

IMPORTANT INFORMATION **FOR RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT MOOSE LICENCE HOLDERS**

2023 MOOSE SEASON ~ SEPTEMBER 26-30

- The season bag limit is **one moose**.
- Persons hunting moose shall be subject to all provisions of the *N. B. Fish and Wildlife Act* and Regulations respecting the hunting or taking of game animals.
- Moose Licences and Designated Resident Moose Licences **are not transferable or refundable**.
- The holder of a Moose Licence may transport one firearm two days before the opening of or two days after the closing of the moose season. The firearm must be in a case properly fastened or completely wrapped in a blanket or canvas and securely tied, or in the locked luggage compartment of a motor vehicle.
- It is an offence to carry or use a firearm designed to fire a rim-fire shell or cartridge while hunting moose. It is an offence to hunt moose with a bow having a draw weight less than twenty kilograms at seventy centimeters draw or an arrow fitted with a broadhead of a width less than twenty millimeters. It is an offence to hunt moose with a crossbow with a draw weight less than 68 kilograms and/or a bolt fitted with a broadhead of a width less than 20 millimeters.
- A Moose Licence holder shall not have more than one firearm in his/her possession during the moose season. A bow or a crossbow is considered to be a firearm.
- With each Moose Licence allocated in the draw there is a tag, which shall be affixed to the animal according to the instructions provided, immediately after the moose has been killed.
- **A licence is void once the tag is used.**
- Moose Licence holders, including Designated Resident Moose Licence holders, must carry their Moose Licence upon their person while hunting.
- Every successful Moose Licence holder (**not** the Designated Resident Moose Licence holder) must have their moose registered at the **first**:
 - open Natural Resources and Energy Development (DNRED) office;
 - official registration station (*contact a DNRED office or visit our website for locations*); or
 - online
 - Search **NB Online registration of big game harvest**
 - <https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/erd/fish-and-wildlife/content/go-hunting/content/online-registration-big-game-harvest.html>
 - Moose hunters must collect a tooth from their harvested animal and deliver it to a DNRED office during regular business hours, within 14 days of online registration. Tooth collection instructions are available at the link above. Hunters must bring their printed, signed registration permit for validation with the tooth delivery. **Failure to provide the mandatory moose tooth sample within 14 days of online registration will result in the hunter being ineligible to apply to the following year's Resident Moose Draw.**
- Successful Resident Moose Licence holders (**not** the Designated Resident Moose Licence holder) and successful Non-Resident Moose Licence holders (not the guide) must accompany the **whole carcass including the head** while it is being transported, prior to registration, at a DNRED office, registration station, or online.
- **Moose must be registered by 12:00 noon Sunday, October 1, 2023.**
- The complete lower jaw, a tooth or a portion of the tongue may be removed and collected at the time of registration.
- At the time of registration, hunters must obtain a registration permit to have the moose at their residence or at a private place of business for cooling and cutting.
- Meat transfer permits are available from Natural Resources and Energy Development and Service New Brunswick centres for licensed hunters who wish to give moose meat to another person.



2-PERSON HUNTING ***(Residents Only)***

- Successful draw applicants may designate another resident hunter to accompany them while moose hunting. **Note: The season bag limit remains at one moose for successful draw applicants or two-person party.**
- **Designated hunters must be 16 years of age or older at the time of licence purchase.**
- **To become a designated hunter, the hunter must be a resident whose principal place of residence is New Brunswick.**
- To become a designated hunter, the hunter must meet all of the regulatory requirements to purchase a moose hunting licence and must **not** have been successful in the current year's moose licence draw.
- **Designated hunters must purchase the Designated Resident Moose Licence if they wish to hunt.**
- The holder of a Designated Resident Moose Licence shall **accompany** the holder of the Resident Moose Licence at **all** times while hunting. Accompany is defined within the regulations as: **"within visual contact and/or auditory contact of each other without the aid of artificial devices except medically prescribed eyeglasses or hearing aids."**
- The holder of a Resident Moose Licence may hunt alone, even after designating a partner, should the holder of the Designated Resident Moose Licence be unable to accompany the holder of the moose licence.
- The holder of the Designated Resident Moose Licence **may not hunt without the accompaniment of the Resident Moose Licence holder.**

HUNTER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- All gun hunters born on or after January 1, 1981 and all first-time gun hunters must complete a Firearms Safety / Hunter Education course.
- Gun hunters who were born previous to January 1, 1981 and who are not first-time hunters may show a previous hunting licence as proof of experience.
- Bow and crossbow hunters may show a Bowhunter Education course card or a previous bow hunting licence as proof of bow hunting experience.
- Firearms Safety/Hunter Education and Bowhunter Education certificates from other provinces, territories and the United States are valid in New Brunswick.

This sheet provides a brief summary of regulations and information for the 2023 Moose Hunting Season. It is not a legal document. For additional information, please contact your nearest Natural Resources and Energy Development office.

