

PROPOSED TURKEY RULE SUMMARY, 2027-2031

The turkey rule is amended every four years as part of the turkey rule development cycle. The current 4-year rule expires April 1, 2027. Proposed changes to the rule are made based on findings in scientific literature, data collected by Department staff, and public observations and recommendations.

Proposed amendments include:

- Adjust hunt dates based on calendar dates
- Increase Gould's once-in-a-lifetime permits up-to number
- Review hen harvest in individual GMUs for potential fall closure

Proposed Dates for 2027-2031:

| Species | Zone | Open | Close |
|---------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Youth | Statewide (in open GMUs) | Apr. 8, 2027 | Apr. 11, 2027 |
| | | Apr. 6, 2028 | Apr. 9, 2028 |
| | | Apr. 5, 2029 | Apr. 8, 2029 |
| | | Apr. 11, 2030 | Apr. 14, 2030 |

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