

PANWTF WTM Committee recommendations to PANWTF Board for January 23, 2010 Commissioner meeting comments letter:

Opening statement on PANWTF supporting sound scientific wildlife management principles, PGC Management Plan For Wild Turkeys In Pennsylvania, and our partnership program for habitat management on state game lands.

Recognition and thank you to PGC in these restricted economic times for funding Hen Harvest Research Study within the timeframe provided in the wild turkey management plan and research project plan.

May 31 spring gobbler season end date to permanently standardize the closing of the season, unless May 31 falls on a Sunday, then May 30 would be season end date that year. ((that is, until Sunday hunting is signed by the Governor giving regulation authority and powers to PGC for setting seasons))

Encourage PGC to begin the proposed annual gobbler season hunter survey to obtain spring season harvest data in a more timely and factual manner.

WMU 5A for 2010 fall turkey hunting season, 3 day fall turkey hunt, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday of the first week.

(not sure if there are any other WMU's that need to be included at this time for fall season length review)

After Governor Rendell signs HB 281 legislation, recommendation for Mentored Youth Hunting to included in fall turkey hunting season. ((recommended regulation wording for fall turkey hunting: a Mentored Youth Hunter could harvest a single fall turkey in a single season if and only if accompanied by a Mentor who possesses an unused tag which would be surrendered to the Mentored Youth immediately after a bird is harvested))

Behind the scenes and not to be included in the PA Chapter NWTf public recommendations and comments, request PGC to complete 2008 Turkey Hunter Survey final results with additional notes and findings and release the survey document for public knowledge. When will survey results be available to PA Chapter NWTf?

Also from the current WTM Committee Report there are a couple other recommendations could be included but these above are priorities for 2010-2012, unless other legislation is signed by the Governor that would prompt quicker recommendations and action planning.