

# #1

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## Q1

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Dorian Boling  
**City/Town:** Libby  
**State/Province:** MT

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I think that mandatory checking of black bear needs to stay the way it is. Black bears need to be checked to help deter mother bears from being taken, we do have a poaching problem in Montana and there are those people. With the inclusion on black bear hound hunting, it is very important to be able to collect data from harvested bears. We need to keep having our black bears checked

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## #2

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### Q1

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Greg Hinkle  
**City/Town:** Thompson Falls  
**State/Province:** MT

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

Requiring hunters to remove a tooth and mail it a ridiculous idea. I doubt few will do it and this will not accomplish to help you get the data you need. Scrap the idea.

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### Q1

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Amber Kornak  
**City/Town:** Eureka  
**State/Province:** MT

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

Please DO NOT eliminate the physical inspection of black bears. I have spoke to many FWP officers and biologists who mentioned nothing about it being a burden. It is important for hunters to meet with the wardens and biologists to build relationships in the region they call home. I have pulled many teeth from live and dead bears it can be extremely difficult and they are easy to break. IF this is implemented we will not be able to return to a physical inspection again. Can you say for sure that every hunter will report their harvest AND pull a tooth let alone the correct tooth? The physical inspection of black bears is extremely important the collection of biological data and harvest management. Please keep the physical inspection of black bears mandatory.  
Thank you.

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### Q1

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Stephanie Prater  
**City/Town:** Lewistown  
**State/Province:** MT

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I strongly oppose doing away with mandatory tooth collection by FWP. I think if we want a grizzly season and are allowing harvest with hounds, we need to do everything in our power to show we are being good stewards and actually monitoring bear populations and keeping precautions in place etc. FWP keeps saying "we want to better customer service" - Tooth collection is customer service -- saying the time it takes out of staff's day is a poor excuse. Tooth collection/hide sealing helps keep people honest. Most wardens, biologists and sportsmen love the interaction anyway and to learn and talk about their harvest with FWP staff. Thank you!

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Kristopher George  
**City/Town:** Great Falls  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I support

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Michael Lucas  
**City/Town:** Lewistown  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

No issue at this time.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Tim Blazina  
**City/Town:** Belgrade  
**State/Province:** MT

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I am opposed to the removal of the physical inspection requirement for harvested black bears. I have spoken to the FWP biologist and wardens in my region and they do not feel like this is an unnecessary burden and indicated that there is important information that they gather during these physical inspections that would not be available through remote hunter reporting. Additional, this increases the likelihood of bear sex being misidentified, lactating females not being reported, and the potential for unreported grizzly bear mortality.

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Mike c Clark  
**City/Town:** butte  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

You should be bringing the bear carcass to the Fish and Game so that they can pull the tooth correctly and gather the right information.

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Brayden Davis  
**City/Town:** Great Falls  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I am opposed to the voluntary check requirement. Talking to hunters is the staff's job. If Region 1 needs more staff due to checking too many bears, hire more staff or make all staff check bears like other regions 2. Data is necessary to maintain our bear seasons into the future!

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### Q1

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Craig Fager  
**City/Town:** Dillon  
**State/Province:** MT

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I suggest leaving the mandatory inspection in place as it is the only way to verify species, sex & reproductive status of harvested bears. Accurate age data is also an important consideration, particularly in light of presumed higher harvest with hound hunting. I find it hard to believe this is a huge workload issue with the ever growing number of FWP employees, including bear specialists. Someone needs to show some leadership and get everyone to start pulling their weight.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Brent Ross  
**City/Town:** Missoula  
**State/Province:** MT

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I agree with NOT having to bring in your bear. How would hide tagging go? Would that be eliminated as well? Make it a mandatory requirement to call for the hunter. This is a good solution.

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### Q1

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Richard Gallegos  
**City/Town:** Hooper  
**State/Province:** UT

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

Its about time!! Thank you for making this change. Finding a FWP officer has been a problem when trying to leave town so this will make the bear hunting not only more enjoyable, but will require less worrying and anxiety about harvesting a bear too close to the return trip home. Sometimes I have chosen not to harvest a bear due to reporting requirements and needing to return home. Thanks again for the positive change.

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## Q1

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Jack Naleway  
**City/Town:** Kalispell  
**State/Province:** MT

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I do not agree with no longer requiring physical inspections of Black Bear upon harvest as I feel the data can be skewed or falsified upon reporting as well as less accurate data from tooth removal.

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** jamie gronley  
**City/Town:** Kalispell  
**State/Province:** NV

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

sounds good.

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** E Blaine Brengle  
**City/Town:** Missoula  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

No mandatory harvest reporting , I have No need for another bear rug !!

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## Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Ryan k Nottestad  
City/Town: GLENDIVE  
State/Province: MT

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I agree with the proposed change to not require physical inspection of the bear carcass, but to require sending in of a premolar tooth and an online mandatory report.

Last year while traveling from western Montana to eastern Montana i spent a lot of time trying to contact wardens and bioligists along my route home to check in bears. And it was a pain to track down all those phone numbers and then get responses. I ended up having to have a biologist drive to my home from 80 miles away to do these inspections. Costing her time and the department money.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Mark Traxler  
**City/Town:** Helena  
**State/Province:** MT

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I am in disagreement with the proposal to make mandatory reporting the sole responsibility of the hunter. I have spoken to several FWP biologists who do not see this as a burden on them plus it gives them to the opportunity to examine the health of the bear and whether or not it is a lactating female. FWP biologists lose that ability if hunters are not required to take it in for inspection. Additionally, premolar removal is not an easy task as the entire root needs to be extracted. Many hunters will not complete this task correctly and FWP will not be able to get accurate aging of that animal. This is a bad proposal and I encourage FWP to remove it from consideration and the commission to reject it if it makes it that far. Thank You!

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### Q1

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Mike and Aleta Kantor  
**City/Town:** Missoula  
**State/Province:** MT

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I am a Montana hunter and conservationist. This proposal to eliminate the requirement that each harvested black bear be inspected physically by MFWP is a mistake. At a time when black bear hunting is expanding and including the use of hounds, it seems more important than ever MFWP have a tight handle on the harvest. Moreover, poaching of black bear for "parts" in the illegal wildlife trade is not unknown in our region. Harvests need to be carefully regulated and harvest data acquired.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Gerald Martin  
**City/Town:** Bozeman  
**State/Province:** MT

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I oppose the removal of mandatory harvest reporting for black bears.

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Ian Ross  
**City/Town:** Chester  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I do not support this proposal. I personally feel that the lack of in person reporting with the carcass, more wet sows will be harvested with no ramifications.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Gayle Joslin  
**City/Town:** Helena  
**State/Province:** MT

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

If hound hunting proceeds, it is NO time to suspend gathering age and sex information on harvested bears. Information is essential to determine population changes created by such a season change. How will you know whether more females are being taken than should be? Is the Department going to rely on the hunter for such information? The hunter can't provide age information either – particularly in the age class between 3-6 when bear first become reproductively active. CONTINUE to collect age/sex information through tooth extraction post bear harvest.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: **Gayle Joslin**  
City/Town: **Helena**  
State/Province: **MT**

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

Apologies: I need to submit new comment on black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements. Although hunters will be required to submit a tooth instead of bringing the harvested bear in for data gathering, it must be noted that it is not easy to correctly extract a bear's premolar tooth -- especially without a tooth extraction tool, the essential tip of the tooth that is cross sectioned for age determination and sexing -- OFTEN breaks off. I have extracted hundreds of bear teeth and know from experience the general public has difficulty with this task. Therefore, especially if season changes are being proposed, keep the mandatory requirement of presenting the bear to a qualified department person to remove the tooth, in order to document age and sex trends as a new season structure is implemented.

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Tom Radandt  
**City/Town:** Libby  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

If we follow the lead of other states that have successfully do this, I support these changes to reporting requirements.

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#24

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Layton Perry  
**City/Town:** HOBSON, MT  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

We need to keep the mandatory harvest reporting, We are in danger of losing our spring bear season, the hound season is fine but we need the data to fight for our season.

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

Name:	Teri M Nelson
City/Town:	Joliet
State/Province:	MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

Why is there mandatory harvesting of black bears?

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Jared Brown  
**City/Town:** Three Forks  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

Please do not get rid of the check in requirement for bears. Data from teeth will be lost if it is left to the hunter.

I would support and on-line harvest survey within 48 hours with 7 days to bring in the skull to present to a qualified person to remove the tooth, in order to document age and sex trends. Seems like this could be important with the addition of hound hunting for bears as well.

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Daniel Durham  
**City/Town:** Sheridan  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

This is a ridiculous proposal and I am strongly opposed to it. If FWP has enough staff time to make a complete cluster out of the hunting regulation changes and send each other more than 800 emails on the subject, then they can find the time to continue collecting bear data in an effort to manage this species carefully.

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Rebecca Sanne  
**City/Town:** Great Falls  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

Treat life as you want life to treat you. Keep balance.

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

Name:	<b>Peter Guynn</b>
City/Town:	<b>Condon</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

Please require the inspection of all bears tsken

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Kim Schmidt  
**City/Town:** Polson  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I oppose hound hunting of black bears because it can result in cub abandonment, stress, heat exhaustion in warm weather, and abandonment of home ranges, and because hound hunting in places where grizzly bears live or could be present exposes threatened grizzly bears to injury and death;

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## Q1

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Kyle Reedy  
**City/Town:** Great Falls  
**State/Province:** MT

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I in total agreeance that hunters should report every bear harvested. How about having a spot to do it online rather than calling? I think we should have to report every big game animal we harvest to make it easier for biologists to make sound management decisions. Maybe for units that don't have a quota we can have 10 days to register the bear rather than 2 days. If I'm hunting with a partner in the backcountry I might not even be out in two days after the kill if were still hunting.

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Jim Parker  
**City/Town:** Hamilton  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

The Commission should retain the requirement that all hunters present any black bear carcass to FWP personnel for inspection; Such inspection is critical for accurate monitoring of population demographics. Hound hunters may not be able to properly identify the age or sex of the bear, or determine whether the bear was a lactating female with cubs nearby.

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Trevor Nichols  
**City/Town:** Belgrade  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I am adamantly opposed to ending the mandatory harvest reporting requirements. With the passage of spring bear hound hunting through the legislature the data captured through reporting will be essential to monitor and maintain healthy black bear populations. It will also provide another layer of accountability for incidental grizzly harvest.

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Don E Drake  
**City/Town:** Whitehall  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

We need to keep the mandatory black bear harvest reporting requirements at least in region 3 which is the one i am familiar with. This is more important than ever now that we have the hound season and more areas with grizzly bears.

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#35

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Peter J Cox  
**City/Town:** Hot Springs  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

NO HUNTING BESRS WITH DOGS. What a barbaric practice.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Logan Miller  
**City/Town:** Sheridan  
**State/Province:** MT

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

Dear Commission,

I oppose the proposal to change the mandatory harvest reporting for black bears. We are currently introducing new hound hunting seasons and I do not believe this is an appropriate time to have fewer facts. I know this is largely in response to the labor demand in Region 1 and to this I say that an alternative needs to be looked at rather than walk away from the reporting. This creates "low hanging fruit" for the anti hunting communities to point fingers at the department. Please shoot this proposal down. Thank you

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#37

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Pat Howe  
**City/Town:** Helena  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I agree with the reporting hotline

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#38

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

Name: **Sandy Gubin**

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

Why eliminate the physical inspection? Because it is a burden on the hunter and the department? Disgusting. You want to make it easy to slaughter these amazing animals? For people's blood-thirsty sport, under the guise of wildlife management? SHAME, SHAME, SHAME.

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#39

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Scott Ball  
**City/Town:** Missoula  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I strongly disagree with this proposal! "Because it is a burden on the hunter and the department" is no excuse for following proper procedures to ensure laws have been followed, bears are properly harvested and proper data is collected. Physical inspection should be required!

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#40

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Scott Desena  
**City/Town:** Butte  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I would like to continue to see mandatory check in for bears and also mandatory reporting for all big game. This important info can help biologist with season setting. It just seems to me this info would be helpful and could be as easy as a online survey.

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#41

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: **michael colpo**  
City/Town: **big timber**  
State/Province: **MT**

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

Madam chair and Commission, I opposed to the proposal as written I do believe we need to have physical check of bear to ensure sex, age and possibility of lactating female taken.

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#42

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Helena Hunters and Anglers  
**City/Town:** Helena  
**State/Province:** MT

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

Black Bear

- 1) HHAA does not support hunting black bears with hounds.
  - 2) Please include HD 200, 240, the entirety of HD 301, 316 and 319 in the areas where hound hunting of black bears is prohibited due to the presence of grizzly bears. If grizzly bears are to be delisted and remain delisted, then chasing bears with hounds that do not know the difference between bear species is illogical and asking for conflict.
  - 3) HHAA recommends that FWP maintain the requirement that each harvested bear needs to be physically inspected by a Department employee.
  - 4) HHAA supports continued professional gathering of age and sex information on harvested bears through professional tooth extraction by a qualified FWP employee.
  - 5) Landowners and their guests should be required to have a Class D-4 license to use dogs when pursuing lions or bears. Completely removing a hunting standard for large landowners is not equitable or responsible. Allowing these unlicensed nonresident hunters to chase bears and lions on adjacent public lands is irrational and caters to the wealthy, privileged and well connected.
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#43

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

State/Province: MT

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I disagree with changing the black bear harvest requirements. Bringing in a black bear for data collection gives biologists valuable information about bear populations and age class. I advise to keep black bear harvest requirements as they already exist.

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#44

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Jim Hunt  
**City/Town:** Ramsay  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I would strongly urge FWP to keep the mandatory reporting requirements. I feel it's the only way for harvest accountability especially with the new hound season starting this year.

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#45

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Jason O'Rear  
**City/Town:** Laurel  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I am against the commissions proposal to go to a self reporting system on bear harvesting

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#46

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Michael Prater  
**City/Town:** Lewistown  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I oppose changing the harvest requirements/check in with FWP. Please keep the mandatory harvest requirements and tooth collection. We need accurate data from bears, especially with large changes such as hunting with hounds and the possibility of hunting grizzly bears in the future. Thank you

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#47

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name:	Gregory M Price
City/Town:	Missoula
State/Province:	MT

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

Please do not do away with this requirement. Extracting a tooth in the right way to preserve the information needed takes some skill. Also, not having to physically bring in the bear opens up more opportunity for violations of law and ethics. Plus, with the addition of hound hunting, there probably will be more bears killed, and the department needs to carefully track that.

thank you for the opportunity to comment. greg

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#48

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Matteo Abbruzzese  
**City/Town:** Emigrant  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I am opposed to removing the required physical inspection of harvested black bears. I see the physical inspection as a way of maintaining hunter accountability and correctly harvested animals.

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#49

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Isaac Kantor  
**City/Town:** Missoula  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I encourage you to retain the original requirement to bring in the whole bear for checking instead of just sending a tooth as proposed. Given the fact bears will now be hunted with hounds and there are snares in the woods for wolves, careful monitoring of the effect on bears is needed.

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#50

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**Q1** Respondent skipped this question

Please provide the following information:

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**Q2**  
Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

Lots of solid data will be lost by not physically checking in bears. It's not a good idea to axe that requirement. Yeah, it is kind of a pain to get it done, but the cost of solid data loss out weighs the little bit of hassle of the physical check in requirement.

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#51

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Karl Krzan  
**City/Town:** Butte  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

Should be mandatory

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#52

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Tyler J Evans  
**City/Town:** Bozeman  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I harvested my first black bear during the spring 2021 season. The process of taking in my bear and talking to FWP was actually very enjoyable. I can say for many most of the hunters I know that checking bears in person is not a burden. Further more not requiring in person bear check in will probably increase the number of sows with cubs shot. Even if a phone check in is required, there will be no way to tell if the sows had cubs.

I do not want the current bear check in to be changed.

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#53

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Tommy Butler  
**City/Town:** Helena  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I support the rule change eliminating a physical inspection of a harvested bear in lieu of the Hunter mailing a molar to the Department and making an electronic report. This is more efficient for both the Hunter and the Department

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#54

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Justin Schaaf  
**City/Town:** Glasgow  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to getting rid of the mandatory harvest reporting requirement. We have the same harvest reporting requirements on Bighorn Sheep, Moose, and Mountain Goat. I don't see a feasible way of managing many units on a quota without a mandatory reporting.

Please keep the mandatory reporting for Black Bears.

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#55

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Sean  
State/Province: MT

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I disagree with changing the black bear harvest requirements. Bringing in a black bear for data collection gives biologists valuable information about bear populations and age class. I advise to keep black bear harvest requirements as they already exist. Just because it is inconvenient to a few hunters, doesnt mean that we should not still require the mandatory harvest reporting as it exists now.

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#56

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** karen carter  
**City/Town:** Eureka  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I strongly oppose removing the requirement to physically inspect (in person) each hunter's kill. There is already enough poaching without making it easier to poach with this requirement removed. Additionally, calling it a burden for hunters and for your department trivializes the killing of each individual bear. If it is a burden to your department, please consider either: decreasing the number of licenses granted; decreasing the number of allowed kills; or increasing the cost of each license to make it less burdensome on hunters and your department.

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#57

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Katie Vivian  
**City/Town:** Vaughn  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

Hunters should have to check bears after harvest. Removing this regulation is throwing away science and management. If FWP is limited by time, than the Commission should help FWP find more seasonal workers to assist in checking bears.

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#58

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Bud Lavery  
**City/Town:** Eureka  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I strongly oppose removing the requirement to physically inspect (in person) each hunter's kill. There is already enough poaching without making it easier to poach with this requirement removed. Additionally, calling it a burden for hunters and for your department trivializes the killing of each individual bear. If it is a burden to your department, please consider either: decreasing the number of licenses granted; decreasing the number of allowed kills; or increasing the cost of each license to make it less burdensome on hunters and your department.

Thank you for your consideration.

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#59

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name:	Kevin Farron
City/Town:	Missoula
State/Province:	MT

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

Please reject the proposal to eliminate the physical inspection of black bears.

While I understand the burden that physical checks places on the department and the hunter, I ask that you consider the full implications of this decision, as well as alternatives.

On the staffing side, I'll point out that this has - somehow - been possible for decades. Today, a record number of licenses are being sold yet the bear harvests remain relatively consistent; this tells me that the funding should still be there to justify the staff time needed for in-person checks. Secondly, the Department employs some 50 callers (plus an out-of-state firm) to conduct phone call harvest surveys; I'd encourage the department to switch to mandatory online/mobile reporting and put a fraction of these employees to work at physical check stations in the spring and CWD sampling stations in the fall instead.

From a hunters standpoint, I understand the inconvenience physical checks create; that said, it's something we as hunters sign up for (#huntingisconservation, right?). No one bats an eye at the physical check requirements for sheep, goats, wolves, cougars, etc, so it's hard to accept this complaint for bears.

Additionally, as with all predator hunting, public perception and how hunters present ourselves and our heritage is crucially important. The requirement that the hide, head and all the meat be packed out of the woods, then the hide and skull inspected, sends a message to the non-hunting public that we care about the scientific management of our wildlife, and that we have nothing to hide (ie that we didn't illegally harvest a cub or a sow with cubs). Removing this requirement will fuel anti-hunters arguments that bear hunters kill for trophies and nothing else. Plus, it sounds like pulling the premolar tooth is quite difficult and (if hunters' ability to correctly identify and pull lymph nodes for CWD sampling is any indication) I don't have much confidence in hunters' ability to pull the right teeth and correctly submit samples (which, mind you, is also an inconvenience for hunters).

For these reasons, I ask that you please reject the proposal to eliminate the physical inspection of black bears, and I encourage you to adopt mandatory harvest reporting (online/mobile) for bears and all game species in Montana. Thank you, -Kevin Farron

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#60

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Michele M Dieterich  
**City/Town:** Hamilton  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

Harvest reporting should not change. It should stay as it is. A biologist with training should be collecting this data carefully. Hunters don't have the training to submit reliable samples.

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#61

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Catherine A Nolan  
**City/Town:** Missoula  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

Please have full carcass inspection. Molar id is not accurate enough. It can be hard to tell bear species apart during different life stages.

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#62

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

Name: **jessica french**  
City/Town: **Challis**  
State/Province: **ID**

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I am opposed to this proposal. Mandatory harvest reporting is important so that accurate sex of the bear can be determined and recorded by FWP. Also, as grizzly bears broaden their range, the chance of a hunter accidentally killing a grizzly bear will increase. Mandatory reporting will help ensure that any incidental killing of a grizzly is reported and addresses.

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#63

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name:	Great Bear Foundation
City/Town:	Missoula
State/Province:	MT

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

We are concerned that removing the physical inspection for harvested black bears will lead to errors in reporting. Without a physical inspection by a state official, misidentified and illegal takes of grizzly bears may go unreported, violating the federal protections established under the ESA.

Requiring hunters to extract a tooth themselves instead of having a trained official do it for them may lead to root breakage and subsequent errors in black bear harvest reporting. At the December 14, 2021 commission meeting, there were experienced game wardens and biologists alike that voiced this same concern, citing that proper tooth extraction is extremely difficult to do without prior practice or knowledge. If a hunter is not required to present a carcass for inspection, they may not send in a tooth, especially if it is broken, leading to underreporting of harvests.

Verifying the sex of a black bear will also be left to hunters and may lead to misrepresentations of harvest demographics in individual BMUs. State officials conducting inspections can determine if a harvested female is lactating. Regulations are in place to protect females with cubs, but in cases where females may be separated from their cubs and then harvested as a single bear, accurately identifying and reporting if a female is lactating is important to determine if cubs are left orphaned.

We recommend keeping the physical inspection in place to ensure accurate reporting of black bear harvests to properly determine age, sex, species, and if a female is lactating. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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#64

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

Name:	James Schmid
City/Town:	Missoula
State/Province:	MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

Please have full carcass inspection. Molar id is not accurate enough. It can be hard to tell bear species apart during different life stages.

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#65

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**Q1**

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** Mark Schwomeyer  
**City/Town:** Lewistown  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

Please keep requiring mandatory reporting. It is our only way to monitor our harvest and age structure

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#66

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name:	Stephen Johnson
City/Town:	Helena
State/Province:	MT

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 black bear mandatory harvest reporting requirements:

I agree and support the changes in this proposal.

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