

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 20

WILD TURKEY FALL AND SPRING HUNTING SEASONS

Section 1. Authority. This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302.

Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established. There shall be open seasons for the hunting of wild turkey for fall, 2011 and spring, 2012, as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

Section 3. Definitions. For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) "General Wild Turkey Licenses" mean wild turkey licenses that are unlimited in number and valid in any hunt area with a general license hunting season for a specified sex of wild turkey during specified season dates.

(b) "Limited Quota Wild Turkey Licenses" mean wild turkey licenses that are limited in number and valid only in a specified hunt area or portion of a hunt area for a specified sex of wild turkey during specified season dates.

(c) "Nontoxic shot" means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

Section 4. Hunting Regulations.

(a) No person shall apply for or receive more than one (1) license for a wild turkey during any one (1) season, except as otherwise provided in this regulation. The maximum bag limit for wild turkey for any person with the proper license shall not exceed one (1) wild turkey per license.

(b) Issuance of Licenses. No person shall apply for or receive more than one (1) fall wild turkey license and one (1) spring wild turkey license in any calendar year. After the initial drawing is completed, a person may apply for and receive up to two (2) wild turkey licenses valid for each season, provided that at least one of those licenses is a Limited Quota Type 3 license. However, no person shall apply for and receive more than a total of two (2) wild turkey licenses valid for the fall season and no more than a total of two (2) wild turkey licenses valid for the spring season.

(c) Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of wild turkey shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.

(d) Nontoxic Shot. Nontoxic shot shall be required for hunting wild turkeys on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting wild turkey on all lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas, and on national wildlife refuges.

(e) Evidence of Sex. During the spring season in those hunt areas limited to the taking of male wild turkeys or any wild turkey with a visible beard, a visible beard shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification in the field and while the wild turkey is being transported.

(f) 2011 Fall Season. Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

Hunt Area	Type	Date of Seasons		Limitations
		Opens	Closes	
1		Nov. 1	Nov. 30	General license; any wild turkey
2		Oct. 1	Nov. 30	General license; any wild turkey
3		Oct. 1	Dec. 31	General license; any wild turkey
	3	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	Limited quota; 250 licenses any wild turkey
4		Sept.15	Nov. 30	General license; any wild turkey
5		Oct. 1	Dec. 31	General license; any wild turkey
6	1	Oct. 1	Nov. 30	Limited quota; 50 licenses any wild turkey
7		Oct. 1	Dec. 31	General license; any wild turkey
8	1	Oct. 1	Nov. 30	Limited quota; 20 licenses any wild turkey
9		Oct. 1	Dec. 31	General license; any wild turkey
	3	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	Limited quota; 100 licenses any wild turkey
10	1	Oct. 1	Nov. 30	Limited quota; 50 licenses any wild turkey
11		Oct. 1	Nov. 30	General license; any wild turkey
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14		Oct. 1	Oct. 31	General license; any wild turkey

(g) 2012 Spring Season. Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

Hunt Area	Type	Date of Seasons		Limitations
		Opens	Closes	
1		April 14	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
2		April 14	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
3		April 1	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
	3	April 1	May 20	Limited quota; 250 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
4	1	April 1	April 30	Limited quota; 150 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
	2	April 16	May 20	Limited quota; 150 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
5		April 1	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
6	1	April 14	May 20	Limited quota; 75 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
	2	April 14	May 20	Limited quota; 75 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard, except the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission's Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area shall be closed
7		April 1	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
8	1	April 1	May 20	Limited quota; 25 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
9		April 1	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
	3	April 1	May 20	Limited quota; 100 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
10	1	April 14	May 20	Limited quota; 200 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
11		April 1	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
13	1	April 1	May 20	Limited quota; 10 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
14		April 1	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard

Section 5. Archery Regulations.

(a) Wild turkey may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

Section 6. Hunt Area Descriptions.

(a) Area and Number.

Area 1. Black Hills. All of Crook County and that portion of Weston County north of U.S. Highway 16 or east of U.S. Highway 85.

Area 2. Laramie Peak. That portion of Converse County south of the North Platte River, that portion of Platte County west of Interstate Highway 25, that portion of Laramie County west of Interstate Highway 25, north of Wyoming Highway 211 and north of the Fisher Canyon/Rogers Canyon Road, and that portion of Albany County north of U.S. Highway 30 and the Ninth Street-Rogers Canyon Road.

Area 3. Sheridan-Johnson. All of Sheridan County and that portion of Johnson County north of the middle fork of Crazy Woman Creek and Crazy Woman Creek to Interstate Highway 90, and north of Interstate Highway 90 from Crazy Woman Creek to the Campbell County line.

Area 4. Goshen. All of Goshen County and that portion of Platte County east of Interstate Highway 25.

Area 5. Campbell. All of Campbell County.

Area 6. Shoshone. All of the Clark's Fork River drainage, all of the Shoshone River drainage in Big Horn County, all of the Shoshone River drainage in Park County north of U.S. Highway 14-16-20, and that portion of the Big Horn River drainage in Bighorn County north of Sheep Mountain Canyon and the Bear Creek-Shell Creek divide.

Area 7. Kaycee. That portion of Johnson County south of the following boundary: Middle Fork of Crazy Woman Creek and Crazy Woman Creek to Interstate Highway 90, and Interstate Highway 90 from Crazy Woman Creek to the Campbell County line.

Area 8. Laramie County. That portion of Laramie County east of Interstate Highway 25.

Area 9. Natrona County. All of Natrona County.

Area 10. Bighorn. All of the Bighorn River drainage in Bighorn County south of Sheep Mountain Canyon and the Bear Creek-Shell Creek divide, all of Washakie County, all of Hot Springs County, and that portion of the Bighorn River drainage in Park County south and east of the Shoshone River drainage.

Area 11. Cheyenne River. That portion of Weston County south of U.S. Highway 16 and west of U.S. Highway 85, all of Niobrara County, and that portion of Converse County north of the North Platte River.

Area 13. Pole Mountain. Beginning in the city of Laramie and the Rogers Canyon-Ninth Street Road (Albany County Road 17-Laramie County Road 228); northeasterly along said road to Wyoming Highway 211; southeasterly along said highway to Interstate Highway 25; southerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80; westerly along said highway to the city of Laramie.

Area 14. Wind River. All non-Indian owned fee title lands, Boysen State Park lands and Bureau of Reclamation lands within the following described area: Beginning where Wyoming Highway 789 crosses the Wind River Reservation Boundary east of Boysen Reservoir; southerly, then westerly along said boundary to Wyoming Highway 135; northwesterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 789; northeasterly along said highway to the Wind River Reservation Boundary east of Boysen Reservoir.

Section 7. Savings Clause. If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

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