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... Just five years ago, Connecticut's bear population topped out at 800, but now officials say it's grown to nearly 1,200...

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... currently estimated between 1,000 and 1,200. ... for a long time before the late 1900s, the state didn't have a resident bear population at all... In the 1800s, much of the land in the Northeast was cleared for agriculture and farming ... "They actually disappeared from Connecticut for a long period of time," ... in the 1980s, the state saw a return of black bears ...

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... The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) estimates the state has between 1,000 and 1,200 bears and Deputy Commissioner Mason Trumble said DEEP supports a bear hunt bill...