

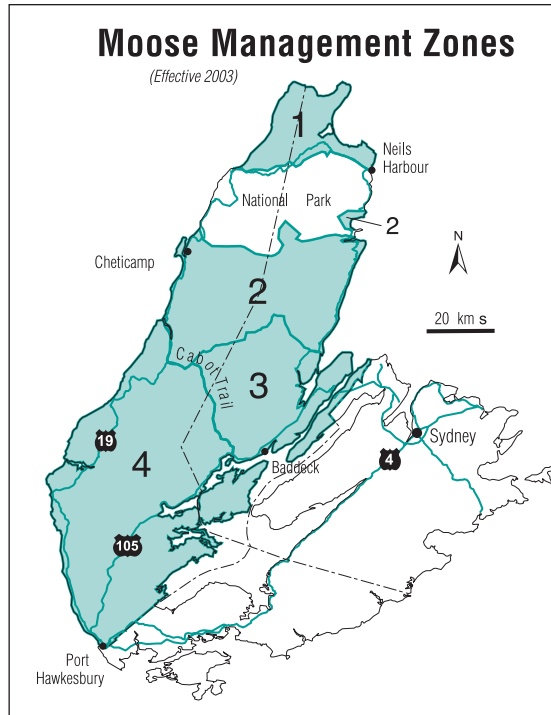
# 2003 Brings Changes to Moose Hunting in Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia moose hunters will notice two major changes in 2003. Two one-week seasons will replace the current two-week season. Also, hunting licenses will be distributed by moose management zones.

The first moose hunting season will begin on the last Monday of September and end on the following Saturday (Sept. 29–Oct 4, 2003). The second hunting season will begin on the first Monday in October and end on the following Saturday (Oct 6–11, 2003).

Moose hunting in Cape Breton will now be managed by zone. We have established four zones shown on the map to the right. Hunters who apply to the Moose Draw will now have to state both the zone and the season in which they would like to hunt. A legal description of the moose zone boundaries can be seen at <http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/hunt/draws.htm>.

These changes have been made to better distribute hunting pressure throughout the range of the moose population, reduce hunter crowding, and adjust hunting pressure in a specific area if required. The number of hunting permits will be set by zone each year, based on animal abundance, hunter success rates and other factors. We will set the number after considering population estimates for each zone, hunter success rates, and harvest in each zone in the previous year.



For the Pollett Cove–Aspy Fault Wilderness Area, we will also consider the number of all terrain vehicles associated with the hunt and their impact on designated trails.

Information about the changes was included in the 2002 Nova Scotia Hunting & Furharvesting License & Summary of Regulations booklet and is posted on the DNR website.

