

Moose hunting season to be postponed by one week

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The 1988 opening of the moose season across mid-Ontario has been delayed one week to October 8 to protect adult bulls during the mating season and to ensure an increase in the provincial herd.

"Opening the season later reduces overharvesting that can occur when the hunt happens to coincide with the peak of the rut when bulls are less cautious," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Karrio said.

The overall objective is to provide hunting opportunities, but also to help the provincial herd double by the year 2000. Under MNR's selective harvest program, introduced in 1983, the herd has already grown to an estimated 110,000 from 80,000.

Hunters can shoot adult moose only if they enter a draw and receive a validation tag. Overharvesting reduces hunting opportunities in a wildlife management unit (WMU) because the number of validation tags available to hunters is based on a planned harvest and hunter success rates.

Hunters in this area—designat-

ed WMU 21A—last year had a chance at the quota of 1,585 bulls and 440 cows. The WMU 21A extends from Nipigon to Marathon.

Jim Chappell, the outdoor recreation supervisor with the Terrace Bay District MNR office, told the News there has been a success rate of between 17 and 20 per cent in the past.

He said an aerial survey indicated a good number of calves and mature adults. Despite poor weather during last year's opening week, the season went well.

To determine tag quotas, the planned harvest is divided by the average hunter success in the WMU. If, for example, the planned harvest is 100 animals and the hunter success rate is 25 per cent, then 400 tags can be made available.

However, a hunt coinciding with the rut can increase success rates, which in turn can reduce hunting opportunities the next year.

In WMU 21A, the MNR has allotted 1,585 bull tags and 290 cow tags, which total 1,875 tags for 1988. Bow hunters have been allotted 75 bull tags and 20 cow tags for a total of 95.

Traditionally, the moose season

opens the first week in October in the core moose range north of the French and Mattawa Rivers, Lake Superior and the Ontario-Minnesota border. In the future, the opening will be the Saturday closest to October 8.

For hunters this year, the deadline for applications to enter the adult moose validation tag draw is 5 pm, Monday, May 16.

Residents of Ontario hunting with rifles, shotguns and loaders have a chance between Oct. 8 and Dec. 15 to bag a moose.

The season for resident bow hunters is from Sept. 17 and Oct. 7.

All applications must be received at either the post box listed on the back of the application form, or a ministry district office by that date.

Mr. Kerrio cautioned candidates for the tag draw to fill out application forms completely and correctly to avoid disqualification. Each year, several hundred hunters disqualify themselves through application errors.

Draw applications are available now at the ministry district office in Terrace Bay and from all provincial licence issuers.



It's for mom and me

Gary Richards, local representative for Xerox, presented Natalie Boucher (right) and Pat Maenpaa (centre) with a check for \$750 for the local 'Mom and Me' program.

The group is a non-profit organization that gives pre-school children and their mothers a chance to develop social and creative skills. The money will go toward buying supplies. photo by Greg Huneault

Note

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the feature on environmental issues will be published next week

I would like to express my most sincere thanks to all who sent flowers, cards, for your kind words of sympathy in the passing of my brother.

God Bless You.

Mary Teniuk

Minister recognizes literacy groups

Alvin Curling, Minister of Skills Development has delivered the following message to northwestern Ontario literacy groups:

"The government's literacy programs are building on the strength

of community-based groups.

We recognize the significance of teaching literacy through the partnership of an adult tutor and adult learner. As we well know, some people who lack literacy skills have

a tear of structured class rooms — that is often where they failed to learn in the first place.

The learner needs to be reassured, encouraged and listened to again and again, and in most cases, establishing a relationship of trust with another person who cares about the learner is the best way. Community-based groups have developed because of ordinary citizens who are truly committed to this cause, who want to help others.

They are a source of energy and enthusiasm and the government recognizes these volunteer groups are indispensable partners in literacy. see "Efforts" on page 5

Tools more efficient but still hard work

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involves doing different tests of the sample to determine its mineral content, is available.

The tools of the prospector's trade have become more efficient, and the division provides hoses and special saws among other tools to help the prospector get to the rock

itself.

One point Smyk stressed is that once all the heavy equipment is stripped away, and all the financial and legal aspects are blasted clear, it's still the prospector who lies at the heart of mining in this area and indeed in all of Canada.

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