



Algonquins of Ontario

2017/2018 - HARVEST UPDATE

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MOOSE HARVEST

The Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) as represented by the Algonquin Negotiation Representatives (ANRs) continue to work closely with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) to implement this year's harvest plan. The moose numbers continue to remain stable and are increasing within certain Wildlife Management Units (WMUs), in part due to the efforts of our sustainable harvest.

In keeping with last year, the 2017/2018 Moose Harvest will involve a draw system for both inside and outside Algonquin Park and the harvesting requirements will remain the same.

DEER HARVEST

We request that you continue to report all deer harvest by WMU, so that the ANRs will have a better handle on what to do for future harvests to ensure sustainability. Remember, we need to look out for future generations.

ELK HARVEST

The Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) are entering our seventh year of our trial Adult Elk Harvest from September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. In 2016-2017, the AOO harvested 9 Elk, specifically 8 cows and 1 bull. Based on the results from the 2017 aerial elk survey the population is stable however it is estimated to be below the current population objective. The calf and mature bull proportion of the population has been noted as a cause for concern. Allocations of tags recognize the need to optimize proportions of bull, cows and calves. Allocations for elk will remain the same for the 2017 season.

Harvesters are to continue to report their harvest by WMU and Elk Harvest Area. In addition, harvesters are to report the bull elk antler class. The antler class is determined by the number of points per side (e.g. 2x2, 3x3, 4x5 etc.). This information will assist the AOO in determining how many bulls are harvested each season.

Similar to last year, individuals/hunting parties are eligible to apply for both Elk Tags and Moose Tags but can only hold one of the two.

There is no Elk Calf Harvest and there are no Bow Tags for Elk.

It is **mandatory to report your harvest to harvest monitors/ANRs** even if it has been reported to the MNR.

AVOID HARVESTING

Mature Bull Elk

The AOO are encouraging harvesters to avoid harvesting mature bull elk. As noted above, the ratio of mature bull elk to cow elk is a cause for concern. In order to protect the population and move towards maximum productivity, the mature bull elk require some assistance. It is recommended that Algonquin harvesters avoid harvesting bull elk with an antler class greater than 3x3. A 3x3 bull elk is described as having 3 points (tines) on both antlers (see image below). A bull elk with at least one side with 4 or more points should be avoided.



The image above depicts the antlers of a 3x3 bull elk.

Collared Elk

Algonquin Harvesters should avoid harvesting elk that have been collared. These collared animals are an important component of ongoing elk research and monitoring programs. No replacement tags will be issued in these circumstances.

If you harvest an animal wearing an ear-tag or collar, this animal was chemically immobilized in the past using veterinary drugs. Health Canada has established recommended guidelines for consumption. Please contact the AOO Consultation Office at 613-735-3759 to report your harvest. The AOO will follow up with MNR to obtain information on the length of time when the animal was chemically immobilized and advise the harvester accordingly.

For additional information on the consumption of chemically immobilized wildlife see Attachment 1 provided by Health Canada.

HARVEST REQUIREMENTS

Moose Harvest inside Algonquin Park

- A minimum of six names to an Adult Tag and one name to a Calf Tag. The calf target will be limited as in past years.
- Individual harvesters may request a Calf Tag from their ANR if they are not successful in the adult draw.

Moose Harvest outside Algonquin Park

- A minimum of six names to an Adult Tag and one name to a Calf Tag. The calf targets will be limited, particularly in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57, to continue to manage these herds sustainability.

- There will be a special Bow Harvest in some of the WMUs outside of Algonquin Park. This will require two names to an Adult Tag and one name to a Calf Tag.
- Individual harvesters may request a Calf Tag from their ANR if they are not successful in the adult draw by.

Moose Harvest Dates inside Algonquin Park (Rifle)

Cow Moose: October 11, 2017 to December 21, 2017
 Bull Moose: October 11, 2017 to January 15, 2018
 Calf Moose: October 11, 2017 to January 15, 2018
 (or earlier if the harvest target is reached)

Moose Harvest Dates outside Algonquin Park (Rifle)

Cow Moose: October 11, 2017 to December 21, 2017
 Bull Moose: October 11, 2017 to January 15, 2018
 Calf Moose: October 11, 2017 to January 15, 2018
 (or earlier if the harvest target is reached)

Note: WMU 41 begins on Sunday, October 8, 2017 for Cow, Bull and Calf Moose

Moose Harvest Dates outside Algonquin Park (Bow Harvest)

There will be a special Bow Harvest in some of the WMUs outside of Algonquin Park. Two names to an adult tag and one to a calf tag.

Cow Moose: September 15, 2017 – December 21, 2017
 Bull Moose: September 15, 2017 – January 15, 2018
 Calf Moose: September 15, 2017 – January 15, 2018
 (or earlier if the harvest target is reached)

Deer Harvest Dates inside Algonquin Park (Rifle)

Deer: October 10, 2017 - January 15 2018 – except for special permits.

Deer Harvest Dates outside Algonquin Park (Rifle)

Deer: September 1, 2017 to January 15, 2018 (Please report any deer harvest.)
 WMU 41: September 1, 2017 to December 15, 2017 **(Please note, season has been reduced for the deer harvest in WMU 41)**

Elk Harvest Dates inside/outside Algonquin Park (Adult Elk and Rifle Only)

Elk: September 1, 2017 - December 21, 2017 **(Please note, season has been reduced for the elk harvest)**

Note: *Remember that the boundary for WMU 41 starts at the westernmost point of Trout Lake using Trout Lake North which becomes Hwy 63. The Boundary is then Hwy 63 (harvest southeast) through to the Quebec border bridge over the Ottawa River.*

Application Instructions for Moose and Elk Harvest

1. This year, individuals/hunting parties are eligible to apply for both Elk Tags and Moose Tags, but can only be a successful tag holder in either moose or elk, not both.
2. WMU Option 1 is the applicant's first choice for an area to harvest Moose. WMU Option 2 is the applicant's second choice for an area to harvest Moose.
3. WMU Option 2 will only be used if no one applies for a certain WMU as their first choice. In past years, several of the WMU Option 1's were filled, so it is important to include a second option. See the attached Algonquin Harvest Map A for Moose Harvest WMU selections.
4. For Elk Harvest there are no WMU selections, but WMU should be reported after successful harvest. (see the attached map for Elk Harvest Areas).
5. All applicants must be 16 years of age or older to apply for any draw.
6. Individuals can only apply in one community. Applications will be cross-referenced with all other communities (including Pikwakanagan). If an application contains a name that has been submitted in another community draw, the application will be rejected without any recourse or notice.
7. Only one Adult Moose Tag per household.
8. Tags will be drawn by alternating Bull, then Cow for both inside and outside Algonquin Park.
9. Anyone not receiving an Adult Moose Tag will be eligible for Moose Calf Tag. **Calf Tags will only be provided upon request from your ANR office.**
10. Only those who apply and return this application (**with current addresses including postal codes for each of the six applicants listed**) by the due date will be allowed to participate in this year's community Adult Tag Draw.
11. The Moose Harvest and Elk Harvest Draw will take place, at our ANR office, on **Thursday August 24, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.** Individuals are welcome to come witness the draw.
12. Applications should mailed, faxed or e-mailed to:

**Kijicho Manito Madaouskarini Algonquin Nation
Box 189, 113 Young St. Maynooth, ON K0L 2S0
Telephone: 613-338-1197 Fax: 613-338-5335
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**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. Tuesday August 22, 2017**

* Your rights do not protect you if you choose to hunt in an unsafe manner.

Appendix

**Attachment 1 – Health Canada Technical Bulletin: Drug Residues in Wild Meat
Map A – Algonquin Harvest Areas
Map B – Algonquin Elk Harvest Areas**

Moose Draw Application 2017 – 2018

Please see page 4 for instructions.

(Rifle) Minimum 6 Applicants per Adult Tag and 1 Applicant per Calf Tag

(Bow) Minimum 2 Applicants per Adult Tag and 1 Applicant per Calf Tag

Contact 1) Name _____ Over 16? _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Phone # _____ Community _____ ID # _____

2) Name _____ Over 16? _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Phone # _____ Community _____ ID # _____

3) Name _____ Over 16? _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Phone # _____ Community _____ ID # _____

4) Name _____ Over 16? _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Phone # _____ Community _____ ID # _____

5) Name _____ Over 16? _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Phone # _____ Community _____ ID # _____

6) Name _____ Over 16? _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Phone # _____ Community _____ ID # _____

WMUs 48, 51 (Algonquin Park), 55A, 55B, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63 (A&B), 65 (Rifle areas)

WMUs 41, 48, 55A, 55B, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63 (A&B), 64 (A&B), 65 (Bow only areas)

Note: Only portions of WMU's as reflected on the WMU map (Page 4)

RIFLE - MOOSE _____ **OR** BOW – MOOSE _____ (Please check one only)

(Adult Moose Only) - WMU Option 1: _____ WMU Option 2: _____

Elk Draw Application 2017 – 2018

Please see page 4 for instructions.

(Rifle) Minimum 6 Applicants per Adult Tag

Contact 1) Name _____ Over 16? _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Phone # _____ Community _____ ID # _____

2) Name _____ Over 16? _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Phone # _____ Community _____ ID # _____

3) Name _____ Over 16? _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Phone # _____ Community _____ ID # _____

4) Name _____ Over 16? _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Phone # _____ Community _____ ID # _____

5) Name _____ Over 16? _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Phone # _____ Community _____ ID # _____

6) Name _____ Over 16? _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Phone # _____ Community _____ ID # _____

For Elk Harvest, know where you are harvesting. Make sure if you are hunting on private land, that permission is obtained from the landowner. The WMU must be identified in the reporting!