Email to 2026 Bear License Awardees re. Delayed Tooth Mailings

Dear 2026 Wisconsin Bear License Drawing Winner,

We are writing to let you know that bear hunter mailing packets, which contain harvest registration, regulation reminders, tooth collection envelopes, and a prepaid return envelope, have been **delayed** this year due to circumstances beyond our control. We are working diligently to get these to you as soon as possible and right now we expect the packets to be in the mail the week of August 24.

As a reminder, receiving the packet is **not** necessary to begin hunting or to harvest a bear. The Go Wild licensing system provides your carcass tag with the purchase of your Class A Bear License (i.e., bear carcass tags are not mailed to hunters). The license and plain paper carcass tag can be printed at home or at a DNR service center at no cost, or by license vendors for a $2 fee. Bear hunting regulations are available online via the DNR website and printed booklets are available at DNR service centers.

Harvest registration and tooth submission is required for all harvested bears regardless of whether you receive a packet. You can prepare for your hunt by viewing registration and tooth collection information on the DNR bear registration and tooth submission webpage.

If you do not receive these materials before you leave for your hunt, or have misplaced them, you should submit your teeth directly to the department by folding them into a piece of paper, placing the folded paper with teeth in a paper envelope, and mailing them directly to the department. Please include the **10-digit registration confirmation number, DNR customer ID number, hunter's first and last name and bear management zone of harvest** with the teeth. Do not store or mail the teeth in plastic as this prohibits them from drying.

Attn: Bear Tooth
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
107 Sutliff Avenue
Rhinelander WI, 54501

We apologize for this unfortunate situation and wish you a safe and enjoyable 2026 bear season.