

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 up-to permit number for Gould's once-in-a-lifetime hunt in GMU 26 and 27 to 15
- Conducted analysis of fall hen harvest, and this indicated that there are no units for which low-level harvest will negatively impact the population
- In unit 8, increase permits from 15 to 20

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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