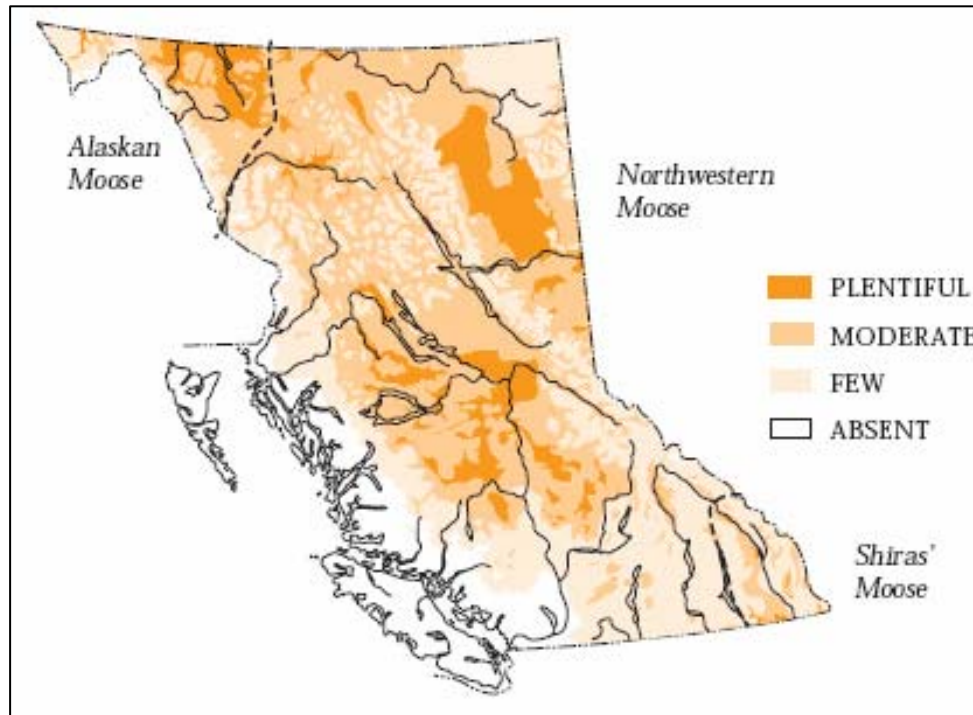


Moose in British Columbia

Distribution of Moose in British Columbia



Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks 2000

Summary of population size and trend

The 2003 estimate for the population of Moose in British Columbia is between 130,000 and 225,000 (WLAP, unpublished report 2003). Populations of Moose are considered stable overall, with regional increases reported in the Thompson-Nicola, Okanagan, and West Kootenays. Logging increases the abundance of willow and other important forage shrubs during early seral stages, but removing too much forest cover can decrease forest habitat important for cover from predators, shade from heat and shelter.

For more information on Moose in British Columbia:

- B.C. Species and Ecosystems Explorer:
<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/atrisk/toolintro.html>
- B.C. Ministry of Environment:
<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/documents/moose.pdf>

Criteria for selection of Moose for this indicator:

- A species selected by the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers (CCFM) as a national indicator species;
- A species classified as Category 1 forest-associated (forest-dependent);
- A species of economic significance; *and*
- A species of social/cultural significance.