

# Wild Turkey Management Report

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From Mary Jo Report

The annual review of the wild turkey management plan strategies is underway in preparation for discussion during the annual PGC/PANWTF Cooperative meeting **(June 18, 2013)**. Each PGC Bureau is reviewing management plan strategies they are responsible for to show outputs and outcomes from fiscal year 2012, which ends June 30, if the time frame for accomplishments is being maintained, and identifying potential problems with implementation.

## Harvest Management

Final fall 2012 harvest results will be available upon completion of the annual Game-Take Survey, in July. The preliminary harvest was re-adjusted to approximately 14,000 turkeys, which is 40% lower than the previous 10-year average and 35% lower than the previous 3-year average. The reporting period for the spring wild turkey season remains open until June 14. As of May 23, we received 14% **(Why????)** more harvest reports than by the same time last season. Last year's final harvest of approximately 35,400 turkeys was 7% lower than the previous 3-year average of approximately 37,800 but 11% below the previous 10-year average of 39,900.

**Special turkey licenses sold for the 2013 spring season by the end of March was 10,202, similar to the same time period in 2012 (10,103). The computerized point-of-sale (POS) licensing system allows special turkey license sales from July 1 until the spring season opens. Prior to POS, license sales were limited to January 1 – April 1**

**WILD TURKEY (Male or Female): WMU 1B – Nov. 2-9 and Nov. 28-30; WMU 2B (Shotgun and bow and arrow) – Nov. 2-22 and Nov. 28-30; WMUs 1A, 2A and 2D – Nov. 2-16 and Nov. 28-30; WMUs 2C, 2E, 4A, 4B and 4D – Nov. 2-22 and Nov. 28-30; WMUs 2F and 2G – Nov. 2-16 and Nov. 28-30; WMUs 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4C and 4E – Nov. 2-22 and Nov. 28-30; WMU 5A – Nov. 5-7; WMUs 5B, 5C and 5D – CLOSED TO FALL TURKEY HUNTING.**

**SPRING GOBBLER (Bearded bird only): Special season for eligible junior hunters, with required license, and mentored youth – April 26, 2014. Only 1 spring gobbler may be taken during this hunt.**

**SPRING GOBBLER (Bearded bird only): May 3-31, 2014.** Daily limit 1, season limit 2. (Second spring gobbler may be only taken by persons who possess a valid special wild turkey license.) From May 3-17, legal hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until noon; from May 19-31, legal hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.

**Continue to pursue a Turkey Hunting License**