

The Bear Bait Debate

A worksheet for submitting a comment to the Environmental Registry



WHAT'S NEW?

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is proposing a 5-year expansion of the spring bear hunt. In addition to expanding the spring bear hunt to all 88 WMUs that currently have a fall bear hunt, non-residents will also be able to participate. The expansion is great news for the hunting community. The Ontario government is asking the public to comment on potential restrictions on bear baiting. **These restrictions would apply to both spring and fall bear seasons.** This is the **ONLY** opportunity to voice your opinion on the proposal. **Please respond before the Nov. 30 deadline.**



WHAT TO DO:

1.

GO TO

www.ofah.org/sbhEBR

2.

CLICK

"Submit
Comment"
BUTTON



3.

ENSURE YOU ADDRESS THE
FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN
YOUR RESPONSE...
(see below)

DO YOU SUPPORT THE RETURN OF THE SPRING BEAR HUNT **AS IT WAS** PRIOR TO THE CANCELLATION?

SHOULD THERE BE A LIMIT ON THE **AMOUNT** OF BAIT THAT CAN BE PLACED AT A BAIT SITE AT ANY GIVEN TIME? IF SO, HOW MUCH?

SHOULD **SUSPENDED BAITS** (e.g. baits suspended above the ground as opposed to in a barrel or on the ground) BE THE ONLY METHOD OF BAITING ALLOWED IN THE SPRING?

SHOULD THERE BE A RESTRICTION ON **WHEN** HUNTERS CAN START BAITING PRIOR TO THE SEASON? (e.g. 2 weeks before the opener) IF SO, WHAT TIME LIMIT WOULD YOU RECOMMEND?

SHOULD HUNTERS BE REQUIRED TO **REMOVE** THEIR BAIT SITES IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SEASON CLOSES?

SHOULD THERE BE RESTRICTIONS ON **WHERE** BAIT SITES CAN BE PLACED? (e.g. away from neighbouring private property, public trails, canoe portages, roads, railways, etc.) EXPLAIN.