

CASTLE HILL BEAR BAIT POLICY

Adopted June 1, 2005

Amended May 6, 2013

PURPOSE:

To provide permits for bear baiting as required by Maine Law.

To provide access to the town's woodlot.

To provide a system for management and set standards for the program.

To provide information to the town and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W) on baiting activities and to improve the program as recommended by IF&W and accepted by the Board of Selectmen.

MANAGEMENT:

The Town Manager shall manage the Bear Baiting Program as authorized and directed by the Board of Selectmen.

BEAR BAIT SITE DENSITY:

No more than 20 site permits shall be issued in total annually and no site shall be less than ½ mile from another.

TREE STAND:

All tree stands shall conform to the policy for tree stands adopted November 4, 1996.

CLEAN UP:

All sites must be clean of litter during the baiting season and all equipment (barrels, ladders, stands, blinds, bait, etc) must be removed within 10 days of the close of the season.

PERMITS:

All applicants shall submit a map with bear bait locations marked with each bait site. Each applicant must provide a copy of their hunting license and if commercial sites are requested, the applicant must provide a copy of the Maine Hunting Guides License, proof of insurance and pay for bait sites prior to issuing of permits. If permits are not picked up by May 31st, they may be issued to other interested parties.

INSURANCE:

Commercial guides must provide \$500,000 General Liability Insurance.

FEE:

Sites used by guides for commercial hunting shall pay the annual bear baiting fee as established by the Board of Selectmen.

One free site may be issued for non-commercial use to a Castle Hill Resident.

VIOLATION

Any violation of this policy or related Federal and State laws may result in revocation of the existing permit and place in jeopardy the issuance of future permits.

AMENDMENTS:

The Board of Selectmen may amend this policy verbally or in writing, as needed.

Adopted as amended by the Castle Board of Selectmen on May 6, 2013.

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