632, 634, 640, 641, 642, 643, 646, 649, 659, 665, 669, 675, 682, 684, 685, 694, 697, 701, 703, 707, 711, 726, 728, 737, 738, 753, 755, 775, 779, 780, 783, 794, 801, 831, 838, 845, 851, 853, 861, 866, 867, 869, 870, 890, 895, 906, 913, 930, 956, 959, 960, 970, 992, 995, 999, 1,008, 1,009, 1,016, 1,017, 1,019, 1,024, 1,025, 1,028, 1,033, 1,039, 1,040, 1,043, 1,052, 1,061, 1,067, 1,077, 1,079, 1,088, 1,094, 1,100, 1,110, 1,113, 1,132, 1,135, 1,148, 1,161, 1,175, 1,178, 1,186, 1,189, 1,191, 1,200, 1,203, 1,209, 1,221, 1,232, 1,244, 1,247, 1,248, 1,254, 1,256, 1,262, 1,280, 1,284, 1,287, 1,291, 1,307, 1,311,

1,316, 1,325, 1,335, 1,337, 1,345, 1,362, 1,363, 1,373, 1,375, 1,380, 1,381, 1,383, 1,405, 1,410, 1,411, 1,448, 1,450, 1,456, 1,464, 1,468, 1,479, 1,509, 1,518, 1,526, 1,528, 1,529, 1,545, 1,547, 1,549, 1,559, 1,562, 1,565, 1,595, 1,596, 1,597, 1,605, 1,607, 1,616, 1,634, 1,647, 1,649, 1,654, 1,655, 1,657, 1,658, 1,660, 1,670, 1,687, 1,689, 1,709, 1,712, 1,722, 1,740, 1,742, 1,745, 1,748, 1,750, 1,754, 1,759, 1,768, 1,778, 1,803, 1,806, 1,808, 1,810, 1,814, 1,818, 1,837, 1,844, 1,851, 1,852, 1,864, 1,870, 1,871, 1,885, 1,887, 1,888, 1,889, 1,892, 1,900, 1,907, 1,909, 1,915, 1,926, 1,930, 1,956, 1,961, 1,962, 1,972, 1,978, 1,982, 1,991, 1,993, 1,997, 2,006, 2,009, 2,015, 2,025, 2,033, 2,037, 2,038, 2,039, 2,048, 2,053, 2,080, 2,081, 2,082, 2,085, 2,086, 2,087, 2,088, 2,089, 2,092, 2,117, 2,130, 2,142, 2,145, 2,156, 2,160, 2,163, 2,166, 2,167, 2,168, 2,174, 2,177, 2,182, 2,183, 2,197, 2,212, 2,214, 2,222, 2,226, 2,228, 2,231, 2,234, 2,243, 2,245, 2,253, 2,256, 2,257, 2,262, 2,267, 2,275, 2,277, 2,281, 2,290, 2,293, 2,294, 2,296, 2,300, 2,301, 2,306, 2,312, 2,316, 2,317, 2,323, 2,331, 2,337, 2,370, 2,379, 2,387, 2,389, 2,400, 2,405, 2,407, 2,408, 2,411, 2,414, 2,431, 2,433, 2,434, 2,442, 2,445, 2,450, 2,458, 2,459, 2,463, 2,466, 2,494, 2,506, 2,519, 2,522, 2,528, 2,531, 2,534, 2,537, 2,539, 2,546, 2,549, 2,575, 2,605, 2,615, 2,616, 2,629, 2,632, 2,634, 2,639, 2,651, 2,656, 2,657, 2,670, 2,671, 2,677, 2,678, 2,682, 2,683, 2,686, 2,695, 2,697, 2,723, 2,730, 2,739, 2,747, 2,749, 2,751, 2,753, 2,754, 2,758, 2,759, 2,762, 2,771, 2,772, 2,774, 2,786, 2,787, 2,789, 2,793, 2,794, 2,795, 2,798, 2,806, 2,813, 2,815, 2,834, 2,846, 2,857, 2,859, 2,860, 2,871, 2,881, 2,882, 2,896, 2,906, 2,907, 2,910, 2,913, 2,917, 2,919, 2,929, 2,950, 2,951, 2,955, 2,978, 2,979, 2,981, 2,986, 2,992, 2,993, 2,995, 3,002, 3,003, 3,005, 3,008, 3,013, 3,030, 3,038, 3,049, 3,050, 3,060, 3,061, 3,064, 3,074, 3,076, 3,083, 3,086, 3,090, 3,100, 3,105, 3,108, 3,112, 3,123, 3,130, 3,134, 3,135, 3,158, 3,159, 3,160, 3,164, 3,166, 3,173, 3,177, 3,180, 3,181, 3,182, 3,196, 3,201, 3,207, 3,221, 3,230, 3,231, 3,235, 3,245, 3,250, 3,255, 3,257, 3,266, 3,267, 3,272,

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RESPONSE: Data shows that a regulated hunting season alleviates damage and nuisance problems caused by bears by encouraging them to avoid humans and by decreasing bear density. Data gathered by the Department demonstrates that the probability of human-bear conflict is a direct result of density-dependent factors. The Department's data shows that the number of black bear incidents in New Jersey correlates closely with the bear population in the northwest portion of the State. As bear habitat is so broadly interspersed with human development in northern New Jersey, and because an increasing bear population increases the likelihood that bears will venture to other, less suitable, areas in a state that has the highest human population density in the nation, the likelihood of potentially dangerous bear-human interactions is a growing concern with the projected increase in bear population numbers.

Other reports have noted similar findings. The Black Bear Management Handbook (Black Bear Conservation Committee, 1996 black bear management handbook for Louisiana, Mississippi, southern Arkansas, and east Texas. BBCC, Baton Rouge, LA. pp. 28) is the product of a broad-based cooperative effort by representatives from state and Federal agencies, private conservation groups, and the forestry, agricultural, and academic communities. The Handbook states that hunting is commonly recommended as a damage control tool because it reduces

negative bear-human interactions and elicits human-avoiding behavior. According to a report commissioned by the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (IAFWA, 2005. Potential Costs of Losing Hunting and Trapping as Wildlife Management Methods, 444 North Capitol Street, NW Suite 725, Washington, DC. pp. 55,

http://www.fishwildlife.org/pdfs/Costs_of_Losing_HuntingandTrapping_US-Canada.pdf), in areas without hunting (for example, national parks and jurisdictions that ban hunting), bears can lose their wariness of people, resulting in unfortunate encounters, and negative human/bear interactions.

33. COMMENT: Only aggressive (715) or nuisance bears should be killed, and bear hunts will only eliminate "woodland" or "deep woods" bears, not nuisance bears that create human/black bear conflicts (180, 265, 303, 326, 357, 358, 562, 777, 1,340, 2,380, 2,906, and 3,290). One commenter stated that "hunting in the CBBMP is not specifically targeted to address nuisance bears" (75).

RESPONSE: Fish & Wildlife can determine which bears are nuisance bears only after a particular bear has had a negative interaction with humans. Even then, the nuisance bear cannot always be located and caught. The success rate of targeted captures for nuisance bears is low. The low success rate of targeted capture means this methodology would not significantly contribute to controlling New Jersey's growing black bear population or reduce negative human-bear interactions. Rather, regulated hunting has proven to be a more effective method at culling nuisance bears from the population. This is because nuisance bears are, in general, less wary of humans. Seventeen percent of the tagged bears harvested during the bear hunting seasons in

2015 through 2020 and 2022 were known nuisance bears or bears that were previously captured at nuisance locations. Not all nuisance bears are tagged, however, so it is likely that some portion of the harvested bears that were untagged during these seasons were also nuisance bears. Thus, the actual percentage of harvested black bears that are nuisance bears is likely greater than 17 percent.

Hunting has been proven to be an effective method of reducing negative bear-human interactions. Fish & Wildlife has a long history of monitoring and conducting research on New Jersey's black bear population. Data gathered provides great insight towards the management of the species. Data is utilized to track population response to management decisions and to develop appropriate harvest targets to ensure a sustainable population, while preventing the population from exceeding cultural carrying capacity. Based on tag returns, nuisance bears, which includes daytime-active, food-conditioned, and human-habituated bears, were harvested during each New Jersey season. As discussed, 17 percent of the tagged bears harvested during the 2015 through 2020 and 2022 bear hunting seasons were known nuisance bears or bears that were previously captured at nuisance locations.

The home range of bears in New Jersey averages approximately two square miles for females and approximately 60 square miles for males. State biologists continue to radio-collar and monitor bears using radio telemetry to acquire information on reproduction, survival, mortality, home range size, and habitat use. Daily movements confirmed by radio telemetry reveal that black bears can travel between three and 15 miles in circuitous or linear routes throughout their home range. Bears living in close proximity to humans also travel through woodlands and forested wetlands surrounding and adjacent to human-developed areas. Many of

these adjacent areas are open to hunting. Therefore, it is anticipated that nuisance bears will be available for harvest by hunters.

The Council acknowledges that non-nuisance bears—bears that cause no damage to property or threaten human safety—will also be harvested. However, the reduced densities of bears that will result from the harvest of non-nuisance bears will slow the emigration of bears from suitable habitat into non-suitable habitat, thereby further reducing bear-associated problems.

34. COMMENT: The black bear hunt is opposed. Bear problems can be resolved through education on food and garbage management (19, 27, 31, 41, 63, 86, 88, 89, 94, 100, 105, 106, 124, 129, 135, 180, 228, 240, 261, 273, 285, 286, 294, 326, 338, 360, 371, 373, 381, 387, 396, 399, 404, 405, 432, 433, 515, 520, 526, 534, 561, 579, 582, 588, 612, 644, 645, 648, 681, 688, 738, 745, 751, 754, 774, 793, 815, 824, 826, 842, 849, 865, 874, 894, 908, 914, 915, 917, 961, 1,004, 1,007, 1,014, 1,030, 1,042, 1,079, 1,089, 1,113, 1,118, 1,119, 1,122, 1,124, 1,168, 1,181, 1,188, 1,193, 1,235, 1,241, 1,250, 1,253, 1,269, 1,270, 1,280, 1,285, 1,304, 1,316, 1,322, 1,332, 1,340, 1,342, 1,352, 1,360, 1,364, 1,376, 1,377, 1,379, 1,381, 1,400, 1,405, 1,411, 1,415, 1,418, 1,437, 1,445, 1,496, 1,498, 1,573, 1,580, 1,587, 1,603, 1,609, 1,643, 1,644, 1,645, 1,657, 1,662, 1,686, 1,688, 1,736, 1,755, 1,787, 1,825, 1,829, 1,844, 1,847, 1,849, 1,850, 1,851, 1,857, 1,869, 1,887, 1,890, 1,895, 1,919, 1,921, 1,923, 1,930, 1,937, 1,956, 1,974, 1,977, 2,002, 2,018, 2,136, 2,040, 2,079, 2,086, 2,118, 2,136, 2,160, 2,175, 2,192, 2,216, 2,219, 2,254, 2,270, 2,271, 2,274, 2,280, 2,318, 2,343, 2,346, 2,349, 2,391, 2,419, 2,425, 2,501, 2,512, 2,549, 2,555, 2,561, 2,562, 2,592, 2,604, 2,618, 2,619, 2,620, 2,630, 2,651, 2,662, 2,664, 2,665, 2,666, 2,686, 2,692, 2,694, 2,592, 2,604, 2,618, 2,619, 2,620, 2,630, 2,651, 2,662, 2,664, 2,665, 2,666, 2,686, 2,692, 2,694, 2,694, 2,618, 2,619, 2,620, 2,630, 2,651, 2,662, 2,664, 2,665, 2,666, 2,686, 2,692, 2,694, 2,694, 2,618, 2,619, 2,620, 2,630, 2,651, 2,662, 2,664, 2,665, 2,666, 2,686, 2,692, 2,694, 2,694, 2,618, 2,619, 2,620, 2,630, 2,651, 2,662, 2,664, 2,665, 2,666, 2,686, 2,692, 2,694, 2,694, 2,618, 2,619, 2,620, 2,630, 2,651, 2,662, 2,664, 2,665, 2,666, 2,686, 2,692, 2,694, 2,694, 2,604, 2,618, 2,619, 2,620, 2,630, 2,651, 2,662, 2,664, 2,665, 2,666, 2,686, 2,692, 2,694, 2,694, 2,604, 2,618, 2,619, 2,620, 2,630, 2,651, 2,662, 2,664, 2,665, 2,666, 2,686, 2,692, 2,694, 2,694, 2,618, 2,619, 2,620, 2,630, 2,651, 2,6

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Over the years, the Department has conducted intensive and extensive public education campaigns, not only about control of human-derived food sources, but also common-sense practices that help reduce the risk of negative black bear behavior on humans, their homes, their property, and their communities. From FY 2001 through FY 2022, Fish & Wildlife has devoted millions of dollars to such education. The educational campaigns include the use of various forms of media, such as signage, news releases, educational brochures, videos, advertisements, internet and other marketing, and even a documentary. The primary focus of education has been to impart an understanding of bear ecology to the public and to recommend human behavioral adjustments for those living and recreating in bear country.

Since 2010, Fish & Wildlife has produced and distributed bear education material to the general public, including park, campground and outdoor recreation brochures, Garbage Bag Tags (plastic signs) with bear-proofing tips, signs for use in parks and campgrounds, waste hauler bill inserts, "Do Not Feed the Bears" bookmarks, and "Do Not Feed the Bears" bumper stickers.

Additional educational pieces distributed include: residential household brochures, educational coloring books and educational book covers for distribution through schools, and camper behavior in bear country cards for distribution in campgrounds. In 2021, Fish & Wildlife printed 2,400 bear safety information trailhead signs and distributed them to managers of State, Federal, county, municipal, and privately-owned parklands within the State for posting. These signs instruct hikers and visitors not to feed bears and include helpful steps one should take if a bear is encountered.

A television public service announcement was created to provide information on how to bear-proof homes and yards and to help prevent bears from becoming problems. Since 2010, Fish & Wildlife biologists and public information specialists also presented programs in all 21 New Jersey counties to over 78,000 people, including school groups, camp groups, service organizations, clubs, Boy and Girl Scout troops, police departments, and to those in attendance at municipal meetings. Fish & Wildlife also contracted for, and assisted in, the production of the film documentary Bear Country, New Jersey. The film explains the natural and historic perspective on black bear in the Garden State and follows Fish & Wildlife biologists through their annual cycle of black bear research. Approximately 200 copies of the film were distributed to schools, environmental education centers Statewide, and other states' fish and wildlife

agencies. It has been broadcast numerous times on PBS affiliates around the country and internationally.

The Department provides education in the form of news releases as well, alerting the public to safety issues regarding New Jersey's growing black bear population and providing bear information, bear-proofing techniques, and black bear garbage management guidelines. The Department continues to address media-related inquiries and interviews regarding bears, as well as participates in numerous municipal meetings concerning bears. Topics covered include public safety issues, urging residents to properly "bear-proof" their surroundings, and providing information on living with an expanding bear population. Fish & Wildlife also uses reports of bear sightings or complaints as opportunities to educate residents in, and visitors to, bear country about how to "bear proof" surroundings and how to avoid negative encounters with bears.

Beginning in FY 2021, Fish & Wildlife began contracting with a marketing firm to develop and produce a comprehensive bear awareness campaign that included a redesign of Fish & Wildlife's bear-related webpages. Fish & Wildlife's redesigned website, launched in August 2022, included the newly developed *Know the Bear Facts* webpage at https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/bears/, which includes 27 separate webpages of bear safety information. The site includes information regarding bear biology and natural history, tips to better manage garbage and human-derived food sources, safety tips, a brochure highlighting ways to prevent and minimize problems with bears, tips for farmers to help protect livestock, where to purchase bear-resistant garbage containers, how to report bear activity, links to additional information, and educational brochures for those camping, hiking, or fishing in bear country. The marketing firm and Fish & Wildlife also created resources in English and Spanish, including videos, radio

advertisements, and social media advertisements. Fish & Wildlife has also issued video public service announcements on the Department's web page and through news outlets to provide information about black bears to help residents minimize bear problems around their homes and to help visitors recreate safely in bear country.

It is important to emphasize, however, that even with Fish & Wildlife's extensive public education programs and citizen advocacy groups conducting bear education programs, bear-human conflicts in New Jersey continued to rise. Although public education is important, education alone can neither eliminate problems associated with an expanding bear population nor control population size.

35. COMMENT: Fish & Wildlife should install trailhead signage with information on bears and bear behavior (19, 27, 31, 41, 89, 100, 124, 129, 240, 348, 404, 514, 515, 534, 571, 579, 681, 745, 751, 826, 865, 922, 1,004, 1,118, 1,119, 1,342, 1,364, 1,415, 1,496, 1,542, 1,603, 1,643, 1,644, 1,850, 1,895, 1,921, 1,977, 2,040, 2,079, 2,086, 2,160, 2,219, 2,271, 2,318, 2,343, 2,604, 2,643, 2,694, 2,812, 3,027, 3,058, 3,589, and 3,605).

RESPONSE: The CBBMP recommends the use of trailhead signage to alert those recreating in bear country. As indicated in the Response to Comment 34, in 2021 Fish & Wildlife printed 2,400 bear safety information trailhead signs and distributed them to managers of State-, Federal-, county-, municipal-, and privately owned parklands for posting. These signs, as well as pamphlets printed by Fish & Wildlife and similarly distributed, instruct hikers and visitors not to feed bears and include helpful steps one should take if a bear is encountered.

36. COMMENT: The hunting components of the Game Code and the CBBMP are opposed; the bear hunt is nothing more than a trophy hunt (5, 75 1,113, 1,405, 1,657, 2,854, 3,049, and 3,292), hunting is not conservation (5, 1,596, 1,838, 1,971, 2,043, 3,239, and 3,348), and the bear hunt is solely recreational and not management (7, 8, 14, 17, 21, 22, 29, 30, 34, 35, 37, 42, 47, 51, 56, 57, 64, 68, 70, 74, 75, 83, 92, 93, 109, 114, 130, 140, 157, 159, 161, 162, 167, 168, 169, 173, 174, 175, 176, 180, 186, 204, 217, 220, 221, 224, 226, 237, 239, 247, 255, 258, 259, 261, 269, 270, 275, 281, 283, 285, 289, 297, 326, 330, 336, 353, 355, 357, 364, 366, 367, 368, 369, 372, 399, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 432, 441, 444, 448, 459, 463, 465, 466, 467, 474, 476, 490, 498, 506, 510, 518, 525, 531, 532, 536, 539, 540, 556, 578, 592, 593, 606, 607, 609, 612, 613, 614, 624, 625, 626, 627, 632, 634, 640, 641, 642, 643, 646, 649, 661, 665, 669, 675, 684, 685, 694, 697, 701, 711, 726, 728, 730, 737, 738, 742, 753, 755, 775, 779, 780, 783, 794, 801, 831, 845, 851, 853, 859, 861, 867, 869, 890, 895, 905, 906, 913, 921, 930, 949, 956, 959, 968, 970, 992, 995, 997, 999, 1,000, 1,001, 1,008, 1,009, 1,016, 1,017, 1,024, 1,025, 1,026, 1,027, 1,039, 1,040, 1,043, 1,052, 1,061, 1,065, 1,079, 1,094, 1,110, 1,113, 1,132, 1,135, 1,137, 1,148, 1,161, 1,170, 1,175, 1,178, 1,186, 1,191, 1,200, 1,202, 1,203, 1,209, 1,221, 1,232, 1,237, 1,244, 1,247, 1,248, 1,256, 1,262, 1,272, 1,280, 1,284, 1,287, 1,307, 1,311, 1,316, 1,325, 1,335, 1,337, 1,345, 1,362, 1,363, 1,373, 1,375, 1,380, 1,381, 1,402, 1,405, 1,410, 1,411, 1,417, 1,448, 1,450, 1,456, 1,463, 1,468, 1,498, 1,509, 1,518, 1,526, 1,528, 1,529, 1,540, 1,545, 1,549, 1,559, 1,562, 1,565, 1,595, 1,597, 1,605, 1,607, 1,616, 1,634, 1,647, 1,649, 1,655, 1,657, 1,658, 1,660, 1,670, 1,687, 1,689, 1,709, 1,712, 1,740, 1,742, 1,745, 1,748, 1,750, 1,754, 1,759, 1,768, 1,778, 1,803, 1,806, 1,808, 1,810, 1,818, 1,837, 1,838, 1,844, 1,851, 1,852, 1,864, 1,870, 1,871, 1,885, 1,887, 1,888, 1,889, 1,892, 1,900, 1,904, 1,907, 1,909, 1,915, 1,930, 1,945, 1,961, 1,962, 1,967, 1,972, 1,978,

1,993, 2,002, 2,006, 2,007, 2,009, 2,025, 2,038, 2,039, 2,043, 2,046, 2,048, 2,053, 2,080, 2,081, 2,082, 2,085, 2,086, 2,087, 2,088, 2,091, 2,092, 2,117, 2,130, 2,142, 2,160, 2,163, 2,167, 2,168, 2,174, 2,186, 2,197, 2,212, 2,222, 2,226, 2,228, 2,231, 2,234, 2,243, 2,245, 2,253, 2,254, 2,256, 2,257, 2,262, 2,267, 2,275, 2,277, 2,281, 2,290, 2,294, 2,296, 2,300, 2,301, 2,306, 2,312, 2,316, 2,323, 2,331, 2,337, 2,370, 2,379, 2,389, 2,395, 2,400, 2,405, 2,407, 2,408, 2,414, 2,420, 2,431, 2,434, 2,442, 2,445, 2,448, 2,450, 2,451, 2,453, 2,458, 2,459, 2,463, 2,466, 2,493, 2,494, 2,501, 2,506, 2,519, 2,522, 2,528, 2,531, 2,534, 2,537, 2,539, 2,546, 2,549, 2,575, 2,605, 2,615, 2,616, 2,622, 2,629, 2,632, 2,634, 2,639, 2,642, 2,656, 2,657, 2,670, 2,671, 2,677, 2,682, 2,683, 2,695, 2,697, 2,703, 2,704, 2,719, 2,723, 2,730, 2,739, 2,748, 2,749, 2,753, 2,758, 2,759, 2,762, 2,771, 2,772, 2,774, 2,786, 2,789, 2,793, 2,794, 2,795, 2,798, 2,802, 2,815, 2,834, 2,846, 2,857, 2,859, 2,860, 2,862, 2,871, 2,881, 2,896, 2,907, 2,910, 2,913, 2,917, 2,929, 2,932, 2,950, 2,951, 2,955, 2,978, 2,979, 2,981, 2,986, 2,993, 2,995, 3,002, 3,003, 3,005, 3,006, 3,008, 3,013, 3,030, 3,050, 3,060, 3,061, 3,064, 3,074, 3,076, 3,083, 3,086, 3,090, 3,100, 3,108, 3,112, 3,123, 3,129, 3,130, 3,134, 3,135, 3,151, 3,157, 3,158, 3,159, 3,164, 3,166, 3,168, 3,169, 3,173, 3,174, 3,177, 3,180, 3,181, 3,182, 3,201, 3,207, 3,209, 3,211, 3,221, 3,230, 3,231, 3,235, 3,245, 3,250, 3,252, 3,255, 3,257, 3,266, 3,267, 3,272, 3,281, 3,282, 3,283, 3,289, 3,290, 3,292, 3,295, 3,296, 3,297, 3,300, 3,301, 3,306, 3,310, 3,312, 3,323, 3,324, 3,325, 3,332, 3,335, 3,338, 3,360, 3,365, 3,367, 3,368, 3,374, 3,389, 3,399, 3,401, 3,423, 3,424, 3,425, 3,427, 3,430, 3,431, 3,440, 3,442, 3,454, 3,460, 3,466, 3,469, 3,485, 3,520, 3,524, 3,529, 3,531, 3,538, 3,540, 3,543, 3,544, 3,547, 3,549, 3,564, 3,567, 3,570, 3,571, 3,576, 3,582, 3,596, 3,597, 3,616, 3,617, 3,629, and 3,633).

RESPONSE: The regulated bear hunting season was not designed to be a "trophy hunt."

Although the bear hunt serves, in part, to fulfill the Council's mandate to provide for public

recreation, it also serves subsistence and management purposes. The Game Code prohibits the wanton waste of black bear.

Specifically, the management aspects of the bear hunt are integral to the comprehensive management of black bears in New Jersey. The regulated hunting season as set forth in the Game Code and CBBMP allows for the harvest of either-sex bears of any age, with the exception of cubs 75 pounds and under, and adults accompanying cubs, which will slow the rate of black bear population growth and reduce negative bear-human interactions. Additionally, the hunt provides valuable data on black bear age, sex, and physical condition. The harvest of tagged bears provides information on movement and survival rates, as well as important information for estimating the population.

37. COMMENT: The bear hunt is opposed. Bear-human conflicts are the result of man-altered habitat and human encroachment on undeveloped land, and protection of habitat would eliminate bear-human conflict (31, 41, 72, 76, 85, 100, 106, 116, 139, 146, 203, 221, 232, 273, 280, 308, 311, 318, 322, 328, 352, 375, 394, 397, 433, 444, 453, 472, 493, 498, 514, 520, 528, 548, 562, 568, 588, 607, 626, 628, 661, 668, 688, 696, 708, 730, 742, 751, 760, 787, 834, 884, 929, 933, 934, 941, 1,020, 1,026, 1,028, 1,051, 1,074, 1,095, 1,113, 1,134, 1,195, 1,211, 1,212, 1,249, 1,268, 1,269, 1,304, 1,316, 1,376, 1,381, 1,394, 1,400, 1,405, 1,410, 1,415, 1,425, 1,452, 1,504, 1,521, 1,552, 1,557, 1,581, 1,588, 1,591, 1,599, 1,609, 1,612, 1,632, 1,641, 1,657, 1,662, 1,672, 1,686, 1,698, 1,745, 1,794, 1,797, 1,807, 1,830, 1,854, 1,875, 1,880, 1,905, 1,930, 1,971, 1,974, 2,010, 2,015, 2,019, 2,042, 2,046, 2,086, 2,098, 2,112, 2,172, 2,186, 2,192, 2,254, 2,306, 2,390, 2,402, 2,424, 2,427, 2,451, 2,453, 2,479, 2,487, 2,501, 2,524, 2,543, 2,558, 2,562, 2,581, 2,604,

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As evidenced by its growing bear population, New Jersey contains suitable habitat to support a viable and healthy black bear population. The Council agrees that protection of this available habitat is critical to sustaining New Jersey's bear population and part of the solution to reducing the likelihood of bears emigrating to less suitable habitats in urban and suburban landscapes. To this end, the Department, through its Green Acres Program and State Park and Wildlife Management Area systems, has acquired a significant amount of habitat that is important to black bears. The Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq., also helps ensure that bears remain part of New Jersey's landscape. Fish & Wildlife's Connecting Habitat Across New Jersey (CHANJ) project prioritizes key habitat pathways for acquisition or enhancement to provide wildlife corridors navigating our roadways. The Department's open space acquisition program has been instrumental in protecting these habitats

and the Council supports further habitat acquisition and improvement programs. The Department currently manages over 812,000 acres of State-owned land. However, because habitat preservation alone cannot completely address the negative impacts of a growing bear population as noted, the Council has determined that a regulated hunt is a necessary part of its comprehensive black bear management strategy.

38. COMMENT: Conservation police officers or local police departments should be employed to handle nuisance bear complaints instead of allowing a hunt (1,379 and 2,136).

RESPONSE: The CBBMP supports the continued use of the Black Bear Rating and Response Criteria (BBRRC), which categorizes bear behavior and appropriate responsive actions, and recognizes that the cooperation of law enforcement personnel from all levels of governmental agencies within black bear range is essential to the implementation of the bear response policy. Fish & Wildlife staff have trained nearly 1,000 local police officers, State Troopers, and State, county, and municipal park rangers to assist in problem bear response. However, it is important to note that law enforcement response to bear complaints does not affect the size or rate of increase of the bear population.

While the size of the bear population and the number of damage and nuisance complaints are closely correlated, the Council notes that the bear hunt is not solely used to reduce or handle nuisance bears, but rather serves to further multiple management goals.

39. COMMENT: The CBBMP should not allow a hunt because hunting poses a threat to human safety (75, 146, 147, 236, 275, 298, 410, 445, 446, 595, 1,518, 1,774, 1,969, 2,132, 2,263, 2,379,

2,417, 2,530, 2,900, 2,966, 3,569, and 3,614).

RESPONSE: Every hunter, regardless of age, must successfully complete the New Jersey Hunter Education Course in order to purchase their first hunting license. Hunter education courses require that the prospective hunter complete a course of home study (which requires that students view a video, study a booklet, and answer questions in a workbook), take a written exam, and attend a field session and a live-fire range session. Before the license can be issued, every graduate must show safe and responsible firearms handling and pass the written examination.

There have been no recorded hunting accidents while hunting for bear in New Jersey.

Over the last 20 years, New Jersey hunters participating in other seasons averaged 6.2 hunting incidents with injury per year, while spending approximately 3,000,000 hunting days a field each year. These incidents were typically limited to a hunter shot and injured by a hunting partner.

The low number of incidents is attributed to mandatory hunter education and the use of fluorescent hunter orange. In the last 20 years, hunters in hunting incidents injured three non-hunters. A non-hunter injured by a hunter is a rare occurrence.

40. COMMENT: The bear hunt should not be allowed; the use of fertility control should be used to control the black bear population (19, 22, 31, 41, 59, 63, 65, 79, 85, 86, 88, 89, 95, 96, 99, 104, 106, 112, 115, 124, 129, 135, 141, 150, 151, 152, 170, 185, 193, 196, 201, 221, 222, 240, 249, 271, 272, 277, 278, 287, 294, 295, 301, 303, 306, 337, 338, 339, 341, 344, 359, 370, 386, 391, 398, 412, 428, 433, 460, 491, 492, 515, 519, 526, 534, 541, 543, 546, 548, 550, 561, 563, 571, 579, 597, 644, 645, 666, 671, 674, 681, 682, 687, 695, 706, 718, 728, 743, 745, 759, 774, 793, 809, 819, 822, 826, 837, 841, 842, 865, 873, 877, 878, 879, 880, 882, 897, 898, 903, 910,

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RESPONSE: The Council has determined that non-lethal fertility control is not a viable method for controlling the black bear population at this time. The Department's Division of Science and Research commissioned a literature review of fertility control on bears and other wildlife (An Analysis of the Feasibility of Using Fertility Control to Manage New Jersey Black Bear Populations, 2006, Fraker et al.), which concluded that fertility control is very unlikely to be a feasible means of managing the black bear population in New Jersey due to the costs involved with field capture and the inability to capture enough bears to affect population size, even if a licensed fertility agent existed (currently, none do exist) for bears. This literature review was repeated with the same conclusion by Dr. Catherine Treddick of Stockton University in 2018 and again by the Department's Division of Science and Research in 2021.

To date, sterilization, neutering, and contraception have not been developed or tested and found to be feasible and/or effective tools for reducing wild, free ranging populations of any bear species. Surgical sterilization is expensive and poses concern for the individual animal during field surgery and recovery. Immuno-contraceptive vaccines, such as PZP, have not been proven in wild black bear populations. At this time, regulated hunting is the only viable available management option for controlling the black bear population.

41. COMMENT: The black bear population estimates are of questionable validity (44, 75, 76, 246, 328, 363, 567, 599, 600, 628, 656, 1,313, 1,348, 1,804, 2,233, 2,311, 2,449, 2,518, 2,937, 3,049, 3,189, and 3,262). There is no reliable population estimate and there is insufficient data on the number of bears that can be killed; lack of an accurate, reliable, and credible population estimate compromises the bear population (75 and 1,405), the use of hair snares in combination

with data analysis for population analyses should be employed (75), and hunters skew the harvest rate by purposely avoiding killing tagged bears (75 and 1,405).

RESPONSE: Fish & Wildlife has intensively and extensively monitored New Jersey's black bear population for over 40 years. During that time, Fish & Wildlife has used several population estimators to estimate the black bear population in the northwest portion of the State, including a modified Horvitz-Thompson estimator, an estimate based on relatedness of bears sampled during research and control activities using DNA, and the Lincoln-Petersen (L-P) index.

Fish & Wildlife used hair snares to collect data for DNA-related abundance estimates in 2001 and 2002; however, this method is better suited for populations smaller in size than New Jersey's black bear population. When New Jersey's bear hunting season was reinstituted in 2003, it was more practical to utilize the Lincoln-Peterson (L-P) and modified Horvitz-Thompson estimators. As the estimates generated by the L-P and modified Horvitz-Thompson estimators matched up well, Fish & Wildlife has since used the L-P Index, as well as a linear regression model, to estimate the black bear population.

The L-P Index is a widely used estimator for bear populations, and is utilized in many states, including neighboring Pennsylvania. In addition to its own experience, Fish & Wildlife also reviewed the Northeast Black Bear Technical Committee's Bear Management Options Handbook, which has a detailed discussion on the strengths and weaknesses of each population estimation method used by bear biologists in the Northeast. At this time, Fish & Wildlife has found that the L-P and linear regression model estimators are not only the most practical, but also produce the best available estimates for management purposes.

Commenters assert that the L-P estimator is flawed because it assumes the probability of a hunter harvesting a tagged bear is equal to that of harvesting a non-tagged bear, which they claim is inaccurate because hunters avoid shooting tagged bears in order to extend the season. However, there is no evidence to support this assertion. Bears are tagged with very small metal tags of about one inch in length, which would be difficult to detect at distance. Rather, data supports that bear hunters shoot bears as they appear before them; untagged bears and tagged bears (those tagged as nuisance and tagged for research).

Fish & Wildlife's population estimates and projections have been reviewed and supported by wildlife biologists familiar with bear population estimation, as well as by university wildlife professors. These experts include recognized biologists and statisticians from Penn State University, Rutgers University, University of Georgia, and Colorado State University; the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; State wildlife agencies; and private organizations. Fish & Wildlife continues to work with statisticians and wildlife studies experts to improve the bear population model.

42. COMMENT: New Jersey cannot determine bear population growth because it relies on only monitoring 15 radio-collared sows and this is too small a sample size for an accurate prediction, and this will result in population-level harm, as black bears require intensive monitoring to manage (75).

RESPONSE: The Council agrees that 15 collared bears would be insufficient as a basis for assessment of reproductive potential if this represented the totality of research on black bears in New Jersey. However, while Fish & Wildlife may radio-collar approximately 15 bears at any one

time, it has over 40 years of reproductive data, totaling hundreds of bears, and has found it to be consistent over time. The State relies on decades of data, including from the hunting season, den work, and field work, not any one individual year's data, to inform management decisions and protect New Jersey's black bear population from over-harvest or population-level harm.

43. COMMENT: The State must census bears (1,113, 1,405, and 1,657).

RESPONSE: A "census" of a population is defined as a complete count of all individuals in a population. While a census method may be practical for humans, or animals within a small or confined area, such as a fenced property or an island, it is virtually impossible for free-ranging wildlife over a vast area of highly variable forested terrain. Because of the difficulty inherent in a census of this type, almost all free-ranging wildlife populations are estimated using various modeling techniques, such as those used by the Department, as described in the Response to Comment 41.

44. COMMENT: An "imminent bear population explosion" contradicts black bear population science. A 33 percent population increase over the course of two years is highly improbable (75). RESPONSE: Fish & Wildlife has extensively and intensively studied New Jersey's black bear population for over 40 years, and its data shows that New Jersey's black bears are some of the most productive in the country. The average litter size in New Jersey is 2.7 cubs per litter. The most common litter size is three (43 percent), followed by litters of four (23 percent), and two (22 percent). Other areas of the country average fewer than 2.2 cubs per litter.

Utilizing this information, along with other data, Fish & Wildlife projected that, without a hunt in December 2022, the bear population in the northwest portion of the State would approach or exceed 4,000 bears. To the extent this comment is in regard to imminent peril, the November 15, 2022 emergency adoption of the CBBMP and related Game Code amendments has expired and is beyond the scope of this rulemaking, which concerns the concurrently proposed CBBMP and related Game Code amendments. Accordingly, comments regarding the Statement of Imminent Peril that was issued as part of that adoption, are outside the scope of this rulemaking.

45. COMMENT: Complaint data cited by the Council is of questionable validity (75). The imminent peril is unfounded and manipulative because the overwhelming majority of bear reports are non-threatening and the purported number of aggressive bears is highly overstated, the non-lethal and garbage enforcement is insufficient, and the assertion that farmers will experience more crop damage is false and that the 237 percent increase in bear damage and nuisance complaints as cited as the reason for the imminent peril contains many incidents that do not pose a threat to human safety (75 and 1,405).

RESPONSE: Fish & Wildlife personnel receive reports about black bear complaints through the Department's New Jersey Environmental Management System (NJEMS), as a "Communication Center Notification Report" and log these reports into a computer database. Fish & Wildlife personnel make attempts to interview the complainants for all Category I complaints, conduct on-site inspections, and verify the details of the incident. The record of these reports is on file with the Department's Communication Center, and Fish & Wildlife maintains an archive of the database tracking the complaints. Complaints are categorized pursuant to the Black Bear Rating

and Response Criteria (BBRRC), which was established using protocols developed by bear experts across the continent.

In 2010, former Department Commissioner Bob Martin called for an audit of Fish & Wildlife's procedures for collecting and reporting bear incident data, after receiving allegations that this data was inflated and inaccurate. The results of the audit showed, and the Commissioner concluded, that the "allegations challenging the accuracy of the Department's black bear incident data [were] unfounded and, quite simply, wrong."

With respect to the commenters' discussion of imminent peril, the November 15, 2022 emergency adoption of the CBBMP and related Game Code amendments has expired and is beyond the scope of this rulemaking, which concerns the concurrently proposed CBBMP and related Game Code amendments. Accordingly, comments regarding the Statement of Imminent Peril that was issued as part of that adoption, are outside the scope of this rulemaking.

46. COMMENT: There is nothing scientific about a policy that aims to kill 25 to 30 percent of the population (1,113, 1,405, 1,657, 2,747, and 2,854), 30 percent quotas decimate bear populations (1,113, 1,405, and 1,657), and a 30 percent harvest rate allows for an unlimited number of bears to be killed (75).

RESPONSE: The CBBMP does not aim to reduce the black bear population by 25 to 30 percent. As discussed in the CBBMP, the Council has determined that the State's black bear population can sustain a 20 to 30 percent harvest rate. The harvest rate is not the percentage of the total bear population that can be harvested. Rather, a harvest rate is a metric used to ensure sustainable take. In the case of New Jersey's black bear population, a portion of which is tagged, the harvest

rate equals the number of tagged bears harvested divided by the number of tagged bears available for harvest. In order to protect wildlife populations from overharvest, there are upper limits to sustainable harvest rates. The Council recommends that bear season formats in New Jersey mandate season closure if harvest rates reach 30 percent.

47. COMMENT: Data within the CBBMP is not factual or accurate and is based on inaccurate and outdated data (1,405).

RESPONSE: The State's most recent black bear population estimates are based on mark-recapture methodology, where bears are tagged (marked) through State trapping efforts, and then tagged bears harvested by hunters provide recapture data. Because the L-P estimator utilizes the recapture data collected in Segment A (the October segment of the hunting season), the lack of a hunt in 2021, and only a partial hunt in 2022 (Segment B only), resulted in the State being unable to generate L-P population estimates for those years. This resulted in figures within the proposed CBBMP that did not include 2021 or 2022 population estimates. Additionally, because the concurrent proposal was filed in November 2022, prior to the end of the year, the Council was unable to incorporate other 2022 data into the 2022 CBBMP.

The Council agrees that the Figures in the CBBMP can, and should, be updated to include current data to the extent available. In order to ensure the 2022 CBBMP contains the most current data, the Council is updating the Figures within the CBBMP, upon adoption, to include all available 2021 and 2022 data. The Council is also updating the cover page to include the CBBMP's full title, and the Introduction to note the supplemental appropriation provided in FY 2022. These changes are non-substantial, as this data does not affect or change the

determinations reflected in the substance of the adopted CBBMP or related Game Code amendments.

48. COMMENT: If Fish & Wildlife relocated bears to other parts of New Jersey or to a zoo or "sanctuary," the need for a hunt would be eliminated (22, 104, 203, 308, 708, 715, 730, 1,451, 1,473, 1,730, 1,731, 1,753, 1,797, 1,830, 1,956, 1,993, 2,336, 2,374, 2,376, 2,422, 2,470, 2,581, 2,695, 2,724, 2,809, 2,845, 2,884, 2,885, 3,049, 3,113, 3,210, 3,306, 3,413, 3,525, 3,534, 3,585, 3,599, and 3,618). Connected habitats or wildlife corridors for bear movement would reduce bear-human conflict and eliminate the need for a hunt (85, 100, 286, 387, 493, 514, 515, 534, 548, 571, 579, 582, 626, 628, 681, 745, 751, 826, 865, 922, 1,026, 1,400, 1,415, 1,521, 1,542, 1,603, 1,643, 1,644, 1,895, 1,921, 1,977, 2,040, 2,079, 2,086, 2,136, 2,160, 2,219, 2,318, 2,343, 2,613, 2,694, 2,812, 3,027, 3,058, 3,111, 3,589, and 3,605).

RESPONSE: The Council notes that, although relocation can be used to establish or reestablish bear populations, no state has successfully used relocation as a means of population control for black bear. In a small, densely populated state, such as New Jersey, relocation of any potentially problematic wildlife species would be merely shifting the problem to another location. Nor do bears stay in one location and, thus, black bears relocated to another part of the State would continue to migrate into developed areas, especially as the bear population density increases. The Council has also determined that no other state or provincial agency in North America would accept excess bears from New Jersey.

The Council supports wildlife travel corridors, which may work to keep bears that are not habituated to humans out of trouble. Fish & Wildlife currently works to establish wildlife

corridors through its program called Connecting Habitat Across New Jersey (CHANJ), which identifies key areas and actions needed to achieve habitat connectivity across the State. However, many bears associate humans with food, and seek out suburban areas and farmland where food is readily available, therefore, wildlife corridors would not reduce incidents with these bears, and continued population growth would continue to push even bears who do not actively seek out suburban and farmland areas into more developed areas.

49. COMMENT: Archery equipment is ineffective for hunting bears, and hunting bears in general will result in wounded bears (1,113, 1,405, 1,657, and 3,239). Archery hunting should be abolished (1,113, 1,405, and 1,657).

RESPONSE: The Council notes that both firearms and archery equipment are effective in hunting bears (California Final Environmental Document, Section 265, 365, 367, 367.5, Title 14, California Code of Regulations Regarding Bear Hunting. April 27, 2000. CA Department of Fish and Game, 188 pp. + Appendices, Kurzejeski, E.W., J.L. Byford, K. Causey, J.W. Enck, L.P. Hansen, W. Krueger, K. Mayer, and K. McCaffery. 1999. The Role of Bowhunting in Wildlife Management. Wildl. Soc. Tech. Rev. 99-1, 15 pp.). In addition, modern archery equipment is far more accurate, powerful, and effective than equipment used during the 1960s, when archery hunting for bears was first allowed in New Jersey. The efficacy of archery equipment is further demonstrated by the fact that the majority (64 percent) of the annual deer harvest in New Jersey is now taken by bows; this represents an increase in the percentage of bow harvests for deer of over 100 percent in 36 years, which in large part is due to improvements in the technology of bows during that time. All of the states that have bear hunting allow for archery to be used, and

no states have reported that archery is an ineffective method of take. The Council does recognize that there is a chance of bears being wounded from any method of take just as there is with all hunted species. Hunters are trained as to the most effective shot placement and make every effort not to wound any species while hunting.

50. COMMENT: Bear populations are self-regulating; a hunt is not necessary (70, 292, 373, 386, 441, 787, 1,070, 1,554, 1,564, and 2,672).

RESPONSE: Black bears are not "self-regulating." New Jersey's black bear population continues to increase and expand, and reports of black bear sightings have been received from all 21 counties. Both Pennsylvania and New York report captures and mortalities of bears that were originally tagged in New Jersey. Reproductive rates in this region have been documented to be among the highest in North America. Young black bears are also dispersing into suburban and urban areas that are not suitable for bears because of the high human population density and resulting lack of open space and suitable bear habitat.

Left unchecked, the black bear population would increase until it reached biological carrying capacity, which typically exceeds cultural carrying capacity. Allowing the black bear population to continue to increase to a level where the reproductive rate may decline or death may occur would not only be irresponsible to the species but could also increase nuisance complaints and threaten public safety. No scientific literature was presented in support of the commenters' position that black bears self-regulate as a population control mechanism prior to exceeding their biological carrying capacity.

51. COMMENT: The bear hunt is conducted to make money for the Department (153, 180, 285, 546, 612, 918, 1,732, 2,692, 2,744, 2,854, 2,862, and 2,937).

RESPONSE: The bear hunt does not generate any significant amount of revenue for the Department. All black bear hunters in New Jersey must have a current and valid Archery, Firearm, or All-Around Sportsman hunting license (New Jersey Hunting License), as well as a special Black bear hunting permit. Black bear hunting permits cost \$2.00 each and are the least expensive hunting permit that Fish & Wildlife issues. Sales of these permits have averaged \$14,740 a year for the past six bear hunting seasons. While black bear hunters also have to obtain a New Jersey Hunting License, many already obtain these licenses for seasons other than bear hunting. In 2022, there were 602 out-of-State hunters who sought black bear hunting permits. Even if all 602 of these hunters purchased New Jersey Hunting Licenses solely to hunt bear, which is highly unlikely, it would only amount to increased license sales of \$81,571. The combined amount of permit and license sales is significantly less than the millions of dollars the Department spent to manage New Jersey's black bear population in 2022.

52. COMMENT: The amendment to the Game Code restricting the use of bait when bear hunting is supported (16, 18, 20, 26, 33, 41, 43, 49, 52, 58, 61, 62, 76, 77, 82, 97, 108, 125, 126, 127, 132, 137, 160, 163, 171, 178, 183, 191, 200, 202, 204, 207, 216, 223, 225, 229, 231, 250, 254, 262, 266, 267, 284, 290, 292, 311, 316, 320, 324, 325, 329, 331, 332, 350, 351, 356, 365, 383, 384, 385, 388, 389, 392, 395, 401, 407, 409, 411, 427, 430, 435, 440, 443, 449, 451, 455, 468, 469, 475, 480, 485, 488, 491, 494, 497, 507, 508, 513, 517, 528, 533, 535, 538, 542, 547, 559, 564, 569, 574, 575, 581, 588, 594, 596, 601, 605, 615, 617, 618, 623, 631, 632, 635, 636, 639,

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RESPONSE: The Council acknowledges the comments in support of the proposed amendment to the Game Code.

53. COMMENT: The use of bait for hunting bears should be banned, as it causes bears to produce more cubs, conditions bears to human food, and creates nuisance bears (63, 75, 1,113,

RESPONSE: The Council has determined that hunters' use of bait has not led to larger bear litter sizes, conditioned bears to human food, or created nuisance bears. Baiting for bears has been legal during all bear hunting seasons since 2003. Fish & Wildlife has been monitoring bear dens and bear litter sizes since the 1980s. Since that time, the average number of cubs per litter has remained statistically unchanged. The average litter size remained between 2.7 and 2.9 cubs per litter during the 1990s, 2000s, 2010s, and through 2022 before, during, and in between periods in which bear hunting and hunting with bait were allowed. The Council notes that bears in New Jersey do not produce more cubs in response to bait placed by hunters due to the high habitat quality and consistent natural food resources in this region of the country. Studies that suggest human-derived food increases bear litter sizes have taken place in some central and western states, where natural food resources are scarcer and more unpredictable.

Bait placed in forested areas in a hunting situation does not cause bears to become a nuisance around homes since such structural visual cues commonly associated with developed areas are lacking. In other words, baiting in a forested area does not teach bears to frequent human-populated areas for human-derived foods. Bear researcher Lynn Rogers conducted a study in 2009 (Does Diversionary Feeding Create Nuisance Bears and Jeopardize Public Safety? Lynn L. Rogers, Biologist, *Wildlife Research Institute*, 1482 Trygg Road, Ely, MN 55731, USA), which analyzed the effects of diversionary feeding to control nuisance bear activity in a Minnesota community. In the study, bears were purposefully fed human food outside the community in a natural setting, sometimes by hand (illegal in New Jersey), with no structures or garbage cans as visual cues. While these bears were, thus, conditioned to human foods by

humans, the "bears that visited the diversionary feeding site continued to forage on natural foods and did not become nuisances" in the neighboring community. The act of some hunters placing bait in field settings is akin to the diversionary feeding employed in the Minnesota study, which did not cause bears to become a nuisance. Therefore, the Council concludes that the act of placing bait for hunting purposes does not lead to the creation of nuisance bears.

54. COMMENT: Any use of bait when bear hunting should be prohibited (379, 941, 1,113, 1,391, 2,645, and 3,598). Specific reasons given include that it is cruel, inhumane and it doesn't give the bears a chance (63, 1,113, 1,353, 1,405, 1,657, 2,606, 2,607, 2,618, 3,309, 3,330, and 3,553).

RESPONSE: The Council has determined that baiting is appropriate for the hunting of black bears. Baiting draws bears onto properties that hunters have access to, thereby making them available for harvest. Baiting also "levels the playing field" as bears' extremely keen sense of smell allows them to avoid hunters in the field. The Council proposed a 300-foot restriction on the use of bait in order to address some concerns of those opposed to this practice.

55. COMMENT: The restriction on baiting for bears is opposed (3, 4, 11, 15, 19, 40, 46, 48, 50, 54, 63, 65, 67, 78, 79, 81, 84, 86, 87, 89, 91, 95, 96, 106, 107, 112, 115, 128, 135, 141, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 165, 170, 177, 179, 181, 182, 185, 193, 196, 201, 205, 215, 222, 238, 241, 244, 245, 248, 249, 252, 253, 256, 274, 277, 278, 287, 288, 291, 293, 294, 295, 296, 299, 301, 309, 310, 312, 322, 338, 339, 341, 346, 354, 359, 362, 363, 366, 370, 376, 379, 382, 386, 390, 391, 398, 405, 412, 426, 432, 436, 437, 460, 464, 470, 471, 483, 486, 489, 492, 495, 496, 500, 504,

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RESPONSE: The Council notes that the restriction on baiting is consistent with the objectives of the 2022 CBBMP. The Council, recognizing the importance of a hunt in the face of a rapidly increasing and expanding bear population and the associated concern for public safety, made the concession of a 300-foot perimeter to address some concerns of those opposed to the use of bait.

56. COMMENT: The restriction on baiting for bears is opposed. Bear baiting regulations should be consistent with those for baiting of white-tailed deer (25, 172, 212, 235, 268, 279, 392, 429, 457, 502, 544, 619, 752, 764, 887, 1,023, 1,057, 1,127, 1,156, 1,240, 1,251, 1,257, 1,259, 1,279, 1,500, 1,668, 1,701, 1,762, 1,879, 2,022, 2,096, 2,105, 2,164, 2,240, 2,263, 2,286, 2,309, 2,446, 2,462, 2,477, 2,638, 2,675, 2,702, 2,733, 2,740, 2,891, 3,044, 3,081, 3,261, 3,277, 3,363, 3,380, 3,412, 3,503, and 3,620). The restriction also prohibits the harvest of a bear by deer hunters who bait for deer (212, 213, 457, 458, 608, 1,240, 1,701, 1,798, 2,237, 2,446, 2,725, 3,261, 3,268, 3,337, 3,380, 3,516, and 3,627), and bears steal bait meant for deer (619).

RESPONSE: The Council acknowledges that the proposed amendment may require hunters who hunted over bait for both deer and bear simultaneously to alter their approach. However, hunters may still bait for both deer and bear, as well as harvest a bear while deer hunting, in accordance with Game Code regulations.

57. COMMENT: The restriction on baiting for bears is opposed. Baiting is a necessary strategy to draw bears onto huntable lands (10, 166, 717, 901, 936, 1,217, 1,951, 2,114, 2,447, 2,681, 2,942, 3,095, 3,391, 3,437, and 3,551) and is a successful tool and proven strategy for wildlife management (10, 103, 155, 206, 343, 454, 479, 502, 503, 821, 823, 901, 907, 936, 943, 982, 1,041, 1,099, 1,127, 1,151, 1,180, 1,207, 1,257, 1,281, 1,327, 1,357, 1,385, 1,442, 1,453, 1,471, 1,480, 1,508, 1,667, 1,756, 1,802, 1,879, 1,884, 1,924, 1,931, 1,965, 1,968, 1,995, 2,035, 2,114, 2,116, 2,138, 2,179, 2,180, 2,204, 2,220, 2,237, 2,246, 2,269, 2,284, 2,298, 2,352, 2,393, 2,403, 2,423, 2,429, 2,447, 2,472, 2,513, 2,571, 2,586, 2,627, 2,660, 2,679, 2,711, 2,725, 2,769, 2,808, 2,833, 2,835, 2,892, 2,942, 2,965, 2,970, 3,044, 3,075, 3,095, 3,099, 3,103, 3,106, 3,137, 3,198, 3,204, 3,222, 3,261, 3,263, 3,277, 3,299, 3,375, 3,380, 3,382, 3,411, 3,437, 3,461, 3,475, 3,498, 3,523, 3,560, 3,593, 3,608, and 3,627). The commenters felt that baiting allows for higher success rates, and a restriction on baiting is contradictory to and undermines a management/conservation/population reduction hunt (39, 205, 347, 403, 452, 973, 1,099, 1,259, 1,302, 1,374, 1,619, 1,652, 1,832, 2,051, 2,150, 2,236, 2,237, 2,371, 2,392, 2,457, 2,593, 2,602, 2,660, 2,698, 3,044, 3,075, 3,146, 3,204, 3,217, 3,253, 3,261, and 3,483) that it will greatly impede the archery segment of the bear season (187, 236, 722, 784, 788, 1,470, 1,707, 2,051, 2,070, 2,107, 2,329, 2,330, 2,623, 2,659, 2,784, 3,128, 3,213, 3,411, 3,316, and 3,559), and will

deter participation in the hunt (111, 282, 2,157, and 2,237). The commenters also expressed concern regarding the ability to control or determine whether there is bait within 300 feet of where they hunt; a 600-foot diameter circle is 6.5 acres (638, 740, 892, 1,252, 1,261, 1,419, 2,525, 2,536, 2,617, 2,676, 2,822, 2,850, 3,082, 3,120, 3,334, 3,390, and 3,563), and commented that the baiting restriction reduces the huntable area (156, 166, 709, 844, 938, 1,261, 2,525, 2,617, 2,676, and 3,563). The commenters also stated that it is difficult to judge the size or age of bear from the distance imposed by this restriction, or if the adult bear is with cubs (118, 138, 143, 195, 236, 260, 279, 282, 315, 377, 439, 461, 522, 523, 551, 604, 721, 722, 768, 788, 803, 816, 818, 887, 907, 948, 972, 981, 990, 1,228, 1,231, 1,263, 1,267, 1,341, 1,378, 1,406, 1,414, 1,422, 1,470, 1,471, 1,502, 1,574, 1,575, 1,600, 1,601, 1,668, 1,715, 1,719, 1,774, 1,827, 1,879, 1,933, 1,940, 1,970, 1,984, 1,995, 2,001, 2,035, 2,063, 2,070, 2,105, 2,107, 2,111, 2,180, 2,218, 2,244, 2,282, 2,284, 2,329, 2,330, 2,372, 2,429, 2,457, 2,468, 2,469, 2,472, 2,489, 2,513, 2,552, 2,566, 2,627, 2,652, 2,680, 2,699, 2,700, 2,769, 2,784, 2,900, 2,926, 3,136, 3,137, 3,170, 3,198, 3,222, 3,224, 3,288, 3,334, 3,390, 3,568, and 3,614).

RESPONSE: The Council acknowledges that baiting is a strategy that can be employed to draw bears onto huntable lands. As the proposed amendment only restricts the taking of a bear within 300 feet of bait and does not prohibit the baiting of black bears, baiting is a strategy that bear hunters can still utilize. The Council acknowledges that hunters who have previously chosen to hunt bear over bait may now have to alter their approach. Alternatives include: choosing to bait prior to, but not while, bear hunting; choosing to use bait, but from a farther distance; or choosing to hunt without bait at all, such as by tracking or stand hunting. The Council notes that

many hunters have and utilize binoculars, which can assist in ascertaining surroundings within 300 feet and bears at a distance.

Success rates in hunting are driven by multiple factors, including population density, weather, location, hunter skill, strategy, and chance. While baiting can increase hunter success in certain circumstances, there are no guarantees. The Council will continue to monitor hunter success and any related management effects.

58. COMMENT: The restriction on baiting for bears is opposed. Specific reasons given include that baiting is allowed in other states and provinces (118, 235, 313, 482, 722, and 823), baiting better enables hunters to target nuisance bears in neighborhoods by drawing them out into huntable areas, thereby reducing conflicts (10, 343, 717, 901, 948, 1,041, 1,217, 1,225, 1,336, 2,472, 2,681, 3,099, 3,551, and 3,593), baiting supports local businesses (3,380), and baiting allows hunters to observe illnesses in bears (1,719).

Commenters also stated that baiting should be legal on private property (1,231), the restriction on baiting is excessive and the distance should be reduced (164, 722, 868, 2,061, 2,150, 2,154, 2,244, and 2,392), and that the restriction is opposed if ground hunting, but supported if stand hunting (257 and 2,185). Commenters further felt that the restriction may result in wounding of bears (936, 2,150, and 2,530), and that baiting should be banned entirely rather than being restricted (1,326 and 2,850).

RESPONSE: The Council acknowledges that baiting is a strategy that can be employed to draw bears onto huntable land, and that baiting is still a strategy that hunters may use for bears. While other states may allow baiting of bears, not all states that have bear hunting allow baiting. The

Council notes that in lieu of proximity, binoculars may be utilized in the field to determine observable signs of illness in an animal prior to harvest. The Council recognizes there is a chance of bears being wounded from any method of take, just as there is with all hunted species. Hunters are trained as to the most effective shot placement and make every effort not to wound any species while hunting. The Council will continue to monitor hunter success and any related management effects.

59. COMMENT: Baiting is opposed because it is ecologically harmful and causes conflict (41, 63, 65, 85, 89, 96, 106, 129, 135, 141, 150, 151, 152, 170, 185, 193, 196, 201, 240, 249, 271, 272, 277, 278, 287, 295, 301, 303, 338, 339, 341, 359, 386, 391, 398, 405, 412, 433, 460, 491, 492, 514, 519, 526, 541, 550, 561, 562, 563, 571, 597, 644, 645, 666, 671, 674, 681, 687, 695, 706, 718, 728, 743, 745, 759, 774, 809, 819, 822, 826, 837, 841, 873, 877, 878, 879, 880, 882, 897, 898, 903, 910, 922, 939, 945, 964, 994, 1,004, 1,013, 1,014, 1,015, 1,019, 1,029, 1,030, 1,032, 1,037, 1,054, 1,058, 1,078, 1,101, 1,107, 1,108, 1,109, 1,113, 1,125, 1,149, 1,157, 1,188, 1,190, 1,201, 1,204, 1,215, 1,221, 1,260, 1,265, 1,278, 1,283, 1,288, 1,292, 1,299, 1,305, 1,313, 1,320, 1,329, 1,342, 1,346, 1,352, 1,353, 1,354, 1,382, 1,401, 1,402, 1,405, 1,412, 1,415, 1,496, 1,531, 1,534, 1,535, 1,536, 1,537, 1,538, 1,552, 1,558, 1,563, 1,570, 1,579, 1,592, 1,596, 1,603, 1,621, 1,629, 1,631, 1,643, 1,644, 1,645, 1,657, 1,676, 1,686, 1,693, 1,711, 1,724, 1,735, 1,761, 1,804, 1,811, 1,817, 1,825, 1,836, 1,838, 1,848, 1,863, 1,881, 1,890, 1,894, 1,919, 1,920, 1,921, 1,923, 1,929, 1,932, 1,943, 1,957, 1,963, 1,977, 1,985, 1,986, 1,988, 2,004, 2,007, 2,024, 2,030, 2,041, 2,044, 2,052, 2,083, 2,084, 2,085, 2,115, 2,132, 2,149, 2,160, 2,188, 2,201, 2,202, 2,214, 2,219, 2,221, 2,229, 2,232, 2,248, 2,260, 2,272, 2,274, 2,299, 2,344, 2,345, 2,348, 2,362, 2,398,

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RESPONSE: The Council disagrees that baiting is ecologically harmful. Baiting for deer has occurred in New Jersey since 1998, with no documented deleterious effects to the environment. While the commenter did not explain the type of conflict believed to be caused by baiting, the Council is unaware of any documented evidence of baiting causing conflict in New Jersey. As explained in the Response to Comment 53, the use of human-derived food for baiting in a wooded environment does not cause bears to frequent neighborhoods and communities and would not be expected to increase negative bear-human interactions.

60. COMMENT: Restricting the harvest to only bears weighing more than 75 pounds live weight is supported (3, 4, 6, 10, 20, 28, 33, 40, 46, 48, 54, 61, 62, 67, 76, 77, 84, 97, 107, 111, 118, 125, 127, 132, 138, 142, 154, 160, 163, 164, 171, 177, 178, 181, 182, 183, 191, 200, 202, 204, 223, 229, 231, 241, 253, 254, 256, 260, 262, 267, 268, 276, 282, 284, 290, 291, 292, 298, 304, 311, 312, 313, 314, 316, 324, 325, 329, 331, 343, 346, 351, 354, 356, 362, 363, 374, 376, 384, 385,

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support is based on the fact that this restriction can still control the population (454, 473, 1,476, 1,484, 2,157, and 2,227) and that State biologists advise it (473, 505, and 857).

RESPONSE: The Council acknowledges the comments in support of this proposed amendment to the Game Code.

61. COMMENT: The commenters stated that hunters should only harvest mature bears (163, 351, 714, 761, 766, 885, 1,661, 1,884, 1,925, 2,090, 2,476, 2,626, 2,631, 2,740, 3,195, 3,280, and 3,316), that hunters wouldn't shoot cubs (191, 1,798, and 3,185), that there is no need to harvest "babies" (163, 351, 714, 761, 766, 885, 1,661, 1,884, 1,925, 2,090, 2,476, 2,626, 2,631, 2,740, 3,195, 3,280, and 3,316), and further expressed that "shooting cubs looks bad" (857, 986, 1,240, 1,378, 1,779, 2,157, 2,473, 2,645, 2,804, and 3,560).

RESPONSE: The Council notes that the proposed amendments to the Game Code include a restriction on the taking of cubs 75 pounds or under live weight and acknowledges the commenters' support.

62. COMMENT: While supportive of restricting the harvest to bears over 75 pounds live weight, several commenters expressed concern that it is difficult to determine weight, size, and age of a bear (111, 183, 827, 1,424, 1,431, 1,627, 1,652, 1,779, 1,976, 2,266, 2,269, 2,282, 2,477, 2,685, 3,302, 3,318, and 3,554), that baiting should be allowed to help determine size (118, 241, and 2,699), and that it turns the hunt into a trophy hunt (883, 986, 981, 1,701, and 2,244).

RESPONSE: The Council acknowledges the comments in support of this amendment to the Game Code. In order to assist hunters, Fish & Wildlife posted Hunter Guidance for 2022 Bear

Season Regulation Changes on its web page, which includes tips for determining a bear's weight/size in the field. Baiting is a strategy that bear hunters can still utilize. The proposed amendment only restricts the taking of a bear within 300 feet of bait. Regarding concerns that prohibiting the harvest of cubs 75 pounds and under creates a "trophy hunt," the regulated bear hunting season was not designed to be a "trophy hunt." The bear hunt serves multiple purposes, including management, subsistence, and the fulfillment of the Council's mandate to provide for public recreation. As with any animal harvested, the Game Code prohibits the wanton waste of black bear.

63. COMMENT: Limiting the harvest to only bears over 75 pounds live weight is opposed (15, 16, 19, 49, 50, 52, 58, 65, 78, 79, 81, 82, 86, 87, 89, 91, 95, 96, 106, 108, 112, 115, 126, 128, 135, 137, 141, 150, 151, 152, 165, 170, 179, 185, 187, 188, 193, 196, 201, 215, 218, 222, 225, 235, 238, 242, 248, 249, 250, 252, 257, 271, 272, 277, 278, 287, 288, 293, 294, 295, 296, 299, 301, 309, 310, 332, 338, 339, 341, 359, 365, 370, 386, 391, 392, 398, 409, 412, 432, 436, 439, 449, 451, 455, 460, 468, 469, 475, 488, 492, 495, 496, 500, 504, 511, 519, 520, 526, 528, 538, 541, 543, 550, 553, 559, 560, 561, 562, 566, 583, 586, 597, 622, 645, 648, 658, 659, 666, 671, 672, 682, 687, 692, 695, 703, 714, 728, 743, 745, 758, 759, 770, 774, 785, 792, 793, 809, 819, 822, 832, 835, 836, 837, 841, 842, 858, 867, 873, 878, 888, 897, 898, 900, 903, 910, 911, 927, 939, 945, 947, 951, 952, 957, 964, 976, 994, 1,007, 1,013, 1,015, 1,019, 1,029, 1,030, 1,031, 1,032, 1,033, 1,034, 1,035, 1,036, 1,037, 1,054, 1,056, 1,058, 1,059, 1,063, 1,077, 1,078, 1,082, 1,090, 1,092, 1,093, 1,096, 1,100, 1,101, 1,103, 1,104, 1,107, 1,108, 1,109, 1,112, 1,125, 1,126, 1,128, 1,131, 1,140, 1,142, 1,143, 1,149, 1,157, 1,165, 1,174, 1,177, 1,179, 1,188, 1,190, 1,195,

1,197, 1,199, 1,202, 1,204, 1,206, 1,208, 1,221, 1,242, 1,245, 1,246, 1,248, 1,254, 1,265, 1,266, 1,267, 1,275, 1,278, 1,283, 1,290, 1,299, 1,300, 1,301, 1,303, 1,308, 1,319, 1,320, 1,328, 1,329, 1,334, 1,346, 1,349, 1,351, 1,352, 1,358, 1,369, 1,382, 1,383, 1,384, 1,401, 1,408, 1,412, 1,415, 1,421, 1,428, 1,435, 1,437, 1,447, 1,479, 1,486, 1,487, 1,492, 1,497, 1,501, 1,507, 1,531, 1,534, 1,535, 1,536, 1,537, 1,538, 1,540, 1,546, 1,547, 1,552, 1,553, 1,558, 1,567, 1,570, 1,574, 1,592, 1,596, 1,621, 1,629, 1,630, 1,631, 1,635, 1,645, 1,663, 1,681, 1,685, 1,694, 1,697, 1,703, 1,704, 1,705, 1,711, 1,718, 1,722, 1,725, 1,733, 1,744, 1,746, 1,761, 1,764, 1,765, 1,767, 1,775, 1,776, 1,784, 1,800, 1,811, 1,813, 1,814, 1,816, 1,817, 1,820, 1,821, 1,822, 1,824, 1,831, 1,848, 1,849, 1,851, 1,855, 1,863, 1,869, 1,872, 1,876, 1,881, 1,893, 1,894, 1,895, 1,899, 1,918, 1,919, 1,920, 1,923, 1,929, 1,932, 1,934, 1,935, 1,936, 1,937, 1,941, 1,943, 1,955, 1,958, 1,963, 1,974, 1,977, 1,982, 1,986, 1,988, 1,990, 1,991, 1,994, 2,000, 2,004, 2,005, 2,024, 2,030, 2,040, 2,041, 2,047, 2,049, 2,050, 2,052, 2,054, 2,059, 2,067, 2,077, 2,079, 2,083, 2,084, 2,085, 2,109, 2,110, 2,115, 2,121, 2,123, 2,124, 2,132, 2,135, 2,141, 2,143, 2,149, 2,156, 2,158, 2,170, 2,175, 2,177, 2,182, 2,188, 2,189, 2,196, 2,201, 2,202, 2,204, 2,209, 2,210, 2,214, 2,216, 2,220, 2,221, 2,229, 2,232, 2,248, 2,257, 2,260, 2,272, 2,274, 2,287, 2,293, 2,302, 2,317, 2,318, 2,326, 2,333, 2,335, 2,341, 2,342, 2,344, 2,345, 2,348, 2,349, 2,351, 2,364, 2,368, 2,375, 2,376, 2,378, 2,381, 2,398, 2,406, 2,409, 2,410, 2,412, 2,413, 2,417, 2,418, 2,430, 2,432, 2,433, 2,441, 2,455, 2,461, 2,484, 2,485, 2,487, 2,490, 2,491, 2,498, 2,499, 2,515, 2,520, 2,527, 2,532, 2,535, 2,538, 2,540, 2,542, 2,549, 2,553, 2,554, 2,560, 2,563, 2,576, 2,577, 2,589, 2,590, 2,591, 2,597, 2,604, 2,609, 2,610, 2,612, 2,616, 2,625, 2,644, 2,662, 2,663, 2,664, 2,665, 2,666, 2,678, 2,687, 2,690, 2,696, 2,702, 2,706, 2,709, 2,721, 2,722, 2,727, 2,731, 2,732, 2,745, 2,751, 2,752, 2,757, 2,760, 2,761, 2,773, 2,775, 2,781, 2,782, 2,783, 2,788, 2,806, 2,818, 2,820, 2,821, 2,824, 2,831, 2,836, 2,844, 2,852, 2,876, VERSION WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE OCTOBER 2, 2023 NEW JERSEY REGISTER. SHOULD THERE BE ANY DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THIS TEXT AND THE OFFICIAL VERSION OF THE ADOPTION, THE OFFICIAL VERSION WILL GOVERN. 2,893, 2,894, 2,898, 2,902, 2,905, 2,911, 2,921, 2,928, 2,932, 2,936, 2,941, 2,948, 2,952, 2,954, 2,955, 2,956, 2,961, 2,971, 2,975, 2,987, 2,988, 2,990, 2,998, 3,010, 3,011, 3,014, 3,015, 3,019, 3,025, 3,026, 3,027, 3,031, 3,038, 3,040, 3,042, 3,052, 3,055, 3,058, 3,059, 3,062, 3,067, 3,071, 3,076, 3,101, 3,114, 3,115, 3,122, 3,125, 3,130, 3,131, 3,138, 3,143, 3,147, 3,149, 3,153, 3,161, 3,163, 3,176, 3,184, 3,187, 3,191, 3,206, 3,219, 3,227, 3,229, 3,241, 3,243, 3,246, 3,248, 3,251, 3,256, 3,273, 3,284, 3,285, 3,287, 3,293, 3,352, 3,358, 3,361, 3,364, 3,366, 3,372, 3,373, 3,376, 3,378, 3,379, 3,385, 3,386, 3,387, 3,388, 3,392, 3,393, 3,394, 3,395, 3,396, 3,408, 3,409, 3,413, 3,417, 3,421, 3,422, 3,426, 3,428, 3,429, 3,434, 3,435, 3,443, 3,445, 3,450, 3,453, 3,467, 3,468, 3,470, 3,474, 3,476, 3,477, 3,478, 3,479, 3,480, 3,482, 3,483, 3,494, 3,511, 3,512, 3,514, 3,521, 3,527, 3,537, 3,542, 3,551, 3,558, 3,564, 3,568, 3,577, 3,581, 3,595, 3,609, 3,611, 3,618, 3,622, 3,623, 3,625, 3,632, and 3,638). This limitation is opposed because this is a management hunt, not a trophy hunt (9, 39, 120, 195, 198, 205, 206, 244, 274, 377, 408, 429, 501, 529, 544, 584, 602, 605, 717, 791, 796, 798, 813, 817, 821, 833, 844, 887, 936, 937, 948, 981, 1,162, 1,207, 1,217, 1,228, 1,231, 1,252, 1,255, 1,257, 1,259, 1,263, 1,281, 1,357, 1,409, 1,442, 1,461, 1,482, 1,548, 1,560, 1,583, 1,585, 1,600, 1,618, 1,619, 1,638, 1,680, 1,692, 1,741, 1,758, 1,792, 1,802, 1,832, 1,833, 1,856, 1,981, 1,989, 2,071, 2,096, 2,107, 2,114, 2,126, 2,352, 2,371, 2,393, 2,447, 2,465, 2,513, 2,567, 2,568, 2,588, 2,598, 2,602, 2,611, 2,623, 2,635, 2,681, 2,725, 2,736, 2,827, 2,962, 2,972, 3,044, 3,077, 3,078, 3,128, 3,146, 3,232, 3,247, 3,263, 3,305, 3,391, 3,411, 3,414, 3,419, 3,437, 3,447, 3,498, 3,508, 3,523, 3,532, 3,563, and 3,606) and the harvest of bears of any size should be legal (9, 25, 120, 205, 206, 244, 377, 501, 529, 544, 551, 584, 602, 605, 653, 667, 717, 791, 796, 798, 813, 818, 821, 844, 868, 887, 948, 981, 1,050, 1,154, 1,207, 1,231, 1,255, 1,257, 1,259, 1,281, 1,327, 1,357, 1,374, 1,409, 1,414, 1,442, 1,461, 1,482, 1,548, 1,560, 1,600,

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3,532, 3,545, 3,563, 3,586, 3,606, and 3,621), as there are too many bears (630, 1,207, 2,588, and

3,314), and hunters should not be penalized for helping to control wildlife populations (2,725

and 3,461).

RESPONSE: The Council notes that restrictions prohibiting the harvest of bear cubs is not anticipated to unduly impact harvest rates. As with any animal, there is a wide range of growth and weight among individuals. The 75-pound restriction is intended to protect cubs from harvest during their first year. Other states have incorporated similar restrictions into their regulations and effective bear population control is still possible with these modifications. The regulated bear hunting season was not designed to be a "trophy hunt." The bear hunt serves multiple purposes, including management, subsistence, and the fulfillment of the Council's mandate to provide for public recreation. As with any animal harvested, the Game Code prohibits the wanton waste of black bear.

64. COMMENT: Commenters stated that New Jersey bears have a higher fecundity rate than bears in most states, so there is a need to compensate by allowing for the harvest of cubs to reduce the population of future nuisance bears (1,414 and 3,234), and that the weight restriction should not be implemented until the bear population has been reduced and is stable (120, 380,

523, 909, and 2,071). Other commenters believe smaller bears are more of the problem (377 and 2,725), and that these bears will be next year's big bears (818, 1,154, 2,071, 2,249, 2,384, and 3,128), or future problem bears (821, 1,461, 2,249, and 2,897). Commenters also expressed that if cubs are alone, they should be allowed to be harvested (667, 1,296, 1,751, and 2,472) and felt that that if farmers may have to shoot them anyway, there is no difference in allowing hunters to do so (816).

RESPONSE: The Council acknowledges the high reproductive rate of New Jersey black bears, but notes that the restrictions prohibiting the harvest of bear cubs 75 pounds or under live weight is not anticipated to unduly impact harvest rates. While cubs do indeed grow up to be larger bears, Fish & Wildlife has not found that smaller bears are a greater cause of damage and nuisance complaints. Farmers must apply and prove that damage is caused by bears in order to get a depredation permit for crop damage.

65. COMMENT: The weight restriction will reduce the effectiveness of the hunt (3,606), as hunters may decide not to take a smaller bear for fear it is under the weight restriction (833, 948, 1,494, 2,246, 3,299, and 3,411), because larger bears are more elusive and harder to harvest (2,552 and 2,725), or hunters may leave bears harvested under the minimum weight limit in the field due to fear of a fine (827, 1,422, and 2,513). The commenters also expressed that the meat of smaller bears is considered to be of a better quality (2,384, 2,423, 3,314, and 3,337), as well as concern that too many regulations will lead to unsuccessful hunts (212) or cause animals to starve (813).

RESPONSE: The Council notes that the restriction prohibiting the harvest of bears 75 pounds and under live weight is not anticipated to unduly impact harvest rates. Other states have incorporated similar restrictions into their regulations and effective bear population control is still possible with these modifications. The Council further notes that the Game Code prohibits the wanton waste of black bear. The Council monitors, and will continue to monitor, management efforts and any related effects.

66. COMMENT: The commenters indicate the weight restriction is too low (3,309) and should be increased to 125 pounds (3,343). Other commenters indicate that the minimum weight is too close to the weight of yearlings (941) and should be lowered (389). One commenter recommends banning the taking of a sow with cubs, or cubs in the presence of a sow instead (3,613). RESPONSE: As with any animal, there is a wide range of growth and weight among individual black bears. The 75-pound restriction is intended to protect cubs from harvest during their first year. Other states have incorporated similar restrictions into their regulations and effective bear population control is still possible with these modifications. Banning the taking of a sow with cubs, or cubs in the presence of a sow, as suggested by a commenter, is included in this adoption.

67. COMMENT: The restriction on the take of bears 75 pounds or under live weight is opposed because, as stated by commenters, "it makes no sense" and is a "political decision" (1,374), it should be left up to the wildlife management professionals (166, 274, 1,361, 2,638, 2,700, and 3,232), and there is no biological reason for the restriction (153, 529, 653, 813, 817, 981, 1,050,

1,130, 1,257, 1,281, 1,374, 1,422, 1,832, 1,939, 2,114, 2,116, 2,835, 2,891, 3,089, 3,126, 3,302, 3,411, 3,437, and 3,498).

The commenters note it is difficult to judge weight of a bear in the field at a distance (26, 155, 210, 300, 315, 379, 389, 447, 482, 503, 533, 604, 605, 680, 717, 827, 833, 843, 948, 981, 1,055, 1,069, 1,129, 1,252, 1,326, 1,393, 1,406, 1,419, 1,422, 1,442, 1,494, 1,520, 1,619, 1,692, 1,758, 1,789, 1,965, 1,970, 1,984, 2,094, 2,122, 2,239, 2,246, 2,282, 2,284, 2,464, 2,468, 2,472, 2,490, 2,513, 2,523, 2,525, 2,593, 2,635, 2,649, 2,653, 2,680, 2,822, 2,918, 2,926, 2,942, 2,972, 3,034, 3,075, 3,126, 3,140, 3,224, 3,299, 3,302, 3,412, 3,461, 3,515, and 3,586), and would be difficult to enforce (315, 322, 379, 936, 1,692, 2,116, 2,926, and 3,292). If deer fawns are legal, bear cubs should be as well (205, 602, 887, 1,154, 1,668, 2,502, 2,509, 2,567, 2,649, 2,918, 2,962, 3,044, 3,089, 3,126, 3,302, 3,412, 3,437, and 3,563). The commenters also indicated that smaller bears are easier for older hunters to drag out of the woods (1,154, 1,347, 2,423, and 2,586), and felt that whether to harvest a cub should be left up to the hunters to decide for themselves (2).

RESPONSE: The Council notes that restrictions prohibiting the harvest of bear cubs is not anticipated to unduly impact harvest rates. The 75-pound restriction is intended to protect cubs from harvest during their first year. Other states have incorporated similar restrictions into their regulations and effective bear population control is still possible with these modifications.

In order to assist hunters, Fish & Wildlife has posted Hunter Guidance for 2022 Bear Season Regulation Changes on its web page, which includes tips for determining a bear's weight in the field. Larger bears may also be quartered before removing from the field, if necessary.

68. COMMENT: The prohibition on the harvest of bears 75 pounds and under live weight is opposed as commenters oppose the killing of bears of any size (210, 389, 1,198, 1,215, 1,225, 1,726, 1,985, 2,203, 2,312, 2,709, 3,007, 3,309, and 3,499), and indicate that no cubs should be killed (210, 389, 1,198, 1,215, 1,225, 1,726, 1,985, 2,203, 2,312, 2,709, 3,007, 3,309, and 3,499). RESPONSE: The Council recognizes that certain commenters are opposed to lethal management, including regulated hunting. While the Council has concluded that the CBBMP should include a regulated black bear hunt as part of a comprehensive approach to black bear management, the prohibition on the harvest of bears 75 pounds and under would address some of the concerns raised by other commenters.

69. COMMENT: The prohibition on the harvest of adult bears when accompanied by cubs is supported (2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 16, 20, 33, 40, 46, 48, 61, 62, 67, 76, 77, 82, 97, 107, 111, 118, 125, 126, 127, 132, 137, 138, 142, 154, 156, 158, 160, 163, 164, 171, 172, 177, 178, 181, 182, 183, 184, 191, 202, 204, 210, 218, 223, 229, 231, 235, 241, 242, 253, 254, 256, 260, 267, 268, 276, 282, 288, 292, 298, 304, 311, 312, 313, 314, 316, 324, 325, 343, 351, 354, 356, 362, 363, 365, 376, 382, 384, 385, 388, 390, 395, 403, 406, 408, 409, 414, 435, 440, 443, 445, 447, 454, 457, 458, 461, 473, 479, 480, 483, 484, 485, 489, 491, 494, 495, 497, 502, 507, 508, 513, 517, 521, 522, 524, 528, 533, 535, 537, 542, 545, 547, 549, 554, 564, 565, 573, 574, 575, 581, 583, 588, 595, 596, 601, 615, 617, 618, 623, 629, 631, 632, 635, 636, 639, 647, 650, 652, 655, 662, 663, 667, 670, 673, 677, 678, 679, 680, 686, 689, 690, 698, 699, 700, 704, 705, 709, 714, 716, 722, 724, 725, 729, 736, 744, 746, 747, 750, 752, 762, 763, 764, 767, 768, 784, 785, 786, 795, 807, 814, 823, 827, 828, 829, 839, 840, 844, 847, 848, 850, 852, 855, 856, 857, 860, 863, 868, 871, 881,

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RESPONSE: The Council acknowledges the comments in support of this proposed amendment to the Game Code.

70. COMMENT: The prohibition on the harvest of adult bears when accompanied by cubs is opposed (15, 43, 49, 50, 52, 54, 58, 82, 108, 128, 165, 179, 187, 188, 195, 200, 225, 238, 248, 250, 252, 257, 271, 272, 277, 290, 291, 293, 294, 295, 296, 299, 322, 329, 332, 346, 392, 412, 436, 437, 439, 449, 451, 455, 464, 468, 469, 471, 475, 482, 496, 500, 501, 504, 559, 560, 566, 586, 594, 598, 622, 633, 637, 651, 658, 672, 692, 741, 749, 758, 770, 781, 799, 802, 805, 821, 832, 833, 835, 836, 858, 872, 873, 897, 900, 902, 911, 916, 941, 951, 952, 972, 973, 974, 998, 1,007, 1,029, 1,036, 1,048, 1,055, 1,056, 1,059, 1,062, 1,063, 1,068, 1,078, 1,082, 1,092, 1,093, 1,096, 1,101, 1,112, 1,117, 1,120, 1,123, 1,128, 1,142, 1,157, 1,164, 1,165, 1,174, 1,176, 1,180, 1,182, 1,195, 1,197, 1,199, 1,208, 1,220, 1,221, 1,224, 1,225, 1,234, 1,242, 1,246, 1,258, 1,263, 1,266, 1,267, 1,273, 1,277, 1,290, 1,295, 1,297, 1,299, 1,303, 1,315, 1,319, 1,333, 1,349, 1,351, 1,369, 1,391, 1,397, 1,398, 1,403, 1,408, 1,421, 1,444, 1,465, 1,467, 1,475, 1,485, 1,487, 1,492,

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RESPONSE: The Council notes that restrictions prohibiting the harvest of bear cubs or bears in the company of cubs is not anticipated to unduly impact harvest. The Council notes that other

states have successfully managed bears using these restrictions. As noted in the Response to

Comment 36, the regulated hunting season was not designed to be a "trophy hunt."

71. COMMENT: The prohibition on the harvest of adult bears when accompanied by cubs is opposed because the population cannot be controlled without taking adult bears (630 and 1,792), the breeders are exactly the animals which should be targeted to affect a population reduction (173, 205, 315, 374, 389, 429, 505, 717, 766, 948, 1,041, 1,130, 1,231, 1,257, 1,259, 1,309, 1,327, 1,414, 1,424, 1,482, 1,486, 1,970, 2,094, 2,119, 2,249, 2,286, 2,393, 2,465, 2,513, 2,653, 2,654, 2,733, 2,736, 2,773, 3,128, 3,232, 3,380, 3,412, 3,515, and 3,586), and it should be legal to take any bear until the population is reduced and stable (120, 274, 523, 721, 909, 2,071, 2,827, and 2,836).

RESPONSE: The Council notes that restrictions prohibiting the harvest of bear cubs or bears in the company of cubs is not anticipated to unduly impact harvest. The Council notes that other states have successfully managed bears using these restrictions.

72. COMMENT: The prohibition on the harvest of adult bears when accompanied by cubs is opposed because there is no biological reason for this restriction (205, 429, 544, 813, 937, 1,041, 1,130, 1,652, 2,116, 2,467, 2,513, 2,891, 3,089, and 3,337) and hunters should be allowed to choose or self-regulate which bears to harvest (213, 1,619, 1,965, 2,094, 2,447, 3,305, 3,461, 3,483, and 3,516).

RESPONSE: While cubs would be of sufficient size and maturity to survive on their own at the time of the bear hunt, the Council, recognizing the importance of a hunt in the face of a rapidly increasing and expanding bear population, also sought to address concerns of those opposed to the take of adults accompanying cubs. This restriction is not anticipated to unduly affect harvest rates, and other states have successfully managed black bear populations with similar restrictions.

73. COMMENT: The commenters opposing the prohibition of the harvest of adult bears when accompanied by cubs expressed concern that too many regulations will lead to an unsuccessful hunt (212, 817, and 3,299), and asserted that this was a political compromise not based on ethics or sound management (804, 1,050, 1,939, and 2,467), but rather an emotional response to a wildlife problem (813, 937, 1,252, 1,832, and 3,089). Some commenters felt the amendment was developed for those opposed to hunting (1,130 and 2,467) and that only wildlife management professionals should make this decision (166, 957, 2,700, and 3,232).

RESPONSE: While cubs would be of sufficient size and maturity to survive on their own at the time of the bear hunt, the Council, recognizing the importance of a hunt in the face of a rapidly increasing and expanding bear population, also sought to address concerns of those opposed to

the take of adults accompanying cubs. This restriction is not anticipated to unduly affect harvest rates, and other states have successfully managed black bear populations with similar restrictions. The Council works closely with wildlife management professionals with all regulation development and continually strives for clear and concise regulations to meet management objectives. The Council will continue to monitor hunter success and any related management effects.

74. COMMENT: The prohibition on the harvest of adult bears when accompanied by cubs is opposed because sows with cubs can be aggressive (1,701, 2,237, 2,319, and 2,530) and sows could die by other causes (1,638). The commenters further asserted that it is too difficult to judge the age class or weight of bears (26, 155, 374, 843, 1,140, 1,619, 2,284, and 2,679) and that if you can take a doe with fawns, you should be able to take a sow with cubs (25, 452, 761, 798, 1,347, 2,502, and 3,437).

RESPONSE: While cubs would be of sufficient size and maturity to survive on their own at the time of the bear hunt, the Council, recognizing the importance of a hunt in the face of a rapidly increasing and expanding bear population, also sought to address concerns of those opposed to the take of adult bears accompanying cubs. The Council acknowledges that sows with cubs may become aggressive, but usually only when defending their cubs. In order to assist hunters, Fish & Wildlife has posted Hunter Guidance for 2022 Bear Season Regulation Changes on its web page, which includes tips for determining a bear's weight in the field.

75. COMMENT: The prohibition on the harvest of adult bears with cubs is opposed because a mother with cubs should not be harvested (1,726, 2,239, 2,346, 2,468, 2,679, 3,081, and 3,309), there should be "no killing of family," "no mother should be killed" (1,985 and 3,309), harvesting an adult bear accompanying cubs should be illegal, regardless of size (1,326, 2,930, 3,316, and 3,343) and because commenters oppose lethal management (520, 864, 1,124, 1,198, 1,215, 1,653, 2,097, 2,312, 2,854, and 3,632). One commenter indicates that they oppose the prohibition because "there is no credible evidence that black bears are overpopulated in New Jersey" (153).

RESPONSE: The Council recognizes that certain commenters are opposed to lethal management of bears, including regulated hunting. While the Council has concluded that the CBBMP should include a regulated black bear hunt as part of a comprehensive approach to black bear management, the prohibition on the harvest of adult bears with cubs would seem to address the concerns raised by the commenters.

76. COMMENT: The prohibition on the take of adult bears with cubs is opposed because it is difficult to enforce (173, 379, 818, 948, 1,652, 2,116, 2,284, 2,477, 2,525, 2,593, 3,077, 3,078, and 3,337), sets up hunters for potential violations (604, 605, 710, 817, 948, 1,041, 1,406, 1,424, 1,461, 1,520, 1,652, 2,122, 2,513, 2,525, and 3,146), and forces hunters to take longer range shots as they wait to see if cubs are with the adult bear (2,147).

RESPONSE: The Council notes that the restriction on taking adult bears with cubs is consistent with the objectives of the 2022 CBBMP and that other states have successfully managed bears using these restrictions.

77. COMMENT: A commenter asserts that hunting spreads disease through blood, urine, and feces of animals (2,915).

RESPONSE: Proper care and hygiene is important when processing any meat for consumption, regardless of whether the animal was obtained through hunting. Numerous websites provide guidance on how to properly handle/process meat for food. Fish & Wildlife reminds hunters and anglers to never consume an animal that appears unwell. Observations of sick or dying animals can be reported through the 1-877-WARN DEP (927-6337) 24-hour hotline. This information is relayed to State wildlife pathologists who investigate causes of disease among animals. Information on wildlife diseases is posted on the Fish & Wildlife website.

78. COMMENT: Commenters neither supported or opposed prohibiting the harvest of cubs (bears 75 pounds or under) indicating they did not have sufficient knowledge on the subject and it should be left up to wildlife professionals and/or science (103, 1,628, 2,638, and 2,688), that they would not shoot a cub, and preferred not seeing cubs taken (350 and 470), and it should be the hunter's discretion (2,649), but acknowledged it helps with population control (245, 470, and 1,560). Commenters questioned if cubs would be able to survive on their own at this size/age (844), and if the prohibition would adversely affect the population (216) and wanted to understand the long-term effects (2,236). One commenter noted there is little difference between a farmer taking a cub under a depredation permit and a hunter taking a cub during the regulated hunting season (816). Commenters who neither supported or opposed prohibiting the harvest of cubs also expressed concern that it would be difficult to enforce (574), and that there needs to be

an acceptable range of compliance (892). It was also indicated that larger bears are more elusive, and this restriction should be offset by a longer season (2,552).

RESPONSE: The Council acknowledges the comments taking a neutral position on the harvest of bears 75 pounds or under live weight. While cubs would be of sufficient size and maturity to survive on their own at the time of the bear hunt, the Council, recognizing the importance of a hunt in the face of a rapidly increasing and expanding bear population, also sought to address concerns of those opposed to the take of cubs. This restriction is not anticipated to unduly affect harvest rates, and other states have successfully managed black bear populations with similar restrictions.

Beyond the Scope

79. COMMENT: The Council should change the law regarding bear spray, as what is currently allowed is not sufficient to protect someone from a bear attack (2,291).

RESPONSE: This comment is beyond the scope of this rulemaking as these laws are beyond the jurisdiction of the Council and are not the subject of the current rulemaking.

80. COMMENT: Penalties for violating the proposed amendments to the Game Code should be realistic (1,627, 1,652, 2,138, and 2,477).

RESPONSE: Penalties for violating the State Game Code are established at Title 23 of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated and are beyond the authority of the Council.

Federal Standards Statement

N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., requires State agencies that adopt, readopt, or amend State regulations that exceed any Federal standards or requirements to include in the rulemaking document a Federal standards analysis.

Pursuant to National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, 16 U.S.C. § 668dd (1966), and regulations (50 CFR 32.49), the United States Fish and Wildlife Service regulates hunting only in National Wildlife Refuge areas in New Jersey. The proposed CBBMP does not contain any standards or requirements that exceed Federal regulations involving National Wildlife Refuge areas, and there are no Federal standards for non-National Wildlife Refuge areas.

Therefore, the Department has determined that the adopted CBBMP and related Game Code

amendments do not contain any standards or requirements that exceed any standards or requirements imposed by Federal law. Accordingly, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., does not require further analysis.

Full text of the adoption follows (additions to proposal indicated in italics and boldface with asterisks **thus**; deletions from the proposal indicated in italicized braces with asterisks **thus*}*):

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BACKGROUND (No change.)

I. INTRODUCTION

This document defines the Council's 2022 Comprehensive Black Bear Management Policy (CBBMP). Council periodically re-evaluates its policies, recommendations, and regulations as information on the wildlife species under its jurisdiction and the needs of New Jersey's citizens warrant. The black bear policy and management goals consider the cultural carrying capacity, which is the number of bears that can co-exist compatibly with the local human population in a given area, in concert with the biological carrying capacity of the land to support bears. The Council has directed that NJFW manage black bears to ensure their continued survival in New Jersey, while addressing residents' and farmers' property damage and safety concerns. Council recognizes that instances of black bears injuring humans have occurred in New Jersey and that human safety concerns must be considered as part of black bear management decisions. In 2014, the first documented human fatality from a black bear attack occurred in New Jersey, reinforcing the human safety concern associated with managing this species. Since 2010, NJFW has documented six incidences of bears injuring humans including the 2014 fatal attack. With careful management, however, the black bear provides an overall benefit to the citizens of New Jersey in the form of wildlife appreciation, observation, and hunting.

The Council finds that NJFW should manage the bear population at a level commensurate with available habitat and consistent with reducing risk to public safety and property. Council recognizes that there are no non-lethal methods currently available to effect a population reduction in bears. In 2020, the estimated black bear population in the hunted area of the State (Bear Management Zones 1 - 5) exceeded 3,000 bears, which has not occurred since 2014. In response to the dangerously elevated population level of 2014, Council took immediate action to expand the hunting season (2015 CBBMP) to reduce this high level of bears and protect public safety. The season's expansion quickly reduced the bear population, thereby lessening the threat to public safety; the estimated bear population was 1,527 in 2018. Public lands were closed to bear hunting for the 2018, 2019 and 2020 bear seasons. There was a 29% decrease in the average number of bear permits sold for these three years. The average harvest rate for the 2018, 2019, and 2020 seasons was 14.3%, compared to an average harvest rate of 20.1% for the preceding seasons (2015, 2016, and 2017). Annual harvest rate is the percentage of tagged bears versus untagged bears that are harvested in a given season. A harvest rate of 20% is needed to affect a population reduction.

In 2020, damage and nuisance complaints involving bears increased by 50% since 2018. In 2021, Council advised that unless public lands are re-opened to bear hunting, the bear population (3,158 in 2020) could quickly increase to unprecedented levels, creating an increased risk to public safety.

Council directs that NJFW should use Integrated Wildlife Damage Management, which seeks to prevent, reduce, or stop wildlife damage by integrating a combination of methods sequentially or concurrently (USDA WS WI 2002, Raithel et al. 2016). The integrated approach to black bear management used by NJFW in New Jersey includes all available methods within its fiscal and personnel resources, including population control through regulated hunting, research, educational programs, promoting the use of bear-resistant garbage containers, lethal bear damage control, and non-lethal bear damage control.

Scientific data from NJFW's bear research program, which began in the 1,980s, demonstrates that New Jersey has a productive black bear population that can support a regulated hunting season (McConnell et al. 1997). Data from hunting seasons and continued research and monitoring efforts has also shown that a regulated hunting season effectively reduces New Jersey's bear population to manageable levels when properly implemented, including being allowed on all available public properties. Current research has shown that regulated hunting seasons are the only tool available for effective population control of free-ranging black bears (NEBBTC 2012; Lackey et al. 2018). Council notes that the State Game Code contains regulatory safeguards that assure that bear harvests remain below the population's sustained yield capabilities (N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.6). Data also shows that when a hunting season is properly implemented, nuisance complaints are mitigated, and bear population growth is slowed or reversed. Conversely, data shows that when bear hunting is closed entirely, or prohibited on public lands, both the bear population and incidents, including dangerous Category I incidents, increase. Although fertility control and sterilization continue to be researched, these methods of

population control are not effective for free-ranging populations and are not economically feasible, as evaluated either by an efficacy or cost metric. Regulated hunting remains the only available safe and effective management tool to provide recreation and to control New Jersey's black bear population.

Aside from a regulated hunting season as a tool for bear population control, Council recognizes the importance of other available tools, including non-lethal methods, to reduce the likelihood of bears becoming a nuisance or a danger to humans. NJFW staff has trained over 1,550 local police officers, State troopers, and state, county, and municipal park rangers to assist in problem bear response. In this effort, NJFW and its partners utilize lethal control on high-risk, dangerous bears and non-lethal aversive conditioning techniques on nuisance bears. Studies in New Jersey as well as other states conclude that aversive conditioning has a limited short-term effect on reducing the negative behavior of nuisance bears.

NJFW has conducted an intensive and extensive public education campaign about commonsense practices that may reduce the risk of negative black bear behavior on humans, their homes, their property, and their communities. Since 2007, Bureau of Law Enforcement staff has inspected thousands of residential properties in high bear incident areas and found nearly complete compliance with black bear garbage management guidelines, suggesting the black bear education effort has been effective in compliance. In 2021, NJFW received a \$1.5 million appropriation for non-lethal bear management, a portion of which was spent to hire a consultant on an extensive campaign which utilized a new webpage, social media like Facebook and

Instagram; YouTube videos; and messaging through connected TV/OTT like ROKU, Amazon Fire, and Google TV; and streaming audio on Pandora and Audacy, reaching millions of people throughout the State, not just in bear country. Due to the success of NJFW's educational efforts, Council has determined that NJFW should increase this expanded program, including municipal outreach. *NJFW received an additional \$1.5 million appropriation in 2022 to cover bear-related staff positions and to continue enhanced outreach efforts.*

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II. STATUS OF BLACK BEARS IN NEW JERSEY

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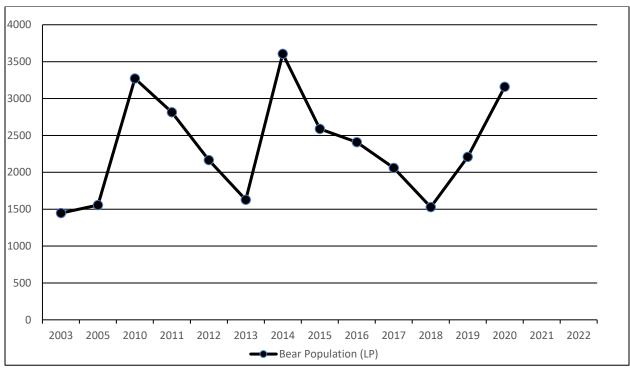


Figure 1: Lincoln-Petersen bear population estimates for 2003, 2005, and 2010 through 2020. There was no regulated hunting season in 2004, 2006-2009 or 2021, and in 2022, hunting only occurred for a portion of Segment B. Thus, there is no LP estimate for those years.

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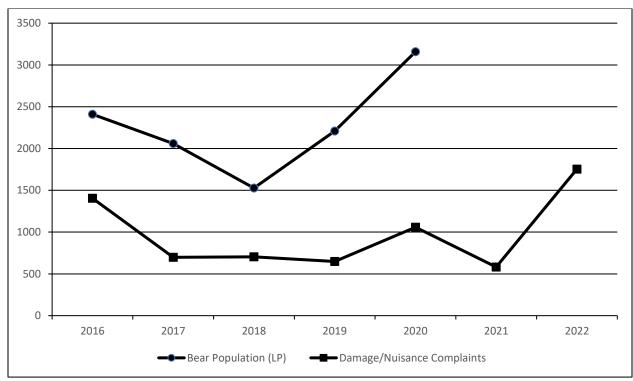


Figure 2: Lincoln-Petersen bear population estimates, and damage and nuisance complaints received by NJFW, 2016 through 2022. Bear hunting seasons were open on State lands during the 2016, 2017, and 2022 seasons and were closed on these same lands during the 2018 through 2020 seasons. In 2021, there was no regulated hunting season, and 2022, hunting only occurred for a portion of Segment B. Thus, there is no LP estimate for those years.

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III. INTEGRATED BLACK BEAR MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

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A. Bear Population Management

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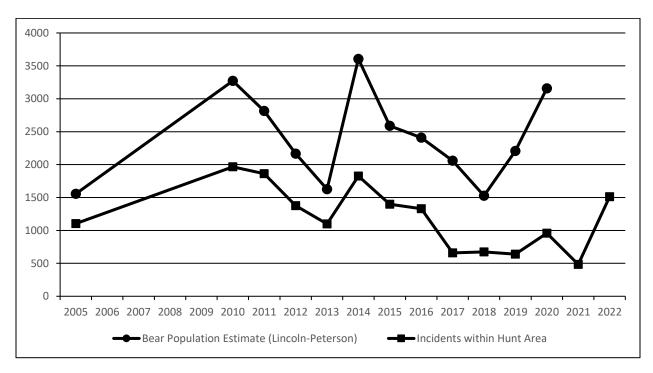


Figure 3: Estimated black bear population size and number of nuisance and damage complaints within the hunt area from 2005 to 2022. Black bear population estimates were calculated using a Lincoln-Petersen Index and represent the bear population on the day before the hunting season of the year estimated. There was no regulated hunting season in 2004, 2006-2009 or 2021, and in 2022, hunting only occurred for a portion of Segment B. Thus, there is no LP estimate for those years.

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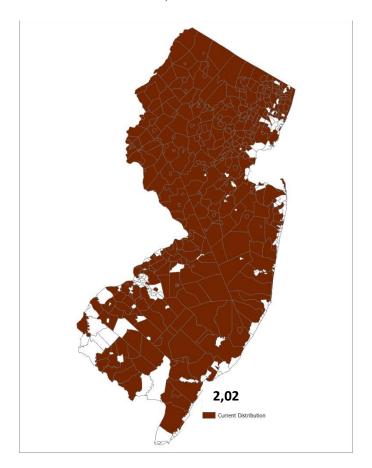


Figure 4. Black bear distribution in New Jersey as of December 31, 2022. This map depicts all municipalities reporting bear activity between 1995 and 2022.

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B. Bear Control: Lethal and Non-Lethal

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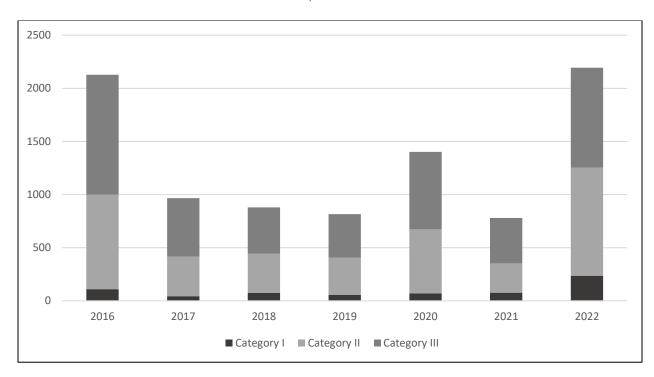


Figure 6. Statewide reports received by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for black bears exhibiting Category I, Category II, and Category III behaviors (as defined by the NJDEP Fish and Wildlife's Black Bear Rating and Response Criteria).

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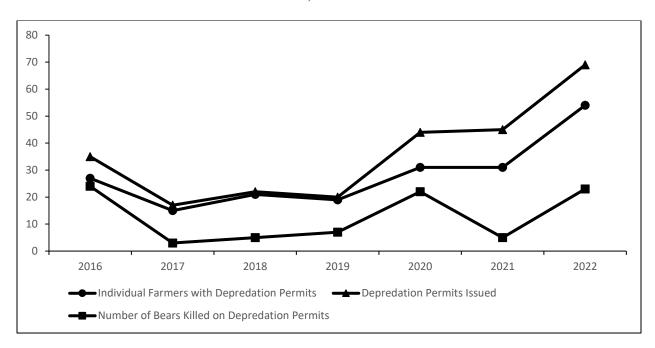


Figure 7. Total number of depredation permits issued from 2016 through 2022 and the number of different farmers receiving depredation permits during this same time frame (farmers must obtain separate permits for disjunct farm parcels). The total number of black bears killed under the authority of depredation permits is also depicted.

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C.-G. (No change from proposal.)

IV.-V. (No change from proposal.)