

**Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department**

**Annual Report to the Vermont Legislature on  
Management of the Vermont Moose and Deer Populations**

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and Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy

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# Annual Report to the Vermont Legislature on

## Management of Moose and the Deer Herd

### Introduction

This report fulfills the requirements of 10 V.S.A. § 4082 and 4084.

§ 4082 states:

*The final annual antlerless deer and moose harvest permit numbers shall be reported to the House Committee on Environment as part of the annual deer report required under section 4084 of this title.*

§ 4084 states:

*Each January, the Commissioner shall publish an annual deer report.*

Management of white-tailed deer in Vermont is a high priority and important responsibility of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department (Department). Most Vermonters have some level of contact with deer, are affected by management of the deer herd, and have opinions about how to manage them. The Department's current 10-year management plan for white-tailed deer and other big game species covers 2020-2030 and reflects the myriad public opinions and interests associated with deer management.

Deer management goals are:

- 1) To maintain an abundant and healthy deer population,
- 2) To maintain adequate quantity and quality of deer wintering areas to sustain populations at regionally established target levels,
- 3) To maintain deer populations at levels that are socially acceptable and ecologically sustainable,
- 4) To minimize the number of deer-human conflicts, and
- 5) To provide a quality deer hunting experience for as many hunters as possible.

### Antlerless Deer Permitting and Youth Season Process

Department staff conducted five (5) public deer meetings in spring 2025, which satisfied Vermont Statute and Fish and Wildlife Board regulations. Meetings were held in the towns of Bennington, Orleans, and Montpelier during March 17-20, 2025, and in Winooski and Springfield May 6 and 8, 2025. Approximately 295 members of the public participated in these meetings. The meetings were designed to receive public comment on numerous issues, including proposed deer hunting regulation changes, the status of the deer and moose herds, youth deer hunting season, and moose and antlerless deer harvest recommendations. Questions and comments focused mostly on proposed changes to hunting regulations, hunting access on private land, and concerns about the lack of high quality deer habitat. Attendees were grateful for the opportunity to interact with Department staff and Board members. Public comments and questions and Department responses from these meetings can be found in Appendix A at the end of this document.

On April 30, 2025, the Department proposed allocating a total of 23,400 antlerless permits across 19 of Vermont’s 21 Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) during the 2025 muzzleloader seasons. This was 21 percent fewer permits than the Board allocated in 2024 (28,300), and distribution among WMUs was slightly different. In addition, the Department recommended that all WMUs be open to antlerless hunting during the 2025 archery season, and that hunters during youth season be able to take any deer, regardless of sex or antler characteristics. The Fish and Wildlife Board approved the recommendations as proposed for consideration during the public input process.

On May 21, 2025, the Fish and Wildlife Board approved the distribution of 23,400 antlerless deer permits, antlerless hunting during archery season in all WMUs, and allowing youth season and novice hunters to harvest any deer regardless of sex or antler characteristics.

### 2025 Deer Harvest Summary

Hunters harvested a total of 17,745 deer during Vermont’s five (5) deer hunting seasons in 2025. This represents a 3% increase from 17,312 deer harvested in 2024. The total buck harvest, 9,670, was 3% more than the 2024 buck harvest of 9,356 and 1% more than the previous three-year average of 9,608.

Table 1. Vermont deer harvest by age-sex class and season, 2025.

<b>Season</b>	<b>Adult Bucks</b>	<b>Adult Does</b>	<b>Male Fawns</b>	<b>Female Fawns</b>	<b>Total</b>
Archery	1,480	3,368	274	231	5,352
Youth	372	483	90	70	1,015
Novice	14	24	4	4	46
October Muzzleloader	3 <sup>1</sup>	837	82	83	1,005
Regular	7,100				7,100
December Muzzleloader	701	2,086	250	190	3,227
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,670</b>	<b>6,798</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>17,745</b>

<sup>1</sup> *Adult bucks harvested during the October Muzzleloader season were legally “antlerless” deer, with both antlers less than three inches long.*

## Moose Permitting Process

At the February 19, 2025 Fish and Wildlife Board meeting, the Department proposed to issue 180 moose hunting permits in 2025. All permits were allocated to WMUs E1 and E2 (Essex County) where a greater moose abundance has contributed to greater abundance of winter ticks, which are having substantial detrimental impacts on moose health and survival. No moose hunting permits were recommended for the remainder of Vermont, as populations in those areas were below minimum hunting thresholds established in the Department's *2020-2030 Big Game Management Plan*.

The Department solicited public input on the proposed moose permit procedure at three (3) public meetings March 17, 18, and 20, 2025. Individual comments and questions from these meetings on the status of the moose population can be found in Appendix B, and comments received by email can be found in Appendix C at the end of this document.

On April 9, 2025, the Fish and Wildlife Board approved the Department's moose permit recommendation. A total of 68 moose were harvested during the 2025 fall hunting seasons.

## Appendix A: Summary of deer comments from 2025 public hearings

Bennington – March 17, 2025 (public attendance: 83)

- No (x5 similar responses)
- Oppose killing of does until heard could be returned to where it was in 70's & 80's or at least improve it drastically.
- Health of deer is okay but bear population is getting to high and effecting the deer, also need to hunt more turkey to leave more feed for the deer.
- WMU's with less then ideal habitat and unhealthy deer work with landowners on making habitat for-land tax breaks.
- Pockets of deer. Accessibility is the issue. Less permits.
- Longer youth weekend.
- Youth season is too early.
- Poor health-to many bears/Habitat concerns
- You have biological info-I would agree with your recommendation.
- Can't stress caused by coyotes "following" does carrying fawns potentially cause potential issues? Lives on border of N&P and population of coyotes has increased in my opinion from spending time in woods. Is poaching used for calculations at all? Bear population has increased. In areas where Mtn. zones meet low land zones such as P & N, are road kills going to be more accurate counting dead does carrying fawns? Late winter deer are traveling frequently from lower areas of P to N for more browse.
- Predators are 100% a key to fawn success, coyote bear/bobcat #'s are way higher the last few years then ever before.
- If deer kill has been steady for 9 years why do we think the population is growing and we need to shoot more does? The point restriction is effecting the beam size. Take fawn recruitment into consideration predators bear!! Bobcats, coyotes.
- Your estimate of the number of deer is way high. We have about 25% of what you are saying.
- Where I hunt (Mt. Anthony, Pownal) previous browse lines from the late 1980's are absent and I see lots of young tree growth, so I am not sure that the lack of food is the driver for worse deer health.
- How can state improve habitat?
- It's in poor shape, from habitat, predators, issue less permits and leave youth hunting season alone.
- Plan is good. However, changes to current use and land management must be pushed through the statehouse.
- Lower in my opinion.
- No deer.
- Health – Agree need landowners to cut timber replant etc. Tax break?
- ANR needs to do something about forest health in state and private lands. Usually hunt in WMU P and forest health is an issue.
- Health down. Habitat needs to be improved.
- Move youth for sure, follow science for doe harvest.
- Stop killing doe for awhile, limit to 1-2 doe per hunter. Not keen on 2nd buck proposal, only good for youth hunters. Stop shooting doe during rifle. Would like to see skill test for archers.
- Deer population is healthy.
- None in N Zone.

- In N Zone a lot of deer are on posted property even when not hunted. Been seeing a lot of coyotes on deer tracks in snow. Deer very wary.
- How is status of the habitat/ecosystem taken into account when looking at the population numbers? Forest age? Field/forest ratio? Forest fragmentation?
- Total 3 deer, only one buck per year.
- Health okay, population small.
- Like to see it remain the same. I think we underestimate the poaching problem in the area.
- We need to take a good look at numbers in the N and P Zone. What are we doing to improve habitat? Let us hunt bucks and does during the early muzzleloader season. Allow 2 bucks a year with 3 on one side without doe kill. We need to look at black bear population in the N Zone. Fawn numbers are down.
- I believe if there were competition for nutrition we would see more deer feeding in daylight hours.
- What can we do to better the habitat?
- Hard 2024 winter with potential lack of mast crop in 2025 based on cyclical data – Does mast cycle help dictate permit numbers?
- Kill more turkey and less deer.
- Very poor-No doe kill in N-P.
- Deer heard is a lot lower than what explained-Open up regulations to logging to create new growth.
- N,P Zones are very poor.
- Disagree on your synopsis of Zone N's population. Believe chart shows heard is down.
- First week in Nov. is a great option.
- State doesn't enforce current use to make more deer habitat. This could easily make more habitat for wildlife and uneven timber stands.
- Hunt in Sunderland and deer are virtually non-existent. I'm thinking too much "old forest." Some hints on how to improve forest would be helpful. Antlerless season not needed. Anything to encourage youth hunt is very welcome.
- Believes deer herd is healthy 30 years hunting VT it's been the best ever.

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**Orleans – March 18, 2025** (public attendance: 52)

- Yes/Support (x5 similar responses)
- Consider including baiting permits.
- Deer are dying off from predators and there is not enough for their survival.
- Deer seem alright. (x3 similar responses)
- Go back to killing more deer.
- Allow feeding all year round. (x2 similar responses)
- Winter in D1 might hurt deer populations there.
- Deer are getting smaller.
- Have not seen antlered deer in D1 or E1 for the past 2 years.
- Make sure changes are honest in regards to WMUs.
- Less deer in D1. (x3 similar responses)
- Smaller does.
- Has seen larger antlered deer after the 1 buck rule went into effect.
- Too many deer on posted land and not enough on state land.

- Capture and move does from healthy populations to less healthy populations to try to improve the less healthy population.
- Kill less Does/don't kill Does. (number of responses that said the same thing: 3)
- The Doe to Buck ratio in E1, E2, and D1 seems way off. Try to change this by letting more Bucks survive another year.
- Shoot more Does to bring Doe to Buck ratio closer.
- Populations are too low in some WMUs.
- Should consider the morality of fawns/leave fawns alone. (x2 similar responses)
- Too many Does are being taken and the antlerless permit during the regular season will not help with that. (x3 similar responses)
- Not a lot of Deer compared to other areas.
- Population is alright considering the habitat.
- High bear population is killing fawns. (x2 similar responses)
- Shoot does before they are bred.
- Lots of healthy and large deer in an unspecified area.
- No doe permits in E1 and E2.
- This winter should reduce the herd this coming year. (x2 similar responses)
- Youth hunting should be extended to 2 weekends.
- Deer population is up.
- Avoid shooting smaller deer and try to target larger ones more.
- What is the state doing to increase deer population in areas of low density?
- The deer population is a bit above carrying capacity.

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**East Montpelier – March 20, 2025 (public attendance: 69)**

- Looks good/Support (x 10 similar responses)
- D1 Hunter, see more last 2 years, more bucks.
- Populations seems larger in F1. Agree with archery specialized zones.
- I grew up hunting in Ohio where there are many more deer (unhealthy populations) and the hunting is considerably more difficult here in VT by comparison. That being said, it seems that VT Fish & Wildlife manages the deer herd very well. I don't want to see the VT herd become overpopulated beyond the carrying capacity.
- I support all efforts to increase antlerless harvests including the restoration of native apex predators. Hunter #'s are declining, we need other methods of harvest to maintain healthy deer populations!
- Do not allow antlerless deer harvest during rifle. Too many antlerless will be shot even with a reduction in permits. Also, don't like a reduction in issued permits. Open archery during rifle anyway. Wound channel is different.
- Yes (No to E1, E2 No does).
- Remove antlerless permits in E1 & E2 WMU.
- Too many doe in central VT & not enough permits.
- Health would improve (and capacity) if desirable regeneration could be established.
- I believe the last decade of deer hunting has been the best I have experienced. Deer numbers appear to be healthy and stable. I am looking forward to the season more than I normally do.

- Central part of State, (Check station I run), does that are 1 ½ yrs. old are often light weight and many fawns weight very low at times. 74 lbs doe to 86 lbs. 43 to fawns up to 61 lbs. (Many in 40's).
- 2025 is looking promising, even after a more typical winter severity.
- Not seeing any older deer in the areas we hunt. All 1-3 year olds. Some areas should be 1 buck only.
- In my opinion we have 1100 continuous acres to hunt on and the deer population has been in steady decline over the past five years. Over these years logging, farming, food plots, etc. have taken place. On a evening ride around the property its gone from about a average of 25 sightings to down to about 10. My Thoughts are to many doe are being killed in J1.
- Make the habitat better, don't lower the herd to match the poor habitat. Make conserved land cut again. 2 tags will help more hunters. Posted deer won't die anyways.
- Feeling good about it. Hunter opportunity is great and hunting in D1 has been best in years.
- Deer health seems pretty good. However, deer in my area don't seem to get above 105 lbs. & have been aged from 4 ½ - 7 ½ years old.
- I think the population is not as high as thought in most places. Habitat loss is very concerning. Give landowners incentive to allow hunting or make it harder to post legally. Fees/Taxes?
- I feel that the deer population is abundant.
- Hunt several WMU's. No worries in any of them.
- Increasing opportunities for all while managing a healthy population is important.
- Saw a lot of deer last year. Don't need more, don't want less. Some impacts on regeneration. Antlerless harvest seems ok. Good to move youth back.
- More habitat work where possible.
- I think we should allow antlerless permits during regular rifle season. I think deer populations in Central VT; where I live; are to high. The deer population is so high they have browed all the food there is. The forest does not have a chance to regenerate.
- Deer populations in Central VT are too high and are having a negative effect on forest health & habitat quality. Manage deer populations to a target of 12 deer/square mile to allow for regeneration of high browse preference tree species (sugar maple, oaks). Expand and liberalize antlerless harvest opportunities.
- Status & Health – Looks good! Antlerless – as proposed, yes. Youth season – as proposed, yes.
- The herd seems plenty healthy in Calais.
- Seem healthy around Williamstown.
- K and N seem to have dropped in deer population over the last 2 years.
- Personally, I've seen an improvement in my local deer population over the last decade, and I trust the wildlife biologists to be thoughtful of changes proposed no complaints.
- Lower deer population until good. I think hunters ought to be able to shoot antlerless deer. Move youth season to last week before maybe, help deer population.

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**Winooski – May 6, 2025** (public attendance: 47)

- Okay/Looks Good (x 7 similar responses)
- We need more immature forests.



- Pockets of deer and overall healthy.
- Need more young browse, would love to see more management of state forests for this.
- I think there are too many does. I like the effect antler restrictions are had on the buck population.
- All specific to WMU-2025 probably better than 2024.
- Trending in the right direction given the habitat issues we are faced with.
- It should not have come to this kind of discussion if the state spent more time on habitat management.
- Health-deer are in poor shape, management is key.
- Unhealthy, densities in some zones-WMU's A-B-ETC Significant overbrowsing in many forest areas.
- 50/50 habitat loss state wide, not good for wildlife, more timber cutting would help for sure.
- Lots of Deer in B! (17 deer in last 5 years! Between B/C WMU's).
- I feel the deer population is stable in my WMU B. Better than Avg.
- The health rates were higher because of easy winter.
- Winter was easier-seen more deer/Need more woods w/food for deer
- Prospects in F1 are excellent again, and we need to find a way to harvest more does.
- I see less deer, then 5 years ago, too many predators. Not a good deer habitat.
- The status and health of VT deer is true, the issue is there is less hunters hunting. #1 problem.
- We need better habitat. F&W is doing "ok" at cutting on WMA's, but could do much more. Forest & Parks needs to cut much more.
- I agree that habitat is the limiting factor. I've hunted the same area for 60 years. Don't see the number of deer I used to.
- Been increasing, like to continue that with better habitat management.
- A lot of talk of keeping a health herd through lower numbers, no talk of what we can do to improve habitat so we can have higher #'s (Very poor where I hunt).
- Habitat. VT Coverts. Public perception of forest mgt. Prospects are good.
- Optimistic.
- Less deer in VT.
- Plenty of deer, just on posted property. Accessibility to hunt is lacking. Increased AG with limited access.
- Want to see more deer.
- I think over years does has out number bucks. I think time balance it out. But when it come young bucks like spike horn I say protect them help them grow replace older ones.
- The changes made to this point have definitely improved the hunting experience.
- Declining. We keep losing good deer habitat thru development and lack of new growth forest.
- General Support/Good (x 16 similar responses)
- I don't agree. I feel like more does taken less fawns in the spring.
- Agree. Prefer to reduce antlerless during regular.
- Agree. More online reporting.
- Still unsure.
- Fine.
- Okay, for this year.
- I agree with them-the numbers are not going to change, just have more season to fill them.
- Well thought out-won't know how well it works until you try it.
- Have to approve it because of a lack of habitat management.

- Look appropriate in zones I'm familiar with.
- Good idea if done responsibly per WMU.

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**Springfield – May 8, 2025** (public attendance: 44)

- Okay/Looks Good (x2 similar responses).
- Population is doing well in our area. Deer look very healthy coming out of winter WMU O.
- I think the herd is pretty healthy but doe heavy in areas.
- Seems to be getting better over the last few years. Have not seen huge quantity changes.
- Is there anything the state is doing for the forests?
- As the son of a forester, I recognize that it's all about what our current landscape can support. I hunt on state land that has been managed for deer habitat. We need more of this type of land management.
- Not sure.
- I think by the looks of it, the deer population & health is better than it has been. I hunt WMU N, Pawlet. Deer numbers were way down last 2 years. Last year I could not fill antlerless permit and I've shot hot deer. Few tracks rubs, scrapes. Deer health is no problem to me.
- I think deer population is close to last years. You should see an increase of doe tags filled. Total harvest should increase. One buck a year.
- We need to strive for a one to one ratio. Then check the health.
- I feel the deer population has dropped substantially over the last 50 years. I feel going out hunting for 7 days straight you should be able to see at least, 1 deer! Or sign.
- Pop. Very decreased I've noticed in recent years.
- I don't see deer when I am driving in Vermont, very few. I am from New Hampshire, and have not hunted Vermont since the mid-70's. I think Vermont has a few more deer then New Hampshire, but not a big difference. Hunting is not as good in either state as it was 30 years ago.
- Fair, lack of habitat.
- Older deer seem to weigh less.
- In my area it looking good; pending on feed. Hope to get a nice buck.
- I think the herd is healthy, I usually am able to have an opportunity to harvest at least one deer if I spend the time needed. Prospects are usually decent.
- Deer are in good health now.
- I have definitely seen a decrease in the amount of deer in Q as we had 15 years ago.
- Agree concurred about groups trying to stop the take harvesting on public lands. What is the department of F&W doing to help ensure that WMA & other public land (State forests & USFS) cultivate to promote timber management to benefit wildlife.
- I think the numbers are a lot less deer than we really have.
- Not good enough to take more than one buck. Think amount of deer I am going to see not great.
- It is a struggle to stay motivated and want to torture yourself to try and see a deer and if you do, let it walk because it's a doe!
- I agree with what the state is recommending.
- Better than it's been with good expectations for '25.
- Looks like the health is in good shape.

- I work in the forestry and sugaring sectors and see ample evidence that the VT deer herd is too large & negatively impacting forest regen. I support the proposed rule changes as they largely simplify rules & create greater opportunity for hunters to harvest deer, and additionally allows them great opportunity to harvest more deer in more places. I most support the proposed changes for overlapping archery & regular deer seasons, and all proposals to increase antlerless harvest.
- Doing well-especially with mild climate change winters. Lacking habitat & forestry practices-Ratio 1 buck to 1 doe.
- General support/Good (x 4 similar responses)
- I don't know enough about population densities so I trust their recommendations.
- It will help in WMUs where over browse is a problem.
- I think managing and prospectively taking more antlerless deer will help thin the herd and build larger rack bucks. What will this do for potentially pregnant does?
- Like the number of permits.
- I like them, with the lack of hunters, we need to do what we can for the department to meet its biology goals.
- Too many antlerless taking.
- I agree with the recommendations, I think if the science shows that we need to kill more does, than we need to kill more does.
- I think in line with what the State is trying to do.
- It looked like WMU N was 800 & I think it needs to be 1500-2000. That's good. I think there are too few deer there.
- I like the idea of taking a doe during the regular season.
- Overall I do not think the population is to large. Should be no antlerless during rifle unless you make it one deer (Buck or doe with rifle and your done).
- Don't like them.
- The season change will make it more achievable.
- I think killing 4 doe a year is more than enough.
- Zone two for D1-D2 E1-E2
- The only thing I don't do is travel to a place I don't know.

## **Appendix B. Summary of moose comments from 2025 public hearings**

*Note: comments are arranged from most common to least common. At least 204 members of the public attended these three hearings.*

*59 individuals left this question blank or indicated “no comment.”*

### **Looks Good/Support**

*Similar comments were received from 48 individuals.*

**The department is over killing Moose populations/has gone far enough on permits.**

*Similar comments were received from 4 individuals.*

**The population is much higher in D2 than most know.**

*Similar comments were received from 2 individuals.*

**No.**

*Similar comments were received from 2 individuals.*

**Would not hunt moose.**

**Sounds good – Looking good hope it increases and stays healthy.**

**Don’t know.**

**Is moose reduction working?**

**Should issue less permits.**

**Approved proposal.**

**It is low and wish it was higher across the state.**

**Extend season if wanting to reduce moose population.**

**Moose population is down.**

**Limit them more.**

**Whatever it takes to balance habitat with population.**

**Reduce moose population.**

**Neutral.**

**Need more moose in the southern WMU.**

**Keep the numbers low, we need to work on forest management.**

What are we doing about ticks and habitat?

What is being done for the population in the WMU's with low numbers?

Reduce # of regular season tags by 10 %, increase archery tags (lower success rate) to increase overall # of tags – Greater opportunity.

Put on hold for 5 years.

Moose population is still at a low level in Zone D.

Like seeing a moose population statewide.

A moose hunt is not needed in the south-hasn't seen a moose in the last 5 years in Bennington/Woodford.

ALL moose permits should go to residents.

What is the department doing to increase Moose population in areas that do not currently allow hunting? I.e. timber harvesting on public land.

Limited permits should be added in D1 and C.

Moose population is very low in D1.

There shouldn't be Moose permits to begin with.

The special tag with rifles is a good thing for hunters.

Keep it the same/don't change it.

Haven't seen Moose in Morgan for many years.

State is good. Curious, but no comments on changes. How ticks affect population. Reasonable changes.

No comment, wondering about your concern & how to manage moose v. ticks.

Generally just curious the health.

They seem reasonable to me.

I don't/have not hunted moose but feel that where I used to see moose sign in central VT now there is none. It sounds like in the NEK the population is decent but what is the loss due to ticks or brain worm?

How much is the warmer weather at fault, ticks, or harvest? – Provide info.

Agree. J1 used to have no sightings anymore. Fewer either sex permits if object is 45. Agree w/5 OP. Like to see a couple of permits in each WMU. Seeing more sign of population increase. #'s in NEK valid to be reduced.

There should be fewer either-sex permits.

Not as many moose in J1 as were 10-15 years ago. Moose permit #'s in the NEK are acceptable.

More #'s seem to be decreasing for reason other than ticks.

I haven't been putting in for permits so my knowledge on the subject is not up to par. Biologists recommendations sound like they make sense.

Love proposal and hope objectives can be met, and understand need for cold & cow bio-needs.

No concerns here.

No familiar with that.

I only see moose in E1-2.

Weather played a big role in the 2024 harvest. I'd like to see less cow tags.

Didn't hear much about the ticks.

Moose population should be/lowered slightly.

Spent many years applying for a permit and never got one. I don't moose hunt.

## Appendix C. Moose public comment e-mails

Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 9:46 AM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: 03 07 2025 NO Moose Hunt

I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape. Moose are facing numerous threats from brain worm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Thank you for reading my email message.

Sincerely, Ron Ruth Morrisville, VT

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Sent: Sunday, March 30, 2025 4:16 PM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: 2025 moose harvesting recommendation

Recommendation from VFWD to Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board on 2025 moose harvesting

The methodology for determining the annual number of hunting permits that will support a sustainable moose population is deeply flawed.

First, the basic data on moose population and distribution – dependent largely on hunters' reports of sightings – is far from reliable. Considering the iconic status of the species, and recognizing its increasing tenuous foothold in our state, far more effort should be addressed to applying the latest and most rigorous scientific approaches to population measurement - before further depleting the count based on historical guesstimates.

Second, the central assertion of a clear causal relationship between moose and tick densities is highly questionable unless the influence of numerous other environmental variables has been fully captured. From the tellingly thin description of the methodology in the proposed regulation, this is not the case. It is a considerable stretch to claim that altering the density of only one of the many 'host' species can significantly impact tick infestation levels. What proportion of total potential tick 'prey', per square mile of territory, can one single animal – or, in the case of moose, one fraction of an animal – account for? And would not the incursion of only one or two other host animals into that territory – say deer, or coyotes – effectively offset any loss of tick sustenance caused by the reduction in moose density? (The proposed adjustment to moose density is represented by a fraction of an animal per square mile.)

In my opinion the proposed 'moose cull' approach risks the elimination of the remaining moose population of the state long before there is any material impact on tick infestation levels. There are simply too many environmental, climatological and other variables to trust the effectiveness of a 'scorched earth' strategy. Let's get a better understanding of numbers and dynamics before adding sport harvesting to the depredations faced by our endangered moose population.

Robert Thomson

Braintree, VT

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 9:57 PM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

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Subject: Do not support Moose Murdering

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose murdering season is unacceptable.

Murdering these animals surely won't do anything at all to affect the tick population. It will only bring the already fragile eco system more off balance.

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 4:31 PM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: I say NO to a Moose Hunt

I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape.

Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

- Gregg Krech  
Monkton, Vermont

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Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 7:00 PM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: Kill moose to kill ticks?

To Whom it may concern,

This completely fails the common sense test. I would suggest focusing on killing the ticks rather than the host. Thank goodness that logic does not extend to our domestic pet population. I understand that there are promising options to find a way to control ticks. I would suggest to whatever private entity is funding the "it's a good idea to kill moose study," that they reallocate their resources toward research that protects the animals.

The Morris Animal Foundation funded a recent study at our own University of VT that found a fungal treatment was highly effective and showed great promise. Why aren't we at least piloting this strategy?

<https://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/article/moose-winter-ticks>

Finally, do hunters closely examine the moose they kill prior to, in order to ascertain if there is a tick infestation? If killing tick laden moose is a way to mitigate the infestation they should only be killing the tick infested moose and not the ones that are tick free. How is that regulated?

I am not sure who is making the recommendation to kill more moose. If they are our biologists then they are an embarrassment to the department and to the state. There are apparently other options.

Regards,



Dr. Richard Maizell

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 9:12 PM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Cc: Protect Our Wildlife VT <info@protectourwildlifevt.org>

Subject: Lower or No Moose Hunt

I strongly urge restraint as Vermont Fish & Wildlife's considers recommendations for a 2025 moose hunt. I do not believe that killing more moose will result in fewer winter ticks on the landscape. Ticks thrive because of warmer temperatures as a result of climate change, not more warm hosts to transport them. Lets focus on killing the ticks, not killing the moose.

Moose face numerous threats, ranging from brainworm to heat stress. Please exercise extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species for our state.

Thank you for what you do every day to protect wildlife for all Vermonters.

David Pistilli  
Middlebury

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 3:55 PM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: Moose Hunt Comment

I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape.

Moose are not the only hosts for winter ticks and if they arent around, winter ticks will host on deer and other species like beavers and coyotes.

Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Thank you,  
Vanessa Kranz  
Randolph, VT

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 5:09 PM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: Moose Hunt Concern

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Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Thank you for your time, Addie Gardner, 8th generation Vermonter, Corinth, Vermont

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Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 4:29 PM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: Moose Hunting

So if there is one moose left to shoot in n Vt. We should kill it because it has ticks. We need protection not supply the guiding service.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 7:23 PM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: Moose hunts

I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape. There are next to no moose left in my area of Vermont as they move north for colder weather. However, the tick population continues to expand in Southern VT due to less cold winters that once controlled the tick population.

Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species. Why is it that VT F&W's answer to most things is to increase hunting and trapping? That's a rhetorical question, the answer is obvious. Vermont F&W should be more advanced in its problem solving than what it is.

Kenneth Kavanagh  
Whitingham, VT

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Sent: Saturday, March 22, 2025 10:45 AM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

Hello,  
I have lived on 63 acres of land for 55 years now. I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape.

Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species. I will post my land if the new regulation passes.

Sincerely,  
Marge Christie  
Plainfield, VT

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Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 9:34 AM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Sarah Nilsen, Shelburne

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Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 4:16 PM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: NO Moose Hunt

I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape. Engage biologists and other scientists to study methods to support eildl Fe snd reduce to k populations. Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

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Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 10:47 PM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.Thank you,

Maggie Wilkinson  
Dummerston, VT

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Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 7:08 PM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Megan Littlehales

Marlboro, VT

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Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 6:46 PM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Thank you,  
Shanie Bartlett  
Underhill, VT

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Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 1:55 PM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: NO Moose Hunt

In my opinion, the only way to resolve any wildlife or hunting disputes will be to balance the current Fish & Wildlife Board with some new, more scientifically oriented members that are not biased hunters and who would not accept or condone the use of scientific information from an organization like SCL.

I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape.

Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

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Michelle O'Reilly  
Milton Vt

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Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 11:57 AM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species. Thank you. -Paula Spellacy, Hancock VT

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Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 9:03 AM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.  
Thank you for your consideration,

Janet Thouron  
Middlesex VT

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Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 7:29 AM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape. It's just an offer to trophy hunters. Definitely most Vermont residents do not want your department to offer moose licenses to kill ticks.

Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species and employ alternative non-lethal means of controlling ticks.

Jane Fitzwilliam  
Westminster west 05346

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Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 6:49 AM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Sheryl Smith of Perkinsville, VT

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 9:14 PM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: NO Moose Hunt

STOP the hunting of moose. Killing off moose will not slow down the explosion of winter ticks. We need to support biological research to see what and why moose are endangered. Supporting moose hunts hurts the remaining healthy moose that are left.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Stone

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 6:26 PM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 6:01 PM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 4:28 PM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: NO Moose Hunt

To Whom It May Concern:

I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape.

Ticks will always be a problem for wild and domestic animals. We are long overdue in finding a solution for wildlife and in this case, moose.

Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Let's work towards finding a solution to maintain a healthy moose population and not take the easy way out by killing them.

We must do better.

Respectfully,

Caroline Canning  
Burlington

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 3:54 PM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Can we please be forward thinking and recognize the impact of global warming and also understand how our wildlife is vital to our ecosystem and also part of what makes Vermont, Vermont. Place yourself in their shoes and understand their struggles.

Sincerely,  
Molly Coseno, Stowe, VT

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Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Mary Braun  
East Hardwick, VT

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 3:01 PM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

Please let me know why you think a moose hunt is a good idea. I would appreciate a response. I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape. Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lark Shields  
Craftsbury, VT

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 2:04 PM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Please reconsider your thoughts on this issue!!!!

Thank you for any consideration you will give this issue.

Katie Whittaker  
Stowe VT.

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 2:00 PM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape. Climate change is upon us and has been and the tick population in Vermont will not go down! They will just jump on the Moose we have left and other Ungulate species. I just can't understand how you could support a Moose hunt when the species is struggling! This is so upsetting and irritating! Are the Fish and Wildlife department in such need of money that they will threaten the Moose population? They are trained Biologists that should know better! It really disgusts me!!!

Moose are also facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species. It is so confusing to me how Wildlife Biologists can promote such a hunt when we need to protect them not kill them!



Sophie Bowater  
N. Middlesex, VT.

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 1:49 PM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. - Sarah Laird

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 1:45 PM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Richard kite

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 12:47 PM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape. Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Have you got an estimate of how many ticks will be eliminated per moose if any? I believe ticks can reproduce faster than moose and will find other hosts to latch onto. Wouldn't it be a better idea to eliminate ticks? What you are doing sounds like

an excuse to hunt moose rather than a way to get rid of ticks. Your solutions should be based on common sense and science rather than subjective ideas biased towards hunters. Killing wildlife is not sustainable and won't solve the tick problem.

Steven F. DiCicco  
Hyde Park

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 12:00 PM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Thank you.

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To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species. Living right next to woods and walking there everyday we know how prevalent the ticks are. We know that killing more moose and deer is NOT the answer to getting rid of ticks. Let Mother Nature take its course, please. Humans are what have thrown the balance out of whack. You're all hunters and, therefore cannot take an unbiased stance on this issue. We highly recommend reading Wilding by Isabella Tree. You will get a totally different perspective on the wonders of Nature. Jenn and Bob Nixon Middlebury

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 11:01 AM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

Hunting? Kill moose to kill ticks? Are you some kind of stupid? STOP IT!

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Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

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Richard f. Piliero  
South Duxbery

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Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Best,  
Melissa

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 10:06 AM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Mary Sonnekson

Athens, VT

In addition, you could try reducing the culling of turkeys, they eat ticks.

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 9:36 AM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Thank you,  
Todd Thomas  
Morrisville

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 8:06 AM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Jeff Lamphere  
Peacham

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 7:56 AM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Thank you,  
Catherine Lickfield  
Worcester, VT.

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To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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John Zelig  
Burlington, VT

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To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Pamela Laurette Dein

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To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Janice Nadworny  
Hinesburg

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 6:14 AM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

Hi,

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Eesha Williams

Dummerston, VT

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Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

I've always felt there must be a better way than only 1 to make the ends meet the need.

Trudy Jones  
Northfield

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 5:25 AM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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KIM FINDLAY

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 4:43 AM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

This is just Ludacris, not one shred of common sense in this proposal. It's on par with stop feed for the snow geese in Addison county. Then you figured out geese can fly and your action was worthless. How about stop wasting our tax dollars and do something right. I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape.

Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Essex Jct., Vermont  
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Jeff

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Janice D Stearns  
Middlebury, VT

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 11:02 PM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Sarah Nilsen

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To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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George Helmer  
Barnard, Vermont

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Subject: NO Moose Hunt

I absolutely do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape.

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Leigh Steele  
Burlington

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 8:36 PM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

I work in veterinary medicine. I follow evidence based research. We cannot have it both ways! Killing moose due to ticks, but allowing trapping of tick eating animals doesn't align.

I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape.



Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species. Studies and science based research must be conducted to truly get an accurate moose count.

Angela Pollock  
Hinesburg, VT

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Senta Augsberger  
East Burke, VT

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I moved to the Jay area 13 years ago. We used to have moose and deer in our yard all the time. I haven't seen a moose in 5 years and the deer I get are limited to a very few each year. Until you can come up with an accurate way of counting the herds I'd recommend no moose hunt and no doe to be killed during regular rifle season.

Ron Horton  
Jay, VT

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Edward Morgan  
St. Johnsbury, VT

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 7:52 PM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

Keeping the healthiest bull moose alive strengthens the gene pool. It makes no sense to me whatsoever that hunting them is a viable policy.

I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape.

Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Cordially,  
Lance Polya, PhD

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Jim White  
Shelburne

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Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Claire Payne,

St. Albans, VT

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To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Thank you,  
Anjanette DeCarlo

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Thank you!

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Regards,  
Jean Semprebbon  
Barre Town

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Judy hollocher/ Barnet

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Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Anne Zepernick  
Readsboro, VT

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 6:29 PM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: NO Moose Hunt

I absolutely oppose Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt. I do not believe that hunting moose will result in fewer winter ticks on the landscape.

Moose are facing numerous threats, from brainworm to heat stress to habitat loss. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species, and concentrate efforts to eradicate the ticks themselves rather than the hosts.

Laura Yanne  
Pawlet

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 6:18 PM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: NO Moose Hunt

I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt. I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape. Vermont should be utilizing naturally occurring pesticidal fungi instead. That is the humane and scientifically sound thing to do.

Moose are facing numerous threats, from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Personally, I have had the privilege of seeing moose in the wild, and their gentle demeanor and peculiar beauty were like no other animal I've seen. They deserve to be protected, for their own sake, as well as for their role in a healthy ecosystem.

T-M Baird,  
Weybridge

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Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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We also need a balanced board, not just hunters appointed by Gov. Scott, and non-biased scientific studies, unlike the one paid for by Safari Club International (SCI).

Jo Anne Wazny  
Berkshire, VT

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Sincerely,

Doug Richter

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Mark Perrault  
Woodbury

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Diane Janukajtis, Stannard, VT

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Thank you!

Suzanne Mancinelli  
Worcester, VT

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Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important issue.

Shawn Thayer  
Milton, VT

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Subject: NO Moose Hunt

I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape.

—it is climate change and hotter and longer summers that are bringing more ticks. Do not use moose as an excuse to kill them. They are facing enough perils and killing them only causes more problems, aside from the sheer cruelty of it. ---

Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Sincerely,  
Kate Kenner

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 5:12 PM  
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Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Sincerely,  
Debora Tramposh  
Brattleboro

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 5:11 PM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape. Nor do I believe in killing or hunting whatsoever.

Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Besides, what right do you or anyone have to decide to kill other species?

Stop it. It's murder, totally unjustified. If people don't want tick bites they should refrain from tromping in or around the woods. And there is plenary of tick protective gear and canine protection out there.

Anna Burns

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 5:06 PM  
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Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Please do more UNBIASED research and data collection.

Sue Pfaff  
East Dover, Vermont

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 5:05 PM  
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Subject: NO Moose Hunt



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Richard Fitzhenry  
Hyde Park

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Wendy Lamphere Peacham Vermont

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Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Many hunters (like trophy hunters from New Jersey and their Vermont hunting guide) seek to kill the healthiest bull moose. To make the herd stronger, healthy moose should be allowed to contribute to the gene pool. How is killing trophy moose going to make the herd healthier? Healthy animals should be allowed to breed and pass along their genetics.

There's also concern that moose are lethally injured during the hunting season and not recovered by hunters.

I follow the recommendation of Protect Our Wildlife that the Department place a moratorium on the moose hunt and refocus its resources on continuing research on a naturally occurring fungus, *metarhizium brunneum*, that kills ticks.

Wendy Morgan, J.D.  
Attorney and Animal Rights Advocate  
Shelburne, VT

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 4:50 PM  
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Subject: NO Moose Hunt

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Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress.

Apparently Fish and Wildlife has decided that ticks are a better pretext for hunting moose than motor vehicle accidents.

Wendell Sargent  
Huntington, Vt

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 4:50 PM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

It is increasingly clear that these decisions are not based on sound ecological principles but rather on a deeply ingrained culture of killing for sport. What is the rationale behind systematically removing predators like coyotes, bobcats, and foxes—only to then claim that deer populations are out of control and must also be culled? There is no true logic here, only a relentless cycle of destruction driven by those who view wildlife as nothing more than targets.

Policies like these continue to empower the very people who have the most to gain from endless hunting opportunities. It is no coincidence that the decision-makers involved in these policies are often hunters themselves. This is not conservation—it is a blatant conflict of interest and a disgraceful manipulation of wildlife management.

I urge you to reconsider your approach and shift focus toward real solutions—ones that protect biodiversity and strengthen ecological resilience rather than undermine it. If decision-makers truly cared about maintaining ecological balance, they would invest in science-based strategies rather than perpetuating an endless cycle of killing.

Sincerely,  
Maryam

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 4:49 PM

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Thank you,  
Debra Shea

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Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species. Killing moose to prevent the spread of ticks is not a reasonable or scientific method to kill this native animal. I have lived in Vermont for 39 years and have been only graced with seeing a moose once. These animals do not deserve to be killed by man, using the tick argument is an excuse to kill these creatures that have every right to roam our state.

Thank You

Leslie Thorsen and Scott Kilgus

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Subject: NO Moose Hunt

I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape. I find this a rather absurd, wanton and shortsighted solution to the problem

Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Good Lord there got to be a better solution!!!

Sarah Lyda  
Washington Vt

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You are so so so so thoughtfulness in your “protection” of Vermont wildlife. You just want to kill and harm them and don’t respect them. Shame.

Do a tic treatment drop like other states do. Jerks.

Kathrin Lawlor  
Danville VT

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Best,

KC Evarts  
Londonderry

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Katrine Wolfgang

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Sincerely,

Janine Osterman  
17 year resident of Central Vermont

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 4:18 PM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: No moose hunt

I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will reduce the number of winter ticks on the landscape. Ticks are an issue due to an inability to properly recognize and address climate issues, not moose population.

Moose are facing numerous threats, from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

No 2025 moose hunt!

Jessica Russell  
Morristown

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I love Vermont and our wildlife. I live in Braintree VT with my husband, son, dog, cats and cattle. This has to stop. Please!

Sincerely,  
Darlene Haupt

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Bruce McClelland  
Woodstock, VT  
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Kim Hudson  
Sheffield, VT

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Chuck Sherman  
Strafford VT

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Deborah Mahan  
Bethel, VT

John Mahan  
Bethel, VT

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Sincerely,  
Rebecca Coons  
Williston, VT

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 4:08 PM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

To whom it may concern,

I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt, because I reject the claim that hunting moose will result in fewer winter ticks in our landscape.

Remember, moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. The Fish & Wildlife Dept. must take extreme precautions when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Smith  
Newfane, VT

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 4:07 PM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

Hello,

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Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Please consider being responsible stewards of our animals.

Coleen Kearon  
Montpelier, Vermont

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Dexter

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 4:25 PM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Cc: jturneractor@gmail.com; Marisa Diamond <marisadiamond128@gmail.com>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt and no doe hunting

My family and I live and vote in the Northeast Kingdom, and we do NOT support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt. Hunting moose will NOT result in less winter



ticks on the landscape but WILL reduce the population of healthy moose, as many hunters target large, healthy moose who are sorely needed to reproduce and protect healthy offspring.

Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species. Relying on hunting industry-funded research and lobbying is highly suspect and corrupt, and is NOT supported by real science, nor the majority of your constituents. There are much better science based solutions, from specified safe fungi, opossums, etc, which have been used elsewhere to help control ticks without killing more of the very animals your are charged with protecting.

Please be responsive and representative of the non-corrupt science, and the majority of your VT constituents, and allow our VT wildlife to live in our woods, rather than on “recreational” (e.g. killing for “fun”?!) trophy hunters’ walls. We and our visitors love seeing the awesome LIVE moose near our home, and wish to continue to do so for years to come.

Re: deer hunting, please do NOT allow the hunting of does during the regular rifle season - orphaning their babies is inexcusably cruel, and NO ethical subsistence hunters support this.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Marci Diamond  
Morgan, VT

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 11:54 AM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: No Moose hunt until populations are more numerous

Dear Fish and Wildlife folks:

I am strongly in favor of not allowing moose hunts in Vermont until the population has returned to areas where it has vanished.

We used to have moose here in Tinmouth and they are gone. Mostly gone also from all around us due to Climate Change and development, and its resulting issues of ticks, disease transmission and habitat loss.

The science behind shooting moose to save them is invalid and speaks to an agency that is only concerned about their own pursuits and not the interests of conservation. Moose are moving north. Why encourage them to leave Vermont and instead of of shooting them, perhaps use them as a tourism magnet?

Out of the 50 or so friends and acquaintances we have hosted in the last decade not one was interested in killing wildlife, but in seeing it, with the exception of a few deer hunters. (We could use a few less deer.) I think if you took a poll of residents in the State you would find that most people enjoy wildlife, not for blood sports, but for alternative forms of recreation. And, that the science does not warrant a moose hunt until and unless the population is increasing at a sustainable rate.

One would question indeed why a moose study was funded by SCl, who necessarily are wedded to the idea of trophy hunting over conservation efforts. Is that trophy really more important than the survivability of a species?

There is a reason that moose are vanishing in Vermont. Please consider the science over special interests and deny a hunt until moose are again numerous in all of Vermont..

Thank you.

Tracy Byford  
Tinmouth, VT

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Sent: Saturday, March 22, 2025 12:09 PM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt

I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape.

Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Edward Morgan  
St. Johnsbury, VT

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Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 4:03 PM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: NO Moose Hunt. Moose are a great tourist attraction!

I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape AND are a great tourist attraction!.

Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Sincerely,  
Jim Blair  
Eden Mills, VT.

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 4:35 PM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: 🙅 NO Moose Hunt

I'm deeply disturbed and disappointed by your recent decision to manage moose populations under the justification of parasite control. While addressing parasite issues is important,

intentionally reducing wildlife populations as a primary strategy is shortsighted and raises serious ecological, ethical, and logical concerns.

We all know this isn't genuinely about tick control, especially given the unpredictable fluctuations of tick populations year to year. What exactly is your long-term plan? Once you've reduced moose numbers, what's next? Have you already run out of deer to hunt? How far does this mindset extend? It is disturbing how easily killing wildlife is justified as a solution, especially when the real culprits—habitat destruction and climate change—remain largely unaddressed. Instead of taking a science-based, ecosystem-focused approach, this decision caters to those who see wildlife as a resource to be exploited rather than a vital part of our environment.

I urge you to reconsider your approach and shift focus toward real solutions—ones that protect biodiversity and strengthen ecological resilience rather than undermine it.

Sincerely, Maryam

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 4:17 PM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: NO to the ridiculous idea of a Moose Hunt!

I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks.

Fish & Wildlife should start protecting our valuable wildlife instead of looking for every excuse to hunt and kill! The wildlife belongs to ALL of us not just hunters!

Janice Fetsch  
Stowe, VT

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 7:37 PM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: Please, NO Moose Hunt

I do not support the Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt!!!! I follow science and believe that hunting moose to reduce ticks is ludicrous will NOT result in less winter ticks on the landscape.

Moose face numerous threats, from brain worms, automobiles and heat stress. Fish and Wildlife must take extreme precautions when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Thank you for your time

John Burke

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 4:30 PM

To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

Subject: Re: NO Moose Hunt

Written as a private citizen representing my own, personal views.

Kathrin Lawlor

> On Mar 7, 2025, at 4:29 PM, Kathrin Lawlor <kathrin.lawlor@gmail.com> wrote:  
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> I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape.  
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> Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.  
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> You are so so so so thoughtfulness in your "protection" of Vermont wildlife. You just want to kill and harm them and don't respect them. Shame.  
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> Do a tic treatment drop like other states do. Jerks.  
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> Kathrin Lawlor  
> Danville VT

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 4:42 PM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: Stop moose hunting!!!

As a tax paying resident of Vermont, I want to express that I do not support moose hunting in VT at this time, for any reason.

Let the number of moose work itself out. Killing moose will NOT stop the increasing risk to all mammals, including humans, of tick bourne illnesses.

Respectfully,  
Jamie Shaw

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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 7:52 AM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: Vermont citizen says NO Moose Hunt

Hello ANR:

I do not support Vermont Fish & Wildlife's recommendation for a 2025 moose hunt because I do not believe that hunting moose will result in less winter ticks on the landscape. The study paid for by SCI that this plan is based on is suspect. Other studies funded by SCI found that killing polar bears was sustainable and all bear could be killed leaving only 40 left in a state. Neither of these hold up to scrutiny.

Further, killing trophy moose kills the strong instead of culling the weak. The strong should remain in the gene pool and not end up a head on someone's wall.

Moose are facing numerous threats from brainworm to heat stress. Fish & Wildlife must use extreme precaution when managing this vulnerable, iconic species.

Sincerely,  
Kristen Cameron  
Burlington, Vermont

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Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 3:06 PM  
To: ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>  
Subject: 2026 proposals

I am Strongly Against shooting Does with a Rifle During the Rifle Season...Or with a Rifle at ALL.  
I support the Antler restriction addition in D1, that's the area I Hunt 50% of the time.  
D1 Needs to be open for Moose.... I saw 7 Moose bedded together During Rifle Season. Two were big Bulls.  
I do not agree with changing Youth back to the Prime pre rut/ rut timeline. They can shoot Does which most do.  
Thanks for the opportunity to put in my opinion.

Lenny Bates