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# Non-Resident Moose Draw for Outfitters

Application Criteria

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# Introduction

Moose (*Alces alces*) is New Brunswick's most coveted wildlife species. With more than 50 000 New Brunswickers applying for a resident moose licence each year, the Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development carefully manages the population for sustainability, ensuring moose will remain an icon of the Province's culture for generations to come.

Moose are the largest living member of the deer family and can weigh upwards of 450 kilograms. An adult moose can provide a hunter, their friends, and their family with 150 kilograms of meat, enough food for nearly a thousand meals. Moose meat is nutritious, lean, and full of flavour, while still being considered less gamey than other wild meats. As such, moose hunting is practiced throughout the species' range and draws outdoor enthusiasts from around the world.

Because moose hunting is an integral part of New Brunswick's culture, non-resident moose licences are limited, and the greatest hunting opportunity is reserved for residents. However, moose hunting also provides economic opportunity, attracting non-resident clients while showcasing New Brunswick's incredible landscape and the diverse people who live here.

The non-resident moose draw for outfitters was first introduced in 2013, with applications accepted from qualifying outfitters and guides. Over time, application criteria have evolved with the goal of encouraging growth in the industry and supporting local businesses.

This document describes the application criteria for New Brunswick's non-resident moose draw for outfitters. To acquire a non-resident moose licence for sale to their client, an outfitting business must first be approved by the Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Development. These criteria have been developed to ensure only outfitting businesses that offer multiple services to non-resident hunting and angling clients are included. To be considered, outfitters must demonstrate that they meet the established criteria and have invested in suitable accommodations and facilities for hosting their clients.

Applications to the non-resident moose draw are made to the Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Development by qualified outfitting businesses. Any application that is incomplete or provides false or misleading information may result in that application being removed from the draw.

Every effort has been made to ensure the information contained in this document is accurate and free of omissions. However, the Province of New Brunswick assumes no liability for errors or omissions. It is the responsibility of the outfitting business to ensure they obtain the necessary licences and permits to operate their business and that they comply with all relevant legislation and the criteria that are devised under that legislation.

# Definitions

## APPROVED OUTFITTING BUSINESS

The Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development recognizes an outfitter as an established business which, for financial compensation or reward, has a proven record of providing non-resident clients with:

- equipment and supplies used in connection with hunting or angling,
- professional guide services, and
- overnight accommodations and facilities.

For the purposes of the non-resident moose draw for outfitters, an approved outfitting business is defined as:

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*Any applicant that provides satisfactory evidence to the Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Development that the applicant meets all criteria established below.*

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## PRIMARY LODGE

A primary lodge is a built structure that:

- is affixed to the ground via in-ground or above-ground support structures (e.g. blocks, piles, or a foundation); and
- may be placed or constructed on the lot and may include a modular or prefabricated building that is transported to the lot.

A primary lodge may also include overnight accommodations. If a primary lodge does not include overnight accommodations, there must be suitable sleeping quarters located on the same property as the primary lodge. Sleeping quarters must be a built structure that:

- is affixed to the ground via in-ground or above-ground support structures (e.g. blocks, piles, or a foundation); and
- may be placed or constructed on the lot and may include a modular or prefabricated building that is transported to the lot.

A primary lodge and sleeping quarters may not be:

- an apartment;
- a hotel;
- a motel;
- a condominium;
- a glamping accommodation;
- a tent;
- a campground;
- a university residence;
- a storage structure (e.g. garage, shed, baby barn, etc.);
- a travel trailer, motor home, or other wheeled accommodation, regardless of whether wheels are attached;
- a houseboat; or
- a hostel.

## **YEAR OF APPLICATION**

The year in which an application is made for the non-resident moose draw for outfitters. This is not the year for which the licence is valid.

## **SIGNED DECLARATION**

A signed declaration consists of a pre-written statement included in the application to the non-resident moose draw for outfitters. Applicants must initial the declaration, affirming they meet the specific criterium addressed by the statement.

# Business Information

## BUSINESS REGISTRATION

Applicants must include proof of active registration under one of the following Acts:

- the *Business Corporations Act*;
- the *Companies Act*;
- the *Limited Partnership Act*; or
- the *Partnerships and Business Names Registration Act*

### Acceptable documentation

- A copy of current year Service New Brunswick Corporate Affairs Registry Database search results; or
- New Brunswick *Business Corporations Act* Form 33.1; or
- New Brunswick Certificate of Business Name or Certificate of Renewal of Business Name

## COMMERCIAL INSURANCE

Applicants must hold a minimum of five million dollars (\$5 000 000 CAD) of commercial liability insurance. Insurance must include coverage specific to hunting outfitters.

### Acceptable documentation

- Insurance policy documentation clearly identifying \$5 000 000 coverage for hunting outfitters; or
- A signed letter from the insurance provider, clearly indicating the applicant has \$5 000 000 coverage specific to hunting outfitters.

*Note: Occurrence basis coverage for off-road vehicles does not constitute proof of coverage specific to hunting outfitters.*

## **NON-RESIDENT CLIENT SALES HISTORY**

Applicants must have sold a minimum of four (4) non-resident bear licences allocated to their business (for the 2024-2026 allocation period), prior to September 1, in the year of application. Licences which have been temporarily assigned for a one-year period will not satisfy this criterium.

If the applicant is not the holder of a non-resident bear allocation, they must be an approved Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development electronic licensing vendor and have sold a minimum of twelve (12) non-resident hunting or angling licences, prior to July 1, in the year of application.

### **Acceptable documentation**

- A signed declaration indicating the applicant has:
  - sold a minimum of four (4) non-resident bear licences allocated to their business prior to September 1 in the year of application; or
  - been an approved Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development electronic licensing vendor and sold a minimum of twelve (12) non-resident hunting or angling licences prior to July 1 in the year of application.

## **Primary Lodge**

### **PROPERTY OWNERSHIP**

The primary lodge used in the application must be located on property owned by the applicant. Alternatively, the primary lodge may be located on a private or Crown land commercial lease, provided the lease is held in good standing. A commercial lease agreement must be for a period of 12 months or more.

### **Acceptable documentation**

- If property is owned by the applicant:
  - Property tax notice issued by the New Brunswick Department of Finance and Treasury Board; or
  - Property tax assessment notice issued by Service New Brunswick; or
  - New Brunswick Certificate of Registered Ownership.
- If property is leased by the applicant:
  - Commercial lease agreement signed by both the lessee and lessor; and
  - Signed letter from the lessor indicating the lease is commercial in nature and is held in good standing.

## PRIMARY LODGE LOCATION

A primary lodge must be located in New Brunswick and may only be used in a single application. Any primary lodge located outside the Province or used in more than one application may result in each application being removed from the non-resident moose draw for outfitters.

### Acceptable documentation

- GPS coordinates, taken from the main entrance of the lodge; and
- Digital or physical photograph(s) displaying the main entrance of the lodge; and
- Digital or physical photograph(s) displaying the entire lodge, taken from the main access point to the property (e.g. a photo of the whole building, taken from the driveway).

## OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

Overnight accommodations must be available for clients' use. The primary lodge used in the application may include overnight accommodations; if the primary lodge does not include overnight accommodations, there must be suitable sleeping quarters located on the same property as the primary lodge.

### Acceptable documentation

- Digital or physical photograph(s) of overnight accommodations; and
- If the sleeping quarters are not located in the primary lodge:
  - GPS coordinates taken from the main entrance of one or more structure(s) containing sleeping quarters; and
  - Digital or physical photograph(s) displaying the main entrance of one or more structure(s) containing sleeping quarters; and
  - Digital or physical photograph(s) displaying the entire structure(s).

# Other Criteria

## UNPAID ACCOUNTS

Applicants must sign a written statement declaring any accounts with the Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development are held in good standing, meaning there are no unpaid debts or amounts owing. Examples of unpaid debts include unpaid Crown land leases, harvesting permits, fines, and any other sales or services invoiced by the Department.

### Acceptable documentation

- A signed declaration indicating the applicant is in good standing with the Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development.

## LICENCE PRIVILEGES

Applicants must not have been convicted of a major offence or an equivalent infraction under provincial or federal natural resource related legislation. Persons who have been convicted of a major offence, or an equivalent infraction, under provincial or federal natural resource related legislation are not eligible to make application to the non-resident moose draw for outfitters until such time as their licence privileges are reinstated. If the major conviction results in a penalty other than a licence cancellation, the period for which they will be ineligible to apply for a non-resident moose licence for outfitters shall be at the discretion of the Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Development.

This eligibility requirement applies to the following Acts and their regulations:

- *Fish and Wildlife Act*;
- *Crown Lands and Forest Act*;
- *Protected Natural Areas Act*;
- *An Act Respecting Unpaid Fines*;
- *Migratory Birds Convention Act (Canada)*;
- *Fisheries Act (Canada)*;
- *Species At Risk Act*; and
- *Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act (Canada)*.

### Acceptable documentation

- A signed declaration indicating the applicant has not been convicted of a major offence or an equivalent infraction under provincial or federal natural resource related legislation.