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Chapter 3, Black Bear Hunting Seasons Regulation C/O Wyoming Game & Fish Department Headquarters 5400 Bishop Blvd Cheyenne, WY 82006

Re: Chapter 3, Black Bear Hunting Seasons Regulation

Dear Commissioners and Director Nesvik:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Chapter 3, Black Bear Hunting Seasons Regulation.

The proposed changes to the Black Bear Hunting Seasons Regulation would allow greater flexibility for hunters with regard to the number of bait containers while still complying with the combined total cubic foot regulation. The proposed changes also generally demonstrate responsible and sustainable management of black bears while maintaining high levels of opportunity for hunters. SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, including predators such as black bears, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the Black Bear Hunting Seasons Regulation. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the continued partnership with the Department and the Commission. SCI is always first for hunters.

Sincerely,

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