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Subject: Fwd: Spring Bear Motion

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Begin forwarded message:

From: John Lehmkuhl <jlehmkuhl@nwi.net>

Subject: Re: Spring Bear Motion

Date: November 4, 2022 at 12:30:03 PM PDT

To: Melanie Rowland <melanie@greatcat.net>

Cc: Lorna Smith <smithlornapt@gmail.com>, Tim Ragen <tjrager@icloud.com>

Ps. I'm ok w Lorna's motion. I need to think over the option I've crafted and talk with staff if it's feasible and wanted.

--John

Sent from my iPhone (so excuse any typing errors!)

On Nov 4, 2022, at 12:11 PM, John Lehmkuhl <jlehmkuhl@nwi.net> wrote:

On second thought I'm not sure a call would be useful. We've all had months to think on this and I'd guess most of us have positions set. Perhaps we should let the process on Nov 18 happen and see what emerges in terms of motions etc. If you all think a call is useful then I'll go for it.

--John

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On Nov 4, 2022, at 9:54 AM, Melanie Rowland <melanie@greatcat.net> wrote:

Hi, John and all --

I'd be happy to discuss this with all of you. I believe that the Spring bear hunt question involves a very significant issue that will gain even more importance as we discuss the overarching principles of the Game Management Plan: the role of ethics in wildlife management. I do not intend to raise a discussion of this broad issue before next year when we tackle the GMP, but my "no Spring bear hunt" position is based on an ethical view. It is not based on whether there's a "management purpose" for the hunt (which of course there is not), but I don't want to send a message that if there were a management

purpose a recreational hunt would be OK. So I am not comfortable with your approach. I support Lorna's approach. It doesn't introduce the ethical question -- it just says there will be no Spring bear hunts --, but neither does it set up a complicated process to consider this issue again.

I'm open to a Zoom whenever it works for all of us. Lorna, you're our Zoom techie -- can you arrange a call?

Melanie

On 11/3/2022 10:44 AM, John Lehmkuhl wrote:

I intended to talk with Tim about the issues and my ideas. I wonder if it would be efficient if we had a zoom call among us 4 commissioners? My basic position has not changed, i.e. I'd vote for the basic proposition of no recreational spring hunts. Your motion and explanation makes sense. However, there are issues/nuances that I think are worth exploring. See the attached, which is a draft of ideas with Tim's comments.

Not saying this is the best or my only option, but it is worth considering to make the staff improve and garner support from hunters and other commissioners. Not Pollyannish to want a broad base of support for actions that we can tightly control and achieve our desired results. I think you all have heard me say these things before. I am guessing if my approach is moved, then it might be a first motion like Lorna's, then an amendment to allow management hunts per the clarified policy if sufficiently documented and approved. Think about it.

--John

John Lehmkuhl

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From: Lorna Smith <smithlornapt@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 1:39 PM

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Please be advised that I am prepared to offer the attached motion at our upcoming meeting in Olympia regarding spring bear. I fully suspect that in the end it will come down to a 5-4 vote. For so many reasons, we cannot afford to lose on this one. Feedback?

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