



26 December 2024

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
C/O 2025-27 Black Bear Permit/Quota Recommendations and Rule Amendments
Main Office
Box 146301
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6301

Re: 2025-27 Black Bear Permit/Quota Recommendations and Rule Amendments

Dear Wildlife Board Members and Director Shirley:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025-27 Black Bear Permit/Quota Recommendations and Rule Amendments.

The proposed 2025-27 Black Bear Permit/Quota Recommendations and Rule Amendments generally demonstrate responsible and sustainable management of black bears while maintaining high levels of opportunity for hunters. SCI also supports allowing the flexibility to use of metal bait containers when baiting for black bears as well as allowing multi-season bear permit holders the flexibility to hunt any open harvest objective seasons on the unit they draw, in addition to the limited entry seasons.

Further, SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, including carnivores such as 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 proposed 2025-27 Black Bear Permit/Quota Recommendations and Rule Amendments. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the continued partnership with the Division and the Wildlife Board. SCI is always first for hunters.

Sincerely,

W. Laird Hamberlin
Chief Executive Officer
Safari Club International