

2021-22 Wild Turkey Proposals



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CURRENT TURKEY HUNTING REGULATIONS

(No Proposed Changes)

- **Spring Gobbler Season**
 - May 1– May 31
 - Allowance for two spring birds, one of which must come from WMU H1, H2, J2, K, L, or M
- **Youth Turkey Hunt**
 - Weekend preceding start of spring season
- **Fall Archery Season**
 - September 15 - December 15
 - (closes Dec. 8 in WMU A, Concurrent with Deer Archery)
- **Fall Shotgun Season**
 - 5 days preceding the start of the moose hunt (runs 7-Days)
 - Units allowing Fall Shotgun: D2, G, H1, H2, I1, I2, J1, J2, K, L, and M.



PROPOSED 2021-22 TURKEY HUNTING

REGULATIONS CHANGES

- Allow for the use of .410 and 28 gauge shotguns as a legal method of take
 - .410 and 28 gauge guns must use shot sizes 7 through 9 with a minimum shot density of 18 grams per cubic centimeter (G/CC).
 - Change allowable shot sizes from #2 and smaller to #4 and smaller for all other gauges (recommendation from NWTF Safety Task Force).



PROPOSED 2021-22 TURKEY HUNTING

REGULATIONS CHANGES

- Allow crossbow use during the fall archery season in WMUs L and M
- Allow the online registration method to continue to be used as an official option for registering hunter harvested wild turkeys.
- Modify Fis 304.04 - Wildlife Depredation Permits - to allow turkey to be handled in the same manner as deer – allow retention by agent or commercial grower so the animal can be utilized and not go to waste.

