

State of Vermont
Agency of Natural Resources
Department of Fish and Wildlife

Policy Title:	Moose Bonus Points	Effective Date:	1/1/20
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Policy Statement:

ACT 50 passage, effective 1/1/20, in the 2019 Legislative session amended language related to the moose lottery including changes to 10 V.S.A. § 4254 regarding Veteran and auction winners, repealing 10 App V.S.A § 33 moose management rule related to moose lottery bonus points and 10 V.S.A. § 4255(j) related to special opportunity moose hunts. The following process document establishes Department procedures for conducting the amended/repealed procedures.

Definitions:

“Bonus point” means 1) a point accrued for successfully applying for a permit, but not being drawn, or 2) a point accrued by indicating on the application that the person should not be entered into that year’s drawing but wishes to accrue a point.

Lottery Points:

Three separate lotteries may be held, one for Veteran permits, one for the archery season and one for the regular season. Applicants may accumulate up to one bonus point per year in each of the three separate lotteries, provided a complete and legal application and fee is submitted. Bonus points are accrued in each lottery individually, can be lost in each lottery individually or a combined loss for all lottery bonus points may occur if requirements for accrual are not complied with.

A person may accumulate one bonus point in the lottery for each consecutive year that person legally submits and provides the fee for an application but is not selected to receive a permit. For example, if the applicant applies in year A and year B, the bonus point for year A will be accrued after receipt of valid application in year B. Seasons where bonus points are frozen by the Department, the applicant will not be required to apply to keep bonus points during the frozen year but must apply in the subsequent season in order to keep prior bonus points. For example, if applicant applies in year A, points are frozen in year B and the lottery is open as usual year C, the applicant must apply in year C to accrue a bonus point from year A.

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Applicants may elect to accrue a bonus point without entering the moose hunt lottery by submitting a completed application and fee and indicating at the appropriate place on the application form that they do not wish to be entered in the lottery for the current calendar year.

Bonus points in all lotteries will be lost if hunter is selected for a permit or if a valid and complete application and fee are not received by the required deadline. Permit winners are not eligible for the lottery and they are not eligible to accrue bonus points for the five consecutive years following the year they won a permit.



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