

suggesting that the populations are not decreasing, but rather increasing. Yet a reduced moose calf season was implemented anyway and was said to have **"achieved the goal of reducing calf harvest in most Wildlife Management Units" MNR**

Reducing moose calf season is not justified by MNR own data, see fig.1

**"In 2012 the estimated population was composed of 32 per cent bulls, 50 per cent cows, 16 per cent calves and 2 per cent unknown. The minimum desired calf survival each year is at least 30 calves per 100 cows to help ensure the population is maintained."** Data is provided from **MNR Moose Resource Report**.

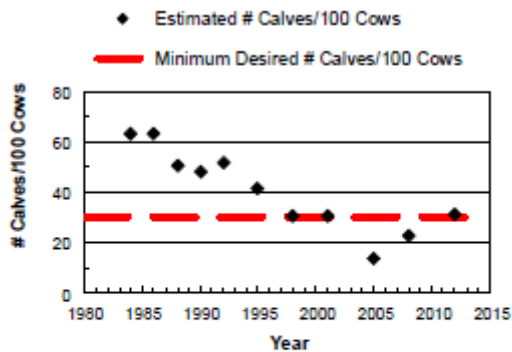


Figure 1: Calf recruitment (# Calves per 100 Cows) trends estimated from moose aerial inventories compared to lowest desired level.

As we can see the calf survival rate per 100 cows was 30 in 2015 which is what the actual goal should be however in 2016 one week delay in the calf season was introduced.

**"there is little evidence that inordinately high hunter harvest (Fig. 10) caused the abrupt and prolonged decline of moose"**

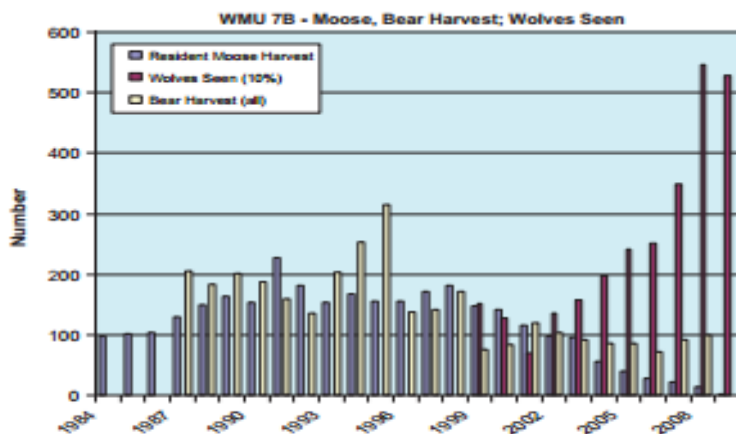


Fig. 10. Hunter harvest of moose and bear, and number of wolves observed by hunters in WMU 7B, 1984-2010, Kenora District, Ontario, Canada.