

# Moose Management Review

## Changes Tourist Outfitters Should be Aware Of



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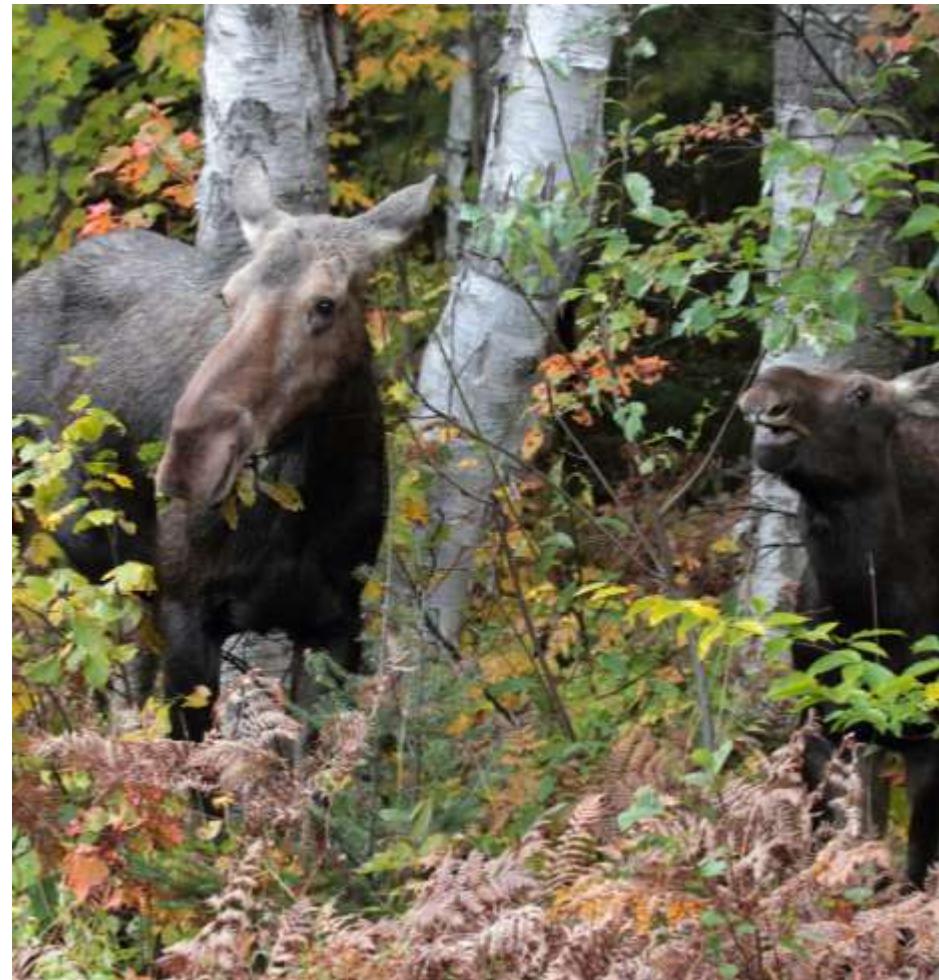
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# Moose Management Review

- November 2018 - Announcement that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) would work with a committee to consider changes to make moose hunting fairer and more consistent, while supporting sustainable management.
- April 2019 – The new Big Game Management Advisory Committee (BGMAC) was formed and tasked with providing recommendations on big game management in Ontario.
- May & June 2019 – Seven Moose Management Review (MMR) listening sessions held across Ontario and hosted by BGMAC and MNRF. A concurrent online and paper survey gathered insights from moose hunters.
  - >600 people attended sessions
  - ~2,100 completed questionnaires
- July 4, 2019 – BGMAC submitted their MMR Recommendations Report.
- August 12-September 26, 2019 – MNRF consulted on proposed changes to moose management on the Environmental Registry.
- February 2020 – Decision notice for moose management changes posted.

# Changes for 2020/2021 – Calf Tag Quotas

- Ontario's selective harvest approach has been changed to better manage harvest of bulls, cows and calves at biologically appropriate levels.
- Calf tag quotas will be in place for all Wildlife Management Units with a moose hunting season in 2021. A hunter will need to be issued a calf tag for a specific WMU to hunt calf moose, or party hunt with another hunter who has a valid calf tag.
- Calf tags will be valid for the full length of all moose hunting seasons in the WMU they are valid for (regardless of firearm types allowed).



# Changes for 2020/2021 – Bow Seasons & Quotas



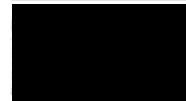
- Early bow-specific seasons and tag quotas were added in fall 2020 in some WMUs that didn't previously have them.
  - Separate resident tag quotas for bow and gun were created in WMUs 27-28, 30-33, 35-37, 39-42 (bow-only season already existed in these WMUs).
  - A 1-week bow-only season and separate tag quotas were added in WMUs 46-47, 49-50, 53-54, 56, 60-63.
- In 2021, the southern moose gun season shifts back to open on a Monday.

# Changes for 2021 – Points-based Tag Allocation

- Tags will be allocated primarily based on “points”.
- Points for 2021 are based on the number of years a hunter has been unsuccessful in the draw going back to when they started applying or the last time they were successful in the draw for an adult tag or received a tag through a transfer. Consecutive applications aren’t necessary.
- Draw histories have been compiled going back to 1993.
- Beginning in 2021, a hunter receives a point for each year they apply to the allocation process and are unsuccessful or don’t claim a tag they’ve been awarded. Once a hunter claims a tag allocated based on points, they would forfeit their points.
- Group applications and the pool system have been eliminated. All hunters will apply as individuals.
- Northern resident hunters continue to receive a small preference by receiving one additional point (non-accumulating) when they apply to a northern WMU (1-42).

# Changes for 2021 – Licenses

- All hunters participating in the moose hunt must have a moose licence.
- Moose hunting licences will no longer come with a tag.
- A hunter without their own tag will be allowed to purchase a moose licence to party hunt with another hunter who has a valid tag.
- A hunter can apply for a tag without purchasing a moose licence.
- A non-resident hunter can purchase a non-resident moose licence to party hunt with their immediate relative who holds a valid moose tag, or with another hunter who holds a valid tag from a tourist outfitter.

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# Changes for 2021 – Tags

- Tag types are:
  - Bull tag – valid for harvest of a bull moose
  - Cow/calf tag – valid for harvest of a cow or a calf moose
  - Calf tag – valid for harvest of a calf moose
- If successful in the allocation process, a hunter must purchase their tag in addition to their moose hunting licence.
- A non-resident can only acquire their own moose tag by purchasing a hunt from a tourist outfitter.
- Validation certificates have been eliminated for moose. A hunter can only be issued one tag per year.



# Changes for 2021 – Licence & Tag Prices

<b>Moose Licence &amp; Tag Fees</b>	<b>2020 prices</b>	<b>2021 prices</b>
Application fee	-	\$15.00
Resident licence	\$50.29	\$35.29
Non-resident licence	\$459.86	\$469.86
Bull tag	-	\$200.00
Cow/calf tag	-	\$150.00
Calf tag	-	\$30.00

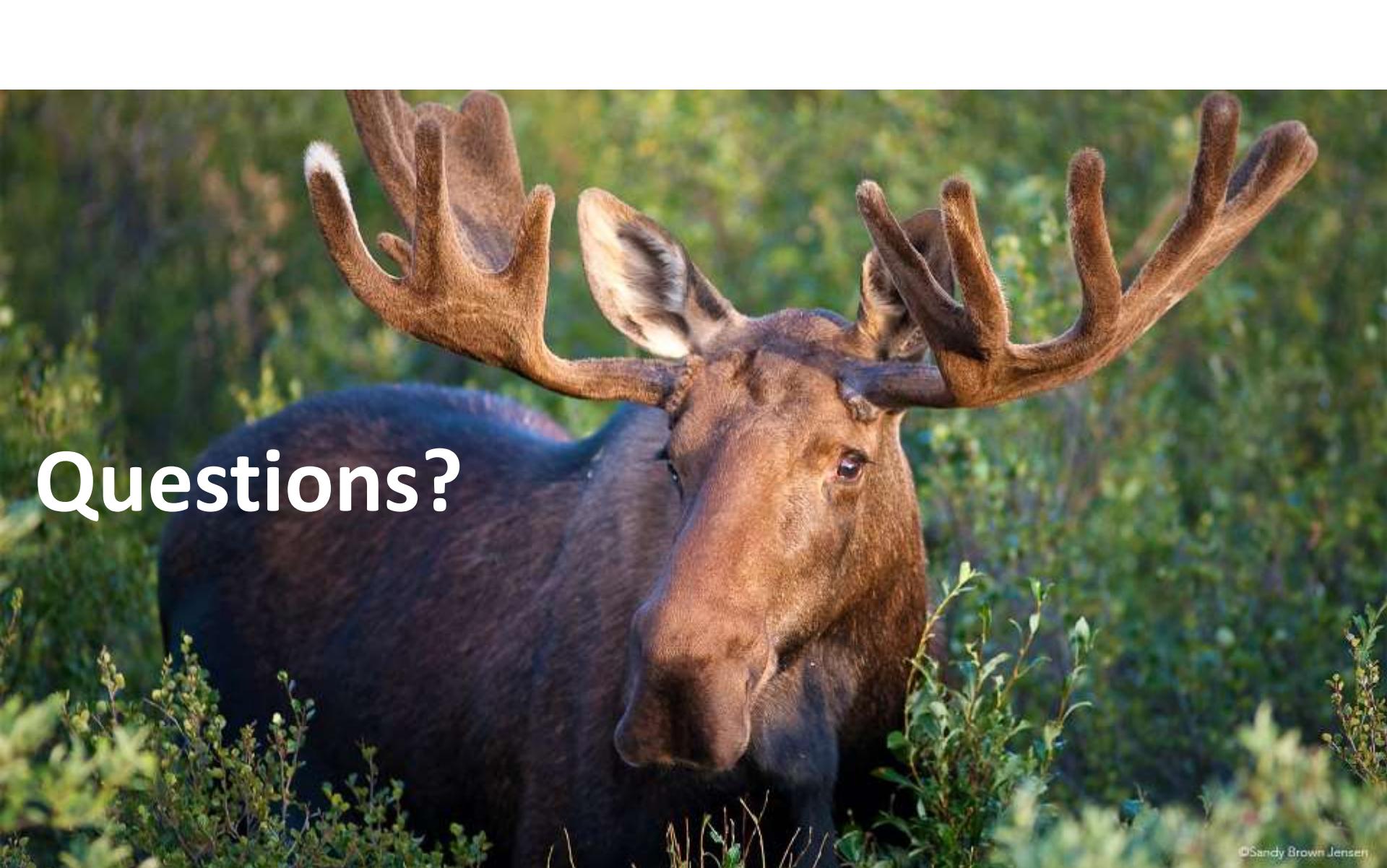
# Other Changes for 2021

- Tag transfers will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances such as injury, illness or death of the tag holder. Transferring a tag will require an application, review and approval.
- All hunters that are hunting on an outfitter tag must be registered guests of the outfitter and carry a *Registered Guest Form* provided by the outfitter.
- Hunter reporting requirements for moose change – now all moose licence holders are required to report.



# Summary of Changes Related to TI

- Changes to selective harvest approach – minor changes in tag types, calf tag quotas across the province, calf tags valid for full length of season.
  - Outfitters will only have calf tags that are specifically allocated to them.
- Southern moose gun season shifts back to Monday opener in 2021.
- Moose licence no longer comes with a tag, hunters who don't have their own tag can party hunt with a tag holder.
- Non-resident moose hunters can only get their own tag by purchasing a hunt from an outfitter. Most non-resident hunters can only party hunt with another hunter issued a tag by a tourist outfitter.
- Validation certificates no longer exist. A hunter can only be issued one tag per year.
- A hunter issued a tag must purchase the tag in addition to their licence.
- All hunters that are hunting on an outfitter tag must be registered guests of the outfitter and carry a Registered Guest Form provided by the outfitter.
- All moose licence holders (hunters) must complete a hunter report.



# Questions?

# Forms & Procedure

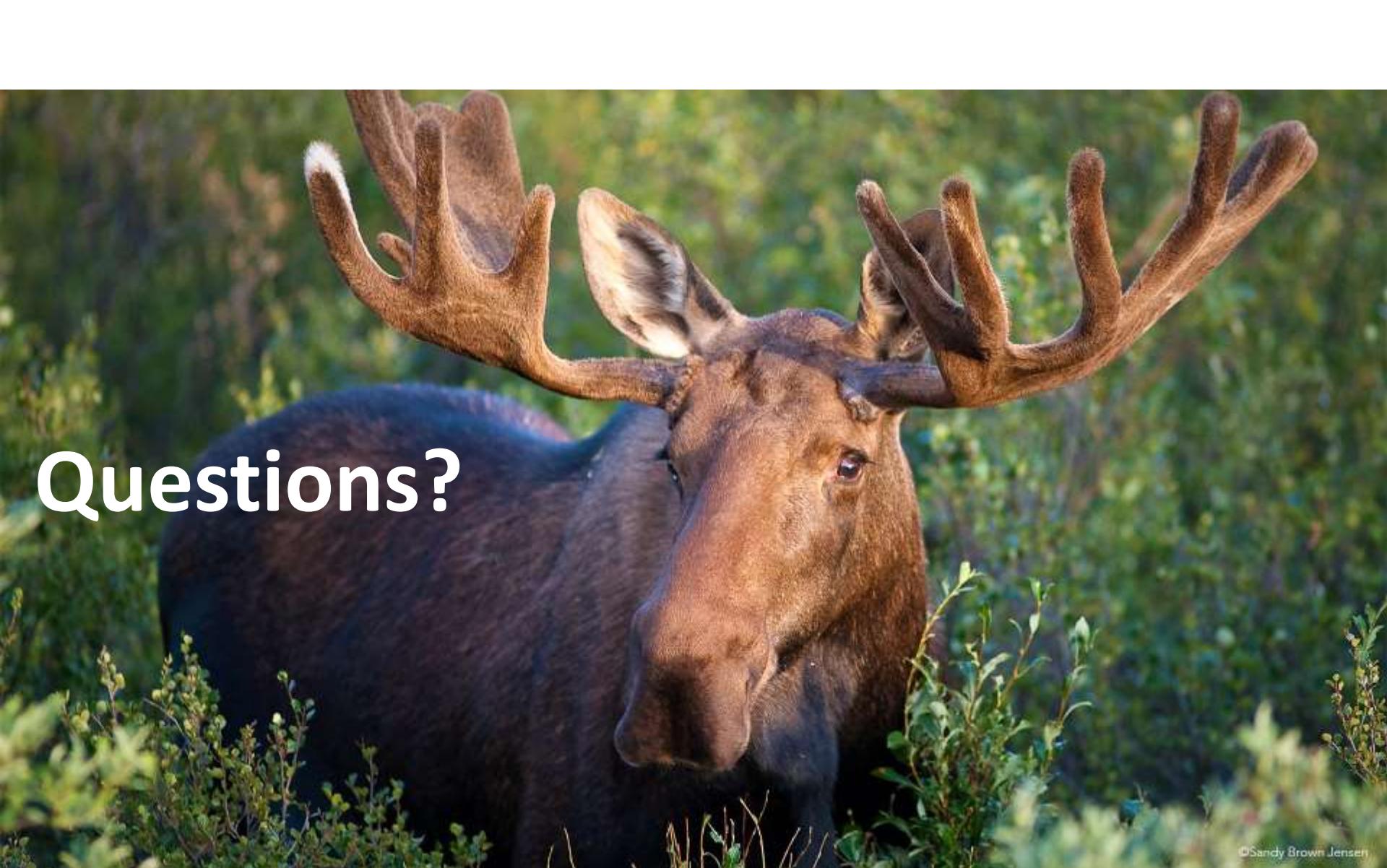
- Outfitter forms will change
  - 1026 form will be used by outfitters with a tag allocation to request moose tags for clients
  - Registered guest form
  - Hunter report form
- Copies of all forms will be provided to outfitters in their packages of materials in late summer. Outfitters can reproduce as many copies of the registered guest form and hunter report form as required.
- The registered guest form must be completed with the following information:
  - Outfitter name and contact information
  - Hunter name, Outdoors Card number, dates and location of stay
  - Signature of outfitter and date
- If plans change and a hunter will be staying longer or will be accommodated at a new location (from list of locations MNRF has on file for the outfitter), the outfitter will issue a new registered guest form.

# Forms & Procedure – cont.

- Guides are considered employees of the outfitter and are not required to be registered guests and carry the form. It must be clear they are employed by the outfitter, and they cannot be issued TI tags. They must hold a moose licence as they are typically participating in the hunt.
- Process for issuing tags and forms is as follows:
  - Outfitters who have been allocated tags based on their shares will apply to MNRF for tags for those clients who will be issued the tags. This will make the tags available for purchase by those clients within FAWLS.
  - Outfitter will inform the client the tag is available for purchase.
  - Before being issued the tag, registered guest form and hunter report form by the outfitter, the client must present a licence summary showing they've purchased their moose licence and tag.
  - All hunters party hunting on a TI tag must present a licence summary showing they have a moose licence before being issued registered guest and hunter report forms.
- Resident hunters who are successful and claim a tag in the new points-based allocation process cannot be issued a TI tag. They can party hunt with another hunter who is issued a TI tag as a registered guest of the outfitter who issued the tag.

# Hunter Reporting

- Hunter reporting requirements are similar to the past, but the requirement is now based on moose licence holders.
- All moose hunters must submit their report to the outfitter by the required deadline – and generally should provide their completed report to the outfitter before they leave their place of accommodation.
- The hunter report will now be a separate form, not part of the 1026 form.
- The following hunters must submit a hunter report with information on hunting activity and harvest while hunting on the TI tag:
  - All resident and non-resident TI tag holders.
  - All non-resident hunters that are party hunting on a TI tag.
- The law requires hunters to complete reports accurately and submit them on time to outfitters, and for outfitters to submit all completed reports to MNRF by the required deadline.



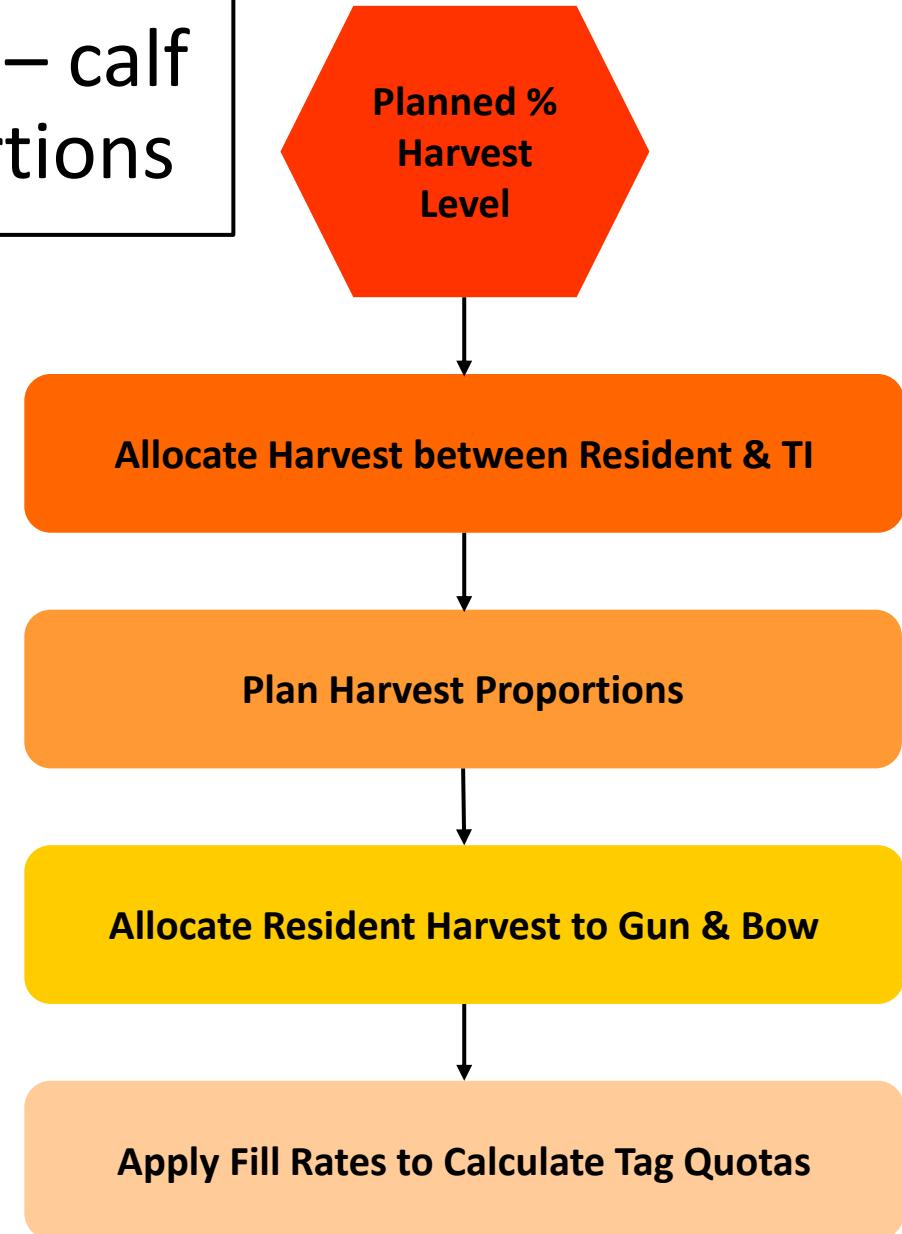
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# Harvest Planning & Tag Quotas

- Outfitter tag allocations for 2021
  - Resulted from 2020 harvest planning
  - TI tag allocation provided entirely as adults
  - No extra calf tags for residents or TI
- Transitional harvest management guidelines
  - To guide implementation of approved changes
  - Based on existing guidance and assessment of previous harvest planning results
  - Transitional implementation of % harvest, calf tag quotas & overall harvest proportions
  - Transitional approach to more static tag fill rates

# Moose Harvest Planning – calf quotas & harvest proportions

- Harvest planning is conducted annually pending MAI and hunter reporting results.
- Results in tag quotas for same year tag quotas for residents, and subsequent year for TI (allows for better marketing of opportunities).
- Guided by harvest management guidelines, and draft harvest plans are reviewed by BGMAC.
- Seeking to maintain adult opportunities to the extent possible while implementing changes to support populations.



# Increasing Fairness in Harvest Planning

- Planned % harvest = the number of moose that can sustainably be harvested from the population by provincially licensed moose hunters.
- Provincial policy requires residents get 90% of planned harvest and outfitters get 10% - i.e., the number of moose available for harvest by each sector are not equal.
- Each WMU has its own planned harvest allocation proportion
  - Intended to be static but it has shifted in some WMUs
- Once the number of moose that can be harvested by each sector has been determined, we need to determine the proportions of bulls, cows and calves that will make up that harvest – based on moose biology and current population demographics.
  - Previous modelling and experience suggests ideal harvest proportions for a healthy population are around 50% bulls, 20% cows and 30% calves

# Harvest Planning Example

## Planned % Harvest

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- Population above objective can generally be planned at 8-14% harvest rate
- Example population of 1000 moose, planned at 10% = planned harvest of 100 moose

## Allocation between Resident & TI

- $80\% \times 100 = 80$  moose for residents
- $20\% \times 100 = 20$  moose for TI

## Harvest Proportions – Past Approach

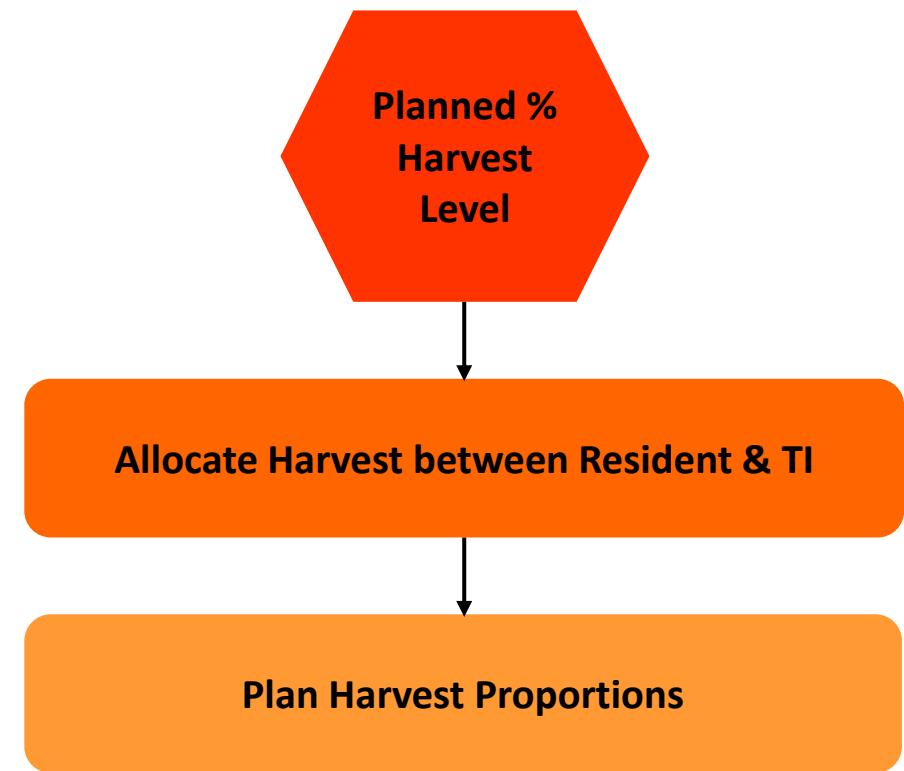
50% bulls, 20% cows, 30% calves

- Res  $\approx$  40 bulls, 16 cows, 24 calves
- TI  $\approx$  14 bulls, 6 cow, 0 calves

## Harvest Proportions – Future State

50% bulls, 20% cows, 30% calves

- Res  $\approx$  40 bulls, 16 cows, 24 calves
- TI  $\approx$  10 bulls, 4 cow, 6 calf



Learn more about the changes:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/moose-management-review>

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