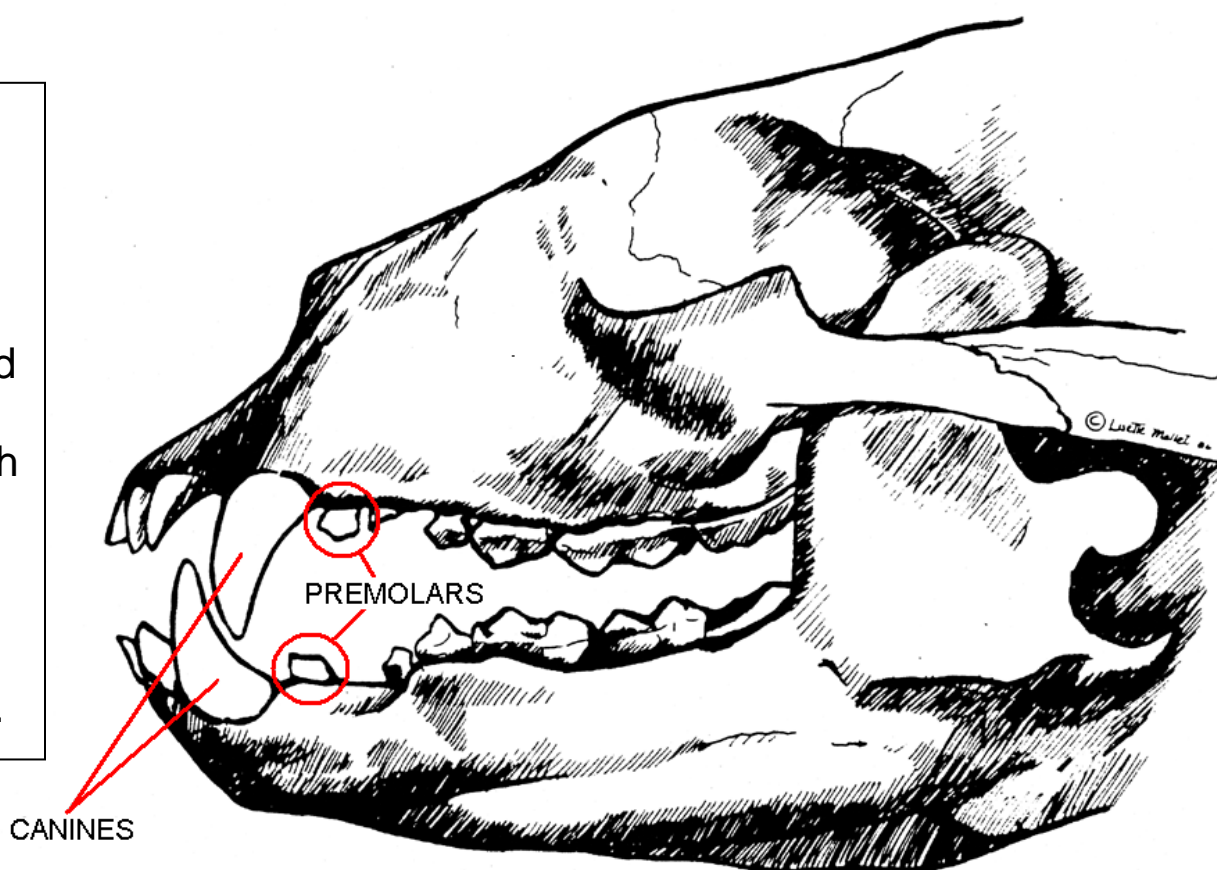


## ATTENTION BLACK BEAR HUNTERS - WE NEED YOUR ONGOING HELP

Successful black bear hunters can assist the Ministry of Natural Resources in determining the age structure of local bear populations by submitting for analysis **two premolar teeth** from each bear harvested. This information provides data necessary for sustainable bear management.

**In return for your support of wildlife management efforts, an Ontario Bear Hunter Crest and information about the age of your bear will be mailed to your home address, usually within six months.**

The first premolar is a small, single-rooted peg-like tooth located just behind the canines. To remove the tooth, push the blade of a knife down along all sides of the tooth between it and the gums. Gently loosen the tooth by rocking it back and forth using the canine for leverage, then carefully remove the tooth using pliers. Care should be taken when extracting the tooth to ensure the root is not broken.



Teeth should be extracted shortly after the animal has been killed while the jaw is still pliable. **Place teeth in an envelope along with your name, address, Outdoors Card Number, the date the bear was shot, sex of the bear, and location (Wildlife Management Unit) of the kill.**

Mail to:

**Ministry of Natural Resources, Wildlife Surveys Officer  
1350 High Falls Road, Bracebridge, ON P1L 1W9**

**Thank you!**