

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

2023 MOOSE PERMIT AUCTION BOOKLET

Bid Receipt Deadline: February 17th, 2023

General Description of the Program

The Department will auction 10 moose hunting permits to applicants who submit the highest bids through a written bid process. An applicant must submit the permit bid form in this booklet along with a nonrefundable \$25.00 bidding fee. Each person awarded a permit must pay the bid amount and must select a hunting district, hunting week, and permit type within 30 days after the permit is awarded. A permit winner has up to 30 days prior to the selected hunt to add or change a subpermittee or alternate subpermittee. The permittee may authorize the alternate subpermittee to participate in the hunt in place of the subpermittee, if the permittee notifies the Department in writing no later than 5 business days before their hunt begins. A person may apply in both the general public chance drawing and in the auction but can receive only one permit. If a successful bidder receives a permit in the public chance drawing, the person is no longer eligible in the auction; and the bidding fee and bid amount submitted by that person will be refunded. Pursuant to Title 12, § 11154, sub-§ 11: k, the Commissioner may decline to issue any permit or any number of permits issuable pursuant to this subsection if, in the Commissioner's opinion, the auction bids received do not reflect the public value anticipated to meet the goals of this subsection. All other provisions of the moose hunting laws and regulations apply. All funds from the sale of these permits, will be deposited in a nonlapsing fund to be used to pay the costs to administer the program and to fund Youth Conservation Education Programs in Maine.

Moose Hunting Information

Proposed Season Dates Choices:

September 25th- 30th (WMDs 1-6,10,11,18,19,27,28)
October 9th-14th (WMDs 1-14,17-19,27,28)
October 23rd-28th (WMDs 1-6,8)
October 30th – November 25th (WMDs 15,16)

Area Open to Hunting: September 25th – 30th hunting will occur in WMDs 1 through 6, 10,11,18,19, 27 and 28 (antlered only). October 9th - October 14th hunting will occur in the northern two thirds of Maine including Wildlife Management Districts WMD's 1-14, 17,18,19, 27 & 28 (antlered only). October 23rd - October 28th hunting will occur in WMD's 1-6 (antlerless only). October 30th – November 25th hunting will occur in WMD's 15, 16, (antlered or antlerless).

Actual gender and quantity will be determined in 2023.

Who May Hunt: Only holders of a valid moose hunting permit and their subpermittees may hunt moose.

Legal Methods for Taking Moose: Please refer to Maine Moose Hunter's Guide located on our website.

Other Restrictions: The bag limit is one moose per permit holder. Successful bidders may select either a "bull only" or an "antlerless only" permit or either for November. It may be shot by either the permittee or subpermittee. It is illegal to drive moose.

How to Submit a Moose Permit Bid

General Instructions: Bids must be submitted on the standard bid form and in the manner prescribed in this booklet. A bid form is in the back of this booklet. A person may submit more than one bid but may only receive one moose hunting permit. For any person submitting more than one bid, the highest bid submitted will be the official bid.

Bidding Deadline: Bids must be received at Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 353 Water St. Augusta, Maine 04333 no later than 5:00 P.M. (Eastern Time) on February 17th, 2023.

Fees: A nonrefundable bid fee of \$25.00 in U.S. funds must accompany each bid.

Bid Amount: The bid amount is the total you bid for a 2023 moose permit. The amount includes the resident, or the nonresident moose permit fee but does not include the resident \$27.00 or nonresident \$116.00 hunting license fee.

Bid Handling: When received at the office, the envelope will be opened and the bid envelope and bid fee removed. If the fee is correct and bid envelope is correctly completed, the bid envelope will be stored un-opened in a secure location. Incomplete or inaccurate bid packages will be corrected by phone or returned to the bidder.

Bid Opening: Bids will be opened on February 22nd, 2023 and the 10 highest bidders will be declared the winners.

Notification: Successful bidders will be announced on February 22nd, 2023 and contacted.

Unsuccessful bidders will not be contacted.

If Selected: Successful bidders will be given 30 days to send in the bid payment and select a moose hunting district, hunting season, and permit type. A permit winner has up to 30 days prior to the selected hunt to add or change a subpermittee or alternate subpermittee. The permittee may authorize the alternate subpermittee to participate in the hunt in place of the subpermittee, if the permittee notifies the Department in writing no later than five business days before their hunt begins. If payment is not received within 30 days, the next highest unsuccessful bidder will be notified and offered the permit. If a successful bidder applies and is selected in the public chance drawing, the person will be refunded the bid amount and bid fee and the next highest unsuccessful bidder will be offered the permit. Once the drawing is completed, fees are paid, and subpermittee is selected, the successful moose auction bidders will be treated like all other moose permit holders.

For additional information regarding the Maine Moose Auction, visit our website at:

www.mefishwildlife.com



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2023 MOOSE PERMIT BID FORM

Bid Receipt Deadline: February 18th, 2023

Full Name			DOB
Mailing Address			Legal Residence
City/Town	State	Zip	Country
Telephone: (Day) _____		(Evening) _____	
E-mail address _____			

How did you find out about the Maine Moose Auction?

- Magazine Ad Which Magazine? _____
- Newspaper Ad Which Newspaper? _____
- Website Which Website? _____
- Word of mouth
- Through Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Through Foundation for North American Wild Sheep
- Through Safari Club International
- Other, Please Specify _____

\$ <hr/> Bid Amount

I certify that the above amount is my bid; and if I am a winning bidder, I will pay the amount I have listed as my bid within 30 days of being contacted by the Department.

Signature of Bidder: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

(Detach Here)



1. Complete the bid form, insert in the bid envelope and seal the envelope.
2. On the outside of the bid envelope, write your address and phone number in the space provided.
3. Attach check or money order in the amount of \$25.00 in U.S. funds made payable to: Treasurer, State of Maine to the outside of the bid envelope. The bid fee of \$25.00 is nonrefundable.
4. Place the bid envelope in the mailing envelope and return to the Department. The bid must be received by the Department's Augusta Office (353 Water St.) no later than 5:00 P.M. (Eastern Time) on February 18th, 2023.
5. Any bid envelope without the fee attached will be returned.
6. Any bid which is not filled out in a complete, accurate, and legible manner will not be accepted and will be disqualified from the drawing.
7. The bids will be opened on February 22nd, 2023. Only the winning bidders will be notified. If a winning bidder does not make payment as required, the next highest bidder will be notified.
8. If you have any questions on the moose auction bid process, you may call Corey Ford (207) 287-5230.