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To: All Outfitters with a 2020 New Brunswick Outfitters Moose Licence

The Province and the Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development (DNRED) understands the unique problems that have been caused by the COVID-19 pandemic for the outfitting industry. We have been investigating several avenues to help businesses through these hard times.

One action the Department will be taking this year will be to allow New Brunswick residents to purchase moose hunts from outfitters who were successful in the outfitter moose licence draw. This is a one-time exemption that will only be permitted for the 2020 moose season.

The intention of this initiative is for outfitters to have an increased customer-base to sell their whole-service-hunt-experience and should be sold as such. The licence fee will remain the same as a non-resident moose licence. The New Brunswick client should be regarded in the same way as if they were a non-resident client.

This was a decision that was not taken lightly. We understand the coveted nature of a non-resident outfitter moose licence in New Brunswick. This initiative is meant to allow New Brunswick outfitters to capitalize on every revenue opportunity during such difficult times. We encourage you to realize the full value that an outdoor opportunity such as a moose hunt in New Brunswick has to offer regardless of a client's residency.

Outfitters will need to contact Ms. Gisèle Gaudet at 506-444-2626 to ensure the prospective client is eligible, unsuccessful in the resident draw, and not a designated hunter for the 2020 moose season. The resident will then be able to purchase the license. This purchase will not affect their pool status for future resident moose license draws.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Holland".

Mike Holland

c. Gisèle Gaudet, Draws Administrator, Fish and Wildlife Branch, DNRED