

## **Rick's Comments to ERO # 019-1112**

I fully support the continuation of the spring black bear season beyond 2020 for residents and non-residents in all Wildlife Management Units where there is a fall black bear season.

I further fully support keeping in regulation that the harvest of bear cubs and female bears accompanied by a cub(s) remain prohibited. And, that bear licences and tags will remain valid for both the spring or fall seasons.

I support that mandatory hunter reporting deadlines for resident bear hunters would be simplified by requiring one report submission for the year.

If this proposal proceeds, it would come into effect on January 1, 2021. However, black bear outfitters must know by the start of the Spring 2020 season if these proposals are approved. Repeat customers often book a year in advance. If the Ministry is proposing to wait to announce the adoption of these proposals until January 2021, that is unacceptable!

The Bruce Peninsula is a long way from where I live. I do not have enough information to support or not support the proposal to reduce the bear hunting and trapping season to one-week on the Bruce Peninsula. However, if the MNRF have sufficient data to back up this proposal I would be in support.

I fully support the elimination of special black bear hunting opportunities for non-resident landowners and non-resident immediate relatives. This proposal will close this loop hole

I fully support the requirement for individuals or businesses to have a 'Licence to Provide Black Bear Hunting Services' to provide guiding services to residents within a Bear Management Area. This proposal will improve fairness to all those offering bear hunting services and pay for licences and BMA's.

I support and encourage The Ministry to continue to work with NOBMA to explore enhanced harvest management approaches/systems to help address black bear management.