

**Here is a chance for an early season Moose Hunt! There is a good chance I will have three permits to fill, two for cows and one for a bull.**

### **Controlled Moose Hunt Set for Eastern Aroostook County**

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will be conducting a controlled moose hunt in Aroostook County again in 2010 in response to farmers' concerns about crop depredation and to address the increasing incidence of moose/vehicle collisions along Routes 1 and 161.

This is not a recreational hunt. Rather, it is a targeted and focused effort to respond to farmers' concerns about crop depredation and to address concerns about high incidences of moose/vehicle collisions along Routes 1 and 161. For several years, the Department has increased the number of moose permits in this area during the recreational hunt to respond to crop depredation and road safety concerns. The controlled hunt provides greater flexibility for the Department to effectively manage moose and reduce negative impacts from moose in areas that may have limited access or in "non-traditional" habitat that may not attract hunters (i.e., agricultural-woodland mix)..

A random chance drawing will be held on June 18, 2010.

**Up to forty-five percent (45%) of the moose hunting permits will be issued to eligible registered Maine guides.** Each selected guide will receive **three moose permits**, one permit for each of three permittees, who will be chosen at the discretion of the guide.

Registered Maine guides who receive permits are required to guide their permittees in agricultural areas designated by the Department within the 9 town area open to hunting.

Of the three moose hunting permits issued to guides, one (1) permit will be an any-moose permit and two (2) permits will be antlerless-only permits. Selected guides will not be eligible to personally possess or use any moose hunting permit issued for the hunt.

### **Hunt timing**

The controlled hunt will occur from August 16 through September 25, 2010. Select landowners and guides may hunt during the entire six-week period (excluding Sundays).

**Contact me** if you are interested in taking part in this controlled Moose Hunt. First I have to be a lucky winner in the guides drawing on June 18, but the chances are good.

### **More information available at**

[http://www.maine.gov/ifw/hunting\\_trapping/hunting/controlled\\_moose\\_hunt\\_2010.htm](http://www.maine.gov/ifw/hunting_trapping/hunting/controlled_moose_hunt_2010.htm)