



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.**



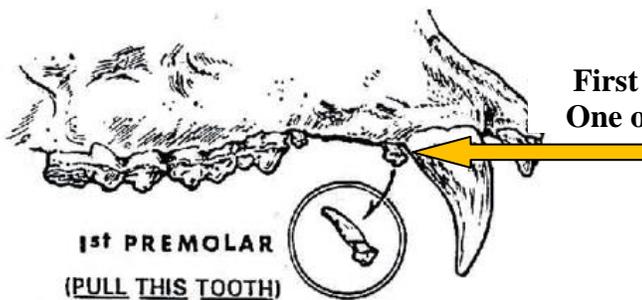
****We need information on all bears, young and old, to accurately model the bear population.****

How to submit your premolar tooth?

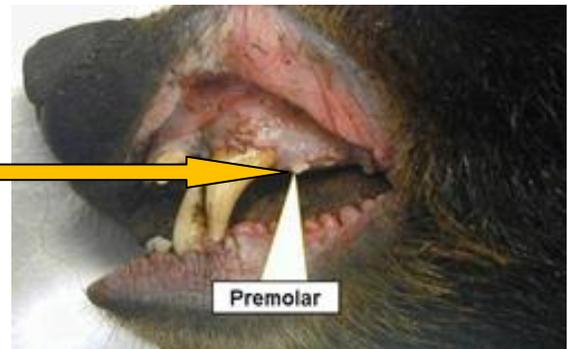
- If your party leader or a biologist **did not** collect the premolar tooth from your harvested bear, you can submit the tooth and data sheet (on back) to the address listed at the bottom of the back page.
- You can put your tooth in the tooth envelope provided. If you lost the envelope, tape the tooth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

Instructions for Collecting Bear Teeth

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



**First Premolars
One on each side**



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: ____/____/____
(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): _____

9) Hunter Name* : _____	12) Send age to: <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter, <input type="checkbox"/> Leader, <input type="checkbox"/> 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 Div. of Wildlife Management 1722 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1722	Questions about submitting a tooth? E-mail: colleen.olfenbuttel@ncwildlife.org Phone: (919) 920-6302
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