

Nevada bear hunt opponents file lawsuit

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Opponents of Nevada's first black bear hunt filed a lawsuit Tuesday in effort to block it.

The complaint, filed in Carson City District Court, seeks an injunction to prevent a hunt now scheduled to commence the third Saturday of August. Up to 20 bears could be killed by hunters under a proposal unanimously approved by the Nevada Wildlife Commission last December.

The suit contends the hunt illegally violated state administrative procedures due to insufficient noticing of December's hearing. It also contends the hunt fell under a January executive order by Republican Gov. Brian Sandoval that froze proposed regulations by state agencies, said Christine Schwamberger, an attorney representing the group NoBearHuntNV.org.

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