

**IN THE MATTER of Chapter 504 of the
Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989,
the *Wildlife Act***

-and-

IN THE MATTER OF an Order issued under
Section 21 of the *Wildlife Act*

MINISTERIAL ORDER

- I. WHEREAS subsection 21(1) of Chapter 504 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Wildlife Act* (“the Act”) provides that, notwithstanding anything contained in the Act, the Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables may issue an Order prohibiting hunting or a method of hunting in any defined area of the province for a period considered necessary for the proper management of wildlife in that area;
- II. AND WHEREAS, notwithstanding the Act and any regulations made under the Act, including section 5 of the *Moose Hunting Regulations*, the Minister considers it necessary for the proper management of moose to prohibit hunting certain moose within specified areas of the province for a specified duration;
- III. AND WHEREAS, limiting the harvesting of female moose (antlerless moose) is a strategy that supports moose population conservation;
- IV. AND WHEREAS, data gathered during the winter 2023 Cape Breton moose survey showed a population decline compared to the estimated population in 2015, and, in response to this survey, the Minister believes that measures are necessary for proper management of wildlife in certain areas;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

The Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables, under subsection 21(1) of the *Wildlife Act*, hereby prohibits the hunting of antlerless moose within the lands designated as Moose Management Zone 1, 2 3 4 and 5 of the province in the *Moose Hunting Regulations* N.S Reg. 90/88.

This Order is effective on Monday, September 11, 2023, and expires on Friday December 15, 2023, inclusive of these dates.

ANY PERSON who contravenes this Order may be liable to prosecution under subsection 21(3) of the *Wildlife Act*.

Dated and made April 24, 2023 at Halifax, Halifax Regional
Municipality, Nova Scotia.



Honourable Tory Rushton
Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables