

## MOOSE CONSERVATION CLOSURES

**Back**grounder

Manitoba's last aerial population survey for Porcupine Mountain in January 2020 produced an estimate of 997 moose with a range (90 per cent confidence interval) of 837 to 1,157. This survey found the moose population to have an improved bull-to-cow ratio since the closing of the area to all moose hunting.

Manitoba's last aerial population survey for the Duck Mountain area in January 2020 produced an estimate of 2,171 moose with a range (90 per cent confidence interval) of 1,841 to 2,519. This estimate is below historic levels and the habitat can likely support a larger population. The 2020 survey results are higher than the population estimates from the early 2000s, indicating the population is slowly increasing.

This information, along with results from other recent big game surveys, has been shared widely with Indigenous communities and non-Indigenous hunters and can be found attached separately to this posted news release.