Algonquins of Ontario

2026/2027 COMMUNITY HARVEST UPDATE

BONNECHERE ALGONQUIN FIRST NATION

June 2026

MOOSE HARVEST

The Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) as represented by the Algonquin Negotiation Representatives (ANRs) continue to work closely with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) to implement this year's Harvest Management Plan (HMP). AOO harvesters may only harvest within the AOO Settlement Area. AOO members wishing to harvest outside the AOO Settlement Area must hold a valid provincial hunting licence(s) and tags(s) and follow the corresponding hunting regulations or have written permission from a First Nation to harvest within their traditional or treaty territory.

As a reminder, as of the 2022-2023 AOO Harvest Season, the AOO Harvest Area was expanded in Algonquin Provincial Park to include the entire portions of Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) 51 (excluding the Highway 60 Corridor Development Zone and other designated "No Hunt" areas) and WMU 54 (the "Panhandle") that lie within the AOO Settlement Area. Algonquin harvesters harvesting in Algonquin Park are required to enter and exit WMU 51 and WMU 54 at the following thirteen (13) access points where AOO Harvest Monitors will be stationed:

- Kiosk Road Gate
- Daventry Road Gate
- Klock's Road
- Brent Road
- Bissett Creek Road Gate
- Bronson Road – Kelly Lake Road Gate (may rotate out)
- Barron Canyon Road – Sand Lake Gate
- Beechnut Road Gate
- Basin Road – Basin Depot Gate
- Billy Lake Road entrance (may rotate out)
- Cameron Lake Road Gate (may rotate out)
- Louisa Lake Road – Rock Lake Road Gate (may rotate)
- Kingscote Lake Road Gate

MOOSE HARVEST

As in previous years, the 2026-2027 Moose Harvest will involve a tag draw system for WMUs within and outside Algonquin Park.

Rifle Harvest Seasons inside Algonquin Park

Harvest seasons for the portions of WMU 51 and WMU 54 within the AOO Settlement Area:

Cow Moose:	October 10, 2026 – December 21, 2026
Bull Moose:	October 10, 2026 – January 15, 2027
Calf Moose:	October 10, 2026 – January 15, 2027

Rifle Harvest Seasons outside Algonquin Park

Harvest seasons for the portions of all WMUs in the AOO Settlement Area except WMU 51 and WMU 54:

Cow Moose:	October 10, 2026 – December 21, 2026
Bull Moose:	October 10, 2026 – January 15, 2027
Calf Moose:	October 10, 2026 – January 15, 2027

Bow Harvest Seasons outside Algonquin Park

Harvest seasons for the portions of all WMUs in the AOO Settlement Area except WMU 51 and WMU 54:

Cow Moose:	September 15, 2026 – December 21, 2026
Bull Moose:	September 15, 2026 – January 15, 2027
Calf Moose:	September 15, 2026 – January 15, 2027

Harvesters participating in the moose bow harvest are not eligible to apply for a tag in the moose rifle harvest but may participate in the moose rifle harvest with those holding the appropriate tag.

ELK HARVEST

The provincially designated Elk Harvest Areas occur within WMU 57, 58, 60, 61 62 and 63A. Algonquin Elk harvesters may only harvest within the portions of the Elk Harvest Areas in the AOO Settlement Area. Based on data from the recent MNR elk surveys and analysis of harvest data, the elk population in the AOO Settlement Area is estimated to be below the population level objective. The lower numbers of calves and mature bull elk in proportion to adult cows and sub-mature bulls is not optimal. The AOO's allocation of elk tags recognizes the need to optimize proportions of bulls, cows, and calves in the elk population. As in previous years, 2026-2027 Elk Harvest will involve a tag draw system.

Harvest Season within Designated Elk Harvest WMUs

Cow and Bull: September 1, 2026 – December 21, 2026

Please Avoid Harvesting:

1. Mature Bull Elk

The AOO encourage harvesters to avoid harvesting mature bull elk. As noted above, the ratio of mature bull elk to cow elk is a cause for concern. To protect the population and move towards maximum productivity, the mature bull elk require some assistance. It is recommended that Algonquin harvesters avoid harvesting bull elk with an antler class greater than 3x3. A 3x3 bull elk is described as having three points (tines) on both antlers (see Figure 1). A bull elk with at least one side with 4 or more points should also be avoided.

Figure 1. An example of bull elk antlers with an antler class of 3x3.

Harvesters are to report the bull elk antler class if a bull elk is harvested. The antler class is determined by the number of points per side (e.g., 2x2, 3x3, 4x5).

2. Collared Elk

Algonquin Harvesters should avoid harvesting elk that have been collared. Very few collared elk remain in the population. These collared animals are an important component of ongoing elk research and monitoring programs.

If you harvest an animal wearing an ear-tag or collar, this animal was chemically immobilized in previous years using veterinary drugs. Health Canada has established recommended guidelines for consumption of meat previously exposed to these drugs. Please contact the AOO Consultation Office at algonquins@tanakiwin.com or your local ANR to report your harvest within 24 hours. The AOO will follow up with MNR to obtain information on the edibility of the meat. No replacement tags will be issued in these circumstances.

DEER HARVEST

There is no white-tailed deer harvest tag draw. However, there are deer harvest seasons in all WMUs in the AOO Settlement Area and Algonquin harvesters are required to report all deer harvested. Reporting harvests will allow the AOO to better understand the deer harvest effort in the Settlement Area which will further support the sustainability of deer populations through the determination of Total Allowable Harvest quotas as per Section 8.3 of the Agreement-in-Principle.

Rifle Harvest Season inside Algonquin Park

Harvest seasons for the portions of WMU 51 and WMU 54 within the AOO Settlement Area:

Deer: October 10, 2026 – January 15, 2027

Rifle and Bow Harvest Seasons outside Algonquin Park

Harvest seasons for the portions of WMU 51 and WMU 54 within the AOO Settlement Area except 51 and WMU 54:

Deer*: September 1, 2026 – January 15, 2027

***WMU 41 exception**: September 1, 2026 to December 15, 2026

Note: The boundary for WMU 41 starts at the westernmost point of Trout Lake using Trout Lake North which becomes Hwy 63. The Boundary is then Hwy 63 (harvest southeast) through to the Quebec border bridge over the Ottawa River.

REPORTING

All harvests of moose, elk, and deer within the AOO Settlement Area are to be reported to an AOO Harvest Monitor, ANR, or other AOO community designate within 24 hours. The ANR or AOO community designate shall then forward the harvest report to AOO Consultation Staff as soon as possible. Algonquin Harvesters can submit their harvest reports through one of the following ways:

- Reporting their harvest to an AOO Harvest Monitor
- Phoning/emailing the BAFN office:
  343-361-0688 lyda.bafn@gmail.com
- Phoning/emailing their ANR or community designate directly
- Phoning/emailing the AOO Harvest season lead staff at the AOO Consultation Office:
  613-735-3759 Algonquins@tanakiwin.com
- Submitting a virtual questionnaire via cellphone or computer. Questionnaire links will be posted on the AOO website by September 1, 2026:
  https://www.tanakiwin.com/fishwildlife/harvest-reporting/

Algonquin Harvesters who are not successful in harvesting an animal during the 2026-2027 harvest season are encouraged to report harvesting effort and observations through the applicable harvest questionnaire (i.e. moose, elk, deer, other wildlife). All information gathered will help inform future harvest planning.

Printable PDF versions of the harvest questionnaires will also be available for download on the AOO website to mail or drop off at community offices or the AOO Consultation Office (see mailing address below). Please note, any successful harvests are to be reported within 24 hours via the options listed above, but additional harvest effort and observation information is welcome through mailed hard copy.

Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office
31 Riverside Drive, Suite 101
Pembroke, ON K8A 8R6

MNR CONFISCATED ANIMALS

Any moose, elk, or deer that are confiscated by the MNR from the AOO Harvest Season or from the provincial Resident Hunt within the Settlement Area that is not required for ongoing enforcement investigations, will be provided to the appropriate AOO community representative. Confiscated moose or elk from the provincial Resident Hunt relinquished by the MNR to the AOO do not require an AOO tag to receive the confiscated animal.

Any confiscated moose or elk that were harvested during the AOO Harvest Season by an Algonquin harvester under this HMP will be tagged and be recorded as a harvested animal under this HMP for reporting purposes.

MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT

The Algonquins and the MNR will cooperate in monitoring and enforcement under the terms of the AOO Harvest Management Plan. The MNR will assist the Algonquins in enforcing this agreement throughout the AOO Settlement Area where applicable.

Should the AOO Consultation Office receive inquiries from the MNR requesting a harvester's personal information to verify the identity of an AOO member (e.g., name, address, and telephone number) the AOO Consultation Office will not provide the information. The AOO Consultation Office will immediately notify the respective ANR of the inquiry for their action and follow-up with the MNR.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR MOOSE AND ELK HARVEST

Moose Draw Applications

1. Selecting a WMU for the moose harvest:

a) **WMU Option 1** is the applicant's first choice for an area to harvest moose.

b) **WMU Option 2** is the applicant's second choice for an area to harvest moose. During the draw, if an applicant's name is drawn and there are no remaining tags allocated for their Option 1 WMU, their Option 2 WMU will be used.

2. For Moose Bull and Cow Rifle Tags, a minimum of **six names** (applicants must be on the Certified List) are required on the tag application. At least **three** must be BAFN members.

3. For the moose bow harvest outside Algonquin Park, **two names** are required on each **Bow Tag** application. Note, harvesters participating in the moose bow harvest are not eligible to apply for a tag in the moose rifle harvest but may participate in the moose rifle harvest with those holding the appropriate tag.

4. Only one Adult Moose Tag per household.

5. If you received an Adult Moose Tag last year, you are not eligible for this year's draws. Please check that no one on your application was successful with last year's draw for an Adult Moose if you do not want to be excluded from this year's draws.

6. Tags will be drawn by alternating Bull, then Cow for WMUs in and outside Algonquin Park.

7. Members that do not receive an Adult Moose Tag will be eligible for a Moose Calf Tag (**Mark an X beside applicant's name(s) wishing one.**) Tags will be mailed to the contact person. Calf Tags will only be provided upon request to your ANR. Calf tags will be limited in number.

8. **One name** is required on each Calf Tag application. Circle Calf Tag at top of moose app.

9. Calf Tags are used for both the rifle and bow harvests of calf moose.

10. Only those who apply and return the applicable application with **complete information of each applicant (including email addresses)** by the due date will be allowed to participate in this year's community tag draws.

Elk Draw Applications

1. For Elk Bull and Cow Rifle Tags, **six names** (applicants must be on the Certified List) required per tag application.

2. There is no elk calf harvest.

3. Individuals in all communities are eligible to apply for both Elk Tags and Moose Tags. Individuals will also be able to hold both an Elk Tag and a Moose Tag.

4. There are no WMU selections when applying for an Elk Tag.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN
5:00 PM on Friday June 26, 2026

The 2026-2027 Moose Harvest and Elk Harvest Draw will take place on:

Saturday July 25, 2026 at 10:00 AM

At the new Office located at:
 # 153 – 1 Ma-Te-Way Park Drive, Renfrew, ON

Applications can be mailed or e-mailed to:

Bonnechere Algonquin First Nation
57 Bonnechere St S, Renfrew, ON K7V 1Z2

Email: lyda.bafn@gmail.com
Tel: 343-361-0688

Application forms can be found on the following pages.

Note: Only portions of WMU's as reflected on Algonquins of Ontario Settlement Area Harvest Map, 2026-2027

HARVEST MAPS

Map A – AOO Settlement Area Harvest Map

Map B – Algonquin Provincial Park – WMU 51 WMU 54

Map C – Algonquin Park Hwy 60 Development Zone – No Harvesting Permitted

Map D – AOO Community Monitor Locations in Algonquin Park

Map E – Algonquin Provincial Park Development and Campground Zones

Maps can be found on our website at www.bafn.ca (area maps)

Moose Draw Application 2026 – 2027

Please see page 6 for instructions.

(Rifle) Minimum 6 Applicants per Adult Tag and 1 Applicant per Calf Tag

(Bow) Minimum 2 Applicants per Adult Tag and 1 Applicant per Calf Tag

(Check off names wanting a calf tag if unsuccessful in draw or complete app for calf tag only)

Contact 1) Name: _____ **DOB:** _____

Address: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Phone #: _____ **Community:** _____ **ID #:** _____

Email: _____

2) Name: _____ **DOB:** _____

Address: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Phone #: _____ **Community:** _____ **ID #:** _____

Email: _____

3) Name: _____ **DOB:** _____

Address: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Phone #: _____ **Community:** _____ **ID #:** _____

Email: _____

4) Name: _____ **DOB:** _____

Address: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Phone #: _____ **Community:** _____ **ID #:** _____

Email: _____

5) Name: _____ **DOB:** _____

Address: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Phone #: _____ **Community:** _____ **ID #:** _____

Email: _____

6) Name: _____ **DOB:** _____

Address: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Phone #: _____ **Community:** _____ **ID #:** _____

Email: _____

WMUs 41, 48, 51 (Algonquin Park), 54 (Park) **55A, 55B, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63 (A&B), 65 (Rifle** areas)
WMUs 41, 48, 55A, 55B, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63 (A&B), 64 (A&B), 65 (**Bow** only areas)
Note: *Only portions of WMU's as reflected on the WMU map (back of this page)*

RIFLE – MOOSE ____ **OR BOW – MOOSE** ____ **(Please check one only)**

(Adult Moose Only) - WMU Option 1: _____ **WMU Option 2:** _____

Elk Draw Application 2026 – 2027

Please see page 6 for instructions.

(Rifle) Minimum 6 Applicants per Adult Tag

Contact 1) Name: _____ **DOB:** _____
Address: _____ **Postal Code:** _____
Phone #: _____ **Community:** _____ **ID #:** _____
Email: _____

2) Name: _____ **DOB:** _____
Address: _____ **Postal Code:** _____
Phone #: _____ **Community:** _____ **ID #:** _____
Email: _____

3) Name: _____ **DOB:** _____
Address: _____ **Postal Code:** _____
Phone #: _____ **Community:** _____ **ID #:** _____
Email: _____

4) Name: _____ **DOB:** _____
Address: _____ **Postal Code:** _____
Phone #: _____ **Community:** _____ **ID #:** _____
Email: _____

5) Name: _____ **DOB:** _____
Address: _____ **Postal Code:** _____
Phone #: _____ **Community:** _____ **ID #:** _____
Email: _____

6) Name: _____ **DOB:** _____
Address: _____ **Postal Code:** _____
Phone #: _____ **Community:** _____ **ID #:** _____
Email: _____

For Elk Harvest there are no WMU selections (go to www.bafn.ca for map for Elk Harvest Area.