Attention Bear Hunters!
Help us monitor our bear population by submitting the pre-molar tooth from your bear.

Why Submit the Pre-molar Tooth?
- Your information allows NCWRC biologists to better monitor bear populations, make management decisions, and evaluate the impacts of bear harvests.
- By recording age and sex of harvested bears over a period of years, biologists can more accurately model bear populations.
- We will send you a complimentary “North Carolina Black Bear Cooperator” ball cap and an age report for your bear in September following the season.
- For submitting your bear tooth, you will also be entered in a drawing for a special incentive.
  - Rules for entry are available on our website: www.ncwildlife.org/bear

**We need information on all bears, young and old, to accurately model the bear population.**

How to submit your premolar tooth?
- If your party leader or a biologist did not collect the premolar tooth from your harvested bear, you can submit the tooth and data sheet (on back) to the address listed at the bottom of the back page.
- You can put your tooth in the tooth envelope provided. If you lost the envelope, tape the tooth to the data sheet.

Instructions for Collecting Bear Teeth
(A video is available at www.ncwildlife.org/bear)

Please submit both first premolars from the upper or lower jaw (see pictures).

1) The tooth we need is the very small tooth immediately behind the upper and lower canine tooth (see pictures).
2) Use a screwdriver, ice pick, or knife blade to push the gum down and away from the tooth.
3) Once loosened, pull the tooth out with pliers or pry it out using the canine as a lever.
   **DO NOT BREAK THE TOOTH OFF AT THE GUMLINE; WE NEED THE WHOLE TOOTH INCLUDING THE ROOT.**
4) If you have a tooth envelope, put both premolar teeth in the envelope. Fill in the data on the envelope and data sheet. If you don’t have a tooth envelope, tape the tooth to this data sheet.
5) If you are unable to pull a premolar, the jaw can be cut and sent to us.
6) Removing this tooth and cutting into the gum does not impact taxidermy work or your mount.

*Please call your local district biologist or 800-662-7137 for help*
Black Bear Cooperator – Tooth Submission Form

1) ID # __________________
   Please fill out as best as possible. (Do not write in this space)

2) Date of Harvest: _____/_____/_____
3) County of Harvest: __________________
   (month/day/year)

4) Bear harvested on (check one): ☐ Private land ☐ Game land
   Game land Name: __________________

5) Weapon (check one): ☐ Rifle ☐ Shotgun ☐ Pistol ☐ Muzzleloader ☐ Bow ☐ Other

6) Type of Hunt (check one): ☐ Dog ☐ Still

7) Actual Weight, if known (lbs):
   Gross: _________ Dressed: _________
   or
   Estimated Wt. if you don’t know actual (lbs):
   Gross: _________ Dressed: _________

8) Sex of harvested bear (F=female, M=male, U=unknown): _____

*Hunter name, current address, & WRC # required to be entered in drawing!*

9) Hunter Name*: ________________________________ 12) Send age to: ☐ Hunter, ☐ Leader, ☐ Both
   Address*: __________________________________ Phone: __________________
   City: ___________________________ State: ___________ Zip Code: ___________

WRC 7-digit Customer Number* (found on your license):

10) Party Leader Name
    (only if applicable): ______________________________ Phone: ________________
    Address: _______________________________ City: ______________ State: _____ Zip Code: _______

    Party Leader WRC customer number (if known):

11) Location of Mortality:
    (description or attach map)
    or GPS Coordinates: Latitude(N) or UTM (N): ___________ Longitude(W) or UTM(E):

12) Comments:

13) Bear Marked: Yes ☐, No ☐  Tattoo Number _____  Tag Number _____

14) Tooth Enclosed: Yes ☐, No ☐  (staple tooth envelope to upper left hand corner of data sheet or tape tooth to this sheet)

Sheet Completed by: __________________________ Date: __________________________

Please send completed sheet and tooth (in envelope or tape to this sheet) to:
NCWRC  Questions about submitting a tooth?
Div. of Wildlife Management  E-mail: colleen.olfenbuttel@ncwildlife.org
1722 Mail Service Center  Phone: (919) 920-6302
Raleigh, NC 27699-1722