

New Jersey Beekeepers Association
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NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife
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Trenton, NJ 08625-0400

Re: NJBA Resolution on Proposed 2003-2004 Game Code

Gentlemen:

This is to inform you that, in our May 17, 2003 meeting of the General Membership of the New Jersey Beekeepers Association, the following RESOLUTION was presented to the membership and was adopted by unanimous acclaim:

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Beekeepers Association is a statewide organization whose purpose is to foster and promote the art of apiculture in the Garden State, and;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey state insect, the honey bee, is endangered on many fronts, including diseases, parasitic mites, and predators, and;

WHEREAS, the honey bee is an integral component of the agriculture of New Jersey through its pollination of cranberries, blueberries, peaches, apple s, melons, cucumbers, soybeans, strawberries, and other crops, as well as being essential to the well-being of New Jersey citizens by virtue of being responsible for one-third of the food consumed by the people of the Garden State, and;

WHEREAS, beekeepers in New Jersey are finding it increasingly difficult to protect honey bees in their care from the depredations of the burgeoning black bear population, and;

WHEREAS, many beekeepers in New Jersey have had to stop keeping bees because of the financial hardship of attempting to protect their bees from black bear attacks and the mental anguish of losing entire colonies to such attacks, now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the General Membership of the New Jersey Beekeepers Association,

That the New Jersey Beekeepers Association supports the Proposed 2003-2004 Game Code of the New Jersey State Division of Fish and Wildlife, including those recommendations pertaining to the BLACK BEAR HUNT.

Dan Kurela
President

Landi Simone
Secretary-Treasurer