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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Establishing an Open Season on Moose.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 12, § 2355-D, additional. Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2355-D to read as follows:

§ 2355-D. Moose; open season

There shall be a controlled open season on moose within the hunting district described for 2 successive years.

Dates for the controlled open season on moose shall be as follows:

For 1971, October 25th to October 30th; for 1972, September 25th to September 30th.

There shall be one moose hunting district described as follows:

All areas in the State of Maine that are north and west of the following boundaries: At a point in the northern tip of Franklin County where the Canadian Pacific Railroad enters the State of Maine, and continuing along easterly on Canadian Pacific Railroad to Interstate 95; then northerly along Interstate 95 to Oakfield; then northerly along the B & A Railroad to Squa Pan Junction, to Mapleton, to Washburn, to New Sweden and thence to Van Buren.

The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game is authorized to issue not more than 500 moose hunting permits for the 1971 season. For the 1972 season, the commissioner may, if he deems it advisable, issue not more than 500 moose hunting permits. Such domiciled resident permits shall be issued

at a fee of \$25. A regular hunting license in addition to a moose permit shall be required to hunt moose. Permits shall be chosen by chance drawing. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game may determine the appropriate number of permits to be issued. To be eligible for the official drawing, at which time such permits shall be drawn, it shall be necessary for applicants to file a written application to be furnished by the commissioner within 3 days after the effective date of this Act, for the year 1971, and August first for the year 1972. There shall not be any fee assessed for the filing of an application for a permit.

All moose legally harvested must be presented for inspection to allow collecting of biological and hunter data, and shall be assessed a fee of \$25 for registration. All moose taken legally shall be subject to the same requirements for deer under section 2355.

The bag limit shall be one moose of either sex per licensed hunter.

The commissioner is authorized to issue applications for moose hunting licenses, issue licenses and make all rules and regulations pertaining thereto. The commissioner is authorized to designate the type of weapons which shall be lawful, and make all other rules and regulations which he may deem necessary for the protection of the moose resource.

It shall be unlawful during the open season on moose to hunt any wild animal within the designated area open to moose hunting.

If, during any open season on moose, it shall be the opinion of the commissioner that more moose are being killed in the district indicated than is in the best interests of conserving said species, he shall have the authority to terminate such season at once.

No employee of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game shall be eligible to obtain a moose hunting license during the experimental period.

No person who receives a moose hunting license during the 1971 season is eligible to apply for a 2nd moose hunting license the following year.

Any moose legally taken under this section shall not be in violation of section 2467.

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section or rules and regulations promulgated thereunder shall be punished, upon conviction, by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment of not more than 6 months, or by both. Also, upon conviction the commissioner shall suspend the hunting license for a period of 3 years.