

YFWMB MOOSE HARVEST MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Public education should remain as a 'first round' tool for moose harvest management and that, when appropriate, it should be used in place of regulations to achieve management objectives.
- The wording of signage intended to encourage voluntary compliance with initiatives to deal with local concerns should be developed through consultation among the local RRC, the YFWMB, and Yukon Department of Environment.
- The YFWMB further recommends that all first time hunters be required to complete a hunter education program prior to receiving a hunting licence.

2.1 The collection of harvest information is a priority and all governments should act quickly to gather this information. Harvest information for all hunters should be gathered in accordance with the Coordinated Harvest Monitoring Model developed through broad stakeholder consultation.

3.1 The current Special Guiding Licence system should be maintained. However, in areas where there is a conservation concern, the resident who is guiding should be required to forfeit his/her moose hunting privileges for that season in that area.

4.1 Group hunting should not be used as a management tool for moose populations.

5.1 Increasing licence and seal fees should not be used as a harvest management tool.

5.2 THE YFWMB further recommends that, if fees are increased, the additional revenue go directly back into public education, conservation, and wildlife management programs.

6.1 Age and/or antler size should not be used as a management tool.

7.1 There should be no changes to current regulations regarding primitive weapons at this time.

8.1 Season length and timing should be kept as an option for moose harvest management.

9.1 No-hunting corridors should remain as a management option for dealing with safety issues.

9.2 The YFWMB further recommends public education be the first tool considered to deal with safety concerns.

10.1 Requests for priority access to permits by trappers should be dealt with on a case by case basis by a committee made up of the local Renewable Resources Council and YDE.

11.1 Regulations should not be used to provide special hunting opportunities to local hunters.

11.2 The YFWMB further recommends that the wording of signs to encourage voluntary compliance to deal with local concerns should be developed through consultation among the local RRC, the YFWMB, and YDE.

11.3 Hunting ethics and respect should continue to be promoted through the Hunter Ethics and Education program.

12.1 Registration hunts should continue to be used as a tool for moose harvest management.

12.2 The YFWMB further recommends that, whenever appropriate, registration hunts be considered for use before permit hunts.

13.1 Permit hunts remain as a moose harvest management option.

13.2 The YFWMB recommends that permit hunt authorizations be issued earlier (April or May) so that people could plan their hunt more easily.

15.1 Hunting closures should only be used when all other management options have been exhausted.

16.1 YDE act immediately to set up a permanent hunter identification system.

17.1 No changes should be made to current hunting regulations for elders or the disabled at this time.

18.1 People living a remote subsistence lifestyle should not be given special hunting privileges.