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RESUBMITTED: March 14, 2005
April 11, 2005

Memorandum to the Natural Resources Commission

SUBJECT: Fall Wild Turkey Management Units and Fall Open Season

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue orders to manage wild animals in this state.

Discussion and Background:

The proposed fall wild turkey hunting units and season dates for 2005 are designed to stabilize or reduce wild turkey numbers within wild turkey management units (TMU) to meet the local goals recommended by Wildlife Management Unit Supervisors. These goals incorporate the social and biological carrying capacity for each turkey management unit. There are 14 TMU recommended to be open and to have quotas for fall turkey hunting in 2005. These TMU include G, GB, GC, HA, HB, J, L, M, N, O, Q, T, W, and WA. Units G and GC have been expanded in size. Units H and J have been reduced in area for fall hunting. Units HA and HB are new units split from Unit H (Unit H is recommended to remain closed in 2005). Units B and GA have been repealed. The open TMU in 2005 comprise approximately 31,935 square miles, compared to approximately 31,940 square miles in 2004.

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Recommendation:

This order was submitted for information only at the April 2005 meeting of the Natural Resources Commission. This item appeared in the April 25, 2005, Calendar and is eligible for approval on May 5, 2005. We are now recommending that it be acted upon at this meeting

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Resource Management Deputy

Dennis Fedewa
Chief Deputy

I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORDER

Amendment No. 8 of 2005

Under the authority of sections 40107 and 40113a, Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, being sections 324.40107 and 324.40113a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Natural Resources Commission and the Director of the Department of Natural Resources ordered that effective May 6, 2005, the following sections of the Wildlife Conservation Order shall read as follows:

3.303 Wild turkey, fall management units open season.

Sec. 3.303. The open season for taking wild turkey in the fall wild turkey management units described in chapter XII shall start no earlier than the first Monday following October 1 and shall close no later than November 14.

12.651 Repealed

(publishers note: this section pertained to "Fall wild Turkey management unit B" defined.)

12.656 "Fall wild turkey management unit J" defined.

Sec. 12.656. "Fall wild turkey management unit J" means all of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, and Otsego counties.

12.660 "Fall wild turkey management unit G" defined.

Sec. 12.660. "Fall wild turkey management unit G" means all of Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ionia, and Montcalm counties.

12.660a "Fall wild turkey management unit GC" defined.

Sec. 12.660a. "Fall wild turkey management unit GC" means all of Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Shiawassee, and Washtenaw counties.

12.661 "Fall wild turkey management unit H" defined.

Sec. 12.661. "Fall wild turkey management unit H" means all of Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Osceola, and Wexford counties.

12.661a "Fall wild turkey management unit HA" defined.

Sec. 12.661a. "Fall wild turkey management unit HA" means all of Oceana, and Newaygo counties.

12.661b "Fall wild turkey management unit HB" defined.

Sec. 12.661b. "Fall wild turkey management unit HB" means all of Mecosta county.

12.666 Repealed.

(publishers note: this section pertained to "Fall wild Turkey management unit GA" defined.)

Issued this 5th day of May, 2005.

Approved as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.

Keith J. Charters, Chairman
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director