

**Proposed Resolution #B**  
**Requires 2/3 Majority**

**Submitted by:** MTPCA

**Proposed:** August 16, 2025 CPB Meeting

**Title:** Bear Trapping

1. **WHEREAS:** Michigan's overall black bear population has increased 29% from 2012-
2. 2023 with the lower peninsula growing 37% during the same time frame as part of a
3. 160% increase in the lower peninsula since 1992, which has created a population
4. distribution increase of 74% in the lower peninsula, resulting in a 300% increase in
5. lower peninsula activity reports since 2012 (MDNR, Norton, 2023), and;
6. **WHEREAS:** There has been a 32% DECREASE in bear hunting licenses purchased
7. during the same period (MDNR, Norton, 2023), and;
8. **WHEREAS:** The use of cable traps (foothold cable restraint) or cage-type live traps are
9. acceptable means of take currently in use for bear by Michigan's Department of Natural
10. Resources, many other government agencies, AND any licensed trapper in the state of
11. Maine, and;
12. **WHEREAS:** Trapping of bear provides opportunity for another entire segment of
13. Michigan hunters and trappers to participate in management of Michigan's largest
14. furbearer, and;
15. **WHEREAS:** Trapping also provides much better ability for extreme selectivity and the
16. ability to target SPECIFIC animals for management purposes, and;
17. **WHEREAS:** Increased participation opportunity, which in turn fuels the reciprocal
18. causation of the consumptive sportsperson / resource relationship, is vital to the health
19. of our natural resources, NOW;
20. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** MUCC will support the implementation of the
21. trapping of black bears with foothold cable restraints and/or cage type live traps.