



Moose Allocation Policy

Background

Moose tags are crown assets invested in the tourism industry to benefit Ontario's economy and employment. The present allocation system is unpredictable and short-term which creates significant barriers to optimizing the value of this investment. Dysfunctional components of the present allocation system are:

- Less than 1-year notice of what allocations are.
- Inconsistent treatment of tourism allocation by various district offices.
- Inconsistent allocation to tourism from area to area.
- Inconsistent science governing moose allocation system.
- No consideration of where allocations would have the most economic value.
- Lack of business-to-business transferability in the industry.

This unpredictability is not necessary since the tourism industry is only allocated 10% of the harvest and has a very low harvest rate of moose calves.

Policy

The MNR needs to develop a moose allocation system for the tourism industry, which:

- Recognizes the economic and employment value of the tourism moose hunt to Ontario.
- Allocates moose tags consistently across Ontario.
- Allows optimization of economic value.
- Is predictable on at least a five-year time scale unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- NOTO assumes a lead role in the administration of the allocation program.