

# ONTARIO FEDERATION OF ANGLERS & HUNTERS



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Dear OFAH Members and Friends:

We only have until March 7 to remind the Ontario government of this simple statement: "I support the spring bear hunt." Fifteen years ago, the former premier of Ontario caved under pressure from big city animal rights extremists. Politics trumped science, and the spring bear hunt was cancelled. Ontario's black bear population is healthy and sustainable. The best management of our black bear resource requires both a spring and fall hunt. Ontario's spring bear hunt was a proven and sustainable wildlife management tool that brought over \$40 million to northern Ontario communities each year.

The OFAH has always fought tirelessly to defend spring bear hunting. The reinstatement of a spring hunt would provide valuable wildlife management, generate significant revenue for northern communities, and occur during a time of the year when it can benefit public safety the most.

The Ontario government has proposed a pilot project that will bring back the spring bear hunt to a limited number of northern communities over the next two years. While this partial reinstatement is a step in the right direction, the OFAH strongly believes that all of bear country deserves the benefits of reinstating a spring hunt.

The same anti-hunters and animal rights activists who were behind the cancellation 15 years ago will try to block the proposed spring hunt again. You can help us right now to make sure northerners and the hunting community is heard.

Before March 7, 2014, we urge you to express your support for the proposed pilot project. For those OFAH members living in communities who have not been included in the pilot project, please let the Government of Ontario know that you need the spring bear hunt too.

To have the greatest influence, please submit personalized comments using the provided *Spring Bear Hunt Facts* as a source of information.

Simply go to:

1. [www.ebr.gov.on.ca](http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca);
2. enter the code 012-0981;
3. click on 012-0981; and
4. click on Submit Comment, and state your support for the spring bear hunt.

Or fax your written support to 705-755-1957.

Please act now.

Yours in Conservation,

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