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MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Subject: Hunt Drawing Success Notifications and Turkey License Technical Amendment
Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 3 of 2010
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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:

In July 2009, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) eliminated the use of notification postcards sent to applicants for most limited-access hunting opportunities. This proposed Wildlife Conservation Order change will make the hunt drawing notification process for wild turkey hunters consistent with other drawing result announcements. Hunters have successfully used the DNR web site to check the status of their drawing results for the past six years. Applicants will continue to be able to check their hunt drawing results on the DNR web site at www.michigan.gov/dnrdrawings.

While updating this section of the Wildlife Conservation Order, an additional technical amendment is needed. The language in section 3.300a (4) needs to be changed to reflect the original intent of the regulation regarding Hunt 234 licenses. The original intent was to allow the ability to purchase a Hunt 234 license to any person who applied.

The above changes are proposed at this time to coincide with the distribution of spring turkey hunting applications for the January 1-February 1 2010 application period. This will be the third year of a three-year standardized spring turkey regulation period with all other regulations remaining the same as the 2008 and 2009 hunting seasons.

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Recommendation:

This order is being submitted for information and consideration. This item appeared on the Department's November, 2009, calendar and may be eligible for approval on January 7, 2010.



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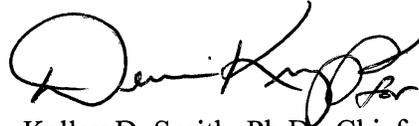
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I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORDER

Amendment No. 3 of 2010

By authority conferred on the Natural Resources Commission and the Director of the Department of Natural Resources by sections 40107 and 40113a of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.40107 and 324.40113a, it is ordered that effective January 8, 2010, the following section(s) of the Wildlife Conservation Order shall read as follows:

3.300a Wild turkey population, harvest quotas.

Sec. 3.300a (1) The spring wild turkey hunt seasons and quotas for general licenses valid on all land within the listed unit shall be as follows:

**SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNT SEASONS AND QUOTAS
LIMITED QUOTA HUNT PERIODS
General Licenses**

HUNT NUMBERS	OPEN UNIT	MAXIMUM LICENSE QUOTA
101	A ₁	5,500
102	E ₂	850
103	E ₃	850
104	F ₂	2,500
105	F ₃	2,500
106	J ₂	2,000
107	J ₃	2,000
108	K ₂	4,000
109	K ₃	4,500
110	M ₄	8,000
111	ZA ₂	1,200
112	ZA ₃	1,200
113	ZA ₅	1,200
114	ZA ₆	1,200
115	ZB ₂	400
116	ZB ₃	450
117	ZB ₅	450
118	ZB ₆	450
119	ZC ₂	500
120	ZC ₃	500
121	ZC ₅	500
122	ZC ₆	500

**SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNT SEASONS AND QUOTAS
LIMITED QUOTA HUNT PERIODS**

General Licenses

HUNT NUMBERS	OPEN UNIT	MAXIMUM LICENSE QUOTA
123	ZD ₂	10
124	ZD ₃	10
125	ZD ₅	10
126	ZD ₆	10
127	ZE ₂	500
128	ZE ₃	500
129	ZE ₅	500
130	ZE ₆	500
131	ZF ₂	1,300
132	ZF ₃	1,300
133	ZF ₇	3000

- ¹ Season begins on Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 14 days.
- ² Season begins on Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.
- ³ Season begins 7 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.
- ⁴ Season begins on the Monday closest to April 20 and continues through May 31.
- ⁵ Season begins 14 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.
- ⁶ Season begins 21 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues through May 31.
- ⁷ Season begins 14 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues through May 31.

(2) The spring wild turkey hunt seasons and quotas for private land only licenses which are not valid on county, state or federal lands, except that they may be used to hunt Fort Custer military lands with permission, shall be as follows:

LIMITED QUOTA HUNT PERIODS

Private Land Only Licenses

HUNT NUMBERS	OPEN UNIT	MAXIMUM LICENSE QUOTA
301	ZZ ₁	65,000

- ¹ Season begins on Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 14 days.

(3) All applicants for hunt number 234 (Open season-season begins 14 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues through May 31), shall be guaranteed a statewide hunting license valid on all land ownerships in spring turkey management units, except public lands in southern lower peninsula wild turkey management unit (unit ZZ). Applicants for hunt number 234 may hunt Fort Custer military land with permission.

(4) Hunt number 234 may be purchased during the application period, selected by the applicant as a choice during the application period, or purchased by an applicant that was not chosen in the license lottery. Individuals who purchase the hunt number 234 license during the application period will not be charged the \$4.00 application fee. After the application period, hunt number 234 will be available to ~~unsuccessful applicants only~~ **TO THOSE WHO APPLIED.**

(5) If any limited quota licenses remain after the drawing, unsuccessful applicants may purchase one leftover license on a first-come, first-served basis for a one-week period. Any quota licenses that remain after this one-week period will be made available to all hunters on a first-come, first-served basis.

(6) The wildlife division chief may recommend to the director the need for any appropriate significant changes in quotas based on experience with population densities, hunter satisfaction levels, hunter application rates, or survey results. The director, in consultation with the chairman or vice-chairman of the natural resources commission, may make changes in quotas in a turkey management unit to address this new information.

(7) It is unlawful to purchase more than one Michigan spring turkey hunting license.

3.308 Wild turkey licenses, applications, availability; partner application provided; application deadline; unlawful act; notification of successful applicants.

Sec. 3.308 (1) Applications for turkey licenses will be available at department license-issuing offices and license dealers one month prior to the application deadline. Only a person who will be 10 years of age or older during a hunt period for taking wild turkey may make application for that hunt period.

(2) The nonrefundable application fee for a wild turkey license is \$4.00.

(3) An option to apply with one partner will be provided.

(4) Applications must be made on or before February 1 of the calendar year for which the applicant desires a spring wild turkey license.

(5) Applications must be made on or before August 1 of the calendar year for which the applicant desires a fall wild turkey license.

~~(6) Successful applicants will be notified by mail and may purchase their license from any license dealer.~~

~~(7) (6) It shall be unlawful for any individual to apply more than once for a Michigan spring wild turkey hunting license.~~

~~(8) (7) It shall be unlawful for any individual to apply more than once for a Michigan fall wild turkey hunting license.~~

Issued this 7th day of January, 2010.

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