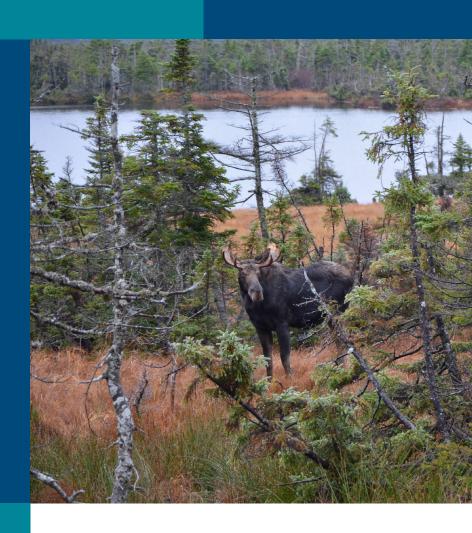


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4	Sign and date this form to make it official/Agree to the terms and conditions					
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	I understand that submitting this request causes the original Companion Moose Hunting Stamp to be invalidated immediately. I understand that it is no longer a valid or legal Companion Moose Hunting Stamp.					
	I agree to return the original Companion Moose Hunting Stamp to Service Nova Scotia within 30 days of signing this request. I may return this by mail or in person.					
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	Date: (yyyy/mm/dd)					
5	Pay the fee Arrange payment of the fee to change a moose companion licencee: \$28.70 (tax included) ☐ A cheque or money order payable to Minister of Finance is attached. ☐ I have completed the credit card payment authorization below.					
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	Credit card account number: Expiry date: mm/yy					
	Name on card: Card holder signature:					
6	Submit your request by mail or by fax (credit card payment only)					
	Mail to: Service Nova Scotia or Fax to: 902-424-0602 PO Box 1529 Halifax NS B3J 2Y4					

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Everyone in your hunting party need to know the information contained in this booklet.

Have a safe and an enjoyable hunt.

Season over? Submit your Hunter Report Card online:

novascotia.ca/natr/harvests/

Ple	ase indicate the status of your Moose Hunt for the	Season:			
0	I purchased a Moose Hunting license and want to record my moose harvest.				
0	I purchased a Moose Hunting license, actively hunted, but did not harvest a moose.				
0	I purchased a Moose Hunting license but did not hunt for moose.				
	Submit				

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What your Moose Hunting Package contains

Your Moose Hunting Stamp — unvalidated

You must validate your Moose Hunting Stamp by purchasing a Wildlife Habitat Stamp (base licence) and affixing your Moose Hunting Stamp on the inside cover of your Nova Scotia Hunting and Furharvesting Licence Card.

- Your Companion Moose Hunting Stamps, if requested
 Each companion hunter must purchase a Wildlife Habitat Stamp (base licence) to validate their stamps. To request a change of moose companion licence, submit the completed Transfer Companion Hunter Application form at the back of this booklet at least 5 business days before the moose hunting season is scheduled to open.
- Large Ziploc Bag for Moose Incisor Bar (Jaw)
 Successful hunters must submit the lower incisor bar of the moose to a Natural Resources and Renewables District office within 2 weeks.
- Instructions for removing Incisor Bar
 Find instructions on the tear-off portion of the back cover and on page 8. Place the incisor bar in the numbered bag and submit it to a district office.
- A reminder to submit your hunter report online
 The reminder is on the first page of this booklet. Instructions on how to submit your hunter report online are on page 27. If you do not have internet access, submit your hunter report at a Natural Resources and Renewables office or phone 902-679-6091.
- Instructions for reporting Harvested Moose Antler Measurements
 If you successfully harvested a bull moose, you are required to
 submit the antler measurements. This helps us monitor range
 conditions. Record greatest spread, antler beam circumference,
 and number of points. Either submit your report online or contact
 your local Natural Resources and Renewables office. Find
 instructions on page 10.

Four NS Moose Tags (inside bag)



These tags serve as a temporary permit to possess and transport a moose.

You must attach one tag to each quarter of the moose immediately after it has been killed and before it is transported. If the moose is de-boned, attach the tags to four large pieces of meat.

Before your hunt

Validate your Moose Hunting Stamp

Your Moose Hunting Stamp becomes valid when you do 2 things:

1 Purchase a Wildlife Habitat Stamp (base licence) at a Natural Resources and Renewables office or at select vendors.



2 Affix your Moose Hunting Stamp on the inside cover of your Nova Scotia Hunting and Fur Harvesting Licence Card.





Alert: If you have a Moose Hunting licence, **you are required by law** to report on your moose hunt:

- even if you did not get out to hunt
- even if you did not harvest a moose

Please indicate the status of your Moose Hunt for the	Season:
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O I purchased a Moose Hunting license but did not hunt for moose	
Submit	

Submit your Hunter Report Card online: novascotia.ca/natr/harvests/ Deadline to submit your report: within 2 weeks of the close of the 3-day or 6-day season in which you were authorized to hunt.

Request a change to your Companion Moose Hunting Stamps, if needed

Companion hunters must:

- be residents of Nova Scotia and meet other conditions described page 24
- purchase a Wildlife Habitat Stamp (base licence)—available at Natural Resources and Renewables offices and select vendors

To request a change of moose companion licence: submit the form at the back of this booklet.

Fee to change a moose companion licencee: novascotia.ca/sns/paal/dnr/paal114.asp

Deadline: your request must be received by Service Nova Scotia no less than 5 business days prior to the start of the moose hunting season you are licensed for

Find more information about companion hunters and who is a "resident" on page 24.

Keep your stamps and your licence card safe — they serve as storage permits, too

A Moose Hunting Licence issued to the person who killed the moose serves as a valid storage permit. The licence authorizes the licence holder to possess meat from the carcass until July 31 of the next year.

A Companion Moose Hunting Licence serves as valid storage permit for up to 15 pounds of meat from the carcass until July 31 of the next year.

Get a Storage Permit before transferring moose meat: All persons in possession of more than 15 pounds of moose meat must have a Storage Permit. This applies to companion hunters. Get permits at your local Natural Resources and Renewables office. Permits document the transfer of meat. There is no cost.

Know the regulations

Before you begin your moose hunt, make yourself familiar with the current season's Moose Hunting Regulations. The Summary of Regulations booklet is available where you buy a Habitat Stamp.

Online version of Nova Scotia Moose Hunting Regulations: www.novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/wimoose.htm

Contact your local Natural Resources and Renewables office if you have questions about the regulations.

Find office nearest you: novascotia.ca/natr/staffdir/offices.asp

Halifax Head Office

Main reception: 902-424-5935

To report wildfire, poaching or wildlife concerns: 1-800-565-2224

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Parks reservation: 1-888-544-3434 (Seasonal)

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Email: DNR-Antigonish@gov.ns.ca

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Coxheath

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Crossroads

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Email: Parrsboro-office@gov.ns.ca

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Civic #22835

Sheet Harbour, NS BOJ 3BO Phone: 902-885-2377

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Shubenacadie

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Shubenacadie, NS BON 2H0

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Fax: 902-535-3493

Email: DNR-STPETERS@gov.ns.ca

Core Library

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Stillwater

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Guysborough, NS B0H 1E0

Phone: 902-522-2024 / 902-522-2097 Email: Stillwater-Office@gov.ns.ca

Truro

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Phone: 902-893-6350

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Phone: 902-648-3540

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Email: Waverleyoffice@gov.ns.ca

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Whycocomagh, NS B0E 3M0

Phone: 902-756-2339 / 902-756-2298 /

902-756-3159

Email: DNR-Whycocomagh@gov.ns.ca

Windsor

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Phone: 902-798-2016 / 902-798-2796 Email: Windsor_office@gov.ns.ca

Know the boundaries of the Moose Management Zone of your hunt

A sketch of the zones appears on page 15. Legal descriptions are contained in the Summary of Regulations booklet. We recommend that you carry a detailed map of the zone you are authorized to hunt in with you. You can buy detailed maps at Land and Forestry Offices in Baddeck and Whycocomagh.

If you will be hunting near the national park, see the Parks Canada notice on page 22. Hunting is illegal in the park. It is illegal to have a firearm within the park boundaries, except when safely stored in your vehicle to pass through the park.

If you will be hunting in Zone 5, see the restrictions on camping and campfires in the wilderness area on page 23. Practice leave-no-trace principles within the wilderness area.

Link to seasons, maps, and legal descriptions: novascotia.ca/natr/draws/moosedraw/mmzones.asp

During your hunt

Respect Mi'kmaq Harvesters' right to hunt

Mi'kmaq Harvesters may be hunting in the area prior to, during, and after your hunt. Please be respectful of their treaty right to hunt at these times.

Stay within hailing distance of your hunting party

A moose hunting licence allows for up to 4 companion hunters, for a maximum of 5 members in the hunting party. While moose hunting, a hunting party must stay within hailing distance of each other. This means a distance that permits effective and clear two-way communication and is not farther than 2 km.

Attach a moose tag to each quarter

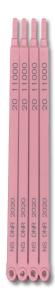
These tags serve as a temporary permit to possess and transport a moose.

You must attach one tag to each quarter of the moose immediately after it has been killed and before it is transported:

- Insert a tag through a slit in the flesh or hide on each guarter.
- Permanently lock each tag. Do not test or tamper with the tags prior to use.

If the animal is **transported whole**, the tags must be attached to the individual quarters.

If the moose is **de-boned**, attach the tags to four large pieces of meat.



Remove moose incisor bar/jaw

Successful hunters are **required by law** to submit the lower incisor
bar of the moose to a Natural
Resources and Renewables
district office within 2 weeks after
the end of the season in which
they were authorized to hunt:

 Attach the bar-code tag to the lower-jaw bone using the plastic tie and put it in the numbered plastic bag provided.



- Keep it frozen until it is submitted to a Natural Resources and Renewables District office. DO NOT boil the incisor bar.
- Submit it to a Natural Resources and Renewables District office as soon as possible within the deadline.

Deadline: within 2 weeks after the end of the season in which you were authorized to hunt

How to Remove the Incisor Bar

- Cut away the flesh from the lower jaw until the molar teeth can be seen.
- Cut through the lower jaw bones with a hand saw about halfway between the front (incisor) teeth and the first molars.
- Remove as much flesh as possible do NOT boil.
- Place the incisor bar in the numbered plastic bag provided in your moose package.
- Refrigerate or freeze the incisor bar to prevent spoilage.

Look for signs of moose measles and moose tapeworm

See page 17. for details and safety information.

Measles: Meat with moose measles is safe to eat when cooked to at least 74°C / 165°F. Raw meat with moose measles is not safe for dogs.

Tapeworm: Organ meat with moose tapeworm is not safe to eat. Please turn in infected organs to a Natural Resources and Renewables office for research.

After your hunt

Submit your hunter report online

If you have a Moose Hunting licence, you are **required by law** to report on your moose hunt:

- even if you did not get out to hunt
- even if you did not harvest a moose

The deadline for submitting your report is **within 2 weeks** of the close of the season in which you were authorized to hunt.

Submit Hunter Report Card Online: novascotia.ca/natr/harvests/

Instructions for submitting your report are on page 27. If you have trouble, contact your local Natural Resources and Renewables office.

Ple	ase indicate the status of your Moose Hunt for the	Season:
•	I purchased a Moose Hunting license and want to record my moo	ose harvest.
0	I purchased a Moose Hunting license, actively hunted, but did no	t harvest a moose.
0	I purchased a Moose Hunting license but did not hunt for moose.	
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Include bull moose antler measurements

If you successfully harvested a **bull moose**, you are required to submit the antler measurements as part of your Hunter Report Card. Submit this information online or contact Natural Resources and Renewables

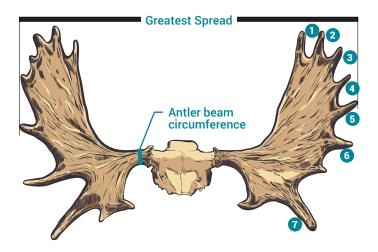
We use antler measurement information to monitor range condition: Antler size is primarily a result of genetics, the quantity and quality of food, and the age of an individual animal. By collecting antler measurements and point counts of many moose, it is possible to monitor range condition.

Instructions for Reporting Harvested Moose Antler Measurements

Greatest spread

Measure straight across (not diagonally) from the outer most point of one antler to the outer most point of the opposite antler.

Measure to the nearest 0.5 cm or 1/8 inch.



Antler beam circumference

Measure at the smallest place above the antler burr using a soft tape measure or piece of twine. Wrap the twine around the narrowest part of the antler and mark the point where the twine meets the end. Measure the distance from the end of the twine to your mark.

Number of points

Record the total number of points on each antler that measure at least 1 inch (2.54 cm) in height.

Report signs and sightings of endangered species: American marten, Canada lynx

You can help recovery efforts. Report the location of endangered species that you observe during your moose hunt to your local Natural Resources and Renewables office. Find more information on page 16. Find a local office: novascotia.ca/natr/staffdir/offices.asp

Submit the lower incisor bar of harvested moose to a district office

Successful Moose Hunters are **required by law** to submit the lower incisor bar of their harvested moose: Section 7(3).

Deadline: Submit it to a Natural Resources and Renewables district office **within 2 weeks** after the end of the season in which you were authorized to hunt.

Consider donating meat to Feed Nova Scotia through the Hunters Helping the Hungry program

See more about the program on page 20.

Helpful Hints for Your Moose Hunt

Hunters new to moose hunting need to consider the unique problems associated with hunting, field dressing, and transporting a moose carcass. Preparing well for dealing with such a large carcass will help you avoid spoiling the meat.

Come prepared to hunt with the proper knowledge and equipment:

- equipment: come to the hunt with the equipment you will need to field dressing your animal — like an ice filled, insulated U-Haul trailer to store and transport the moose
- knowledge: be prepared to either field dressing your animal or quarter the animal where it fell for easier transport out of the woods

The Land and Weather

ATV users need to be aware of Nova Scotia's Wetlands Policy that protects water-saturated lands like marshes, swamps, fens, and bogs. ATV use is prohibited in these areas.

Wetland Policy: novascotia.ca/nse/wetland/docs/Nova.Scotia.Wetland. Conservation.Policy.pdf

Moose Management Zone 1 is a remote and mountainous area north of the Cape Breton Highlands National Park. Operating ATVs in the steep, rugged terrain of Zone 1 can be challenging. It should only be attempted by experienced ATV drivers on suitably equipped machines. Special care needs to be taken to avoid sensitive habitats such as wetlands, barrens, water courses, and stream banks. If your vehicle will sink in the wet ground, do not enter. If a waterway has no bridge, do not cross.

Moose Management Zones 2 and 3 have an extensive 750-kilometer road system. It's easy to get turned around on these roads. A good road map is recommended. You can buy maps at Natural Resources and Renewables Offices in Baddeck and Whycocomagh.

novascotia.ca/natr/staffdir/offices.asp

Moose Management Zone 5 is a non-motorized hunt. ATV use is prohibited in the Polletts Cove—Aspy Fault Wilderness Area. Moose Management Zone 5 is completely contained within this wilderness area.

Accessing the highland plateau hunting area is challenging. Forested slopes are steep. Trails are limited, steep, and rutted. The hike in with gear is for the very fit only, as is the packing out of moose meat should you be successful.

Hunters should be prepared for the special challenges of Zone 5 hunting:

Harsh weather: Weather in the highlands can be harsh and can change quickly. Winter comes early, with snow or freezing rain in October. Be prepared for sudden blizzards in December.

Privately owned lands: Accessing the Wilderness Area may involve crossing privately owned lands. You should seek permission from the landowners beforehand.

No ATV use, no exceptions: Zone 5 falls entirely within the Polletts Cove—Aspy Fault Wilderness Area. No permits will be issued from Nova Scotia Environment for ATV use.

Challenging terrain: The terrain is extremely challenging. Go prepared for the difficult task of packing out a harvested moose.

After the Shot

Once the shot is made, the work begins! Anyone who has tried to roll over and field dress a twelve-hundred-pound bull moose whose six-foot antler spread is half buried in a soft, quaking bog gains a deep understanding of the word frustration. Added to this is the need to work quickly to prevent spoilage.

Recommended equipment:

- a lot of strong, heavy rope
- a good block and tackle or 2, complete with a snatch block
- a saw and axe to cut dead trees for props or for cutting windfalls out of your way — Alert: cutting is prohibited within Zone 5
- a good meat saw if field quartering
- · wrapping material to keep the quarters clean if field quartering
- a heavy sheet of plywood makes a good ramp to slide a moose onto the back of a pickup, especially if a second truck does the pulling

Responsible ATV use in Zones 1, 2, 3, and 4

If you are using an ATV to access hunting areas or remove downed animals:

- obey all related laws
- avoid wetlands they are sensitive to environmental damage and protected by law
- take care not to cause environmental damage careless ATV use leads to increased ATV regulation

Nova Scotia's wetlands policy under the Environment Act protects water-saturated lands: marshes, swamps, fens, and bogs. ATV use is prohibited in these areas.

Download the policy: novascotia.ca/nse/wetland/docs/Nova.Scotia. Wetland.Conservation.Policy.pdf

Responsible hunting in Zone 5

The use of vehicles has been prohibited in Polletts Cove—Aspy Fault Wilderness Area since 2012. Hunting in this zone demands the most skill and the most preparation.

The wilderness area is about 27,000 hectares. Most of the moose hunting has been traditionally confined to the plateau. The elevations generally range from 400 to 450 meters, about a quarter mile. The forested slopes are extremely steep, between 30% and 50% slope or more.

Preventing meat spoilage: Moose hunting without the use of a motorized vehicle has unique problems associated with hunting, field dressing, and transporting a moose carcass. Spoilage of the meat is of concern in this hunt, because you cannot use a motorized vehicle to quickly transport the moose to a cool location. Arriving with inadequate equipment or knowledge risks totally spoiled, inedible meat.

Field quartering: Most hunter choose to quarter the animal where it falls for easier transport out of the woods. Prepare for the tasks ahead. Come to the hunt with the proper knowledge and equipment to field quarter a moose carcass and pack out the meat successfully over difficult terrain.

Limited, rutted trails: Trail access into the wilderness area is limited. Existing trails are not maintained and are rutted and steep. The distances that must be traveled on these trails just to reach the plateau range from 1 to 3 kilometers. Anyone who hikes up and down these trails, even with moderate loads, must be very fit. Transporting gear, firearms, and moose meat is no small undertaking.

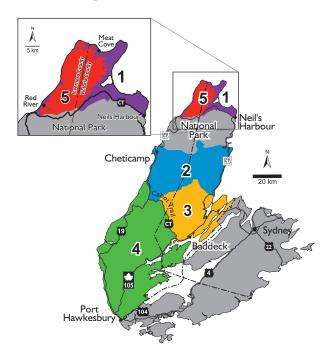
Access points: There are several existing access points, but most of the trail routes involve crossing private land. It is recommended that hunters obtain permission before using these access trails. Some local guides have agreements with private landowners to use the trails during the hunting season.

Harsh weather. The weather in the highlands can be very harsh and can change very quickly. Snowfalls or freezing rain can occur in October. Be prepared for sudden blizzards in December.

Emergencies: Emergency access to care for those injured and lost may be delayed.

Dangerous wildlife: Bear and coyotes are common. Store food, food waste, and game meat carefully to reduce encounters.

Moose Management Zone Map



Note: This sketch is for your convenience only. Use more detailed maps when accuracy is needed.

Carrying a detailed map of your hunting zone is highly recommended. You can buy detailed maps at Land and Forestry Offices in Baddeck and Whycocomagh.

novascotia.ca/natr/staffdir/offices.asp

About Zone 5

This Moose Management Zone falls entirely within the Polletts Cove—Aspy Fault Wilderness Area. This is a non-motorized hunt. The terrain is extremely challenging, making it difficult to pack out a harvested moose.

Accessing the hunting area may involve crossing privately owned lands. Seek permission from the landowners beforehand or use a local guide with established permissions.

Endangered Species:American marten and Canada lynx

Both the American marten and the Canada lynx are endangered species protected under the Nova Scotia Endangered Species Act.

You can help recovery efforts by reporting sightings during your moose hunt to your local Natural Resources and Renewables office. Some information is collected as part of your Hunter Report Card. Contacting us to share

the location of your sightings helps us even more. We use this information to determine trends in the population, which helps us determine cyclic trends in the population and contributes to wildlife management and recovery efforts.

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How to identify the American marten

The American marten is a member of the weasel family:

body: slender body with a bushy tail

head: small fox-like head with rounded ears

coat: dark with a light orange patch under

its throat and belly

claws: semi-retractable, cat-like claws, allowing them to climb and chase prey easily in the tree canopy

size: males are 80 cm long (including a 20 cm tail); females are slightly smaller

How to identify the Canada Lynx

The Canada lynx is similar in appearance to the bobcat:

size: a medium-sized wild cat

coat: dense, greyish-brown fur that is less spotty than the bobcat

ears: tufted, with longer ear tufts than a bobcat

tail: entirely black-tipped tail, and a lighter, less spotty fur coat

legs: long hind legs

paws: large, well-furred paws that allow the lynx to move

efficiently in deep snow



Moose Health Alerts

Moose measles

Moose measles or muscle cysticercosis:

- found in any muscle, including the heart
- commonly found on the hindquarter
- technical name: Taenia krabbei

To identify the cysts, look for small round or oval balls:

- size: 2-4-millimeter across
- · colour. white or yellow
- quantity: from a few to a few thousand cysts

Health warning: cook meat to at least 74°C/165°F

Dog warning: Meat infected with moose measles is NOT SAFE for dogs. Dogs can be infected by eating raw meat, even if it has been frozen.

Moose tapeworm

Moose tapeworm causes hydatid lung disease in the moose:

- found in organ meat
- commonly found in the lungs and liver
- technical name: Echinococcus canadensis/granulosis

Tapeworm cysts look like large pimples:

- size: 5-10 cm across in the first year
- consistency: wart-like nodule with fluid inside

Health warnings: do not eat meat with cysts; do not feed to a dog; do not leave in the wild

- Do not eat organs with cysts: Such organs are usually condemned during meat inspection. Muscle meat from an infected moose is safe to eat.
- Do not feed organs with cysts to dogs: Dogs risk becoming the next host.
- Do not leave infected organs in the wild: Turn infected organs into your local Natural Resources and Renewables office to prevent ongoing transmission and for further research.

Protect the deer herd from chronic wasting disease — deer and moose

Your help is needed to protect the deer herd from chronic wasting disease (CWD).

Chronic wasting disease is spread from members of the deer family. Eventually it kills every infected animal by fatally impacting the animal's nervous system. It can take 16 to 36 months after infection of the animal before symptoms appear.

Once the disease is present, areas with higher densities such as at feeding stations or in wintering areas can accelerate the movement of CWD.

The disease affects all members of the deer family, including moose. At present, there is no known treatment and no vaccine.

This disease has already been discovered in other jurisdictions:

- Pennsylvania
- New York
- Alberta
- Saskatchewan
- Quebec (most recently)

Large-mammal biologists agree that it is only a matter of time before this disease moves towards our province and affects our deer and moose. CWD could massively impact and reduce the deer and moose herds in Nova Scotia.

The time to act is NOW—before CWD enters our province. State and provincial wildlife agencies are taking all appropriate measures to reduce the spread of CWD, but we need your help too.

Here is what you can do:

- Never use products that contain deer family urine: Section 14 (5) of the General Wildlife Regulations states "No person shall, while in a wildlife habitat, possess or use a product that contains or purports to contain any body part of a member of the deer family, including urine, blood or other fluids." Studies have shown that CWD can be spread through urine.
- 2 Process your carcass commercially before moving it across a state or provincial boundary: CWD is carried in the brain and spinal cord of infected cervids (members for the deer family). It is vitally important that these parts of a deer are not transported across state and provincial boundaries. In some cases, it is unlawful for you to do so. In all cases, ending the transfer of these parts across state and provincial boundaries is another important step in reducing the spread of CWD. This means you should have your deer or moose processed commercially before you move it across a state or provincial boundary.
- 3 Report wildlife that appear unhealthy to your provincial wildlife agency. One of the most important ways of stopping the spread of CWD is early detection. Your reports of potentially sick deer or moose are important!

Be sure to check all the legal requirements of the provinces and states where you hunt or transport your deer. As a hunter, you are personally responsible for following all applicable laws and regulations.



Hunters Helping the Hungry is a joint initiative of the hunting community and Feed Nova Scotia. Hunters can donate a portion of their deer, moose, or bear meat to help feed families who access food banks for support.

This year, the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers & Hunters have organized a draw for a gun. Every hunter who makes a donation receives a ballot. One ballot will

be drawn at annual general meeting of the Federation of Anglers and Hunters, held in April each year. Ballots and details are available at each of the licensed meat cutter locations. Please refer to the poster outlining details.

Thank you to the hunters who supported this program in the past.

How does the program work?

The hunter

- registers deer/bear/moose
- takes deer/bear/moose to a licensed participating meat cutter — processing is at the hunter's expense
- completes an order request and ballot, with name and wildlife resource card number — ballots missing a wildlife resource card number are disqualified

Feed Nova Scotia picks up donations and ballots from licensed meat cutters.

The draw takes place during the Federation of Anglers & Hunters Annual Award Dinner. The winner must be in possession of a valid PAL.

How can I get involved?

Contact a participating licensed meat cutter. See the list below.

How much can I donate?

We will gladly accept any amount.

Are there any guidelines for donating deer and moose meat?

Yes. Participating meat cutters ensure that the meat has been handled properly to ensure food safety.

List of Facilities (permitted foodshops or licensed abattoirs) processing wild game



Bonnars Meats

140 Queen Street North Sydney, NS B2A 1B1 Albert Bonnar 902-794-3963

Riverview Meat Market

RR #3, 5700 Highway 3 Chester Basin, NS B0J 1K0 Sobey Sode Assaf 902-275-5401

Nova Traditional

Hwy #4, 6462 Old Merigonish Rd. RR 1 Linacy New Glasgow, NS B2H 5C4 Beverly & Darren Atwater 902-752-7419 or 902-396-6604

Cavicchi Meats

5421 St. Margaret's Bay Road Upper Tantallon, NS, B3Z 2H9 Grant Cavicchi 902-826-7308

Chater Meat Market

250 Wyse Rd. Dartmouth, NS B3A 1N2 902-464-4777

Vacheresses Meats

24 St. Andrew's Street Antigonish, NS B2G 2H1 Jean or Robert Vacheresses 902-863-3620

Ebbett's Meadow Brook Farm Market

767 Upper River John Road Tatamagouche, NS B0K 1V0 Joe and Lorenda 902-657-3420

Abattoirs:

D'Aubin's Meat Market

604 Granville Street, P.O. Box 190 RR#1 Bridgetown, NS BOS 1C0 Ralph and Jennifer D'Aubin 902-665-2848

Thanks to our partners — Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers & Hunters and Nova Scotia Departments of Natural Resources and Renewables with special thanks to Remington.







If hunting near the national park



Notice to hunters in areas adjacent to Cape Breton Highlands National Park lands

Cape Breton Highlands National Park of Canada is a special protected place. Please take notice of the following as some of the laws relating to hunting, possession of firearms, and possession of wildlife in the national park differ from those that apply outside of the park.

In Cape Breton Highlands National Park:

It is illegal to hunt.

It is illegal to possess firearms outside of a vehicle. Firearms must be kept inside vehicles, unloaded, encased and out of view.

It is illegal to entice wildlife to approach by calling or setting out baits or attractants.

Possession of wildlife is prohibited, with the exception of legally obtained wildlife transported directly through the national park along the Cabot Trail highway.

Anyone found in violation may be prosecuted under the *Canada National Parks Act* and *Regulations*, and face significant penalties if found guilty.

For further information, contact the Park Warden Office: 902-285-2582

Please help us to protect this special place. Thank you for your cooperation.

To report park violations or emergencies, call the 24-hour Parks Canada Dispatch Service:

1-877-852-3100





If hunting in a wilderness area

Practice leave-no-trace camping

- Use existing campsites only Do not cut vegetation, clear brush, or level ground.
- Keep your campsite clean and sanitary at all times.
- Dispose of human waste in a latrine hole:
 - 15–25 cm deep
 - at least 50 metres away from trails and water sources
 - either bury soiled toilet paper with the waste or packed out
- Limit people at a campsite to 9 at any one time.
- Pack out your refuse and litter.
- Obtain written authorization before establishing a new campsite in a wilderness area.

Camping and tenting are prohibited where indicated by posted notices.

Obey restrictions on campfires

- Use existing campfire rings built on mineral soil or bare rock only.
 - must be less than 0.6 metres / 2 feet in diameter
 - must have a minimum clearance of 2 metres / 6.5 feet from any flammable materials
 - must keep fires completely contained within the campfire ring
- Use a fire box or pan supplied by the user.
- Collect firewood from fallen deadwood only. All vegetation is protected in Wilderness Areas. Cutting or removal of vegetation and disturbance of organic soils are prohibited.
- Extinguish campfires completely by drowning campfires thoroughly and stirring the ashes repeatedly.

Campfires are prohibited where indicated by posted notices.

Campfires are prohibited during fire bans.

Link to Minister's Order

Link to order that restricts camping and lighting of fires within a Wilderness Area:

novascotia.ca/nse/protectedareas/docs/campfire.pdf

About Moose Licences and Companion Hunters

Who is considered a Nova Scotia resident?

"Resident" means a person permanently or ordinarily resident in the province for the two months immediately preceding that time, and includes:

- an officer of the diplomatic or consular service of a foreign country within the province
- a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or the Canadian Armed Forces station of born in the province
- a person born in the province
- the owner of real property in the province

Who can be a Companion Hunter?

A moose licence holder can designate up to 4 other hunters to assist in the moose hunt. Each Companion Hunter must purchase both a Companion Moose Hunting stamp from SNSMR and a Wildlife Habitat Stamp from any vendor.

Companion Hunters must meet 4 requirements:

- · possess WRC with HT, HQ, B, CQ, or CT
- be a Nova Scotia resident
- be 16 years of age or older
- have no hunting privileges suspensions

How do I add or change a Companion Hunter?

Complete the Transfer a Companion Hunter form at the back of this booklet within the deadline.

Can I be both a licence holder and a Companion Hunter on someone else's licence?

Yes. A moose licence winner is entitled to purchase a Companion Moose Hunting Stamp in the same year they have won the moose draw.

Can I be a Companion Hunter on two different licences?

Yes. Eligible hunters may purchase more than one companion stamp. The primary moose hunter must be different.

What happens if I can't go on the Moose Hunt at the last minute?

You will have to forfeit the licence and wait 5 years before being able to enter the moose draw again.

Can I transfer my licence to a Companion Hunter?

No. You cannot transfer your licence to anyone.

I am a moose draw winner. Where do I get my moose stamps?

Winners are sent a letter with instructions about paying for your Moose Hunting Stamp. After Service Nova Scotia receives your payment, a Moose Hunting Stamp is mailed directly to you.

What is the five-year rule?

Once you win a moose draw and get a moose licence, you cannot enter the draw again for five years. On the sixth year, you can enter for another chance to receive a moose licence.

What's the hailing distance? How close do we have to be?

The winner of a moose draw may bring up to 4 companion hunters, forming a hunting party of up to 5 hunters. Members of a hunting party must stay within a distance that permits **effective and clear two-way communication** during the hunt. They must stay within 2 km of each other.

How do I report illegal activity while hunting?

1-800-565-2224

www.novascotia.ca/natr/enforcement/reportapoacher.asp

What happens next?

A new Companion Moose Hunting Stamp is mailed directly to you. It is your responsibility to give it to your companion hunter.

If you did not include the original Companion Moose Hunting Stamp with this application, remember to return it to Service Nova Scotia within 30 days of signing this request. You may do this by mail or in person.

Questions?

Call Service Nova Scotia: 902-424-4821

Visual guide to submitting your hunter report card

How to submit your Moose Hunt Report Card online

Hunters who are issued a hunting licence have a duty to submit a report about their hunt **within 2 weeks** of the end of the season you are licenced for. You need to report

- even if you didn't get out to hunt
- even if you were unsuccessful on your hunt

This link takes you to a Natural Resources webpage: novascotia.ca/natr/harvests/

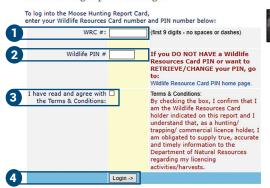
Select "Moose Hunting Report Card" from the list.



Screen 1 Moose Hunting Report Card: Login

- Enter the first 9 digits of your WRC number. 123456789
- 2 Enter your wildlife PIN number. 1234
- Confirm that you agree to the terms.
- 4 Click the "Login" button.

Moose Hunting Report Card: Login



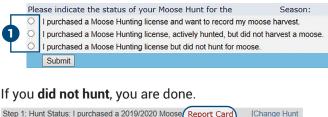
Moose Hunting Report Card: Welcome

- Check the name displayed and email address.
- Update your email, if needed, if you want reminders.
- Click "next."



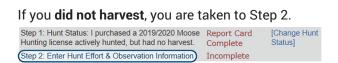
Moose Hunting Report Card: Indicate status Screen 3

Click the button that indicates the status of your hunt.



Step 1: Hunt Status: I purchased a 2019/2020 Moose Report Card

Hunting license but did not hunt for moose.

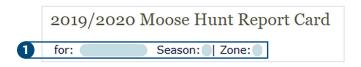


Screen 4 Moose Hunting Report Card: Enter information

Complete

Status]

Check that hunting season and zone are correct.



2 Click "Step 1: Enter you harvest information" - see Screen 5.



3 Click "Step 2: Enter hunt effort and observation information" — see Screen 6.

	Step 1: Enter your harvest information.	Complete	[Update]
(3)	Step 2: Enter Hunt Effort & Observation Information	Incomplete	

4 Continue until "complete" shows for each step.



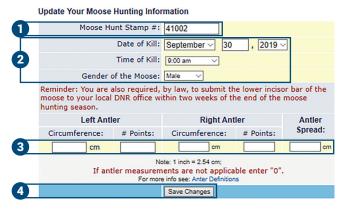
5 Add comments if you have any — and save.



Screen 5 Moose Hunting Report Card: **Enter** or **Update**

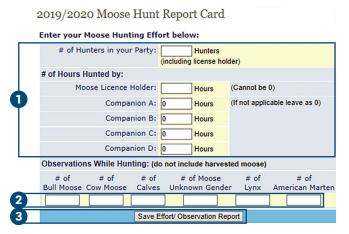
- Enter your stamp number.
- Enter the details of your kill using the dropdown "v" menus.
- 3 Enter antler measurements enter "0" if none.
- 4 Save your changes.

2019/2020 Moose Hunt Report Card



Screen 6 Moose Hunting Report Card: Enter details of your party's hunting effort

- Enter information about your hunting party's effort.
- 2 Enter the number of animals you observed while hunting.
- 3 Save your report.



Thanks! You are done.

Remember to submit the moose incisor bar if your hunt was successful.

