

**RESOLUTION 08022016**

**REQUEST TO INCLUDE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS 4O AND 4W  
PART OF THE SOUTHERN ZONE EARLY BEAR SEASON**

WHEREAS, the increased bear population has created an increased amount of nuisance complaints and safety issues within and surrounding the Town of Hancock; and

WHEREAS, according to the NYS DEC 2015 Black Bear Harvest report, of the ten WMU's making up the Southern Zone Early Bear Season, only two have a higher total than 4W; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hancock is #1 in NYS Black Bear Harvest for 2015 with 47; and

WHEREAS, the extreme winter two years ago caused a significant decline in the deer population and removing some of the bears will help the deer herd rebound quicker; and

WHEREAS, including 4O and 4W in the Southern Zone Early Bear Season would have a positive economic effect on the Towns within those WMUs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Hancock respectfully requests the New York State Department of Conservation to include Wildlife Management Units 4O and 4W in the Southern Zone Early Bear Season.

The Resolution having received at least a two-thirds vote of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Hancock was declared by the Chairman to be duly adopted by the following votes:

Rowe        Aye  
Gardner    Aye  
Vetrone    Aye

Vernold    Aye  
O'Brien    Aye