

**Bear Management Plan Values and Goals From Stakeholder Advisory Committee**  
**Region 2 (10/27/10)**

SAC VALUES	DRAFT SAC GOAL STATEMENTS
<b>Population</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Comprehensive management includes population management, public education, and protection of bears</li> <li>✓ Management should be based on best, most accurate, comprehensive information</li> <li>✓ Maintain bear populations at levels compatible with cultural carrying capacity (CCC)</li> <li>✓ Ensure the long-term viability of bear population statewide in each region</li> <li>✓ Bear populations are an important component of the ecosystem</li> <li>✓ Bear populations levels / goals should adapt to changing CCC</li> <li>✓ “Manage” CCC to meet current and projected bear population goals               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Note: effort to make CCC = bear population</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Bear population management should be local (site-specific)</li> <li>✓ Managing for a balance in bear, deer, and other wildlife populations</li> <li>✓ Black bear populations have economic implications               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Group Note: economic implications can be local</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Population Viability: Ensure the long-term viability of bears within each region of Virginia through a comprehensive monitoring, management, public education, and protection program.</li> <li>➤ Carrying Capacity: Maintain populations at local levels, compatible with CCC.</li> </ul>
<b>Habitat:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Conserve black bear habitat consistent with bear population objectives</li> <li>✓ Habitat conservation should emphasize areas of special significance (e.g., areas with source populations and habitat linkages)</li> <li>✓ Habitat conservation may consist of habitat management or protection</li> <li>✓ Manage bear habitat for the benefit of multiple species (overall stewardship), including bear</li> <li>✓ Involve local landowners in stewardship efforts</li> <li>✓ Habitat management, conservation, planning, and acquisition should consider long-term needs, goals, potential habitat changes, and potential human-bear interactions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Habitat Conservation and Management: Conserve habitat in Virginia, consistent with long-term population objectives.</li> <li>➤ Habitat Enhancement: Education private landowners of stewardship needs, efforts, and opportunities and emphasize areas of special significance.</li> </ul>

## Recreation:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Provide a diversity of hunting opportunities               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Group Note: allocation guidance – parity</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Hunting is a management tool</li> <li>✓ Hunting as a recreational experience</li> <li>✓ Discourage or prohibit activities that prevent attainment of population objectives</li> <li>✓ Hunting methods are fair and sportsmanlike               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Group Notes:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• this value is all-inclusive of hunting methods that are considered fair and sportsmanlike</li> <li>• this region DOES consider “chase and take” to be fair and sportsmanlike and to be included in this value</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Hunting activities respect the rights of private property owners</li> <li>✓ Hunting activities respect the rights of all citizens</li> <li>✓ Provide opportunities for non-hunting recreation</li> <li>✓ Promote non-hunting recreation opportunities, activities, and participation as a priority (not just information and education)</li> <li>✓ Provide a diversity of bear-related recreation and opportunities (combines two 2001 values)</li> <li>✓ Promote educated and informed bear-related recreation</li> <li>✓ Promote bear welfare in all bear-related recreation</li> <li>✓ Hunting methods are ethical and legal</li> <li>✓ Bears have recreational, non-hunting value to citizens</li> <li>✓ Increase hunting opportunities in appropriate areas</li> <li>✓ Bear-related recreation should minimize negative human-bear interactions and promote keeping bears wild (i.e., preventing dependency on humans)</li> <li>✓ Promote safe hunting practices</li> <li>✓ Harvested bears should be utilized, including bears taken with kill permits</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Provide diversity to all hunters.</li> <li>➤ Hunting is a recreational experience that is good for all citizens and to achieve population objectives.</li> <li>➤ Hunting methods are ethical and legal (i.e., fair chase)</li> <li>➤ All methods of hunting should be the choice of the individual.</li> <li>➤ Promote non-hunting recreation for all citizens, including education and information of bear-related issues.</li> <li>➤ Harvested bears should be utilized, including kill permits.</li> <li>➤ Diversity of hunting opportunities need to be allocated more evenly / equally.</li> </ul> |
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## Human-Bear Interaction:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Promote human safety</li><li>✓ Promote protection of personal income</li><li>✓ Promote protection of personal property</li><li>✓ Should still attain population and recreation objectives while promoting protection of people, property, and income</li><li>✓ Consistent / correct response to bear problems / complaints not only within agencies but between agencies</li><li>✓ Shared public / agency responsibility for bear problems</li><li>✓ Hunting is preferred lethal bear management tool (preferred over kill permits, etc.)</li><li>✓ Keep bears wild</li><li>✓ Farmers' ability to produce profitable crops</li><li>✓ Proactive rather than reactive management</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Assure share public / agency responsibility in the promotion of human safety and protection of personal income and property.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Note: Hunting preferred tool to attain objectives and profitable crops is an objective under the goal.</li></ul></li></ul> |
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