



Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
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2026 MOOSE PERMIT AUCTION BOOKLET

Bid Receipt Deadline: February 26, 2026

General Description of the Auction Program

The Department will auction 10 moose permits to applicants who submit the highest bids through a written bid process. An applicant must submit the auction bid form in this booklet along with a non-refundable \$25.00 bidding fee. Each person awarded a permit must pay the bid amount and must select a hunting district, hunting week, and permit type within 30 days after the permit is awarded. In 2026, the deadline date is April 7, 2026. A person may apply in both the general public chance drawing and in the auction but can receive only one permit. If a successful bidder receives a permit in the public chance drawing, the person is no longer eligible in the auction; and the bid amount submitted by that person will be refunded. Title 12, § 11154, #11 K - states that the Commissioner may decline to issue any permit or any number of permits issuable pursuant to this subsection if, in the Commissioner's opinion, the auction bids received do not reflect the public value anticipated to meet the goals of this subsection. All funds from the sale of these permits will be deposited in a non-lapsing fund to be used to pay the costs to administer the program and to fund Youth Conservation Education Programs in Maine.

Proposed 2026 Moose Hunting Seasons

September 28 - October 3, 2026 (WMDs 1-6, 10, 11, 18, 19, 27, 28) – Bull Only
October 12 – 17, 2026 (WMDs 1-15, 17-19, 27, 28) – Bull Only
October 26 – 31, 2026 (WMDs 1-6, 8) – Antlerless Only

How to Submit a Moose Auction Bid

General Instructions: Bids must be submitted on the standard bid form and in the manner prescribed in this booklet. A bid form is in the back of this booklet. A person may submit more than one bid but may only receive one moose hunting permit. For any person submitting more than one bid, the highest bid submitted will be the official bid.

Bidding Deadline: Bids must be received at Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 353 Water St, Augusta, Maine 04333 no later than 4:30 P.M. (Eastern Time) on February 26, 2026.

Fees: A nonrefundable check or money order bid fee of \$25.00 in U.S. funds must accompany each bid.

Bid Amount: The bid amount is the total you bid for a 2026 moose permit. The amount includes the resident, or the nonresident moose permit fee but does not include the hunting license fee.

Bid Handling: When received at the office, the envelope will be opened and the bid envelope and bid fee removed. If the fee is correct and bid envelope is correctly completed, the bid envelope will be stored un-opened in a secure location. Incomplete or inaccurate bid packages will be corrected by phone or returned to the bidder.

Bid Opening: Bids will be opened on March 5, 2026, and the 10 highest bidders will be declared the winners.

Notification: All bidders will be contacted, unsuccessful bidders and the winners.



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If Selected: Successful bidders will be given 30 days to send in the bid payment and select a moose hunting district, hunting season, and permit type (Chapter 16 Rules 16.08 #5, E). A permit winner has up to 30 days prior to the selected hunt to add/change a subpermittee or alternate subpermittee. The permittee may authorize the alternate subpermittee to participate in the hunt in place of the subpermittee, if the permittee notifies the Department no later than five business days before their hunt begins. If payment is not received within 30 days, the next highest unsuccessful bidder will be notified and offered the permit. If a successful bidder applies and is selected in the public chance drawing, the person will be refunded the bid amount and bid fee, and the next highest unsuccessful bidder will be offered the permit. Once the drawing is completed, fees are paid, and subpermittee is selected, the successful moose auction bidders will be treated like all other moose permit holders.

For additional information regarding the Maine Moose Auction, visit our website at:

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MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE
2026 MOOSE PERMIT BID FORM
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Hunter Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
First Last MI MM DD YYYY

Mailing Address: _____
Street/Road or Box # City or Town State Zip Code

Physical Address: _____
Street or Road City or Town State Zip Code

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: (____)____-____

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If applicable -

Guide Name: _____ Town & State : _____/_____
First Last

Signature of Bidder: _____ Date _____

***I certify that the above amount is my bid; and if I am a winning bidder, I will pay the amount I have listed as my bid by May 5, 2026.**

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete the bid form, insert into the bid envelope and seal the envelope.
2. On the outside of the bid envelope, write your address and phone number in the space provided.
3. Attach check or money order in the amount of \$25.00 in U.S. funds made payable to: Treasurer, State of Maine of Maine to the outside of the bid envelope. The bid fee of \$25.00 is nonrefundable.
4. Place the bid envelope in the mailing envelope and return it to the Department. The bid must be received by the Department's Augusta Office (353 Water St.) no later than 4:30:00 P.M. (Eastern Time) on February 26, 2026.
5. Any bid envelope without the fee attached will be returned.
6. Any bid which is not filled out in a complete, accurate, and legible manner will not be accepted and will be disqualified from the drawing.
7. The bids will be opened on March 5, 2026. All bidders will be notified.