

DIVISION 170

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN

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**2012 Black Bear Management Plan**

**(1) The goal of black bear management is to manage black bear populations to attain the optimum balance among species protection, recreational uses, habitat availability, primary land uses, and other wildlife species.**

**(2) Objectives to accomplish this goal are to:**

**a. Maintain healthy and optimum bear populations while providing optimum recreational benefits, and considering objectives related to other wildlife species and the level of human-bear conflicts.**

**b. Work to reduce the number of human-bear conflicts that result in the removal (lethal and nonlethal) of bears.**

**c. Develop, refine, and evaluate population abundance estimation through modeling techniques.**

**d. Continue to improve basic understanding of black bear management and ecology through applied research.**

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