

The following are sections of the Maine Revised Statute and IF&W regulations related to allocation of non-resident permits in the various Wildlife Management Districts (WMDs). Both make clear that non-residents shall be allocated 8% of the permits in each WMD. No provision is made for reducing this allocation for any reason.

Maine Revised Statutes

§11154. Moose permit

(CONTAINS TEXT WITH VARYING EFFECTIVE DATES)

1. Permit required. Except as otherwise provided in this Part, a person may not hunt or possess a moose unless that person has a valid permit issued under this section. A person without a moose permit may possess moose parts lawfully sold under section 11217, subsection 2, paragraph D.

A person who violates this subsection commits a Class D crime for which the court shall impose a sentencing alternative of not less than 3 days for the first offense, none of which may be suspended, and of not less than 10 days for each succeeding offense, none of which may be suspended; the court also shall impose a fine of not less than \$1,000, none of which may be suspended.

[PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §125 (AMD); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

2. Issuance of moose hunting permits. In accordance with section 11552, the commissioner may issue moose hunting permits and may establish the number of moose hunting permits to be issued for each wildlife management district established by the commissioner by rule open to moose hunting. **No more than 8% of the moose hunting permits may be issued to nonresidents. No more than 2% of the moose hunting permits may be issued to hunting outfitters in accordance with subsection 14.**

[PL 2021, c. 184, §3 (RPR).]

3. Moose hunting permit fee. The fee for a moose hunting permit is \$52 for a resident and \$585 for a nonresident.

IF&W Regulations

§12706; and

B. The number of moose hunting permits to be issued for each WMD shall be as follows:

2025 Moose Permit Allocations

WMD	WMD 8 - 200 antlered/150 antlerless
# of Permits	WMD 9 - 125 antlered
WMD 1 - 450 antlered/175 antlerless	WMD 10 - 60 antlered
WMD 2 - 350 antlered/175 antlerless	WMD 11 - 50 antlered
WMD 3 - 200 antlered/125 antlerless	WMD 12 &15 (combined) - 40 antlered
WMD 4 - 400 antlered/100 antlerless	WMD 14 &17 (combined) - 40 antlered
WMD 4A (adaptive hunt) - 550 antlerless	WMD 16 - 0 permits
WMD 5 - 250 antlered/125 antlerless	WMD 18 - 40 antlered
WMD 6 - 200 antlered/60 antlerless	WMD 19 - 60 antlered
WMD 7 &13 (combined) - 140 antlered	WMD 27 &28 (combined) - 40 antlered
TOTAL: 2,645 antlered / 1,460 antlerless	

B. Percentage to Nonresidents: Eight percent of the total number of permits allocated to each WMD shall be issued to nonresidents.

C. Exemption to the Assigned WMD: Each successful applicant will be assigned to hunt within the WMD of their choice except when the permit quota for that zone has already been filled. In cases where the applicant's first choice of zones has been filled, the applicant will be assigned to hunt in the next unfilled zone of his choice as indicated on his application.

D. All WMD assignments made as the result of the public drawing will be final except as provided within 12 M.R.S. §11110 or within 12 M.R.S. §11154.15.