

HUNTING POLICY

Purpose

The Hunting Policy was established to conserve and protect the hunting resources on Nipissing First Nation Lands. We believe that this commitment will be beneficial to our present Nipissing First Nation Members and future Members.

The fulfillment of this policy will be the joint responsibility of Chief and Council, the Natural Resource Committee and the membership of Nipissing First Nation. This policy should accomplish the following:

- Regulate who and how guests hunt on Nipissing First Nation Lands through the promotion and strict enforcement of our Moose/Deer Hunting Permit system
- Promote good and ethical hunting practices consistent with the wishes of Nipissing First Nation Members
- Ensure that Non-Native guests registered have in their possession all licenses and tags required and adhere to the hunting seasons set by the Province of Ontario
- Support the continued development and capacity of Enforcement Staff to effectively promote and enforce this hunting policy
- Minimize the negative effects of willful overharvesting by guests hunting on Nipissing First Nation Lands

Process

- 1. Nipissing First Nation members require no permit to hunt on Nipissing First Nation Lands or on Crown Land.
- 2. Guests from other First Nation's can hunt on Nipissing First Nation Lands by obtaining a Moose/Deer Hunting Permit (attached) but they must be accompanied by a Nipissing First Nation band member. They must provide a copy of their status card.
- 3. Non-Native guests wishing to hunt on Nipissing First Nation Lands must be accompanied by a Nipissing First Nation band member, obtain a Moose/Deer Hunting Permit from the Natural Resource Department and are required to show proof of Provincial Hunting License/tags. Also, Non-Native guests must strictly adhere to moose/deer hunting seasons set by the Province of Ontario.

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Fee

- 1. Nipissing First Nation band member. No fee.
- 2. Guest from other First Nation. No fee.
- 3. Non-Native guest. (\$150-Season or \$50-week)

Harvest Levels

- 1. Nipissing First Nation band members are allowed to harvest in accordance to their subsistence needs.
- 2. Guest from other First Nation's will be allowed to harvest one animal per year.
- 3. Non-Native guests will be allowed to harvest one animal according to what they are legally entitled to with the tag(s) through the Province of Ontario.

Enforcement

- 1. Nipissing First Nation Lands will be monitored during the hunting season by Natural Resource Department Enforcement Staff and/or Anishinabek Police Service to ensure that all guests are adhering to this Hunting Policy.
- 2. Any guest found in non-compliance to this Hunting Policy will be denied further access to Nipissing First Nation Lands.

Safety

1. Nipissing First Nation strongly recommends that all hunters obtain the Canadian Firearms Safety Course or equivalent and follow all laws pertaining to gun ownership and use to ensure personal safety and the safety of others.

Hunting Permit Waiver

1. All non-NFN hunters wishing to hunt on Nipissing First Nation Lands must sign a waiver that is part of the Moose/Deer Hunting Permit.

Approved this 24th day of January, 2012. Approved this 7th day of April, 2020.