

Hunters successful in tracking down Nevada bears

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Two female bears have been harvested on the opening weekend of Nevada's first-ever bear hunts, according to the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

NDOW spokesman Chris Healy said one bear was taken on Saturday in the foothills above Verdi.

A second bear was taken Sunday in the Pine Nut Mountains southeast of Gardnerville.

Healy said the season will be closed as soon as six female bears, or 20 bears total have been harvested.

Since NDOW biologists determined Nevada's population of bears was stable enough to permit a hunt – and the Nevada Wildlife Commission approved the hunt – it has had vocal opposition.

Forty-one hunters drew tags for the opportunity to harvest a bear. Open areas include the Carson Range near Lake Tahoe, in the Sweetwater Range, the Pine Nut Mountains and similar areas of western Nevada.

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