



2009 New Hampshire Moose Regulations



Fis 301.02 Wildlife Management Units.

(a) For purposes of this chapter, the state shall be divided into wildlife management units, also referred to as WMU's, described as follows:

(1) Wildlife management unit - A1: From Stewartstown Beecher Falls Bridge in Stewartstown east to Rte. 3 then north on Rte. 3 to the Canadian border then following the Canadian/US border west and south to the VT/NH border, Connecticut River and continuing south to the Stewartstown Beecher Falls Bridge;

(2) Wildlife management unit - A2: From the Stewartstown/Beecher Falls Bridge in Stewartstown east to Rte. 3 in Stewartstown then north on Rte. 3 to the Canadian/US border northeast to the ME/NH border then following this south to Rte. 16 in Wentworth's Location, south on Rte. 16 to Rte. 26 in Errol, west on Rte. 26 in Errol to Colebrook, west on Lemington Rd. to the Colebrook-Lemington Bridge, then north along the NH/VT state line to the Stewartstown/Beecher Falls Bridge;

(3) Wildlife management unit - B: From the junction of the Connecticut River and the Upper Ammonoosuc River in Northumberland, north along the NH/VT state line to the Colebrook/Lemington bridge in Colebrook, east on Lemington Rd. to Rte. 3 in Colebrook, south on Rte. 3 to Rte. 26 in Colebrook, east on Rte. 26 to Rte. 16 in Errol, south on Rte. 16 to Rte. 110-A in Dummer, west on 110-A to Rte. 110 in West Milan, west on Rte. 110 to Rte. 3 in Groveton, north on Rte. 3 in Groveton to the Upper Ammonoosuc Bridge, west along the Upper Ammonoosuc River to its junction with the Connecticut River;

(4) Wildlife management unit - C1: From the junction of the Lost Nation Rd. in Northumberland and Rte. 110, east on Rte. 110 to Rte. 16 in Berlin, south on Rte. 16 to Rte. 2 in Gorham, west on Rte. 2 to North Rd. in Jefferson, north along North Rd. to Grange Rd., north on Grange Rd. to Lost Nation Rd., north on Lost Nation Rd. to the junction of Lost Nation Rd. and Rte. 110 in Northumberland;

(5) Wildlife management unit - C2: From the junction of Rte. 16 in Wentworth's Location and the ME/NH line, south on Rte. 16 to Rte. 110-A in Dummer, west on 110-A to Rte. 110 in Milan, south on 110 to Rte. 16 in Berlin, south on Rte. 16 to Rte. 2 in Gorham, east on Rte. 2 to the NH/ME state line, north on the NH/ME state line to its junction with Rte. 16 in Wentworth's Location;

(6) Wildlife management unit - D1: From the junction of the Lost Nation Rd. in Northumberland and Rte. 110, south along Lost Nation Rd. to Grange Rd., south on Grange Rd. to North Rd., south on North Rd. to Rte. 2 in Jefferson, east on Rte. 2 to Rte. 115 in Jefferson, south on Rte. 115 to Rte. 3 in Carroll, south on Rte. 3 to I-93 in Franconia, north on I-93 to the NH/VT state line, north on the NH/VT state line, to the junction of the Connecticut and Upper Ammonoosuc River in Northumberland, east along the Upper Ammonoosuc River to the Groveton/Rte. 3 bridge, south along Rte. 3 in Groveton, east on Rte. 110 to the junction of Rte. 110 and the Lost Nation Rd.;

(7) Wildlife management unit - D2: From the junction of Rte. I-93 and the Vermont border in Littleton, south on I-93 to Rte. 118 in Woodstock, south west on Rte. 118 to Rte. 25 in Warren, south on Rte. 25 to Rte. 25-A in Wentworth, west on Rte. 25-A to Rte. 10 in Orford, north on Rte. 10 to Rte. 25-A, west on Rte. 25-A to the VT/NH border, north on the VT/NH border to its intersection with Rte. I-93 in Littleton;

(8) Wildlife management unit - E1: From the junction of Rte. 2 and Rte. 115 in Jefferson east on Rte. 2 to Rte. 16 in Gorham, south on Rte. 16 to Rte. 302 in Glen, north on Rte. 302 to Rte. 3 in Twin Mountain, north on Rte. 3 to Rte. 115 in Carroll, north on Rte. 115 to its junction with Rte. 2 in Jefferson;

(9) Wildlife management unit - E2: From the junction of Rte. 2 and Rte. 16 in Gorham, south on Rte. 16 to Rte. 302 in Conway, east on Rte. 302 to the NH/ME state line, then north along the state line to its junction with Rte. 2;

(10) Wildlife management unit - E3: From the junction of Rte. 302 and Rte. 3 in Twin Mountain, south on Rte. 3 to I-93, south on I-93 to Rte. 112 in Lincoln, east on Rte. 112 to Rte. 16 in Conway, north on Rte. 16 to Rte. 302 in Glen, north on Rte. 302 to its junction with Rte. 3 in Twin Mountain;

(11) Wildlife management unit - F: From the junction of Rte. 25-A and Rte. 25 in Wentworth, north on Rte. 25 to Rte. 118 in Warren, north on Rte. 118 to Rte. 112 in Woodstock, east on Rte. 112 to Rte. 16 in Conway, south on Rte. 16 to Rte. 113 in Chocorua, west on Rte. 113 to Rte. 113-A in Tamworth, west on Rte. 113-A in Tamworth to Rte. 113 in Sandwich, west on Rte. 113 to Rte. 3 in Holderness, west on Rte. 3 to Exit 24 of I-93 in Ashland, north on I-93 to Rte. 25, exit 26 in Plymouth, west on Rte. 25 to the junction with Rte. 25-A;

(12) Wildlife management unit - G: From the junction of Rte. 25-A and the VT/NH border in Orford, east on Rte. 25-A to Rte. 10 in Orford, south on Rte. 10 to Rte. 25-A in Orford, east on Rte. 25-A to Rte. 25 in Wentworth, southeast on Rte. 25 to Rte. I-93 in Plymouth, south on Rte. I-93 to Rte. 104 in New Hampton, south on Rte. 104 to Rte. 4 in Danbury, south on Rte. 4 to Rte. 11 in Andover, west on Rte. 11 to Rte. I-89 in New London, west on Rte. I-89 to the VT/NH border, north on the VT/NH border to its intersection with Rte. 25-A in Orford;

(13) Wildlife Management Unit - H1: From the junction of I-89 and the NH/VT state line in Lebanon, south on I-89 to Rte. 10 in Grantham, south on Rte. 10 to Rte. 123 in Marlow, west on Rte. 123 to its junction with the Cold River in Walpole, west on Cold River to the NH/VT border, Connecticut River, north on the NH/VT border to I-89 in Lebanon.

(14) Wildlife management unit - H2-north: From the junction of Cold River and NH/VT border Connecticut River, in Walpole, east on Cold River to Rte. 123, east on Rte. 123 to Rte. 9 in Stoddard, east on Rte. 9 to Rte. 202 in Hillsborough, south on Rte. 202 to Rte. 101 in Peterborough, west on Rte. 101 to Rte. 9 in Keene, west on Rte. 9 to the VT/NH border, north to the Cold River.

(15) Wildlife management unit - H2-south: From the junction of Rte. 9 and the NH/VT border, east on Rte. 9 to Rte. 101 in Keene, east on Rte. 101 to Rte. 202 in Peterborough, south on Rte. 202 to the NH/MA border, west on the NH/MA border to the NH/VT border (Connecticut River), north on the NH/VT border, Connecticut River to its intersection with Rte. 9.

(16) Wildlife management unit - I1: From the junction of I-89 and Rte. 11 in New London, north on Rte. 11 to Rte. 4 in Andover, north on Rte. 4 to Rte. 104 in Danbury, north on Rte. 104 to I-93 in New Hampton, south on I-93 to I-89 in Concord, north on I-89 to Rte. 11 in New London.

(17) Wildlife management unit - I2: From the junction of I-89 and Rte.

10 in Grantham, south on I-89 to Rte. 9 in Hopkinton, south on Rte. 9 to Rte. 123 in Stoddard, west on Rte. 123 to Rte. 10 in Marlow, north on Rte. 10 to I-89 in Grantham.

(18) Wildlife management unit - J1: From the junction of Rte. 113 and Rte. 3 in Holderness, north on Rte. 113 to Rte. 113-A in Sandwich, north on Rte. 113-A to Rte. 113 in Tamworth, east on Rte. 113 to Rte. 16 in Chocorua, north on Rte. 16 to Rte. 302 in Conway, east on Rte. 302 to the ME/NH line, south on ME/NH line to Rte. 109, west on Rte. 109 to Rte. 109 in Wolfboro Center, south on Rte. 28/109 to Rte. 109 in Wolfboro, north on Rte. 109 to Rte. 25 in Moultonboro, west on Rte. 25 to Rte. 25B in Center Harbor, along Rte. 25B to Rte. 3, north on Rte. 3 to its junction with Rte. 113 in Holderness.

(19) Wildlife management unit - J2: From the junction of Rte. I-93 and Rte. 3 in Ashland, south on Rte. 3 to Rte. 25B in Center Harbor, east on Rte. 25B to Rte. 25 in Center Harbor, east on Rte. 25 to Rte. 109 in Moultonboro, southeast on Rte. 109 to Rte. 28/109 in Wolfboro, north on Rte. 28/109 to Rte. 109 in Wolfboro Center, east on Rte. 109 to its intersection with the ME/NH border, south along the ME/NH border to Rte. 202 in Rochester, south on Rte. 202 to Rte. 4 in Northwood, west on Rte. 4 to I-393 in Concord, west on I-393 to I-93 in Concord, north on I-93 to the junction of Rte. 3 in Ashland.

(20) Wildlife Management Unit - K: From the junction of Rte. 9 and Rte. 202 in Hillsborough, south on Rte. 202 to the NH/MA state line, east on the NH/MA state line to Rte. 13 in Brookline, north on Rte. 13 to Rte. 101 in Milford, north on Rte. 101 to I-293 in Manchester, north on I-293 to I-93, north on I-93 to I-89 in Concord, west on I-89 to Rte. 9 in Hopkinton, south on Rte. 9 to its junction with Rte. 202 in Hillsborough.

(21) Wildlife management unit - L: From the junction of I-93 and I-393 in Concord, east on I-393 to Rte. 4, east on Rte. 4 to Rte. 202 in Northwood, north on Rte. 202 to NH/ME state line, south along the NH/ME state line to Little Bay, south along the Rockingham/Stafford County line in Little and Great Bay to the Squamscott River, south along the Squamscott River to Rte. 101, west along Rte. 101 to I-93 in Manchester, south on I-93 to I-293, north on I-293 to I-93 to I-393 in Concord.

(22) Wildlife Management Unit - M: From the junction of Rte. 13 in Brookline and the NH/MA border, north on Rte. 13 to Rte. 101 in Milford, north on Rte. 101 to Rte. I-293 in Manchester, east on I-293 to I-93, north on I-93 to Rte. 101 in Manchester, east on Rte. 101 to its junction with the Squamscott River in Exeter, north along the Squamscott River to Great Bay, north along the Strafford/Rockingham County line in Great and Little Bay to the NH/ME state line, east along the NH/ME state line to the Atlantic Ocean, south along the NH coast line to the NH/MA line, west along the NH/MA state line to its junction with Rte. 13 in Brookline.

(b) Whenever a wildlife management unit is referenced with only a letter, and that WMU has been divided into subwildlife management units with number, that reference shall include all of the area enclosed by those subunits. For example, WMU - J shall include WMU's J1 and J2.

(c) Whenever a subwildlife management unit is referenced with a letter and number and that WMU has been further divided into smaller units, that reference shall include all of the area enclosed by those units. For example, WMU-H2 shall include H2-north and H2-south.

Fis 301.07 Moose Season.

(a) "Antlered moose" means a moose which has at least one antler 6 inches long measured from the tip of the main beam along the distal edge of the antler to the base of the antler burr at the skull.

(b) For purposes of this section the state shall be divided into wildlife management units, as described in Fis 301.02.

(c) The moose season shall be 9 consecutive days and shall open on the third Saturday in October.

(d) No moose shall be taken with the aid or use of dogs.

(e) No person other than the permittee and subpermittee shall participate in a joint hunt to take moose except that the permittee may employ one licensed guide. The licensed guide may direct, aid, assist, or instruct the permittee and subpermittee but shall not shoot a moose.

(f) No aircraft shall be used to locate moose or communicate the location of moose during the open moose season.

(g) No radio telemetry equipment, electronic calls, cell phones, radio transceivers, pagers or other communication devices shall be used to attract or take moose.

(h) No moose shall be taken within 300 feet of a class I, II, III, IV or V highway, as classified pursuant to RSA 229:5. For purposes of this section both the hunter and the moose shall be not less than 300 feet from a class I, II, III, IV or V highway.

(i) No moose shall be taken with rimfire firearms or with shotguns using shot loads including buckshot. In towns restricted to weapon types pursuant to RSA 207:3-b, 208:3, 208:3-a, 208:3-b, and 208:3-c, only shotguns loaded with a single ball, muzzle-loading rifle, or bow and arrow shall be permitted for the taking of moose.

(j) A person holding a current moose permit or subpermittee's permit may hunt moose with a muzzle loading firearm of not less than .45 caliber.

(k) No bow shall be used for hunting moose unless it will pull at least 50 pounds peak weight measured at 28 inches or less draw.

(l) No mechanically-drawn or released bow shall be used, and moose shall not be taken by a strung bow from a motor vehicle.

(m) No arrow head shall be used other than broadheads as follows:

(1) Fixed blade broadheads shall not be less than 7/8 of an inch or more than 1 1/2 inches wide;

(2) Retractable blade broadheads may be smaller than 7/8 of an inch wide in flight, but shall not be less than 7/8 of an inch wide when open;

(3) There shall be no upper size limit on retractable blade broadheads; and

(4) When arrows are used in such hunting the name and address of the person shall be plainly printed on each arrow.

(n) Only one moose shall be taken per permittee/subpermittee combination.

(o) Moose may be taken in the water.

(p) The permittee or the subpermittee may shoot the moose, but it shall be the responsibility of the permittee to tag the moose immediately upon killing, remove the moose and transport it to the biological check station as required by Fis 301.08.

(q) The moose tag shall contain the following:

- (1) The licensee's signature;
- (2) The date and time of kill;
- (3) Town of kill;
- (4) Specific location of kill; and
- (5) The wildlife management unit in which the kill occurred.

(r) The permittee shall remain with the moose during transportation to the biological check station. If the moose is shot by the subpermittee, both the permittee and subpermittee shall go to the check station to check the moose.

(s) The permittee and subpermittee shall only hunt in the wildlife management unit to which they are assigned by the department.

(t) The subpermittee shall always be accompanied by the permittee while hunting moose. All subpermittees shall be within sight and hearing, excluding electronic devices, when actual physical direction and control can be effected pursuant to RSA 207:1, XXX. All subpermittees under the age of 16 shall be accompanied by a permittee 18 years of age or older.

(u) The moose tag shall remain with the moose at all times until the moose is sealed at the biological check station, pursuant to RSA 208:9.

(v) Once the moose has been sealed as provided in Fis 301.07(u), a moose may be transported during the open season, and for 10 days after, if the moose is accompanied by the person who legally took the moose.

(w) If the moose carcass is placed in the custody of another person or a licensed common carrier, the moose shall, in addition to the registration tag, have a tag plainly marked with the name of the consignor, the name of the consignee, the point of shipment, and the destination.

(x) The permittee, subpermittee, or both if requested, shall return with or without fish and game department personnel to the kill site, the site of evisceration or both for purposes such as, but not limited to, verification of kill site or to obtain ovaries or other biological samples left behind.

(y) Each permittee or subpermittee shall carry a moose permit and each permittee and subpermittee 16 years of age or older shall carry a hunting license at all times when hunting for moose and registering the moose at the check station. Subpermittees under the age of 16 shall not be required to carry a hunting license.

(z) Any person leaving moose parts in the field shall place parts out of sight of roads traveled by conventional vehicles.

Fis 301.08 Moose Registration at Biological Check Stations.

(a) The moose shall be presented at the nearest biological check station within 24 hours of the kill.

(b) The moose shall be transported in such a manner that a portion of the moose is open to view.

(c) Biological check stations shall be open daily during the open moose hunting season. The day after the season closes moose shall be registered at any fish and game department regional office or at headquarters in Concord.

(d) The permittee shall provide the following on the moose kill report:

- (1) Date and time of kill;
- (2) Wildlife management unit, town, and locality of kill;
- (3) Weapon used;
- (4) Hunter's name, address, telephone number, date of birth, sex, and license number;

(5) Biological information on the moose including the sex, beam diameter, number of points, estimated weight, estimated age, and

(6) The hunter's signature, signed subject to the penalties for making unsworn false statements under RSA 641:3.

(e) The permittee shall bring in to the biological check station at least the following:

- (1) The lower jaw;
- (2) The intact antler rack on an antlered moose;
- (3) The skull plate on a male antlerless moose;
- (4) The female reproductive tract including the ovaries and mammary sack; and
- (5) All edible portions of the moose.

(f) A moose registration seal as provided in RSA 208:9 shall be affixed by fish and game personnel to the moose for transportation.

Fis 301.09 Moose Season Lottery.

(a) Application for the moose season lottery shall be made on an application described in Fis 1102.08.

(b) The applicant shall be at least 16 years of age by the application deadline.

(c) A non-refundable fee of \$15 for residents or \$25 for non-residents, payable to New Hampshire Fish and Game Department by cash, check or money order shall accompany each application.

(d) Only one application per person shall be entered in the lottery. Any person who turns in an incorrect state of residency on an application shall be disqualified from the lottery process and shall not be eligible to receive a permit. State of residency for purposes of the moose lottery application process shall be the person's state of residence, pursuant to RSA 207:1, XXIII, at the deadline date for moose lottery applications.

(e) Illegible applications and incomplete applications shall be returned and not considered. Corrected applications may be resubmitted.

(f) No late entries shall be accepted.

(g) Bonus points shall be accrued in accordance with RSA 208:1-a, II-a.

(h) No person shall accrue more than one point in a given year's lottery.

(i) A person's accrued points shall be lost if:

(1) The applicant fails to provide an eligible application for a given year's lottery;

(2) The applicant fails to provide notification of a driver's license number or non-driver identification number change as specified in (x); or

(3) The successful applicant has paid the permit fee and does not return the permit by October 1 as specified in (u).

(j) All applications shall be:

(1) Turned in to the department headquarters by 4:00 p.m. on the last Friday in May;

(2) Postmarked no later than midnight on the last Friday in May; or

(3) Submitted on-line as long as the transaction was started prior to midnight eastern daylight time on the last Friday in May.

(k) Applications shall be assigned a number on a first come first served basis when received at the department headquarters. Self-addressed and stamped receipts shall be returned as notification that the application has been received.

(l) The lottery drawing shall be:

(1) Held after the season dates have been adopted by rules; and

(2) Conducted in the following manner:

a. Selection of winning numbers shall be done by computer selection of random numbers;

b. A total of 515 application numbers shall be drawn;

c. A total of 300 additional numbers shall be drawn as alternates;

d. The 515 moose permits shall be allocated as specified in Table 300.01 below:

Table 300.01 Moose Permit Allocation Table

Wildlife Management Unit	No. of Permits For Either Sex Moose	No. of Permits Restricted To Antlerless Moose Only
A1	15	15
A2	25	25
B	35	15
C1	15	10
C2	15	5
D1	15	5
D2	25	15
E1	5	5
E2	5	0
E3	10	5
F	35	20
G	55	0
H1	15	0
H2-north	5	0
H2-south	5	0
I1	20	0
I2	30	0
J1	10	0
J2	30	0
K	10	0
L	10	0
M	5	0

e. Based on the order of computer selection, applicants shall be assigned a permit as follows:

1. Applicants shall be assigned a permit for either sex moose in a wildlife management unit indicated on their application;

2. If all permits for either sex moose in those wildlife management units are filled, applicants shall:

(i) Be assigned to a permit for an antlerless moose provided their application indicates they are willing to hunt antlerless moose in one of the wildlife management units having these permits available; and

(ii) Not be assigned a permit if their application indicates they are not willing to hunt antlerless moose; and

3. Once all of the initially drawn applicants have been considered for permits:

(i) Alternates shall be used to fill the remaining permits; and

(ii) Successful applicants shall be notified by mail within 10 working days; and

f. The percentage of nonresident numbers drawn shall not be greater than the percentage of nonresident hunting licenses sold during the previous calendar year, and nonresidents shall be randomly distributed throughout the wildlife management units.

(m) Alternates shall be chosen if a permittee chooses not to participate in the hunt and advises the department, in writing, of this decision. Alternates shall be selected in the order in which they were originally drawn in the lottery. Chosen alternates shall then be permittees. Alternates shall be assigned to the wildlife management unit which was assigned to the original permittee. These new permittees shall be notified by mail within 7 days after being selected.

(n) The permit fee shall be paid in full at fish and game headquarters in Concord no later than the last working day in July. Late payments received via U.S. mail shall be accepted provided they were postmarked no later than midnight on the third Friday of July. Alternates shall be chosen for applicants failing to pay the fee by the prescribed date. Alternates selected shall then pay within 14 days after being notified.

(o) The permittee shall not be required to designate a subpermittee. However, if one is so designated, the permittee shall submit the information required in (p) below on the permittee and the subpermittee, if so designated, to the fish and game department so that it shall be received at fish and game headquarters in Concord by the last working day in July. If an alternate is chosen as a permittee, designation of subpermittee and accompanying information shall be submitted with the payment.

(p) The information required of permittees and subpermittees shall be as follows:

(1) Complete name and mailing address;

(2) Date of birth;

(3) Telephone number; and

(4) Signature.

(q) The permittee shall obtain a permit described in Fis 1102.09. There shall be no residency requirements for the subpermittee.

(r) The permittee and subpermittees shall return a signed statement that they have read and understand the current year's New Hampshire moose rules. The statement shall be received at fish and game headquarters in Concord no later than the last working day in July. Late statements received via U.S. mail shall be accepted provided they are postmarked no later than midnight on the third Friday in July.

(s) No person shall act as a subpermittee for more than one permittee.

(t) The deadline for the permittee to change the subpermittee shall be 8 days prior to the start of the moose season.

(u) Once the fee for a moose permit has been paid, the permittee shall lose all accumulated points and not be eligible for the next 3 application periods, unless the permittee returns the permit prior to October 1 so that an alternate may be notified to participate in the moose hunt.

(v) No permittee shall sell or barter the subpermittee portion of their permit.

(w) No person shall possess more than one moose permit as a permittee.

(x) If a person's driver's license number or non-driver identification number changes, the applicant shall notify the department on the application. If the department is not able to match the identity of the applicant with its records, the applicant shall provide their name, address, date of birth, their old identification number and new identification number.

(y) The executive director shall waive restrictions in the moose lottery process to delay the issuance of a moose permit for 1 year due to medical problems or national emergency which prevents the permittee from participating in the moose hunt.

(z) The executive director shall authorize permits, in addition to the permits in (l)(2) d., if the director determines that a department error resulted in the rejection of an eligible application for a permit, provided the issuance will have no significant impact on the moose population and the application would have otherwise been successful based on its random number.