



Attention Bear Hunters!

Submitting the bear tooth is now **mandatory** for all hunter harvested bears!



Why submit the premolar tooth?

- It is now **mandatory** to submit at least one premolar tooth from your harvested bear by January 31st.
- Your information allows NCWRC biologists to better monitor bear populations, make management decisions, and evaluate the impacts of bear hunting.
- Mandatory tooth submission will help biologists more accurately model bear population trends at both the bear management unit level and the zone level.
- **We will send you a complimentary “North Carolina Black Bear Cooperator” ball cap and an age report for your bear in September.**

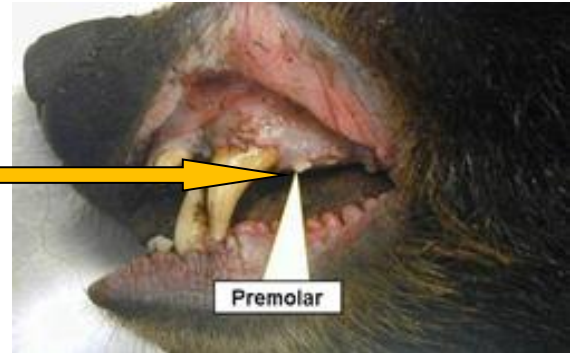
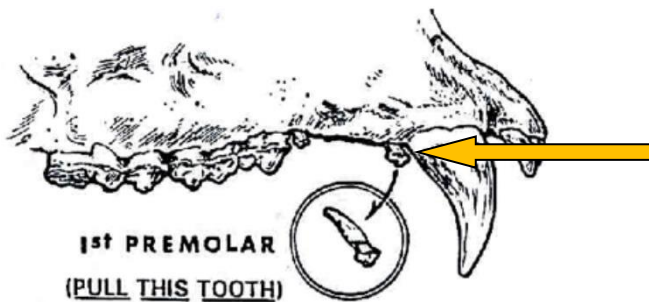


How to submit your premolar tooth?

- Place the premolar tooth from your harvested bear in the enclosed tooth envelope and place the tooth envelope in the mail. Please collect and keep the other premolar tooth. This can serve as a back-up tooth, if needed.
- If you lost the bear tooth envelope, call 919-707-0050 to have a new envelope sent to you or you may submit in your own envelope. If submitting in your own envelope, go to www.ncwildlife.org/bear and click on the “Bear Cooperator Tab” to download a data sheet. Fill out the sheet, tape the tooth to the data sheet and mail to: NCWRC, Wildlife Management Division, 1722 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1722

Instructions for Collecting Bear Teeth

(An instructional video is available at www.ncwildlife.org/bear)



Please collect both upper premolars (see pictures)

If you can't find both upper premolars, collect the lower jaw premolars

- 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 break the root of both upper premolars, or the upper premolars are gone, please try the lower premolars located immediately behind the lower canine.
- 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: ____/____/____
(month/day/year)

3) County of Harvest: _____

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

9) Hunter Name*: _____ 12) Send age to: Hunter, Leader, Both

Address*: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

WRC 7-digit Customer Number* (can be 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

Div. of Wildlife Management

1722 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-1722

Questions about submitting a tooth?

E-mail: colleen.olfenbuttel@ncwildlife.org

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