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## **2021 Hunt & Trap – additions to the **New for 2021** section**

- **Firearms caliber restriction changes**

Changes have been made to reduce the previous restrictions on the calibre or size of firearms used by hunters.

Hunters must use one of the following:

- A centre-fire or rim-fire rifle of any calibre
- A shotgun with ball, slug or shot
- A bow having a draw weight of not less than 10 kilograms (22 pounds)
- A crossbow having a draw weight of not less than 68 kilograms (150 pounds)
- A muzzle-loading firearm

Exceptions:

- A youth hunter aged 16 or 17 years of age may not use a centre-fire or rim-fire rifle of .23 calibre or larger, or a shotgun with ball, slug, lead shot larger than BB or steel shot larger than F, unless that person is accompanied by an adult at all times.
- A rim-fire firearm may not be used to hunt bear, deer, or moose.
- A bow used to hunt bear, deer, or moose must have a draw weight of not less than 20 kilograms (45 pounds) and must use arrows that are fitted with broadheads no less than 20 millimetres in width.
- A crossbow used to hunt bear, deer, or moose must use bolts that are fitted with broadheads no less than 20 millimeters in width.

Please see the link below to the Firearms page on the Department's website, which describes the firearms legal for use in hunting wildlife in New Brunswick.

[https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/erd/natural\\_resources/content/wildlife/content/Firearms.html](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/erd/natural_resources/content/wildlife/content/Firearms.html)

Note that firearms information on pages 6, 7, 10 and 21 of the online PDF version of the *Hunt & Trap 2021* regulations summary booklet have been updated to reflect the changes.

<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/nr-rn/pdf/en/Wildlife/HuntTrap.pdf>

- **Hunter Orange Clothing changes**

Amendments have been made to the Hunter Orange Regulation and the General Regulation to allow hunters to wear camouflage fluorescent hunter orange items, as well as the traditional hunter orange, when hunting in the province.

From September 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, hunters, fur harvesters carrying a firearm, and licensed guides must wear a solid or camouflage fluorescent hunter orange jacket or vest and a hat of solid fluorescent orange. Jackets, vests and hats must be visible from all directions.

Exempt from this requirement are bow and crossbow hunters, licensed to hunt deer, during the deer archery season, once they are in a tree stand or ground blind.

More information on hunter orange clothing requirements can be found [online](#).

- **Creation of Online Option for Deer / Moose / Bear Harvest Registration**

Registration of bear, moose and deer harvests may now be completed by hunters online, through the department's website.

Every person who harvests a bear, moose or deer shall register the animal in the person's name  
(a) through the Department's online registration, or  
(b) at the first open registration station on the route taken by the person.

Additional details concerning online harvest registration may be found at the following link:  
[https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/erd/natural\\_resources/content/wildlife/content/online-registration-big-game-harvest.html](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/erd/natural_resources/content/wildlife/content/online-registration-big-game-harvest.html)