

Resolution 380120

Abolish Spring Turkey Hunting Zones, Multiple Seasons, and Lottery

The current spring turkey season consists of six periods, each seven days long, with the state divided into five zones. Applications for a specific zone and time period must be made in December of the previous year.

This system should be changed to a 42-day season with a turkey license and stamp valid state-wide and removal of the lottery requirement.

1. There are abundant turkeys throughout the state in large huntable numbers.
2. The northern part of the state has millions of acres of public land making it possible to hunt without pressure.
3. The southern part of the state is mostly private land, where the landowner controls hunting pressure.
4. Many turkey hunters only hunt one weekend even though the current season starts on a Wednesday. With a continuous season the opportunities for those hunters would increase.
5. A quality turkey hunt would increase as a hunter won't be penalized for picking a season which turns out to have poor weather conditions and breeding times.
6. 600,000 gun deer hunters take to the woods on opening day and still have a quality hunt.
7. Many states (Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Kentucky, e.g.) have one season.
8. License fees could be increased to balance current sales. A limited second license could be sold if the turkey numbers are adequate.
9. Funds could be saved by removing the mailings, administration and computer software required for the current lottery.



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