

FIND OUT HOW OLD YOUR BEAR IS!

If anyone out there would like to find out how old their bear is, here is how to do it. The only lab I could find is one in Montana - used by F&W also. Their website is: www.dougmacaulay.com/matsonlab/index.php.

You need to apply for a CITES permit - contact Jean Robillard of the Canadian Wildlife Service in Ottawa at Jean.Robillard@EC.gc.ca - they send you the forms. No charge for this.

Once you get the forms you have to go to the local F&W office for an Export Permit (\$21.40) and take your CITES one with you. They need the sex, date of kill, species, your WIN# and Tag#, name, etc.

You need to pull one of the small teeth immediately behind the canine of the upper jaw to send. Go to the website for full instructions. They charge by the tooth but is cheaper if you get 4 or more people together. You should be able to have all your teeth put on one F&W Export Permit as well but will need separate CITES ones for each bear.

There is a \$55 US fee to the US Fish & Wildlife Service as well that will be added to your invoice UNLESS you know someone in the government ranks then this fee is waived.

Information courtesy of Brent Watson - Grande Prairie