

Validating Kills

Immediately after killing a bear, a person shall validate their license by cutting out the appropriate information as instructed on the license. The license must then be attached to the bear's lower jaw. You may wish to fold the kill tag in half directly over a piece of wire or cord (after removing backing) before attaching the license to the lower jaw of the bear in a secure and permanent manner. The bear must be registered by the person who killed it within 72 hours of the kill.

Carcass Care

Bear hunting season usually occurs in warm and wet weather conditions. The carcass of a harvested bear can be up to five times larger than a deer, and the terrain over which the bear must be moved can be especially difficult. For meat of good quality, follow these important steps:

1. Cool meat quickly (minimum 32-40° F) and age properly.
2. Prevent dampness (any waterproof covering must allow full air circulation).
3. Keep meat clean, and keep flies off.

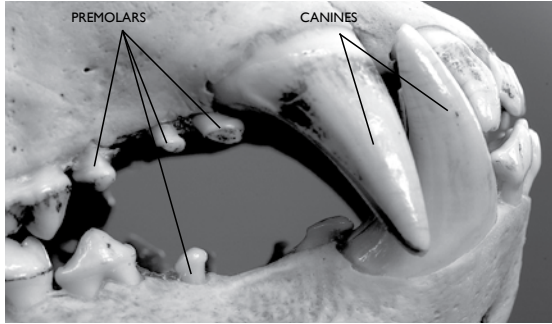
How Bear Hunters Help

The DNRE collects a tooth from all bear and the reproductive tracts from female bear. The tooth is used to determine the age of the bear, and the reproductive tract is used to determine the reproductive condition of the bear. Gathered over a period of years, the information also can be used to estimate the number of bear in the state and whether the population is increasing, decreasing or stable. The tooth and reproductive tract should be collected at the time you dress-out your bear and turned in at the time the bear is sealed and registered. It is very important that a tooth is submitted with each reproductive tract. For more information on how to remove and submit the female reproductive tract, see www.michigan.gov/hunting under Black Bear.

Tooth Collection

Bear can be aged using a microscope to count the number of cementum layers in cross-sections of premolar teeth from either the upper or lower jaw. The cementum layers look much like rings in a cross-section of a tree; each layer represents one year.

The premolars are small, single rooted, peg-like teeth located between the canines and the molars. A premolar can be removed by cutting with a knife in front of and behind the tooth and pulling gently with pliers. It is okay if some of the gum adheres to the tooth. The aging technique actually works better if the tooth is not scraped clean. The age cannot be determined from the tooth crown; therefore, it is very important that the premolar be removed with the root as intact as possible.



The tooth can be wrapped in paper (not plastic or foil) or placed in an envelope and can be dried or frozen. Turn in the tooth when you have your bear sealed and registered.

Bear Hunting Reporting Option

Accurate and complete information on hunting activity is vital for sound wildlife management. All bear hunters are encouraged to report their hunting activity, after their season has ended, at www.michigan.gov/hunting. These surveys are the same as those traditionally mailed to randomly selected hunters. Mail surveys will continue; however, the online reporting option allows all hunters to participate. Mandatory registration for all successful bear hunters is still required within 72 hours of bear harvest.

Bear Cooperator Patch

Michigan's bear cooperator patch program is coordinated by the Michigan Bear Hunters Association, in partnership with the DNRE. Young hunters, ages 10-17, who have a valid bear hunting license may receive a free patch. To receive a patch, please send name and complete address, along with a legible copy of the youth's valid bear hunting license, to MBHA, Bear Patch Program, 10510 Fairgrieve Rd., Johannesburg, MI 49751.

Adult hunters, collectors and other interested individuals may purchase the patch for \$5, including postage and handling. You do not have to harvest a bear to purchase a patch. Send orders to the address above, and please make your check or money order payable to the Michigan Bear Hunters Association. Bear patches will be available until supplies are gone. Currently, the 2008, 2009 and 2010 patches are available for purchase. For information on the patches, contact the address above or email: alimvc@yahoo.com.

Commercial Forest (CF) Lands

Nearly 2.2 million acres of privately owned forests enrolled in the CF program are accessible to the public by foot for fishing, hunting and trapping. The CF lands are not posted or signed as commercial forests and may be fenced and/or gated. The presence of a fence or gate does not prohibit public access to CF lands for fishing, hunting or trapping. (The owner may restrict public access during periods of active commercial logging to ensure public safety). Other than foot access for the acts of hunting, fishing and trapping, activities such as (but not limited to) camping, leaving bait piles, using motorized vehicles and damaging or injuring vegetation (e.g. cutting/hauling), require the landowner's permission. Commercial activity on CF lands is not allowed for any purpose other than forestry. Legal land descriptions of lands listed in this program are available on the DNRE Web site at www.michigan.gov/go hunt under "Where can I hunt?". If you have questions about this program or specific CF lands, contact the nearest DNRE office or DNRE Forest Management Division, PO Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909, or call (517) 373-1275.

Wolf-Dog Conflicts

Wolves, like most members of the wild canid family, are territorial. Wolves will defend their territories and may attack other wolves, coyotes and domestic dogs that are in their territory. Most wolf-dog conflicts occur during the bear training and hunting seasons, which overlaps with the time wolf pups are using homesites. Wolf pups remain at these homesites until they are ready to travel with the adults – usually in early fall.

Dogs used for hunting bear are at risk of being attacked by wolves because they: (1) traverse large areas, which increases their chance of coming near or encountering a homesite; (2) are released at bear bait sites that also may be used by wolves; (3) bark while tracking, which may be viewed as a territorial challenge by wolves; and (4) are some distance from the hunters and therefore not protected by the presence of humans.

Avoiding Potential Problems

To minimize the conflict between wolves and dogs, it is best to avoid areas of recent wolf activity. Wolves will concentrate much of their activity around the den and homesites. These sites often are not used from year to year and can change throughout the summer. Homesites usually are forest openings or edge areas and often are near water. They can be identified by the concentration of wolf tracks, droppings and matted vegetation. It is best to do some scouting beforehand and look for wolf sign before releasing your hounds. Be especially vigilant when starting dogs from a bear bait site and make sure wolves have not been using the bait. If wolf sign, and particularly the sign of wolf pups is evident, move to another area before releasing your dogs.

What You Can Do:

1. Report all suspected wolf-dog conflicts to the DNRE immediately to allow a timely investigation.
2. Become familiar with coyote and dog tracks, so they can be correctly distinguished from wolf tracks.
3. Some hunters have reported that bells or beepers added to dog collars can reduce wolf attacks.

For information on hunting dog conflicts with wolves, contact the Marquette Operations Service Center at (906) 228-6561. To report a dog depredation, call the Report All Poaching hotline: 800-292-7800.

Apply for the Pure Michigan Hunt Today!

Three lucky winners will be selected in January 2011 to hunt elk, bear, antlerless deer, turkey and an opening-day hunt at a managed waterfowl area. Pure Michigan Hunt winners may participate in all these seasons in 2011 until their tags are filled, and will also receive complimentary hunting equipment! Winning hunters are selected by random drawing. The application period is March 1 to December 31, 2010. Applications are \$4 each, and you may apply as many times as you wish. For more information go to www.michigan.gov/puremichiganhunt.

Bear Registration Stations by County

At the registration station, an official seal shall be attached to the bear and information shall be obtained from the hunter. It is no longer necessary for hunters to surrender a kill tag when sealing a bear. Bear hunters should call ahead for DNRE office hours or to schedule an appointment (* indicates by appointment only).

ALCONA
Deep Woods Taxidermy
3572 Deer Hunt Trail
Spruce
989-736-6668

Lincoln DNRE Office
408 Main St.
Lincoln
989-736-8336

ALGER
Bayshore Market
Lake Ave.
Grand Marais
906-494-2581

Bear Trap Inn
N7294 County Rd. H15
Shingleton
906-452-6364

Cusino DNRE Office
Shingleton
906-452-6236

ALLEGAN
Plainwell Operations*
Service Center
621 N. 10th St.
Plainwell
969-685-6851

ALPENA
Limited Edition Taxidermy
3361 US-23 South
Alpena
989-356-3600

BARAGA
Baraga Operations
Service Center
427 US-41 North
Baraga
906-353-6651

BARRY
Barry State Game Area*
1805 S.Yankee Springs Rd.
Midleville
269-795-3280

BAY
Bay City Operations
Service Center
3580 State Park Dr.
Bay City
989-684-9141

CHEBOYGAN
Parkey's Taxidermy
4512 Wilson Rd.
Indian River
231-238-8477

Cheboygan DNRE Office
120 A St.
Cheboygan
231-627-9011

CHIPPEWA
Strongs Motel & Tavern
28952 M-28
Strongs
906-274-5548

Sault Ste. Marie DNRE
Field Office
2001 Ashmun
I-75 Business Spur
Sault Ste Marie
906-635-5281

Johnson's Sport Shop
29578 Channel Rd,
Drummond Island
906-493-6300

North Country Sports
103 Ontario
DeTour Village
906-297-6461

Wilderness Treasures
101 S. M-129
Pickford
906-647-4002

CLARE
Harrison DNRE Office*
2115 Sullivan Drive
Harrison
989-539-6411

CLINTON
Rose Lake DNRE Office
8562 E. Stoll Rd.
East Lansing
517-641-4903

DELTA
Escanaba DNRE Office
6833 US-2, US-41 &
M-35
Gladstone
906-786-2351

Soderman's Meats
6207 Days River 24.5 Rd.
Gladstone
906-428-2487

White's Grocery
US-2 & US-41
Escanaba
906-786-5850

Garden Sports
16167 Old Hwy US-2
Cooks
906-644-2908

DICKINSON
Norway DNRE Office
520 W. US-2
Norway
906-563-9042

Whispering Pines
Outpost
N-4200 M-95
Iron Mountain
906-774-1277

GLADWIN
Gladwin DNRE Office*
801 N. Silverleaf
Gladwin
989-426-9205

GOGEBIC
Miltown Market & Gas
308 Hall St.
Marenisco

Tyger Leader Sporting
600 Douglas Blvd.
Ironwood
906-932-3650

West Shore Resort
N10960 Highway M-64
Marenisco
906-842-3336

GRAND TRAVERSE
Traverse City DNRE
Office
970 Emerson Rd.
Traverse City
231-922-5280

HOUGHTON
Alston Meat Processing
22428 N. Laird Rd.
Pellkie
906-338-2484

Bob Stinson
41803 Hancock St.
Chassell
906-523-3508

McLain State Park
18350 Hwy M-203
Hancock
906-482-0278

Twin Lakes State Park
6204 E. Poyhonen Rd.
Twin Lakes
906-288-3321

IONIA
Flat River DNRE Office
6640 Long Lake Rd.
Belding
616-794-2658

IRON
DJ's Sport Shop & Marine
31 Superior Ave.
Crystall Falls
906-875-3113

Lucky's Sport Shop
209 19th St.
Stambaugh
906-265-5339

Crystal Falls DNRE
Office
1420 West US-2
Crystal Falls
906-875-6622

JACKSON
Waterloo DNRE Office
13578 Seymour Rd.
Grass Lake
517-522-4097

KEWEENAW
Fort Wilkins State Park
15223 US Hwy 41
Copper Harbor
906-289-4215

Lac La Belle Lodge
11627 N. Mohawk Ave.
Mohawk
906-289-4293

LAKE
Baldwin DNRE Office
2468 West 24th St.
Baldwin
231-745-4651

LAPEER
Lapeer DNRE Office
3116 Vernor Road
Lapeer
810-664-8355

LUCE
Pine Stump Junction
23583 County Rd. 407
Newberry
906-658-3364

Newberry Operations
Service Center
5100 South M-123
Newberry
906-293-5131

MACKINAC
Naubinway DNRE Office
US-2
Naubinway
906-477-6048

McNeill's Bar
6154 Gould City Rd.
Gould City
906-477-9915

MACOMB
Mt. Clemens Fisheries
Station
33135 South River Rd.
Harrison Twp.
586-465-4771

MARQUETTE
Cram's General Store
100 Bensinger
Big Bay
906-345-0075

Gwinn DNRE Office
410 West M-35
Gwinn
906-346-9201

Van Riper State Park
851 County Rd. AKE
Champion
906-339-4461

LaPalme's Country
Corner
County Hwy 557 & 426
Arnold
906-238-4231

Marquette Operations
Service Center
1990 US-41 South
Marquette
906-228-6561

MENOMINEE
Cedar River Taxidermy
N14277 Co. Rd 551
Toivola
906-639-2031

M&J Taxidermy
VW2443 US-2 & US-41
Wilson
906-295-0376

Powers-Spalding
Locker Plant
VW3765 US-2 & US-41
Spalding
906-497-5248

B&J Taxidermy
N9590 PI Co. Rd. 358
Daggett
906-753-4090

JJ.'s Service
US-41
Wallace
906-788-4255

Martin Creek Sport 'N'
Feed
N1066 US-41
Menominee
906-863-4868

MONTMORENCY
Atlanta DNRE Office
13501 M-33
Atlanta
989-785-4251 ext. 5233

MUSKEGON
Muskegon State Game
Area*
7600 E. Messinger Rd.
Twin Lake
231-788-5055

OAKLAND
Holly Recreation Area
8100 Grange Hall Rd.
Holly
248-634-0240

Southfield Operations
Service Center
26000 W. Eight Mile Rd.
Southfield
248-359-9040

ONTONAGON
Settler's Cooperative
M-28 at US-45
Bruce Crossing
906-827-3515

Porcupine Mtns. State
Park
M-107 & South Boundary
Rd.
Ontonagon
906-885-5275

Greig's Taxidermy &
Tackle
35742 US-45
Ontonagon
906-884-2770

Russ's Bait & Tackle
203 Elm St.
Bergland
906-365-5505

OSCODA
Mio DNRE Office
191 S. Mount Tom Rd.
Mio
989-826-3211 ext. 7032

OTSEGO
Gaylord Operations
Service Center
1732 West M-32
Gaylord
989-733-3541

PRESQUE ISLE
Adrian's Sport Shop
335 N. Bradley Hwy.
Rogers City
989-734-2303

ROSCOMMON
Houghton Lake DNRE
Office
180 S. Harrison Rd.
Houghton Lake
989-422-5192

Roscommon Operations
Service Center
8717 N. Roscommon Rd.
Roscommon
989-275-5151

SCHOOLCRAFT
Forest Glen Store
7445 N. Federal Forest
Highway 13
Westmore
906-573-2655

Norden's General Store
4244 N. State Hwy M-94
Manistique, Michigan
49854
906-341-4424

WAYNE
Rockwood DNRE Office
Pte. Mouillee SGA
Rockwood
734-379-9692

WEXFORD
Cadillac Operations
Service Center
8015 Mackinaw Trail
Cadillac
231-775-9727

Schafer's Bait and
Sporting Goods
2722 Sunnyside Dr.
Junct. M-55 & M-115
Cadillac
231-775-7085

Preference Point System

Bear licenses are issued to hunters through a preference point system that began in 2000. Hunters receive a preference point each year that they apply for a bear license and are unsuccessful in drawing a tag. In the license drawing, applicants with the greatest number of points in each hunt are issued licenses first. Upon selection for a license, an applicant's preference points will return to zero, including successful applicants who choose not to purchase their license.

Preference points are tracked by the customer ID. If applicants use a different ID to apply than they used in previous years (or use an incorrect ID), their previous points will not be considered in the drawing. If there is a change in ID, applicants must call (517) 373-1263 before the application deadline to ensure that their points are combined under their current ID.

Bear drawing success rates vary by bear management unit and hunt date. An applicant with no preference points may be drawn for a hunt that is in low demand, while a unit in higher demand may require five or more points to draw a tag. Each year, applicants may apply for any hunt they choose, and their total preference points will be considered in each drawing.

Applicants may apply for a harvest tag or apply for a preference point only, banking the point for future drawings. Applicants must be of legal age to hunt in this year's bear hunting season to be eligible to apply for a preference point (Hunt No. 00). Only one point will be awarded in a given year.

Those who fail to apply or are ineligible to apply for a license for three consecutive years will lose their points.

Check your preference points at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings.

Applying With a Party

- Applicants who wish to hunt together should apply as a party, with a maximum of four persons per party. This is especially important for apprentice hunters.
- You must apply for a new party ID number each year.
- One of the partners must purchase a new application for a particular hunt number; and will receive a party ID. Remaining partners must provide this party ID when applying and should verify the party ID is correct on their receipt.
- The party's preference point total will equal that of the partner with the fewest number of points.
- If any partner is a nonresident, the entire party is considered nonresident. No more than 2 percent of licenses in any unit will be issued to nonresidents.
- All partners will receive a license if the party is selected, except for those who submit an invalid application.

Drawing results will be posted June 28 at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings. Applicants will not be notified by mail.

REPORT ALL POACHING Call: 800-292-7800

The Department of Natural Resources and Environment is committed to the conservation, protection, management, and accessible use and enjoyment of the state's environment, natural resources, and related economic interests for current and future generations.

The Natural Resources Commission provides a strategic framework for the DNRE to effectively manage the State's natural resources. The NRC works closely with a broad cross-section of constituents to advise the DNRE on continuous improvement of resource management policy.

Department of Natural Resources and Environment

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www.michigan.gov/hunting

Report All Poaching: 800-292-7800

The DNRE Operations Service Centers listed below are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baraga
427 US-41 North
Baraga, MI 49908
(906) 353-6651

Bay City
3580 State Park Drive
Bay City, MI 48706
(989) 684-9141

Cadillac
8015 Mackinaw Trail
Cadillac, MI 49601
(231) 775-9727

Gaylord
1732 W. M-32
Gaylord, MI 49735
(989) 732-3541

Southfield
26000 W. Eight Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48034
(248) 359-9040

Marquette
1990 US-41 South
Marquette, MI 49855
(906) 228-6561

Newberry
5100 M-123
Newberry, MI 49868
(906) 293-5131

Plainwell
621 N. 10th Street
Plainwell, MI 49080
(269) 685-6851

Roscommon
1-75 & M-18 South
8717 N. Roscommon Road
Roscommon, MI 48653
(989) 275-5151

Rose Lake*
8562 E. Stoll Road
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 641-4903
*This is a field office

Thank you for purchasing a Michigan hunting license. Your hunting license dollars help restore and improve habitats for wildlife species, advance research on wildlife and wildlife-borne diseases, foster programs that help ensure access for public hunting, support hunter safety education and much more. We encourage you to keep hunting and to share your experiences with others. In doing so, you can do your part to keep our state's hunting heritage alive for future generations.

The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act places an excise tax on firearms, handguns, ammunition and archery equipment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service apportions these funds to state wildlife agencies to be used for wildlife management, research, habitat acquisition, game area and shooting range development and hunter education. Since its inception in 1937, Michigan's share of the Wildlife Restoration funds has reached almost \$150 million.

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Application Information

Locations

- You may apply:
 - At any authorized license agent
 - At DNRE Operations Service Centers
 - Online at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings

Requirements

- You must meet all legal requirements to hunt in the current season to be eligible to apply for a license or preference point.
- It costs \$4 to apply, except for Comprehensive Lifetime License holders.
- To apply, you will need one of the following forms of identification:
 - Valid Michigan driver license
 - State of Michigan ID card (issued by the Secretary of State)
 - DNRE Sportcard (issued through license agents or at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings)
- You must be at least 10 years old (or age 12 to hunt bear with a firearm on private land) during the season for which you are applying. Youngsters 10 and 11 years old are restricted to archery-only hunting, or the purchase of the bear license no kill tag (NKT).
- Nonresidents are eligible to apply; however, no more than 2% of licenses in any unit will be issued to nonresidents.

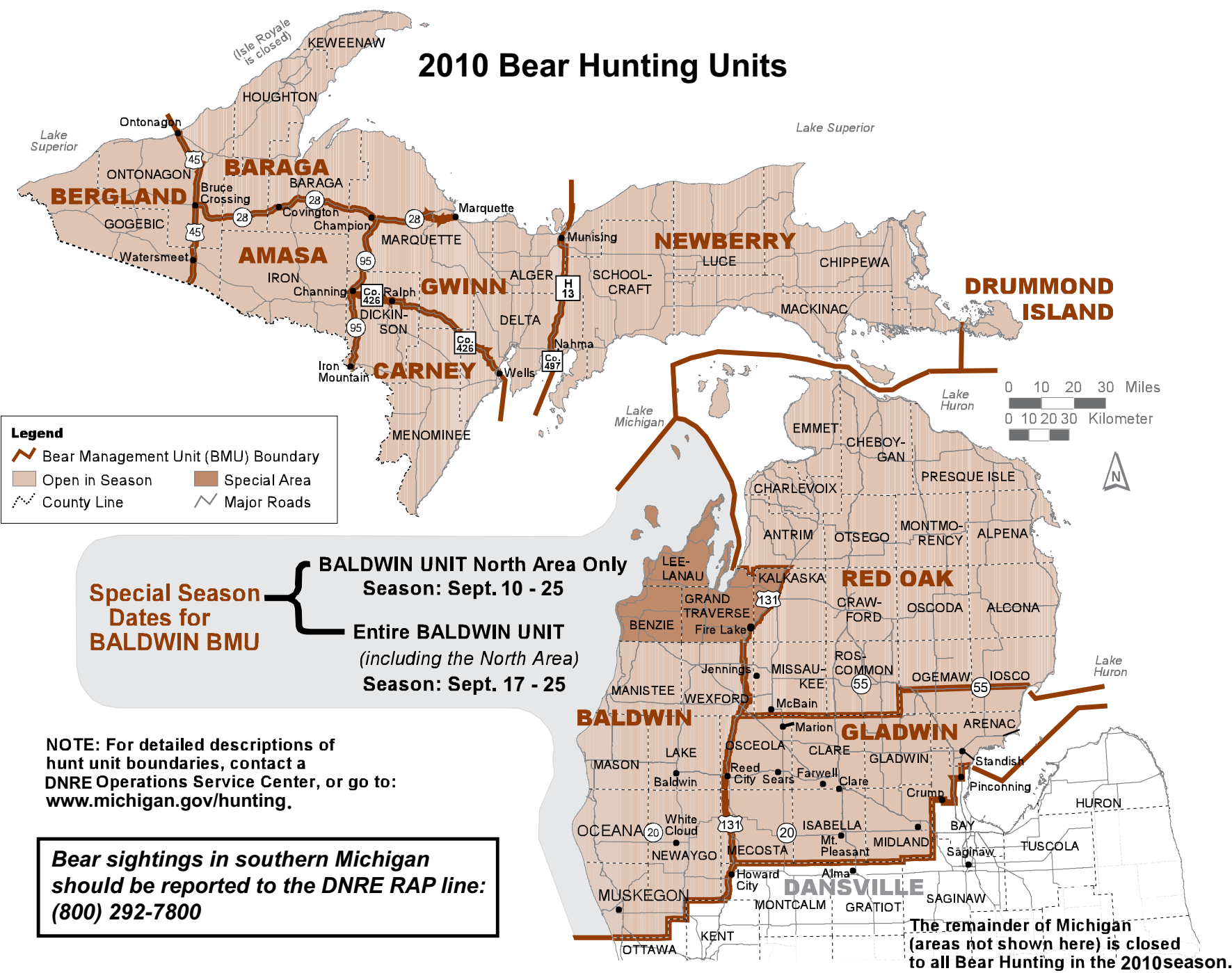
Applicant Responsibilities

- When you apply, you are responsible for:
 - Submitting a single application. Applicants who apply more than once or falsify information will be ineligible for the drawing. Applicants who apply in parties of more than four persons will be ineligible.
 - Checking that your application information is correct. An incorrect customer ID or party ID will cause you to be ineligible for a license.
 - Ensuring that you receive a DNRE receipt. The DNRE receipt clearly states your customer ID and hunt choice.
 - Retaining your DNRE receipt as proof that you applied. (DO NOT ACCEPT A DNRE RECEIPT THAT IS NOT LEGIBLE.)
 - Checking your drawing results online at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings.

Successful Applicants

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2010 Bear Hunting Units



2010 Bear License Quotas

HUNT NUMBER	MANAGEMENT UNIT	SEASON DATES	LICENSE QUOTA*
00	I do not want to be included in the license drawing this year, but I want a preference point for future use.		
01	Bergland	Sept 10-Oct 21	260
02		Sept 15-Oct 26	520
03		Sept 25-Oct 26	1,085
04	Baraga	Sept 10-Oct 21	390
05		Sept 15-Oct 26	630
06		Sept 25-Oct 26	1,275
07	Amasa	Sept 10-Oct 21	110
08		Sept 15-Oct 26	170
09		Sept 25-Oct 26	360
10	Carney	Sept 10-Oct 21	190
11		Sept 15-Oct 26	340
12		Sept 25-Oct 26	670
13	Gwinn	Sept 10-Oct 21	295
14		Sept 15-Oct 26	400
15		Sept 25-Oct 26	1,040
16	Newberry	Sept 10-Oct 21	460
17		Sept 15-Oct 26	560
18		Sept 25-Oct 26	1,600
19	Drummond	Sept 10-Oct 21	2
20	Red Oak**	Sept 17-Sept 25 Oct 8-Oct 14 (archery only)	1,195
21	Baldwin	Sept 17-Sept 25 (all) Sept 10-Sept 25 (north area only)	50
22	Gladwin	Sept 17-Sept 25	140

* Quotas may be adjusted prior to the selection process.
** Licenses issued for the Red Oak Bear Management Unit are valid for all Red Oak hunt periods.

How to Apply

- Look at the map. Choose a bear management unit in which to hunt.
- Choose a hunt number for the bear management unit and dates you wish to hunt. A second hunt choice is optional.
- Complete the worksheet.
- Apply at a license agent, DNRE Operations Service Center or online at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings.
- Check your receipt for accuracy. Retain receipt as proof of application. It is your responsibility to ensure application information is correct.

It is unlawful to purchase more than one bear license. If you are selected for a bear hunting license, make sure you are not sold the bear license no kill tag (NKT) by mistake.

Lower Peninsula Season Structure:

The first day of the Red Oak, Baldwin and Gladwin season is bait only. The last two days of the season are dog hunting only (no bear hunting without the aid of dogs).

Application Worksheet

You will be asked for the following information when applying:

- Your birth date? / /
- Customer ID number? Michigan Driver License, State of Michigan ID Card, or DNRE Sportcard
- Application item type? 180 Bear Application \$4
280 Comprehensive Lifetime Bear Application* Free
- Joining existing party? No, if applying by yourself or you are the first person in a party to apply (Go to item 5). Yes, if a member of your party already has purchased an application for 2010. (Go to item 6)
- Hunt number? ___ 1st hunt choice - see "2010 Bear License Quotas" table above. Enter hunt 00 for a preference point only.
___ 2nd hunt choice (optional)**
___ same number as printed on your party member's receipt; leave blank if applying by yourself. Maximum of four persons per party.
- Party ID Number

Read receipt of application carefully. It is your responsibility to ensure the information was entered properly. Retain your receipt as proof of your application.

*You must be a Comprehensive Lifetime Bear License holder to apply for this type

**A 2nd hunt choice selection will be considered only if all 1st hunt choices have been awarded for the hunt period and licenses are still available. Those hunt periods having a high drawing success in the past are most likely to have licenses available for 2nd-choice hunts, such as Bergland Hunt 03 and other late hunt periods in the U.P. But it is possible no licenses will be available for 2nd-choice hunts.

General Rules

- A person shall not kill or attempt to kill a bear unless the person has an unused bear harvest license issued in his or her name for the bear management unit in which they are hunting.
- You may not hunt bear with a firearm or crossbow during the archery-only bear season in the Red Oak Management Unit.
- Upon killing a bear, the holder of a bear license shall immediately attach the kill tag provided with the bear hunting license to the lower jaw of the bear. The kill tag shall remain attached to the bear until the bear is sealed and registered at a designated bear registration station. The bear must be sealed within 72 hours of the kill. The seal shall remain attached to the bear until:
 - The carcass is processed or butchered for consumption by an individual for his or her use;
 - The carcass is accepted for processing and recorded by a commercial processor. If the head or hide is returned to the person submitting the animal to the commercial processor, the seal shall accompany the head or hide;
 - The carcass is accepted for processing and recorded by a licensed taxidermist.
- It is unlawful to disturb a bear den or disturb, harm or molest a bear in its den.
- It is unlawful for any nonresident to assist and/or guide another person in any manner in the taking of bear for a fee, other consideration, or service of value, either directly or indirectly.
- It is unlawful for those who transfer their drawing success to another person to assist and/or guide that person in any manner in the taking of bear for a fee, other consideration, or service of value, either directly or indirectly.
- BAG LIMIT: Only one bear per calendar year.
- It is unlawful to take a cub bear or a female bear accompanied by a cub bear.
- Firearm and crossbow bear hunters are required to wear a hat, cap, vest, jacket or rain gear of highly visible color, commonly referred to as "hunter orange," while hunting on any lands. The hunter orange garment must be the outermost garment and must be visible from all sides. Camouflage orange garments must be 50 percent or more hunter orange. Archery bear hunters are exempt from the hunter orange requirement.
- It is legal to hunt bear from a raised platform or tree stand when using a firearm, bow or crossbow.
- Nonresidents must have a concealed pistol license issued by their home state in their possession in order to legally carry or transport a handgun in Michigan.
- When hunting or fishing, you must carry your license and the identification used to purchase that license, and exhibit both upon demand of a Michigan Conservation Officer, a Tribal Conservation Officer or any law enforcement officer.
- Bear hunters may use ground blinds on state lands in the bear management unit for which they are licensed. Blinds may be placed from August 10 (Upper Peninsula) or August 17 (Lower Peninsula) through five days after the close of the bear season, or if successful five days after harvesting a bear. The name and address of the licensed bear hunter must be permanently affixed to the ground blind.

Baiting Rules

From the start of the legal bear baiting period through the end of bear hunting season, bear hunters may use the following products without quantity restrictions:

- meat and meat products including dog food;
- fish and fish products including cat food; and
- bakery/confectionery products including jams, jellies, sweeteners, candies and other cooked or commercially processed materials, including pie fillings and yogurts, used in bakery products.

From the start of the legal bear baiting period through the end of bear hunting season, bear hunters may use up to two gallons of grains per bait station, provided the bait is made inaccessible to deer and elk. It is illegal to use grains in counties closed to deer and elk feeding and deer baiting (currently entire Lower Peninsula).

All other materials, including fruits, vegetables, salt and minerals, may be used in limited quantities, starting October 1, except in those counties closed to deer and elk feeding and deer baiting (currently entire Lower Peninsula). Bear hunters using grains, fruits, vegetables, salt and minerals, beginning October 1, must comply with all other deer and elk feeding and deer baiting regulations for the area and time in which they are baiting bear.

Hunters should consult the Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide, which is available each year in early August, for deer and elk feeding and deer baiting regulations, including closed counties.

- For the purpose of these rules, a bait station is a site where food or lure that attracts bear is placed.
- It is unlawful to establish a bait station that attracts bear prior to August 10 in Bergland, Baraga, Amasa, Drummond, Carney, Gwinn and Newberry management units or prior to August 10 in the Baldwin north area and August 17 in the Baldwin, Gladwin and Red Oak management units. It also is illegal to tend or establish a bait station for the purpose of attracting bear in the Baldwin and Gladwin units, after October 14 in the Red Oak Unit and after October 26 in the Upper Peninsula.
- It is unlawful to hunt over a bait that attracts bear that was established prior to August 10 in Bergland, Baraga, Amasa, Carney, Gwinn, Newberry and Drummond management units, or prior to August 10 in the Baldwin north area and August 17 in the Baldwin, Gladwin and Red Oak management units. On public and commercial forest lands, illegal baits also include those that are not placed on the ground, or contain plastic, any wood products, paper, glass, metal, or concrete, or have within 100 yards of the bait site any containers used to transport bait to the baiting site. Bear hunting without the aid of dogs is prohibited on the 24th and 25th of September in the Baldwin, Gladwin and Red Oak management units.
- It is unlawful to use metal containers, plastic, wood, concrete, glass, fabric, cloth or paper at a bait station on public lands or commercial forest lands. Dead and downed trees may be used. It also is illegal to use a tire at a bait station on public or commercial forest lands.
- It is unlawful to place bait other than on the ground at bait stations on public or commercial forest lands. Any containers used to transport bait to bait stations on public lands and commercial forest lands must be removed and disposed of properly. (Also see Commercial Forest Lands on the other side.)
- It is unlawful for any licensed bear hunter or his or her designee to establish or tend more than three bait stations per hunter.
- It is unlawful for any person to establish or tend more than a total of 12 bait stations.

Dog Rules

- For the purpose of hunting bear, no more than six dogs shall be run as a pack. Relaying of packs is prohibited. It is not unlawful to replace individual dogs, provided six or fewer dogs are used at one time. All dogs must be immunized and licensed and must have a license or other form of identification affixed to their collars.
- Nonresidents must have in their possession a special permit to use dogs while hunting bear. No more than 10 dogs may be registered on one permit. The free permits are available by calling 517-373-1263.
- It is unlawful to train dogs or hunt bear with dogs September 5-14 in the Upper Peninsula, September 5-10 in the Baldwin north area and September 12-17 in the rest of the Lower Peninsula. It also is unlawful to chase bears with dogs during the October 8-14 archery-only season in the Red Oak Bear Management Unit.
- Those 10 years or older pursuing bear with dogs during an open season shall have in their possession either a valid Michigan bear hunting license or a no kill tag license if in possession of a firearm, crossbow or bow and arrow or the owner of any dog used for chasing or locating bear during the hunt.
- For purposes of training, no more than eight dogs may be used to chase bear during a single day.
- It is unlawful to dog train on a captive, tethered or caged bear.
- Nonresidents shall not chase bear with dogs outside the open season.
- Outside the open bear hunting season, nonresidents may train dogs on bear only on special dog training areas or when participating in an authorized field trial.
- For purposes of training or hunting bear, dogs shall not be allowed to begin chasing bear from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
- It is unlawful to train dogs on bear or other wild animals from April 16-July 7.
- It is unlawful to train dogs on bear or hunt bear in the Gladwin Field Trial Area.

Bear Management Unit Information

For drawing details see www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings.

Mgt Unit	Hunt Period	Applicants		Licenses Available			Bears Registered**		Preference Points Required in 2009***
		2008	2009	2008	2009	2010*	2008	2009	
Amasa	First	1,268	1,172	205	135	110	94	71	5
	Second	626	559	280	190	170	89	62	2
	Third	660	701	485	355	360	82	53	1
Baldwin	First	2,593	2,700	65	60	50	31	28	9
	Second	2,052	2,094	500	380	390	135	117	4
	Third	1,147	1,197	850	690	630	147	133	1
Bergland	First	1,171	1,147	1,560	1,270	1,275	157	118	0
	Second	1,468	1,227	610	350	260	153	128	2
	Third	665	695	620	605	520	114	89	0
Carney	First	576	480	725	625	1,085	60	54	0
	Second	1,225	1,274	225	205	190	65	50	3
	Third	577	608	340	435	340	44	62	1
Drummond	First	435	409	550	540	670	44	37	0
	Second	341	229	8	3	2	2	3	9
	Third	774	921	175	150	140	20	19	3
Gladwin	First	1,694	1,670	250	250	295	65	75	4
	Second	781	836	390	360	400	91	77	1
	Third	756	791	740	860	1,040	77	74	0
Newberry	First	4,177	4,371	375	400	460	114	146	6
	Second	2,083	1,900	565	500	560	144	113	3
	Third	2,119	1,934	1,520	1,540	1,600	163	131	1
Red Oak	First	12,157	12,517	2,000	1,700	1,195	455	386	4
	Second	38,977	39,434	12,993	11,473	11,742	2,346	2,026	
	Third	16,974	17,760						
Pref. Point Appl.		55,951	57,194						
	Total Applicants								

NOTES: * 2010 Quota is preliminary only, and may be adjusted prior to selection process
** Preliminary 2009 bear registration data
*** All resident applicants who applied with this number of points or more were selected for a license in the 2009 bear drawing

Mandatory Penalties for Certain Hunting Violations

Violation of permits, season, bag limits, shooting hours and methods of taking game	\$50 to \$500 fine and/or up to 90 days in jail.
Illegal taking/possession of deer, bear or wild turkey	\$200 to \$1,000 fine and 5 to 90 days in jail, restitution of \$1500 for bear, \$1000 for deer/turkey, plus revocation of hunting licenses for remainder of year convicted, plus next 3 consecutive years.
Illegal use of artificial light with bow and arrow or firearm	\$100 to \$500 fine and/or 90 days in jail, plus revocation of hunting licenses for remainder of year convicted, plus next consecutive year.
Carrying a firearm while under the influence of alcohol or drugs	\$500 fine and/or up to 93 days in jail.
Multiple offender: two convictions within preceding five years	\$500 to \$2,000 fine and 10 to 180 days in jail.

Hunter Harassment

Hunters in Michigan have the right to enjoy their sport free from deliberate interference. Individuals whose hunting is being obstructed should promptly report the violation to a local conservation officer, the nearest DNRE office or by calling 800-292-7800.

Check your preference points at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings.

Bear License Opportunity for Youth and Hunters with an Advanced Illness

Individuals who are successful in the bear license drawing may transfer their drawing success to an unsuccessful youth applicant, or to a person with an advanced illness.

Successful applicants who wish to transfer their drawing success must submit a transfer request form by August 1. Forms are available at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings.

Youth hunters age 10-16 are eligible to receive a transfer if they were unsuccessful applicants in the current year's drawing.

Individuals with an advanced illness must complete the Physician Certification of Advanced Illness form to certify their eligibility for a transfer. The form is available at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings.

Successful applicants may transfer their drawing success to a specific individual, or may donate their hunt to individuals on the DNRE transfer waiting list. A donated hunt will be processed only if an eligible recipient is available to accept the particular hunt that has been donated. **Those interested in receiving a donated hunt must register online at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings by July 1.**

Preference points are reset to zero for all successful applicants, even if drawing success is transferred. Those receiving a transfer will retain their preference points.

It is unlawful to transfer drawing success for a fee, or transfer drawing success and then guide that person for a fee.

*Advanced Illness is a medical condition that must be diagnosed and certified by a physician. Advanced Illness is defined by the Public Health Code, Act 368 of 1978 [MCL 333.5653]. See www.legislature.mi.gov.

Authorizing Commercial Hunting Guides on State Land

The DNRE has determined that commercial hunting guides using state-owned lands require department oversight. Authorizing guiding activities on state land will be done in stages. In 2010, all commercial hunting guides utilizing state-owned lands must apply for a free Use Permit to help determine the scope and intensity of guiding. Public meetings will be held in 2010 to gather stakeholder input on the guidelines to be applied in the future. If you are a guide who utilizes state-owned lands, please visit the DNRE Web site at www.michigan.gov/statelandpermission or call the nearest DNRE Operations Service Center.

NOTICE: This brochure is not a legal notice, nor a complete collection of hunting regulations and laws. It is a condensed guide issued for hunters' convenience. Copies of wildlife conservation orders can be obtained from our Web site, www.michigan.gov/hunting.

Leftover Licenses

If any licenses remain after the drawing, one leftover license may be obtained on a first-come, first-served basis until the quota is met in each hunt period, as follows:

- Beginning July 12 – Available to Lifetime Comprehensive License holders only
- Beginning July 19 – Available to unsuccessful bear drawing applicants
- Beginning July 26 – Available to any hunter, including those who did not apply

There is no guarantee that leftover licenses will be available for any hunt unit. Preference points will be reset to zero for purchasers of a leftover bear license, except for Lifetime Comprehensive License holders. It is unlawful to obtain more than one bear license. Remaining licenses may be viewed at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings.