

# COMMUNITY NOTICE



Maw-lukutijik **Saqmaq**  
Assembly of Nova Scotia  
**Mi'kmaq Chiefs**

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## **Assembly Concerned About Protection of Mainland Moose in Southwest Nova Scotia**

The Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs are concerned about forestry activities in Southwest Nova Scotia, particularly clear-cutting and low retention forestry plans, that could be impacting mainland moose habitat.

“We have serious concerns about clear-cutting activities in general but when it comes to what is happening right now, in and around Southwest Nova Scotia, our concerns run deeper,” said Chief Leroy Denny, Lead of Lands Portfolio, Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs. “We have long voiced to the Provincial government that the Mi'kmaq only support high retention, multi-age eco-forestry, but knowing that work is also disturbing the habitat of mainland moose – which is an endangered species – this work must stop.”

The Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia support forestry practices representative of Netukulimk, which includes taking what we need to sustain ourselves today, but also being mindful of future generations. A collaborative way forward has been developed with the Province through the Mi'kmaq Forestry Initiative, and any further delay in the application of our culturally based eco-forestry practices must be addressed.

“Nova Scotia needs to recognize that there are strict and specific guidelines for the protection of mainland moose and this clearly isn't being observed if the mainland moose are being impacted by the work in this area,” continued Chief Denny. “Protecting the environment, including all species of wildlife, will always be a priority of the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia.”

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