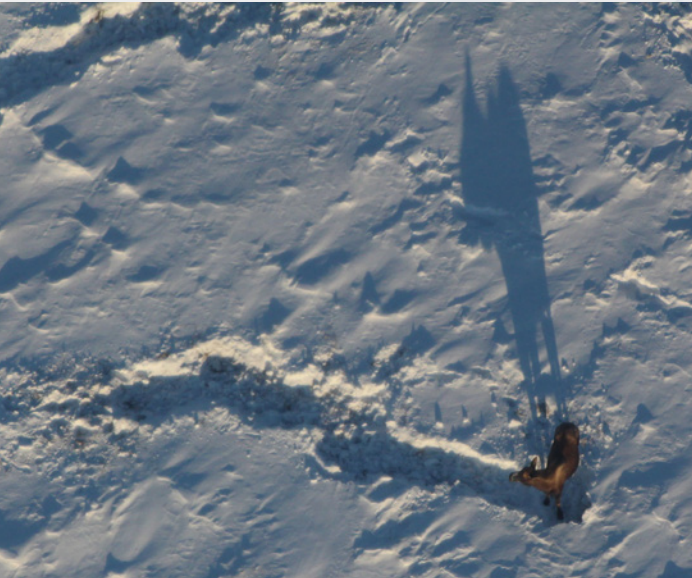


Moose Management in the GSA

Our approved Moose Management Plan (December 2000) identifies a need to understand the effect of harvest on the moose population in the GSA. The Plan identifies a concern about the lack of mandatory reporting of harvested moose for the majority of hunters (aboriginal and residents). Recent Wildlife Management Advisory Council (WMAC NWT), GRRB and Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) discussions in 2016 have focused on this issue specifically for resident hunters, while acknowledging the need to improve aboriginal harvest reporting.

The GRRB is engaging resident hunters about a possible change from voluntary to mandatory resident reporting. A resident hunter is a non-aboriginal with at least a one-year residency in the NWT.

The GRRB's Gwich'in Harvest Study and ENR mail-out resident surveys are based on voluntary participation. WMAC NWT has suggested making reporting mandatory for resident moose hunters.



NWT Resident Moose Hunting and Reporting Requirements Today

- One NWT moose tag per resident per year
- Used in any open moose area NWT-wide
- Voluntary reporting through ENR mail-out questionnaire (sent up to 3x per year)



20-Year Harvest Summary

(all figures are 20-year GSA+ISR averages)

Resident Harvest Rates

Estimated harvest: 9 moose/year

Reported harvest: 3.55 moose/year

Hunting Success

Tags issued per year: 48

Successful tag holders: 1 in 6 (16%)

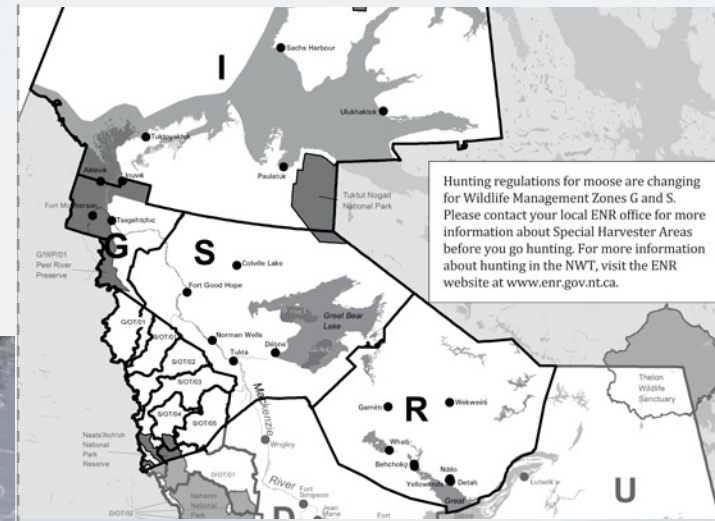
Harvest is **bull dominated**: 4 in 5 (84%)

Cows harvested: 1 in 5 (16%)

Voluntary Reporting

Completed surveys returned (46%)

Unsuccessful hunters are as likely to report as successful hunters.



From GNWT Northwest Territories Summary of Hunting Regulations

NWT Moose Hunting Zones

Existing moose hunting zones are shown in white above (G=GSA). Much of the GSA is currently off-limits to resident moose hunters. **The GRRB is seeking public input on a possible alteration of the zone to open up new areas.**

The GRRB wants to know:

- Where do **you** hunt?
- Where do you **wish to hunt**?
- Where do you **wish to restrict hunting**?

Remember, the *Wildlife Act* states that Gwich'in private lands can only be used by residents for hunting with permission from the land owner via RRC approval.



