

## Wisconsin Black Bear Management Plan Revision Public Informational Sessions

WDNR Large Carnivore Specialist Scott Walter will present an overview of the draft 2019 – 2029 Wisconsin Black Bear Management Plan, followed by a question-and-answer session. Specific comments on the plan may be submitted online via [the bear management page](#) beginning March 25<sup>th</sup>; hand-written comments will also be accepted at the informational sessions.

The informational sessions will cover the following topics:

- Current Wisconsin Black Bear Management Plan
- Importance of plan revision effort
  - Black bear population trends
  - Black bear range expansion
  - Hunter interest & participation
  - Social issues
- Development of the Black Bear Management Plan
  - WDNR Bear Advisory Committee
  - Guiding philosophy
  - Plan scope & format
- Key recommendations
  - Modified bear management zone structure
  - Allowable harvest methods
  - Bear population goals
  - Nuisance & agricultural damage issues
  - Bear research objectives