

News Release

Moosehorn

National Wildlife Refuge

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MOOSEHORN NWR ANNOUNCES ANNUAL FURBEARER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge will be open to furbearer trapping again this year. The refuge will **not** use the bidding process to award permits this year. Any licensed and qualified trapper may request a free trapping permit for the 2024-2025 season. All trapping will be conducted during the State of Maine seasons and there are special conditions that apply to trapping on refuge lands.

Moosehorn is using the same permit form and procedure as last year. The website with information about the process is <https://www.fws.gov/refuges/visitors/permits.html>. The Special Use Permit Application for Commercial Activities, including Furbearer Trapping, FWS Form 3-1383-C, may be downloaded at [Apply for a Special Use Permit on National Wildlife Refuges | U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service \(fws.gov\)](#). The application can be saved and emailed, or printed and sent to the refuge by mail or FAX

Information and trapping applications may be obtained by contacting the Refuge Office during business hours, (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; closed on holidays) or by contacting the Refuge Manager at (207)454-1700 or by mail (Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, 103 Headquarters Road, Baring, ME 04694).

Furbearer trapping has been used as a management tool at the refuge since 1986. One goal of the program is to protect migratory birds such as American woodcock and American black duck through the management of predators. Populations of aquatic mammals such as beaver and muskrat are also managed to limit damage to dikes, roads, culverts, and water control structures. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service views trapping as a legitimate recreational and economic activity where there are harvestable surpluses of furbearing mammals and where it is compatible with the purposes for which the refuge was established.

Moosehorn NWR encompasses 29,695 acres in eastern Washington County. The Baring Division lies in Baring Plantation, Calais, Charlotte and Meddybemps. Parts of the Edmunds Division are located in Edmunds Twp. and Pembroke bordering Dennys Bay. For information on Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, visit: <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/moosehorn/>

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 150-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses 572 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 69 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resources offices and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory



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bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign and Native American tribal governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Assistance program, which distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

For more information on Moosehorn NWR, please call 454-7161 or visit <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/moosehorn/> .

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