

PETITION FOR A BEAR SMART NEW JERSEY

Enacting Local and State Black Bear Legislation

We, the undersigned, urge the NJ Governor, Legislature, Counties and Municipalities to: **Support and enact Bear Smart legislation and related ordinances to institute, require and enforce bear-resistant trash containment programs for residents, businesses, parks and campgrounds, and to ban deer and bear baiting (which contributes to the problem.)** We strongly urge all state, county and municipal officials to oppose the hunting of New Jersey black bears and recognize the importance and efficacy of nonlethal management. We also urge counties and municipalities to close their lands to bear hunting.

The above policy is necessary until such time as the Legislature acts to reform the outdated Fish and Game Council to reflect the current views and demographics of New Jersey. Wildlife is to be held in trust for all citizens. Accordingly, decisions regarding wildlife properly belong with the peoples' representative, the Legislature, and not with a shrinking minority and special interest.

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