

2011 NOVA SCOTIA
**HUNTING &
FURHARVESTING**

SUMMARY
OF REGULATIONS



Report illegal hunting and/or trapping to your local Natural Resources Office or call 1-800-565-2224

Please Note:

This is a summary prepared for the information and convenience of anyone who plans to hunt or trap in Nova Scotia. The original Wildlife Act and Regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpreting and applying the law.

These laws are subject to change at any time.

For a full copy of the Wildlife Act and Regulations, please check our website at

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/wildlife/laws/actsregs.asp>

For detailed information on Wildlife please see our wildlife website at www.gov.ns.ca/natr/wildlife



NOVA SCOTIA

Honourable Charlie Parker
Minister

Duff Montgomerie
Deputy Minister

A Message from the Minister of Natural Resources

This booklet outlines fees, bag limits, season dates, regulations and other useful material for the 2011 hunting season. Also included, on behalf of the Mi'kmaq community, is information on First Nations hunting rights.

This will be our second season with the new system of 12 Deer management Zones. Increased hunting opportunities, with the chance to harvest a second deer, will continued to be offered to interested hunters in Zone 102 of Lunenburg and Queen's Counties. One deer of either sex will continue to be offered in Zone 102, 105 (Annapolis Valley) and Zone 107 in Hants and Colchester Counties. Increased harvest is designed to help address problems associated with over-abundant deer in those areas.

We will continue to provide special opportunities for young Nova Scotians to learn and experience hunting activities. Waterfowler Heritage Day, Saturday September 17th, will allow qualified hunters between ages 12 and 17 to hunt waterfowl. They will not require a Small Game Licence or Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit during this special season. A special youth season for hunting deer will be available to qualified hunters aged 16 and 17 from October 14–22. A valid Deer Hunting Licence is required. All youth hunters must be under the direct supervision of a qualified person aged 18 or over.

This year, the Habitat Conservation Fund will support twelve projects thanks to the fees generated through the purchase of the Wildlife Habitat Stamps. These projects have helped protect wildlife habitats since 2001.

Please review these regulations carefully and call the Department of Natural Resources should you have any concerns or questions.

As another season begins, I remind you to be safe and respect the rights of private landowners. On behalf of the Department of Natural Resources I wish you a successful 2011 season.



Charlie Parker
Minister of Natural Resources

Significant Changes for 2011

Hunting

1. The Department of Natural Resources has extended the validity of the Wildlife Resources Card. If your card expiry date is between December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2012, you are not required to renew your card until at least December 2012.
2. The Moose hunt will be held again in Zone 5 (Pollets Cove Aspy Fault Wilderness Area). This is a non motorized hunt which is expected to be physically demanding. For more information see page 80.
3. The cover of the Hunting and Furharvesting Summary of Regulations booklet is no longer the carrier for the Wildlife Habitat Stamp and other hunting licence stamps. These stamps will now be placed on a separate Licence Card which will become your hunting licence.

Furharvesting

1. For the most up to date list of approved body gripping traps please check the Department of Natural Resources Fur Harvesting Regulations website at www.gov.ns.ca/just/regulations/regs/wifurhrv.htm or contact your local DNR office.
2. A voluntary collection of coyote carcasses from furharvesters is requested.
3. All otter pelts must be stamped before export and the carcasses turned into your local DNR office.

Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations

1. An early September Canada goose season was implemented in Nova Scotia (all zones) in 2010/2011. This season is restricted to farmland (land which is being used for crop production or animal husbandry). Hunters should check the regulations for more details.

NOTE: The Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations Summary details for Nova Scotia can be obtained at your local Canada Post office, or on line <http://www.ec.gc.ca/rcom-mbhr/default.asp?lang=en&n=BA8069D0-1>

This Regulations Booklet is made of light cardboard and paper. It is recommended that you keep it in a waterproof container, such as a Zip Lock bag, to keep it clean and dry. (See page 91 for details on use and care of Deer and Bear Tags.)

Habitat Conservation Fund and Wildlife Habitat Stamp

The Habitat Conservation Fund is authorized by the Wildlife Act for the protection and enhancement of wildlife habitat. The \$3.15 Wildlife Habitat Stamp is the primary funding mechanism for the fund. Project funding recommendations are made by a Board of Directors, with members from hunting, naturalist and academic associations.

12 projects approved for funding for 2011 are as follows:

Akins Marsh habitat restoration/enhancement with youth involvement

Hants West Wildlife Association - Awarded: \$3,150.00

The goal is to have youth involved in rejuvenating an area of diverse woodland/marsh area to provide optimal habitat for birds and mammals while providing an area of marsh/woodland that is accessible to the public for enjoyment of the local flora and fauna. The youth will be directly involved in all aspects of the project in order for them to have positive outdoor experiences that, hopefully, will encourage them to continue to have an interest in the outdoors.

Bon Portage Island Conservation Project

Nova Scotia Nature Trust - Awarded: \$14,000.00

In partnership with Acadia University, the Nature Trust will protect, forever, Bon Portage Island, one of Nova Scotia's most ecologically important coastal islands.

Connecting South Shore Youth to Coastal Birds and Habitats

Bird Studies Canada - Awarded: \$5,185.00

The long-term goals are to support coastal conservation and biodiversity, and to build a strong stewardship ethic within South Shore communities. The short-term goal is to engage youth in genuine science and conservation action that benefits birds and their habitats within South Shore Important Bird Areas.

Conservation of Leach's Storm-Petrels

Acadia University - Awarded: \$10,000.00

The goal is to identify key locations used by Leach's Storm-Petrel for foraging, both during the breeding season, and during winter migration.

Conservation planning to protect at-risk Species and Habitats in Nova Scotia

Nature Conservancy Canada - Awarded: \$4,000.00

The completed project will provide critical support to the NCC land securement activities in Nova Scotia. Properties with the highest ecosystem conservation value in three areas will be identified using a GIS based analysis.

Environmental Day Camp and Workshop Expansion

Hope for Wildlife Society - Awarded: \$4,000.00

The goal of the project is change the everyday habits of Nova Scotians and to help them create and participate in projects that help wildlife and habitats in Nova Scotia. Participants will learn how animals are connected to their environments, and how humans can have a positive effect on wildlife and their habitats by changing their habits to reduce their impact on the environment. They will also learn and participate in activities that help protect, conserve, and restore habitats in Nova Scotia

Habitat use by migrant passerines

Acadia University - Awarded: \$12,500.00

We will develop an index of habitat use by migratory birds using radar and acoustic sampling. We will then determine the relative importance of stopover habitat for migrant passerine birds in the Annapolis Valley, on the North and South Mountains.

In-depth analysis of harvested furbearer data: population projections using current data and improvements to harvest data collection policies

Acadia University - Awarded: \$10,000.00

The goal is to improve our knowledge of harvested species in Nova Scotia.

Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas Year- Increasing Awareness of NS Bird Conservation Priorities

Bird Studies Canada - Awarded: \$10,500.00

Our project will transform detailed Breeding Bird Atlas data, collected by 450 volunteers over 5 years in NS, into information directly useable by agencies, consultants, industry, educators and citizens in conserving bird habitat. Easily-understood, accessible and visually-rich communication products, available through a bilingual website and a hard-copy Atlas (later in 2012), will provide comprehensive information on breeding bird

distribution and abundance and identify priority habitats for important bird species, enabling Nova Scotians to target key locations in bird stewardship initiatives.

NS Swiftwatch: Engaging Nova Scotians in Chimney Swift Recovery

Bird Studies Canada - Awarded: \$7,150.00

A key action required to help the NS Chimney Swift population recover is to protect current, and potential, nest and roost sites. Bird Studies Canada (BSC) will work in partnership with government agencies, other NGOs, as well as birding and naturalist groups, to develop and implement a province-wide, volunteer-based program to identify, monitor and protect Chimney Swift nest and roost sites in NS.

Project Webfoot Wetland Education Program 2011/2012

Ducks Unlimited Canada - Awarded: \$18,650.00

"Project Webfoot" focuses on enhancing the attitudes and behavior of our youth towards conserving wetlands and raising the value of a healthy environment. By fostering understanding of the importance of these natural areas, DUC encourages youth to take positive actions now and throughout their lives. The project involves delivery of curriculum linked education resources to grade 4 classes, and offering local wetland field trips.

The movement dynamics of little brown (*Myotis lucifugus*) and northern long-eared (*M. septentrionalis*) bats during the fall swarming season in Nova Scotia

Year 2, St. Mary's University - Awarded: \$ 8,000.00

The ultimate goal of this project is to gain insight into the behaviour of swarming bats in Nova Scotia and to characterize the movement dynamics, and resources used during the fall by bats in Atlantic Canada. We want to know where our bats go so we have an understanding of the importance of the various sites used, and better understand how disease transmission can occur within wild bat populations.

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Seasons and Bag Limits

NOTE: ALL WILDLIFE NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN THIS SECTION, INCLUDING EAGLES, HAWKS, FALCONS, OWLS, AND OSPREY ARE PROTECTED AT ALL TIMES.

Note: A Wildlife Habitat Stamp is required as part of a licence to hunt or take any wildlife species.

Big Game

Bear Hunting Season

**SEPTEMBER 12 TO DECEMBER 3, EXCLUDING SUNDAYS
BAG LIMIT — ONE (1) BEAR**

Bear Snaring Season

**OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 3, INCLUDING SUNDAYS
BAG LIMIT — TWO (2) BEAR**

To obtain a Bear Snaring Stamp, you must be a resident of Nova Scotia and certified as a qualified (FQ) or trained (FT) Furharvester. See page 25.

Deer Hunting

BAG LIMIT IS ONE (1) FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR FOR ALL HUNTERS, EXCEPT FOR THOSE WHO HOLD A BONUS DEER HUNTING STAMP. (SEE PAGE 63). DEER HUNTING IS LIMITED TO ANTLERED DEER EXCEPT:

- A) FOR HUNTERS HAVING A VALID ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTING STAMP AFFIXED TO THEIR DEER HUNTING LICENCE;**
- B) IN 2011 ZONE 102 105, AND 107 ARE OPEN TO EITHER SEX (ANTLERED OR ANTLERLESS);**
- C) FOR HUNTERS HOLDING A ZONE 102 BONUS ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTING STAMP (SEE PAGE 23)**

Special Open Season for Bowhunting Deer

SEPTEMBER 24 TO OCTOBER 27, AND DECEMBER 5 TO DECEMBER 10, EXCLUDING SUNDAYS

To hunt deer with a bow and arrow during the special open season for bowhunting deer, a hunter must:

- a) be certified as a qualified Bowhunter (B) and;
- b) possess a Bowhunter Stamp and;
- c) possess a valid Deer Hunting Stamp or Bonus Deer Hunting Stamp

Special Youth Season for Hunting Deer

OCTOBER 14 TO OCTOBER 22, EXCLUDING SUNDAY

During this special youth season, persons 16 and 17 years of age may hunt deer with a firearm or bow or crossbow, provided they hold the appropriate certification (HT, CQ, CT or B) and hold a valid Deer Hunting Licence or a Bonus Deer Hunting Stamp **and** are under the **immediate supervision** of a person over the age of 18 who is certified to hold a deer hunting licence. See definition of "immediate supervision" on page 43.

General Open Season for Hunting Deer

OCTOBER 28 TO DECEMBER 3, EXCLUDING SUNDAYS

Moose Hunting Seasons

SEASON 1 - SEPTEMBER 26 TO OCTOBER 1,

SEASON 2 - OCTOBER 3 TO OCTOBER 8

SEASON 3 - DECEMBER 13 TO DECEMBER 15

SEASON 4 - SEPTEMBER 19-24 AND OCTOBER 10-15

BAG LIMIT — ONE (1) MOOSE

Moose Draw Entry Fee (effective June 22, 2011): \$7.40+ HST.

Note: Moose Hunting Permits are allocated through an application and random draw process. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older by the closing date of draw. Hunting is only permitted in Inverness and Victoria counties. See Big Game, page 21 or: www.gov.ns.ca/natr/draws/moosedraw

Muzzleloader Hunting Season

OCTOBER 17 TO OCTOBER 22, (LISCOMB GAME SANCTUARY AND TOBEATIC WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS ONLY)

BAG LIMIT — AS PER SPECIES FOR WHICH THE PERSON POSSESSES A VALID LICENCE. SEE PAGE 101 FOR DETAILS.

SEE PAGE 95 FOR REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO USE OF BAIT IN THE TOBEATIC WILDERNESS AREA.

Small Game

Pheasant Preserve Hunting Season

AUGUST 1 TO MARCH 31, EXCLUDING SUNDAYS

NO BAG LIMIT

A Wildlife Habitat Stamp (base licence) is required to shoot pheasants or quail on a licenced pheasant shooting preserve. A Small Game Hunting Licence is required to shoot other small game on a preserve. No person is to remove a pheasant or quail from a preserve unless the game bird(s) are identified with a band or tag bearing the licence number of the pheasant shooting preserve operator.

Ruffed Grouse Hunting Season

OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, EXCLUDING SUNDAYS

BAG LIMIT — FIVE (5) PER DAY, WITH POSSESSION LIMIT AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF TEN (10) AT ANY TIME.

A Small Game Hunting Stamp is required.

Ring-necked Pheasant (Male) Hunting Season

**A) IN THE COUNTIES OF ANNAPOLIS, KINGS AND HANTS,
NOVEMBER 1 TO DECEMBER 15, EXCLUDING SUNDAYS**

**B) IN ALL OTHER COUNTIES OF THE PROVINCE,
OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 15, EXCLUDING SUNDAYS**

BAG LIMIT — TWO (2) MALE RING-NECKED PHEASANTS PER DAY, WITH A POSSESSION LIMIT AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF FOUR (4) BIRDS AT ANY TIME.

Persons transporting a ring-necked pheasant must leave at least one fully feathered wing and the tail attached to the bird. This does not apply to legally tagged pheasants taken from a licenced pheasant shooting preserve. A Small Game Hunting Stamp is required.

Rabbit (Snowshoe Hare)

HUNTING SEASON; NOVEMBER 1 TO THE LAST DAY OF FEBRUARY, EXCLUDING SUNDAYS.

SNARING SEASON; NOVEMBER 1 TO THE LAST DAY OF FEBRUARY, INCLUDING SUNDAYS

NO BAG LIMIT

A Small Game Hunting Stamp is not required except by non-residents. However, a Wildlife Habitat Stamp is required by all persons hunting and/or snaring rabbits (see page 16). The use of dogs to hunt snowshoe hare is prohibited from November 1 to November 15 inclusive.

Hungarian Partridge

No open hunting season.

Migratory Game Birds

Only the following migratory game birds may be taken or hunted: ducks, geese, woodcock, and Wilson or common snipe. Seasons and bag limits are established by the federal government. You must obtain a Small Game Hunting Stamp and a Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit to hunt migratory birds. The federal permit and Regulations summary can be obtained at your local post office or online at www.ec.gc.ca/rcom-mbhr/default.asp?lang=en&n=BA8069D0-1.

See Legal Firearms/Bows and Ammunition — regarding Non-Toxic Shot requirement (page 90).

Waterfowler Heritage Day

A Waterfowler Heritage Day is scheduled province-wide for September 17, 2011. Only qualified young hunters from 12 to 17 years (inclusive) of age will be permitted to hunt in the company and guidance of a mentor who is a licenced adult hunter.

Qualified young hunters must meet all mandatory federal and provincial safety requirements, including hunter and firearm training courses. During Waterfowler Heritage Days, participating young hunters will not need to purchase the federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit (MGBHP) or Small Game Hunting Stamp. They must however obtain a provincial Wildlife Habitat Stamp and comply with all other provisions of the Nova Scotia Wildlife Act, its Regulations and the Migratory Birds Hunting Regulations (e.g. bag and possession limits, season dates, hunting methods, etc.).

Mentors must be at least 18 years of age and hold a valid MGBHP and Small Game Hunting Stamp. Each mentor may accompany up to two qualified young hunters. Mentors will not be permitted to have in their possession or use a firearm. Mentors are expected to focus their attention on providing guidance, advice on firearm safety and hunting etiquette, such as site selection, decoy setup and removal, dog handling, and bird retrieval.

If young hunters elect to hunt at other times during the hunting season, they will be required to purchase the MGBHP and Small Game Hunting Stamp.

Belleisle Marsh Hunting Blind Lottery

A special draw will be held for waterfowl hunting on constructed wetlands of Belleisle Marsh, Annapolis County. Hunting on constructed wetlands during the first three days of the migratory bird hunting season is permitted at registered blind sites only.

Applications for use of blind sites will be available at all district offices of the Department of Natural Resources on August 2, 2011. Application deadline is August 31, 2011. The draw will be held on September 1, 2011 at the DNR district office in Lawrencetown.

Belleisle Marsh Lead Shot Hunting Prohibition

It is an offence to possess lead shot while hunting on Belleisle Marsh (this includes hunting upland game).

Furbearers

NOVEMBER 1 TO MARCH 31 (FOR SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR VARIOUS SPECIES SEE PAGES 27 TO 29)

A Resident Furharvester Stamp is required to trap, shoot, or possess beaver, otter, mink, muskrat, fisher, raccoon, fox, bobcat, and weasel. Marten, lynx, and cougar are completely protected. Coyote, red squirrel, and skunk may be hunted as described in Other Harvestable Wildlife (see below).

Note: A Wildlife Habitat Stamp is required as part of a licence to take furbearing animals (page 16).

Other Harvestable Wildlife

NO BAG LIMITS.

“Other Harvestable Wildlife” may be hunted at the following times of year:

Species	Open Season
Coyote*	January 1 to December 31
Red Squirrel	November 1 to March 31
Crow	September 1 to March 31
Bullfrog	July 15 to September 30

Note: For the purpose of preventing damage to property, the following wildlife species have been designated as “Other Harvestable Wildlife”:

Mice and rats	Skunk
Porcupine	Woodchuck (Groundhog)
Red squirrel and chipmunk	Coyote
Rock dove (Common pigeon)	Crow
English sparrow	Starling
Voles, moles and shrews (excluding Long-Tailed Shrews, Gaspe Shrews and Maritime Shrews)	

“Other Harvestable Wildlife” may be taken or killed without a licence or permit at any time of the year by the owner/occupier of a property, or an agent of the owner/occupier for the purpose of preventing damage to property. However, a Wildlife Habitat Stamp is required to hunt these species for any other reason (see page 16).

*Coyote

Coyotes are classed as “Other Harvestable Wildlife” and can be hunted year round with **NO** bag limit. However coyotes may only be trapped by licenced furharvesters during the regular season when traps and snares may be used. Consult section **Licence, Stamp and Permit Regulations — Other Harvestable Wildlife** (page 24) to see who may hunt them. See section on **Legal Weapons and Ammunition — Other Harvestable Wildlife** (Page 89) for permitted weapons and ammunition.

Persons hunting coyotes are not required to wear hunter orange except from October 1 to the end of the general open season for hunting deer.

Licence and Permit Fees

Vendor Retailed Licences

These licences can be obtained from vendors throughout the province as well as local offices of the Department of Natural Resources.

Wildlife Habitat Stamp (constitutes the base hunting licence which is required to hunt or trap/snare all wildlife species, including snowshoe hare (rabbits) and other harvestable wildlife).....\$3.15

Deer Hunting Stamp

Resident	\$25.57 (+HST)
Non-Resident	\$125.78 (+HST)
Resident Senior Citizen	no fee
Antlerless Deer Hunting Draw Application fee for 2011 (Residents only)	*\$7.40 (+HST)
Bonus Deer Hunting Stamp (see pages 60–61)	\$5.10 (+ HST)
* For draw information, see page 60	

Small Game Hunting Stamp

Resident	\$15.83 (+HST)
Non-Resident	\$57.17 (+HST)
Resident Senior Citizen	no fee

Licences/Stamps/Certificates issued only from Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations,

1505 Barrington St., 9 North, Maritime Ctr., P.O. Box 1529
Halifax, N.S. B3J 2Y4

Fur Buyer Licence\$28.60

Hide Dealer Licence (for buying green hides of deer and moose)\$11.43

Taxidermist Licence (for engaging in the business of taxidermy)\$11.43

Moose Hunting Stamp (345 by draw; for information see page 12, 22, and 80)\$60.87 (+HST)

Companion Moose Hunting Stamp (see page 22)\$22.87(+HST)

Guides Licence (1 year)..... \$11.40

Pheasant Preserve Operator Licence \$57.15

Licences/Stamps/Permits issued only from local offices of the Department of Natural Resources

(see address list on page 113)

Stamp for Hunting Deer during the Special Open Season for Bowhunting Deer*

Resident\$5.71 (+HST)

Resident Senior Citizenno fee

Non-Resident\$11.43 (+HST)

Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamp (by draw, see page 60) ..no fee

Stamp for Muzzleloader Hunt (see page 101)

Resident.....\$5.71(+HST)

Non-Resident.....\$11.43(+HST)

Special Permit to Guide (Resident Only) (see Guides page 102)

Resident\$11.43 (+HST)

Bear Hunting Stamp* (after September 15)

Resident\$24.35 (+HST)

Non-Resident\$114.30 (+HST)

Resident Senior Citizenno fee

Bear Snaring Stamp

Resident Only\$24.35 (+HST)

Resident Senior Citizenno fee

Black Bear Gallbladder Seal\$5.71 (+HST)

Nuisance Wildlife Operator\$5.71

Raccoon Dog Night Training/Hunting Permitno fee

Furharvester Stamp (for trapping, snaring, hunting, and possessing furbearers)\$19.45 (+HST)

Please contact the nearest Natural Resources office for replacement of any licence/stamp issued by Department of Natural Resources'.

**Also available from selected vendors. Contact your local office of the Department of Natural Resources for the location of the nearest vendor.*

Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit
(at any Canada Post Office)T.B.A

Education Courses

The Department has made it much easier for students to register to take the Bow Hunter Education Course, Furharvester Education Course, or the Hunter Education Course by allowing students to register online at www.hmcgroup.ca/education/.

Some of the benefits of this new online registration are:

- no paper application required
- no stamp, cheque or money order required
- will speed up process, so that you will receive your Wildlife Resources Card quicker

Applications received prior to the **deadline of August 1** for bowhunters and **August 15** for furharvesters will be guaranteed a seat in a course before this year's fall hunting and trapping season. Applications received after the deadline will be processed for the next available course following the hunting and trapping season.

All first time firearm hunters living in Nova Scotia are required to complete the Canadian Firearms Safety Course offered through the Nova Scotia Community College AND the Nova Scotia Hunter Education Course, which is offered through the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters. If you are under the age of 18, you also require a Minor's Firearms Licence in order to hunt with a firearm.

Contact information for the Nova Scotia Community College and campus locations are available at the back of the booklet.

For more information on a Minor's Firearms Licence call 1-800-731-4000 (Ext. 6505).

Mature students (18 years of age or older) also have the option of participating in the Nova Scotia Hunter Education Course by either a home study program or an online program.

Other Training Opportunities

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) is an education program designed primarily for adult women, but is an opportunity for anyone 18 years of age or older to learn outdoor skills. A weekend workshop offers participants choices of classes in: shooting, hunting, fishing, and non-harvest activities such as camping or canoeing. Teaching is focused on novice/adult learners, with lots of hands-on activities.

Contact: Becoming an Outdoors-Woman
PO Box 698, Halifax, NS, B3J 2T9
424-4983, e-mail: bowns@gov.ns.ca

To Hunt With a Crossbow

Hunters wishing to use a crossbow must meet one of the following criteria:

1. Must currently hold both a recognized firearm hunting certification and a bow certification. **or**
2. Must provide the Department of Natural Resources with proof of recognized crossbow training. **or**
3. Must provide the Department of Natural Resources with proof of crossbow hunting experience within the last five (5) years. **or**
4. Take the Nova Scotia Online Crossbow Course found at <http://hunterexam.com/canada/novascotia>

Youth Exchange Program

Last fall, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick participated in the 8th annual Youth Exchange Program. This program was designed to encourage youth to take part in hunting and fishing activities. All persons between the ages of 12 and 17 who successfully complete a Hunter Education Course during the year are automatically entered for an opportunity to win. The winner receives an all expenses paid hunting or fishing trip for themselves and a parent/guardian to one of the other Atlantic Provinces.

The Federation of Anglers and Hunters is the lead organization on this exchange program and works closely with the Department of Natural Resources to ensure that the winners have a safe, successful and enjoyable trip.



Nova Scotia's 2010 winner was Aaron Leblanc of Arcadia, Yarmouth County. Aaron and his dad spent two days in October, hunting small game and birds while being hosted by Grant Mitton (506-872-1491) of "Carroll Road Outfitters", located just outside of Moncton, New Brunswick.

New Brunswick's winner was John Wood of Mounteagle. John and his cousin Brandon were sponsored and hosted by Bill Meekins of "Jabs Guide Services and Outfitters" and spent their time hunting geese and birds.



Due to the generosity of additional sponsors, both boys received a backpack filled with hunting supplies including a Suunto compass, Grohman knife, Leatherman knife, GPS unit, gift card to Canadian Tire and numerous ball caps and t-shirts.

As you can tell by the pictures, both boys enjoyed themselves and had a great trip, but more importantly they have made memories that will last a lifetime. Let's continue to keep the hunting and fishing tradition alive and well.

The Youth Exchange Program is a non profit program which relies completely on donations. Acknowledgement and thanks to the Hunter Education Instructors who support this program by annually donating \$1.75 for each student that is taught during the year. Anyone wishing to donate to the Youth Exchange Program, can contact Darlene Caldwell, P.O. Box 305, Windsor, Hants Co., N.S. B0N 2T0. Please ensure that donations are clearly marked "Youth Exchange Program".

Licence, Stamp and Permit Regulations

General Licence Stipulations

1. All **resident** applicants for a hunting licence must be certified to obtain the licence or stamp for which they are applying and must present their Wildlife Resources Card to the licence vendor in order to obtain a licence. Resident hunters must carry their Wildlife Resources Card at all times when in wildlife habitat and in possession of a weapon or trapping devices. See page 45.
2. All **non-resident** applicants for a hunting licence must provide proof that they have been certified to hunt in Nova Scotia or another jurisdiction.
3. Any licence obtained by means of false or misleading statements made in respect to any information required for the issuance of said licence shall be deemed to be void and of no effect.
4. No licence shall be valid unless the date is plainly and legibly written on the licence by the vendor, together with the name and signature of the person to whom it is issued. The Wildlife Resources Card number and address (Non-Residents only) are also required. **Remember:** If your licence does not contain your signature while you are hunting, you are in violation of the Wildlife Act and liable to a fine.
5. No person shall purchase more than one of the same type of licence, stamp or permit.
6. If a licence, stamp and/or tag is lost or destroyed or needs to be replaced for any other reason, a replacement may be issued upon proof that is deemed to be satisfactory to the Department and supported by an affidavit. Replacements are only obtainable from local offices of the Department of Natural Resources. There is a replacement fee.

Big Game

1. You must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Deer Hunting Licence or a Bear Hunting Licence, **or**;

If you have attained the age of 16 but not 18 years, you may obtain a Deer hunting, Bear Hunting or Bear Snaring Licence if it is secured for you by your parent or guardian. In this case, you may hunt deer or bear, or snare bear only under the immediate supervision of a responsible adult of 18 years of age or older who is certified to hunt wildlife in Nova Scotia with a firearm or bow. See **Definitions — Immediate Supervision** (page 43)

2. Non-resident hunters require the services of a guide. See **Guides** (page 102).
3. Applications for the annual moose draw are accepted on-line at www.gov.ns.ca/natr/draws/moosedraw/, or by calling 1-900-565-3337 normally from April 1st to May 31st. To be eligible for the draw, applicants must:
 - be certified to hunt with a firearm or bow
 - be 18 years of age or older by the closing date of draw.
 - be a resident of Nova Scotia
 - not have held a Nova Scotia moose hunting licence within the past 5 years
 - not have any hunting suspensions

Names are randomly selected from all eligible entries, at a public draw, which normally occurs mid to late June in Cape Breton. Winners will be notified by mail. Applicants can also check their individual draw results online at:

www.gov.ns.ca/natr/draws/moosedraw/

- Moose hunters are permitted to designate up to two companions who may fully participate in the hunt (i.e. carry a firearm) provided that, while hunting, the designated companion licencees are within hailing distance of the moose licence holder at all times and possess a Companion Moose Hunting Stamp. Companion Moose Hunters who are 16 and 17 years of age must be under the immediate supervision of a person over the age of 18 who is certified to hunt big game in Nova Scotia. For additional information see page 80 or www.gov.ns.ca/natr/draws/moosedraw/.
4. For rules specific to hunting in the Tobeatic Wilderness Area, see page 95.

5. 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. This regulation has been put in place in an effort to prevent the devastating Chronic Wasting Disease, recently found to occur in other areas of North America, being introduced to our deer population in Nova Scotia.
6. Bonus Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamps will be available this year for use in Zone 102 only. The stamp authorizes the holder to take an additional deer (antlerless) from within Zone 102 only. The stamps may be purchased at your local DNR office and selected vendors. Place the Bonus Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamp in the appropriate location on your licence carrier where it becomes a stand alone licence, independent of the General Deer Hunting Stamp. The order in which these stamps are used does not matter.
7. **TO HUNT WITH A CROSSBOW**

Until October 1, 2012, a person may be certified as qualified to hunt with a crossbow if they:

- **hold both a recognized firearm hunting certification and a bow certification; or**
- **have been certified to hunt with a crossbow; or**
- **produce proof satisfactory to the Department that they have hunted with a crossbow in another jurisdiction within the preceding 5 years.**

NOTE:

- **To hunt big game with a crossbow, the crossbow must have a draw weight of 150 pounds or 68 kilograms or greater and bolts with heads measuring more than 2.2 centimeters in diameter.**

Small Game

1. A valid Small Game Hunting Licence authorizes the licensee to hunt during the open season for: ring-necked pheasants (male), ruffed grouse, woodcock, snipe, and waterfowl, (ducks and geese). To hunt woodcock, snipe, and waterfowl, you also require a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit.
2. You must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Small

Game Hunting Licence, or,

3. If you have attained the age of 12 but not 18 years, you may obtain a Small Game Hunting Licence if it is secured for you by your parent or guardian. You may hunt small game provided you are under the immediate supervision of a parent or guardian or any other responsible adult of 18 years of age or over who is certified as qualified to hunt with a firearm or a bow or crossbow.
4. Non-resident hunters require a Non-Resident Small Game Hunting Licence and either a licenced guide or a resident over the age of 18 who has received a Special Permit to Guide.
5. A person may hunt small game with a raptor during the appropriate open season provided they are in possession of their Wildlife Resources Card, all required licences for the species being hunted, and a valid Falconry Permit.

Other Harvestable Wildlife and Snowshoe Hare

1. A person who is 18 years of age or over may hunt "Snowshoe Hare" or "Other Harvestable Wildlife", provided they possess a Wildlife Habitat Stamp and appropriate certification for any weapon used.
2. Any person who is not less than 12 years of age and less than than 18 years of age may hunt "Other Harvestable Wildlife" or snowshoe hare provided:
 - the person holds a valid Wildlife Habitat Stamp and is certified to hunt with a firearm or bow or crossbow.
 - the person is under the immediate supervision of a parent or guardian or any other responsible person 18 years of age or over who is certified to hunt with a firearm or bow or crossbow.
3. A resident of any age may snare snowshoe hare (rabbits) provided they possess a valid Wildlife Resources Card and Wildlife Habitat Stamp.

Bear Harvesting Regulations (Summary Only)

Anyone exporting bears or bear parts out of Canada may require a CITES (Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species) Export Permit. Contact your local Department of Natural Resources office for further information.

All persons with a Bear Hunting or Bear Snaring licence are **required by law** to submit their completed Bear Report Form(s), regardless of whether they successfully harvest a bear(s), to Department of Natural Resources within 2 weeks of the season's closure. Hunters and trappers who harvest a bear are additionally required by law to **submit the lower jaw or full skull** of the bear for extraction of a pre-molar tooth. If requested, the jaw or skull will be returned to the hunter.

Bear Gallbladder Seal

Black bear gall bladders must be sealed with a permanently attached locking seal prior to sale or export. This seal can be obtained at any Department of Natural Resources office. The gall bladder must be presented in order to be sealed.

Note: Hunters are encouraged to phone their local DNR office prior to submitting a bear gall bladder to ensure that appropriate staff will be available.

ATTENTION !

To prevent possible exposure to disease organisms, wildlife meat should be thoroughly cooked before it is consumed by humans or pets.

Bear Snaring

1. Only a cable foot snare is to be used for snaring bear.
2. No snares are to be set within 30 m of the boundaries of any common or public highway.
3. No person shall set out bait for the purpose of attracting bears within those distances prohibited under the Firearm and Bow Regulations for discharging a weapon near a dwelling, school, playground, athletic field, or place of

business unless that person is the owner or occupier of the dwelling, or has the permission of the owner or occupier or is authorized in writing by a Conservation Officer for the purpose of trapping nuisance wildlife.

4. Note: No person shall at any time discharge a weapon within 804 m of a school.
5. See Legal Firearms/Bows and Ammunition (page 87) for stipulations on use of firearms and page 92 for more information on where a firearm, bow or crossbow may be discharged.
6. It is an offence for a non-resident to snare bear in Nova Scotia.
7. Only a person with valid furharvester certification (FQ or FT) may purchase a Bear Snaring Licence.
8. Setting out bait for the purpose of attracting bears is restricted to the period from August 1 to the first Saturday in December.

Hunting and Bait Sites

1. No person who holds a Bear Hunting Licence shall take, hunt or kill or attempt to take, hunt or kill a female bear which is accompanied by one or more cubs.
2. Bait sites for hunting bear are no longer required to be registered with DNR.
3. All bait sites for the purposes of attracting bears must be outside the distances stipulated under the Firearm and Bow Regulations for discharging a firearm or bow near a school, dwelling, or other places listed. (See Some General Regulations, page 91)
4. Setting out bait for the purpose of attracting bears is restricted to the period August 1 to the first Saturday of December.
5. **Setting out bait for the purpose of bear hunting or viewing is not permitted in designated wilderness areas.**

Harvesting bear with archery tackle is exciting, effective, and becoming more popular. However, making a clean kill and recovering the animal in a timely manner requires special consideration even before you go hunting. The Bowhunters Association of Nova Scotia offers information on how to increase your skill and achieve success when bear hunting as an archer. See www.bans.ca

Furharvesting

Seasons and Bag Limits

Beaver

**NOVEMBER 1 TO MARCH 31, BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE;
BAG LIMIT, PER LICENCE, OF NOT MORE THAN THE NUMBER OF
BEAVER PRESCRIBED IN THE LIMITS FOR THE ZONE IN WHICH
THE TRAPPER IS A PERMANENT RESIDENT.**

The holder of a furharvester licence may set and maintain an aquatic furbearer trap in any zone. Licenced furharvesters cannot take more than the number of beaver prescribed in the bag limit for the zone in which they are a permanent resident. Also, furharvesters may not take in any one zone more beaver than the bag limit for that zone.

Beaver zones and bag limits are as follows:

Zone 1 (Cape Breton, Richmond, Inverness, and Victoria counties)	30
Zone 2 (Halifax, Guysborough, Antigonish, Pictou, Colchester, Cumberland, and Hants counties)	20
Zone 3 (Lunenburg, Kings, and Annapolis counties)	20
Zone 4 (Yarmouth, Shelburne, Digby, and Queens counties)	20

Mink, Muskrat, Red Squirrel, Skunk and Weasel

**NOVEMBER 1 TO MARCH 31
NO BAG LIMIT.**

Otter

**NOVEMBER 1 TO THE LAST DAY OF FEBRUARY
NO BAG LIMIT.**

Otter carcasses must be turned in and pelts stamped at the appropriate DNR office. (see Biological Specimens To Be Turned In page 39)

Bobcat

**NOVEMBER 1 TO THE LAST DAY FEBRUARY
BAG LIMIT—FIVE (5) BOBCAT**

Fox and Coyote

**OCTOBER 15 TO MARCH 31
NO BAG LIMITS.**

Furharvesters are requested to turn in coyote carcasses to their local DNR office (voluntary collection).

Coyote, Red Squirrel and Skunk

These animals are classed as “Other Harvestable Wildlife” and their pelts can be legally possessed throughout the year without a permit, but:

- (a) cannot be trapped or snared without a Furharvester Licence or a Nuisance Wildlife Permit, except that a box trap may be used where they are a nuisance;
- (b) cannot be poisoned;
- (c) require a permit in order to export the pelt (or other parts) from the province. The original harvester of the pelt can have it tanned or mounted without a permit.
- (d) under a pelt incentive program instituted in 2010 to increase furharvester effort directed towards coyotes, DNR paid \$20 per coyote pelt sent to market. The results of the 2010 incentive program are currently being reviewed and a decision on whether continuation of this program is warranted will be announced prior to the opening of the 2011 furharvesting season.

Raccoons

TRAINING OF RACCOON DOGS AT NIGHT. JULY 1 TO MARCH 31

Killing of raccoons is not permitted until October 15. No permit is required for training, unless a light of greater than 4.5 volts will be used. To use a light greater than 4.5 volts a Raccoon Dog Night Training/Hunting Permit is required. The permit holder must hold a Nova Scotia Wildlife Resources Card and be eligible to purchase a Furharvester Licence. The consent of the owner or occupier of privately owned lands must be obtained when training raccoon dogs at night.

Night Hunting of Raccoons

OCTOBER 15 TO MARCH 31 NO BAG LIMIT.

Requires a Raccoon Dog Night Training/Hunting Permit and a Furharvester Licence. The consent of the owner or occupier of privately owned lands must be obtained when hunting raccoons at night.

Raccoon Trapping

NOVEMBER 1 TO MARCH 31 NO BAG LIMIT.

Requires a Furharvester Licence. Raccoons taken accidentally in a trap lawfully set for fox or coyote prior to the raccoon season may be kept.

Lynx, Marten, Cougar and Fisher

CLOSED SEASON.

Accidentally caught animals must be released or reported immediately to a DNR office, except one (1) fisher may be kept if taken accidentally in a trap lawfully set for another species.

Fisher carcasses must be turned in and pelts stamped at the appropriate DNR office. (See Biological Specimens To Be Turned In, page 39).

Black Bear

SNARING — SEE THE SECTION ON BEAR HARVESTING PAGE 25.

BAG LIMIT — TWO (2).

Rabbits (Snowshoe Hare)

Not defined as a furbearer — it is illegal to use a body-gripping or leghold trap to take rabbits.

Furharvester Licence

Prior to 2006 anyone purchasing a Furharvester Licence was assigned a permanent Furharvester Code Number which was used to identify that person for licencing, mandatory harvest reporting, specimen submission, and pelt sales transactions. As of June 1, 2006, the **Wildlife Resources Card** replaced all previously issued certification cards and code numbers and is the only accepted identification for Nova Scotia furharvesters and hunters. (Note: please also refer to page 31, Traps and Snares, item 1: marking of traps and snares).

A Furharvester Licence is required before trapping, snaring, hunting, shooting, or possessing any wild furbearer including the following: beaver, otter, muskrat, mink, raccoon, bobcat, fox, fisher or weasel.

A valid Furharvester Licence is also required before you can legally possess traps and snares (except rabbit snares, cage traps for nuisance wildlife or traps to catch mice or house rats) in wildlife habitat.

The Furharvester Licence may be obtained from any local office of the Department of Natural Resources.

If you are under the age of 19, you may register as an apprentice with a person 19 years of age or older. Between 16 and 19 years of age you can, if you wish, purchase your own Furharvester Licence.

If under the age of 16, you cannot purchase a Furharvester Licence, but you can take furbearers as an apprentice of a person 19 years of age or over who holds a valid Furharvester Licence.

You must possess a valid Wildlife Habitat Stamp and the Wildlife Resources Card number of the supervising Furharvester Licence holder must be entered in the space provided in the Furharvester Stamp block of the base licence. While trapping, any apprentice must at all times be under the immediate supervision of the person holding the Furharvester Licence.

Trappers, may trap together in a partnership provided they notify the Department of Natural Resources in writing that they are trapping in partnership with one or more licenced furharvesters identified in the notice. Both partners must have valid Furharvester Licences.

A person may set and tend traps marked with a partner's trappers identification number or TIN.

Furharvester Licence Stipulations

1. Your Furharvester Report Form and your pink receipt slips received from the fur buyer must be returned at the end of the furharvesting season, not later than April 15, showing the total number of furbearers of each species taken under authority of the licence. You may also submit your Furharvester Report via the internet on the form which can be found at www.gov.ns.ca/natr/harvests/ You are not required to submit your pink furbuyer slips if you file your report via the internet. You should include **all** furbearers harvested by county (including animals turned in to DNR). The total number of furbearers which will be retained in your possession after April 15 should be recorded in the 'Retained' column of the Report . No other permit is required to retain furs (see also page 38, Possession and Export of Pelts). The total number of furbearers turned in to the Department of Natural Resources (e.g. animals accidentally captured in excess of your bag limit or for which there is no open season) should be recorded in the column labelled 'Turned in to DNR'. This year we are continuing to ask for your help in advising us on the population levels of harvested species
2. "Apprentice" refers to persons under 19 years of age, covered under a Furharvester Licence that has been purchased by a person 19 years of age or older. All fur taken by apprentice trappers must be included on this licence harvest report and is part of the bag limit of the licencee.

3. Many licenced furharvesters trap together and often sell or ship their fur as a single unit. To avoid duplication, please be sure you report such combinations to a local office of the Department of Natural Resources when selling, shipping, or declaring your fur .
4. The Minister may cancel or refuse to issue at any time any Furharvester Licence or furharvester certification issued by or under the authority of the Minister upon such terms and conditions as the Minister considers just.
5. The Minister may direct any person to take or retake a furharvester course before that person is issued a Furharvester Licence.

Compulsory Furharvester Course (see also page 18)

A Furharvester Licence will not be issued to a person unless the person is a resident of Nova Scotia and has held a Furharvester Licence prior to August 1, 1986 or has successfully completed a furharvester course approved by the minister. Contact a local office of the Department of Natural Resources for details.

A Furharvester Licence will not be issued to anyone who has not taken a Furharvester Course or who has not purchased a Furharvester Licence during the previous four years.

Traps and Snares

No trap shall be placed in a wildlife habitat except during the period from October 15 through March 31 in the year following, both dates inclusive.

No snares shall be set for any furbearer except during the period **November 25 through the last day in February** in the year following, both dates inclusive, unless the snare is set underwater or is a squirrel snare made of 20 guage or smaller copper, brass or stainless steel wire.

Traps or snares are not to be placed on privately owned forest land, where the owner or occupier has posted a written notice prohibiting trapping or snaring. This does not apply to snares set for snowshoe hare.

Only the following types of traps or snares may be set within 15 m of the traveled surface of a publicly managed trail (trail means a hiking or walking trail that is (i) managed by

a registered public body authorized to manage the trail, and (ii) marked with signs that indicate that trapping is not permitted on or within 15m of the travelled surface of the trail) or highway

- (a) a body-gripping trap with a jaw spread of 12 cm or less that is completely submerged in water;
- (b) a box trap;
- (c) a snare set completely underwater;
- (d) a snare made of copper, brass or stainless steel set for snowshoe hare or red squirrel;
- (e) a submarine trap;
- (f) a rat trap.

Despite the restrictions above on traps and snares which may be set within 15 m of highways and designated trails, a person may set a trap on or within 15m of the traveled surface of a trail or highway if that person has a Conservation Officer's written permission to set that particular type of trap in that location for the purpose of trapping nuisance wildlife. (see also page 39, Trespassing)

1. No person shall set a trap or snare for a fur-bearing animal unless it is clearly and permanently marked with that person's Wildlife Resources Card number, except traps or snares set for red squirrels or fur-bearing animals that are trapped as nuisance wildlife in accordance with the General Wildlife Regulations made under the Wildlife Act.

Note: Persons who have held a Furharvester Licence in 2005 or earlier years may, after notification of their local Department of Natural Resources office of their intention to do so, use their old Furharvester Code Number as an alternate number for marking traps and snares.

Acceptable means of marking traps and snares include permanently stamping the identification number into some part of the trap or snare or securely attaching a permanently marked tag to the trap or snare. Please consult your local Department of Natural Resources office for further advice on appropriate marking of traps and snares.

2. No body-gripping trap having a jaw spread greater than 4.7 inches (12 cm) (e.g. conibear 160, 220, 330) can be set for any furbearer except
 - (a) in or over water or
 - (b) five feet (1.5 m) above the ground or
 - (c) in a dog proof enclosure. (see Definitions, page 42).

3. No person while in a wildlife habitat shall possess or use a trapping device or a set trap unless it is one of the following:
 - (a) a box trap,
 - (b) a body-gripping trap which kills quickly,
 - (c) a submarine trap,
 - (d) a non powered neck and body snare,
 - (e) a leg or foot snare,
 - (f) a steel-jawed trap with jaw spread of less than 7.5 inches (19 cm) or
 - (g) an egg trap or other type of foot-encapsulating trap.
4. A person who sets snares or traps designed to catch animals alive must examine each trap or snare set at least **once every day**.
5. No person shall use any trap equipped with a spearing device, teeth, serrations, or hooks.
6. No person shall set spring poles or running poles unless they are equipped with a killing trap or killing snare.
7. No person shall set a suspended snare for the purpose of taking a furbearing animal, except squirrels, unless the snare has a locking mechanism which prevents the snare from expanding or the snare is set entirely underwater.
8. No person shall set a leg or foot hold trap to take a fur-bearing animal unless:
 - (a) the trap is set for beaver, otter, mink or muskrat and is attached to a device that is designed to submerge the animal and prevent it from resurfacing;
 - (b) the trap is set for muskrat or mink and is sufficiently heavy to submerge the mink or muskrat and prevent the animal from resurfacing;
 - (c) the trap is set for weasel, red squirrel or mink and is set in such a manner as to kill the animal immediately upon springing the trap;
 - (d) the trap is set for a raccoon and has jaws which are padded with rubber compound specifically designed to reduce injury to the animal or is a foot encapsulating trap;
 - (e) the trap is set for fox; or
 - (f) the trap is set for bobcat or coyote and has been modified to improve humaneness by such means as laminating the jaws, off-setting the jaws, padding the jaws, using a trap that incorporates a snare, or other similarly effective means of improving humaneness.

9. No person shall set a snare for coyote, fox, or bobcat within 50 metres of a bait unless the bait is camouflaged or concealed in a manner sufficient to render the bait undetectable from the air.
10. No person shall set or maintain a trap or snare for squirrels or weasels during the month of March in any year, except a snare of 20 gauge or smaller wire, a rat trap or a box trap.
11. No person shall set or maintain a trap for mink during the month of March in any year, unless the trap is at least fifty percent submerged in water or is a box trap.

Use of Lights

Licensed furharvesters may use lights of up to 12 volts while they are checking traps, or dispatching trapped animals at night. Licensed furharvesters hunting raccoons, or training raccoon dogs, when in possession of a valid Raccoon Dog Night Training/Hunting Permit, may use lights of any voltage. Lights greater than 4.5 volts used at night for the above purposes must not be connected to the electrical system of a vehicle.

Accidental Catches

Any furbearer accidentally trapped in excess of the bag limit or out of season, or for which there is no season and which could not be released, must be reported immediately to a local office of the Department of Natural Resources **or by calling 1 800-565-2224**, or by completing the required form (found at the back of this booklet) before being removed from the trap site.

General Furharvesting Regulations

1. No person may damage, disturb, or destroy the den or usual place of habitation of a furbearer or a beaver dam.
2. No person shall take any furbearing animal by means of poison or deposit or set out poison in any place frequented by furbearing animals.
3. No person shall kill or take any muskrat, beaver, mink, or otter by means of any firearm or bow or crossbow unless the animal is restrained by a trap.
4. Only licenced furbuyers can legally deal in or buy furbearer pelts for the purpose of resale. All such furbuyers must provide an official receipt at the time any fur is purchased. In the cases of otter and fisher, the dried pelt must be stamped by the department before it can be legally sold to a furbuyer (See section **Biological Specimens To Be Turned In**, page 39).
5. All furharvesters and those accompanying them shall wear a cap or hat and shirt, vest or coat of hunter orange or camouflage orange that is plainly visible from all sides, unless they are not on forested land and provided that they only possess a .22 calibre rim fire rifle or smaller.
6. Furharvesters do not require hunter orange after the close of the general open season for hunting deer.
7. All furharvesters who enter the woods must carry a compass in working order, a hand axe or hunting knife or jackknife, and a supply of waterproof matches or matches in a waterproof container or a source that is capable of producing a flame. You must be able to demonstrate to a conservation officer the ability to operate your compass.
8. Except as otherwise provided in part XXI of the Agriculture and Marketing Act, no person shall keep live furbearing animals whether bred in captivity or not, for the purpose of sale, barter, exchange, preservation, consumption, or propagation, without first obtaining a permit from the minister.

9. In order for Nova Scotia to be in compliance with commitments made by Canada under the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards (AIHTS), body-gripping traps used for beaver, raccoon, fisher and muskrat must meet the requirements of the AIHTS. Traps used for these species must be chosen from those listed as approved for that species in the table below, or for muskrat traps used underwater, must prevent the animal from re-surfacing.
10. Except for box traps, submarine traps, snares completely under ice or rat traps equipped with a hood or other device to prevent animals larger than weasels from activating the trigger, no person shall set or place a trap or snare within 274 m of a dwelling, school, playground, athletic field, or place of business unless that person is the owner or occupier of the dwelling or has the permission of the owner or occupier or is authorized in writing by a conservation officer for the purpose of trapping nuisance wildlife.
11. See pages 25–27 for bear harvesting regulations.

List of Approved Body-Gripping Traps

Beaver

TRAPS APPROVED FOR USE UNDERWATER AND ON LAND:

Bélisle Classic 330	Sauvageau 2001-11
Sauvageau 2001-12	Species-Specific 330 Dislocator
Bélisle Super X 280	Half Magnum
Bélisle Super X 330	Species-Specific 440 Dislocator
B.M.I. 330 Body Gripper	Half Magnum
Bridger 330	Woodstream Oneida Victor
LDL C280	Conibear 280
LDL C330	Woodstream Oneida Victor
Rudy 330	Conibear 330
Rudy 280	

TRAPS APPROVED FOR USE ON LAND ONLY:

Sauvageau 1000-11F LDL C330 Magnum

TRAPS APPROVED FOR USE UNDERWATER ONLY:

B.M.I. 280 Body Gripper	Sauvageau 2001-8
Duke 330	LDL C 280 Magnum

Fisher

TRAPS APPROVED FOR USE ON LAND:

Bélisle Super X 120	Rudy 120 Magnum
Bélisle Super X 160	Rudy 160 Plus
Bélisle Super X 220	Rudy 220 Plus
Koro #2	Sauvageau 2001-5
LDL C160 Magnum	Sauvageau 2001-6
LDL C220 Magnum	Sauvageau 2001-7
	Sauvageau 2001-8

Raccoon

TRAPS APPROVED FOR USE ON LAND:

Bélisle Classic 220	Rudy 160
Bélisle Super X 160	Rudy 160 Plus
Bélisle Super X 220	Rudy 220
Bélisle Super X 280	Sauvageau 2001-6
B.M.I. 160 Body Gripper	Sauvageau 2001-7
Rudy 220 Plus	Sauvageau 2001-8
B.M.I. 220 Body Gripper	Species-Specific 220 Dislocator
B.M.I. 280 Body Gripper	Half Magnum
B.M.I. 280 Magnum	Woodstream Oneida Victor
Body Gripper	Conibear 160
Bridger 120	Woodstream Oneida Victor
Bridger 160	Woodstream Oneida
Bridger 220	VictorNorthwood 155
Duke 160	Conibear 220
Duke 220	
LDL C 160	
LDL C 220	
LDL C 220 Magnum	
LDL C 280 Magnum	

Muskrat

TRAPS APPROVED FOR USE ON LAND:

Bélisle Super X 120	Sauvageau 2001-5
B.M.I. 120	Sauvageau C120 Magnum
B.M.I. 120 Magnum	Sauvageau C120 "Reverse Bend"
B.M.I. 126 Magnum	Triple M
Bridger 120	Woodstream Oneida Victor
Duke 120	Conibear 110
Koro Muskrat	Woodstream Oneida Victor
LDL B120 Magnum	Conibear 120
Ouell 4-11-180	
Rudy 110	
Rudy 120	
Rudy 120 Magnum	

Possession and Export of Pelts

Holders of a valid Furharvester Licence can legally possess pelts of beaver, otter, mink, muskrat, weasel, fisher, and bobcat from November 1 to April 15, and fox and raccoon from October 15 to April 15.

Furharvesters who fail to declare their furs by the end of the possession period (April 15th) are in violation of the Wildlife Act and regulations made pursuant to that act, and are subject to prosecution. Furharvesters who wish to retain their legally-taken raw pelts, carcasses, or parts thereof beyond these dates must register these in the appropriate '**Retained**' column of the Furharvester Report, which must be submitted on-line or to a local DNR office by April 15.

An export permit is required from the Department of Natural Resources if you wish to ship your furs directly out of the province. It is not required if the furs are sold or consigned to a licenced furbuyer in the province.

A valid Furbuyers Licence authorizes the possession of legally taken raw furs year round provided they can be accounted for through the furbuyer book receipts.

Coyote, skunk, and squirrel pelts may be possessed year round without a permit; however, an export permit is required before they can be shipped out of the province.

Biological Specimens To Be Turned In

The whole skinned carcasses of otter and fisher must be turned in to the local office of the Department of Natural Resources and the corresponding pelts must be exhibited and stamped.

Information that must be declared includes the Wildlife Resources Card number, date of capture, location of capture, and method of kill.

A person other than the furharvester may bring in the carcass and pelt provided they can supply all of the above information.

An otter or fisher can be sold in the round provided the furbearer is first exhibited at the local office of the Department of Natural Resources, all of the required information collected, and a Round Permit is obtained.

Trappers are also requested to turn in coyote carcasses to their local office of the Department of Natural Resources.

Trapping and Trespassing

No person shall set or place a trap or snare on cultivated land without permission of the owner or occupier. In addition no person may set or place a trap (except a box trap, **a snare set completely under ice**, a rat trap equipped with a hood or other device to prevent animals larger than a weasel from activating the trigger, or submarine trap) within 300 yards (274 m) of a dwelling, school, playground, athletic field, or place of business unless that person is the owner or occupier or has the permission of the owner or occupier, or is authorized in writing by a conservation officer for the purpose of trapping nuisance wildlife.

Traps or snares are not to be placed on privately owned forest land where the owner or occupier has posted a written notice prohibiting trapping or snaring. This does not apply to snares set for snowshoe hare.



Possession of Firearms and Ammunition Under the Age of 18 Years

The Criminal Code of Canada requires any person age 12 through 17, to secure a licence from the Provincial Firearms Office in order to possess, carry, or handle a firearm or ammunition.

Borrowing a Rifle or Shotgun

1. You must have a valid Firearms Licence (Possession Only, Possession and Acquisition) or a Non-resident 60 day Possession Licence. A minor must also have a Minor's Licence. If you do not have one of the above you may still borrow a firearm but must be under direct and immediate supervision of the licenced owner. (One firearm between two people who keep approximately arms length apart)
2. You must also borrow the registration certificate for the firearm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING GUN CONTROL LAWS, INCLUDING PURCHASE, BORROWING OR IMPORTING FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING, CONTACT THE CHIEF PROVINCIAL FIREARMS OFFICER (1-902-424-6689), OR CALL 1-800-731-4000

Definitions

Act means the Wildlife Act, R.S.N.S. 1989, Chapter 504.

Antlered Deer means a deer having an antler extending not less than 3 inches (7.6 cm) in length from the head of the deer.

Antlerless Deer means a deer having no antlers or antlers extending less than 3 inches (7.6 cm) in length from the head of the deer.

Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamp means a stamp issued by the department which when affixed to a deer hunting licence confers on the holder the privilege of hunting an antlerless deer in the Deer Management Zone prescribed thereon.

Big Game means bear, moose, deer, and any wildlife that may be designated as big game by the Governor in Council and includes any part of such wildlife.

Black Bear Gallbladder Seal is an individually identifiable permanent locking device issued by the Department of Natural Resources. It is required for the export or sale of black bear gallbladders.

Bonus Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamp means a stamp issued by the Department that when affixed to a Deer Hunting Licence, confers on the holder the privilege of hunting an additional antlerless deer in the specified Deer Management Zone.

Box Trap means any box shaped trap designed to capture an animal alive being constrained only by the confines of the walls of the trap which may be made in any shape or size and of any material such as wood, metal, wire, netting or other material.

Crossbow means a tool for projecting arrows or bolts that consists of a bow fixed across a stock with a groove for an arrow or bolt and a mechanism for holding and releasing the bowstring.

Deer Management Zones are areas of the province established to effectively manage Nova Scotia's white-tailed deer. Refer to map (page 60) and page 62 for zone descriptions.

Disabled Person means a person whose mobility is limited as a result of external factors and severe physical disability caused by paralysis, lower limb amputation, heart or lung disease, or other disability impairment to the extent that:

- (a) the person is unable to propel themselves without the aid of a wheelchair or walker, or a combination of two of the following: a crutch, cane, leg brace, or leg prosthesis; or
- (b) the person has significant cardio-pulmonary condition which results in severe shortness of breath with minimal physical activity; or
- (c) the person has a severe neuro-muscular or skeletal condition, and because of any of the conditions described in (a) or (b) is limited in mobility to 50 metres or less in outdoor weather conditions.

A person who furnishes proof of possession of a Mobility Disabled Permit or a Temporary Mobility Disabled Permit issued by Department of Transportation may apply to the Department of Natural Resources for a Weapon Discharge Permit to hunt wildlife from a vehicle. Persons determined to be permanently

disabled may be eligible for a “Disabled” certification so they don’t have to obtain a Weapon Discharge Permit each year. Contact your local DNR office for further information.

Dogs at large in wildlife habitat: Under the Wildlife Act “at large” means unaccompanied by the owner or handler. Unaccompanied is further defined as “not under the immediate control of the owner or handler; and not within sight of the owner or handler”. A dog is not considered to be illegally at large in wildlife habitat when the dog is being trained or used to hunt wildlife as permitted by the Act and the regulations made under the Act.

Dog Proof Enclosure means a special trap-holding enclosure designed to keep a dog away from a trap by creating a barrier to the trap allowing entry only through designated openings and:

- for any body-gripping (e.g. conibear type 160, 220 or 330) may be an enclosure placed so that no part of the opening of the enclosure is more than 12.7 cm (5 in.) off the ground.
- or for body-gripping traps of not more than 17.78 cm x 17.78 cm (7 in. x 7 in.) dimensions (e.g. conibear 220 type or smaller), may be:
- for baited/scented traps sets an enclosure that provides openings no higher than 17.78 cm above the ground or having a total area of no greater than 322.6 cm² (50 in.²) with the trap trigger set at least 17.78 cm (7 in.) from any enclosure opening or an enclosure with a 20.32 cm (8 in.) height by 25.4 cm (10 in.) width opening with the trap trigger set back at least 25.4 cm (10 in.) from any enclosure opening.

Encased means a firearm, bow or crossbow that is:

- in a case which is properly fastened;
- completely wrapped in a material which is securely tied around the firearm or bow; or
- in the locked compartment of a vehicle and the contents of the compartment are not accessible to the occupant of the vehicle from inside the vehicle, or
- rendered inoperable by the attachment of a trigger lock to the firearm, or
- a bow rendered inoperable through disassembly or attachment of a lock to the bow.

Hailing Distance means a distance that permits effective and clear 2-way communication and is not farther than 2 km (this change to the definition of “hailing distance” allows for the use of 2 way radios and other means of communication, provided that clear and effective 2-way communication can be demonstrated when requested by a Conservation Officer).

Hunting means chasing, driving, flushing, attracting, pursuing, worrying, following after or on the trail of, searching for, trapping, attempting to trap, snaring or attempting to snare, shooting at, stalking, or lying in wait for any wildlife whether or not the wildlife is then or subsequently captured, killed, taken, or wounded. It does not mean stalking, attracting, searching for, or lying in wait for any wildlife by an unarmed person solely for the purpose of watching or taking pictures of it.

Immediate Supervision means that if you are hunting and are under the age of 18 years you must be under the supervision and within sight of the supervising adult 18 years or older.

Non-Resident means any person who is not a resident of Nova Scotia.

Protected, as applied to wildlife, means protected through the year or for any open or closed season, pursuant to the Wildlife Act or the regulations.

Rat Trap means a trap originally designed to kill house rats (*Rattus norvegicus*).

Resident at any time means a person permanently or ordinarily a resident in the province for the two (2) months immediately preceding that time and includes:

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

Senior Citizen means a resident who has reached the age of 65.

Vendor means a person who has been appointed a vendor of licences or permits by the Minister of Natural Resources.

Wildlife means vertebrates that, in their natural habitat, are usually wild by nature and includes

- domestic organisms that are physically similar to their wild counterparts,
- exotic wildlife,
- hybrid descendants of wildlife or of wildlife and a domestic organism,
- the eggs, sperm or embryos of wildlife, and
- any other organism designated as wildlife by the Governor in Council in accordance with this Act and the regulations;

Wildlife Habitat means any water or land where wildlife may be found and the roads and highways thereon.

Taxidermists

Any person employing the services of a taxidermist for the purpose of preserving or mounting any wildlife must provide to the taxidermist a signed statement. They must provide the date on which the specimen was taken, the licence number or authority under which it is possessed, and the full name and address of the owner.

Anyone wishing to preserve or mount any protected mammal or bird, except those legally taken under licence, must first contact the Department of Natural Resources and obtain a permit.

Wildlife Resources Card

The Wildlife Resources Card (WRC) is an identification card issued to persons wishing to harvest wildlife in Nova Scotia or to enter any Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wildlife harvesting related draw. Wildlife Resources Cards are provided by the DNR and carry a nine digit client identification (WRC) number. The WRC also provides a record of an individual's hunting/trapping related training and some basic identifying personal information.

Renewal Notice: If your card expiry date is between December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2012, you are not required to renew your card until at least December 2012. No renewal cards are being issued.

Wildlife Resources Cards Are Required For:

1. All Nova Scotia residents wishing to purchase a Wildlife Habitat Stamp (base licence) or any resident hunting, snaring or furharvesting licence.
2. Residents wishing to snare snowshoe hare or harvest "Other Harvestable Wildlife" (see page 24)
3. Residents wishing to purchase a Guide licence, Nuisance Wildlife Operator licence, or any other wildlife related commercial licence (see page 16–18)
4. Residents wishing to purchase a falconry permit
5. Residents wishing to enter any DNR harvesting related limited entry hunt draw.
6. Non-residents wishing to purchase a Nova Scotia commercial licence or Falconry Permit.

Wildlife Resources Cards Are Optional For:

Non-residents wishing to purchase non-resident hunting licences are required to provide one of the following:

- a) A Non-Resident Wildlife Resources Card showing appropriate certificates

- b) Copy of an old Nova Scotia Firearm Hunting Certificate or Bowhunting Certificate **OR**;
- c) Proof of successfully completing a NSDNR recognized training/certification in another province, state or country **OR**;
- d) a hunting licence issued to them by another province, state or country within the preceding five years.

How to Obtain a Wildlife Resources Card:

A fee of \$7.14 (plus HST) to order a Wildlife Resources Card

1. Online at:
<http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/wildlife/wresourcescard.asp>,
Credit card required **OR**;
2. Call 1-900-565-7418
 - Application fee charged directly to phone bill (everytime you call)
 - Cell phones cannot be used
 - Open 24 hours a day, 7 days aweek

Call **1-888-896-1207** for Wildlife Resources Card inquiries and related customer service issues. For additional information on Nova Scotia's Wildlife Resources Card, contact your local DNR office or visit online;

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/wildlife/wresourcescard.asp>




NOVA SCOTIA

TODAY'S RESOURCES, TOMORROW'S LEGACY

Report Waterfowl Bands

Each year thousands of waterfowl are banded in North America. It is now easier to report your bands.

3 Ways to Report Bird Bands

Online www.reportband.gov

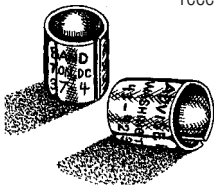
Call toll free 1-800-327-BAND (2263)

Write Bird Banding Laboratory
12100 Beech Forest Road
Laurel, MD 20708

By reporting North American Bird Banding Program bands, you will help in the management of our continental migratory birds. When you report your band number, you will be asked for information on when and where you encountered the bird or band.

You can keep the band. You also will receive a Certificate of Appreciation for all reported bands.

If you report on-line, you will immediately receive feedback on the band number reported.



By online, phone or mail your information is wanted and needed.

Thank-you!



HUNTERS
HELPING THE
HUNGRY

Thank you hunters!

Hunger and poverty are harsh realities for 40,000 Nova Scotians each month. To help feed hungry families, hunters in Nova Scotia have

donated 3,583 kilograms of deer and moose meat since 2006, representing more than 35,000 servings of protein. This support is made possible through Hunters Helping the Hungry, a joint initiative of **FEED NOVA SCOTIA** and the hunting community.

How does the program work?

1. Hunter registers deer/moose
2. Hunter takes deer/moose to a licensed participating meat cutter and indicates how much they wish to donate
3. Meat cutter sets aside donated meat in one-kilogram bags
4. Hunter writes their Wildlife Resource Card number on bag of donated meat
5. **FEED NOVA SCOTIA** picks up donated meat from meat cutter and distributes to participating food banks and meal programs

Note: Processing is at hunter's expense.

How can I get involved?

Contact a participating licensed meat cutter. See list on following pages.

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 will ensure the meat has been handled properly to ensure food safety. For tips on proper handling of game meat, please refer to the Atlantic Provinces Hunter Education Student Manual.

Thanks to our partners—novascotiahunting.com, Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers & Hunters, Nova Scotia Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Participating Licenced Meat Cutting Facilities and Abattoirs

Reid's Meats & Kwik Way
1751 Melanson Rd.
Melanson, NS B4P 2R3
Kevin Reid 542-2108

Canning Meat Market
Box 517, 9820 Main St.
Canning, NS B0P 1H0
Andrew or Oscar Huntley
582-3777

Chez Dugue Meats,
4007 Chester Rd.,
RR3 Windsor, NS B0N 2T0
Sam Dugue 790-0538

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

Alick's Grocery
27 Elgin Street, PO Box 933,
Springhill, NS B0M 1X0
Frank Alick 597-2738

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

Nova Traditional
6462 Old Merigonish Rd,
RR 1 Linacy
New Glasgow, NS B2C 5C4
Beverly Atwater 396-6604
or 752-7419

R. Bailey Meats & Pizza
3 Bruce Street
Dartmouth, NS B2W 1L3
Michel Klayme 435-4312

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

Kel's Deli
171 Wyse Road
Dartmouth, NS B3A 1M7
Chris 464-5357

Huston's Butcher Shop
PO Box 114, 235 Main Street
Tatamagouche, NS B0K1V0
Philip Huston 657-3078

Harvey Noel River Farms
Meats
319 Lake Road
Noel, NS B0N 2C0
Jason Harvey 369-2277

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

West Victoria (Smith's) Variety
23 West Victoria Street
Amherst, NS B4H 1B9
Shawn Smith 667-0380

Hatt's Quality Meats
40 Milford Street
Milton, NS B0T 1P0
Tamara 354-4857

Lowe's Meats
548 Lower Branch Road
Lower Branch, NS B4V 4M1
Jon Lowe 543-8379

Abattoirs:

Walter E Doucette
124 Wyman Road,
Box 3420 RR#2
Yarmouth, NS B5A 4A6
Walter 742-4714

Lambscapes Farm & Abattoir
191 Point Aconi Rd.
Mill Creek, NS B1Y 1W4
Donnie MacNeil 736-3302

Thanks to our partners!



Receive a Deer Crest!

Successful deer hunters can receive an embroidered crest if they submit the following information to a local DNR office (excludes DNR Halifax):

- a) antler measurements, if applicable (see page 56) **and**;
- b) lower jawbone **and**;
- c) county and deer management zone of kill

Offer is only valid until the end of the current year.

The jawbone is used to determine deer age. Aging a sample of deer jawbones each year provides valuable information when making recommendations for seasons and bag limits and is especially important to monitor the effects of the deer hunting regulations.

Your cooperation and involvement is appreciated.

Skunked deer crests are also available each year through the NS Federation of Anglers and Hunters (NSFA&H). Cost is \$6.00 per skunked crest with proceeds going directly to NSFA&H. No jawbone required and no deadline to apply. Complete the form below to order Skunked Deer Crests.



Please send me _____ crests, for my buddies of course.

Name _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____ Telephone _____

Cheque or money order Visa Mastercard

Card Number

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Signature _____ Expiry Date _____



Dear Friends:

As Grand Chief of the Mi'kmaq Nation, it is with great pleasure and pride that I introduce to you in this insert, the Mi'kmaq concept and tradition of **NETUKULIMK**.

Pasmay Silipay
Kji-saqmaw wjit Mi'kmaq

The Mi'kmaq Aboriginal people of Nova Scotia have been harvesting animal, fowl, fish and plant life for over 10,000 years. We have managed this harvest within our own communities since time immemorial and continue to do so today. Our past, present and future Mi'kmaq society and economy is based on the use of the natural resources. Conservation and management of these resources have and still are an important part of Mi'kmaq culture. We have an intimate knowledge of the land, waters and natural life in and around Mi'kma'ki, our traditional territory, part of which is present day Nova Scotia.

After European contact some 500 years ago, the Mi'kmaq and the British established formal agreement for a co-existence and friendship relationship through a series of Nation to Nation Treaties.

"When the English began to make their new homes in our land our fore fathers protected the livelihood and survival of the Mi'kmaq by signing Treaties with their Kings. Throughout the seasons the Treaties have remained."

Grand Chief Donald Marshall Sr.
 October 1, 1986

Today the Mi'kmaq harvest the natural resources through a concept known as Netukulimk. Netukulimk includes the use of the natural bounty, provided by the Creator, for the self-support and well being of the individual and the community at large. Without limiting the meaning of the concept of Netukulimk, the objective includes achieving adequate standards of community nutrition and economic well being, without jeopardizing the integrity, diversity or productivity of our native environment.

The Constitution of Canada has entrenched Aboriginal and Treaty Rights within the laws of Canada. As a result of this, the courts have upheld the rights contained in the Treaty of 1752 and the underlying Aboriginal right that the Mi'kmaq have to harvest natural resources in Nova Scotia under their traditional authority and guidelines.

Article 4 of the Treaty of 1752 states in part:

"It is agreed that the said Tribe of Indians (Mi'kmaq) shall not be hindered from, but have free liberty of hunting, fishing and fowling as usual..."

On October 1, 1993 the Premier of Nova Scotia, the Honourable John Savage formally proclaimed on behalf of Nova Scotia *"the Government of Nova Scotia recognizes all Treaties which were signed in good faith between the Crown and the Mi'kmaq."*

We have made our peace and friendship and we have agreed to co-exist and co-share. Today it is time to work together to ensure that all our children will have the same right or privilege to access animal, fowl, fish, and plant life in the future.





Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters

The Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters (NSFA&H) is a volunteer, non-profit, non-government organization of hunters, anglers, and outdoors people dedicated to conservation and the wise use of our natural resources. NSFA&H has been the voice for anglers and hunters since 1930. Your support is needed to ensure that quality hunting and fishing continues in the future.

Announcing the 19th Licence of a Lifetime Lottery from NSFA&H!

Two (2) lifetime licences awarded annually.

Winners are entitled to a free:

- Fishing licence (excludes salmon) **and**;
- Small Game licence (excludes Migratory Bird Licence) **and**;
- any **ONE** of the following:
 - Deer Hunting
 - Bear Snaring
 - Bear Hunting
 - Furharvester licence

Ticket Fees:

1 Ticket	\$2.00
3 Tickets	\$5.00
6 Tickets	\$10.00

Licence
of a
Lifetime
LOTTERY

Rules:

- Must be 16 years or older to enter
- Open to Nova Scotia residents only
- Lifetime licence(s) are **NOT** transferrable and may be cancelled, suspended or forfeited in accordance with the law
- Incomplete, illegible, or improperly completed entries will not be accepted and entrants will not be notified
- All entry fees are non-refundable
- All entries must be postmarked no later than November 30th 2011
- Draw date is December 15th, 2011
- Lifetime licence(s) subject to the laws respecting fishing and hunting.

P.O. Box 654 Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2T3
 Tel: (902) 477-8898 Fax: (902) 444-3883
 Email: tonyrodgers@eastlink.ca
 Web: www.nsfah.ca

Membership Application Information

Membership with NSFA&H entitles you to all membership benefits including membership card and recognition tag.

Single Membership - \$20.00

Family Membership - \$30.00 (spouse + children under 18)

To join NSFAH, complete and mail the form below, along with membership fee, to address listed above.

I'd like to join the NSFA&H

Membership Type: Single Family

For Family Memberships, record additional names here:

I'd like to buy "Licence of a Lifetime" ticket/s

_____ # of tickets

Name:

Mailing Address:

City/Town:

Postal Code:

Telephone:

Payment type Cheque/money order VISA M/C

Credit card number

expiry date

Card holder Signature

Make cheques/money orders payable to:

Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters

Form to be completed in ink only

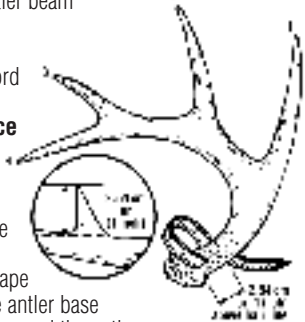
WANTED: Antler Measurements and Deer Jawbones

Information on buck antler size and circumference can be used as an indication of herd condition. Age data is just as important. Without the jawbone to determine deer age, the antler information is of little value. To collect this information **we need assistance from YOU, the hunter.** The three most important pieces of information to collect from your deer are:

1. the circumference of the antler beam
2. the number of antler points
3. the lower jawbone

Follow the steps below to record this information:

1. Measure the **circumference** (distance around each antler beam) about **2.54cm (1 inch) above the hair line.** Record the circumference in **centimetres** in the space provided below. a) use a soft tape to directly measure around the antler base OR b) wrap a string/shoelace around the antler about 2.54cm (1 inch) above the hair line and then measure the length of string by using the measuring tape printed on the front cover of your licence booklet.



2. Count the **number of points** on each antler. Antler points less than 2.54cm (1 inch) DO NOT count as a point. Record this measurement in the space provided below.

3. Remove the **lower jawbone** of your buck or doe. Remove all meat and air dry for two days. Please do not package in plastic.

4. **Submit both the antler information and jawbone** at your local DNR office to receive a crest! Remember: without the jawbone to determine deer age, the antler information is of no value.

Circumference

• right antler: _____ cm

• left antler: _____ cm

Number of points

• right antler: _____

• left antler: _____

**Thank you for helping to manage your deer herd.
HUNTERS CARE!**

Important Reminder about Hunting and Trapping on Private Land

Under the Protection of Property Act, permission is required to hunt or trap on private land which is managed for agricultural crops, pasture, orchard, vineyard, commercial berry production, garden, Christmas tree production, tree plantation, lawn, or a golf course; or woodlands in the immediate area of an active forest products harvesting operation. On other private lands such as forests, brush or barren lands, marsh and bogs, permission is not required, provided that no hunting, trapping, or discharge of weapons may occur within the distances prohibited in regulations pursuant to the Wildlife Act from schools, dwellings or other features specified in regulations, except with the permission of the owner or occupier (see pages 39 and 58 Trespass, act to protect property; pages 31 and 36 legal distance for traps and snares; page 92 legal distance for discharge of weapons and page 25 bear baiting.)

Trespassing

The Protection of Property Act provides that it is an offence to enter on or carry on the following activities on property without the permission or consent of the occupier:

- (a) enter on premises that is a lawn, garden, orchard, vineyard, golf course, or acreage managed for agricultural crops;
- (b) enter on premises that is apparently a tree plantation area or a Christmas tree management area;
- (c) enter on premises that is enclosed in a manner that indicates the occupier's intention to keep persons off the premises or to keep animals on the premises;
- (d) dump or deposit material of any kind or causes, or permit material to be dumped or deposited on premises;
- (e) enter on premises where entry is prohibited on the premises by notice;
- (f) engage in an activity that is prohibited on the premises by notice.

Upon conviction, a fine of up to five hundred dollars may be levied.

A notice given pursuant to this Act may be oral or in writing and may be given respecting any part of the land of an occupier.

It is an offence to remain on property after being directed to leave by the occupier or person authorized by the occupier.

However, no person may be prosecuted for contravening any notice under the act if that person is on forest land and is lawfully hunting, camping, berry picking or hiking.

"Forest land" means a wooded area, forest stand, tract covered by underbrush, barren ground, marsh or bog, but

does not include:

- (a) an area which is apparently a tree plantation area or a Christmas tree management area;
- (b) a special forestry study area;
- (c) the immediate area where any activity is apparently being carried out on woodlands for the purpose of harvesting a forest product;
- (d) a commercial berry growing area.

For further information about the trespass laws, please refer to the Act to Protect Property which is administered by the Department of Justice through local police departments.

While Nova Scotia Power holds a right-of-way over land on which its power lines are located, the company does not own the lands. Permission to use the right-of-ways for the purpose of hunting must be obtained from the property owner.

Survival in the Woods

You have a very real danger of getting lost in the woods while hunting. Here are some basics of survival in the woods:

The unforeseen can take you off the beaten trail. Even experienced woods travellers can easily lose their bearings. However, a "lost" incident that may be disastrous for a panic-struck novice may prove to be no more than a minor delay for someone who is prepared and does not panic.

Remember! Always tell someone where you plan to hunt.

Preparation

(See Some General Regulations, page 91)

It is an offence for any person to enter any woods for the purpose of hunting, unless that person possesses:

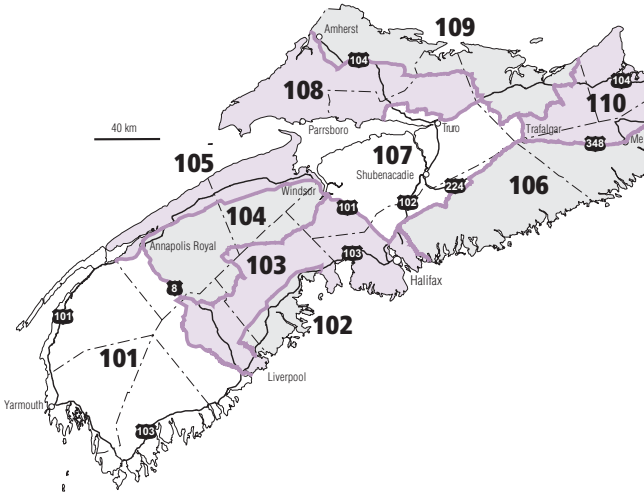
- a compass in working order and can demonstrate how to use it;
- a hand axe or hunting knife or jack-knife;
- a supply of waterproof matches or matches in a waterproof container or a source that is capable of producing a flame.

ABC's of a Night in the Woods

- A. **Do Not Panic: Sit down.** Think over your situation. It is unlikely to be as bad as it first appears. Do not try to walk out unless you are sure that you have recovered your direction and that you have ample time before dark.
- B. **Stay Put:** Usually it is best to stay close to where you got lost. Aimless wandering can exhaust, injure and kill. It can also put you out of reach of searchers who will soon be on your track if you left word of your destination. Choose as your campsite the driest and most sheltered place possible, with firewood nearby. Do not move on without leaving a note or sign giving direction.
- C. **Make Yourself Comfortable:** Staying overnight in the woods demands warmth and shelter. Shelter is your first concern. Cut several armfuls of green boughs and about a dozen saplings. Select for your bed the driest and most level spot. Over this, erect a slanting frame of interwoven saplings and roof it from the ground upward with overlapping evergreen boughs, tips downward. Under this lean-to, build a thick mattress of evergreen branchlets by placing the coarser ones topside down for a springy base and topping it with finer branchlets (fir if possible) laid topside up. Gather plenty of firewood to last the night. Build your fire safely and keep it burning all night.

Deer Management Zones

See page 62 for Zone descriptions or available online at:
www.gov.ns.ca/natr/draws/deerdraw/ddZones.asp

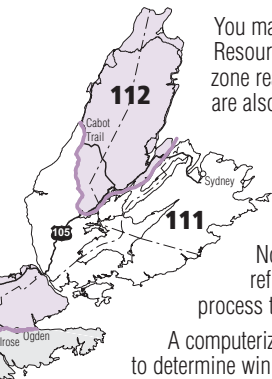


Antlerless Deer Hunting

The number of “Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamps” available each fall are determined by considering up-to-date information on herd condition, age/sex structure and deer abundance. Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamps are allocated annually through an application/lottery system that runs from mid July to the Labour Day weekend. This year, Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamps will be available in several deer management zones. Zone 102, 105 and 107 are open to either sex (antlered or antlerless) this year so Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamps are not required in those zones.

2011 Antlerless Deer Draw

Applications will be accepted from 7:00 am July 22nd to September 2nd at midnight. To apply, you must be eligible to hold a 2011 NS Resident Deer Hunting Licence. Apply online at www.gov.ns.ca/natr/draws/deerdraw/ or by calling **1-900-565-3337**. There is a non-refundable application fee of \$7.40 + HST.



You may apply only once. Have your Wildlife Resources Card number in hand and choice of zone ready before applying. Mail-in applications are also accepted. Send your Wildlife Resources Card number, choice of deer management zone and cheque (or money order) for \$12.71 to: Antlerless Deer Draw, Answer 365, 2829 Agricola Street, Halifax, NS B3K 4E5

Note: The cost of mail-in application reflects increased staff time required to process these applications.

A computerized random draw will occur on September 3rd to determine winners for each zone. Winners will receive formal notification and stamps by mail. Applicants can also check their individual results:

- a) Online at: www.gov.ns.ca/natr/draws/deerdraw/ beginning September 5th, 2011 by noon or;
- b) By calling the toll free results line; **1-877-535-1234** or **493-1412** (HRM local area calls) from September 12th through 18th.

Holders of an Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamp must:

1. Purchase a Resident Deer Hunting Stamp and;
2. Ensure you have a legal deer hunting licence by affixing both the Antlerless Deer Hunting and Resident Deer Hunting Stamps in the designated areas of your Licence card

As the holder of an Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamp, you may legally harvest an antlerless deer within the zone specified on your stamp, in Zones 102, 105 or 107 **OR** an antlered deer anywhere in the province where deer hunting is permitted. Individuals without an Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamp may hunt antlered deer in any zone and antlerless deer in Zones 102, 105 or 107. The bag limit is one (1) deer for the calendar year except for hunters who hold a Bonus Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamp (see "Important Changes" below).

Important Changes

1. Zones 102, 105, and 107 are open to either sex (antlered or antlerless) in 2011. Therefore, persons hunting within Deer Management Zone 102, 105 or 107 are not required to have an Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamp.

2. Bonus Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamps will be available this year for use in Zone 102 only. A Bonus Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamp authorizes the holder to take an additional deer (antlerless) from within Zone 102. Zone 102 Bonus Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamps are available for a fee of \$5.10 plus HST at your local DNR office and selected vendors. The Bonus Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamp is independent of the General Deer Hunting Stamp. The order in which these stamps are used does not matter.

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE DESCRIPTIONS

Deer Management Zone 101 includes certain lands within Nova Scotia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the centre of the Mersey River in Queens County where it intersects with the centre line of Highway No. 103; thence northerly along the centre line of the Mersey River through Lake Rossignol and continuing along the centre line of the Mersey River to the southern boundary of Kejimkujik National Park; thence easterly and northerly following the boundaries of Kejimkujik National Park to the western boundary of Highway Trunk No. 8 in Annapolis County; thence continuing to the centre line of Highway Trunk No. 8 in Annapolis County; thence northerly along the centre line of Trunk No. 8 to its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 101 in Annapolis County; thence southwesterly along the centre line of Highway No. 101 to the centre of the Bear River; thence downstream along the centre of Bear River to the Annapolis Basin said point also being the Digby–Annapolis county line; thence northerly along the Digby County line, through the Digby Gut to the Bay of Fundy; thence westerly, southerly and easterly along the coastline of Nova Scotia to the mouth of Liverpool Bay; thence northerly along the centre of said Liverpool Bay to the Mersey River; thence northerly up the centre of said Mersey River to its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 103 being the place of beginning. Together with all inland and offshore islands.

Deer Management Zone 102 includes certain lands within Lunenburg and Queens Counties, Nova Scotia and are more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the centre line of the East River, Lunenburg County, where it intersects with the northern most edge of the multi-line power transmission corridor running from

Halifax County to Queens County and being approximately 1 km south of Whistler Lake; thence southwesterly along the northern most edge of the said power transmission corridor to an angle point where the power transmission corridor separates into 2 lines; thence, following the north branch of the said transmission corridor southwesterly, passing the Gold River Indian Reserve to the north, continuing on past Lower New Cornwall to an angle point about 1 km west of the LaHave River near Cookville; thence southerly along the western edge of the said corridor, to a juncture point with the transmission line running westerly from Maitland; thence southwesterly along the northern edge of the said transmission corridor, passing to the north of Wiles Lake and Lapland, and extending to the western bank of the Medway River; thence southeasterly downstream following the western bank of the Medway River and the western shoreline of Medway Harbour to a point on the ordinary high water mark east of the navigation light at Medway Head; thence northeasterly in a straight line to a point on the ordinary high water mark of the most southerly part of Toby Island; thence northeasterly in a straight line to a point on the ordinary high water mark of the most southerly part of Cape LaHave Islands at Cape LaHave Point; thence northeasterly in a straight line to a point on the ordinary high water mark of the most eastern point of West Ironbound Island; thence northeasterly in a straight line to a point on the ordinary high water mark of the most eastern point of Cross Island; thence northeasterly in a straight line to a point on the ordinary high water mark of the most eastern point of Big Duck Island; thence northeasterly in a straight line to a point on the ordinary high water mark of the most eastern point of East Ironbound Island; thence northwesterly in a straight line to a point on the ordinary high water mark of the most northeasterly point of Little Tancook Island; thence northwesterly in a straight line to the midpoint of the mouth of East River Bay northwest from East River Point; thence northeasterly in a straight line to a point at the centre line of the mouth of East River; thence northerly following the centre line of East River to the place of beginning. Together with all inland and offshore islands.

Deer Management Zone 103 includes certain lands within Nova Scotia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the centre of the Mersey River in Queens County where it intersects with the centre line of Highway No. 103; thence northerly along the centre line of the Mersey River

through Lake Rossignol and continuing along the centre line of the Mersey River to the southern boundary of Kejimikujik National Park; thence easterly and northerly following the boundaries of Kejimikujik National Park to the western boundary of Highway Trunk No. 8 in Annapolis County; thence continuing to the centre line of Highway Trunk No. 8 in Annapolis County; thence southeasterly following the various courses of Highway Trunk No. 8 and crossing the Queens County line to the intersection with the centre line of the Old Westfield Road, Authority No. 499; thence northeasterly following the various courses of the centre line of the Old Westfield Road, Authority No. 499, to its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 208 at North Brookfield; thence following the various courses of the centre line of Highway No. 208, and crossing the county line into Lunenburg County to its intersection with the centre line of Trunk No. 10 in New Germany; thence following the centre line of Trunk No. 10, and crossing the county line into Annapolis County, continuing through Springfield to the intersection with the centre line of the Falkland Ridge Road, Authority No. 566; thence following the centre line of the Falkland Ridge Road No. 566 to its intersection with the centre line of the East Dalhousie Road, Authority No. 567; thence following the centre line of the East Dalhousie Road to its intersection with the Kings–Annapolis county line; thence crossing the Kings–Annapolis county line into Kings County and following the centre line of the East Dalhousie Road, Authority No. 735, to the intersection with the Kings–Lunenburg county line; thence crossing the Kings–Lunenburg county line into Lunenburg County where the East Dalhousie Road name changes to the Forties Road; thence following the centre line of the Forties Road, Authority No. 694, to the intersection of the centre line of the Forties Road and the Windsor Road, Authority No. 686; thence following the various courses of the centre line of the Windsor Road No. 686 to the Lunenburg–Hants county line where the name of the Forties Road changes to the New Ross Road; thence following along the centre line of the New Ross Road, Authority No. 709, to the intersection with the centre line of Trunk 14; thence following the centre line of Trunk 14 to its intersection with the centre line of King Street in the Town of Windsor; thence following the centre line of King Street in a general northwesterly direction to its intersection with the centre line of Upper Water Street; thence following the centre line of Upper Water Street to the intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 101; thence

following the centre line of Highway No. 101 to its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 102 in Halifax County; thence northeasterly following the centre line of Highway No. 102 to a point perpendicular to the north end of the ordinary high water mark of Miller Lake; thence easterly and perpendicular to the centre line of Highway No. 102 to the ordinary high water mark of Miller Lake; thence following the ordinary high water mark of Miller Lake to a small brook joining Miller Lake and Soldier Lake; thence following the various courses of said brook to the western ordinary high water mark of Soldier Lake; thence following the various courses of the said ordinary high water mark of Soldier Lake in a general southerly direction to a brook known as Soldier Lake Gullies; thence following Soldier Lake Gullies in a southeasterly direction to the ordinary high water mark of Lake Major; thence following the western ordinary high water mark of Lake Major in a southeasterly direction to Little Salmon River; thence following the various courses of Little Salmon River to its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 207; thence following the various courses of Highway No. 207 to its intersection with Lawrencetown Lake or the Atlantic Ocean; thence westerly along the Atlantic Coast to the mouth of the East River in Lunenburg County; thence in a northerly direction along the centre of the East River also being the east boundary of Deer Management Zone 102 to the intersection of the centre of the East River and the northern most edge of the multi-line power transmission corridor running from Halifax County to Queens County and being approximately 1 km south of Whistler Lake (said transmission line being the northern boundary of Deer Management Zone 102); thence southwesterly along the northern most edge of the said power transmission corridor to an angle point where the power transmission corridor separates into 2 lines; thence following the north branch of the said transmission corridor southwesterly, passing the Gold River Indian Reserve to the north, continuing on past Lower New Cornwall to an angle point about 1 km west of the LaHave River near Cookville; thence southerly along the western edge of the said corridor to a juncture point with the transmission line running westerly from Maitland; thence southwesterly along the northern edge of the said transmission corridor, passing to the north of Wiles Lake and Lapland, and extending to the western bank of the Medway River (being the western boundary of Deer Management Zone 102); thence southeasterly downstream following the western bank of

the Medway River and the western shoreline of Medway Harbour; thence westerly along the Atlantic coast to the intersection of Liverpool Bay and the centre of the Mersey River; thence northerly upstream along the centre of said Mersey River to its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 103 being the place of beginning. Together with all inland and offshore islands.

Deer Management Zone 104 includes certain lands within Nova Scotia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the centre line of Trunk No. 8 at Lequille, Annapolis County, said point also being on the centre line of a transmission line at or near the intersection of Trunk No. 8 and the West Dalhousie Road, Authority No. 515; thence in a general northeasterly direction following the various courses of the said transmission line to its intersection with the Annapolis–Kings county line; thence in a general northeasterly direction, crossing into the County of Kings and remaining on the centre line of the transmission line to the intersection of the centre line of the transmission line and the centre line of Highway No. 101; thence following the centre line of said Highway No. 101 in a general southeasterly direction to the intersection with the Kings–Hants county line; thence easterly continuing along the centre line of said Highway No. 101, into the County of Hants and crossing the Avon River to its intersection with the centre line of Upper Water Street in the Town of Windsor; thence southerly following the centre line of Upper Water Street to its intersection with the centre line of King Street; thence southeasterly following the centre line of King Street to its intersection with the centre line of Trunk No. 14 (the Chester Road); thence southwesterly following the centre line of Trunk No. 14 (the Chester Road) to its intersection with the centre line of the New Ross Road, Authority No. 709, near Lower Vaughn; thence following the centre line of the New Ross Road No. 709 in a southwesterly direction to the county line between the counties of Hants and Lunenburg; thence crossing the said county line into the County of Lunenburg where the name of the New Ross Road changes to the Windsor Road; thence following the centre line of the Windsor Road, Authority No. 686, across the Gold River to its intersection with the Forties Road, Authority No. 694, at New Ross; thence following the various courses of the centre line of the Forties Road No. 694 to the Lunenburg–Kings county line; thence crossing the county line into Kings County where the name of the Forties Road changes

to the East Dalhousie Road; thence following the centre line of the East Dalhousie Road, Authority No. 735, to the Kings–Annapolis county line; thence crossing the county line into Annapolis County and following the centre line of the East Dalhousie Road, Authority No. 567, to its intersection with the centre line of the Falkland Ridge Road, Authority No. 566; thence northwesterly and westerly following the centre line of the Falkland Ridge Road to its intersection with the centre line of Trunk No. 10, 3.3 km northwest of Springfield, Annapolis County; thence following the centre line of Trunk No. 10 in a general southerly direction and crossing the Annapolis–Lunenburg county line, entering into Lunenburg County to the intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 208 at New Germany; thence following the various courses of the centre line of Highway No. 208, Crossing the Lunenburg–Queens county line and entering into Queens County to the intersection of Authority No. 499, the Old Westfield Road, at North Brookfield; thence northwesterly following the various courses of the centre line of the Old Westfield Road No. 499 to the intersection with the centre line of Trunk No. 8; thence in a general northwesterly direction following the various courses of the centre line of Trunk No.8, crossing the Queens–Annapolis county line, and entering into Annapolis County to Lequille, the place of beginning. Together with all inland and offshore islands.

Deer Management Zone 105 includes certain lands within Nova Scotia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the centre line of Trunk No. 8 at Lequille, Annapolis County, said point also being on the centre line of a transmission line at or near the intersection of Trunk No. 8 and the West Dalhousie Road, Authority No. 515; thence in a general northeasterly direction following the various courses of the said transmission line to its intersection with the Annapolis–Kings county line; thence in a general northeasterly direction, crossing into the County of Kings and remaining on the centre line of the transmission line to the intersection of the centre line of the transmission line and the centre line of Highway No. 101; thence following the centre line of said Highway No. 101 in a general southeasterly direction to the intersection with the Kings–Hants county line; thence crossing into the County of Hants and following the centre line of said Highway No. 101 to its intersection with the centre line of the Mouth of the Avon River; thence northerly along the western coastline of the Minas Basin

to Cape Split; thence westerly along the Bay of Fundy to Digby Gut; thence easterly and westerly by Annapolis Basin to the centre line of Bear River; thence southeasterly by the centre line of Bear River to its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 101; thence in a general northeasterly direction following the various courses of the centre line of Highway No. 101 to its intersection with the centre line of Trunk No. 8; thence in a general northerly direction following the centre line of Trunk No. 8 to the place of beginning. Together with all inland and offshore islands.

Deer Management Zone 106 includes certain lands in the Counties of Halifax and Guysborough, Nova Scotia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the southeast boundary of Highway No. 102 with the ordinary high water mark of the northern boundary of Miller Lake; thence following the ordinary high water mark of Miller Lake to a small brook joining Miller Lake and Soldier Lake; thence following the various courses of said brook to the western ordinary high water mark of Soldier Lake; thence following the various courses of the said ordinary high water mark of Soldier Lake in a general southerly direction to a brook known as Soldier Lake Gullies; thence following Soldier Lake Gullies in a southeasterly direction to the ordinary high water mark of Lake Major; thence following the western ordinary high water mark of Lake Major in a southeasterly direction to Little Salmon River; thence following the various courses of Little Salmon River to its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 207; thence following the various courses of Highway No. 207 to its intersection with Lawrencetown Lake or the Atlantic Ocean; thence following the various courses of the Atlantic Coast in a general easterly direction to the mouth of Chedabucto Bay; thence westerly along the southern coastline of said Chedabucto Bay to the mouth of the Salmon River in Guysborough County; thence upstream along the centre of the said Salmon River to the bridge on Highway No. 400, South River Lake Road at Ogden; thence northwesterly along the centre line of said South River Lake Road No. 400 to its intersection with Highway No. 451, the Guysborough-Country Harbour Road at Salmon River Lake; thence southwestwardly along the Highway No. 451, the Guysborough Country Harbour Road to Highway No. 480, the Country Harbour to Melrose Road (locally known as the Nine Miles Wood Road) at Country Harbour Crossroads; thence westerly along the centre

line of the Melrose Country Harbour Road locally known as the Nine Mile Woods Road to its intersection with Trunk No. 7 at Melrose; thence westerly along the centre line of Route No. 348 to its intersection with the Cameron Settlement Road at Caledonia; thence westerly along the centre line of said Camero Settlement Road to its intersection with Route No. 374 at Trafalgar; thence westerly along the centre line of said Route No. 374 to its intersection with the Dean Settlement Road/St. Mary's Road; thence westerly along the centre line of the said Dean Settlement Road/St. Mary's Road through a portion of Colchester County into Halifax County to the Lemon Hill Road at Chaplin; thence southwesterly along the Lemon Hill Road to its intersection with Route No. 336 at Dean; thence southerly along the centre line of Route No. 336 to its intersection with Route No. 224 at Upper Musquodoboit; thence westerly along the centre line of Route No. 224 to its intersection with Highway No. 427 at Elmsvale; thence southerly along Highway No. 427 to the intersection with Highway No. 425 the Higginsville Road at Newcomb Corner; thence westerly along the centre line of the Higginsville Road to Highway No. 624 the South Road at Brookvale; thence westerly along the South Road to the intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 357; thence westerly along the centre line of Highway No. 357 to the centre line of Highway No. 608, Wyse Road; thence in a general northwesterly direction following the centre line of Wyse Road to the centre line of Highway No. 212, the Old Guysborough Road, at Wyse Corner; thence westerly along the centre line of the Old Guysborough Road to its intersection with the centre line of Pratt and Whitney Drive; thence southerly along the centre line of Pratt and Whitney Drive to its intersection with the centre line of Aerotech Drive; thence following the centre line of Aerotech Drive to its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 102; thence along the centre line of Highway No. 102 to a point being perpendicular to northern shore of Miller Lake; thence southeasterly and perpendicular to the centre line of Highway No. 102 to the northern shore of Miller Lake, the place of beginning. Including all inland and offshore islands.

Deer Management Zone 107 includes certain lands within Nova Scotia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the point where the centre line of Highway No. 101 meets with the centre line of Highway No. 102; thence northwesterly along the centre line of Highway No. 101 to its

intersection with the Avon River; thence northerly downstream along the centre of the said Avon River to the Minas Basin; thence easterly and westerly along the coastline of the Minas Basin and the Cobequid Bay to the Portapique River; thence northerly along the centre of the said Portapique River to the centre line of Highway 2; thence easterly along the centre line of Highway 2 to its intersection with Route 685 at Portapique; thence northerly along the centre line of Route 685 to its intersection with Route 684 near Montrose; thence northerly along the centre line of Route 684 to Lornevale; thence easterly along the centre line of Route 684 to its intersection with Route 744 at Londonderry; thence easterly along the centre line of Route 744 to its intersection with Highway 4 near Folly Mountain; thence southerly along the centre line of Highway 4 to its intersection with Route 662; thence easterly along the centre line of Route 662 to its intersection with Route 648 at Debert; thence northerly along the centre line of Route 648 to its intersection with Route 627; thence easterly along the centre line of Route 627 to its intersection with Route 620 at Staples Brook; thence southerly, easterly and southerly along the centre line of Route 620 to its intersection with Route 624 at Belmont; thence easterly along the centre line of Route 624 to its intersection with Route 612; thence easterly along the centre line of Route 612 to its intersection with Route 614; thence southerly along the centre line of Route 614 to its intersection with Highway 104; thence easterly along the centre line of Highway 104 to its intersection with Route 821 (Cove Road); thence southerly and easterly along the centre line of Route 821 (Cove Road) to its intersection with Route 814 at Watervale; thence southerly along the centre line of Route 814 to its intersection with Route 803 at West River Station; thence easterly along the centre line of Route 803 to its intersection with Route 859; thence easterly and southeasterly along the centre line of Route 859 to its intersection with Highway 289; thence southerly along the centre line of Highway 289 to its intersection with Dryden Lake Road; thence easterly along the centre line of Dryden Lake Road to its intersection with Route 620; thence easterly along the centre line of Route 620 to its intersection with Highway 374; thence southerly along the centre line of Highway 374 to its intersection with the Dean Settlement Road/St. Mary's Road; thence westerly along the centre line of the said Dean Settlement Road/St. Mary's Road to its intersection with Route No. 336 at Dean; thence southerly along the centre line of Route No. 336 to

its intersection with Route No. 224 at Upper Musquodoboit; thence westerly along the centre line of Route No. 224 to its intersection with Route 427 at Elmsvale; thence southerly along the centre line of Route 427 to its intersection with Route 425 at Newcomb Corner; thence westerly along the centre line of Route 425 to its intersection with Route 624 at Brookvale; thence westerly along the centre line of Route 624 to its intersection with Highway 357; thence southwesterly along the centre line of Highway 357 to its intersection with Route 608; thence northwesterly along the centre line of Route 608 to its intersection with Highway 212; thence westerly along the centre line of Highway 212 to its intersection with Pratt and Whitney Drive; thence southerly along the centre line of Pratt and Whitney Drive to Aerotech Drive; thence southerly and westerly along the centre line of Aerotech Drive to its intersection with Highway No. 102; thence southwesterly along the centre line of Highway No. 102 to its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 101 being the place of beginning. Together with all inland and offshore islands.

Deer Management Zone 108 includes certain lands within Nova Scotia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the mouth of the Parrsboro River, where it meets the Minas Basin; thence westerly following the coastline of the Minas Basin to Cape Chignecto; thence in a general northeasterly direction following the coastline of the Cumberland Basin to centre line of the mouth of the Missaguash River; thence following the various courses of the centre line of the Missaguash River to its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 104; thence following the various courses of the centre line of Highway No. 104 in a general southeasterly direction to its intersection with the centre line of Trunk Highway No. 2; thence following the centre line of Trunk Highway No. 2 and the centre line of Junction Road to its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 142; thence following the centre line of Highway No. 142 in a general northeasterly direction to its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 104; thence following the various courses of the centre line of Highway No. 104 to its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 4; thence following the various courses of the centre line of Highway No. 4 in a general easterly and southerly direction to its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 246; thence following the various courses of Highway No. 246, and crossing the county

line into Colchester County to the intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 583; thence following the centre line of Highway 583 in a southerly direction to its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 256; thence following the various courses of the centre line of Highway No. 256 in a general easterly direction to Highway No. 311 at the Falls; thence southerly along the centre line of Highway No. 311 to Highway No. 256; thence easterly along the centre line of Highway No. 256 to Highway No. 326 at McBains Corner; thence southerly along the centre line of Highway No. 326 to Highway No. 256; thence easterly along Highway No. 256 and crossing over the county line into Pictou County, to Highway No. 736, the Loganville Road at West Branch River John; thence following the various courses of the centre line of Highway No. 736 in a general southerly direction to Highway No. 740, the Dalhousie Road; thence southerly along the centre line of Dalhousie Road to the centre line of Highway No. 739, the Glen Road at Diamond; thence following the various courses of the centre line of said Highway No. 739 in a general southerly direction to its intersection with the centre line of Trunk Highway No. 4; thence following the centre line of Trunk Highway No. 4 in a general northeasterly direction to its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 818, the Mount Thom Road; thence following the centre line of the said Mount Thom Road in a southwesterly direction to its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 821 the Cove Road; thence following the centre line of Highway No. 821 to its intersection with Highway No. 104; thence westerly along the centre line of Highway No. 104 to its intersection with the centre line of Route No. 614; thence northerly along the centre line of Route No. 614 to its intersection with the centre line of Route No. 612; thence westerly along the centre line of Route No. 612 to its intersection with the centre line of Route No. 624; thence westerly along the centre line of Route No. 624 to its intersection with the centre line of Route No. 620 at Belmont; thence northerly, westerly and northerly along the centre line of Route No. 620 to its intersection with the centre line of Route No. 627 at Staples Brook; thence westerly along the centre line of Route No. 627 to its intersection with the centre line of Route No. 648; thence southerly along the centre line of Route No. 648 to its intersection with Route No. 662 at Debert; thence westerly along the centre line of Route No. 662 to its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 4; thence northerly along the centre

line of Highway No. 4 to its intersection with the centre line of Route No. 744 near Folly Mountain; thence westerly along the centre line of Route No. 744 to its intersection with the centre line of Route No. 684 at Londonderry; thence westerly along the centre line of Route No. 684 to Lornevale; thence southerly along the centre line of Route No. 684 to its intersection with the centre line of Route 685 at Montrose; thence southerly along the centre line of Route No. 685 to its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 2 at Portapique; thence westerly along the centre line of Highway No. 2 to its intersection with the centre line of the Portapique River; thence southerly following the centre line of the Portapique River to the coastline of the Cobequid Bay; thence following the coastline of Cobequid Bay, and Minas Basin in a general westerly direction to the mouth of the Parrsboro River, the place of beginning. Together with all inland and offshore islands.

Deer Management Zone 109 includes certain lands within the Counties of Cumberland, Colchester, and Pictou and in Nova Scotia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the point where the centre line of Highway No. 104 and the Missaquash River intersect also being on the border between the Province of Nova Scotia and the Province of New Brunswick and being in the County of Cumberland; thence northeasterly along the said border to Baie Verte; thence southeasterly along the coastline of the Northumberland Strait to the mouth of the Knoydart Brook at Knoydart Point; thence southerly along the centre of Knoydart Brook to the centre of Highway No. 245; thence westerly along Highway No. 245, 60.96 m to Highway No. 452 MacGee Road; thence southerly along the centre of Highway No. 452, MacGee Road to the Ardness to Baileys Brook Road; thence along the centre of the Ardness to Baileys Brook Road to Highway No. 449 the Arbuckle Road; thence along the centre of the Highway No. 449 to Highway No. 444, the Barneys River Road; thence along the centre of Highway No. 444, the Barneys River Road, to Highway No. 4 at Barneys River Station; thence westerly along the centre of Highway No. 4 to Highway No. 502, the French River Road; thence southerly along the centre of Highway No. 502, the French River Road, to Highway No. 347; thence northerly and westerly along Highway No. 347 to the Highway No. 532, the Blanchard Road, at Blue Mountain; thence southerly along the

centre of Highway No. 532, the Blanchard Road, to Highway No. 534, the Cummings Mountain Road; thence southerly along the centre of Highway No. 534, the Cummings Mountain Road, to Highway No. 581, the Sunnybrae to Eden Road; thence westerly along the centre of Highway No. 581, the Sunnybrae to Eden Road, to Highway No. 348; thence southerly along the centre line of Highway No. 348 to the East River West Side Road; thence westerly along the centre line of the East River West Side Road to Highway No. 604, the Elgin Road, at Bridgeville; thence westerly along Highway No. 604, the Elgin Road, to Highway No. 605, the Cameron Road, at the village of Elgin; thence westerly along the centre of Highway no. 605, the Cameron Road, to Highway No. 374; thence northerly along the centre of Highway No. 374 to Highway No. 620, the Glengarry Road; thence westerly along the centre of Highway No. 620, the Glengary Road, to the Dryden Lake Road; thence southwesterly along the centre of the Dryden Lake Road to Highway No. 289 at Shepherders Junction; thence northerly along the centre of Highway No. 289 to the Landsdowne Road at the village of Landsdowne; thence northwesterly along the Landsdowne Road to the West River East Side Road No. 803; thence southwesterly along the centre line of the West River East Side Road to the West River Station Road, No. 814, at West River Station; thence northerly along the West River Station Road to the Cove Road at Watervale; thence westerly along the centre of the Cove road and passing under Trans Canada Highway No. 104 to the Mount Thom Road; thence northerly along the Mount Thom Road to Highway No. 4; thence westerly along Highway No. 4 to the Glen Road; then northerly along the centre of the Glen Road to the Dalhousie Road, No. 740; thence northerly following the centre line of the Dalhousie Road to the Loganville Road; thence northerly along the Loganville Road to Highway No. 256; thence westerly along Highway No. 256 to Highway No. 326 at McBains Corner in Colchester County; thence northerly following the centre line of Highway No. 326 to Highway No. 256 at East Earltown; thence westerly along the centre line of Highway No. 256 to Highway No. 311 at The Falls; thence northerly along the centre line of Highway No. 311 to Highway No. 256; thence westerly following the centre line of Highway No. 256 to its intersection with Highway No. 578, the Kennedy Hill Road; thence crossing the Kennedy Hill Road, and continuing along the centre line of Highway No. 256 in a westerly direction to its intersection Highway No. 583, the Warwick Mountain Road; thence northerly along the centre line of the

Warwick Mountain Road to Highway No. 246 at West New Annan; thence westerly following the centre line of Highway No. 246 to its intersection with Highway No. 4 in Cumberland County; thence northerly along Highway No. 4 to Highway No. 104 at Thomsons Station; thence northwesterly along the centre line of Highway No. 104 to its intersection with Highway No. 142 at Salt Springs Station; thence following the centre line of Highway No. 142 in a southwesterly direction to its intersection with Junction Road at Springhill; thence northerly along the centre line of Junction Road to Highway No. 2 near Springhill; thence northwesterly following the centre line of Highway No. 2 to its intersection with Highway No. 104 at Upper Napan; thence following the centre line of Highway No. 104 in a northwesterly direction to the place of beginning. Together with all inland and offshore islands.

Deer Management Zone 110 includes certain lands within Nova Scotia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the mouth of the Knoydart Brook at the Northumberland Strait on the Atlantic Ocean; thence northeasterly along the coastline of the Northumberland Strait to St Georges Bay; thence southeasterly along the western coastline of said St Georges Bay to the Strait of Canso; thence southerly along the centre of the said Strait of Canso to Chedabucto Bay; thence along the western coastline of the said Chedabucto Bay to the mouth of the Salmon River in Guysborough County; thence upstream along the centre of the said Salmon River to the bridge on Giants Lake Road at Ogden; thence northwesterly along the centre line of Giants Lake Road to its intersection with Highway No. 451, the Guysborough-Country Harbour Road, at Salmon River Lake; thence southwesterly along the Highway No. 451, the Guysborough-Country Harbour Road, to Highway No. 480, the Melrose Country Harbour Road (locally known as the Nine Miles Wood Road) at Country Harbour Crossroads; thence westerly along the centre line of the Melrose Country Harbour Road (locally known as the Nine Mile Woods Road) to its intersection with Trunk No. 7 at Melrose; thence westerly along the centre line of Route No. 348 to its intersection with the Cameron Settlement Road at Caledonia; thence westerly along the centre line of said Cameron Settlement Road to its intersection with Route No. 374 at Trafalgar; thence northerly along the centre line of Highway No. 374 to Highway No. 605, the Cameron Road, near Lorne, Pictou County; thence easterly along the centre of the Cameron Road to Highway No. 604, the Elgin Road at the village Elgin;

thence easterly along the centre of the Elgin Road to the East River West Side Road at Bridgeville; thence easterly along the East River West Side road to Highway No. 348; thence northerly along the centre line of Highway No. 348 to Highway No. 581 the Sunnybrae to Eden Road; thence easterly along the Sunnybrae to Eden road to Highway No. 534, the Cummings Mountain Road; thence northerly along the centre of Highway No. 534, the Cummings Mountain Road, to the Highway No. 532, the Blanchard Road; thence northerly along the centre of Highway No. 532, the Blanchard Road, to Highway No. 347 at Blue Mountain; thence easterly and northerly along the centre of Highway No. 347 to Highway No. 502, the French River Road; thence northerly along the centre of the French River Road to Highway No. 4; thence easterly along the centre of Highway No. 4 to Highway No. 444, the Barneys River Road, at Barneys River Station; thence along the centre of Highway No. 444, the Barneys River Road, to Highway No. 449, the Arbuckle Road; thence northeasterly along the centre of Highway No. 449, the Arbuckle Road, to the Ardness to Baileys Brook Road; thence northeasterly along the centre of the Ardness to Baileys Brook Road to Highway No. 452, the Magee Road; thence northerly along the centre of Highway No. 452, the MacGee Road, to Highway No. 245; thence easterly along the centre of Highway No. 245, 60.96 m more or less to intersection of Highway No. 245 and the Knoydart Brook; thence northerly along the centre of the Knoydart Brook to the Atlantic Ocean at Knoydart Point on the Northumberland Strait. This point being the place of beginning. Together with all inland and offshore islands.

Deer Management Zone 111 includes certain lands within Nova Scotia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the centre of the Skye River at its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 105; thence northeasterly along the centre line of Highway No. 105 to the centre line of Highway No. 252 (Mabou Road); thence northerly along the centre line of Highway No. 252 (Mabou Road) to Highway No. 395; thence northerly along the centre line of Highway No. 395 along the East side of Lake Ainslie to the intersection with Highway No. 19 at Southwest Margaree; thence northerly along the centre line of Highway No. 19 to the intersection with the Cabot Trail at Margaree Forks; thence northerly along the centre line of said Cabot Trail to where it crosses the Margaree River at the mouth of said river; thence downstream along the centre of said Margaree

River to the Gulf of St. Lawrence; thence westerly and southerly along the coastline of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and St. Georges Bay to the Strait of Canso; thence southeasterly along the centre of the Strait of Canso to Chedabucto Bay; thence easterly along the centre of Chedabucto Bay to the Atlantic Ocean; thence easterly, northerly and westerly along the coastline of the Atlantic Ocean to the mouth of Great Bras d'Or Channel; thence southwesterly along the centre of the Great Bras d'Or Channel to its mouth on the Great Bras d'Or; thence in a direct line to the eastern mouth of St. Patricks Channel; thence westerly along the centre of said St. Patricks Channel to the mouth of Whycomomagh Bay; thence northwesterly to the centre of the Skye River; thence northerly along the centre of the Skye River to its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 105, being the place of beginning. Together with all inland and offshore islands.

Deer Management Zone 112 includes certain lands within Nova Scotia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the centre of the Skye River at its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 105; thence northeasterly along the centre line of Highway No. 105 to the centre line of Highway No. 252 (Mabou Road); thence northerly along the centre line of Highway No. 252 (Mabou Road) to Highway No. 395; thence northerly along the centre line of Highway No. 395 along the East side of Lake Ainslie to the intersection with Highway No. 19 at Southwest Margaree; thence northerly along the centre line of Highway No. 19 to the intersection with the Cabot Trail at Margaree Forks; thence northerly along the centre line of said Cabot Trail to where it crosses the Margaree River at the mouth of said river; thence downstream along the centre of the Margaree River to the Gulf of St. Lawrence; thence northeasterly along the coastline of the Gulf of St. Lawrence to Cape St. Lawrence; thence easterly, southerly and westerly along the coastline of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Atlantic Ocean to the Atlantic mouth of the Great Bras d'Or Channel; thence southwesterly along the centre of the Great Bras d'Or Channel to its mouth on the Great Bras d'Or; thence in a direct line to the eastern mouth of St. Patricks Channel; thence westerly along the centre of St. Patricks Channel to the mouth of Whycomomagh Bay; thence northwesterly to the centre of the Skye River; thence northerly along the centre of the Skye River to its intersection with the centre line of Highway No. 105, being the place of beginning. Together with all inland and offshore islands.

Disposal of Deer Hides and Preventing the Spread of Blacklegged Ticks

Blacklegged ticks, *Ixodes scapularis*, are the main transmitters of Lyme disease to people. **At the present time, established populations of these ticks in Nova Scotia are limited to: a city park and surrounding 3 km² area in Bedford; a 10 km² area around the town of Lunenburg; Pictou County in the areas of Melmerby Beach, Egerton, King's Head and Pine Tree; and in the vicinity of the communities of Gunning Cove and Churchover near Shelburne.**

Further work is being done to determine any other areas where Blacklegged ticks may be established. Please note that Blacklegged ticks can be carried on migratory birds, therefore they have been found in many areas of Nova Scotia. Hunters will be provided information as available.

Unlike the more common American dog tick, *Dermacentor variabilis*, adults of the blacklegged tick are active during the fall months (late September until snow is permanently on the ground) which overlaps with much of the deer hunting season in Nova Scotia. Adult blacklegged ticks have a preference to attach and feed on white-tailed deer. Typically male and female blacklegged ticks find each other and mate upon the host. After being fertilized, female ticks will engorge on blood for about 5 to 7 days at which point they drop from the host to eventually lay eggs. Males remain on the host and await the arrival of other females to fertilize. In areas of Nova Scotia where populations of blacklegged ticks are established, white-tailed deer can be infested with 10s to 100s of adult blacklegged ticks. When an infested animal is killed, many of the male ticks and a portion of the female ticks (the ones that have only recently attached or ones nearly full of blood) will abandon or drop off the carcass. Tick drop off can occur over several days so hunters may inadvertently spread blacklegged ticks to new areas of the province by transporting and improperly disposing of the deer heads and hides.

To minimize this potential mechanism of tick dispersal, hunters are advised to take the following precautions:

- 1) if practical, skin harvested animals in the same general area where the animal was killed (for example, if an animal is harvested near Lunenburg, skin it and dispose of the hide

before leaving the Lunenburg area to avoid transporting the hide to your residence). All of the hide portions of the animal should be placed in a strong plastic bag which should be delivered to the local landfill. Alternatively, these parts can be buried to ensure that any live ticks are killed.

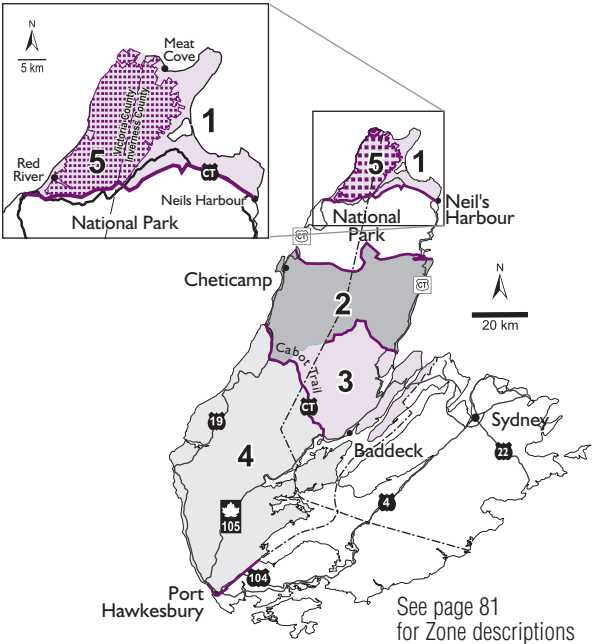
- 2) if the carcass must be transported intact, wrap it securely in a tarp or rolled in plastic which can be examined for ticks or disposed of with the hide once the animal is skinned. Skin the animal as soon as possible upon arrival at your destination and dispose of hide as described in 1) above.
- 3) if there is a preference to hang the intact carcass for several days prior to skinning it, hang the animal over a tarp or plastic sheet which can be periodically (daily) examined for detached ticks. Any detached ticks can be killed by burning them or placing them in a container of alcohol (isopropyl alcohol will be sufficient). Once the deer is skinned, dispose of hide as described in 1) above.
- 4) if the hide is to be tanned, make sure you inform the tanner that the animal was collected from an area where blacklegged ticks are present so they can take appropriate steps to further minimize the spread of blacklegged ticks.

Blacklegged ticks will often cluster on the head and neck area of a deer. However, if you don't see any ticks on your deer, there still may be many present. These ticks are very small and difficult to find.

Taking these simple steps will ensure that you don't accidentally introduce blacklegged ticks into new areas of Nova Scotia. The area you are protecting from these ticks is likely your own community! If you have any questions, please contact your local DNR office for more information. For information about Lyme disease please see <http://www.gov.ns.ca/hpp/cdpc/lyme.asp>

AS A HUNTER... BE RESPONSIBLE.

Moose Management Zones



THE CAPE BRETON MOOSE HUNT

Moose hunting licences in Nova Scotia are allocated through an online and phone-in application process that runs normally from April 1st through May 31st each year. Moose hunting is administered on a Moose Management Zone basis (see map above) and is restricted to Inverness and Victoria counties.

There are four separate hunting seasons to choose from:

1. Season 1: Last Monday of September until the following Saturday (inclusive)
2. Season 2: First Monday of October to the following Saturday (inclusive)
3. Season 3: Second Tuesday in December until the following Thursday (inclusive) **Season 3 is only offered in Moose Management Zone 1.**

4. Season 4: Second last Monday in September to the following Saturday and from the second Monday in October to the following Saturday in any year. **Season 4 is offered only in Zone 5.**

Vehicle use permits will not be issued for the Pollett's Cove Aspy Fault Wilderness Area during Season 3. Consequently, this hunt will be primarily limited to lower elevations where moose frequently pose a hazard on highways/roads and cause property damage. Some special considerations for persons applying for Season 3 include: moose calling season is over; mature bulls may have shed their antlers; few services are available during winter; travel and hunting conditions in northern Cape Breton can be challenging; important to have a good knowledge of Zone 1 geography and access limitations.

Vehicle use permits will not be issued for the Pollett's Cove Aspy Fault Wilderness Area during Season 4. This is a non motorized hunt and is restricted to Zone 5 (Pollett's Cove Aspy Fault Wilderness Area). The terrain is rugged and conditions can be extreme. The hunter is responsible for packing in all the gear that will be needed for the hunt and, if successful, s/he will have to pack out the moose in addition to the gear.

For more information contact your local DNR office or go online: www.gov.ns.ca/natr/draws/moosedraw.

MOOSE MANAGEMENT ZONES DESCRIPTIONS

Moose Management Zone 1 includes certain lands within Nova Scotia and is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point where the northern boundary of The Cape Breton Highlands National Park meets the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of the northern shoreline of Neils Harbour; Thence, in a generally westerly direction following the northern boundary of the said Park across the northern peninsula of Cape Breton Island to the OHWM of the Gulf of St. Lawrence at the mouth of the MacKenzie River; Thence, in a northerly direction along the OHWM of the Gulf of St. Lawrence to Cape St. Lawrence; Thence, in an easterly direction along the OHWM of the Cabot Strait and Bay St. Lawrence to Money Point; Thence, in a southerly direction along the OHWM of Aspy Bay, Cabot Strait and Neils Harbour to the Point of Beginning. Together with all inshore and offshore islands, and including all harbours, bays, coves, rivers and inlets.

Moose Management Zone 2 includes certain lands within Nova Scotia and comprises parcels “A” and “B”, being more particularly described as follows:

Parcel “A”

Beginning at a point where the southern boundary of The Cape Breton Highlands National Park meets the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of the western shoreline of South Bay Ingonish; Thence, in a generally westerly direction along the southern boundary of the said Park across the northern peninsula of Cape Breton Island to the OHWM of the Gulf of St. Lawrence at the mouth of the Cheticamp River; Thence, in a generally southerly direction along the OHWM of the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the mouth of the Margaree River; Thence, in a southeasterly direction along OHWM of the southern shoreline of the Margaree River to the Cabot Trail; Thence, in a southerly and easterly direction along the Cabot Trail to North East Margaree at a point where the road southerly from Kingross meets the Cabot Trail; Thence, in a northerly direction along the said Kingross Road a distance of approximately 4.5 km to Margaree Valley at a point where the Frasers Mountain Road to the Highlands joins the said Kingross Road; Thence, in a generally easterly direction along the said Frasers Mountain Road to the point where it meets the main road in the Highlands running northerly from Hunters Mountain; Thence, in a northerly direction along the main road through the Highlands a distance of approximately 2.5 km to a secondary road just past the Middle Branch North River, the said road leading easterly to the MacDonalds Mountain fire tower; Thence, in an easterly and northerly direction along the said secondary road a distance of approximately 11 km to the point where it crosses the Barachois River; Thence, in a generally southeasterly direction downstream along the said River to the point where the said River meets the OHWM of St. Anns Bay; Thence, in a northeasterly direction along the OHWM of St. Anns Bay and the Atlantic Ocean to Stanley Point at the northerly edge of Cape Smokey; Thence, westerly along the OHWM of the southern and western shorelines of South Bay Ingonish to the Point of Beginning. Together with all inshore and offshore islands, and including all harbours, bays, coves, rivers and inlets .

Parcel “B”

Beginning at a point where the southern boundary of the Cape Breton Highlands National Park (CBHNP), just to the north of Ingonish, meets the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) of the Atlantic Ocean; Thence, in a westerly, southerly and easterly

direction following the said boundary of the CBHNP, and enclosing the communities of Ingonish Centre and Ingonish, and the surrounding area, to a point where the said boundary meets the OHWM of the Clyburn Brook; Thence, in an easterly direction downstream along the OHWM of the Clyburn Brook to the point where the said Brook meets the OHWM of North Bay Ingonish. Thence, in a generally westerly, northerly, easterly and northerly direction following the OHWM of the western shoreline of North Bay Ingonish and the Atlantic Ocean to the Point of Beginning. Together with all inshore and offshore islands, and including all harbours, bays, coves, rivers and inlets.

Moose Management Zone 3 includes certain lands within Nova Scotia and is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point where the Barachois River meets the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of the western shoreline of St. Anns Bay; Thence, in a southerly and easterly direction following the OHWM of the western, southern and eastern shorelines of St. Anns Bay to Cape Dauphin; Thence, easterly in a straight line across the mouth of The Great Bras d'Or to Table Head; Thence, easterly along the OHWM of the Atlantic Ocean to the county boundary between Victoria and Cape Breton Counties; Thence, in a generally southwesterly direction along the said County boundary across Boularderie Island and the waters of St. Andrews Channel to a point where the waters of the St. Andrews Channel join the waters of the Great Bras d'Or; Thence, northwesterly in a straight line to a point midway between McKay Point to the south and Red Head to the north; Thence, in a westerly direction along the centreline of St. Patricks Channel to the mouth of Nyanza Bay; Thence, northerly and easterly along the centreline of Nyanza Bay to the mouth of the Baddeck River; Thence, upstream along the centre of Baddeck River to its intersection with the centreline of Highway No. 105; Thence, northwesterly along the said Highway to its intersection with the Cabot Trail; Thence, northerly along the Cabot Trail to North East Margaree at a point where the road southerly from Kingross meets the Cabot Trail; Thence, in a northerly direction along the said Kingross Road a distance of approximately 4.5 km to Margaree Valley at a point where the Frasers Mountain Road to the Highlands joins the said Kingross Road; Thence, in a generally easterly direction along the said Frasers Mountain Road to the point where it meets the main road in the Highlands running northerly from Hunters Mountain; Thence, in a northerly direction along the main road through the Highlands a distance of approximately 2.5 km to a secondary road just past the

Middle Branch North River, the said road leading easterly to the MacDonalds Mountain fire tower; Thence, in an easterly and northerly direction along the said secondary road a distance of approximately 11 km to the point where it crosses the Barachois River; Thence, in a generally southeasterly direction downstream along the said River to the point where the said River meets the OHWM of St. Anns Bay at the Point of Beginning. Together with all inshore and offshore islands, and including all harbours, bays, coves, rivers and inlets.

Moose Management Zone 4 includes certain lands within Nova Scotia and is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point where the centre of Baddeck River intersects with the centerline of Highway No. 105; Thence, northwesterly along the said Highway to its intersection with the Cabot Trail; Thence, in a northerly, westerly and northerly direction along the Cabot Trail to the point where the Cabot Trail intersects the western shoreline of the Margaree River near Margaree Harbour; Thence, northerly along the said western shoreline to the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of the Gulf of St. Lawrence; Thence, in a generally southerly direction along the OHWM of the Gulf of St. Lawrence to Hefferman Point on the northeastern shoreline of the Strait of Canso; Thence, in a southeasterly direction along the OHWM of the northeastern shoreline of the Strait of Canso to Grant Point near the mouth of Ship Harbour; Thence, in a southeasterly direction along the OHWM of the northeastern shoreline of Ship Harbour to the county boundary between Inverness and Richmond Counties; Thence, northeasterly along the said County boundary to the point where it meets the OHWM of West Bay; Thence, northerly along the said County boundary across the waters of West Bay and The Bras d'Or Lake to the county boundary line between Victoria and Cape Breton Counties; Thence, in a northeasterly direction along the Victoria-Cape Breton County boundary through the Barra Strait to a point where the waters of the St. Andrews Channel join the waters of the Great Bras d'Or; Thence, northwesterly in a straight line to a point midway between McKay Point to the south and Red Head to the north; Thence, in a westerly direction along the centreline of St. Patricks Channel to the mouth of Nyanza Bay; Thence, northerly and easterly along the centreline of Nyanza Bay to the mouth of the Baddeck River; Thence, upstream along the centre of the Baddeck River to its intersection with the centreline of Highway No. 105 at the Point of Beginning. Together with all inshore and offshore islands, and including all harbours, bays, coves, rivers and inlets.

Moose Management Zone 5 includes certain lands within Nova Scotia known as the Pollets Cove-Aspy Fault Wilderness Area, and is more particularly described in Schedule B to Chapter 27 of the Acts of 1998, the Wilderness Areas Protection Act.

Lead Bullet Fragments are Harmful to Your Health

Lead bullet fragments in game meat are a possible health risk to anyone who may consume wild meat. It has recently been learned that modern high velocity, lead ammunition often fragments on impact with a large animal, sending very small shards of lead into the meat and organs up to 18" from the visible bullet path. Even in very low quantities, lead is known to be poisonous and can cause physiological problems that often do not even result in noticeable sickness. Lead particles are often extremely small and cannot be detected by sight, touch (when chewing the meat) or taste. The following suggestions are provided to hunters, in the field and when processing big game, as a guide to help reduce the chances of consuming lead fragments.

- **Consider Alternative Ammunition.** Use bullets less likely to fragment and spread throughout the meat.

Examples include;

- Non-lead (Copper) ammunition
- High-weight retention ammunition (also known as controlled expansion bullets)
- Heavier and slower velocity ammunition

Lightly constructed bullets are not as durable and are more prone to fragmentation. Bullets traveling at a higher velocity will have a higher kinetic energy, most of which will go into fragmentation upon impact, therefore selecting relatively slower velocity bullets will also reduce fragmentation. Shotgun slugs and muzzleloader bullets also leave less lead and generally travel slower than high-powered soft-point or rapid expanding rifle bullets. Be aware that bullets described as high-weight retention may still scatter lead fragments so make sure you understand how your bullet will behave when contacting the animal you are hunting.

- **Be Patient and Take Good Aim.** Practicing your marksmanship and shooting at non-running game will greatly improve your accuracy. Aiming for the heart and lung area creates the least amount of fragmentation.

Conversely, shots into the hind-quarter (a high bone density area and meatiest part of the animal) will result in the most fragmentation.

- **Practice Good Field Care and Processing of Meat.**

Whether you process your own meat or take it to a meat cutter, ensure a generous area around the wound channel is discarded (not retained for consumption). Also discard any meat that is bruised/hemorrhaged or discolored and may contain dirt, hair, grass, or bone fragments. Be especially careful with ground meat. The reason for this is that often people will include meat scraps, including portions that are slightly bruised or hemorrhaged, in what gets ground for burger or sausage. Studies have shown that lead levels in ground meat are much higher than that of whole muscle pieces. Make sure that you, or your meat processor, grind your meat separately from that of other hunters to reduce the spread of fragments from contaminated meat to uncontaminated meat. Also regularly check and clean your meat grinder and any other tools you may use to process your meat.

- **Do Not Rinse the Carcass.** Rinsing the carcass has been shown to do more harm than good by spreading lead fragments to parts of the meat that were not previously contaminated. Therefore, keep the area affected by the gunshot localized, trim liberally and discard the scraps, to reduce the risk of spreading lead fragments.
- **Use Proper Cooking Techniques.** Avoid the use of vinegar and other acidic substances when marinating or cooking your meat. These acidic substances make lead more soluble and therefore more easily absorbed by our bodies.
- **Beware of internal organs.** If the animal was shot in the area of the heart and lungs do not eat the heart, liver or kidneys that may be contaminated. If the animal was shot in the neck, then no problems should arise by eating the internal organs, however you may wish to discard the tongue.

Although there is no conclusive evidence linking lead fragmentation in large game animals to lead poisoning in humans, this does not mean there is no risk. Lead is particularly dangerous to children under the age of six and pregnant women so as a precautionary measure people in this category might want to avoid game meat altogether. Until there is more definitive information on this matter, it is suggested you follow these preventative measures to reduce the risk of lead poisoning.

Prohibited Firearms/Bows and Ammunition

No person shall possess at any time in wildlife habitat;

- a swivel or spring gun;
- a shotgun greater than 10 gauge;
- a device designed to deaden the sound of the report of a firearm;
- a magazine for a semi-automatic centre fire firearm which is capable of containing more than 5 rounds of ammunition.

Note: See section Non-Toxic Shot page 90.

Legal Firearms/Bows/Crossbows and Ammunition

Big Game

1. During the general seasons for hunting deer, moose, and bear, holders of appropriate licences may use:
 - a rifle and ammunition of .23 calibre or greater;
 - a shotgun of .410, 28, 20, 16, 12, 10 gauge, using a single projectile; or buckshot having a diameter of 6.10 mm (.24 in.) or larger.
 - a muzzle loaded firearm of .45 calibre or greater; or
 - a bow with a draw weight of 50 pounds or greater within the draw length of the archer when hunting moose and 40 pounds or greater within the draw length of the archer when hunting big game other than moose; and any arrow fitted with a broadhead.
 - a crossbow with a draw weight of 150 pounds or 68 kilograms or greater and bolts with heads measuring more than 2.2 centimeters in diameter (except during the Special Open Season for Bowhunting Deer). See page 19 and 23 for certification requirements to use a crossbow.
2. During the open season for snaring bears, including Sundays, any person who holds a valid Resident Bear Snaring Licence may carry a .22 calibre or smaller rifle, or any weapon listed in 1. above in a vehicle and to and from that person's bear snare set for the purpose of dispatching animals in snares.

3. No person shall take, carry, possess, or use a rifle or shotgun loaded with a slug or ball unless that person is the holder of a valid hunting licence or a permit to possess or transport the firearm.

Small Game

1. You may possess, during the open season for hunting small game, any of the following items:
 - a shotgun loaded with shot ; or
 - a bow and arrows with or without a broadheads.
 - a crossbow and arrows or bolts with or without broadheads
2. (a) During the open season for hunting snowshoe hare, a person may possess any weapon listed in 1. above as well as a rim fire rifle of .22 calibre or smaller or a muzzle loaded rifle of .40 calibre or less.
 (b) In addition to the items described in clause (a), a person who holds the appropriate valid Deer Hunting, Furharvesting or Base Licence may use firearms legal for deer, furbearers or coyotes to hunt snowshoe hare during the period when the open seasons overlap.
3. Persons hunting small game that possess a rifle/shotgun over-under combination firearm, will be permitted to use the firearm during times that possessing a rifle is not permitted, provided they do not possess ammunition for the rifle.
4. No person shall use a firearm loaded with a single projectile (bullet or rifled slug) to kill or take game birds.

Furharvesting

1. For the purpose of dispatching animals in traps, licenced furharvesters are allowed to carry a .22 calibre rim fire rifle or smaller, including at night and on Sunday, during the season for harvesting furbearing animals.
2. Furharvesters legally hunting raccoon, bobcat, fox, squirrel or weasel during the day may use:
 - a shotgun loaded with shot ;
 - a bow and arrows fitted with broadheads;
 - a crossbow and bolts or arrows fitted with broadheads;
 - a rim fire rifle of .22 calibre or smaller or a muzzle loaded rifle of .40 calibre or less;

- any weapon permitted for hunting deer when a deer hunting season overlaps, provided the person also possesses a valid Deer Hunting Licence.
 - in addition, following the closure of the deer hunting season, any rimfire, center fire or muzzle loader rifle or shotgun with slugs or ball.
3. Furharvesters legally hunting raccoons at night may use:
 - a shotgun loaded with shot not larger than #2
 - a .22 calibre rim fire rifle or smaller; or
 - a bow and arrows fitted with broadheads.
 - a crossbow and bolts or arrows fitted with broadheads.
 4. A furharvester with a Bear Snaring Licence may use any weapon permitted for hunting big game or a .22 calibre or smaller rifle to dispatch bears in snares. You may only carry the weapon directly to and from your bear snare set.
 5. No person is allowed to possess a firearm in or on a vehicle at night unless it is encased, except that licenced furharvesters using a rimfire rifle of .22 calibre or smaller to dispatch animals in traps are exempt if they are using an off-highway vehicle as defined in the Off-Highway Vehicle Act.

Other Harvestable Wildlife

1. While hunting "Other Harvestable Wildlife" you may possess:
 - a shotgun loaded with shot
 - a bow and arrows with or without a broadheads;
 - a crossbow and bolts or arrows with or without broadheads; or
 - a rim fire rifle of .22 calibre or smaller or a muzzle loaded rifle of .40 calibre or less from October 15 to the last day of March of the year following.
2. After the close of the open season for hunting deer, until March 31 of the year following, a person may while hunting coyotes use a center-fire, rimfire or muzzle loaded rifle or shotgun with slugs or ball.
3. Anyone who holds a valid hunting licence may, during the open season for big or small game, hunt "Other Harvestable Wildlife" with any weapon or ammunition permitted during those open seasons.

Non-Toxic Shot

Approved non-toxic shot is steel shot, tungsten-polymer shot, tungsten-matrix shot, tungsten-iron shot, tin shot or bismuth shot. No person shall possess or use shot other than non-toxic shot for the purpose of hunting waterfowl or snipe. Within National Wildlife Areas it is an offence to possess shot other than non-toxic shot, and therefore you must use non-toxic shot for all hunting.

Mandatory Hunter Orange

All persons hunting or attempting to hunt wildlife and any person accompanying them while hunting shall wear a cap or hat and a shirt, vest or coat of hunter orange or camouflage orange that is plainly visible from all sides. This includes all rabbit hunters. This also applies to persons snaring or trapping, but does not apply to persons who are:

- in a tree stand or blind while bow hunting deer during a season when deer hunting with a rifle is not permitted;
- licenced furharvesters who are not on forested land and who possess only a .22 calibre rim fire rifle or smaller;
- authorized to hunt raccoons at night;
- hunting waterfowl;
- hunting crows on cultivated lands;
- authorized to destroy nuisance wildlife;
- hunting with a bow and arrow in an area designated for bowhunting only;
- hunting between the last day of February and September 15 for "Other Harvestable Wildlife";
- hunting bear while standing or sitting in a stationary position at or near a bait site, during a season when deer hunting with a firearm is prohibited;
- hunting coyotes at any time, except from October 1 to the end of the general open season for hunting deer;
- licenced furharvesters after the close of the general open season for hunting deer;
- attending a dog field trial or training a dog while carrying a firearm except if done on forested land during an open big or small game season; or
- hunting with a muzzle loading firearm in the Tobeatic Wildlife Management Area and Liscomb Game Sanctuary.

Some General Regulations

1. Upon killing a deer or bear, you must:
 - detach the appropriate TAG from the back of your appropriate licence card (use scissors or knife) Note: If you have killed a bonus deer, your Bonus Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamp must be detached from your licence card 2 because it is independent of any other licence. (see page 23 and 60).
 - Record time of kill by cutting out the appropriate white "Deer" Day and Month triangles along the inside edge of licence card 2. Separate Day/Month triangles are provided on licence card 1 for persons who have harvested a bonus deer (see page 23 and 60).
 - Keep the antlered head attached to at least one front quarter of the deer until the deer has been processed for storage or consumption

The detached TAG must remain with the animal but not necessarily on it. If you remain with the deer carcass, keep the TAG on your person until you have taken it home or to a meat cutter for processing. If you are not with the carcass, the TAG must be attached to the carcass until prepared for consumption.

2. No person shall have a loaded firearm in a vehicle. Special provisions apply to disabled persons. (see Definitions, page 41).
3. A disabled person authorized to hunt from a parked vehicle under a Weapon Discharge Permit must be able to satisfy a Conservation Officer that another person is available to retrieve any game taken.
4. You may carry a loaded firearm in a non-motorized vessel during an open season, however, if the vessel is equipped with a motor, the motor of the vessel must not be in operation and movement of the vessel caused by the motor must have ceased;
 - anyone lawfully hunting migratory game birds may carry a shotgun loaded with shot not larger than 0.24 inches (AAA or No. 4 Buckshot) in a vessel with a motor in operation provided the firearm is not discharged until the vessel is beached, resting at anchor, fastened within or tied immediately alongside a fixed hunting blind, or movement of the vessel has ceased.

4. Persons in possession of a valid hunting licence may transport or possess a firearm or bow or crossbow when hunting during an open season for hunting, in wildlife habitat during the period from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise provided it is encased (see Definitions, page 41).
5. No person shall possess a firearm in or on a vehicle at any time at night unless it is encased. (This includes vehicles as defined in the Off-Highway Vehicles Act.) Some exceptions apply to licenced furharvesters.
6. No person shall enter any woods for the purpose of hunting unless that person possesses a compass in working order, a hand axe or hunting knife or jackknife, and a supply of waterproof matches or matches in a waterproof container or a source of flame. You must be able to demonstrate the ability to operate the compass to the satisfaction of a conservation officer.
7. No person shall at any time discharge any firearm, crossbow or bow:
 - within or across the travelled portion of any highway, or within 30 m of the boundary of any highway; or
 - between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise the following day (refer to page 107).
8. No person shall at any time:
 - hunt, take or kill, or attempt to hunt, take or kill wildlife with a weapon or discharge a weapon within 804 m of a school;
 - discharge a firearm loaded with a rifle cartridge, single ball, or slug within 402 m of a dwelling, playground, golf course, athletic field, woods operation, place of business, or public building other than a school;
 - discharge a shotgun loaded with shot, a crossbow or a bow within 182 m of a dwelling, playground, golf course, athletic field, woods operation, place of business, or public building other than a school;
 - hunt, take or kill, or attempt to hunt, take or kill wildlife that is within 182 m of a dwelling, playground, golf course, athletic field, woods operation, place of business, or public building other than a school.
9. The owner or occupier of a dwelling or person authorized by the owner or occupier who holds a valid licence may discharge a firearm, crossbow or bow, or hunt, take or kill wildlife within the distances stated if the point of discharge is not within the above prescribed distances of:
 - any other dwelling; or

- a school, public building, playground, golf course, athletic field, woods operation, or place of business.

NOTE: IT IS AN OFFENCE TO HAVE A FIREARM LOADED IN ANY PLACE WHERE THE FIREARM CANNOT BE LEGALLY DISCHARGED (CRIMINAL CODE).

10. A person who holds a valid licence to hunt or trap and who has wounded wildlife may discharge a firearm, **crossbow**, or bow, for the purpose of taking wounded wildlife within the above prescribed distances, provided it is done in a safe manner and the consent of the owner or occupier of the land has been obtained.
11. No person, while hunting migratory game birds, shall possess a shotgun that has a capacity of more than three shells at any time in the magazine and chamber combined.
12. Except as authorized by the Wildlife Act or regulations, you cannot
 - hunt wildlife at night with a firearm, crossbow or bow except by special permit;
 - hunt wildlife by means of or with the assistance of any light, except by special permit;
 - hunt or carry a firearm, crossbow or bow in wildlife habitat on Sunday;
 - hunt moose or deer with a trap or snare or a setgun;
 - shoot a moose or deer while it is swimming;
 - kill, take or hunt any moose, deer, or bear with a dog, except nuisance wildlife under permit from the Department of Natural Resources. However, a person may use a dog to recover a wounded moose, deer, or bear provided the dog used to track the wounded animal is on leash; or
 - kill, take or hunt with a weapon any wildlife that is within the boundaries of any highway. This does not prohibit the use of legally set traps by a licenced furharvester within highway boundaries. However, within 15 m of the traveled surface of any highway no person shall set any trap unless it is one of the following: (a) a body-gripping trap with a jaw spread of 12 cm or less that is completely submerged in water; (b) a box trap; (c) a snare set completely underwater; (d) a snare made of copper, brass or stainless steel set for snowshoe hare or red squirrel; (e) a submarine trap; (f) a rat trap.

13. As a driver of a vehicle you cannot refuse or fail to comply with any order or visible signal or direction of any Conservation Officer in uniform.
14. A Conservation Officer has the right to search any vehicle or vessel or box, bag, or container or any other receptacle if the officer has reason to believe a violation of the Wildlife Act or regulations has occurred.
15. It is an offence to use any snare, net or trap to hunt, take or kill or attempt to hunt, take or kill a game bird.
16. No non-resident shall enter any forest for the purpose of hunting without being supervised by a resident who has a Special Permit to Guide or a licenced guide.
17. No person shall shine a light having a voltage of more than four and one-half volts in or upon any wildlife habitat not owned by the person at times when hunting is not permitted. It is prima facie evidence that the light or lights of a vehicle are more than four and one-half volts when the source of energy for such light or lights is the electrical system of the vehicle.

Note: Some exceptions apply to licenced furharvesters. See Use of Lights page 34.

18. Within two (2) days before and two (2) days after an open season for wildlife or on Sunday during the open season, the holder of a valid hunting licence may transport a rifle, crossbow or bow to and from a camp which that person is to occupy, providing the weapon is encased.
19. It is illegal to sell or buy the meat of deer, moose, ruffed grouse, pheasant, or bullfrog. Pen-reared pheasants may be sold.
20. With the exception of the holder of a Bonus Deer Hunting Stamp, no person shall kill, take or hunt, or pursue with intent to kill or take any deer after the tag has been detached from the Deer Hunting Licence issued to that person or any bear after the tag has been detached from the Bear Hunting Licence. This does apply to a licenced bear snarer who has not used both tags or who is snaring in partnership with another licenced bear snarer as declared in writing to DNR when one of the bear snarers still has an unused bear snaring tag .

21. No person is allowed to possess a firearm, crossbow or a bow in or on a vehicle at night unless it is encased.
22. No person may administer, attempt to administer or make available any drug or chemical to any wildlife species, except under a permit from the Director of Wildlife.

The Tobeatic Wilderness Area Management Plan, under authority of the *Wilderness Areas Protection Act*, prohibits the use of bait for hunting animals in the Tobeatic Wilderness Area (including deer and bear). This does not apply to traps or snares legally set for furbearers.

**For a copy of the management plan please contact:
Nova Scotia Environment - Protected Areas Branch
PO Box 442, 5151 Terminal Road
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2P8**

website: www.gov.ns.ca/nse/protectedareas

email: protectedareas@gov.ns.ca

telephone: 902-424-2117

fax: 902-424-0501

**The management plan may also be viewed at:
www.gov.ns.ca/nse/protectedareas/wa_tobeatic.asp**

NOTE: REGULATIONS CONTROLLING THE POSSESSION AND TRANSPORT OF FIREARMS IN NATIONAL PARKS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF THE PROVINCE. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT PARKS CANADA AT:

CAPE BRETON HIGHLANDS NATIONAL PARK

- **INGONISH WARDEN OFFICE (902) 285-2542**
- **CHÉTICAMP WARDEN OFFICE (902) 224-3798**

FORTRESS OF LOUISBURG (902) 733-2280

KEJIMKUJIK NATIONAL PARK (902) 682-2772

Automatic Forfeiture of Seized Items

A conviction under any of the following sections will result in the automatic forfeiture of all items seized:

Wildlife Act

- Section 26 Hunting or fishing without valid licence or permit.
- Section 31(2) Obtaining or applying for licence or permit after conviction.
- Section 32(2) Hunting while disqualified because of a hunting accident.
- Section 39(2) Hunting wildlife during a closed season.
- Section 39(2) Exceeding seasonal bag limit prescribed for wildlife.
- Section 50(1) Hunting, taking or killing protected wildlife.
- Section 68 Hunting wildlife by means of, or with assistance of, a light or flambeau.
- Section 69(1) Shining a light of more than 4 1/2 volts at night on wildlife habitat not owned by that person.
- Section 73(2) Hunting wildlife during hours other than those permitted by regulations.
- Section 73(2) Discharging a firearm, crossbow or bow during hours other than those permitted by regulations.
- Section 78(3) Hunting in an area designated as “no hunting” by the Minister of Natural Resources.
- Section 79 Possessing firearm, crossbow or bow in wildlife habitat contrary to Act or regulations.
- Section 80(4) Transporting or possessing uncased firearm, crossbow or bow in wildlife habitat at night during open season.
- Section 81 Using or possessing prohibited weapon or ammunition.
- Section 87(1) Possessing unencased firearm, crossbow or bow in wildlife habitat while impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- Section 87(2) Discharging or handling firearm, crossbow or bow without due care and attention.
- Section 88(a) Obstructing a conservation officer or person assisting.
- Section 88(d) Assaulting a conservation officer or person assisting.
- Section 109 Applying for licence or permit while disqualified.

Firearm and Bow Regulations

- Section 3(a) Possessing a swivel or spring gun in wildlife habitat.
- Section 3(b) Possessing a shotgun greater than 10 gauge in wildlife habitat.
- Section 3(c) Possessing a device designed to deaden the sound of the report of a firearm in wildlife habitat.

General Wildlife Regulations

- Section 11(2) Discharging firearm, crossbow or bow between 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise contrary to the regulations.

Chignecto Game Sanctuary Regulations

- Section 3(1)(a) Hunting wildlife in Chignecto Game Sanctuary contrary to the regulations.

Liscomb Game Sanctuary Regulations

- Section 3(1)(a) Hunting wildlife in Liscomb Game Sanctuary contrary to the regulations.

Tobeatic Wildlife Management Area Regulations

- Section 3(1)(a) Hunting wildlife in Tobeatic Wildlife Management Area, contrary to the regulations.

Additional

Any trap, snare, or net illegally used to hunt wildlife may be seized and upon conviction will be automatically forfeited to the Crown.

Automatic Licence Suspension Order

A person who is convicted of an offence listed below, may not obtain or apply for a hunting licence or permit under the Act or its regulations for 2 years from the date of their conviction.

Anyone convicted between September 1 and December 31 of the offences listed herein, will have their privilege of obtaining any hunting licence suspended for 2 years beginning the following year on January 1.

Conviction under Section 68 of the Wildlife Act will result in a 5 year suspension, beginning on the date of conviction.

Suspensions imposed while the person is currently suspended will run consecutive to the initial suspension.

Conviction of any three wildlife offences, whether or not the offences are listed herein, within a five year period, will result in a 5 year suspension of hunting privileges.

Wildlife Act

- Section 21(3) Hunting or trapping in area closed for wildlife management purposes.
- Section 26 Hunting or fishing without valid licence or permit.
- Section 32(2) Hunting while disqualified because of a hunting accident.
- Section 39(2) Hunting wildlife during a closed season.
- Section 39(2) Exceeding seasonal bag limit prescribed for wildlife.
- Section 39(2) Exceeding daily bag limit prescribed for wildlife.
- Section 40(1) Setting trap or snare for moose or deer.
- Section 50(1) Hunting, taking or killing protected wildlife.
- Section 62 Keeping wildlife or exotic wildlife in captivity contrary to act or regulations.
- Section 65 Selling or purchasing carcass of wildlife or any parts thereof.
- Section 67(1) Hunting with poison, drugs, explosives, deleterious substance.
- Section 68 Hunting wildlife by means of, or with assistance of, a light or flambeau.
- Section 69(1) Shining a light of more than 4 1/2 volts at night on wildlife habitat not owned by that person.
- Section 79 Possessing firearm, crossbow or bow in wildlife habitat contrary to act or regulations.

- Section 80(4) Transporting or possessing unencased firearm, crossbow or bow in wildlife habitat at night during open season.
- Section 84(2) Transporting loaded firearm on or in vehicle or vessel.
- Section 85 Discharging firearm, crossbow or bow across travelled portion of any highway or within 100 feet/30.48 m of travelled portion.
- Section 87(1) Possessing unencased firearm, crossbow or bow in wildlife habitat while impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- Section 87(2) Discharging or handling firearm, crossbow or bow without due care and attention.
- Section 88(a) Obstructing a conservation officer or person assisting.
- Section 88(b) Causing others to obstruct a conservation officer or person assisting.
- Section 88(c) Inciting others to obstruct a conservation officer or person assisting.
- Section 88(d) Assaulting a conservation officer or person assisting.

Deer Hunting Regulations

- Section 6(3) Hunting or possessing deer during closed season.
- Section 7(2) Killing or possessing more deer than prescribed under bag limit for deer.
- Section 8(4) Hunting deer after tag is detached from licence.

General Wildlife Regulations

- Section 11(2) Discharging firearm, crossbow or bow between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise contrary to the regulations.
- Section 14(1) Hunting or possessing firearm, crossbow or bow in wildlife habitat while disqualified.
- Section 14(4)(b) Using or possessing in wildlife habitat a trap or snare capable of taking or holding big game.

Moose Regulations

- Section 4(5) Hunting moose without a valid Moose Hunting Licence or a Companion Moose Hunting Stamp and valid Wildlife Resources Card with a firearm or bowhunting certification.
- Section 5(2) Hunting moose out of season.
- Section 5(3) Hunting or possessing a greater number of moose than the total prescribed bag limit.

Firearm and Bow Regulations

- Section 11(1) Hunting or discharging a firearm or bow within 880 yards/804 m of a school.
- Section 11(2) Hunting with or discharging a firearm loaded with rifle cartridge, single ball or slug within 440 yards/402 m of dwelling, place of business, public building, or public place.
- Section 11(3) Discharging a shotgun loaded with shot, a crossbow or bow, within 200 yards/182 m of dwelling, place of business, public building.
- Section 11(4) Hunting wildlife with a shotgun loaded with shot, a crossbow or bow, within 200 yards/182 m of dwelling, place of business, public building.

Illegal Parking

Section 149 of the Motor Vehicle Act states no person shall leave a vehicle standing on property of which he is not the owner or tenant without the consent of the owner or tenant of the property. When a peace officer is satisfied that a vehicle has been left standing on property for one hour or longer, the officer may, on the request of the owner or tenant of the property, remove the vehicle and detain it until the expense of removal and detention are paid.

The Motor Vehicle Act is administered by Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations and enforced by the RCMP.

Chignecto Sanctuary Bow Hunt

Bowhunters with a valid licence and who are certified as qualified to hunt with a bow, may enter the Chignecto Game Sanctuary with a bow to hunt and take wildlife for which the season is open within the period which coincides with the Special Open Season for Bowhunting Deer and the General Open Season for Hunting Deer, excluding Sundays.

Muzzleloader Hunt

A muzzleloader hunt will be held in the Tobeatic Wildlife Management Area (TWMA)* and the Liscomb Game Sanctuary October 17–22nd. Only muzzle loaded firearms are permitted.

A muzzleloader permit is required to participate in either of these hunts. Hunter orange is not mandatory.

There are rules specific to hunting in the Tobeatic Wilderness Area. See page 95.

Note: *The Muzzleloader hunt in the TWMA is a primitive hunt. It is an offense for anyone entering the TWMA during this hunt to have in their possession any electric motor or internal combustion engine.

Permit to Keep Meat

Deer

Any harvested deer must be registered online or at a deer registration station (see page 103). Any person in possession of deer meat must:

- a) retain their Deer Hunting Licence and;
- b) ensure a registration confirmation number or registration seal is recorded on their Deer Hunting Licence

Once completed, the signed/sealed Deer Hunting Licence will serve as a valid meat storage permit, for the person who killed the deer, until April 30th of the following year. After April 30th, it is an offence to store deer meat without obtaining a storage permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources.

Moose

A Moose Hunting Licence and tags (4) serve as a permit to transport a moose from where it was legally killed to the licenced meat cutting facility or hunter's home. To legally possess moose meat at any residence, you must obtain a Storage Permit from your local DNR office. If you still possess moose meat after July 31st of the year following the harvest, you must renew your storage permit.

Transfer of Meat

Any person who kills a deer or moose may legally transfer up to 15 pounds of meat to any one household. Deer meat may be stored, without a storage permit, until April 30th of the following year. Moose meat (less than 15 lbs) may be stored, without a storage permit, until May 31st of the year following the harvest. After April 30th (deer) and July 31st (moose), you must possess a valid storage permit. Applications for meat storage permits are available at your local DNR office.

A permit may be issued by the Department of Natural Resources for a non-aboriginal person to possess the meat of deer, moose or any small game animals, acquired from a Mi'kmaq person, provided:

- (a) More than 15 pounds of meat are being acquired (no permit required for up to 15 lbs.).
- (b) For moose meat, the applicant and the Mi'kmaq person appear at a Department of Natural Resources office with proper identification.

Note: Permits for moose meat will be restricted to 100 pounds per individual or household per calendar year.

Rabbits, Pheasants and Grouse (Partridge)

A storage permit can be obtained to keep legally killed rabbits and non-migratory game birds in cold storage after April 30th. When you require this permit, please contact your local DNR Office (see page 113 for office locations).

Guides

1. A non-resident, being a holder of a valid licence, is entitled to hunt, provided the non-resident is supervised by a licenced guide or a resident over the age of 18 who has a Special Permit to Guide for a given period.
2. A resident when requesting a Special Permit to Guide must appear in person to receive the permit. (See **Licence and Permit Fees**, page 17).
3. A person acting as a guide under the authority of a Special Permit to Guide may not charge a fee for their service.

4. A Special Permit to Guide may be issued for the full hunting season if the non-resident hunter being guided is an immediate family member. (Immediate family member means mother, father, siblings, aunts and uncles).
5. Only one Special Permit to Guide, that is valid for a maximum of seven days, may be issued to a person to guide a non-resident hunter who is a "friend" but not an immediate family member.
6. Any person authorized to guide may not guide more than three(3) persons while hunting deer, or guide more than four(4) persons who are hunting species other than deer.
7. All licenced guides are required to report violations of the Wildlife Act or regulations by any person to the nearest local office of the Department of Natural Resources or a local police department.
8. All guides are responsible for ensuring information returns and/or biological specimens from their clients are submitted to the Department of Natural Resources.

Mandatory Deer Registration

If you kill a deer **you must follow these steps to ensure compliance with the Wildlife Act and Regulations:**

1. Immediately, upon killing a deer, remove the Deer Hunting Tag (or Bonus Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamp/Tag) from your Licence Card. The detached Deer Hunting Tag must remain with the deer (see page 91) **and**;
2. Record the month and date of kill by cutting out the appropriate triangles on your Licence Card. Separate deer Day/Month cut-outs are provided for persons who have harvested a bonus deer (see page 23, 60).
3. Record your Deer Hunting Stamp number and/or Bonus Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamp number on your Licence Card. This will be used when registering your deer. **and**;

4. Register your deer within 24 hours of killing the deer or within 24 hours after leaving a camp used to hunt the deer. There are two ways to register your deer. You need your Wildlife Resources Card number to register the deer:

Deer Registration Option #1:

Transport your deer to a deer registration station (see page 108–112). You will be charged a \$1.00 plus HST administration fee.

Note: **You must be with the deer you killed when it is being transported and in order to register at a deer registration station.**

- a) Present your Wildlife Resources Card, licence, and detached Deer Hunting Tag or Bonus Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamp (or Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamp if applicable) to the registration station agent.
- b) Confirm that the information the agent entered in the “Weekly Deer Harvest Form” is correct. **Sign in the space provided.**
- c) Ensure the agent records the correct date of registration and registration station name and number on your Licence Card.

OR

Deer Registration Option #2:

Register your deer online at www.gov.ns.ca/natr/harvests/odrs

- a) Enter your Wildlife Resources Card number and follow the steps to complete your deer registration
 - Once the information is complete, select “Submit.” You will receive a Deer Registration Confirmation Number
- b) Record your confirmation number in **two locations**:
 - (i) in the space provided on the Deer Hunting Tag (or Bonus Antlerless Deer Hunting Tag)
 - (ii) in the other space provided on your Licence Card

NOTE:

- Your detached Deer Hunting Tag becomes a legal transport permit for the deer carcass and must remain with the carcass until it is prepared for consumption.
- Your Deer Hunting Licence becomes your permit to keep the meat of your deer until April 30 only if the deer registration information has been entered in the appropriate spaces of your Licence Card

- Your Deer Hunting Licence and Deer Hunting Tag, together constitute a legal export permit for your deer
- **A person must not process a deer carcass for consumption unless the hunter has completed the deer hunting tag showing that the deer has been registered in accordance with the Deer Hunting Regulations.**

Registering a Bonus Deer

Deer harvested under authority of a valid Zone 102 Bonus Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamp must also be registered. Follow the steps outlined on page 103–105 to ensure proper registration of your bonus deer.

Transporting Bear

1. The licence holder shall ensure that the detached Bear Hunting Tag or Bear Snaring Tag remains with the bear carcass until it is prepared for consumption. The licence holder may keep the tag on their person provided they stay with the carcass while it is being transported.
2. During the Open Season for bear, no person shall be in possession of, or transport, a bear carcass killed by another person unless:
 - the carcass has attached to it, the tag of the Bear Hunting Licence or Bear Snaring Licence issued to the person who killed the bear.
 - you are snaring bear in partnership with another licenced bear snarer.

Export

The following may serve as your export permit for the game legally taken under that licence:

- (a) Your Resident or Non-Resident Deer Hunting licence and Deer Hunting Tag (upon proof of registration)
- (b) Your Resident or Non-Resident Bear Hunting licence
- (c) Your Non-Resident Small Game Hunting licence

In order to export bears or bear parts out of Canada, you may require a CITES Export Permit (Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species). Contact your local Department of Natural Resources for further information.

A bear gallbladder must be permanently sealed by Department of Natural Resources (DNR) prior to sale or export. The locking seal must be permanently attached to the bear gallbladder. The gallbladder must be presented to a DNR office in order to be sealed.

Sunrise and Sunset Times 2011

This table gives the approximate sunrise and sunset times. This should only be used as a guide for hunters.

		Yarmouth		Halifax		Sydney	
		Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
		am	pm	am	pm	am	pm
Sept.	3	6:50	7:57	6:39	7:47	6:23	7:36
	7	6:54	7:50	6:43	7:41	6:28	7:28
	11	6:59	7:43	6:48	7:33	6:33	7:21
	15	7:03	7:35	6:53	7:26	6:38	7:13
	19	7:08	7:28	6:57	7:18	6:43	7:05
	23	7:12	7:21	7:02	7:10	6:48	6:57
	27	7:17	7:13	7:07	7:03	6:54	6:49
Oct.	1	7:22	7:06	7:12	6:56	6:59	6:41
	5	7:26	6:59	7:17	6:48	7:04	6:34
	9	7:31	6:52	7:22	6:41	7:09	6:26
	13	7:36	6:45	7:27	6:34	7:15	6:19
	17	7:41	6:38	7:32	6:27	7:20	6:11
	21	7:46	6:32	7:37	6:20	7:26	6:04
	25	7:51	6:25	7:42	6:14	7:31	5:58
	29	7:56	6:20	7:48	6:08	7:37	5:51
Nov.	2	8:02	6:14	7:53	6:02	7:43	5:45
	6	7:07	5:09	6:58	4:57	6:48	4:40
	**10	7:12	5:04	7:04	4:52	6:54	4:35
	14	7:17	5:00	7:09	4:48	7:00	4:30
	18	7:23	4:56	7:15	4:44	7:05	4:26
	22	7:28	4:53	7:20	4:41	7:11	4:22
	26	7:33	4:51	7:25	4:38	7:16	4:19
	30	7:37	4:49	7:30	4:36	7:21	4:17
Dec.	3	7:41	4:48	7:33	4:35	7:25	4:16
	7	7:45	4:47	7:37	4:34	7:29	4:15
	10	7:47	4:47	7:40	4:34	7:32	4:15
	15	7:52	4:48	7:44	4:35	7:36	4:15

For your convenience, all times listed are in both Daylight Savings and Atlantic Standard Time where appropriate.

** Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 am on the first Sunday in November.

Deer Registration Stations

Please check to find out when registration stations are open.

Annapolis

NAME/LOCATION/TELEPHONE

Needs Esso Convenience/Nictaux/825-2225
 Lequille Country Store/Lequille/532-5362
 Springfield Grocery Mart/Springfield/547-2929
 Moose River Country Store/Clementsport/638-8600

Antigonish

NAME/LOCATION/TELEPHONE

Henry's Esso Station/Lower South River/863-2819
 MacEachern's Ultramar/Saltsprings/863-5677
 Brendan's Fairway/Antigonish/863-5583
 Customer's Choice Variety/Monastery/232-2299

Cape Breton

NAME/LOCATION/TELEPHONE

Mullin Brother's/Shell/Albert Bridge/562-1070
 Eastbay Country Market/
 Budden's Auto Repair/Glace Bay/842-0400
 Seal Island Irving/Seal Island/674-2294
 Church's Supermarket and Esso/Marion Bridge/727-2364

Colchester

NAME/LOCATION/TELEPHONE

Needs Convenience/Tatamagouche/657-3051
 Le-a-pol Grocery/Lower Truro/895-1004
 Valhalla Gun Shop/East Mountain/893-3770
 Bev's Country Diner/Upper Stewiacke/671-2326
 Simon's Variety/Stewiacke/639-2413
 MacKay's Wild Outdoor Adventures/765 Willow St./Truro

Cumberland**NAME/LOCATION/TELEPHONE**

Calder's Convenience/Advocate/394-2292
 A&J Superette/Joggins/251-2194
 Shaw's Country Market/Port Greville/ 348-2245
 Tidnish General Store Ltd./Tidnish/661-4446
 Langille's Esso/Pugwash/243-2114
 Lower Main Market/Oxford/447-3490
 Schiefer's Ultramar (Martin's)/Springhill/597-2701
 Masstown Market/Lwr. Five Islands/254-2641

Digby**NAME/LOCATION/TELEPHONE**

Walter Macalpine Auto Service/Weymouth North/837-5511
 Fred Muise/Hectanooga/649-2739
 Long Island Trading Post/Tiverton/839-2399

Guysborough**NAME/LOCATION/TELEPHONE**

Bruce Nauffts General Store/Liscomb/779-2294
 Connolly's Community Market/Boylston/533-3410
 Rhynold's Petro Can/Stormont/328-2496
 Hanham's Gas and Convenience/Half Island Cove/358-2675
 New Chester Variety/Ecum Secum/347-2046

Halifax**NAME/LOCATION/TELEPHONE**

Prospect Blue Canoe (Irving)/Prospect Road/876-7157
 Hammond's Plains Irving/Hammond's Plains/835-5200
 Mishoo's Variety/868-3000
 Heather and Theresa's Country Store/Seaforth/827-2118
 Gizmo's Variety/Moser River/347-2002
 Spry Bay Campground/Convenience/Spry Bay/772-2554
 Parker's Esso/Middle Musquodoboit/384-2844
 Stewart's Irving/Upper Musquodoboit/568-2681

Hants**NAME/LOCATION/TELEPHONE**

Martins Rite Stop/Shubenacadie/758-2862
 Nannie and Poppie Variety Store/Nine Mile River/883-2412
 Frieze and Roy General Store/Maitland/261-2860
 Hnatiuk's Taxidermy/Lantz/883-8890
 Kennetcook Home Hardware/Kennetcook/362-2424
 Rawdon Country Store/South Rawdon Rd, Mount Uniacke/632-2551
 Walton Variety Store/Walton/528-2051

Inverness**NAME/LOCATION/TELEPHONE**

Whycocomagh Irving/Whycocomagh/756-3337
 Wayne's Variety/Judique/787-3404
 Brook Village Grocery/Brook Village/945-2757
 Leblanc's Store/Margaree Forks/248-2632
 Patterson's Store/Scotsville/258-2707
 Timmon's Store/Pleasant Bay/224-2174
 Maclean's General Store/River Denys/756-2780

Kings**NAME/LOCATION/TELEPHONE**

Borden's/East Dalhousie/547-2741
 Cann's Kwik Way/Avonport/542-5417
 DNA Convenience Store/Hwy #12 Kentville/678-9362
 Degraff's Kwik Way/Canning/582-2099
 Greenwood Corner Store/Greenwood/765-8061
 Kerrigan Weihers Trucking and Escavating/Aylesford/847-9107

Lunenburg**NAME/LOCATION/TELEPHONE**

A&B Country Corner Convenience/Middlewood/543-0075

Barry Russell's Esso/New Ross/689-2182

Midway Supply Store/Blockhouse/624-8620

Riverview Meat Market/Chester Basin/275-5401

Woodwise Outfitters/Oakhill/543-7221

The Deck Convenience Store/Blandford/228-2112

BTN Power Sports and Small Engine Repair/Baker's
Settlement/530-3880

Oickle's Auto Services/New Germany/644-3450

Alonza Rhodenizer/Parkdale/644-2934

Den Mart Ltd./West Northfield/543-2246

Newcombville Irving/543-2816

Pictou**NAME/LOCATION/TELEPHONE**

Ferguson's Corner Store and Sport Shop/Westville/396-5409

Johns Country Canteen/Central West River/925-2151

LBR Variety/Lower Barneys River/926-2257

Lismore Variety Cafe/Lismore/926-2451

Millside General Inc./Pictou/485-4454

Leetik Service Center/River John/351-2515

Dean Sharpe's Service Station Ltd./Blue Acres/752-9918

Scotsburn Pro Hardware/Scotsburn/485-8023

Queens**NAME/LOCATION/TELEPHONE**

Port Joli Post Office/Port Joli/683-2573

Liverpool Heating and Appliance/Brooklyn/354-4544

Greenfield General Store/Greenfield/685-2026

N.F. Douglas and Co./Caledonia/682-2334

Seascape Restaurant/Port Mouton/683-2626

New Grafton Variety/Kempt/682-2996

Richmond**NAME/LOCATION/TELEPHONE**

L'Ardoise General Store/Lower L'Ardoise/587-2190
 Gurney's Ultramar/Martinique/226-2953
 Jeantie's Minimart/Arichat/226-2186

Shelburne**NAME/LOCATION/TELEPHONE**

Lydgate Corner Store/Lydgate/656-2258
 Decker's Esso/Sable River/656-2041
 Riverside Convenience/Clyde River/637-2253
 Lyle's Grocery Ltd./106 Digby St/875-3186
 Barrington Food Mart/Oak Park Rd./637-2326

Victoria**NAME/LOCATION/TELEPHONE**

Wreck Cove General Store/Wreck Cove/929-2900
 MacAulay Ultramar/Baddeck/295-1906
 MacKenzie's Country Store/Little Narrows/756-2985
 Fitzgerald's General Repair/Neil's Harbour/336-2108
 Cabot Trail Food Market/Dingwall/383-2677

Yarmouth**NAME/LOCATION/TELEPHONE**

Arcadia Convenience Store/Arcadia/742-5893
 Kemptville Corner Store/Kemptville/761-2286
 East Pubnico Convenience Store/Lower East Pubnico/762-0559
 Amirault Grocery/West Pubnico/762-2319
 Carl's Grocery/Tusket/648-2212
 Emin's Meat Market/Yarmouth/742-2685
 Shore Grocery/Port Maitland/649-2210
 Carleton Country Outfitters/Carleton/761-3000

Department of Natural Resources Local Offices

Annapolis

Annapolis Office, Box 130, 108 Elliott Road, Lawrencetown, BOS 1M0. Phone 584-2229.

Antigonish

Antigonish Office, 190 Beech Hill Road, R.R. 6 Antigonish, B2G 0B4. Phone 863-4513.

Cape Breton

Coxheath Office, 300 Mountain Road, Sydney, B1L 1A9. Phone 563-3370.

Colchester

Colchester Office, 626 College Road, Bible Hill, B2N 2R2. Phone 893-5620.

Cumberland

Oxford Office, 4917 Main St, Box 130, Oxford, BOM 1P0. Phone 447-2115.

Parrsboro Office, 12057 Route 209 Advocate Hwy Crossroads, Parrsboro, BOM 1S0. Phone 254-3241.

Digby

Digby Office, 1632 Ridge Rd, R.R. #1, Barton, BOW 1H0. Phone 245-2164.

Guysborough

Guysborough Office, 11210 Hwy 16, R.R. #2, Boylston, BOH 1G0. Phone 533-3503.

Stillwater Office, 9240 Hwy 7, R.R. #2, Aspen, BOH 1E0. Phone 522-2024.

Halifax

Waverley Office, 2115 Waverley Road, Waverley, B2R 1Y8.
Phone 861-2560.

Sheet Harbour Office, 22835 Hwy 7, Box 118, Sheet Harbour,
BOJ 3B0. Phone 885-2377.

Musquodoboit Harbour Office, 8845 Hwy 7, Musquodoboit
Harbour, BOJ 2L0. Phone 889-2332.

Middle Musquodoboit Office, 12086 Hwy 224, Box 112, Middle
Musquodoboit, BON 1X0. Phone 384-2290.

Hants

Windsor Office, 55 Wentworth Rd, Box 190, Windsor, BON 2T0.
Phone 798-2016.

Shubenacadie Office, 24 Creighton Rd, Box 130, Shubenacadie,
BON 2H0. Phone 758-3437.

Inverness

Whycocomagh Office, 110 Provincial Park Rd, Box 130,
Whycocomagh, BOE 3M0. Phone 756-2339.

Kings

Kentville Office, Provincial Building, 136 Exhibition Street,
Kentville, B4N 4E5. Phone 679-6097.

Lunenburg

312 Green St, PO Box 6000, Lunenburg, BOJ 2C0.
Phone 634-7555.

Pictou

New Glasgow Office, 459 Coalburn/McLellan's Brook Road, RR 4,
New Glasgow, B2H 5C7. Phone 922-4020.

Queens

Milton Office, 552 Main St, Box 190, Milton, BOT 1P0.
Phone 354-3462.

Richmond

St. Peter's Office, Provincial Building, 10258 Grenville St, Box 363, St. Peters, BOE 3B0. Phone 535-2032.

Shelburne

Shelburne Office, 91 Goulden's Lane, Box 369, Shelburne, BOT 1W0. Phone 875-2501.

Victoria

Baddeck Office, Provincial Building, 2 Campbell St, Box 610, Baddeck, BOE 1B0. Phone 295-2554.

Baddeck Depot, 8346 Shore Road, Baddeck, Phone 295-2300.

Yarmouth

Tusket Office, Box 99, 404 Hwy. 308 North, Tusket, BOW 3M0. Phone 648-3540.

REPORT A POACHER

Help protect your Natural Resources, report wildlife crime, call **1-800-565-2224** or visit our website at

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/enforcement/reportapoacher.asp>

Angling and hunting regulations are designed to protect you as well as your fish and wildlife resources. A person who breaks these laws is a thief, stealing your resource.

Poaching and other fish and wildlife offences concern the whole community. If you know of someone breaking fish or wildlife laws, report what you know. Often information that seems unimportant can be of the greatest value.

Help us, help you protect your resource.

Hunter Reports and Biological Submissions: Essential to Managing Game Species

It is not always practical or even possible to monitor wildlife populations every year via surveys or field studies. It is, however, practical to ask the hunters and trappers of the province to assist by providing information on their harvested species. Such data, collected by means of hunter/trapper report forms and biological samples, is invaluable and is used to evaluate health, condition and abundance of the species involved and is essential to determine if current levels of hunting are sustainable.

Proper management of game species, therefore, requires the involvement of those who hunt and trap these animals. Report cards are available in this summary booklet and online at: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/wildlife/obserharvt.asp> We encourage you to do your part to ensure hunting and trapping remain a part of our future.

It is required, **by law**, for all hunters/trappers to comply with the following wildlife management projects:

Deer Registration*	Small Game Report Form*▲
Moose Hunter Report Form	Furharvester Report Form*▲
Submission of Moose Incisor/Jaw*	Furbuyer Receipt Slips
Bear Hunting Report Form*▲	Submission of Furbearer Carcasses (selected)
Bear Snaring Report Form▲	
Submission of Bear tooth*	

* All hunters successful in taking a deer must register the deer either at a deer registration station or online <http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/wildlife/obserharvt.asp>

• Hunters/trappers who submitted a moose or bear tooth/jaw may call their local DNR office starting in October each year to request the age of their harvested animal. You must provide your Wildlife Resources Card number.

Remember: it is just as important to submit information on “no kills” as it is for successful kills. A conviction for failing to return Mandatory Information Returns may result in a penalty of up to \$2000.

Compliance with the following wildlife management projects is **voluntary. Success depends on your participation:**

Deer antler measurements*	Waterfowl Hunting and Wing Survey
Submission of deer jaw	Deer Hunter Efforts and Observations
Moose Sighting Report Form*▲ (Zone 102)▲	
Woodcock Hunting and Wing Survey	

* Mail-in report forms are provided in this booklet.

▲ Report Forms can be completed and submitted online at:
<http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/wildlife/obserharvt.asp>

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Canadian Firearms Safety Courses are scheduled on a regular basis by the Nova Scotia Community College. For course dates, locations, and information on how to register, contact the NSCC campus nearest you. Go to www.nsc.ca/

Akerley Campus
Dartmouth, 491-4930

Annapolis Valley Campus
Lawrencetown, 584-2228

Burrige Campus
Yarmouth, 749-2407

Cumberland Campus
Springhill, 597-373

Kingstec Campus
Kentville, 679-7359

Lunenburg Campus
Bridgewater, 543-8261

Marconi Campus
Sydney, 563-3585

Pictou Campus
Stellarton, 755-7213

Shelburne Campus
Shelburne, 875-8641

Strait Area Campus
Port Hawkesbury,
(902) 625-5622

Clubs

Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters

<http://www.nsfah.ca/home.php>

Phone: (902) 477-8898

All Terrain Vehicle Association of Nova Scotia

<http://www.atvans.org/>

Archery Association of Nova Scotia (AANS)

<http://www.aansontheweb.ca/>

Bowhunters Association of Nova Scotia

C/O President John Webber

PO Box 705

Lower Sackville, NS B4C 3J1

Email: john@bans.ca

<http://www.bans.ca>

Bowhunters Instructors Association of Nova Scotia

<http://reseau.chebucto.ns.ca/Recreation/Bowhunting/Bowhunting-Home.html>

Traditional Archers Association of Nova Scotia

TAANS

PO Box 353

Musquodoboit Harbour, NS B0J 2L0

<http://www.taans.org>

Nova Scotia Association of Crossbow Hunters

C/O Lee Watson

36 McKinley Rd., RR#1

Falmouth, NS B0P 1L0

Email: info@nsach

<http://www.nsach.ca>

Conservation Enforcement Officers Association of Nova Scotia

Email: stedmps@gov.ns.ca

Delta Waterfowl Association

<http://www.deltawaterfowl.org/chapters/canada/NS/index.php>

Nova Scotia Guides Association

<http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/recreation/NSGA/index.html>

Nova Scotia Houndsmen Association

Jason Hoeg 902-546-2169

The Big Game Society of Nova Scotia
P.O. Box 305
Windsor, NS B0N 2T0
Phone: 902-798-4036

Trappers Association of Nova Scotia
<http://www.trappersassociationofnovascotia.ca/>

Department of Natural Resources Hunter and Trapper Training Courses

You can now apply online for education courses. Online course registration is a fast and easy way to register for upcoming education courses. You must have a credit card in order to use this online service.

- NS Hunter Education
- NS Furharvester Education
- NS Bow Hunter Education

To register for the above courses go to
<https://www.hmcgroup.ca/education/>

- Crossbow

To register for the crossbow course go to
<http://gov.ns.ca/natr/hunt/crossbow-training.asp>

Accidental Harvest Form

When a trapper catches an animal to which he/she is not entitled (i.e. animals over your legal bag limit or those which are completely protected or for which the season is closed) the trapper is left with three options.

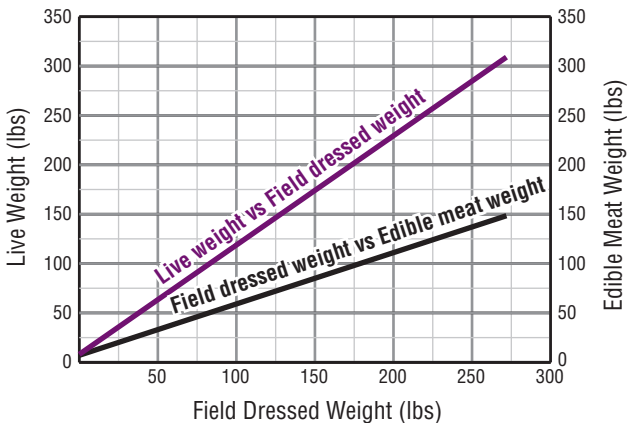
1. The first is to release the animal alive back into the wild.
2. The second would be to leave the animal at the trap site until such time that the Department of Natural Resources has been notified and direction received from DNR staff as to how to handle the animal in question (outside of normal DNR office hours, you may contact 1-800-565-2224).
3. The third alternative available to trappers is to complete a copy of the Accidental Harvest Form which is part of this card. This form must be completed at the trap site, prior to taking possession of and transporting any animal taken to which you are not entitled. If you catch more than one such animal (even on the same day), each animal must be recorded as a separate entry. Upon arriving at your place of residence you must report your catch to a DNR office, either the local Area office or, if outside normal office hours, the toll free number (1-800-565-2224). When calling you should report what you have in your possession, time of day, date and location of capture.

Once a trapper uses the form and has notified a DNR office that an animal has been taken and the form completed, arrangements need to be made to deliver the animal to a local DNR Area office. At the time of delivery, a DNR staff person will sign in the space provided under the column marked 'Received by' to acknowledge having taken possession of the animal/s. Department staff will ensure that all regular carcass information is obtained and the appropriate metal tag is attached.

Any species which are inadvertently caught and recorded on this form must still be reported in the appropriate column on the Furharvester Report Form (found in the Nova Scotia Hunting and Furharvesting Summary of Regulations booklet and/or on the DNR website), which all furharvesters must submit following the end of the furharvesting season.

Whitetail Deer Weights

Relationship between Live Weight vs
Field Dressed Weight vs Edible Meat



The following equations provide approximately same results as graph (2.5% error between two methods)

Live weight x 78% = Field dressed weight

Field dressed weight x 56.25% = Edible meat weight

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