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Self-Clearing Permits available at all Self-Clearing Permit Stations

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Each year several Louisiana black bears are illegally killed during the hunting season. Since 1992, the Louisiana black bear has been protected because of its threatened status under the Endangered Species Act.

Restoration and conservation efforts of the La. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Black Bear Conservation Coalition and many private landowners have led to increasing numbers of black bears.

Effective in March of 2016, the Louisiana black bear was removed from the list of Federally Threatened and Endangered Species due to recovery. Bears in Louisiana are still protected under state law with fines and penalties up to $10,000.

Hunters are urged to support bear conservation efforts and report illegal kills. This support will aid recovery of the Louisiana black bear and help bring about the day when legal bear hunting will once again occur in Louisiana.