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Title: Spring and Fall Turkey Hunt Season

The Problem:

In 1983 the first Wisconsin Turkey Hunt was introduced, and it was limited to a spring hunt. As the Turkey population continued to expand a Fall hunt was introduced in 1989. Much of the registration fee was used to reintroduce the Turkey to its native state of Wisconsin. Now over 24 years later the population of Turkeys in Wisconsin have exploded. The result of this heavy population, is destructive to agriculture, be it newly planted farm fields, and emerging crops and even more destructive is the stripping of the forest land of seeds for future young tree growth, endangered plants, and many mushroom varieties. Many years from now, this will have a heavy impact as our aging forests die off with little under growth to replace them.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Door County on April 14, 2014 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the department to take action to correct this situation by introducing changes that give Turkey hunter's a more simple ~~registration~~ APPLICATION procedure not a "drawing", not limiting them to a "selected" week to hunt, several months in advance, and examine whether the cost could be reduced.

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