



# Tia'muwe'l Netuklimkewe'l Unama'ki Moose Harvesting According to Netukulimk

## **Guideline 1–SAFETY**

- 1a All Mi'kmaq hunters and those helping them will wear a hunter orange cap or hat and a solid hunter orange shirt, vest or coat that can be seen from all sides.
- 1b All Mi'kmaq hunters will keep rifles unloaded when inside a vehicle, use proper care and attention when handling and firing a rifle, and follow provincial regulations respecting the distances required for firing rifles near schools, roads, houses, businesses, etc.
- 1c Mi'kmaq hunters will make sure that their campsites are kept clean and safe, and will make sure that sites are returned to their natural state when they leave.
- 1d No Mi'kmaq hunter will hunt while impaired by drugs or alcohol.
- 1e Mi'kmaq hunters will always hunt in a safe and respectful manner.
- 1f Rifles must be properly registered and the hunter will have a Firearms Acquisition Certificate (FAC) and a Hunter's Safety Certificate.
- 1g Mi'kmaq hunters need to understand that any non-compliance with safety practices can lead to charges.

## **Guideline 2–COMMUNITY AUTHORITY AND HUNTING ADVISORY GROUPS**

- 2a These Guidelines are applicable to all Mi'kmaq in Nova Scotia as an exercise of Community Authority and Nationhood. The Assembly will create an Assembly Hunting Technical Committee to advise the Assembly, Grand Council members of Nova Scotia and Chief and Councils in the administration and evolution of these Guidelines. The Assembly Hunting Technical Committee will also ensure that Community Hunting Advisory Groups are following the Guidelines.
- 2b To help communicate and administer the Guidelines Community Hunting Advisory Groups will be created by Chief and Councils to help hunters follow the Guidelines, provide hunter education and safety programs and to provide hunters with any necessary Certificate of Authority. Community Hunter Advisory Groups will collect all required data from local hunters consistent with these Guidelines.
- 2c If hunters feel that their Community Hunting Advisory Group has made a wrong decision, or is not properly following these Guidelines, the hunter can ask the Assembly Hunting Technical Committee to review the issue.

## **Guideline 3–THE NO HUNTING TIME**

- 3a Exercising their rights as stewards of the moose, Mi'kmaq will not hunt moose between January 1 to August 15 of each year.

## **Guideline 4–ID AND NON-MI'KMAQ HELPERS**

- 4a All Mi'kmaq with a Status Card will keep that card on them at all times while hunting as proof of identity.
- 4b In the event that a Mi'kmaq hunter is accompanied by a non-Mi'kmaq person, the Non-Mi'kmaq person will possess a Certificate of Authority from the Community Hunting Advisory Group allowing him or her to participate in the hunt. In order to receive a Certificate of Authority the following conditions apply:
  - 1. The Non-Mi'kmaq must be an accepted member of the Mi'kmaq hunter's family;
  - 2. The Non-Mi'kmaq will not be allowed to carry a rifle or to kill a moose. They will be authorized to help the Mi'kmaq hunter with all other aspects of the hunt.

## **Guideline 5–HUNTER REPORTING**

- 5a The date and location for each moose harvested.
- 5b Whether the moose harvested was a bull, cow or calf and the approximate age of the animal.
- 5c If available, the hunter will turn in the jaw bone of each moose harvested.
- 5d Any reports of moose observed but not harvested.
- 5e Any reports of moose carcasses that were found and left unclaimed.

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