

ONTARIO MOOSE TOURISM INDUSTRY PROGRAM REMINDERS

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Moose Tags

- The 2022 tag quota sheets were provided to tourist outfitters in the moose tourism industry package - mailed in August 2021.
- Tourist outfitter 2022 moose tag quota sheets include the allocation of calf moose tags.
- Tourist outfitters who have been allocated tourism industry moose tags, based on the distribution of shares in each Wildlife Management Unit (WMU), will apply for moose tags for their registered guests using the Tourist Outfitter's Application for Moose Tag(s) form.
- Resident and non-resident hunters now purchase their moose tags in addition to their moose hunting licence. Hunters will pay for their tourism industry moose hunting licence and moose tag online or at Service Ontario.
- The Tourist Outfitter will inform their registered guest when it is okay to purchase their moose tag; i.e., once the moose tag has been issued in the hunter's name.

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Moose Tags (continued)

- The Tourist Outfitter is required to confirm that their registered guest has purchased the appropriate moose licence and moose tag (listed on their licence summary) before providing the moose tag to the registered guest.
- A cow/calf tag allows the hunter to harvest either a cow or a calf, not both.
- A bull tag allows registered guests to harvest only a bull.
- Non-residents cannot acquire a moose tag unless they use the services of a moose tourist outfitter and hunt as a registered guest.
- If a resident hunter claims a moose tag that they are awarded through the points-based allocation process, they cannot acquire a moose tag through a tourist outfitter.
- The resident hunter may still party hunt as the registered guest of an outfitter.

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Moose Tag Agreement, Licencing, Bow Conversions

- More information is now provided in the Moose Tag Agreement document.
- A new schedule has been added for the Tourist Outfitter to document authorized accommodations for registered guests.
- Ensure that Registered Guests are properly licensed before providing the moose Tag.
- If you have questions regarding licensing requirements, please contact the Natural Resources Information and Support Centre at 1-800-387-7011.
- Ensure all requests for moose tag changes (e.g., bow conversions) are submitted to your local ministry office at least two weeks prior to the season opening.

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Registered Guest Form and Party Hunting

- All moose hunters (residents and non-residents) who receive a tag from the Tourist Outfitter or are hunting in a party with a hunter who has received a tag from an outfitter are required to have a moose licence and be a registered guest of the same outfitter who provided the tag.
- The hunters are required to carry a Registered Guest Form established by ministry while hunting to demonstrate they meet this requirement.
- The form is required to be completed by the Tourist Outfitter and provided to their registered guests.
- The Tourist Outfitter can make additional copies of the Registered Guest Form.

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Accommodations

- The definition of “tourist outfitter” is contained in the regulation.
- The moose tourism program is managed by the ministry and the policies including the definition of “management and control of accommodation”; which is in accordance with the criteria set out in legislation.
- The purpose of the program is to allow tourist outfitters who meet the criteria established by regulation and governed by the program to benefit from the moose resource by providing a certain number of tags that can be used by tourist outfitters who are operating within the framework established by regulation.
- In addition, the tourist outfitter enters into an agreement in which they warrant that they have “full management and control” of the facilities of their tourism establishment.

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Accommodations (continued)

- Accommodation and facilities for the purpose of the program must be accommodation and facilities that are within the control of the outfitter.
- A tourist outfitter who has obtained an appropriate LUP for the purpose of the program are required to provide accommodations that are within the control of the outfitter.
- A shareholder who is not in compliance with the terms of the agreement or does not meet the definition of tourist outfitter may no longer meet the eligibility requirements to participate in the program and may have their shares revoked.

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Mandatory Hunter and Outfitter Reporting

- The reporting is now separate from the Moose Tag Application form and must be filled out by all non-resident and resident registered guests with a moose tag from the outfitter.
- Mandatory Hunter Reports are to be completed correctly by the registered guest.
- The Tourist Outfitter are to ensure the mandatory reports are complete and submitted to the local district office that issued the tag(s) by December 29th.
- Failure to comply within the required timeline or providing false or misleading information may result in charges under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997* (FWCA), loss of shares and additional penalties for hunting clients.