

IGBC Grizzly Bear Hunting Position Statement

In recovered and delisted grizzly bear populations, the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) supports the use of regulated hunting following the principles of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation (Geist et al. 2001) as one approach to help manage numbers and distribution of bears to promote coexistence and help minimize conflict. Although specifics regarding the hunting of a recovered grizzly bear population will be unique to the ecosystem and legal jurisdictions involved, IGBC supports hunting regulations that reflect the best available science, are adaptable to changing factors, are established in a public process, and are consistent with standards in the ecosystem specific Conservation Strategies¹.

Geist, V., Mahoney, S.P., & Organ, J.F. (2001). Why hunting has defined the North American model of wildlife conservation. *Transactions of the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference* (Vol. 66, pp. 175-185).

¹ Ecosystem specific Conservation Strategies are the post-delisting management plans that guide population and habitat management as required by the Endangered Species Act.