

Minnesota Moose Advisory Committee

Roles and Responsibilities

1. **Mission** – Create recommendations to inform the Wildlife Management Section of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in development of a moose management and research plan (Plan). Committee will dissolve after the Plan has been finalized through the Fish and Wildlife Division Management Team (DMT).
2. **Membership** – Group of 15-20 individuals reflecting geographic presence of moose in the state, wildlife management authority, land management responsibility, non-profit priorities, and appropriate academic and private interests. Members may send substitutes if absolutely necessary, and will be responsible to prepare their substitute to participate effectively.
3. **Roles and responsibilities**
 - a. Members
 - i. All – Show up, Listen, Respect, Speak up, Be constructive in conflict.
 - ii. DNR Wildlife staff – Responsible for writing the Plan in coordination with other members as appropriate
 - iii. Other Members – Participate and contribute to development and editing of Recommendations to inform the Plan, and contribute to writing and editing of the Plan where appropriate.
 - b. Chair (Rolf Peterson) – Serve as spokesperson for the group, oversee meetings effectively, build consensus between different viewpoint and effectively move the group beyond conflicts. Should have academic or scientific expertise.
 - c. Plan Writing Team Lead (Lou Cornicelli) – Coordinate DNR staff in writing of moose harvest management and research plan.
4. **Operations**
 - a. Facilitation – DNR Fish and Wildlife Division Policy and Planning staff
 - b. Decision-making – DNR has final decision-making authority regarding Plan content and organization.
 - c. Public contact – MAC may decide to request input from the broader public, if appropriate and reasonable within the process timeframe.
5. **Documentation**
 - a. Recommendations – MAC will develop a set of recommendations to Section of Wildlife regarding moose research and management
 - b. Meeting records – All meetings will be documented in summary format (bulleted key points and recommendations only) and placed, along with all meeting materials, on the process website
 - c. Management and Research Plan – The Plan will be written by Wildlife Management Section staff with support and suggestions from MAC members. Writing, reviewing, and editing should begin early in the process, continue once the recommendations are delivered, and finish by early December 2009.