

2016 – 2017 ALGONQUIN HARVEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

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In the interest of fulfilling their mandate on behalf of the Algonquins of Ontario to negotiate an Algonquin Treaty with the governments of Canada and Ontario, which includes the management of resources within the Algonquin Territory, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) agrees with the Algonquin Harvest Management Plan (HMP) put forth by the AOO.

By implementing the HMP, the AOO in cooperation with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry will be ensuring that sustainable populations of the moose, elk and deer are maintained, and that public safety is upheld throughout the area identified in the HMP.

GENERAL PROVISIONS:

- This HMP will guide the AOO harvest of moose, elk, and deer within the Algonquin Traditional Territory during the 2016-2017 harvesting season.
- The Algonquin Negotiation Representatives (ANRs) will make their best efforts to ensure that each Algonquin harvester is aware of the terms of this Management Plan and his or her obligations under it.
- The MNRF shall provide funding to the Algonquins, in an amount agreed to by the Parties, to fulfill their obligations under this HMP.
- The Parties will strive to ensure that sustainable populations of moose, elk, and deer are maintained throughout the Territory.
- The allocations for moose, identified in the HMP will, coincide with sustainable harvest levels agreed upon with the MNRF, and based on the most recently available data for moose populations within the Traditional Territory.
- The allocation for elk identified in this plan represents a harvest that is consistent with the MNRF management objectives for the elk population within applicable Wildlife Management Units and Harvest Areas.
- The Algonquins will exercise their best efforts to address issues that may arise regarding deer harvesting at the Peterson Lake Road deer yard near Maynooth and the Round Lake deer yard.

TERMS OF THE MANAGEMENT PLAN

1. HARVEST AREAS

Harvesting shall occur in the area that is identified in Map A, and any other adjacent areas that the Parties may agree to.

Within WMU 51; Algonquin Provincial Park (“the Park”), harvesting shall only occur in that area that is east of the Shirley Lake Road as identified in Map A. For purposes of clarification, the harvest area described in Map A includes both sides of the Shirley Lake Road and other roads that define the western extent of the Map A area. In no instance shall harvesting of any animal

occur further than 100 meters from the west edge of the travelled portion of the Shirley Lake Road.

A Map B which forms a part of this management plan will identify licenced forest operations where harvesting is not permitted to address the safety needs of employees working in the closed areas.

An Algonquin who is harvesting in the Park under this Management Plan shall enter or exit Algonquin Park at the following access points:

- Shall Lake, Basin Road, Beechnut Road, Sand Lake, Hydro Line Road, Brent Road, Daventry Road, Kiosk, Bissett Road, Wylie-Bronson Road, and Klocks Rd.

2. DATES OF HARVEST

Seasons Inside Algonquin Park:

Harvesting season in Algonquin Park for moose and deer shall be:

2016 – 2017 Season:

Cow Moose:	October 11, 2016 – December 21, 2016
Bull Moose:	October 11, 2016 – January 15, 2017
Calf Moose:	October 11, 2016 – January 15, 2017 (or earlier if the target has been achieved)
Deer:	October 11, 2016 – January 15, 2017

Seasons Outside of Algonquin Park:

Harvesting season outside of Algonquin Park for moose, elk, and deer shall be:

2016 – 2017 Season:

Cow Moose:	October 11, 2016 – December 21, 2016
Bull Moose:	October 11, 2016 – January 15, 2017
Calf Moose:	October 11, 2016 – January 15, 2017 (or earlier if the target has been achieved)
Deer:	September 1, 2016 – January 15, 2017 (except for special permit)
WMU 41:	September 1, 2016 to December 15, 2016 (Please note, season has been reduced for deer harvest in WMU 41)
Elk:	September 1, 2016 – December 21, 2016 (Cow or Bull) (Please note, season has been reduced for the elk harvest)

Bow Harvest Season

The Algonquins will again implement a bow harvest for moose in the WMUs outside of Algonquin Park. Harvesters participating in this harvest are not eligible to apply for a moose tag in the rifle harvest, but may participate in the rifle harvest with those holding the appropriate tag.

The Bow Season is as follows:

2016 – 2017 Bow Season:

September 15, 2016 - January 15, 2017 (Bull and Calf Moose)
September 15, 2016 - December 21, 2016 (Cow Moose)

3. MOOSE – PLANNED HARVEST

It is the intent of the AOO to harvest within the sustainable harvest limits of the applicable WMUs for moose. The following table, as agreed to with MNRF, represents the combined targets of both rifle and bow moose tag distribution.

Wildlife Management Unit	Bulls	Cows	Calves
WMU 48	16	16	13
WMU 51 – Algonquin Park	50	58	36
WMU 55A	7	7	13
WMU 55B	2	1	2
WMU 57	5	6	10
WMU 58	3	4	2
WMU 59	1	1	1
WMU 61	8	7	2
WMU 62	3	4	2
WMU 63	7	6	2
WMU 64 A&B (Bows only)	3	3	
WMU 65	3	1	2

The AOO expect that this table will be revised and agreed to with the MNRF on an annual basis so that AOO sustainable harvest levels reflect the most current moose population estimates in all applicable WMUs.

Calf Harvest:

The calf harvest will be monitored closely and will shut down in each WMU by the AOO as the sustainable harvest numbers are reached in each unit.

ELK – PLANNED HARVEST

The following table represents the target of rifle elk tag distribution for:

Wildlife Management Units (within the Algonquin territory)	Bulls	Cows
57, 58, 60, 61, 62 & 63A	5	20

The AOO will report which WMU and which Harvest Area the tags were filled.

The Elk harvest is in its fifth year, and remains experimental until such a time that we better understand the AOO interest and success in the Elk Harvest.

Regular review of population and harvest targets:

Throughout the duration of this HMP, the Algonquins and MNRF will cooperate in the exchange of information on moose & elk populations and harvests. Prior to the determination of any future harvest targets by either Party, the Parties will discuss any adjustment that may be required as a result of new information. The process for reporting will be determined as part of the administration and funding discussions that will be subsequent to this plan.

4. TRANSPORTING OF TAGGED MOOSE OR ELK

An Algonquin who harvests a moose or elk shall tag the animal before it is transported.

5. OTHER WILDLIFE

Within the area of Algonquin Park set out in paragraph 2, during the course of the moose and deer harvest, other species of game normally taken for food may be harvested, **excluding rare, threatened and endangered species, wolves and loons.**

6. IDENTIFICATION OF ALGONQUIN HARVESTERS

An Algonquin harvesting under this HMP shall carry sufficient identification identifying them as an Algonquin as determined by the ANRs, and one other piece of photo identification.

All harvesters shall provide his or her Algonquin identification to any Algonquin Monitor, Conservation Officer or Park Warden when requested.

All Algonquin harvesters shall cooperate at all times with any Algonquin Monitor, Conservation Officer or Park Warden and shall provide necessary information when requested to do so.

7. METHODS OF HARVESTING

Inside Algonquin Park, an Algonquin who is harvesting under this management plan shall not use an all-terrain vehicle except to retrieve wildlife.

It is understood that Algonquins harvesting under this Management Plan are to comply with laws ordinarily in force in Ontario that are intended to protect or promote public safety. This includes obstructing the right of way.

8. REPORTING

An Algonquin who harvests a bull, cow, or calf moose shall report the harvest by WMU to the Algonquin Monitors within 24 hours, and shall provide the tag number. Any elk harvest must also be reported by WMU and Harvest Area within 24 hours of the harvest and shall provide the tag number.

All harvest information will be shared between the designated Algonquin representative and the designated MNRF representative on a daily basis until October 31 and on a weekly basis thereafter until the closing date of the harvest.

The MNRF shall, on an ongoing basis, report to the Algonquin designated representative the number of moose or elk harvested by Algonquins not harvesting under this agreement.

Any confiscated moose or elk that are not required for ongoing enforcement investigations shall be turned over to the designated community representative. Any such moose harvested during the Algonquin Harvest may be tagged and will be considered to be part of the overall harvest. Any confiscated moose or elk from the recreational hunt provided by the MNRF to the AOO will not be tagged.

9. MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT

The Algonquins and the MNRF will cooperate in monitoring and enforcement of the terms of this HMP. The MNRF will assist the Algonquins to enforce this agreement based on sustainability throughout the Algonquin territory.

The AOO will disclose harvesters personal information, including name, address and telephone number, with the MNRF for the purposes of verifying harvesters identities and enforcing the Algonquin Harvest.

10. WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Nothing in this Management Plan shall be construed by either party as an admission or acknowledgement of the jurisdiction, rights or claims of either party. This Management Plan is without prejudice to the position of the parties with respect to the existence of Algonquin aboriginal rights, including future harvesting areas.

Appendices

Map A – Algonquin Harvest Area

Map B – Algonquin Hunting Agreement 2016 – September 1st Map Potential Working Sites