



RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORTING RUMINANTS AND RUMINANT PARTS

Important New Information For American Hunters

Since the lifting of the US ban on the importation of ruminant meat products last month, there are a few new US regulations and instructions that our American hunters should be made aware of as they prepare to bring their meat back home.

1. Each hunter will be required to fill out a "Veterinary Services Special Permit for the Importation of Hunter-harvested Wild Ruminant Meat," and provide one of the following: a valid Canadian export certificate for game meat, or a copy of a valid hunting license or a valid hunting tag. The permit can be downloaded from www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/issues/bse/bse.html or obtained by calling the Animal and Plant Inspection Service (APHIS) National Center for Import and Export at (301) 734-3277.

2. There are only certain Ontario border crossings that will have Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents to date and stamp the permit listed above. They are listed below:

International Falls, MN	(218) 285-6101
Sault Ste. Marie, MI	(906) 253-1987
Detroit, MI	(313) 964-3458
Port Huron, MI	(810) 985-6126
Alexandria Bay, NY	(315) 482-3857
Buffalo, NY	(716) 881-5755

(including Lewiston Bridge, Peace Bridge & Rainbow Bridge)

NOTE: The NOTO office was told on September 11, 2003 that these border crossings will have agents present 24 hours a day.

You will also note that the Pigeon River (Grand Portage, MN) border crossing is not listed above. On September 11, 2003 we were told that this border crossing may be opened to hunters in the next few weeks. NOTO will continue to impress upon the US officials that they must have agents available at this port as well. Leaving this border crossing out will have a serious negative impact on US hunters and Ontario tourism.

3. **IMPORTANT! New Minnesota Carcass Import Restrictions**

To prevent the spread of CWD (Chronic Wasting Disease), hunters cannot bring whole cervid (deer, elk, moose, caribou) carcasses into Minnesota from other states or provinces. Hunters may bring the following carcass parts into Minnesota:

- Meat that is boned out or that is cut and wrapped (either commercially or privately)
- Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached
- Hides and teeth
- Antlers or clean (no brain tissue attached) skull plates with antlers attached
- Finished taxidermy mounts

Further to this information the NOTO office has just learned from the DHS, CBP that if the hunter resides in Minnesota these regulations apply. If they are just passing through Minnesota on their way to their home state the Federal regulations will apply. The most important information that your hunters should understand include:

- Everything but the intact head can be imported
- The skull cap can be brought across the border if it is cleaned and boiled to remove all brain tissue.
- A field dressed animal can be brought across the border.

Watch for more information about NWOTA's Annual Fall Meeting.

Wednesday, October 29th

La Place Rendezvous, Fort Frances, Ontario

Mark it on your calendar - You won't want to miss it !

As soon as speakers are confirmed they will be released.

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2003 NWOTA MEETING DATES

Mark these dates on your calendar

October 2 - 12:00 noon, Emo Inn

Annual Fall Meeting

Wednesday, October 29

La Place Rendezvous, Fort Frances

Economic Impact Study Review

October 29,

La Place Rendezvous, Fort Frances

December 11 - 12:00 noon, Emo Inn

*Northwestern Ontario Tourism Association
Annual Fall Meeting*

TENTATIVE AGENDA

*Wednesday, October 29, 2003
La Place Rendezvous, Fort Frances, Ontario*



- 9:00 AM *Business Meeting*
- 10:30 AM *Coffee Break*
- 10:45 AM *Economic Impact Study,
PKF Consultants report and question period.*
- 12:00 PM *Lunch*
- 12:30 PM *Ministers Address*
- 1:00 PM *Growth in Tourism, Bill Guist*
- 2:30 PM *Coffee Break*

Workshops are 2 sets of 1 hour long meetings: 1) Opportunities, 2) Value adding your business & 3) Maximizing what you have.

- 2:45 PM *Workshop*
- 3:45 PM *Workshop*
- 4:45 PM *Meeting Wrap up*
- 6:00 PM *Social Hour*
- 7:00 PM *Dinner*
- 8:30 PM *Guest Speaker, to be announced*

Watch for Banquet information in your local newspaper and on your community bulletin boards

Attention All Cultural & Tourism Stakeholders,

The Ministry of Culture is hosting 4 Cultural Tourism (CT) Development Workshops across Northern Ontario this fall. We hope you are able to attend one of the 4 events and look forward to developing Northern Ontario's Cultural Tourism experiences.

What will be covered?

- ❑ What is Cultural Tourism?
- ❑ Market overview and trends
- ❑ The Workbook: How to improve (Cultural) Tourism events & attractions
- ❑ What is the Ministry of Culture's role with Cultural Tourism?
- ❑ Regional Examples of CT

Presenting at the 4 events will be a representative from the Ministry of Culture's Industrial Development Office, and Roseanne Van Schie of Wildcat Consulting. Roseanne has extensive experience advising both aboriginal and non-aboriginal tourism and cultural tourism initiatives across Canada.

Northwestern Ontario Regional Workshop Date

October 30 La Place Rendevous Hotel, Fort Frances
To register contact Ministry Consultant Lisa Moncrief at;
810 Robertson Street, Kenora, ON
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**Please note that this workshop is free of charge.
Lunch not provided.**