

DNR will host meeting on bear license quotas

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MARQUETTE—The DNR will host an informational meeting to discuss proposed changes to bear hunting license quotas on Saturday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to noon in Marquette.

The meeting will take place in the Brule Room at Northern Michigan University, located at 2101 University Center here.

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Three proposals are currently before the Natural Resources Commission that would determine how many bear licenses will be available to hunters in 2012.

DNR Wildlife Division staff will provide a presentation on black bear population monitoring techniques and population trends in the Upper Peninsula, and will explain proposed changes to the bear license quotas in detail, in addition to answering questions from the public.

NRC commissioners J.R. Richardson of Ontonagon and John Madigan of Munising will be present to discuss the proposals with meeting attendees.

The proposals will be eligible for NRC action at the Commission's April 5 meeting in Lansing.

For more information about the bear license quota proposals and informational meeting, contact DNR bear specialist Adam Bump at (517) 373-1263.

The March presentation to the Natural Resources Commission on DNR black bear populations and proposed license quota changes can be found online at www.michigan.gov/nrc.