

# COMMUNITY NOTICE



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## Monitoring the Highlands Due to Moose Population Concerns

As we move into the fall and cooler weather, the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Chiefs want to remind everyone of the halt on all moose harvesting activities that was implemented to help with the recovery of this important species.

It is important to us that community members have a good picture of what is being done to ensure that no harvesting is taking place in the Highlands this year. Our Mi'kmaw organizations, UINR and KMK, have been working with the NS Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to monitor activity on the mountain, through the following measures:

- Trail cameras have been set up in various locations;
- DNR is patrolling, addressing concerns, and looking for evidence of harvest (gut piles, etc.);
- Some community harvesters have also been monitoring the mountain looking for activity, occasionally using drones to do so.

We are pleased to report that to date, we have no evidence of any harvesting activities.

Some of the Mi'kmaw communities' youth moose camps have still been happening and we're pleased to hear that they are focusing on science and conservation. These are extremely important cultural teachings.

Our Moose Management Team is also busy planning upcoming community engagement sessions so we can all work together in our role as stewards of tiam aq Msit No'kmaq.

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