

RULEMAKING NOTICE FORM

Notice Number _____

Rule Number **Fis 301.09(I)**

<p>1. Agency Name & Address:</p> <p>NH Fish and Game Department 11 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301</p>	<p>2. RSA Authority: <u> RSA 208:1-a, II </u></p> <p>3. Federal Authority: <u> none </u></p> <p>4. Type of Action:</p> <p>Adoption _____</p> <p>Amendment <u> xx </u></p> <p>Repeal _____</p> <p>Readoption _____</p> <p>Readoption w/amendment _____</p>
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5. Short Title: **Moose Season Lottery**

6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments:

This proposal reduces the number of permits to hunt moose to be awarded in the 2017 moose season lottery from 71 to 51. Of the 22 wildlife management units in the state, 12 are reduced from the 2016 allocation, and no permits shall be allocated to units H2-north, H2-south, and K.

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

All persons with hunting licenses seeking to participate in the 2017 moose season lottery.

6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

Rule	Specific State or Federal Statutes which the Rule Implements
Fis 309.01(I)	RSA 208:1-a, II

7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: **Tuesday April 11, 2017**

xx Fax

xx E-mail

Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 6:30 PM**

Place: **Fish & Game Headquarters, 11 Hazen Dr. Concord, NH 03301**

Date and Time **Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 6:30 PM**

Place **Fish and Game Regional Office, 629B Main Street, Lancaster NH 03584**

10. Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant)

FIS # 17:018 , dated 2/23/2017

Fiscal Impact Statement for New Hampshire Fish and Game Department rules governing Amendment to Moose Season Lottery Rule. [Fis 301.09(1)]

1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):

When compared the existing rules, the proposed rules will have an indeterminable impact on state restricted revenue.

2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:

No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):

A. To State general or State special funds:

The proposed rules reduce the total number of moose hunting permits issued from 71 to 51, a reduction of 20 permits. Based on historical data Fish and Game Department estimates 3 of the 20 permits may have gone to non-residents and the remaining 17 to residents, for which the permit fees are \$500 and \$150, respectively. Therefore, this proposed rule change would reduce total state restricted revenue by \$4,050 $((3 \times \$500) + (17 \times \$150))$ annually. Of this \$4,050, \$3,850 would have gone to the Fish and Game fund and \$200 to the Game Management account established under RSA 206:34-b.

Furthermore, the Fish and Game Department states the change in the moose hunting permits may result in fewer applications received. Application fees for moose permits are \$15 for residents and \$25 for non-residents, with \$10 for each going to the Game Management account established under RSA 206:34-b and the remainder to the Fish and Game fund. The Department is unable to estimate how many fewer applications it may receive and the corresponding impact on state restricted revenue.

The proposed rules have no impact on state general funds.

B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

None.

C. To independently owned businesses:

None.

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

The proposal does not impose any programs, responsibilities, or administrative duties upon any political subdivision of the state, and thus does not violate the NH Constitution, Part I, Article 28-a.