

COMMUNITY NOTICE



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

September 18, 2026

Moose Population and Harvesting Time

In July, we issued a newsletter announcing the decision to **close the moose hunt again this year**. As the weather cools down, and moose harvesting comes to mind for many, we are issuing this Community Notice as a reminder of that decision. This decision was made by community members and the Moose Management Committee and is supported by the Assembly.

The Mi'kmaq do have a Treaty Right to harvest but, more importantly, we have a responsibility to Msit No'kmaq. As a Nation we know, "with Rights comes responsibilities."

The hard truth is that the moose population is still not high enough for a sustainable harvest. Yes, the population number is going up, but it is not yet where we need it to be.

We know that not being able to harvest moose impacts many families in our communities. We understand how deeply that is felt. But, we have a responsibility for this very important species. We lost the moose in the Cape Breton Highlands once and we don't want to see that happen again.

In the webinar we hosted for community feedback in June, there was a suggestion to have a limited harvest this year. When talking it out with many others, we heard more voices against the idea, than supporting it. It became clear that the Nation felt the moose needed more time to heal and we must work together to respect that position. We ask, once again, that everyone does their part to help ensure a healthy moose population for the next seven generations.

Wela'liek aqq Msit No'kmaq.