

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

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DECISION

TOPIC Chapter 99, Wild Turkey Fall Hunting - Final

The Commission is requested to adopt a final rule to amend Chapter 99, "Wild Turkey Fall Hunting". This chapter gives the regulations for wild turkey fall hunting and includes season dates, bag limits, possession limits, shooting hours, areas open to hunting, licensing procedures, means and methods of taking, and transportation and reporting requirements. The proposed change reduces the quota for fall turkey season in portions of Iowa where turkey brood surveys indicate turkey production has been below average. It also removes the option for a third fall turkey license.

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Attachment: Chapter 99, Wild Turkey Fall Hunting – Final

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]
Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code subsection 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby amends Chapter 99, "Wild Turkey Fall Hunting," Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments reduce the quota for fall turkey season in portions of Iowa where turkey brood surveys indicate turkey production has been below average. They also remove the option for a third fall turkey license.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on April 8, 2009, as ARC 7689B. A public hearing was held on April 29, 2009. There were three comments received and one was in favor and two opposed the proposed change. There have been no changes to the Notice of Intended Action.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.48 and 483A.7.

These amendments shall become effective August 19, 2009.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 99.2(3) as follows:
99.2(3) Number of licenses. No one may apply for or obtain more than two wild turkey fall hunting licenses, whether free or paid, ~~prior to November 1~~. A hunter may obtain no more than two combination shotgun-or-archery licenses, or two archery-only licenses, or one of each.

~~Beginning November 1, a hunter may obtain an additional paid combination shotgun or archery license if quotas are not filled.~~ One license of either type may be free to eligible landowners or tenants.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 99.5(1) as follows:

99.5(1) Combination shotgun-or-archery licenses. A limited number of paid combination shotgun-or-archery licenses will be issued by zone as follows:

- a. Zone 4. ~~4,500~~ 1,500
- b. Zone 5. ~~700~~ 650
- c. Zone 6. ~~3,000~~ 1,400
- d. Zone 7. ~~400~~ 250
- e. Zone 8. 150
- f. Zone 9. 200

Date

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