



ATTENTION BEAR HUNTERS

The spring portion of the 2020 bear hunting season is open Friday, April 24 until Saturday, June 27. A key part of the big-game management process is the reporting or "registration" of the harvested animal by the hunter. In accordance with regulation, the hunter has 72 hours to register a harvested bear.

As part of the provincial government's efforts towards reducing and slowing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development has closed all offices to the public, including successful bear hunters wishing to register a bear.

As an interim registration measure, successful bear hunters are advised to contact the department through the toll-free telephone number below to register and collect information about harvested bear. Hunters can call Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., excluding the statutory holiday on May 18 – Victoria Day.

Toll-free: 1-833-791-0776

All bear hunters are expected to follow current directives regarding physical distancing and gatherings while conducting their activities. Failure to do so may result in fines or other enforcement penalties.

Thank you for continuing to support responsible management of New Brunswick's valued renewable wildlife resources.

Physical Distancing Rules for Hunters

- All physical distancing rules set forth by government are to be adhered to at all times.
- Hunters from different households (civic address) must travel separately. Make an effort to hunt with the gear / equipment that you already have to avoid unnecessary visits to retailers.
- Report any suspicious behavior to Crime Stoppers.
- Licenses should be purchased online, printed and signed whenever possible. Electronic files / photos on phones or other devices will be accepted temporarily if asked to produce. Tags available at regular vendors of licenses.
- Hunters must respect and avoid any closed park, campground, or access point.

- Any infraction relating to the physical distancing parameters set forth by the government may result in fines, revocation of licenses or closure of the season.
- Consider harvest retrieval. If you anticipate needing help from outside your household to retrieve your harvest, do not participate.
- Consider processing of game; certain butchers may be closed.