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Urgent Action Needed for Ontario's Snapping Turtles

Draft EBR Submission Attached - Deadline Friday January 27th

Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry is poised to make a critical decision about the hunting of snapping turtles (EBR Registry Numbers 012-9170 and 012-9169). Unfortunately, we have been advised by Barbara MacKenzie-Wynia of Ontario Nature that the ministry is proposing to continue the hunt, with the addition of some restrictions. Regardless of added restrictions, the continuation of the hunt runs contrary to the best advice of scientific experts.

Attached is a draft copy of the comments Ontario Nature will submit calling for a complete ban on the hunting of snapping turtles. **I have reviewed the comments and concur with the science and am preparing to sign on to them on behalf of SLSN.** Each of you is encouraged to submit comments of your own – you are welcome to use any part of the ON comments for your submissions by **4:00pm on Friday January 27, 2017** to Lisa Richardson at lisar@ontarionature.org.

For information on the current plight of Snapping turtles in our area to my knowledge please contact me.

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