



Minister's Message

As Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture, I extend my sincere wishes for a safe and successful 2020-21 hunting and trapping season.

The information contained in the 2020-21 annual Hunting and Trapping Guide is provided for the benefit of hunters, trappers and those who enjoy our wildlife resources and ensure they have the most up to date information about various hunting and trapping seasons, regulations, and programs that are designed to support wildlife conservation and management.

Our Government recognizes the value of knowledge and input of hunters and trappers and traditional Indigenous cultures to help make responsible wildlife management decisions and we remain committed to future engagements with all those who have a vested interest in wildlife.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all hunters, trappers and the public for their recent input on policies and legislation that will contribute to improved opportunities for safe and responsible hunting and trapping for the 2020-21 hunting season. These changes include:

- Aligning Season Dates for All Moose Management Zones on the Island;
- Permitting Crossbows for Hunting in Newfoundland and Labrador; and
- Permitting use of Smaller Caliber Rifle/Ammunition (.17 rimfire) for hunting and trapping in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The 2020-21 big game season will also see reintroduction of the Jawbone Collection Program in support of ongoing scientific research and study of our province's big game populations. All hunters participating in this important initiative can receive a 'Cooperating Hunter Crest' as a reward to acknowledge their stewardship efforts.



The privilege of having access to such an abundant array of wildlife and truly remarkable wild places here in Newfoundland and Labrador is something we must not take for granted. I encourage everyone to bear this in mind and to always closely follow safety and hunting regulations when heading into the outdoors with family and friends this hunting season.

Sincerely,

Honourable Elvis Loveless

Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture

Licence Fees

| Licence Type | Price (Cdn) | Payment Methods/Restrictions |
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| Moose | | |
| Resident | \$52.00 | Pay online or contact Central Cashier's Office at 709.729.3042 with payment information. |
| Resident Senior | \$33.80 | |
| Non-Resident | \$502.00 | Available through licenced outfitter only. |
| Woodland Caribou (Newfoundland) | | |
| Resident | \$52.00 | Pay online or contact Central Cashier's Office at 709.729.3042 with payment information. |
| Resident Senior | \$33.80 | |
| Non-Resident | \$675.00 | Available through licenced outfitter only. |
| Black Bear | | |
| Resident Application | \$39.00 | Pay online or submit cheque or money order with application payable to Central Cashier's Office. |
| Resident Senior Application | \$25.35 | |
| Non-Resident | \$150.00 | Available through licenced outfitter only. |
| Small Game/Coyote/Wolf (Shooting Licence) | | |
| Resident | \$10.00 | All licences available at Government Service Centers or local vendor only. |
| Resident Senior | \$6.50 | |
| Non-Resident (Canadian-Citizen) | \$50.00 | |
| Non-Resident (Non-Canadian Citizen) | \$100.00 | |
| Youth Small Game Snaring Only | Free | Youth under 16 |

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| Trapper | | <u>Pay online</u> or submit cheque or money order with application payable to Central Cashier's Office or contact Central Cashier's Office at 709.729.3042 with payment information. |
| General Licence | \$15.00 | |
| General Licence (Senior) | \$9.75 | |
| Beaver Trapline-Island | \$15.00 | |
| Beaver Trapline-Island (Senior) | \$9.75 | |
| Guide | | <u>Pay online</u> or contact Central Cashier's Office at 709.729.3042 with payment information. |
| General Licence | \$15.00 | |
| Resident Senior | \$9.75 | |
| Migratory Game Bird Permit | | Available at Canada Post Outlets or online at https://www.permis-permits.ec.gc.ca/en/ |
| Canadian Resident | \$17.00 | |
| Non-Canadian | \$17.00 | |

NOTE:

1. Licences sold through vendor outlets and/or Government Service Centres are subject to an additional \$3.00 fee at the time of purchase.
2. All licence fees are non-refundable and subject to change.
3. Prices do not include HST.
4. Licence fees for seniors apply to those aged 65 and older.

New for 2020-21

Moose: For the 2020-21 season there is an overall total of 28,339 licences for Newfoundland and Labrador. For the island portion of the province this includes 17,124 Either Sex, 10,356 Male Only; and 475 allocated to Not-for-Profit groups. This is a decrease of 1205 licenses compared to 2019. The 1205 license reduction includes an additional 425 license reduction beyond the 780 announced in February 2020. This is the result of an extensive 2020 winter survey program that covered ten Moose Management Areas (MMAs) and identified three MMAs requiring quota reductions (MMAs 8, 28, and 44). Overall reductions for Moose Management Areas (MMAs) on the island of Newfoundland compared to 2019 include; 8 (-250) 15 (-100), 19(-100), 28 (-150), 28A (-30), 29 (-100), 33 (-100), 34 (-50), 35(-50) 36 (-100) 41 (-50), and 44 (-125). In Labrador there is a total of 384 Either Sex moose licences with an overall increase of 15 licences compared to last year. Adjustments were made in three MMAs; 57 (+5) 58 (+5), and 84 (+5).

Moose Seasons (Island): For the 2020-21 season all island Moose Management Area (MMA) seasons will open on the same date, including Moose Management Reduction Zones 100 and 101. Effective for 2020-21 the moose hunting season starting date for the entire Island will be September 12, 2020 and close December 31, 2020, except in National Park zones. Bow-hunting seasons for moose in all island MMAs begins August 29, 2020. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Moose/Caribou Jawbone Program: Beginning in 2020, successful big game hunters will be required to submit the lower jawbone of a moose or caribou that has been harvested under their licence. A jawbone tag will be supplied with the licence (and) tags that accompanies your big game licence. Jawbone dropboxes will be established at your nearest Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture Office.

Black Bear: Beginning fall of 2020, black bear licences in Labrador will be able to be purchased using the online process or mail-in application process. Hunters may choose to login to the Wildlife Information Management System or file a paper application. For more information, visit www.wildlife.gov.nl.ca *Note that black bear licences will no longer be sold at vendor locations in Labrador.*

Boundary Information: The MMA 51 previously known as Grand Falls is now named Baikie Lake.

Small Game/Coyote/Wolf (Shooting Licence): The Labrador South wolf shooting season will only be permitted beginning November 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021. The Island of Newfoundland wolf shooting season will open October 15, 2020 and close March 31, 2021. [See Coyotes and Wolves section for more information.](#)

NEW! Information on Crossbows

Crossbow hunting in Newfoundland and Labrador

Hunting laws

Crossbows may now be used by certified hunters during firearms seasons for big game and small game. Proof of having completed the firearms and hunter education courses must be carried in addition to hunting licence(s) while hunting. An archery or a specific crossbow course is not required but all hunters are encouraged to understand the basics of crossbows and other archery equipment before they use it to hunt game.

Crossbow hunters are subject to many of the same hunting laws as bow and firearm hunters. Some of these include:

- It is illegal to discharge a firearm (including a crossbow or bow) within 1000 meters of a school, playground, athletic field, or commercial wood cutting operation with signs posted, or within 300 meters of a dwelling.
- Crossbows used to hunt moose, caribou and black bear must have a minimum draw weight of 68 kg (150 lbs) and be fitted with broadheads with at least two or more sharp-end metal cutting edges. If hunting small game you must use blunts or other small game tips designed to kill by shock.
- It is illegal to transport a loaded crossbow in or upon any vehicle including all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles and aircraft.
- A crossbow must be cased or fully wrapped and tied when transporting during a closed season, or outside your open area.

NOTE: Crossbow use for big game (moose, caribou or black bear) may only occur during the regular rifle season, and not during the archery preseason.

Do I need to register my crossbow?

Under the federal **Firearms Act** you do not need a firearms licence or registration certificate to possess any type of bow, including a crossbow.

Crossbows that can be aimed and fired with one hand and crossbows with an overall length of 50 cm (19.7 inches) or less are prohibited.

For further information about the possession and acquisition of firearms contact your local RCMP office or the Chief Firearms Office at 1 800 731-4000.

Crossbow basics

Crossbows work on essentially the same principle as a bow – energy stored in the limbs of the crossbow is transferred to the arrow upon release of its string. Crossbows have a limited range, similar to that of a bow, and require careful estimation of the distance to the target to ensure a precise shot.

Crossbow's limbs are shorter and heavier than those of a bow and are mounted horizontally to a stock. The crossbow arrow, or bolt, is launched from a grooved track with the aid of a trigger system. Many models feature a scope or telescopic sight.

The string of a crossbow travels about half the distance as that of a compound bow when shooting an arrow. Due to this shorter “power stroke” or draw, crossbows must have more than twice the draw weight of a compound bow to produce the same arrow speed.

Recurve crossbows feature recurve limbs that sweep back when cocked and have few moving parts to break or maintain. **Compound** crossbows are based on a system of cams, wheels, and cables. Their limbs may be split or solid and are generally shorter than those of a recurve crossbow.

Recurve Crossbow

Compound Crossbow

Crossbow features and safety mechanisms differ from model to model. **PLEASE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE OWNER’S MANUAL** that came with your crossbow before using it.

Crossbow bolts

Crossbow arrows or bolts differ from conventional arrows in that they are shorter and usually feature a flat capped or half-moon nock rather than a notched nock as used on conventional arrows. Crossbow bolts must be the right length, weight, and stiffness (spine) for the crossbow they are used with. Shooting improperly matched bolts will damage your crossbow and create a safety hazard to you and those around you. Check your owner's manual or contact your local archery shop for the correct bolt requirements of your crossbow.

Crossbow arrow/bolt (top) as compared to a conventional arrow (bottom)

Cocking devices

Crossbows can be cocked by hand or with a cocking aid such as a rope cocker or hand crank. Rope cockers consist of a sturdy cord, handles, and pulley-equipped hooks that attach to the crossbow string. The crossbow is cocked in a single motion by standing up while pulling on the wrist straps or handles. Hand cranks attach to the stock of the crossbow and work on the same principle as that of a boat winch. The use of cocking aids reduces the effort required to cock a crossbow by 50% or more.

Rope Cocker

Hand Crank

String Position

When cocking a crossbow it is crucial that the string's serving area be centered on the latch system to ensure consistent shooting. If the crossbow is cocked so that the string is off centre it will shift the location of the arrow hits to one side of the target. The use of a cocking aid such as a cocking rope or hand crank helps ensure centre alignment of the string. You can also mark your string with a permanent marker to make it easier to determine if it is properly centered.

Correct Positioning

Incorrect Positioning

Sight Systems

Sight systems for crossbows include the peep/pin, red dot, and telescopic or scope. The peep/pin is a basic sight that consists of a rear peep with a blade or pin front sight. Red dot and telescopic sights or scopes can be designed to work specifically with crossbows and permit a clear view of the target at close range. They usually feature multiple crosshairs or aiming points that correspond to distances of 20, 30, and 40 metres (yards).

Peep / Pin Sight

Red Dot Sight

Scope or Telescopic Sight

Sighting-in your crossbow

Sighting-in your crossbow is essential to ensuring accurate and humane shot placement.

- Choose a suitable location such as an approved range.
- Begin at a distance of 10 metres and then work out to 20, 30 and 40 metres (yards) firing at least 3 shots from each distance.
- Use a shooting rest to ensure greater accuracy and sight-in under calm conditions.
- Start with weight-matched field points and once the crossbow is on target, switch to same weight broadheads or hunting tips for final sighting-in purposes.
- To adjust a pin sight, use the “follow the arrow rule”. For example, if the hits are low adjust the pin down, if the hits are to the right, move the pin to the right.
- To adjust a scope or telescopic sight, refer to the distance corrections indicated on the scope’s windage (left/right) and elevation (up/down) dials. For example, if the scope dial indicates it adjusts arrow hits 1/2 inch at 20 yards then 2 clicks will be needed to move your arrows 1 inch on the target at this distance.
- Newer crossbow scopes may feature a range compensating crosshair system. Scopes with this system have an arrow-speed dial that you set to match the specific crossbow model you are using. You then sight-in your crossbow at a predetermined distance, for example 20 yards. Once sighted-in at this distance your crossbow is also sighted-in at additional target distances indicated by multiple crosshairs visible through the scope. It is recommended you confirm these settings by taking a few practice shots.
- Sight systems vary so it is important to always consult your owner’s manual when sighting-in your crossbow.

Crossbow Safety

When operated properly, crossbows are as safe as a bow or firearm. Follow these safety guidelines to reduce your risk of injury:

- Inspect your crossbow and bolts for signs of damage, loose parts, or wear each time you use them. Replace or repair worn or damaged parts if you find them.
- Make sure your foot is firmly placed in the stirrup during cocking. If it slips out the crossbow will be pulled upwards with force possibly injuring the shooter.
- When hunting from a treestand:
 - Use a full body safety harness and make sure you are attached to the tree at all times.
 - Cock your crossbow on the ground and wait until after you have entered your treestand to load it.
 - Use a hoist rope to raise and lower your unloaded crossbow with the stock pointing up.
- Your safety should be on at all times once your crossbow is cocked.
- Make sure your hands and fingers are below the deck and string level when shooting your crossbow!

Make sure your foot is firmly placed in the stirrup during cocking.

Keep your fingers below the string level!

- Never fire your crossbow when there are obstacles that may come in contact with its limbs, the limbs move forward with considerable force as the arrow is released. If they strike an object the impact can

result in significant “kickback” which may injure the shooter.

Crossbow limbs must not contact any obstacles during firing.

- Unload your crossbow by firing a field tipped or “decocking” bolt. Never dry fire your crossbow as this can damage it and possibly injure the shooter.
- Use extreme caution when handling razor sharp broadheads. Keep broadheads covered in a quiver and use a broadhead wrench to change them.
- **Be 100% sure of your target and beyond!**

Hunting Ethics

The future of hunting depends to a large degree on hunter behaviour. Use your crossbow in a safe and responsible manner to project a positive image of hunting to the public. Some things to keep in mind include:

- Always ask for permission to hunt on private property.
- Retrieve your arrows/bolts after every shot, arrows left behind may injure people, pets, wildlife, or livestock.
- Only take shots within your effective range – the distance at which you can consistently hit a 10 to 15 cm (4 to 6 inch) diameter target. The preferred shot distance for most crossbow hunters is 20 metres (yards). Crossbow manufacturers generally recommend 40 metres (yards) as the maximum distance for crossbow shots when hunting.
- Know when and where to shoot. Broadside or quartering away shots are the most effective. Target only an animal’s vital area – the chest cavity where the largest concentration of vital organs and blood vessels are located. Shots to this area produce a quick and humane kill.

- **Practice!** It is important to practice target shooting, handling, loading, and maintenance of your crossbow. Know your crossbow, its shooting capabilities, and how to safely use it!

NEW! Big Game Jawbone Collection Program

Successful big game hunters will be required to submit the lower jawbone of a moose or caribou that has been harvested under their licence. A jawbone tag will be included in your big game licence package. Please indicate the sex of the animal you have harvested on the tag. Jawbone drop boxes will be established in 48 locations throughout the province. To view all locations on a map, click [here](#).

Wear aging estimates age based on the visible wear of the molar teeth. Cementum age interpretation involves counting the layers of bony material deposited each year on the root of the tooth. These layers appear like rings on a tree as depicted below. Incisor teeth, which are extracted from the lower jawbone and analyzed, give us an accurate age. Knowing the age structure of animals can help determine the health and status of the population. For example, hunters often harvest yearling and two-year old moose, while few calves and old animals are harvested. Other than calves, the age distribution is assumed to resemble the age of the moose population. If there are many young and prime

Cementum age is read by counting the layers of growth from each year.

breeding animals present, the population is probably increasing. If there are many older animals, it is likely that birth rates are low and the population is declining.

When you submit your jawbones, please keep the following in mind:

- **Samples should not be mailed.**
- Remove as much skin and flesh as possible.
- Keep in a well-ventilated, cool area.
- Do not wrap in plastic to avoid the growth of bacteria.
- Firmly attach the jawbone tag before submitting, and remember to punch out the tab that indicates the sex of the animal harvested.

Cooperating Big Game Hunter Crests

Hunters that submit a lower jawbone from a harvested big game animal will receive a cooperating big game hunter crest as a token of appreciation (partner licences will receive two crests). The efforts

of hunters to supply data through jawbone submissions are essential to establish the health and status of moose and caribou populations throughout the province. Thanks to hunting public, age and growth records in the provincial jawbone database represent one of the largest datasets known among North American wildlife management agencies, amassing over 168,000 entries.

A properly cleaned jawbone is important for getting accurate measurements.

General Information for All Hunters

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This guide is neither a legal document, nor a complete collection of current hunting and trapping regulations or firearms laws. It is an abbreviated guide issued for the convenience of hunters and trappers. The Wild Life Act and Regulations should be consulted for interpreting and applying the law. Please contact your nearest Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (FFA) office for more information.

Application Deadlines

Resident Moose and Caribou and Not-for-Profit/Charitable Moose Applications

- Applications must be received by the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on **April 17, 2020**. To apply online, click [here](#).
- Do not include fee with the application.
- Not-For-Profit/Charitable Moose application, click [here](#).

Resident Black Bear

- Applications and payments must be received by the dates indicated to ensure your licence is available before the hunting season begins. For an application click [here](#). Or to apply online, click [here](#).

Spring Season: Close of business (4:30 p.m.) **April 17, 2020**

Fall Season: Close of business (4:30 p.m.) **June 26, 2020**

- Applications received after these dates will be accepted but are not guaranteed to be processed before the season opens.
- Do not include moose or caribou applications with your black bear application.

New Applicants for the Big Game Licence Draw

- To be eligible for the 2021 draw, applicants must have completed the Canadian Firearms Safety Course and Hunter Education Course, or transferred hunter certification credentials from another jurisdiction before **January 30, 2021** (UPDATED 09/15/20). Outdoor Identification Card applications must be accompanied by proof of completion of a recognized hunter training course. Licence applications are automatically mailed to qualified resident hunters each year.

Canadian Firearms Safety Course/Hunter Education (CFSC/HE) Course

- Individuals wishing to hunt game with a firearm (including bows) in Newfoundland and Labrador are required to complete the CFSC/HE Course. Courses are offered through College of the North Atlantic. Exemptions may apply for those who have completed other recognized hunter training programs.

Outdoor Identification Card (OIC)/Temporary Outdoor Identification Cards (TOIC)

An OIC is issued to residents who have completed the CFSC/HE Course or have previously completed the Hunter Capability Test or the Canadian Firearms Safety Course (in Newfoundland and Labrador only) before April 1996. The OIC, along with the appropriate hunting licence, must be in your possession while hunting with firearms. The OIC is proof that a hunter has met the province's requirements to hunt game with a firearm.

- A Temporary Outdoor Identification Card (TOIC) is issued to individuals who have just passed the CFSC/HE course or those individuals who have lost their OIC.
- Individuals who require a replacement OIC can visit the nearest Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture office for a TOIC and an application for a replacement OIC. Applications are also available online at flr.gov.nl.ca/wildlife/

Problem Moose on Farms

- Holders of a valid moose hunting licence may be authorized by a wildlife officer to assist farmers in removing problem moose from farms. If you are interested in taking part, please call a regional Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture office. Licence holders will be contacted in the order their calls are received. You may be called to a farm to either remove a moose shot by a wildlife officer, or asked to hunt on the farm according to instructions from the conservation officer and farmer.
- Persons with disabilities not able to participate in the CFSC/HE Course or in the hunt itself may apply to become eligible to receive a problem moose from farms or other areas that has been euthanized by a conservation officer. Priority access to this moose meat will be managed by the regional or district Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture office where the problem moose occurs. Persons interested in this program must provide a medical note from a doctor. For more information or to add your name to a priority list, please contact your nearest Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture office.

Not-for-Profit Moose Licences

- A number of moose licences are available to registered not-for-profit (NFP) and charitable organizations through the Wildlife Division. Organizations may utilize qualified resident hunters to secure meat for charities and service groups that use it for fundraising purposes and food sharing programs.
- Successful applicants will be automatically added to the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture Problem Moose on Farms list in their region and will be contacted directly when a problem moose is identified in their chosen Management Area (possibly before the opening of the regular big game season). NFP licence holders are strongly encouraged to make every effort to avail of this program if contacted to do so.
- Registered not-for-profit and charitable organizations must apply by close of business 4:30 p.m. **April 17, 2020**. Applications received after this date will not be considered.
- Applications are available [here](#) or by contacting the Wildlife Division.
- Additional NFP moose licences are available through Parks Canada in Gros Morne National Park and Terra Nova National Park. [Contact Parks Canada for more information.](#)

How Do I Get A Licence?

- Resident moose licences for Newfoundland and Labrador and resident caribou licences for the Island of Newfoundland are only available through the Wildlife Division's big game draw process.
- Resident black bear licences for the Island of Newfoundland and Labrador are only available through an online application process. Apply online by logging on with your user name and password at www.wildlife.gov.nl.ca or applications may also be printed by [clicking here](#).
- Resident small game/coyote/wolf licences are available at vendor outlets throughout the province. Resident hunters must provide identification, such as a Newfoundland and Labrador Driver's Licence, to the vendor at the time of purchase.
- Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permits are available through Canada Post Offices at local offices or online at <http://www.permis-permits.ec.gc.ca/> and are valid throughout Canada (additional hunting licences may be required to hunt migratory game birds in other provinces).

Age Requirements

- A person must be 12 years of age or older to hunt with a firearm for small game, migratory waterfowl and coyotes. To hunt big game, a person must be 16 years of age by August 31 in the year for which the licence is valid. Persons under 16 years of age may also purchase licences to take small game and furbearers by snaring or trapping only. See [Youth Hunting and Trapping Licences](#) for more information.

Federal Firearms Regulations

- In addition to the Wild Life Regulations, the Firearms Act and Regulations require licencing of all gun owners. A firearms licence is also required to purchase ammunition.
- For the purpose of hunting small game, migratory game birds or coyotes with firearms in this province, hunters aged 16 and 17 may hunt while under the immediate and direct supervision of a person who can lawfully possess firearms (i.e. has a valid Possession Only Licence or Possession and Acquisition Licence). Youth aged 16 and 17 may also apply for a Minor's Licence. For Information on Minor's Possession Licence applications call 1-800-731-4000 ext. 5013
- For more information about federal firearms regulations and licences/permits, please contact the RCMP's Canadian Firearms Program at 1-800-731-4000 or visit their website at rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/index-eng.htm

Transportation of Firearms

- A permit to transport firearms is required during a closed season or without a valid hunting licence. Permits are available at local Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture offices.
- Rod and Gun Clubs and firearm businesses (gunsmiths) may apply for annual firearms transport permits by contacting the Wildlife Division at 637-2006.

Online Services

- Many of the services provided by the Wildlife Division, such as submitting big game applications and payments, renewing licences, and submitting licence returns can be accessed online at www.wildlife.gov.nl.ca provided you have your login identification and password. To request information concerning your login identification and password, contact the Wildlife Division at 637-2025, or email wildlifelicense@gov.nl.ca
- Check out our website at www.flr.gov.nl.ca/wildlife for more information on hunting, trapping, angling and guiding.

Residents

A resident of Newfoundland and Labrador is:

- A Canadian citizen who has lived in this province for six consecutive months immediately preceding their application for a licence;
- A person, other than a Canadian citizen, who has lived in this province for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding their application for a licence;
- While stationed in the province, a member of the Canadian Forces or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP);
- While stationed outside the province, a member of the Canadian Forces or the RCMP who was born in the province; or

- A person ordinarily a resident of the province who leaves to attend a recognized educational institution and intends to return upon completion of studies at the institution concerned.
- If your residency status has changed you must notify the Wildlife Division immediately. It is an offence for non-residents to apply for and receive a resident licence.

Note: Members of the Canadian Forces and RCMP are required to provide proof of their military/police status to the Wildlife Division when initially filing an application for resident licences or an Outdoor Identification Card and may be requested to confirm their status from time to time during routine file maintenance.

Non-residents

- A non-resident Canadian is a person who is a Canadian citizen but is not a resident of Newfoundland and Labrador.
- A non-resident alien is a person who is not a Canadian citizen.
- General information and regulations found in this Guide are applicable to non-residents.
- Non-resident hunters must possess a valid non-resident hunting licence. They must also possess proof of having met their own jurisdiction's hunter education requirements and must present this information immediately upon request of a wildlife officer.
- Non-resident big game hunters are required to be accompanied by licenced guides. Guides are supplied by licenced outfitters. Non-resident small game, coyote, wolf or waterfowl hunters do not require guides.
- Non-resident big game licences (bear, moose, caribou) are only available through licenced outfitters.
- Non-resident small game/coyote/wolf shooting licences are available through vendor outlets. Migratory game bird hunting permits are available through Canada Post Offices.
- Hunters must declare all game entering the United States from Canada. American hunters should obtain the necessary forms at U.S. Customs when leaving the United States.
- Hunters must possess a game export permit to take game out of the province. Export permits are available free of charge from all Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture offices and licenced outfitters.
- Non-resident black bear hunters may require a Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) permit to transport black bear parts outside Canada.
- Non-residents arriving at a Canada Customs port must declare all firearms. For further information, contact the Canadian Firearms Program at 1-800-731-4000 or visit www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/index-eng.htm.
- A non-resident cannot apply for a licence or priority pool advancement in the resident big game licence draw.
- For a list of outfitters and complete information on non-resident hunting, contact the Department of Tourism, Culture, Innovation & Industry by phone at 1-800-563-6353 (inside North America) or 1-

709-729-2830 (outside North America), or by visiting www.newfoundlandlabrador.com/thingstodo/hunting.

Guide Licences

- First-time applicants must include, along with their guide licence application and proof of Canadian residency status, a valid emergency first aid certificate and proof of completion of a recognized Firearms Safety/Hunter Education Course and boat safety course or equivalent. Alternatively, applicants may include proof of completion of a recognized guide training program. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older.
- New guide applicants should expect a minimum of ten business days for an application to be processed. Applications received during the hunting or angling season will not be given additional priority. Those wishing to receive a guide licence should submit their request well in advance of the season.
- Applications are available online at <http://www.flr.gov.nl.ca/wildlife/hunting/guides.html> or from Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture or Wildlife Division offices.
- Renewal payments may be made online at www.wildlife.gov.nl.ca or by contacting the Central Cashier's Office at 729-3042 or P.O. Box 8700, St. John's, NL, A1B 4J6.
- For more information, contact your nearest Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture Office.

Replacement Licences

- If your hunting licence and/or tags have been lost, damaged or stolen, you must get a replacement licence and/or tags before you continue hunting.
- Replacement big game licences and/or tags are available from any Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture Regional or District Office or Wildlife Division office. Return any part of the original licence and/or tags in your possession. An affidavit describing the circumstances of the loss must be completed and signed by a Justice of the Peace, Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public.
- Replacement small game/coyote/wolf shooting licences are available from the vendor (at no cost) where you purchased your original licence. Keep your licence return and record the date of purchase and the vendor's name and address. An affidavit describing the circumstances of the loss must be completed and signed by a Justice of the Peace, Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public. Bring these to the vendor and they will issue a replacement licence.

Sunday Hunting

- Sunday hunting is permitted for all species beginning **October 4, 2020** and ending **April 25, 2021** provided that the season for the game being hunted is open and you possess a valid hunting licence and Outdoor Identification Card.

Samiajij Miawpukek Reserve (Conne River)

- Hunters are advised that permission is required to access the Reserve. Contact the Miawpukek First Nation at 1-866- 882-2470 or www.mfngov.ca for more information.

Maps

- Maps in this publication are prepared for reference only. The Wild Life Act and Regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpreting and applying the law. For detailed maps and legal boundary descriptions visit <http://www.flr.gov.nl.ca/wildlife/hunting/boundary.html>, or write the Wildlife Division, P.O. Box 2007, Corner Brook, NL A2H 7S1.
- Maps are provided to big game licence holders and include physical boundary descriptions.

Marked Animals

- Big game animals and wolves have been ear-tagged and/or have had radio collars affixed to them. Ear tags may be made of light plastic or metal. Radio collars are generally white or black in colour. Because of the cost associated with animal capture and marking and the value that these animals have in monitoring programs, hunters are asked not to harvest these animals. However, hunters who harvest these animals must return the radio collar and lower jawbone (in the case of a big game animal). A \$50.00 reward will be offered for the return of radio collars.
- For more information on marked wildlife, please contact the Wildlife Division.

Injured or Diseased Animals

- Please report any observations of injured or diseased wildlife to the nearest Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture office. If a big game animal harvested by you appears to be diseased or was previously injured, the entire carcass must be brought to a local Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture office for inspection. In most cases, it is only possible to determine that an animal has a serious disease or infection by examining the entire carcass. Hunters are advised that a replacement licence may only be issued if a big game animal is found to be unfit for consumption because of disease or previous injury and the entire carcass has been submitted for disposal.

Health Canada Advisories

- Health Canada advises that some big game animals treated with immobilizing drugs may be unsuitable for human consumption. All big game animals captured using immobilizing drugs have been marked with a radio collar or ear tag or both. If you happen to harvest a collared or ear-tagged animal, contact the Wildlife Division immediately at 637-2398 for advice on the suitability for consumption.
- The Wildlife Division, after consultation with Health Canada, recommends the public not eat the liver or kidneys of moose or caribou. The cadmium contained in one meal of either liver or kidney,

combined with a person's normal consumption of cadmium in other foods, would likely be more than the weekly allowable intake of cadmium as recommended by the World Health Organization.

Akami-Uapishk^u-KakKasuak-Mealy Mountains National Park Reserve

Small game, waterfowl hunting and fur-bearer trapping is permitted within the national park reserve boundary under the authority of a valid provincial licence. For more information concerning other activities inside the national park reserve boundary, please consult the Parks Canada website, www.parkscanada.gc.ca or contact Parks Canada Western Newfoundland and Labrador Field Unit (709)458-2417 or email: mealymountains.gmp@pc.gc.ca.

Big Game Licence Application and Draw Process

Eligibility

To be considered eligible for the 2020 big game licence draw, you must:

- be a resident of Newfoundland and Labrador;
- be at least 16 years of age by August 31, 2020;
- have a Hunter Certificate Number; and
- have completed the Firearms Safety/Hunter Education Course or applied for an Outdoor Identification Card before November 30, 2019 (**Note: The course cut-off date for the 2021 draw is November 30, 2020**).

Name Changes

Individuals requiring name changes to remain current in the Wildlife Management Information System must do so in writing and provide the applicable documentation:

- for marriage, a copy of marriage certificate and driver's licence or photo identification which matches the name on the marriage certificate;
- for divorce, a copy of birth certificate and driver's licence or photo identification which matches the name on the birth certificate; and
- for any other reasons, a copy of change of name document and driver's licence or photo identification.

Address Changes

The Wildlife Division must be notified in writing of any address changes to ensure you continue to receive your big game applications. This notification can be submitted to the Wildlife Division offices in Corner Brook or St. John's or emailed to wildlifelicence@gov.nl.ca

Applications

Applications can be submitted either by mail or online at www.wildlife.gov.nl.ca.

- Your application will be rejected if not completed correctly. The following information, along with the information on the application itself, will assist you. However, if you should have any questions contact

the Wildlife Division.

- If you do not want a licence but wish to advance in the priority pools, indicate 'no' in the section asking if you want the application to enter the draw. Sign and date the application, noting any change in your personal details. No other parts of the application need to be completed.
- If you wish to have a licence, you must indicate 'yes' in the section asking if you want the application to enter the draw and the types of licences you are willing to accept (either-sex, male-only or calf). The more types that you are willing to accept, the greater your chances of receiving a licence. You must also indicate the areas for which you are willing to receive a licence.

Priority Pool Status

To advance through the priority pools you must submit an application each year by the deadline date. If a hunter does not submit an application for three consecutive years, their file will be identified as inactive and their priority pool will be reset to Pool 8. Files can be reactivated by contacting the Wildlife Division.

Licence Draw

- The draw is based on a 'priority pool' system and applications are ranked based on participation and/or success in previous draws. There are nine pools. Pool 1 has the highest priority and Pool 9 has the lowest.
- This system gives applicants who have been in the draw the longest without receiving a licence the best possible chance of receiving one. Note that being in Pool 1 does not guarantee you a licence.
- The draw is computerized and begins with Pool 1 co-applicant applications, followed by Pool 1 individual applications, followed by Pool 2 co-applicant applications and so on. Co-applicant applications receive preference to give as many hunters as possible an opportunity to hunt with the licences available.
- The draw also begins with the first area of choice on each application and goes through each area listed until a licence is awarded or the choice of areas runs out.
- In each area, either-sex licences are awarded first, followed by female-only or calf (if available) and male-only or calf.
- Chances of receiving a licence are greater for co-applicant application and those who list additional areas. Note that where two applicants on a co-applicant application have different rankings, the application is assigned to the lower pool. For example, if the applicants have a Pool 3 and Pool 5 ranking, the application goes in Pool 5.
- Only apply for areas which you are prepared to hunt.
- Notification to hunters of success or failure in the draw will be sent by mail and will also be available online once the draw has been completed.

Priority Pool Ranking

These rankings are based on a hunter who submits an application each year:

- Pool 1: Hunters who submitted an application but did not receive a licence in the previous seven years.
- Pool 2: Hunters who submitted an application but did not receive a licence in the previous six years.
- Pool 3: Hunters who submitted an application but did not receive a licence in the previous five years.
- Pool 4: Hunters who submitted an application but did not receive a licence in the previous four years.
- Pool 5: Hunters who submitted an application but did not receive a licence in the previous three years, **and** new youth applicants.
- Pool 6: Hunters who submitted an application but did not receive a licence in the previous two years.
- Pool 7: Hunters who submitted an application but did not receive a licence in the previous year.
- Pool 8: New adult applicants and hunters who held a party licence in the previous year.
- Pool 9: Hunters who held an individual licence in the previous year.

Reasons for Rejected Applications

- **Duplicate applications:** one application should be submitted for a party licence. The co-applicant must complete the information on the application submitted for the draw. If a subsequent application is submitted it will be rejected.
- **Invalid identification numbers (Driver's Licence, Photo Identification or Hunter Certificate Number):** the number recorded on the application must match the number on file. Ensure that all numbers are correct on the application before submitting it.
- **Licence type not identified:** if you want your application to enter the draw you must check at least one licence type (either-sex, male-only or calf) that you are willing to accept, otherwise your application will be rejected.
- **Hunting areas not identified:** if you want your application to enter the draw you must indicate at least one area choice, otherwise your application will be rejected.
- **Conviction on file:** individuals convicted for a big game offence under the Wild Life Act and Regulations are not eligible to participate in the application/draw process for five years.
- **Firearms prohibition:** individuals prohibited by the Court from possessing a firearm are not eligible to participate in the application/draw process until the prohibition ends. It is an offence to do so knowingly.
- **Late application:** defined as applications received after the deadline date of **April 17, 2020**. Applications received up to the close of business on **April 24, 2020** will be accepted for priority pool advancement only. Applications received after that date will be rejected.

Licence Payments

- Payments for moose and caribou licences must be received by the date indicated on your licence notification in order to ensure receipt of the licence and tags before the start of the season.

- Payments will be accepted after the deadline date, however there may be delays in receiving your licence and tags.
- Payments are not accepted at Wildlife Division offices. Please see your licence or application for details on how to make payments.
- Payments must be received by **June 26, 2020** in order to guarantee that you receive your licence and tags before the start of the hunting season.

Frequently Asked Questions

Once I file my big game application online, how do I know it was received and/or can I view it immediately to check for correct information?

Once you successfully complete your application you will receive a confirmation page. Please print or save the confirmation page. It is strongly suggested you double check to ensure your application is received and all application data is accurate. You can view your application information by selecting the Applications tab and then click on the application from the list.

Can I make changes to my big game application once it has been filed online?

Yes. You can change your application information up to the deadline date. After that date no online changes will be permitted, but you will be able to view the details of your application.

Can an online application be entered with errors?

No. Your application information will be verified before it is accepted to ensure there are no errors with the information provided. By filing it online, you are guaranteed that it will be error free.

If I complete an online application, do I also have to submit my paper application?

No. Your application has been filed with the Wildlife Division and will be processed in the upcoming big game licence draw. Visit www.wildlife.gov.nl.ca/Home/FAQ for further information on the big game application and draw process.

2019 Resident Big Game Draw Results

ANALYSIS OF 2019 LICENCE DRAW BY AREA CHOICE

The tables below identify the lowest pool that Either Sex (ES) or Male Only (MO) licences were awarded in the 2019 resident big game licence draw and can be used as guide in selecting your area(s) for the 2020 draw. As an example, if you are in Pool 6, you should only consider the area(s) that licences were awarded in Pool 6 Individual (I) or Pool 6 Party (P) in last year's draw. You may also consider listing an area(s) that have gone to Pool 7 to 9 to further increase your chances but remember to only apply for areas where you are prepared to hunt. Please note that the 2019 results are for reference purposes only and do not necessarily guarantee your chances of receiving a licence in the 2020 draw.

2019 ISLAND OF NEWFOUNDLAND (MOOSE)

| Moose Management Area (MMA) | Area | Number of Applications Naming Area | Lowest Pool Either-Sex Licence | Lowest Pool Male-Only Licence | 2019-20 Resident Quota |
|-----------------------------|------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| St. Anthony | 1 | 1752 | 6I | 7I | 413 |
| Portland Creek | 2 | 2140 | 7I | 8P | 802 |
| Cow Head-St. Paul's Enclave | 2A | 216 | 8P | - | 30 |
| Sally's Cove Enclave | 2B | 172 | 8I | - | 20 |
| Gros Morne National Park | 2E | 1046 | 9I | - | 500 |
| Harbour Deep | 3 | 1337 | 9I | - | 758 |
| Taylor's Brook | 4 | 2928 | 6I | 7I | 506 |
| Trout River | 5 | 3401 | 7P | 8P | 962 |
| Rocky Harbour Enclave | 5A | 312 | 7P | - | 30 |
| Corner Brook | 6 | 4963 | 7P | 8P | 1324 |

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|--------------------|----|------|----|----|------|
| South Brook | 7 | 3113 | 7P | 8P | 684 |
| St. Georges | 8 | 2616 | 8P | 8I | 1044 |
| Anguille Mountains | 9 | 1091 | 8P | 9P | 350 |
| Port aux Basques | 10 | 1912 | 7I | 8P | 654 |
| Dashwoods | 11 | 1325 | 8P | 9I | 371 |
| Buchans | 12 | 808 | 7I | 8P | 190 |
| Gaff Topsails | 13 | 1552 | 5I | 7I | 175 |
| Baie Verte | 14 | 3446 | 6I | 7I | 1060 |
| Twin Lakes | 15 | 4352 | 6I | 7I | 1233 |
| Sandy Badger | 16 | 1510 | 5P | 7I | 185 |
| Millertown | 17 | 1723 | 6P | 7I | 420 |
| Granite Lake | 18 | 905 | 7I | 9I | 320 |
| Grey River West | 19 | 806 | 8P | 9I | 461 |
| Round Pond | 20 | 621 | 5I | 6I | 60 |
| Rattling Brook | 21 | 1874 | 5I | 7P | 184 |
| Lewisporte | 22 | 4219 | 5I | 6I | 670 |
| Bonavista North | 23 | 4014 | 4I | 6I | 576 |
| North West Gander | 24 | 1411 | 5I | 6I | 152 |
| Bay D'Espoir | 25 | 1754 | 4I | 6I | 208 |
| Jubilee Lake | 26 | 835 | 7I | - | 311 |
| Terra Nova | 27 | 1681 | 5I | 7P | 194 |
| Black River | 28 | 3884 | 5I | 7I | 502 |

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|--------------------------|-----|------|----|----|------|
| Terra Nova National Park | 28A | 322 | 7I | - | 90 |
| Bonavista Peninsula | 29 | 4113 | 5I | 7I | 1050 |
| Burin Peninsula Knee | 30 | 2142 | 5I | 7P | 450 |
| Placentia | 31 | 2582 | 6I | 7I | 500 |
| Cape Shore | 32 | 1968 | 6P | 7I | 225 |
| Salmonier | 33 | 3543 | 6I | 7I | 525 |
| Bay de Verde | 34 | 3747 | 5I | 6I | 650 |
| St. John's | 35 | 3494 | 6I | 7I | 550 |
| Southern Shore | 36 | 4853 | 6I | 7I | 1400 |
| Grey River East | 37 | 344 | 9I | - | 240 |
| Burin Peninsula Foot | 38 | 1655 | 5I | 6I | 270 |
| Cloud River | 39 | 617 | 9I | - | 304 |
| Cloud River | 39A | 130 | 9I | - | 67 |
| Conche | 40 | 2277 | 7I | 8P | 631 |
| Sheffield Lake | 41 | 1684 | 7P | 8P | 428 |
| Gambo | 42 | 1630 | 5P | 6I | 106 |
| Port au Port | 43 | 408 | 7I | - | 100 |
| Bellevue | 44 | 1065 | 7I | 7I | 350 |
| Ten Mile Lake | 45 | 2438 | 7I | 8P | 630 |
| Random Island | 47 | 277 | 5I | 7I | 40 |
| Avalon MRZ | 100 | 2185 | 7I | - | 600 |
| Central MRZ | 101 | 781 | 7I | - | 200 |

2019 LABRADOR (MOOSE)

| Moose Management Area (MMA) | Area | Number of Applications Naming Area | Lowest Pool Either-Sex Licence | Lowest Pool Male-Only Licence | 2019-20 Resident Quota |
|-----------------------------|------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Wabush | 48 | 176 | 1I | - | 5 |
| Lower Mecatina | 49 | 23 | 9I | - | 10 |
| Natashquan | 50 | 2 | 9I | - | 5 |
| Grand Falls | 51 | 204 | 5I | - | 15 |
| Grand River | 52 | 165 | 6I | - | 35 |
| Muskrat Falls | 53 | 503 | 5I | - | 50 |
| Grand Lake | 54 | 184 | 7I | - | 35 |
| Paradise River | 57 | 255 | 5I | - | 25 |
| Alexis River | 58 | 340 | 5I | - | 30 |
| Upper Kenamu | 59 | 106 | 7I | - | 15 |
| Upper Mecatina | 60 | 17 | 9I | - | 10 |
| Traverspine | 84 | 279 | 5I | - | 20 |
| Snegamook Lake | 85 | 24 | 8I | - | 10 |
| St. Augustin | 86 | 31 | 7I | - | 5 |
| Eagle Plateau | 87 | 108 | 6I | - | 10 |
| Mokami | 90 | 45 | 6I | - | 5 |
| Straits | 93 | 250 | 3I | - | 10 |
| Atikonak | 94 | 75 | 7P | - | 20 |
| Churchill Falls North | 95 | 96 | 7P | - | 10 |

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| Shallow Lake | 96 | 59 | 6l | - | 5 |
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2019 ISLAND OF NEWFOUNDLAND (CARIBOU)

| Moose Management Area (MMA) | Area | Number of Applications Naming Area | Lowest Pool Either-Sex Licence | Lowest Pool Male-Only Licence | 2019-20 Resident Quota |
|-----------------------------|------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| LaPoile | 61 | 494 | 6l | - | 28 |
| Buchans | 62 | 305 | 7P | - | 38 |
| Middle Ridge | 64 | 1183 | 6l | 6l | 168 |
| Gaff Topsails | 66 | 298 | 6l | 6P | 16 |
| Pot Hill | 67 | 340 | 6l | 6l | 16 |
| Mount Peyton | 68 | 171 | 5l | - | 10 |
| Merasheen Island | 70 | 78 | 7l | - | 25 |
| Fogo Island | 72 | 138 | 6P | - | 25 |
| St. Anthony | 76 | 452 | 4l | - | 19 |
| Cape Shore | 77 | 136 | 6l | - | 10 |
| Hampden Downs | 78 | 70 | 6l | - | 2 |
| Aides Lake | 79 | 81 | 5l | - | 2 |

Hunting Code of Ethics

Safe

- Positively identify your target before you shoot.
- Shoot only at appropriate targets or legal game.
- Always practice safe gun handling.
- Practice shooting skills and be sure your rifle or bow is properly sighted in.
- Pattern your shotgun and know how it shoots.
- Avoid hunting from roads.
- It is **punishable by law** to store or transport a loaded firearm on any vehicle including ATV, snowmobile or aircraft.

Knowledgable

- Familiarize yourself with provincial and federal regulations.
- Know the effective range of your firearm or bow.
- Teach others to become ethical hunters and to care for the countryside in which they hunt.
- Get to know and support local hunting and conservation organizations.
- Educate yourself on issues related to hunting, wildlife management and conservation that are important to you and share your opinions.

Responsible

- Act responsibly to avoid creating a negative image for hunters and firearm users.
- Only harvest the amount of game that you can use.

- Ensure that every effort is made to retrieve wounded game.
- Complete licence returns and participate in surveys.
- Access private property only with the landowner's permission.
- Respect outdoor users including other hunters, hikers, berry-pickers and cabin owners.
- Report illegal hunting and trapping activity.

Canadian Firearms Safety and Hunter Education Course

In Newfoundland and Labrador, a person must pass both the Canadian Firearms Safety Course (CFSC) and the Hunter Education (HE) Course to become eligible to apply for resident hunting licences and to hunt game with a firearm. Participants may take these courses starting at age 12 with parental consent.

Canadian Firearms Safety Course (CFSC)

The Canadian Firearms Safety Course (CFSC) teaches participants the basics of firearms safety and the laws related to firearms storage, handling and transportation. These are basic skills that every hunter, trapper, recreational shooter or gun collector should know. This course consists of one day of classroom instruction followed by a written and practical test. By successfully completing the CFSC a person is eligible to apply for a Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) to obtain non-restricted firearms.

Regulations under the Firearms Act require individuals to obtain a PAL to possess and acquire firearms. Applications for firearms licences are issued by the Canadian Firearms Program- Royal Canadian Mounted Police (CFP-RCMP).

Minors Under 18

Conditions exist under the Firearms Act to allow minors less than 18 years of age to obtain a Minor's Possession Licence. Instead of obtaining a Minor's Possession Licence, a minor may use firearms while under the immediate and direct supervision of a fully licensed adult.

For further information about minors licensing or to obtain a firearms licence application, contact the CFP at 1.800.731.4000 or online at www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp

Hunter Education Course

The Hunter Education Course teaches participants basic concepts of wildlife conservation and management, hunting laws, hunter ethics and responsibility, outdoor safety and survival techniques and other skills used for hunting. The duration of this course is 6.5 hours followed by a written exam. By completing the Hunter Education Course, in addition to the CFSC, participants meet the requirement to obtain provincial resident licences to hunt with a firearm or bow.

Other recognized hunter education training courses may also be accepted for new residents moving into the province. Contact the Wildlife Division at 709.637.2025 for more information or visit us online at www.flr.gov.nl.ca/wildlife/

Qualified resident hunters in Newfoundland and Labrador will receive an Outdoor Identification Card (OIC) from the Wildlife Division. Hunters must carry their OIC, along with the appropriate hunting licence, while hunting with a firearm. Hunters travelling to other parts of Canada should carry their OIC as proof of completing Hunter Education training requirements.

Prepare in advance

For information on the content of the Hunter Education Course or to study in advance of your course please visit <http://www.huntercourse.com/canada/newfoundland>

Register For a Course

Visit <https://www.cna.nl.ca/> to find a campus near you or call Toll Free 1-888-982-2268 or Email corporatetraining@cna.nl.ca

Course Fees

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| Canadian Firearms Safety Course (CFSC) | \$91 |
| Hunter Education Course (HE) | \$59 |
| CFSC + HE Combined | \$150 |
| Minors Canadian Firearms Safety Course | \$53 |
| Minors Hunter Education Course | \$15 |
| Minors CFSC+HE | \$68 |

All fees are subject to HST

Youth Hunting and Trapping Licences

- Beginning at age 12 a youth may hold a licence to shoot small game, fur-bearing animals, and coyotes. Youth may hold a licence to shoot big game beginning at 16.
- The regulations require youth to have the consent of a parent or person who has custody of the youth to purchase a licence.
- Where required, a youth must also be accompanied by a Designated Adult while hunting, taking or killing animals by shooting.

Small Game/Coyote/Wolf and Waterfowl Shooting Licences

Youth at age 12 and under 16 may be issued a licence to shoot small game, coyotes, wolves, and wild birds permitted to be harvested under the authority of a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit during an open season. Requirements include:

- A licence to shoot small game, coyotes and wolf shall not be issued to a youth age 12 and under 16 without written consent of a parent or person who has custody of the youth and must be presented to local vendor outlets at the time of purchase.
- The consent must be carried by the youth or the designated adult while using firearms to hunt small game, wolves, or coyotes, or while hunting under the authority of a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit.
- Youth must be accompanied by a Designated Adult when operating a shooting licence.
- A Designated Adult who is not the parent or person who has custody of the youth must be designated in writing.
- Youth must complete required hunter and firearms training courses and trapper education courses.
- Youth and the Designated Adult must also possess an Outdoor Identification Card or equivalent document (e.g. Hunter Certification Card from another jurisdiction).
- Small Game Licences for snaring only are available to youth under 16 years of age shall be marked “not valid for shooting”.

Big Game Licences

Youth at age 16 and under 18 may obtain a licence to shoot big game during an open season. Requirements include:

- Big game licence applications processed by the Wildlife Division involve conditions to provide a Consent Form before a licence can be issued to a Youth. Therefore, possession of the licence itself, once issued, acts as implied consent.
- Youth must carry written Consent Form signed by a parent or person who has custody of the youth for big game licences issued through a vendor (e.g. Labrador Black Bear or non-resident big game licence sold by an outfitter).
- Youth must be accompanied by a Designated Adult.
- A Designated Adult who is not the parent or person who has custody of the youth must be designated in writing.
- Youth must complete required hunter and firearms training courses.
- Big Game Licence Applications for Moose/Caribou issued through the draw process will be mailed automatically to a youth who turns age 16 before August 31 and once they complete required hunter and firearm training courses.
- Licence applications for black bear may be obtained up until the close of the hunting season.
- A written consent of parent or person who has custody of the youth age 16 and under 18 must be provided when submitting a big game licence application by mail. Online applications cannot be processed unless a Consent Form is on file with the Wildlife Division. Consent Forms may be faxed to (709)637-2099 or emailed to wildlifelicense@gov.nl.ca
- Youth and the Designated Adult must also possess an Outdoor Identification Card or equivalent document (e.g. Hunter Certification Card from another jurisdiction).

General Trapper Licence

- A licence to shoot fur bearing animals shall not be issued to a youth age 12 and under 16 without written consent of a parent or person who has custody of the youth. Youth under age 12 and youth that are not permitted to use a firearm for the purposes of dispatching fur bearing animals are not required to obtain consent to purchase a General Trapper Licence.
- A written consent of parent or person who has custody of the youth age 12 and under 16 must be provided when submitting a General Trapper Licence application by mail. Online applications cannot be processed unless a Consent Form is on file with the Wildlife Division. Consent Forms may be faxed to (709)637-2099 or emailed to wildlifelicense@gov.nl.ca
- General trapper licence applications processed by the Wildlife Division involve conditions to provide the Consent Form before a licence can be issued to a Youth. Therefore, possession of the General Trapper Licence itself, once issued, acts as implied consent.
- General Trapper Licence Applications may be processed up until the close of the trapping seasons.
- Youth and the Designated Adult must also possess an Outdoor Identification Card or equivalent document (e.g. Hunter Certification Card from another jurisdiction).

What has not changed?

- Youth age 16 and under 18 may continue to be issued a licence to shoot small game, coyote, wolves, fur bearing animals and wild birds permitted to be harvested under the authority of a Migratory Game Bird Permit during the open season without consent to purchase a licence.
- Youth age 16 and under 18 may obtain their own Federal Minor's Firearm Possession Licence to use firearms.
- A youth at 16 and 17 who holds a valid small game, coyote, wolves, trapping licence or Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit noted in this category and who does not possess a Minor's Firearms Possession Licence is required to be accompanied and supervised by a fully licenced adult.

Designated Adult

A Designated Adult must meet the following criteria:

- is a person who is over the age of 18;
- is not prohibited from carrying, transporting, possessing or using a firearm or from being a designated adult; and
- is eligible for the same type of licence under which the youth is hunting, taking or killing an animal by shooting.

While accompanying the youth, a Designated Adult shall:

- remain at arm's length of the youth and be able to take control of the firearm if necessary;
- not accompany and supervise more than two youths at one time;
- carry evidence of his or her eligibility to hold the same type of licence as the youth (e.g. possess an Outdoor Identification Card or similar document); and
- if not the parent or person who has custody of the youth, provide a designation in writing signed by a parent or person who has custody of the youth (carried by the youth or Designated Adult).

Injured Animals

- A Designated Adult may shoot or dispatch an animal that has been injured by a youth for the purposes of assisting the youth and shall keep the youth in sight at all times.
- A Designated Adult is not required to keep the youth in sight at all times where the Designated Adult is pursuing an animal that has been injured by the youth.
- With respect to Migratory Game Birds, the Designated Adult would also be required to hold a valid Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit in addition to the Outdoor Identification Card or similar document.

Youth Consent/ Designated Adult Forms

- [PDF Copy of Youth Consent/Designated Adult Form](#)
- For more information or to obtain a copy of a Consent/Designate Adult Form, contact your nearest Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture Office or email wildlifelicense@gov.nl.ca or write your own Youth Consent/Designated Adult Form that uses the same language as presented in the pdf from.

Persons with Disabilities

Program for Hunters with a Disability

- All first time hunters, including those hunters who have not previously completed a hunter training course or program recognized by the Minister, including a person who has a disability affecting hunting activities, shall, before becoming eligible for a big game licence draw, complete the Canadian Firearm Safety and Hunter Education Course, or similar hunter training course or program in another jurisdiction that is recognized by the Minister.
- For the purposes of the Wild Life Regulations, a person who is legally blind may be exempted from the standard practical testing in the Canadian Firearm Safety and Hunter Education Course which requires vision to perform if he or she provides a certificate from a health care provider certifying that he or she is legally blind.
- A person who is legally blind who completes the Canadian Firearms Safety and Hunter Education Course may apply for and receive a big game licence but is not entitled to possess or use a firearm for the purpose of hunting.
- A hunter with a disability who receives a big game licence, shall in the case of person who is legally blind, and may in the case of a person with a disability affecting hunting, specify one designated hunter to shoot and retrieve the type and sex of big game animal named on the licence of the hunter with a disability provided that;

(a) the designated hunter keeps the hunter with a disability within sight or within 800 meters of the hunter with a disability;

(b) the designated hunter possesses the licence and tags of the hunter with a disability at all times while hunting for that hunter with a disability.

- “Disability affecting hunting activities” means a permanent impairment or other permanent medical condition which, in the opinion of a health care provider, restricts a person’s ability to perform the activities of hunting, including shooting and retrieving a big game animal. General examples of hunting activity may include but is not limited to: walking and negotiating various outdoor terrain, streams, rivers or ponds; carrying, holding, operating and/or discharging a firearm or drawing a bow; and, lifting or carrying animal parts or equipment which may be in excess of 100 pounds.
- “Designated hunter” means a person who has completed a hunter training course or and is specified by a hunter with a disability to shoot and retrieve a big game animal of the type and sex named on the licence of the hunter with a disability, but does not include a person who is prohibited by the court from possessing a firearm or holding a big game licence.

- “Hunter with a disability” means a person who holds a valid big game licence issued by the Minister and has a disability affecting hunting activities as prescribed in the Wild Life Regulations.
- A designated hunter is not required to keep the hunter with a disability within sight when the designated hunter is in pursuit of an animal that he or she has injured.

How to Apply

1. If you already receive applications for the resident big game licence draw and have a Hunter Certificate Number you may apply for the PHAD by completing an application form, available [here](#) and forwarding it to the Wildlife Division’s, Licencing Section at the address below, or;
2. New big game licence applicants not presently receiving an application for the resident big game licence draw may submit the PHAD application form after completing the Canadian Firearm Safety and Hunter Education Course.

Note: A person who is registered with the Wildlife Division as a “Hunter with a Disability” will receive an Outdoor Identification Card (OIC) with the a code “D” or “DN” on the card; D means disability affecting hunting and DN means legally blind. Replacement OIC cards are available upon request.

For more information, please telephone 709.637.2025 or Email: wildlifelicense@gov.nl.ca

Mailing Address

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Regulation Summaries

Regulation Summary

This section contains a summary of regulations you must know when hunting in Newfoundland and Labrador. This summary is neither a legal document nor a complete collection of current hunting regulations or firearm laws. It is an abbreviated guide issued for the convenience of hunters. The Wild Life Act and Regulations, www.assembly.nl.ca/legislation/sr/consolidation/ should be consulted for interpreting and applying the law. Contact a Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture Office if you have any questions.

DEFINITIONS

- “Hunting” means chasing, pursuing, worrying, following after or on the trail of or searching for, or lying in wait for wildlife whether or not the wildlife is then or later captured, injured or killed. “Hunt” and “hunter” have corresponding meanings.
- “Open Season” means any period during which it is lawful to hunt, take, or kill, or attempt to hunt, take, or kill wildlife under the provision of the Wild Life Act and Regulations.
- “Closed Season” means any period during which hunting, taking, or killing of wildlife is prohibited.
- “Firearm” means a device by which a missile is discharged by means of an explosive propellant or by compressed air or by a spring and includes sporting guns of all calibres, automatic or autoloading guns, repeating guns, pump guns, set guns, swivel guns, punt guns, rifles, pistols and revolvers of every description, crossbows, longbows and compound bows.

GENERAL

It is unlawful:

- to hunt, take or kill any wildlife except during open seasons;
- to hunt, take, or kill any wildlife without a valid licence;
- for a resident to hunt with a firearm unless you possess an Outdoor Identification Card or jurisdictional equivalent in the case of a non-resident;
- to make a false statement or supply false information when applying for a licence;
- to complete an application form for a big game licence on behalf of another person, without the permission of that person;

- to apply for a licence/pool advancement if you have been prohibited, by a court, from possessing a firearm;
- to apply for a licence/pool advancement if you have been prohibited, by a court, from holding a licence;
- for a resident to apply for a licence with a non-resident;
- to hunt without your licence and/or tags on your person;
- to hunt on a licence belonging to someone else (unless designated either by a disabled hunter authorized through the Program for Hunters and Anglers with a Disability or under a NFP licence to do so);
- to transfer your licence to another person; and
- to hunt on a licence which has been changed, altered or defaced in any manner.

LICENCE RETURNS

- Big game returns must be submitted within seven days of the season closing date or within seven days of the date of kill.
- Small game, coyote and trapping returns must be submitted within seven days of the season closing date.

PRODUCTION OF LICENCES – CHECKSTATIONS

- If requested by a conservation officer, a person shall not refuse or neglect to produce or permit the examination of game licences and tags, permissions, consents and other documentation required to be carried under these regulations, or firearms and ammunition and wildlife.

BAG LIMIT

- It is unlawful to exceed the bag limits as stated in the Annual Hunting Orders. These can be viewed at http://assembly.nl.ca/legislation/sr/reg_512.htm

FIREARMS, AMMUNITION

It is unlawful:

- to discharge or handle a firearm while hunting without exercising reasonable care for the safety of other persons;
- to carry, transport or possess firearms or ammunition during a closed season in any area frequented by wildlife, unless you have a permit to transport (these are available from Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture offices). A person travelling to a hunting area may, if he/she holds the proper game licence, transport a firearm or ammunition if the firearm is cased or securely wrapped and tied;
- to carry, transport or possess firearms or ammunition during an open season for shooting in any area frequented by wildlife, unless you have a valid game licence and/or permit;

- to carry, transport or possess, in any area frequented by wildlife, any pump or autoloading shotgun unless it is plugged or altered so that it cannot carry more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined;
- to hunt with any fully automatic rifle (semi-automatic or autoloading rifles may be used);
- to possess in any camp, tent or summer cottage, any firearm during closed season, unless you have a permit;
- to carry, transport or possess a loaded firearm in or on, or discharge a firearm from, any aircraft, motor vehicle, snow machine, or all-terrain vehicle. A firearm is considered to be loaded if there is a live shell or cartridge in the chamber or magazine and the magazine is attached to the firearm in its usual position;
- to use or possess, in any area frequented by wildlife, any ammunition that has been cut, ringed or altered in any way;
- for a licenced hunter to carry or possess more than one firearm unless each extra firearm is cased or securely wrapped and tied;
- to discharge a firearm (including bows or crossbows) within 1000 meters of a school, playground or athletic field or within 300 meters of a dwelling;
- to discharge a firearm or hunt on most community pastures during the period May 1 to November 30 inclusive (for information on pasture locations <http://www.assembly.nl.ca/Legislation/sr/Regulations/rc980056.htm> or contact your nearest Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture office; and
- to discharge a firearm (including bows or crossbows) within 1000 meters of a commercial woodcutting operation that has been clearly marked by signs stating "No Hunting".

BOWS AND ARROWS

It is unlawful:

- to hunt any wildlife with an arrow tipped with poison or a drug; and
- to hunt any wildlife with an arrow equipped with barbed or explosive arrowheads.

Hunting at Night: It is unlawful to hunt any game with night lights of any description.

Dogs: It is unlawful to take a dog unleashed or to allow a dog to run in any area frequented by wildlife from April 1 to August 31 inclusive, except in designated field trial/dog training areas and during designated times. A conservation officer may destroy any dog found to be harassing wildlife. For information on field trial/dog training areas, contact your nearest Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture office or visit http://www.flr.gov.nl.ca/wildlife/dog_training_areas/index.html

WOUNDED ANIMALS

- Any person who kills, cripples or wounds any game animal shall make all reasonable efforts to retrieve that animal.
- Notwithstanding the requirement under these regulations to hold a valid licence in order to hunt, take or kill wildlife with a firearm, a designated adult may shoot an animal that has been injured by youth hunting under a valid licence for the purpose of assisting the youth. The designated adult shall keep the youth in sight at all times, except when it is necessary to pursue the injured animal.

AIRCRAFT (INCLUDING DRONES) AND VEHICLES

It is unlawful:

- to chase or harass any wildlife with any aircraft, motor vehicle, boat, snow machine or all-terrain vehicle of any type;
- to hunt any wildlife with, or possess any loaded firearm on, any aircraft, motor vehicle, snow machine or all-terrain vehicle of any type. Such vehicles may be used for transportation to and from a hunting area and for transporting any game taken, except where restrictions apply to the use of all-terrain vehicles; and
- to use any aircraft to search for or locate any wildlife for hunting on your own behalf or on behalf of any other person.

GUIDES

It is unlawful:

- to act as a guide without a valid guide licence;
- for a guide, while so employed, to kill or take game;
- for a guide, while so employed, to accept meat in payment or partial payment for services rendered;
- to hunt/shoot wildlife or to angle while acting as a guide, except to demonstrate casting and hooking of fish.

EXPORT OF GAME

- If you have a valid hunting licence and an export permit, you may export or take out of the province any game legally taken. Export permits are available free from any Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture office. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Regulations prohibit the use of used burlap or other used bags. Use new wrapping material only.

PROHIBITION OF WASTE

It is an offence to allow harvested wild game that is suitable for food to be destroyed, wasted or spoiled.

HUNTING FROM ROADS

It is unlawful:

- under the Highway Traffic Act to operate a vehicle in a manner that impedes the normal movement of traffic to discharge a firearm from a vehicle; and
- to discharge a firearm from or across any railway bed, highway, public or private road.

WILDERNESS RESERVE ENTRY PERMITS

- It is unlawful to enter the Avalon Wilderness Reserve or the Bay du Nord Wilderness Reserve without an entry permit. A person who holds a valid big game licence for a moose, caribou or black bear management area that is inside a Wilderness Reserve does not require a Wilderness Reserve Entry Permit. For more information on Wilderness Reserve Entry Permits, contact the Natural Areas Program at 709.637.2081 or visit http://www.flr.gov.nl.ca/natural_areas/

ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATVS)

It is unlawful for a person to use or operate an ATV vehicle outside an approved area, except:

- A person who holds a valid big game licence and, as permitted by the licence, has killed a moose, caribou or bear may use or operate an ATV outside an approved area for the purpose of transporting the animal from the place where it was killed. This does not apply to wilderness, ecological or wildlife reserves or National Parks. Hunters are asked to be conscious of this if applying for a licence in management areas which include these areas.
- A person other than the licence holder may use or operate an ATV for the purpose of transporting an animal from the place where it was killed, but the licence holder shall remain in the immediate area.
- A moose or caribou shall be properly tagged as required before an ATV is to be used or operated.
- A person shall not use or operate an ATV more than five times to and from the place where the animal was killed. When traveling from the place where the animal was killed, a portion of the animal shall be on the ATV or on a trailer being towed by the ATV.
- Where more than one ATV is used or operated in relation to the transporting of a single animal the total number of trips for all the ATVs shall not exceed five.
- A person shall not carry, transport or have in his or her possession a firearm while using or operating an ATV for the purposes noted above.
- For more information, please visit <http://www.faa.gov.nl.ca/forestry/recreation/atv.html>

Small Game

AGE REQUIREMENTS

- Youth less than 16 years of age may obtain a youth snaring licence to take small game by snaring only.
- Individuals must be 12 years of age or older and have completed the Canadian Firearms Safety/Hunter Education Course or similar training recognized by the Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture in order to hunt with a firearm or bow.
- Further conditions apply to Youth Hunting and Trapping Licences.

FIREARMS, AMMUNITION

It is unlawful:

- to hunt small game using a shotgun that can hold more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined, or to use a shotgun shell loaded with a single bullet.
- Small game (excluding ducks, geese and snipe) may be harvested using a rim-fire rifle not greater than a 22 (Note: this includes .17 rim fire calibers such as the 17 HMR)

BOW AND ARROWS

It is unlawful:

- to hunt small game with a long bow, recurve bow or compound bow unless it has at least 10 kilograms (22 lbs.) pull at full draw
- or with a crossbow unless it has 68 kilograms (150 lbs) pull at full draw;
- to hunt small game with a long bow, recurve bow, compound bow or crossbow unless the arrow is tipped with a blunt small game tip designed to kill by shock. Practice or field tips are not permitted.

SNARES

It is unlawful:

- to set snares for small game until the first day of the open season. Snares must be removed on or before the last day of the open season;
- for any person to set snares to take or kill wild birds, except the holder of a small game licence for ptarmigan and grouse for an area open to this activity;
- to use a net of any kind to take or kill any small game; to use a fish hook or snare equipped with a fish hook to take or kill any small game; and on the Island; and
- to set snares for small game using snare wire other than 22 gauge brass or six-strand braided wire (also known as picture cord).

DOGS

- It is unlawful, while hunting small game with a dog, to allow the dog to harass any big game animal.

SALE OF SMALL GAME

- Snowshoe hare and grouse legally taken under licence may be sold to anyone during the open season and within seven days thereafter.
 - Ptarmigan may only be sold if you have a selling permit and the buyer has a Wild Meat Service Licence. Selling permits are available free from the Wildlife Division. Please contact 709.637.2025 for more information.
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Big Game

- **Age Requirements:** To apply for a big game licence you must be 16 years of age or older by August 31 in the year that the licence is valid. [For more information see Youth Hunting and Trapping Licences.](#)
- **Licence Limit:** A person who holds a big game licence issued through the draw process may hold only one big game licence to shoot a moose or one big game licence to shoot a caribou in a 12-month period ending April 30.

CO-APPLICANT LICENCE

- Each member of a co-applicant licence is considered to be the holder of that licence.
- Members of the co-applicant licence may carry firearms and hunt, provided they are in the immediate area of and within sight of each other while they are hunting.
- As a member of a co-applicant licence, you may hunt alone provided you possess the licence and tags.
- Only the persons named on a co-applicant licence are eligible to hunt with that licence.

FIREARMS, AMMUNITION

It is unlawful:

- unless you hold a valid big game license, to possess firearms and ammunition suitable for hunting big game;
- to hunt big game (moose, caribou or black bear) with any rifle smaller than a .243 caliber or .22 calibre rifle or any rifle (including muzzle loaders) using ammunition with a bullet weight of less than 100 grains or a muzzle energy less than 1500 foot pounds. For this regulation .22 calibre includes .218, .219, .220, .222, .22-250, .223, .224 and .225 calibre rifles;
- to hunt big game with a slug with any shotgun smaller than 20 gauge;
- to hunt big game with or carry in any area frequented by wildlife, full metal cased non-expanding bullets commonly known as service ammunition; and

- to hunt big game with a firearm using any ammunition other than a single bullet or ball.

BOW AND ARROWS

It is unlawful:

- to hunt big game with a long bow, recurve bow or compound bow and arrow unless the bow has at least 20 kilograms (44 lbs.) pull at full draw or with a crossbow and arrow unless it has at least 68 kilograms (150lbs) pull at full draw; and
- to hunt big game unless the hunting arrows are tipped with a metal hunting head with two or more sharpened cutting edges.

HUNTING HOURS

- It is unlawful to hunt big game earlier than one-half hour before sunrise or later than one-half hour after sunset on any day (firearms must be cased or securely wrapped and tied outside of legal hunting hours).

SNARES

- It is unlawful to use traps, pitfalls or snares of any description to hunt big game (licensed black bear hunters may snare black bears using Aldrich foot snares or similar devices designed to capture and hold bears by the foot and must be set in a covered “cubby set”. The set must be clearly marked with a warning sign indicating that a bear snaring device is set in the “cubby”).

DOGS

- It is unlawful to use a dog for hunting (tracking, following or pursuing) big game.

SWIMMING ANIMALS

- It is unlawful to hunt or molest any big game animal while it is swimming.

PROOF OF SEX OR AGE

- The holder(s) of a male-only licence must leave the scrotum of the animal attached to one hind quarter as proof of sex. Note: the testicles and penis may be removed, if desired, but the scrotum must remain attached to the carcass until the animal is transported to the hunter’s home. If a calf is harvested on a male-only or calf or female-only or calf licence, hunters must retain the jawbone of their kill as proof of age. The holder(s) of a female-only licence must retain the head of their kill as proof of sex.

USE OF TAGS – TRANSPORT OF BIG GAME

- The tags issued with a big game licence must be attached and locked on the animal before it is removed from the place of kill, defined as, the area included in a 10-meter (33 ft.) radius from where the animal is dispatched by the hunter.
- It is unlawful to possess or transport big game unless the tags are attached and locked to the quarters between the tendon and the leg bone. In rare cases a tag may be faulty, and fail to lock. If this occurs, contact the nearest wildlife officer immediately.
- It is an offence to transport meat with an unlocked tag, a replacement tag will be issued and must be affixed before the meat is moved from the actual site of the kill.
- Big game tags that have been damaged, lost or stolen must immediately be reported to a wildlife officer. It is an offence to transport or move a big game animal from the place of kill unless the tag has been properly affixed to the animal. Replacement tags may be acquired by contacting your nearest Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture or Wildlife Division office.
- A big game animal must be removed from the place of kill on or before the closing date of the season. If you cannot remove the animal by that date, you must get a permit to transport game in closed season from your nearest Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture office.
- You must fill in and forward your licence return to the Wildlife Division within seven days of the date of kill or within seven days after the close of the season if no kill is made. If you do not take an animal, you must also return the unused tags issued with the licence.

GIFTS OF GAME

- If you wish to give game meat to friends or family, you must provide a signed note indicating the licence number, quantity of game meat, date and the names of the people involved. The individual receiving the game meat must possess the note until the meat is used or consumed.

POSSESSION OR SALE OF BIG GAME

- You may possess big game meat only if you hold a valid licence or if you have been freely given the meat by a valid licence holder. If you are not the licence holder, you must get written proof that you acquired the meat from a licence holder and you must show this proof if requested by a wildlife officer. You can only sell big game meat if you have a valid selling permit (available free from the Wildlife Division) and the buyer has a valid Wild Meat Service Licence. Permits may only be acquired during the open season or within seven days after the season closes.

COLD STORAGE

- A person may not accept or store any untagged big game or big game parts in a commercial, company or private cold storage, bait depot or other freezer unless the person requesting storage provides a signed document containing the licence number the game was harvested under, date of harvest, names of those involved and the quantity of game being stored.
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Coyotes and Wolves

COYOTE SHOOTING LICENCE

The coyote shooting licence is combined with the small game licence. During the open shooting season for coyotes, hunters may use centre-fire rifle calibres up to and including a .225 (e.g. 17 Rem., .22 Hornet, .204 Ruger, .218 Bee, .222 and .223 Rem., .223 WSSM, .22-250 Rem., .220 Swift, .224 Weatherby Mag. and .225 Win.) or shotguns using shot size (#2 or larger). There are no bag limits for coyotes.

Rim-fire rifles not greater than .22 caliber may be used for small game hunting and may also be used to shoot coyotes during the period that small game seasons are open.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO HARVEST COYOTES

Holders of a valid big game licence (moose, caribou or black bear) may harvest coyotes during the open season for those species and in the management area for which their licence is valid (licences become invalid when tags have been filled). Hunters must use firearms and ammunition that the big game licence authorizes them to possess.

Licensed trappers may possess and use small calibre, centre-fire rifles up to a .225 to harvest coyotes during the coyote trapping season.

WOLF SHOOTING LICENCE (PROVINCE-WIDE)

The wolf shooting licence is combined with the small game and coyote shooting licence. A person who holds a **Small Game/Wolf/Coyote Shooting Licence** may take one wolf by shooting during open season **October 15 to March 31**. A person shall only shoot a wolf under this licence using a centre-fire rifle not greater than .225 calibre; or a shotgun using shot size 2 or larger.

Hunters are asked to not shoot wolves that have been marked with radio collars and/or ear tags.

The lower jawbone or complete skull of all harvested wolves must be submitted to a Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture or Wildlife Division office by **May 7, 2021**.

WOLF AND COYOTE-WOLF HYBRID CARCASS COLLECTION PROGRAM

The occurrence of the gray wolf (from Labrador) and wolf-coyote hybrid has been documented by Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture on the Island of Newfoundland. To assist with further monitoring of the occurrence and distribution of coyotes, wolves or wolf-coyote hybrids within the province (including Labrador), hunters and trappers are being asked to submit the entire

canid carcass to the nearest Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture or Wildlife Division office. A \$25 fee will be paid to each hunter or trapper for submitting carcasses. Each carcass will be tagged with a unique registration number that is used to identify where and when the animal was harvested and to assist the Department with further genetic analysis work. Harvesters will be required to provide their full name and address for payment and administrative purposes. For more information please contact your nearest Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture office.

Migratory Game Birds

The following is a summary of the Migratory Birds Regulations as they apply in Newfoundland and Labrador. Migratory game birds (ducks, geese, snipe) and murrelets are managed by the federal government under the Migratory Birds Convention Act. For complete information on the Migratory Birds Convention Act and Migratory Birds Regulations, contact the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) or visit [here](#).

LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

To hunt migratory game birds and murrelets you must possess a valid Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

To hunt migratory game birds in Newfoundland and Labrador, you must be 12 years of age or older. Please refer to Youth Hunting and Trapping Licence for more information.

FIREARMS, AMMUNITION

It is unlawful:

- to hunt migratory game birds using a shotgun that can hold more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined;
- to hunt migratory game birds with a rifle or shotgun shell loaded with a single bullet;
- to hunt migratory game birds with any shotgun larger than a 10 gauge;
- while hunting migratory game birds, to possess more than one shotgun unless each shotgun in excess of one is unloaded and cased or securely wrapped and tied; and
- to hunt migratory game birds using any shot other than non-toxic shot (except murrelets).

AIRCRAFT, VEHICLES, BOATS

It is unlawful:

- to shoot migratory game birds from any aircraft, sailboat, power boat, aircraft or motorized vehicle, or any vehicle to which a draught animal is attached; and
- to use a boat, aircraft or motor vehicle to disturb migratory game birds in order to drive them toward a hunter. It is permitted to retrieve dead or injured birds by the use of a power boat.

Decoys: It is unlawful to use live birds as decoys or to use recorded bird calls when hunting migratory game birds.

Bag Limits: Information concerning seasons and bag limits is available at the time of purchase of your Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit at a Canada Post Outlet or by visiting [here](#).

Wounded Birds: It is unlawful to kill, cripple or wound a migratory game bird without immediately making all reasonable efforts to retrieve it.

HUNTING HOURS

It is unlawful to hunt migratory game birds earlier than one-half hour before sunrise or later than one-half hour after sunset on any day.

BAIT RESTRICTIONS

It is unlawful in this province:

- to deposit bait in any place during the period beginning 14 days before the first day of the open season and ending on the day immediately following the last day of the open season; and
- to hunt migratory game birds within 400 meters of any place where bait has been deposited unless the place has been free of bait for at least seven days.

POSSESSION AND TRANSPORT

It is unlawful:

- to possess or transport a migratory game bird unless at least one wing with its feathers remains attached to the bird. The wing and feathers may be removed when the bird is prepared for immediate cooking or after the bird is stored at the owner's residence;
- to ship or transport a package containing migratory birds unless the package or container is clearly marked with the name and address of the shipper, the Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit number under which the birds were taken, and the exact contents of the package;
- to possess a carcass of a migratory game bird belonging to or taken by another person unless the carcass has attached to it a tag or note that is signed by the holder of the Migratory Game Bird

Hunting Permit under which the bird was taken that indicates the name and address of the permit holder, the Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit number and the date the bird was taken; and

- to possess any shot other than non-toxic shot for the purpose of hunting migratory game birds (this does not apply to murre hunting).

Egg and Nests: It is unlawful to take, injure or destroy the eggs or nests of migratory birds at any time.

Sale of Migratory Game Birds: It is unlawful to buy or sell any migratory game bird. This includes the buying or selling of murres.

Provincial Regulations: While hunting migratory game birds, you must also abide by all provincial hunting regulations.

WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS (WHD)

Waterfowler Heritage Days provide young hunters who are minors (individuals under 18 years of age) with the opportunity to practice hunting skills, learn about wildlife conservation, and reinforce safety training in a structured, supervised environment. Licensed adult hunters who serve as mentors have the opportunity to pass on their skills and knowledge by offering guidance and advice to younger hunters. The following rules apply:

- To participate, young hunters who are minors do not require the federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit;
- Young participants must comply with all existing safety and licensing requirements found in the Firearms Act and provincial hunting regulations;
- Participants must be accompanied by a mentor who is not a minor and who has a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit;
- Mentors may not hunt or carry a firearm. In Ontario a mentor may accompany no more than one young hunter. In all of the other provinces a mentor may accompany no more than two young hunters; and
- Waterfowler Heritage Days apply in all provinces of Canada. There are no waterfowl heritage days in any of the Canadian Territories.
- Only young hunters may hunt when Waterfowler Heritage Days fall outside of the regular open seasons.

Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement

“Labrador Inuit Settlement Area” refers to Labrador Inuit Settlement Area outside the Labrador Inuit Lands and the Torngat Mountains National Park.

The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement (Agreement) between the Labrador Inuit Association, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Government of Canada came into effect on December 1, 2005. This Agreement establishes two categories of land the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area (Settlement Area) and Labrador Inuit Lands. The Settlement Area consists of 72,520km² of land and an adjacent ocean area of 45,690km² referred to as the Zone and includes Labrador Inuit Lands and the Torngat Mountains National Park. Labrador Inuit Lands consists of 15,800km² of Inuit-owned land.

The Agreement outlines conditions for individuals who hunt, trap and fish within the Settlement Area and for non-beneficiaries to access Labrador Inuit Lands for harvesting purposes. Non-beneficiaries are required to get permission in the form of a permit from the Nunatsiavut Government to pursue any activities inside Labrador Inuit Lands unless your interests are accommodated under the Agreement.

For further information respecting access to Labrador Inuit Lands, please contact the Nunatsiavut Government’s Department of Lands and Natural Resources by mail at P.O. Box 909, Station B, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL, A0P 1E0, by telephone at 709.896.8582, by fax at 896-2610, or via their website at

www.nunatsiavut.com.

For further information on interests accommodated under the Agreement or other changes resulting from the Agreement please contact the Wildlife Division, Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture by phone at 896-5107 or by fax at 896-0188. The Agreement, including more detailed maps of the Settlement Area, Labrador Inuit Lands and the Torngat Mountains National Park can be found online at

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/iias/indigenous-affairs/land-claims/labrador-and-inuit-land-claims-agreement-document/>

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Moose

| Moose Management Areas (Newfoundland) | Season dates 2020/21 | Either Sex | Male Only | Resident Total | Success Rate 2018 |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------|
| <u>1 St. Anthony</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 281 | 132 | 413 | 70.1% |
| <u>2 Portland Creek</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 475 | 328 | 803 | 76.3% |
| <u>2A Cow Head-St. Paul's</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 30 | 0 | 30 | 60.0% |
| <u>2B Sally's Cove</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 20 | 0 | 20 | 60.0% |
| 2E GMNP (Zones) | Sept. 19/20-Jan. 24/21 (1) Oct. 17/20-Jan. 24/21 (2) Nov. 14/20-Jan. 24/21 (3) Zone 4 CLOSED | 500 | 0 | 500 | 51.7% |
| <u>3 Harbour Deep</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 762 | 0 | 762 | 53.5% |
| <u>4 Taylor's Brook</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 241 | 246 | 487 | 67.3% |
| <u>5 Trout River</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 481 | 481 | 962 | 65.4% |
| <u>5A Rocky Harbour</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 30 | 0 | 30 | 60.0% |
| <u>6 Corner Brook</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 762 | 562 | 1324 | 61.1% |
| <u>7 South Brook</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 342 | 342 | 684 | 60.0% |
| <u>8 St. Georges</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 596 | 198 | 794 | 56.7% |
| <u>9 Anguille Mtns.</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 200 | 150 | 350 | 62.5% |

| Moose Management Areas (Newfoundland) | Season dates | Either Sex | Male | Resident Total | Success |
|--|-------------------------|---------------|------|-------------------|-----------|
| | 2020/21 | | Only | | Rate 2018 |
| <u>10 P. aux Basques</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 375 | 279 | 654 | 61.2% |
| <u>11 Dashwoods</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 234 | 137 | 371 | 54.5% |
| <u>12 Buchans</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 106 | 84 | 190 | 59.7% |
| <u>13 Gaff Topsails</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 60 | 115 | 175 | 64.4% |
| <u>14 Baie Verte</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 580 | 480 | 1060 | 74.4% |
| <u>15 Twin Lakes</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 566 | 567 | 1133 | 56.3% |
| <u>16 Sandy Badger</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 67 | 118 | 185 | 78.8% |
| <u>17 Millertown</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 184 | 236 | 420 | 68.8% |
| <u>18 Granite Lake</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 147 | 147 | 294 | 61.4% |
| <u>19 Grey River West</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 278 | 83 | 361 | 66.1% |
| <u>20 Round Pond</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 30 | 30 | 60 | 60.0% |
| <u>21 Rattling Brook</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 91 | 93 | 184 | 67.1% |
| <u>22 Lewisporte</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 384 | 286 | 670 | 74.0% |
| <u>23 Bonavista North</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 288 | 288 | 576 | 75.2% |
| <u>24 NWest Gander</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 76 | 76 | 152 | 71.1% |
| <u>25 Bay d'Espoir</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 77 | 131 | 208 | 64.6% |
| <u>26 Jubilee Lake</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 311 | 0 | 311 | 58.1% |
| <u>27 Terra Nova</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 131 | 83 | 214 | 59.9% |
| <u>28 Black River</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 118 | 219 | 337 | 53.2% |
| 28A TNNP (Zones) | Oct. 13/20 – Jan. 31/21 | 60 | 0 | 60 | 34.4% |

| Moose Management Areas (Newfoundland) | Season dates | Either Sex | Male | Resident Total | Success |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|------|-------------------|-----------|
| | 2020/21 | | Only | | Rate 2018 |
| <u>29 Bonavista Pen.</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 500 | 450 | 950 | 57.4% |
| <u>30 Burin Pen Knee</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 250 | 200 | 450 | 68.9% |
| <u>31 Placentia</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 400 | 100 | 500 | 46.4% |
| <u>32 Cape Shore</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 100 | 125 | 225 | 54.7% |
| <u>33 Salmonier</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 325 | 100 | 425 | 35.4% |
| <u>34 Bay De Verde</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 400 | 200 | 600 | 57.5% |
| <u>35 St John's</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 325 | 175 | 500 | 39.3% |
| <u>36 Southern Shore</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 750 | 550 | 1300 | 45.4% |
| <u>37 Grey River East</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 240 | 0 | 240 | 56.3% |
| <u>38 Burin Pen. Foot</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 95 | 175 | 270 | 82.2% |
| <u>39 Cloud River</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 307 | 0 | 307 | 57.0% |
| <u>39A Cloud River</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 77 | 0 | 77 | 48.6% |
| <u>40 Conche</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 390 | 241 | 631 | 81.3% |
| <u>41 Sheffield Lake</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 222 | 171 | 393 | 61.7% |
| <u>42 Gambo</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 53 | 53 | 106 | 70.7% |
| <u>43 Port Au Port</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 100 | 0 | 100 | 71.0% |
| <u>44 Bellevue</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 225 | 0 | 225 | 36.5% |
| <u>45 Ten Mile Lake</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 368 | 269 | 637 | 71.3% |
| <u>47 Random Island</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 20 | 20 | 40 | 57.5% |
| <u>100 Avalon MRZ</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 600 | 0 | 600 | 41.3% |

| Moose Management Areas (Newfoundland) | Season dates | Either Sex | Male Only | Resident Total | Success Rate 2018 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <u>101 Central MRZ</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 31/20 | 200 | 0 | 200 | 49.5% |
| Charitable/NFP | | 475 | | 475 | |
| Totals | | 15305 | 8720 | 24025 | 60.1% |

Note: NFP licences: Fisheries and Land Resources, 370; Gros Morne National Park 75; Terra Nova National Park 30.

+ 370 Charitable/Not-for-Profit Licences are issued by the Wildlife Division, 105 are issued by Parks Canada

Bow hunting begins August 29, 2020 (Note: this does not include cross bows) for areas opening on September 12, 2020

This table reflects total quotas available to residents only in each Moose Management Area for the 2020 hunting season. Non-resident licence allocations were not available at the time of releasing this Guide.

Advisories

Quotas for some Moose Management Areas (MMAs) may change pending aerial census work being carried out during the winter of 2020. Changes will be announced through a Departmental News Release prior to the big game licence draw. News releases are available online at www.releases.gov.nl.ca

Over 75 percent of meat spoilage cases that are reported occur as a result of improper handling or field care by the hunter. A replacement licence will only be issued if an animal is found to be unfit for consumption because of disease or previous injury and the entire carcass has been submitted for disposal. Contact your nearest FLR office for more information.

Moose Reduction Zones

The Moose Reduction Zone (MRZ) project was established in 2015 to study the effects of directed moose hunting and adaptive moose management strategies that could potentially address Moose Vehicle Collisions (MVCs) on our highways.

The project has been implemented in two locations: the Avalon MRZ – Moose Management Area 100 and the Central Newfoundland MRZ – Moose Management Area 101. Each MRZ is a unique and separate moose management area (MMA) that is a maximum 6 kilometres wide by approximately 268 km and 98 km long respectively and excludes the actual traveled portion of any roadway or highway. These study areas were selected based on the reported rates of MVCs as determined by the Department of Transportation and Works. A total quota of 800 either sex licences has been allocated for these MRZs that eligible resident big game hunters may apply for as part the 2020 annual big game licence draw; 600 licences are available for the Avalon MRZ and 200 licences for the Central MRZ.

The Avalon MRZ and the Central MRZ opens September 12, 2020 and closes December 31, 2020. Hunters who hold a valid licence for an MMA that overlaps with a portion of an MRZ are permitted to hunt the portion of the MRZ that is within their MMA boundary; including during the pre-season bow hunt. For example, MMA 36 licence holders would still be permitted to hunt with a bow only within the overlap area of the Avalon MRZ (MMA 100) beginning **August 29, 2020**; rifle hunting for holders of MMA 36 or MRZ 100 licence would commence **September 12, 2020**. Hunters who hold a valid big game licence are permitted to use a big game rifle or bow after September 12, 2020 and up until the close of the season.

Central MRZ (MMA 101)

Avalon MRZ (MMA 100)

Note: MRZ maps are for general reference purposes only. For further information on maps and boundaries visit www.flr.gov.nl.ca/wildlife/ or contact a FLR office nearest you

As a hunter, your cooperation and participation in this project is very important. While this project involves studying the direct effects of using hunting to reduce moose populations in the MRZs, it is also especially important that hunters travelling along any section of highway or roadway in search of moose recognize that existing traffic and hunter safety laws must be observed at all times. Please be safe and hunt responsibly. Hunters who are successful in receiving a licence in a MRZ through the big game draw will also receive additional information with their licence that will outline other essential details concerning moose hunting in the MRZs and how to report their activities as part of their participation in the project. For more information about sample collection please call 709.637.2025

Moose Population Management in Terra Nova and Gros Morne National Parks 2020-21

Parks Canada is seeking the assistance of qualified moose hunters to participate in an ecosystem health program to manage unnaturally high moose populations in Terra Nova and Gros Morne National Parks. The purpose of the program is to allow the forests in these national parks to recover from the damaging effects of moose over browsing.

Sixty (60) licences will be available in Terra Nova National Park and five hundred (500) in Gros Morne National Park. In addition, both parks will make not-for-profit (NFP) licences available to registered NFP organizations.

Licences for both national parks (MMA 28A and MMA 2E) will be issued through the existing provincial draw system. If you are successful in the draw for one of these areas, in addition to your provincial licence and tags, you will receive a separate package containing your Superintendent's permit from Parks Canada together with an area map and additional information. For the purpose of the licencing draw and pool status, these MMAs will be treated the same as all others and standard provincial licencing fees will apply. For more information on NFP licences contact Parks Canada.

Before applying for a national park licence, please note that there are differences between provincial hunting regulations and what is permissible under this ecosystem management program in a national park. For example:

- Moose is the only species permitted for hunting. Hunting licences for other species are not valid in national parks.
- Open fires and tree cutting are prohibited.
- Failure to comply with regulations may result in charges under the *Canada National Parks Act*.

TERRA NOVA NATIONAL PARK (MMA 28A)

What's new for 2020-2021?

There is a single MMA (28A) for Terra Nova National Park with one hunting zone identified within this area:

- Zone 1 – Shared Access Area (opens Tuesday, October 13th, 2020). This area allows visitor and hunter access simultaneously, and includes most areas of the park
- Zone 1 will close on Sunday, January 31st, 2021
- A description of Zone 1, as well as all closed areas, will be identified in hunter information packages, on our website (pc.gc.ca/foresthealth), and through in-park signage.

Important Information for Hunters in Terra Nova National Park:

- There may be construction projects ongoing within Terra Nova National Park during the hunting season. Hunting is NOT permitted within construction zones. Construction zones and work areas throughout the Park may change daily. Please pay close attention to posted signs and call 709-533-2801 or visit our website www.pc.gc.ca/foresthealth for up-to-date information.
- A 20-metre no hunting roadside buffer will remain in effect along the Trans-Canada Highway and Route 301 (to the community of Terra Nova). A 50-metre buffer will remain in effect alongside Route 310 (Eastport Peninsula).
- The use of motorized watercraft on inland waterways, as well as all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and snowmobiles within the National Park, is prohibited for any purpose, including carcass retrieval.
- There are few access roads within the National Park. Public highways, community and service roads, and boat accessible coastline generally provide motorized access only to the margins of the MMA.
- In the interest of public safety and to allow for visitor use, NOT ALL areas within the MMA are open to hunting. These areas are indicated on the map for MMA 28A and are also marked by signage in the Park. Moose harvesters are responsible for knowing which areas are closed and must refrain from hunting within these areas.
- Back-country camping is permitted at designated campsites. Moose harvesters are required to register with the Park if they are overnighing in back-country areas. Coordinates of all backcountry campsites will be available in the information package.

GROS MORNE NATIONAL PARK (MMA 2E)

What's new for 2020-2021?

- There is a single MMA for Gros Morne National Park that will be divided into three hunting zones. Each hunting zone has a different opening date. Your MMA 2E licence and tags are valid in all zones:

- Zone 1 (opens Saturday, September 19, 2020). This zone is limited to backcountry areas greater than 2 km from park highways.
- Zone 2 (opens Saturday, October 17, 2020). This zone includes the majority of the remainder of the park and is accessible by road.
- Zone 3 (opens Saturday, November 14, 2020). This zone surrounds the Killdevil Camp and areas adjacent to heavily-used park trails.
- All zones close on January 24, 2021.
- There will be ongoing construction projects within Gros Morne National Park during the hunting season. Hunting is NOT permitted within 1 km of construction zones. Construction zones and work areas throughout the park may change daily. Please pay close attention to posted signs and *call 709-458-2417 or visit our website pc.gc.ca/foresthealth for up-to-date information.*

Important Information for Hunters in Gros Morne National Park:

- All-terrain vehicle (ATV) use, including for carcass retrieval, is prohibited.
- There are few access roads within the national park. Public highways, community roads, and boat-accessible coastline generally provide motorized access only to the margins of the MMA.
- Snowmobile use for moose harvesting in Gros Morne National Park will be permitted. Certain restrictions apply; for example, some areas of the park are closed to all snowmobiling and snowmobiling can only occur when there is adequate snow cover.
- Hunters may use motorized/non-motorized boats to access the MMA in accordance with park regulations.
- Hunter information packages that will be mailed before the start of the season will contain more information such as maps and relevant operational details.

For more information:

Terra Nova National Park: 709-533-2801 • Gros Morne National Park: 709-458-2417
www.pc.gc.ca/foresthealth

Caribou

| Caribou Management Areas | Season Dates 2020/21 | Either Sex | Male Only | Resident Total | Success Rate 2018 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <u>61 Lapoile</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 6, 2020 | 28 | 0 | 28 | 91.5% |
| <u>62 Buchans</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 6, 2020 | 38 | 0 | 38 | 63.6% |
| <u>63 Grey River</u> | CLOSED | - | - | - | - |
| <u>64 Middle Ridge</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 6, 2020 | 150 | 18 | 168 | 75.2% |
| <u>65 Avalon Pen</u> | CLOSED | - | - | - | - |
| <u>66 Gaff Topsails</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 6, 2020 | 15 | 1 | 16 | 79.7% |
| <u>67 Pot Hill</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 6, 2020 | 15 | 1 | 16 | 40.3% |
| <u>68 Mount Peyton</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 6, 2020 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 100% |
| <u>69 Northern Pen</u> | CLOSED | - | - | - | - |
| <u>70 Merasheen</u> | Sept. 19 – Oct. 4 | 25 | 0 | 25 | 84.8% |
| <u>71 Grey Islands</u> | CLOSED | - | - | - | - |
| <u>72 Fogo Island</u> | Sept. 12 – Oct. 11 | 25 | 0 | 25 | 92% |
| <u>76 St. Anthony</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 6, 2020 | 19 | 0 | 19 | 92.5% |
| <u>77 Cape Shore</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 6, 2020 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 45.0% |
| <u>78 Hampden Downs</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 6, 2020 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0.0% |
| <u>79 Adies Lake</u> | Sept. 12 – Dec. 6, 2020 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 100% |

| Caribou Management Areas | Season Dates | Either Sex | Male Only | Resident Total | Success Rate 2018 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| | 2020/21 | | | | |
| Totals | | 339 | 20 | 359 | 75.7% |

- Bow hunting season begins August 29, 2020 in all CMAs, excluding 70 & 72 and does not include cross bows.
- Hunters are advised against harvesting adult male caribou during the peak of the rut, generally the first three weeks of October, due to the possibility of the meat being unpalatable.
- It is unlawful for a person to allow harvested wild game that is suitable for food to be destroyed, wasted or spoiled.
- This table contains total quotas available for residents only in each Caribou Management Area for the 2020 hunting season. Non-resident licence allocations were not available at the time of releasing this Guide

Black Bear

| Black Bear Management Area (BBMA) | | Black Bear Season Dates Fall 2020 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>1</u> | <u>ST. ANTHONY</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>2</u> | <u>PORTLAND CREEK</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>3</u> | <u>HARBOUR DEEP</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>4</u> | <u>TAYLOR'S BROOK</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>5</u> | <u>TROUT RIVER</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>6</u> | <u>CORNER BROOK</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>7</u> | <u>SOUTH BROOK</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>8</u> | <u>ST. GEORGES</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>9</u> | <u>ANGUILLE MTNS.</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>10</u> | <u>PORT AUX BASQUES</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>11</u> | <u>DASHWOODS</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>12</u> | <u>BUCHANS</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>13</u> | <u>GAFF TOPSAILS</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>14</u> | <u>BAIE VERTE</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>15</u> | <u>TWIN LAKES</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>16</u> | <u>SANDY BADGER</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>17</u> | <u>MILLERTOWN</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |

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|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>18</u> | <u>GRANITE LAKE</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>19</u> | <u>GREY RIVER WEST</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>20</u> | <u>ROUND POND</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>21</u> | <u>RATTLING BROOK</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>22</u> | <u>LEWISPORTE</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>23</u> | <u>BONAVISTA NORTH</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>24</u> | <u>NORTH WEST GANDER</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>25</u> | <u>BAY D'ESPOIR</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>26</u> | <u>JUBILEE LAKE</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>27</u> | <u>TERRA NOVA</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>28</u> | <u>BLACK RIVER</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>29</u> | <u>BONAVISTA PEN.</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>30</u> | <u>BURIN PEN. KNEE</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>31</u> | <u>PLACENTIA</u> | Closed |
| <u>32</u> | <u>CAPE SHORE</u> | Closed |
| <u>33</u> | <u>SALMONIER</u> | Closed |
| <u>34</u> | <u>BAY DE VERDE</u> | Closed |
| <u>35</u> | <u>ST JOHN'S</u> | Closed |
| <u>36</u> | <u>SOUTHERN SHORE</u> | Closed |
| <u>37</u> | <u>GREY RIVER EAST</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>38</u> | <u>BURIN PEN. FOOT</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>39</u> | <u>CLOUD RIVER</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |

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|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <u>40</u> | <u>CONCHE</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>41</u> | <u>SHEFFIELD LAKE</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>42</u> | <u>GAMBO</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>43</u> | <u>PORT AU PORT</u> | Closed |
| <u>44</u> | <u>BELLEVUE</u> | Closed |
| <u>45</u> | <u>TEN MILE LAKE</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |
| <u>47</u> | <u>RANDOM ISLAND</u> | Sept. 12 – Nov. 8 |

Spring Seasons 2020: May 1 to July 15

- Bear Management Areas (BMAs) correspond to Moose Management Areas (MMAs) sub-areas do not apply to black bear hunting.
- Licences in BMA 2 are valid in MMAs 2A and 2B. Licences in BMA 5 are valid in MMA 5A.
- Only one licence is required by hunters on the Island of Newfoundland to hunt black bear in both the spring and fall 2020-21 seasons.
- Bag limits remain at two black bears per licence. Hunters may either harvest two bears in spring, two in fall, or one in each season.
- **Female bears (sows) with cubs may not be harvested.**
- Black bear hunters may apply for additional licences if they wish to harvest more than two black bears.
- The fall bow hunting season on the Island of Newfoundland begins on August 29, 2020 (Note: this does not include cross bows). There is no preseason bow hunt for the spring season.
- Licenced black bear hunters may snare black bears using Aldrich foot snares or similar devices (designed to capture and hold bears by the foot) set in a covered “cubby set”. The set must be checked daily and clearly marked with a warning sign indicating that a bear snaring device is set in the cubby.
- Apply for your 2020 Resident Black Bear (Island) licence online by visiting wildlife.gov.nl.ca or you print an application form by clicking [here](#) and mail it with your cheque or money order to the address indicated on the form

Small Game

Willow and Rock Ptarmigan (combined)

| Zone | Shooting Season | Snaring Season | Daily Bag/ Possession Limit |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Avalon/Swift Current | Sept 19/20-Nov 08/20 | Oct 03/20-Mar 14/21 | 6/12 |
| Burin | Sept 19/20-Nov 08/20 | CLOSED | 6/12 |
| The Topsails | Sept 19/20-Nov 15/20 | Oct 03/20-Mar 14/21 | 6/12 |
| Remainder of Island | Sept 19/20-Dec 06/20 | Oct 03/20-Mar 14/21 | 12/24 |

Note: Bell Island is closed to snaring of ptarmigan

Ruffed and Spruce Grouse

| Zone | Shooting Season | Snaring Season | Daily Bag/ Possession Limit |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Island of Newfoundland | Sept 19/20-Dec 27/20 | Oct 03/20-Mar 14/21 | 20/40 |

Snowshoe Hare

| Zone | Shooting Season | Snaring Season | Possession Limit |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Great Island | Oct 03/20-Dec 27/20 | Oct 03/20-Dec 27/20 | 40 |
| Little Bay Islands | Oct 03/20-Nov 01/20 | Oct 03/20-Nov 01/20 | 40 |
| Bell Island | Closed | Closed | - |
| Remainder of Island | Oct 03/20-Mar 14/21 | Oct 03/20-Mar 14/21 | 40 |

Note: Bell Island is closed to shooting and snaring of snowshoe hare.

Labrador

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Moose

| Moose Management Areas (Labrador) | Season Dates | Either Sex |
|--|--------------------------------|------------|
| | 2020/21 | |
| <u>48 Wabush</u> | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 5 |
| <u>49 Lower Mecatina</u> | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 10 |
| <u>50 Natashquan</u> | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 5 |
| <u>51 Baikie Lake</u> | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 15 |
| <u>52 Grand River</u> | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 35 |
| <u>53 Muskrat Falls</u> | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 50 |
| <u>54 Grand Lake</u> | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 35 |
| <u>57 Paradise River</u> | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 30 |
| <u>58 Alexis River</u> | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 35 |
| <u>59 Upper Kenamu</u> | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 15 |
| <u>60 Upper Mecatina</u> | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 10 |
| <u>84 Traverspine</u> | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 25 |
| <u>85 Snegamook</u> | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 10 |
| <u>86 St. Augustin</u> | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 5 |
| <u>87 Eagle Plateau</u> | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 10 |

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| <u>88 Backway</u> * | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 6 |
| <u>89 Rigolet</u> * | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 11 |
| <u>90 Mokami</u> | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 5 |
| <u>91 Kiapokok</u> * | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 16 |
| <u>92 Nain</u> * | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 6 |
| <u>93 Straits</u> | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 10 |
| <u>94 Atikonak</u> | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 20 |
| <u>95 Churchill Falls North</u> | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 10 |
| <u>96 Shallow Lake</u> | Sept. 12, 2020 – Mar. 14, 2021 | 5 |
| Total | | 384 |

Bow hunting begins August 29, 2020 (Note: this does not include cross bows). Licences issued to the Nunatsiavut Government . Non-beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement are required to get permission to access Labrador Inuit Lands unless your interests are accommodated under the Agreement.

Black Bear

| Black Bear Management Area (BMA 200) | Fall 2020 Season | Spring 2021 Season |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Labrador (excludes National Parks) | August 10 to November 30 | April 1 to July 13 |

Regulations

- There is no preseason bow hunt for black bears in Labrador during either the spring or fall season.
- Two bears of either sex may be harvested. Female bears (sows) with cubs may not be harvested.
- 2020-21 black bear licences are valid for the 2020 fall and 2021 spring season.
- Licenced black bear hunters may snare black bears using Aldrich foot snares or similar devices (designed to capture and hold bears by the foot) set in a covered “cubby set”. The set must be checked daily and clearly marked with a warning sign indicating that a bear snaring device is set in the cubby.
- Beginning this fall 2020 Labrador black bear licences will now require a completed application and payment submitted to the address identified on the bottom of the black bear application or through our online process at <https://www.wildlife.gov.nl.ca>. All of Labrador is under one Black Bear Management Zone – 200 – Labrador.

Labrador Inuit Settlement Area

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Small Game

| Species | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Management Zone | Shooting Season | Snaring Season | Bag/Possession Limits |
| Ptarmigan All of Labrador | Oct 01/20-Apr 20/21 | Oct 01/20-Mar 31/21 | 25 / 50 |
| Ruffed and Spruce (combined) Labrador Southern Zone | Oct 01/20-Apr 20/21 | Oct 01/20- Mar 31/21 | 25 / 50 |
| Labrador Northern Zone | Oct 01/20-Apr 20/21 | Oct 01/20- Mar 31/21 | No limit - |
| Snowshoe Hare All of Labrador | Oct. 01/20 to Apr. 20/21 | Oct. 01/20 to Mar. 31/21 | No Limit |
| Arctic Hare All of Labrador | Oct. 1/20 to Apr. 20/21 | Oct. 01/20 to Mar. 31/21 | No Limit |

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|------------------|----------------------------|-----|-----|
| Porcupine | Oct. 1/20 to Mar. 31/21 | N/A | 1/1 |
| All of Labrador | | | |

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Coyotes and Wolves

ATTENTION HUNTERS

It is punishable by law;

- to chase or harass any wildlife with any aircraft, motor vehicle, boat, snow machine or all-terrain vehicle of any type;
- to hunt any wildlife with, or possess any loaded firearm on, any aircraft, motor vehicle, snow machine or all-terrain vehicle of any type. Such vehicles may be used for transportation to and from a hunting area and for transporting any game taken, except where restrictions apply to the use of all-terrain vehicles.

See the [Hunting Code of Ethics](#) for more reminders.

| Species | Zone | Shooting Season | Bag Limit |
|---------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Coyote | Province-wide | Sept 12/20 – July 15/21 | N/A |
| Wolf | Island | Oct 15/20 – Mar 31/21 | 1 |
| | Labrador South* | Nov 1/20 – Mar 31/21 | |
| | Labrador North | Oct 15/20 – Mar 31/21 | |

*Labrador South Wolf Shooting Zone coincides Labrador South Trapping Zone.

Note: In Labrador, all wolf skulls must be submitted to the Wildlife Division office in Goose Bay no later than **May 7, 2021**. As well, hunters are being asked to submit the entire carcass of a wolf or coyote to the nearest Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture office. A \$25 fee will be paid to each hunter or trapper for submitting carcasses.

Wolf and Coyote-Wolf Hybrid Carcass Collection Program

The occurrence of the gray wolf (from Labrador) has been documented by Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture on the Island of Newfoundland. To assist with further monitoring of the occurrence and distribution of coyotes or wolves within the province (including Labrador), hunters and trappers are being asked to submit the entire canid carcass to the nearest Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture office. A \$25 fee will be paid to each hunter or trapper for submitting carcasses. Each carcass will be tagged with a unique registration number that is used to identify where and when the animal was harvested and to assist the Department with further genetic analysis work. Harvesters will be required to provide their full name and address for payment and administrative purposes. For more information please contact your nearest Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture office.

General Information for Trappers

Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards (AIHTS)

The AIHTS sets performance standards for traps used in the harvest of eight species of furbearers in Newfoundland and Labrador. All trappers are required to use trap types for certain species that have been regulated for use under the Agreement. A complete list of certified killing traps and restraining traps is available <https://fur.ca/certified-traps/> including those that are applicable for fur species trapped in Newfoundland and Labrador.

New for 2020-21

- There will no longer be any differentiation of season dates on the Northern Peninsula compared to the rest of the Island. Opening dates for muskrat, otter, coyote, coloured fox, white fox, ermine and squirrel will now all open on October 20, across the Island.
- The closing date for the wolf trapping season in Labrador will be adjusted from March 31 in Labrador North and March 20 in Labrador South to a closing date of April 30 for all of Labrador.

Trapper Education Course

- All new trappers must complete the Trapper Education Course. For information on courses to be held in your area, contact the Newfoundland and Labrador Trappers Association by phone at 709.691.0268 or by email at nltrappers@hotmail.com. Course fees: Adults \$150, Age 17 and under \$80.
- There is no age restriction for participation in the Trapper Education Course; however, minors must provide a consent form and/or be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- If you complete a trapper education course after August 23, 2020 you are not guaranteed to receive a trapper's licence for the 2020-21 season.
- Only licenced trappers may harvest furbearers, and participate in trapping activities.

Newfoundland and Labrador Trappers Association (NLTA)

The NLTA welcomes new members and invites existing members to renew their memberships. A one-year membership costs \$25. For further information, contact the NLTA at P.O. Box 74, Norman's Cove, NL, A0B 2T0, by phone at 709.6910268 or by email at nltrappers@hotmail.com

- The 2020 NLTA Annual General Meeting will be held August 14 – 16, 2020 in Eastport. For more information visit: www.nltrappers.com

Beaver

- Beaver trapline boundaries and availability information is now available online at the following link: <https://www.flr.gov.nl.ca/wildlife/trapping/maps/index.html>
- Beaver are managed through a trapline system on the Island of Newfoundland. Only trappers that have been approved to hold a trapline can legally be issued a licence to trap them. If you do not hold a trapline currently and wish to be placed on a priority list should one become vacant, or are interested in holding one of the currently vacant traplines, please submit your request to the Wildlife Division (attention: Beaver Trapline).
- Beaver trappers are required to harvest a minimum of five beavers per season unless justification is presented otherwise. If not carried out, the trapline may be cancelled and assigned to another trapper.
- Should a beaver trapper choose not to harvest beaver on their trapline due to low population levels, provide this information in writing to the Wildlife Division (attention: Beaver Trapline). Regulations permit the temporary closure of a trapline to allow the population to recover. Unless it can be shown that a trapper was responsible for the population decline, the trapper who held the trapline prior to closure will have first priority once it reopens.
- A harvest of five beaver does not necessarily reflect proper utilization of the trapline. Trappers are advised that an appropriate harvest equates to one beaver per active beaver lodge on their trapline. High beaver densities and increasing problem complaints may result in cancellation of a trapline if sufficient numbers of animals are not harvested.
- Beaver trappers are reminded that each year many complaints are received about damaged property, flooded culverts and roadways and the presence of beavers in water supplies. Nuisance beavers must often be removed in the spring and summer when pelts are not prime. Beaver trappers are asked to focus efforts on these potential problem areas if they are on their trapline.
- Pelt stamping will continue to be delivered through Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture offices in an effort to accommodate trappers, particularly those living in remote areas. Regulations require that all beaver be pelted and stamped by fourteen days after the season closes.
- Beaver trappers are responsible for completing and submitting the Beaver Data Information Form enclosed with your licence. Send them to the Wildlife Division (attention: Beaver Trapline).
- It is illegal for registered beaver trappers to accept beavers caught by someone else from a trapline that is not your own. This jeopardizes the management strategy for beavers. General trappers must surrender accidentally caught beavers to the registered trapline owner or a Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture office.

Lynx Skins and Carcasses

- On the Island of Newfoundland, all lynx harvested during an open season must be registered at a Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture office. Skins must be stamped by **February 12, 2021**.

- On the Island of Newfoundland, all lynx (pelt and carcass) trapped accidentally during the closed season or in a closed area must be turned into a Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture office within seven days of capture.

Wolves

Labrador trappers are required to submit either the entire skull or lower jawbone of harvested wolves. The information gathered will aid in better understanding the biology of wolves. These can be submitted to your nearest Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture or Wildlife Division office. Contact the Wildlife Division office in Happy Valley-Goose Bay for more information. Skulls must be submitted by **May 7, 2021**.

Non-beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement are required to get permission to access Labrador Inuit Lands unless your interests are accommodated under the Agreement.

Newfoundland Marten

- To avoid conflicts with the threatened Newfoundland marten, best management practices outline the techniques, trap types and areas where trapping can occur by categorizing various trap types permitted in these areas. See Best Practices for Newfoundland Marten for approved methods.
- Marten which are accidentally trapped or snared on the Island must be immediately turned over to the nearest Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture office. Information on the date and location of capture, along with the method of capture used, will be requested.

Application Deadlines

Beaver trapline licence renewals must be received by **October 9, 2020** or your trapline may be forfeited. To ensure your beaver trapping licence is received by the start of the season your application must be received by **August 21, 2020**.

How Do I Get A Licence?

- Trapper licence renewal applications are mailed automatically to registered trappers only and should be received by mail in early August 2020.
- There is no deadline for receipt of general trapper's or beaver trapline licence applications, but to receive a licence prior to the start of the trapping season applications and payments must be received by **August 21, 2020**. Applications and payments received after that date will be processed as soon as possible. Send to the Central Cashier's Office, P.O. Box 8770, St. John's, NL, A1B 4J6 (attention: Trapper's Licence Application). Trappers may also renew and pay for their licence online by visiting www.wildlife.gov.nl.ca.

Trapping in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area (LISA)

The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement specifies that before a non-Inuit resident of Labrador residing outside of LISA can trap in LISA, they must demonstrate that they held a commercial trapping license on June 25, 2001 and trapped there traditionally. Non-Inuit living inside LISA must have held a commercial trapping license on December 1, 2005. **Both these groups of non-Inuit may harvest furbearers in Labrador Inuit Lands without the consent of the Nunatsiavut Government.**

Upon the recommendation of the Torngat Wildlife and Plants Co-management Board, the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture may issue a commercial trapping license to other individuals to trap in the LISA as set out in the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. These individuals are required to seek the consent of the Nunatsiavut Government to access Labrador Inuit Lands. Please refer to the section entitled “Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement” in this guide.

Online Services

Many of the services provided by the Wildlife Division, such as submitting trapping licence applications and payments, and submitting licence returns can be accessed online at www.wildlife.gov.nl.ca provided that you have your login identification and password.

Firearms Regulations for Trappers

- In Labrador, holders of a general trapper’s licence may use firearms to harvest furbearers during the trapping season.
- On the Island of Newfoundland, holders of a general trapper’s licence are permitted to use a centre-fire rifle not greater than a .225 caliber or a shotgun using shot size #2 or larger (slugs are not permitted) to harvest fox, lynx and coyote (included wolf and wolf coyote-hybrids) during the open trapping season for these species.
- Holders of trapper’s licence are also permitted to use a rim-fire rifle to dispatch live furbearers caught in traps.
- Trappers can only use firearms if they have completed the Trapper Education Course and the Canadian Firearms Safety and Hunter Education Course, have in their possession an Outdoor Identification Card, and possess a valid General Trapper’s Licence. Click here for more information concerning [Youth Trapping Licences](#).

Closed Areas

All Provincial and National Parks and listed Ecological Reserves are closed to trapping except as permitted by specific regulation or Land Claims Agreement. See [here](#) for additional areas that are closed to trapping. For specific boundary descriptions, contact the Wildlife Division office.

Fur Sales and Permits

- Fur Export Licences must be acquired by trappers who send furs directly to companies, agents, or buyers outside the province. A Fur Export Permit is also required for each shipment. Licences are available from the Wildlife Division. Permits are available at Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture offices.

Trappers typically sell their pelts at fur auctions. Top and average prices for well prepared, seasoned skins are usually higher when goods are sold by auction as opposed to a fur buyer.

Fur Buyer Agents

Fur Harvesters Auction Inc.

Newfoundland Agent

Eugene Tiller

12 Walsh's Avenue

Pasadena, NL A0L 1K0

Phone: 686-5000

etiller@mail.com

Fur Harvesters Auction Inc.

Labrador Agent

Jim Shouse

P.O. Box 483, Stn. C

Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL

A0P 1C0

Phone: 896-1036

Trappers providing furs to auctions/agents should note that:

- Fur dealers offer cash advances to trappers submitting furs for auction.
- When shipping to Fur Harvesters Auction Inc. use the addresses as listed above. Some trappers choose to ship their fur direct to the mainland. There is no advantage to this practice since: a) commission rates are the same (11%) whether you ship direct or via a local agent; and b) persons who ship direct must go through the trouble of obtaining an export licence. Therefore, it is more convenient to ship via the local fur auction agents.
- If you choose to ship directly to the mainland to a fur auction or fur buyer, please remember that an export licence is required for each shipment. It is an offense under the Wild Life Act and Regulations to ship furs directly out of the province without an export licence.

- When dealing with auction companies/agents or buyers within the province, trappers need only to maintain their own individual records of furs being processed for auction.

Trapping Seasons and Zones

- [Island](#)
- [Labrador](#)

Island

| SPECIES | SEASON DATES |
|-----------------|---|
| Beaver | October 20/20 – April 15/21 |
| Muskrat | October 20/20 – March 15/21 |
| Otter | October 20/20- March 15/21 |
| Mink | November 1/20 – February 28/21 |
| Coyote | October 20/20- February 1/21 |
| Fox, Coloured | October 20/20- February 1/21 |
| Fox, White | October 20/20- February 1/21 |
| Lynx | Zone A- January 1/21- February 1/21 Zone B- January 15/21- February 1/21 |
| Wolf | October 20/20- February 1/21 |
| Ermine (weasel) | October 20/20 – February 28/21 |
| Squirrel | October 20/20 – February 28/21 |

*Trappers who hold a valid trapping licence may also shoot lynx, fox and coyote using rifles up to .225 calibre during the trapping seasons for these species.

LYNX ZONE A: NORTHERN REGION

All that area of the Island of Newfoundland bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the Burgeo highway with the southern coastline of Newfoundland; then following said coastline in a generally westerly direction to Cape Ray; then following the coastline in a generally northwesterly, then northeasterly direction to Cape Onion; then following the coastline in a generally southwesterly direction to the confluence of Hampden River with White Bay; then following the northeastern coastline of Newfoundland in a generally northeasterly, then easterly, then southeasterly direction to Adeytown; then following a straight line in a generally southwesterly direction to a point at 48° 2' 40" North latitude and 54° 57' 18" West longitude; then following a straight line in a generally southeasterly direction to the northernmost point of Long Harbour; then following the western shoreline of Long Harbour in a generally southwesterly direction to its intersection with the Newfoundland coastline; then following said coastline in a generally westerly direction to the point of commencement; including all external islands except Belle Island, Brunette Island, Bird Island, and Duck Island.

LYNX ZONE B: SOUTHERN REGION

All that area of the Island of Newfoundland bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the Burgeo Highway and the south bank of Llyods River; Then following a straight line in an easterly direction to the southern extremity of Mollyguaheck Lake where a small stream enters the lake; Then following the southern shoreline of Mollyguaheck Lake to Terra Nova River; Then following the southern bank of the Terra Nova River to Terra Nova Lake; Then following the southern shoreline of Terra Nova Lake to its eastern most extremity where it Terra Nova River; Then following the southern bank of the Terra Nova River to its outflow located at Glovertown South; Then following the coastline of insular Newfoundland including all offshore islands and excluding all areas within National Park jurisdiction in southerly direction to the northern extent of the intersection of the coastline of Insular Newfoundland and the causeway to Grandy Island; Then following the Burgeo Highway in a northerly direction to the point of commencement.

Labrador

| SPECIES | Labrador North | Labrador South |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Beaver | Oct 15/20 – May 31/21 | Oct 15/20 – May 31/21 |
| Muskrat | Oct 5/20 – May 31/21 | Oct 15/20 – May 31/21 |
| Otter | Oct 15/20 – March 31/21 | Oct 15/20 – March 20/21 |
| Mink | Nov 1/20 – March 1/21 | Nov 1/20 – March 20/21 |
| Coyote | Oct 15/20 – March 31/21 | Nov 1/20 – March 20/21 |
| Fox-Coloured | Oct 15/20 – March 31/21 | Nov 1/20 – March 20/21 |
| Fox-White | Oct 15/20 – May 31/21 | Nov 1/20 – March 20/21 |
| Lynx | Oct 15/20 – March 31/21 | Nov 1/20 – March 20/21 |
| Wolf | Oct 15/20 – April 30/21 | Nov 1/20 – April 30/21 |
| Ermine (Weasel) | Oct 15/20 – March 31/21 | Nov 1/20 – March 20/21 |
| Squirrel | Oct 15/20 – March 31/21 | Nov 1/20 – March 20/21 |
| Marten | Oct 15/20 – March 31/21 | Nov 1/20 – March 20/21 |
| Fisher | No Open Season | No Open Season |
| Wolverine | No Open Season | No Open Season |

Labrador North Fur Zone: All that area of Labrador, including offshore islands, lying north of a line commencing at a point on the coast at 54 degrees north latitude, then west along 54 degrees north latitude to its intersection with 62 degrees west longitude, then north along 62 degrees west longitude to 55 degrees north latitude and then west along 55 degrees north latitude to its intersection with the Labrador – Quebec border.

Labrador South Fur Zone: All the remainder of Labrador not described in the Labrador North Fur Zone.

For information respecting the harvesting of fur-bearers in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area please refer to the section entitled [Trapping in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area \(LISA\)](#).

Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards

Humane trapping is every trapper's responsibility. It ensures that the taking of furbearers is conducted with the least amount of stress to the target animal. All trappers have an ethical and legal responsibility to select the most humane and efficient method possible to capture furbearers.

Newfoundland and Labrador has had regulated humane trapping standards since 1985. Requirements for locking neck snares, prohibition against the use of serrated or tooth-edged traps, and drowner set requirements for aquatic species are just a few examples of humane trap standards. However, to ensure that our wild-caught furs could continue to be sold on the European markets, Canada, along with Russia and the European Union (EU) signed the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards (AIHTS). The Agreement sets performance standards for traps used in the harvest and control of 19 furbearer species. Eight (8) of these species exist in our province. These species are beaver, ermine (weasel), coyote, lynx, marten, muskrat, otter, and wolf. The Agreement does not apply to mink, fox or squirrel.

AIHTS Advisories

- Leghold restraining traps include the modified versions (padded, laminated or offset) and the conventional steel-jawed leghold traps. The use of all unmodified leghold restraining traps is prohibited on land except for taking fox. Modified traps may continue to be used on land for taking wolf and coyote, however only certified and approved leghold restraining traps may be used for lynx as outlined in Table 1b. When setting a drowner set for aquatic species, modified or conventional steel-jawed traps are permitted (see Table 3).
- There are no changes associated with neck snares.
- Killing traps are generally referred to as the conibear body-gripping trap. In Newfoundland and Labrador, only killing traps that meet AIHTS requirements and are certified are permitted for trapping beaver, muskrat, otter, weasel and marten (see Table 1a). Sufficient numbers of killing traps have not yet been certified for wolf or coyote. Until then, trappers may continue to use traps currently permitted by provincial legislation for those species.
- Trappers should note that some traps, while not yet required in legislation, have already been certified by species and should consider this when purchasing new traps (see Table 2).

Table 1a: Killing traps certified and regulated for use

| SPECIES | | | | |
|---------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|
| BEAVER | -Bélisle Classique 330 | -Bridger 330 | -LDL C330 Magnum | -Sauvageau 2001-12 |
| | | -Duke 330 | | -Species-Specific 330 Dislocator Half Mag |
| | -Bélisle Super X 280 | -Duke 280 | -Rudy 280 | |
| | | -LDL C280 | -Rudy 330 | |
| | -Bélisle Super X 330 | -LDL C280 Magnum | -Sauvageau 1000- 11F | -Species-Specific 440 Dislocator Half Mag |
| | -B.M.I. 280 Body Gripper | -LDL C330 | -Sauvageau 2001- 8 | -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 280 |
| | -B.M.I. 330 Body Gripper | | -Sauvageau 2001- 11 | -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 330 |
| | -B.M.I. BT 300 | | | |

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|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| CANADA LYNX | -Bélisle Super X 280 | -B.M.I 280 Magnum Body Gripper | -LDL C220 | -Rudy 330 |
| | -Bélisle Super X 330 | -Bridger 220 | -LDL C220 Magnum | -Sauvageau 2001-8 |
| | -B.M.I 220 Body Gripper | -Bridger 280 Mag. Bodygripper | -LDL C280 Magnum | -Sauvageau 2001-11 |
| | -B.M.I 280 Body Gripper | -Duke 280 | -LDL C330 | -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 330 |
| | -B.M.I 220 Magnum | | | |
| | Body Gripper | | | |
| MARTEN (Labrador) | -Bélisle Super X 120 | -LDL B120 Magnum | -Northwoods 155 | -Sauvageau 2001-5 |
| <i>Martes americana</i> | -Bélisle Super X 160 | -LDL C160 Magnum | -Oneida Victor Conibear 120-3 MAGNUM | -Sauvageau 2001-6 |
| <i>Martes martes</i> | | | Stainless Steel | -KP120 (Russia) |
| <i>Martes zibellina</i> | -B.M.I. 126 Magnum Body Gripper | -Koro no 1 -Koro no 2 | -Rudy 120 Magnum | -Rudy 160 Plus -Sauvageau C120 Magnum |

MUSKRAT**On Land**

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|---|--|---|--|
| -Bélisle Super X 110 | -Duke 120 | -Oneida Victor Conibear 110-3 Stainless Steel | -Rudy 110 |
| -Bélisle Super X 120 | -FMB 110 SS (Holland) | | -Rudy 120 |
| -B.M.I 120 Body Gripper | -FMB 150 SS (Holland) | -Oneida Victor Conibear 110-3 MAGNUM Stainless Steel | -Rudy 120 Magnum |
| -B.M.I 120 Body Gripper Magnum | -FS-110 SS (Holland) | -Oneida Victor Conibear 120-3 Stainless Steel | -Sauvageau 2001-5 |
| -B.M.I 126 Body Gripper Magnum | -HZ-110 Stainless Steel (Holland) | -Oneida Victor Conibear 120-3 MAGNUM Stainless Steel | -Sauvageau C120 Magnum |
| -Bridger 120 | -Koro Muskrat Trap | -Oneida Victor Conibear 120-3 MAGNUM Stainless Steel | -Sauvageau C120 Reverse Bend |
| -Bridger 120 Mag. Bodygripper | -Koro Large Rodent Double spring | -Ouell 411-180 | -Triple M |
| -Bridger 155 Mag. Bodygripper | -LDL B120 | -Ouell RM | -WCS Tube Trap Int'l |
| | -LDL B120 Magnum | | -WCS SHORTY Tube Trap |
| | -Oneida Victor 120 Stainless Steel | | -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 110 |
| | | | -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 120 |

MUSKRAT**Underwater**

Any jaw type trap (body gripping or leghold) set as a submersion set that exerts clamping force on a muskrat and that maintains this animal underwater.

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|----------------|-------------------------------|--|---|
| OTTER | -Bélisle Super X 220 | -LDL C280 Magnum | -Sauvageau 2001-11 |
| | -Bélisle Super X 280 | -Rudy 220 Plus | -Sauvageau 2001-12 |
| | -Bélisle Super X 330 | -Rudy 280 | -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 220 |
| | -LDL C220 | -Rudy 330 | -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 280 |
| | -LDL C220 Magnum | -Sauvageau 2001-8 | -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 330 |
| WEASELS | -Bélisle Super X 110 | -Bridger 120 | -Ouell 411-180 -Sauvageau 2001-5 |
| | -Bélisle Super X 120 | -Bridger 120 Mag Bodygripper | -Ouell 3-10 -Triple M |
| | -B.M.I #60 | -Bridger 155 Mag Bodygripper | -Ouell RM -Victor Rat Trap |
| | -B.M.I 120 Body Gripper | -Koro Muskrat Trap | -Rudy 120 Magnum -WCS Tube Trap Int'l |
| | -B.M.I 126 Body Gripper | -Koro Rodent Trap | -Sauvageau C120 Magnum -WCS SHORTHY Tube Trap |
| | -B.M.I 126 Body Gripper | -Koro Large Rodent Double Spring | -Sauvageau C120 "Reverse Bend" -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 110 |
| | -B.M.I 126 Body Gripper | -Koro Large Rodent Double Spring | -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 120 |
| | -B.M.I 126 Body Gripper | -Koro Large Rodent Double Spring | -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 120 |
| | -B.M.I 126 Body Gripper | -Koro Large Rodent Double Spring | -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 120 |
| | -B.M.I 126 Body Gripper | -Koro Large Rodent Double Spring | -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 120 |

Table 1b: Restraining traps certified & regulated for use

SPECIES

BEAVER

-Comstock 12 X 18 X 39 Swim Through Beaver Cage

-Hancock Live Beaver Trap

Cages

-Breathe Easy Live Beaver trap

-Koro "Klam" Live Beaver Trap

-Ezee Set Live Beaver Trap

WOLF

-Bélisle Footsnare #8

-Oneida Victor #3 Soft Catch equipped with 4 coil springs, a minimum 8mm thick base plate and an anchoring swivel mounted on this base plate

-Bridger Alaskan #5 Offset and Laminated Jaws

-Bridger Alaskan #5 Rubber Jaws

-Rudy Red Wolf 4 ½

-Bridger Brawn no 9 Rubber Jaws

-Livestock Protection EZ Grip No. 7

-MB 750 Alaskan OS (3/8')

LYNX

-Bélisle Footsnare #6

-Oneida Victor #3 Soft Catch equipped with 2 coil springs

-Bélisle Sélectif

-Oneida Victor #3 Soft Catch equipped with 4 coil springs

-Oneida Victor #3 equipped with at least 8mm thick, non-offset steel jaws, 4 coil springs and an anchoring swivel mounted on this base plate

anchoring swivel centre mounted
on a base plate

Phase 2. Year Of Implementation To Be Determined

Although the traps listed in Phase 2 are certified for the following species and trap categories, the year of entry into force of the obligation to use only AIHTS Certified traps has not yet been determined. This date, which could vary from one species to another, will be known at least 3 years in advance. Until then, traps that are currently legally permitted can still be used.

Table 2: Restraining traps certified, but not yet mandatory

| SPECIES |
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COYOTE

-Bélisle Footsnare #6

-Bélisle Sélectif

-Duke No 3 Rubber Jaws with an anchoring swivel centre mounted on the base plate

-Oneida Victor #1.5 Soft Catch equipped with 2 coil spring

-Oneida Victor #1.5 Soft Catch equipped with 4 coil spring

-Oneida Victor 1.75 equipped with 3/16-inch offset, double rounded steel jaw laminations (3/16-inch on top side of jaw and 1/4-inch on underside of jaws), with a 4 coil springs

-Oneida Victor #3 Soft Catch equipped with 2 coil spring

-Oneida Victor #3 Soft Catch equipped with 4 coil springs

-Oneida Victor #3 equipped with 3/16-inch offset, double rounded steel jaw laminations (3/16-inch on topside of jaw and 1/4-inch on underside of jaws), with 2 coil springs

-Oneida Victor #3 equipped with 3/16-inch offset, double rounded steel jaw laminations (3/16-inch on topside of jaw and 1/4-inch on underside of jaws), with 4 coil springs.

-Bridger #3 equipped with 5/16-inch offset, double rounded steel jaw laminations (3/16-inch on topside of jaw and 1/4-inch on underside of jaws), with 4 coil springs and an anchoring swivel centre mounted on a base plate.

-MB 550 Rubber Jaws equipped with 4 coil springs

Phase 3: Year of Implementation to be determined – Cage and box traps yet to be regulated for live trapping.

As it pertains to the AIHTS, there is no live capture cage or box trap, except for beaver, certified to date. This means that until a list of certified cage or box traps are made available, trappers may continue to use those cage or box traps as per existing provincial legislation.

Table 3: Summary of trap requirements by species – Newfoundland and Labrador.

| Species | Killing Traps (Conibear Types) | Conventional Steel Jawed Leg- hold Restraining Trap | Modified Leg- hold Traps | Suspended Snare |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| | AIHTS in Effect (Yes or No) | | | |
| Beaver | YES | Drowning Set Only | Drowning Set Only | Allowed |
| Coyote | NO | Prohibited | *Allowed | Allowed |
| Fox (ALL) | NO | Allowed | Allowed | Allowed |
| Lynx | YES | Prohibited | Certified traps only | Allowed |
| Marten (Labrador) | YES | Prohibited | Prohibited | Not Applicable |
| Mink | NO | Drowning set only | Drowning set only | Not Applicable |
| Muskrat | Yes | Drowning set only | Drowning set only | Not Applicable |
| Otter | Yes | Drowning set only | Drowning set only | Allowed |
| Red Squirrel | NO | Prohibited | Prohibited | Allowed |
| Wolf | NO | Prohibited | *Allowed | Allowed |
| Weasel | Yes | Prohibited | Prohibited | Not Applicable |

* Certified trap models are given exclusive identification letters that manufacturers will have to mark on traps they manufacture after 2007. Trappers may still legally use these same trap models after the implementation of the AIHTS, regardless of whether or not they bear this mark. For example, new

Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 330's will have a certification number on the trap. However, trappers may continue to use the same trap model whether or not it has this number.

Best Management Practices for Newfoundland Marten

The threatened Newfoundland Marten may be impacted by non-targeted mortality caused by legal trapping of furbearing species. Best management practices are designed to allow trapping techniques which minimize impact on marten, particularly in areas where marten populations are most prevalent or recovery efforts have the greatest potential.

Category One Areas

In Category One areas, traps must be set in such a manner as to avoid the capture of non-target species, specifically the Newfoundland Marten. This applies to the Pine Marten Study Area, Main River Study Area, Little Grand Lake Wildlife Reserve (LGL) and the Glover Island Public Reserve. The LGL Provisional Ecological Reserve is closed to all trapping except for beaver.

Prohibited Traps in this category would include:

- All land-based traps (including leg hold and conibear sets or dry land).
- All land-based locking neck snares (fox/lynx/coyote).

Note: Category One areas are closed to all small game snaring (including LGL Provisional Ecological Reserve).

Table 1: Permitted Traps in Category One Areas

| Trap Type and Target Species | Regulated Setting Requirements |
|------------------------------|---|
| Beaver Conibear | Trap jaws shall remain completely submerged requiring target species to dive. |
| Beaver Submarine Cage | Cage shall be completely submerged. |
| Beaver Snare Pole | Snares shall be completely submerged. |

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| Ermine (weasel) or Squirrel Rat Trap | Victor Rat Trap, whether baited or not, shall be completely enclosed inside a wooden box with a 1.5" hole at one end. |
| Fox or Coyote or Lynx Restraining Neck Snare | <p>Wire shall be 3/32" or greater.</p> <p>A 360 degree swivel is required at the attachment point.</p> <p>The stop on the loop shall be fastened so that the loop will close to a minimum 8" circumference.</p> <p>The snare shall be fastened to an immovable object, no drags.</p> <p>The snare may be set with or without the use of bait.</p> <p>This is a live capture device and requires a 24 hour trap check.</p> |
| Mink Conibear | Floating Mink Box – Trap shall be set in the entrance of a floating wooden box, whether or not the trap is baited, and the entrance to the box shall be completely submerged. |
| Otter or Mink or Muskrat Conibear | Trap jaws shall be completely submerged requiring target species to dive. |
| Otter or Mink or Muskrat Submarine Cage | The cage shall be completely submerged. |

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| <p>Beaver or Otter or Muskrat or Mink Slide-lock Drowner</p> | <p>The trap shall be a foothold type with a slide lock attached.</p> <p>The trap shall be placed at least five feet from the shoreline or on a semi-submerged log with no land-based access.</p> <p>The water shall be sufficiently deep so as to ensure drowning.</p> <p>The trap may be set with or without the use of bait.</p> |
| <p>Squirrel Pole</p> | <p>Snares shall use 16 pound test snare wire attached to a horizontal or leaning pole, snares 3/4"-1" above the pole and having a 1.5"- 1.75" diameter loop. No bait shall be used.</p> |

Category Two Areas

Snares/traps found in this category acknowledge the potential for accidental harvest but mitigate for marten mortality. This applies to the Red Indian Lake, Northwest Grand Lake, Terra Nova and Charlottetown Enclave modified snaring and trapping areas (MSTA). Additional Category Two areas may be considered by the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture in the future to help facilitate marten recovery.

Prohibited Traps in this category would include: All land-based traps.

Table 2: Permitted Traps in Category Two Areas

| Trap Type and Target Species | Regulated Setting Requirements |
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| All those listed in Table 1 | All corresponding regulated setting requirements in Table 1 |
| Fox, Coyote or Lynx Killing Neck Snare | The snare shall be equipped with lock. The snare can be baited or not. |

Category Three Areas

Category Three allows the use of all legal snaring/trapping devices, including those listed under Categories One and Two, but also all other legal traps. Category Three areas would reflect all other landbases not covered under Category One or Two.

Trapping Management Areas

Trapping Practices to Avoid Non-target Species

Responsible and humane harvest of furbearers is a primary objective for all trapping activities and is guided by legislation and standards of conduct that have been developed over time with input of trappers and wildlife managers. Whether your trapping pursuits involve setting snares for fox, coyote, wolf or lynx, using body grippers for mink or marten (Labrador) or using water sets for aquatic furbearers, choosing the appropriate location for your set is an important consideration to help avoid capturing animals that are not legal to trap. Similar to Best Management Practices for Newfoundland Marten (page 43-44) there are also a number of trap designs and/or adaptations to existing gear that trappers can use generally to avoid accidental and sometimes lethal capture of non-target animals.

Break-away devices such as “S” or “J” hooks placed on fox, coyote, lynx or wolf snares is an easy adaptation that trappers who build their own snares can use to potentially reduce capture of wildlife such as moose, caribou and black bears or free ranging livestock. This is achieved by adding a “J” hook to the base of a slide-lock or “S” hook to a cam type lock or by adding a breakaway release ferrule (BAW) to the end of snare. The S, J hook or BAW ferrule retains enough strength to capture the intended animal but the strength of larger animals will break the hook or breakaway ferrule and allow them to escape relatively unharmed. Purchasing snares constructed in this fashion from trapping suppliers is widely available. Adding a stop to the snare so that it is still effective for capturing furbearers but allows a moose or caribou’s leg to slip through is also beneficial. There is some variability in the cost and effectiveness of break-away devices that trappers will need to consider, particularly for larger furbearers such as wolves. The end result, however, is that these devices can make a difference towards protecting wildlife or livestock that are not meant to be captured in the first place. Learn more about their use by contacting trapping supply retailers, the Newfoundland and Labrador Trappers Association or the Wildlife Division.

“Contained” body gripper traps are very effective and, in certain circumstances, can be used to avoid non-target animals. For example, body grippers set inside baited floating wooden boxes (mink box) work very well for capturing mink over water and reduce the risk of trapping species such as the Newfoundland Marten. Body gripper traps set inside a floating mink box also make it very difficult for domestic animals to get into. Where there are no concerns for Newfoundland Marten, mink boxes set on land that have a cover with a 2 ½ inch hole also become quite effective for reducing captures of other non-target animals.

Closed Areas

Hunting is prohibited in [Salmonier Nature Park](#), Pippy Park and Provincial Parks throughout the province. Hunting is prohibited in National Parks, except as permitted by specific regulations or Land Claims Agreement. Hunting is prohibited in Migratory Bird Sanctuaries and Seabird Ecological Reserves with the exception of Lawn Islands Archipelago Provisional Ecological Reserve (migratory game bird hunting only). Unless otherwise indicated, all big game hunting on the Island of Newfoundland and all moose hunting in Labrador is prohibited on offshore islands.

Special Notice

There are special conditions for the T’Railway Provincial Park; Hunting and trapping are both prohibited inside the boundary of T’Railway Provincial Park (this is generally defined as 25 feet from each side of the centerline of the rail-bed in most areas). Hunters and trappers may transport firearms under the authority of a valid hunting licence along the T’Railway Provincial Park, however, it is unlawful to discharge a firearm or set traps inside the Park boundary. Please contact Provincial Parks for more information (Tel) 709.637.2040 or parksinfo@gov.nl.ca or visit <http://www.tcii.gov.nl.ca/parks/>

There are some Ecological and Wilderness Reserves which do not have prohibitions on hunting. These include Watts Point Ecological Reserve, Table Point Ecological Reserve, Redfir Lake-Kapitagas Channel Ecological Reserve, West Brook Ecological Reserve, Little Grand Lake Provisional Ecological Reserve, Bay du Nord Wilderness Reserve and the Avalon Wilderness Reserve. A person who holds a valid big game licence for a moose, caribou or black bear management area that is inside a Wilderness Reserve does not require a Wilderness Reserve Entry Permit. Within Mistaken Point Ecological Reserve, a permit is required to access the Fossil Protection Zone. For more information, contact the Natural Areas Program at (Tel) 709.637.2081 or naturalareas@gov.nl.ca or visit www.flr.gov.nl.ca/natural_areas.

The following areas are also subject to hunting, shooting, snaring and/or trapping prohibitions (see maps for further details):

- [Baccalieu Island Ecological Reserve \(Map 1\)](#)
 - Closed to Shooting, Snaring and Trapping
- [Brunette Island, Fortune Bay \(Map 2\)](#)

- Closed to Shooting, Snaring and Trapping
- Burnt Cape Ecological Reserve (Map 3)
 - Closed to Shooting (except sea ducks and murre), Snaring and Trapping
- Cape St. Mary's Ecological Reserve (Map 10)
 - Closed to Shooting, Snaring and Trapping
- Carmanville Pond Closed Area (Map 17)
 - Closed to Shooting
- Clarenville Canada Goose Area (Map 13)
 - Closed to Shooting
- Codroy Valley Waterfowl Area (Map 26)
 - Closed to Shooting
- Corduroy Brook, Grand Falls-Windsor Closed Area (Map 27)
 - Closed to Shooting
- Cormack Closed Area
- Fortune Head Ecological Reserve (Map 21)
 - Closed to Shooting, Snaring and Trapping
- Foxtrap Closed Area (Map 24)
 - Closed to Shooting
- Funk Island Ecological Reserve (Map 4)
 - Closed to Shooting, Snaring and Trapping
- Gannet Islands Ecological Reserve (Map 5)
 - Closed to Shooting, Snaring and Trapping
- Glover Island Public Reserve (see page 41)
 - Closed to all small game snaring. Trapping conditions apply, see Best Management Practices for Newfoundland Marten
- Great Southern Harbour Closed Area (Map 6)
 - Closed to Shooting, Snaring and Trapping
- Hare Bay Islands Ecological Reserve (Map 7)

- Closed to Shooting, Snaring and Trapping
- Hawke Hill Ecological Reserve (Map 8)
 - Closed to Shooting, Snaring and Trapping
- King George IV Ecological Reserve (Map 9)
 - Closed to Shooting, Snaring and Trapping
- Kelly's Island, Conception Bay (Map 25)
 - Closed to Shooting and Snaring
- Lawn Islands Archipelago Provisional Ecological Reserve (Map 11)
 - Closed to Shooting (except migratory game birds), Snaring and Trapping
- Little Grand Lake Wildlife Reserve (see page 41)
 - Closed to all small game snaring. Trapping conditions apply, see Best Management Practices for Newfoundland Marten
- Main River Study Area (see page 41)
 - Closed to all small game snaring. Trapping conditions apply, see Best Management Practices for Newfoundland Marten
- Marshy Pond, Daniel's Harbour Closed Area (Map 16)
 - Closed to Shooting
- Massey Drive Local Development Area (Map 20)
 - Closed to Shooting
- Middle Arm, Carmanville Closed Area (Map 14)
 - Closed to Shooting
- Pine Marten Study Area (see page 41)
 - Closed to all small game snaring. Trapping conditions apply, see Best Management Practices for Newfoundland Marten
- Reidville-Deer Lake Closed Area (Map 15)
 - Closed to Shooting
- Saltwater Pond, Sweet Bay Closed Area (Map 19)
 - Closed to Shooting

- Sandy Cove Ecological Reserve (Map 22)
 - Closed to Shooting, Snaring and Trapping
- St. George's River, Stephenville Crossing Closed Area (Map 18)
 - Closed to Shooting
- Winterland EcoMuseum (Map 23)
 - Closed to Shooting
- Witless Bay Ecological Reserve (Map 12)
 - Closed to Shooting, Snaring and Trapping

Map 1: Baccalieu Island Ecological Reserve

Map 2: Brunette Island, Fortune Bay

Map 3: Burnt Cape Ecological Reserve

Map 4: Funk Island Ecological Reserve

Map 5: Gannet Islands Ecological Reserve

Map 6: Great Southern Harbour

Map 7: Hare Bay Islands Ecological Reserve

Map 8: Hawke Hill Ecological Reserve

Map 9: King George IV Ecological Reserve

Map 10: Cape St. Mary's Ecological Reserve

Map 11: Lawn Islands Archipelago
Provisional Ecological Reserve

Map 12: Witless Bay Ecological Reserve

Map 13: Clarenville Canada Goose Area

Map 14: Middle Arm, Carmanville

Map 15: Reidville-Deer Lake

Map 16: Marshy Pond, Daniels Harbour

Map 17: Carmanville Pond

Map 18: St. George's River Stephenville

Map 19: Saltwater Pond Sweet Bay

Map 20: Massey Drive

Map 21: Fortune Head Ecological Reserve

Map 22: Sandy Cove Ecological Reserve

Map 23: Winterland EcoMuseum

Map 24: Foxtrap

Map 25: Kellys Island, Conception Bay

Map 26: Codroy Valley Waterfowl Area

Map 27: Corduroy Brook Grand Falls

Penalties for Wildlife Offences

Penalties for Offences Involving Moose or Caribou

The minimum penalties upon conviction for an offence relating to moose or caribou are:

- a. for a first offence, a fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment for not less than one month and the court shall make an order prohibiting the person from holding a moose or caribou licence for a period of five years;
- b. for a second offence within five years, a fine of \$3,000 and imprisonment for not less than one month and the court may, depending upon the circumstances, permanently prohibit the person from holding a moose or caribou licence;
- c. wildlife, firearms, and in some cases, vehicles, may be forfeited.

Please read the Regulation Summaries for Big Game in Hunting and Trapping Guide carefully. If you are not sure that your planned hunting methods are legal, contact a Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture office. A mistake could cost you \$1,000 and five years' hunting privileges.

Penalties for Offences Involving Inland Fish

A person who contravenes a provision of or a requirement or obligation imposed upon him or her under the Wild Life Act; contravenes an order made under the Wild Life Act; or fails to observe or fulfil a condition attached to a licence or permit issued to him or her under the Wild Life Act that relates to fish is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than six months or to both the fine and imprisonment.

Penalties for Offences Involving Threatened and Endangered Species

Under the Endangered Species Act, a person who disturbs, harasses, injures, or kills an individual of a species designated as threatened, endangered, or extirpated; or a person who captures, possesses, buys, sells or trades a specimen of a species designated as threatened, endangered or extirpated or part of it and anything derived from it; or a person who disturbs the residence of an individual of a species designated as threatened, endangered or extirpated is liable:

- a. for the first conviction, to a fine not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$50,000, or to imprisonment for a term of not more than three months, or to both;

- b. for a second conviction, to a fine of not less than \$2,000 and not more than \$100,000, or to imprisonment for a term of not more than six months, or to both;
- c. for a third and subsequent conviction, to a fine of not less than \$4,000 and not more than \$200,000, or to imprisonment for a term of not more than 12 months, or to both.

Where a corporation is convicted of an offence, the corporation is liable:

- a. for the first conviction, to a fine not less than \$2,000 and not more than \$100,000;
- b. for a second conviction, to a fine not less than \$4,000 and not more than \$200,000; and
- c. for a third and subsequent conviction, to a fine of not less than \$8,000 and not more than \$400,000.

Hunting in National Parks and National Historic Sites

It is illegal to hunt, traffic in, or possess wildlife taken in Gros Morne National Park, Terra Nova National Park and Torngat Mountains National Park or in the National Historic Sites of L'Anse aux Meadows, Port au Choix, Cape Spear, Castle Hill, and Signal Hill in Newfoundland and Labrador, except as permitted by specific regulation or Land Claims Agreements. Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and the Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement have the right to harvest in the Torngat Mountains National Park subject to the terms of these Agreements.

Persons convicted of hunting may face severe fines, prison sentences, a criminal record and/or other sanctions. For information on National Park and National Historic Sites regulations please contact Parks Canada.

To report emergencies and National Park violations on Parks Canada's lands in Newfoundland and Labrador call 1-877-852-3100.

Penalties for Offences Involving Migratory Game Birds

Penalties for offences under the Migratory Birds Convention Act state that every person or vessel that contravenes any regulation is liable:

- a. on conviction on indictment, to a fine of not more than \$1,000,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than three years, or to both; and
- b. on summary conviction, to a fine of not more than \$300,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than six months, or to both.

Please contact the Canadian Wildlife Service for more information or to report illegal activity related to endangered species or migratory birds.

Environmental Management System Guide to Domestic Woodcutting

Domestic Wood Cutting

Snare Wire Education

Since the 2008-09 hunting season, 22-gauge brass wire and 6-strand picture cord replaced stainless steel as the legal snare wire available for small game on the island of Newfoundland. These provisions were implemented after considerable review by wildlife biologists and public input concerning by-catch of non-target species, particularly the Newfoundland marten, and other incidental wildlife and domestic animals. Field testing of these wire types confirmed they were effective in retaining hares at least 75 per cent of the time. These wires will also release marten 90% of the time (Fisher and Twitchell 2004).

22-gauge brass wire appears to be the most commonly used wire type that is purchased by small game hunters as opposed to 6-strand picture cord. A major concern with brass wire since its implementation has been determining the difference in the quality of wire available on the market and what is sold as snare wire by retailers throughout the province. Many 22-gauge brass wire manufacturers sell products to wholesalers and retailers that do not necessarily meet minimum retention thresholds due to their manufacturing properties. Research has shown that the best products have a composition of 100 per cent brass and has better performance with respect to capturing small game, specifically snowshoe hare.

In an effort to assist small game hunters with finding the best available 22-gauge brass wire for snaring, the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture will begin providing product manufacturing information to all small game licence vendors, as well as guidelines for selling snare wire on behalf of the department.

When purchasing snare wire it is recommended that that hunters request 100 per cent brass wire when buying from a local vendors. For more information, contact Wildlife Division at 637-2025 or email wildlifelicence@gov.nl.ca

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture realizes the importance of small game snaring to the hunting public and its history as part of Newfoundland and Labrador's hunting heritage. Responsible harvesting and snaring practices will help ensure that these activities continue for future generations.

Newfoundland and Labrador Murre Conservation Fund

What is the Newfoundland and Labrador Murre Conservation Fund?

Each year a portion of the revenue from the sale of the Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamps in Newfoundland and Labrador is put towards murre conservation and management. This financial support helps to ensure a sustainable murre population by improving our understanding of how best to manage murre. The intent is to maintain a healthy murre population so that hunting opportunities are available for future generations.

How the fund came to be

Residents of Newfoundland and Labrador have harvested murre (turrs) for food for generations. During the 1970s and the 1980s it became apparent that the murre harvest was unsustainable and regulation commenced in the early 1990s under special authorities of the Migratory Bird Convention Act. Starting in 1999, murre hunters were required to purchase a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit. More effective regulation of the hunt was also achieved through bag limits and seasonal restrictions to ensure the long term sustainability of murre populations. A portion of the money from the hunting permit (from the Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp) sold in Newfoundland and Labrador is directed to murre conservation activities. These funds are managed by Wildlife Habitat Canada and Bird Studies Canada (Newfoundland), in consultation with the Canadian Wildlife Service and the Wildlife Division of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

What the fund supports

By providing funds to projects that support the conservation, management and sustainable harvest of murre populations, the Newfoundland and Labrador Murre Conservation Fund encourages the conservation of murre through research and education and aims to further this support. Over the years, this fund has supported research on several aspects of murre biology and conservation, including breeding ecology and productivity; assessment of diet and foraging ecology; the role of annual survival, harvest, oiling and other mortality factors; as well as studies on migration, distribution, and overwintering areas. Hunters can take pride in being part of the efforts to support research on murre in Newfoundland and Labrador.

For more information on the Newfoundland and Labrador Murre Conservation Fund and what the Stamp on your permit supports, visit Bird Studies Canada www.birdscanada.org and Wildlife Habitat Canada www.whc.org

Murre Parental Tactics Researchers from Memorial University attached small GPS monitors to Common Murres to determine foraging tactics and ocean habitat use for breeding. Photo by Laura McFarlane Tranquilla

Photo by Laura McFarlane Tranquilla

Outreach Programs

Youth Hunter/Angler Skills Workshops

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture, Wildlife Division, partners with local Rod and Gun Clubs to offer hunting/angling skills workshops and events for youth age 12 to 17. These events provide youth with the opportunity to enhance their knowledge and skills in a safe environment with qualified instructors and volunteers. Youth participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Events for 2020 to be announced.

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW)

BOW Program Offers Women Opportunity to Expand Outdoor Skills

Are you interested in gaining confidence in outdoor pursuits and getting more in tune with our natural environment? The goal of the BOW program is to provide women (aged 18 and over) the opportunity to learn skills that will encourage them to participate in outdoor recreational pursuits. Participants learn and improve their outdoor skills with the guidance of experienced and enthusiastic instructors in a non-threatening, comfortable atmosphere. All classes are at an introductory level and all equipment is provided. BOW is for women of all ages and fitness levels.

Becoming an Outdoors Woman is for you if:

- you have never tried these activities and want the opportunity to learn;
- you are a beginner looking to improve your skills;
- you are familiar with some outdoor activities, but would like to try your hand at new challenges;
- you are looking for the camaraderie of learning with like-minded individuals.

Whether you are a newcomer to the outdoors or an aspiring outdoors-woman, BOW can introduce you to a variety of outdoor activities and can provide you with the opportunity for continued skills development.

For more information contact the Salmonier Nature Park at 229-7888 or visit our website at:
www.flr.gov.nl.ca/wildlife/

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Clareville 466-7439

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