

ENVIRONMENT

Jan 3, 2019

WHERE ARE THE BEARS? THAT'S A QUESTION THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION WANTS HELP ANSWERING. THEY'RE ASKING HIKERS, HUNTERS, AND SNOWMOBILERS TO HELP LOCATE BEAR DENS SO THEY CAN TRACK THE STATE'S BRUIN POPULATION. ANYONE WHO COMES ACROSS ONE IS BEING ASKED TO CONTACT D-E-C WITH THE G-P-S COORDINATES OF THE DEN SO THEY CAN MONITOR THE ANIMALS OVER AN ENTIRE HIBERNATION CYCLE. MORE DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT D-E-C-DOT-N-Y-DOT-GOV.

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WHAT NEW YORK'S RAINBOW TROUT REALLY NEED IS...THEIR B VITAMINS. A NEW STUDY SHOWS THEY'RE SUFFERING FROM A SHORTAGE OF NIACIN, CAUSED BY A DISRUPTION IN THE NATURAL CHAIN. THE REMEDY? INJECTING THE FISH WITH VITAMIN B, AND USING VITAMIN ENRICHED MEALS TO FERTILIZE TROUT-RICH WATERS. AND IT'S MORE THAN A CASE OF HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT- SPORT FISHING FOR RAINBOW TROUT IS ONE OF THE NORTH COUNTRY'S ENDURING RECREATIONAL DRAWS.

Feb 21, 2019

HOW DANGEROUS IS THE LONGHORNED TICK? THAT'S THE QUESTION MEMBERS OF THE STATE SENATE ARE ASKING. THEY'VE REQUESTED THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO STUDY THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE PARASITE. EARLIER THIS YEAR A ROUTINE FIELD SURVEY DISCOVERED THE TICK IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY. THE TINY CREATURE IS A NATIVE OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND AND CAN CARRY TRANSMIT THEILERIOSIS, A POTENTIALLY FATAL LIVESTOCK DISEASE. OFFICIALS STILL HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT HOW THE TICK TRAVELED FROM ASIA TO NEW YORK.

Mar 29, 2019

IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES, IT WAS THE WORST OF TIMES. AT LEAST IF YOU'RE A BLACK BEAR. THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION SAYS THAT NEW YORK'S BLACK BEAR POPULATION IS EXPLODING THANKS TO AN ABUNDANT FOOD SUPPLY. BUT HUNTERS HAVE ALSO BAGGED A RECORD NUMBER OF THE ANIMALS. OFFICIALS SAY 1358 BEARS WERE TAKEN THIS HUNTING SEASON, A NEW HIGH FOR THE STATE. D-E-C HAS BEEN EXPANDING BEAR HUNTING SEASON IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP THE POPULATION LIVING AND TRAVELING THROUGH INHABITED AREAS UNDER CONTROL.