



2023 BOBCAT DRAW

IMPORTANT FACTS

- Bobcats are at the northern extent of their range in New Brunswick and the harvest of this species is regulated through a harvest tag quota system.
- Resident fur harvesters who want the opportunity to hunt, trap or snare bobcats must hold an active Resident Fur Harvesters or Minor Fur Harvesters licence and enter the Bobcat Draw.
- Applicants must be 10 years of age or older **at the time of application**, have their principal place of residence in the Province of New Brunswick and must not have had their hunting privileges revoked under the authority of the New Brunswick *Fish and Wildlife Act*.
- **Application fee is \$10.35 HST included and is non-refundable.**
- Applications are limited to one per person.
- You may apply for up to **two (2)** Wildlife Management Zones (WMZs) indicating your first and second choices. Selecting the same WMZ for both choices does not increase the chances of receiving tags in that particular WMZ. Please ensure that the zone indicated as your first choice is the zone in which you would prefer to receive tags.
- **Before** choosing a zone, familiarize yourself with WMZ boundaries by visiting the DNRED [Go Hunting](#) webpage and consult the table on the next page for WMZ tag quotas. **Notags are available in WMZs 1 through 6, 9, 26 and 27.**
- Bobcat Authorizations and lock-seal tags will be allocated by Wildlife Management Zone through a random, computerized draw.
- Each WMZ has its own separate draw. Applicants' first choices will be selected at random and successful applicants will receive one (1) tag. Once all first choices have been reviewed, unsuccessful applicants may be eligible to receive tags based on their second choice of WMZ if any tags are still available in that WMZ. The draw system will then randomly select applications based on second choices and allocate one (1) tag to each application that is drawn. Remaining tags will be allocated by repeating random draws based on first choice and second choice until all tags have been allocated in each WMZ.
- The 2023 tag quotas and a summary of the 2022 draw are detailed on the next page.
- **Only legally tagged bobcats can be possessed or sold.**
- **Only persons with a Bobcat Authorization on their licence and corresponding tags may legally harvest bobcat.**

DRAW APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED FROM SEPTEMBER 5 TO 29
DRAW RESULTS ARE AVAILABLE OCTOBER 10

HOW TO APPLY

- Applications can be made online at www.gnb.ca/fishwildlife and by clicking **Buy a licence / Apply for a Draw / Get an Outdoors Card**. Online applications are accepted until September 29 at 11:59 p.m.
- Applications can be made in person at any authorized vendor or SNB location until the close of regular business hours on September 29.

HOW TO CHECK RESULTS

- Results will be available online, on October 10, at www.gnb.ca/fishwildlife and by clicking **Apply for a Draw**.
- **Reminder for successful applicants: you must carry the updated licence indicating your Bobcat Authorization while hunting, trapping or snaring bobcats.** You will be mailed a licence indicating your Bobcat Authorization and bobcat harvest tag(s). The tag(s) will identify the WMZ and year for which they are valid for and will be individually numbered. The tag numbers will be indicated on the licence.
- Lost tags can only be replaced by the Fish & Wildlife Branch. The fee is \$6.04 HST included.



TRAPPER AND HUNTER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

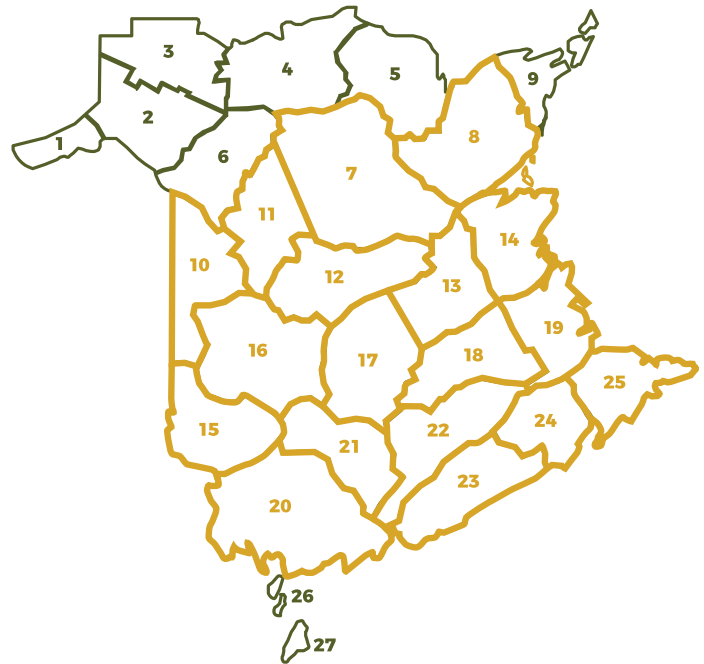
- All trappers born on or after January 1, 1981 and all first-time trappers must complete a Firearms Safety / Hunter Education course and Trapper Education course.
- Minor Fur Harvesters who are 12 to 15 years of age are required to complete the Firearms Safety, Hunter Education and Trapper Education Courses.
- Minor Fur Harvesters who are 10 and 11 years of age must always be accompanied by a person 19 years of age or older that is a holder of a valid Fur Harvester's Licence.
- Minor Fur Harvesters who are 12 years of age and older are not permitted to carry a firearm unless they have passed the Firearms Safety / Hunter Education course and are accompanied by a person 19 years of age or older.

Be sure to follow all requirements under the *Fish and Wildlife Act* and the Hunting Regulation. Consult the [Hunt & Trap book](#) for more information.

Remember to seek permission before hunting, trapping, or snaring on private land. Please help to keep the welcome we now enjoy!

BOBCAT HARVEST SUMMARY AND TAG QUOTA

WMZ	2022-23 Tag Quota	2022-23 Harvest	2023-24 Tag Quota
7	10	0	10
8	10	0	10
10	35	5	32
11	42	2	51
12	49	13	53
13	58	9	57
14	44	5	37
15	66	22	58
16	115	25	106
17	48	11	41
18	30	9	32
19	23	4	30
20	112	33	119
21	76	7	94
22	56	21	56
23	73	16	78
24	52	15	51
25	32	17	29



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