

IGBC Grizzly Bear Hunting Policy

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The Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) supports the use of regulated hunting following the components of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation (Geist et al. 2001) as a valid management tool for delisted grizzly bear populations.

Delisted grizzly bear populations will be managed by State and Provincial wildlife agencies. The use of regulated hunting as a wildlife management tool has been clearly identified and made available for comment as part of the public input process during development of Conservation Strategies. Although specifics regarding the hunting of a delisted grizzly bear population will be unique to the ecosystem and legal jurisdictions involved, IGBC strongly supports hunting regulations that reflect the best available science, are adaptable to changing factors, and have general public acceptance.

Along with professional biological management and comprehensive hunter education, a commitment by IGBC member agencies to strict enforcement of all grizzly harvest related regulations and effective mortality monitoring are critical to ensuring sustainable humane harvests.

Geist, V., Mahoney, S. P., & Organ, J. F. (2001). Why hunting has defined the North American model of wildlife conservation. Transactions of the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (Vol. 66, pp. 175-185).