

Proposed 2012 Turkey Seasons Approval Summary

Committee: Regulations

Date: November 17, 2011

Explanation:

The 2012 turkey season proposals were presented to the Regulations Committee at the September meeting for consideration. The turkey team met on October 11, 2011 and has proposed to reduce the season length 2 days. The new recommendations are as follows:

- Special Youth Turkey Hunt
 - April 7-8, 2012 in all open turkey zones, limit two bearded turkeys, no more than one jake.
- Turkey Zones 1, 2, 3, 4B, 5, 5B, 6, 7, 7A, 8, 9, 10 and 17
 - April 14-April 29, 2012, limit two bearded turkeys, no jakes allowed except youth hunters may harvest one jake.
- Turkey Zones 4, 4A, 5A and 9A
 - April 14-April 24, 2012, limit one bearded turkey, no jakes allowed except youth hunters may harvest one jake.
- Turkey Zone 1A is closed.
- No more than one turkey may be taken per day, and no more than two turkeys may be taken in any combination of open turkey zones. Youth may only take one jake during the season, either during the youth hunt or statewide hunt. Wildlife Management Area and National Wildlife Refuge recommended seasons and bag limits have been adjusted to comply with these recommendations.

Proposed recommended changes that are new for this season were also presented as follows:

- Eliminate the permit requirement for the youth turkey hunt on Bayou Meto, Beryl Anthony Lower Ouachita, Scott Henderson Gulf Mountain, and Trusten Holder WMAs. The hunts would be open to youth hunters without the need for applying and paying for a permit.
- Eliminate the preference point system for permit-based turkey hunts on Wildlife Management Areas. The preference point system has already been eliminated for the deer and alligator permit-based hunts.
- Creation of a walk-in only turkey hunting area on Petit Jean WMA.

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Proposed 2012 Turkey Season Approval

Proposed Changes - Red Ink
Proposed Clarifications - Blue Ink
Proposed Calendar Adjustments - Orange Ink

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WILD TURKEY SEASON AND LIMITS

No jakes (sub-adult male turkeys', except youth hunters may harvest one jake. No more than one legal turkey may be taken per day and no more than two legal turkeys may be taken in any combination of turkey zones.

(A) WILD TURKEY FIREARMS AND ARCHERY/CROSSBOW SEASONS:

Zones 1, 2, 3, 4B, 5, 5B, 6, 7, 7A, 8, 9, 10 and 17: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~
April 14-29, 2012.

Zones 4, 4A, 5A and 9A: ~~April 16-26, 2011~~ April 14-22, 2012.

Zone 1A: Closed.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) In compliance with WMA regulations ([Addendum C1.04](#)).
- (2) In compliance with regulations ([Code 11.03](#)).

SPECIAL YOUTH TURKEY SEASON

Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 4B, 5, 5A, 5B, 6, 7, 7A, 8, 9, 9A, 10 and 17: April 7-8, 2012.

Zone 1A: Closed.

LIMIT

Firearm and Archery/Crossbow:

Statewide seasonal limit of two legal gobblers or bearded hens.

Zones 1, 2, 3, 4B, 5, 5B, 6, 7, 7A, 8, 9, 10 and 17: Two adult gobblers or bearded hens.

Zones 4, 4A, 5A and 9A: One adult gobbler or bearded hen.

Youth hunters may only take one jake.

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WILD TURKEY SEASONS AND LIMITS ON WMAs

In compliance with [Code 01.00C Legal Turkey](#).

BALD KNOB NWR

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

BAYOU DES ARC WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey.

Firearms: ~~April 16-26, 2011~~ April 14-22, 2012. One legal turkey.

BAYOU METO WMA

Firearms (youth ~~permit~~ hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey.

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ April 14-29, 2012. One legal turkey.
~~(Code 21.07)~~

BEAVER LAKE WMA

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

BELL SLOUGH WMA

Firearms (permit hunt): See Camp Robinson WMA ([Code 21.07](#) and [Addendum C1.16](#)).

BENSON CREEK NATURAL AREA WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey.

Firearms: ~~April 16-26, 2011~~ April 14-22, 2012. One legal turkey.

BERYL ANTHONY LOWER OUACHITA WMA

Firearms (youth ~~permit~~ hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey.

Firearms (permit hunt): April 14-16, 2012. One legal turkey.

([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#))

BIG CREEK WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey.

Firearms: ~~April 16-26, 2011~~ April 14-22, 2012. One legal turkey.

BIG LAKE NWR

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

BIG LAKE WMA

Firearms (youth permit hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey

([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#)).

BIG TIMBER WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys

([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#)).

BLEVINS WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

BLUE MOUNTAIN WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: April 14-May 1, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

BREWER LAKE CYPRESS CREEK WMA

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

BRUSHY CREEK WMA

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

BUFFALO NATIONAL RIVER WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

CACHE RIVER NWR

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012 in hunt units 1 and 3. One legal turkey.

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ April 14-29, 2012 in hunt unit 1. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~April 16-26, 2011~~ April 14-22, 2012 in hunt unit 3. One legal turkey.

Firearms (permit hunt): See Rex Hancock Black Swamp WMA for hunt unit 2 dates and limits ([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#)).

CAMP ROBINSON SUA

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

CAMP ROBINSON WMA

Firearms (permit hunt) (includes Bell Slough WMA): April 9-11, April 16-18 and April 23-25, 2012. One legal turkey ([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#)).

CANEY CREEK WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

CASEY JONES WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys
([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#)).

CATTAIL MARSH WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey.

Firearms: April 16-26, 2011 April 14-22, 2012. One legal turkey.

CEDAR CREEK WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

CHEROKEE WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys
([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#)).

CHEROKEE PRAIRIE NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

COVE CREEK NATURAL AREA WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

CROSSETT EXPERIMENTAL FOREST WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

CUT-OFF CREEK WMA

Archery: April 11, April 18 and April 25, 2012 and May 2-6, 2012.
Two legal turkeys.

Firearms (youth permit hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey.

Firearms (permit hunt): April 14-16, April 20-22 and April 27-29, 2012. One legal turkey.
([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#))

Hunting ends at 1 p.m. daily for permit hunts.

CYPRESS BAYOU WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey.

Firearms: April 16-26, 2011 April 14-22, 2012. One legal turkey.

DARDANELLE WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

DAVE DONALDSON BLACK RIVER WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey.

Firearms: April 14-24, 2012. One legal turkey.

DEGRAY LAKE WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

DEPARTEE CREEK WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey.

Firearms: April 16-26, 2011 April 14-22, 2012. One legal turkey.

DEVIL'S KNOB NATURAL AREA WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~[April 16-May 3, 2011](#)~~ [April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

DR. LESTER SITZES, III BOIS D'ARC WMA

Archery: ~~[April 25-May 3, 2011](#)~~ [April 23-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms (permit hunt): [April 14-16 and April 20-22, 2012](#). One legal turkey. ([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#))

EARL BUSS BAYOU DEVIEW WMA

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

ED GORDON POINT REMOVE WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~[April 16-26, 2011](#)~~ [April 14-22, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Wiley Cox Field Trial Area is closed to hunting.

ELECTRIC ISLAND WMA

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

ETHEL WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~[April 16-May 3, 2011](#)~~ [April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

FALCON BOTTOMS NATURAL AREA WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~[April 16-May 3, 2011](#)~~ [April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

FELSENTHAL NWR

Archery: Other than during permit hunts, areas are restricted to archery hunting and are open [April 17-May 1, 2012](#). Closed during turkey gun permit hunts. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms (youth permit hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). One legal turkey.

Firearms (permit hunt): [April 14-16, 2012](#). One legal turkey. ([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#))

Turkeys must be checked at designated check stations.

FORT CHAFFEE WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~[April 16-May 3, 2011](#)~~ [April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

FREDDIE BLACK CHOCTAW ISLAND WMA AND DEER RESEARCH AREA

East Unit

Archery: [April 11, April 18 and April 25, 2012 and April 30-May 4, 2011](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms (youth permit hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). One legal turkey.

Firearms (permit hunt): [April 14-16, April 20-22 and April 27-29, 2012](#). One legal turkey. ([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#))

West Unit

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

FROG BAYOU WMA

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

GALLA CREEK WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

GARRETT HOLLOW NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: Closed.

GENE RUSH WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

GREERS FERRY LAKE WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

GUM FLATS WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey.

Firearms: ~~April 16-26, 2011~~ April 14-22, 2012. One legal turkey.
([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#))

H. E. FLANAGAN PRAIRIE NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

HAROLD E. ALEXANDER SPRING RIVER WMA

~~Archery: May 2-6, 2011. Two legal turkeys.~~

Firearms (youth permit hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey.

Firearms (permit hunt): April 14-16, April 20-22 and April 27-29, 2012. One legal turkey.

([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#))

HARRIS BRAKE WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

HENRY GRAY HURRICANE LAKE WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey.

HOBBS STATE PARK-CONSERVATION AREA

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

HOLLA BEND NWR

Archery: ~~April 18-May 3, 2011~~ April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms (youth permit hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey.

Firearms (permit hunt): April 14-15, 2012. One legal turkey.

([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#))

Turkeys harvested during the Firearms hunts must be checked at area headquarters.

HOLLAND BOTTOMS WMA

Firearms (youth permit hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey.

Firearms (permit hunt): April 14-16 and April 20-22, 2012. One legal turkey ([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#)).

HOWARD COUNTY WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

HOWARD HENSLEY SEARCY COUNTY WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

IRON MOUNTAIN NATURAL AREA WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ [April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

J. PERRY MIKLES BLUE MOUNTAIN SUA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ [April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

JAMESTOWN INDEPENDENCE COUNTY WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ [April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

JIM KRESS WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ [April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#))

JONES POINT WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ [April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

LAFAYETTE COUNTY WMA

Firearms (youth permit hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). One legal turkey.

Firearms (permit hunt): [April 14-16, 2012](#). One legal turkey.

([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#))

LAKE GREESON WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ [April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

LEE COUNTY WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ [April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

LITTLE BAYOU WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ [April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

LITTLE RIVER WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ [April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

LOAFER'S GLORY WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ [April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

MCILROY MADISON COUNTY WMA

Firearms (youth permit hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). One legal turkey.

Firearms (permit hunt): [April 14-16 and April 20-22, 2012](#). One legal turkey ([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#)).

MIKE FREEZE WATTENSAW WMA

Firearms (youth permit hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). One legal turkey.

Firearms (permit hunt): [April 14-16 and April 20-22, 2012](#). One legal turkey ([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#)).

MORO BIG PINE NATURAL AREA WMA

~~Archery: May 2-6, 2011. Two legal turkeys.~~

Firearms (youth permit hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). One legal turkey.

Firearms (permit hunt): April 14-16, April 20-22 and April 27-29, 2012. One legal turkey.
([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#))

MT. MAGAZINE WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

MUDDY CREEK WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

NACATOCH RAVINES NATURAL AREA WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

NIMROD LLOYD MILLWOOD WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: April 14-May 1, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

NORFORK LAKE WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

OVERFLOW NWR

Archery/Crossbow: April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: Closed.

OZAN WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

OZARK LAKE WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: April 14-May 1, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

OZARK NATIONAL FOREST WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

PALMETTO FLATS NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

PETIT JEAN RIVER WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

PINE CITY NATURAL AREA WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey.

Firearms: April 16-26, 2011 April 14-22, 2012. One legal turkey.

PINEY CREEKS WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

POISON SPRINGS WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: [April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

POND CREEK NWR

Archery: Other than during permit hunt, areas are restricted to archery hunting and are open [April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms (youth permit hunt): [March 31-April 1, 2012](#). One legal turkey.

Firearms (permit hunt): [April 14-15, 2012](#). One legal turkey.
([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#))

PRAIRIE BAYOU WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). One legal turkey.

Firearms: [April 16-26, 2011 April 14-22, 2012](#). One legal turkey.

PROVO WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: [April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#))

RAILROAD PRAIRIE NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

RAINEY WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: [April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

REX HANCOCK BLACK SWAMP WMA

Firearms (youth permit hunt) (includes Cache River NWR Unit 2 lands within an area bounded by U.S. Highway 64 on north, Arkansas Highway 17 on east, Arkansas Highway 38 on south and Arkansas Highway 33 on west): [April 7-8, 2012](#). One legal turkey.

Firearms (permit hunt): [April 14-15 and April 21-22, 2012](#). One legal turkey. ([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#))

RICK EVANS GRANDVIEW PRAIRIE WMA

Firearms (youth permit hunt) (includes Hope Upland WMA): [April 7-8, 2012](#). One legal turkey ([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#)).

RING SLOUGH WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). One legal turkey.

Firearms: [April 16-26, 2011 April 14-22, 2012](#). One legal turkey.

RIVER BEND WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: [April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

ROBERT L. HANKINS MUD CREEK WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: [April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

ROTH PRAIRIE NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

ST. FRANCIS NATIONAL FOREST WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: [April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

ST. FRANCIS SUNKEN LANDS WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey.

Firearms: ~~April 16-26, 2011~~ April 14-22, 2012. One legal turkey.

SANDHILLS NATURAL AREA WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey.

Firearms: ~~April 16-26, 2011~~ April 14-22, 2012. One legal turkey.

SCOTT HENDERSON GULF MOUNTAIN WMA

~~Archery: May 2-6, 2011. Two legal turkeys.~~

Firearms (youth ~~permit~~ hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey.

Firearms (permit hunt): April 14-16, April 20-22 and April 27-29, 2012. One legal turkey.

([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#))

SEVEN DEVILS WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

SHEFFIELD NELSON DAGMAR WMA

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

SHIREY BAY RAINEY BRAKE WMA

Firearms (permit hunts): April 14-16, April 20-22 and April 27-29, 2012. One legal turkey.

([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#))

SLIPPERY HOLLOW NATURAL AREA WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

SMOKE HOLE NATURAL AREA WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey.

Firearms: ~~April 16-26, 2011~~ April 14-22, 2012. One legal turkey.

SPRING BANK WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey.

Firearms: ~~April 16-26, 2011~~ April 14-22, 2012. One legal turkey.

STATELINE SANDPONDS NATURAL AREA WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey.

Firearms: ~~April 16-26, 2011~~ April 14-22, 2012. One legal turkey.

STEVE N. WILSON RAFT CREEK BOTTOMS WMA

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

SULPHUR RIVER WMA

Firearms (youth permit hunt): April 7-8, 2012. One legal turkey.

Firearms (permit hunt): April 14-16 and April 20-22, 2012. One legal turkey.

([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#))

SWEDEN CREEK NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

SYLAMORE WMA

North and South Units

Firearms (youth hunt): April 7-8, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

Firearms (permit hunt): April 14-16, 2012. One legal turkey ([Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16](#)).

Firearms: ~~April 16-May 3, 2011~~ April 14-29, 2012. Two legal turkeys.

TERRE NOIRE NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

TRUSTEN HOLDER WMA

Firearms (youth permit hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). One legal turkey.

Firearms: [April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.
(Code 21.07)

TWO BAYOU CREEK WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: [April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

U OF A PINE TREE EXPERIMENTAL STATION WDA

Firearms (youth permit hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). One legal turkey.

(Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16)

WAPANOCCA NWR

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

WARREN PRAIRIE NATURAL AREA WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: [April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

WEDINGTON WMA

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

WHITE CLIFFS NATURAL AREA WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). One legal turkey.

Firearms: [April 16-26, 2011 April 14-22, 2012](#). One legal turkey.

WHITEHALL WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). One legal turkey.

Firearms: [April 16-26, 2011 April 14-22, 2012](#). One legal turkey.

WHITE RIVER NWR

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: [April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012](#) (both units). Two legal turkeys.

WHITE ROCK WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: [April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

W.E. BREWER SCATTER CREEK WMA

Firearms (youth permit hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). One legal turkey.

Firearms: [April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012](#). Two bearded turkeys, no more than one jake (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

WINONA WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): [April 7-8, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

Firearms: [April 16-May 3, 2011 April 14-29, 2012](#). Two legal turkeys.

WITTSBURG NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

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TURKEY PERMIT REQUIREMENTS ON CERTAIN WMAS

- (A) **Quota:** Bell Slough WMA, Beryl Anthony Lower Ouachita WMA, Dr. Lester Sitzes, III Bois d'Arc WMA, Cache River NWR (Unit 2), Camp Robinson WMA, Freddie Black Choctaw Island WMA Deer Research Area (east unit), Cut-Off Creek WMA, Felsenthal NWR, Harold E. Alexander Spring River, Holla Bend NWR, Holland Bottoms, Lafayette County, McIlroy Madison County WMA, Mike Freeze Wattensaw WMA, Moro Big Pine Natural Area WMA, Pond Creek NWR, Rex Hancock Black Swamp WMA, Scott Henderson Gulf Mountain WMA, Shirey Bay Rainey Brake WMA, Sylamore WMA and Sulphur River WMA.

- (B) **Youth:** ~~Bayou Meto WMA, Beryl Anthony Lower Ouachita WMA~~, Big Lake WMA, Freddie Black Choctaw Island WMA Deer Research Area (east unit), Cut-Off Creek WMA, Felsenthal NWR, ~~Scott Henderson Gulf Mountain WMA~~, Harold E. Alexander Spring River WMA, Holla Bend NWR, Holland Bottoms WMA, Hope Upland WMA, Lafayette County WMA, McIlroy Madison County WMA, Mike Freeze Wattensaw WMA, Moro Big Pine Natural Area WMA, Pond Creek NWR, Rex Hancock Black Swamp WMA, Rick Evans Grandview Prairie WMA, Sulphur River WMA, ~~Trusten Holder WMA~~, U of A Pine Tree Experimental Station WDA and W.E. Brewer Scatter Creek WMA.
- (C) A Lease Land Permit is required for persons 16 years and older to camp, hunt or trap wildlife on Big Timber, Casey Jones, Cherokee, Gum Flats, Jim Kress, Lafayette County and Provo WMAs. ATVs, motorcycles and bicycles allowed on open, maintained roads on Cherokee and Jim Kress WMAs by hunters in possession of a Leased-Land Permit for ingress and egress to hunting locations and/or camping sites only

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY

(Attach additional pages if needed)

DEPARTMENT: Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

BUREAU: Wildlife Management

PERSON COMPLETING THIS STATEMENT: David Goad

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SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE: Proposed 2012 Turkey Seasons Approval

1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule or regulation have a financial impact?
Yes: X No:
2. Do you believe that the development of a financial impact statement is so speculative as to be cost prohibitive? Yes: No: X If "Yes", please explain:
3. If the purpose of this rule is to implement a **federal** rule or regulation, please give the incremental cost for implementing the regulation. Please indicate if the cost provided is the cost of the program.

Current Fiscal Year Next Fiscal Year

General Revenue	\$ 810,000	General Revenue	\$ N/A
Federal Funds	\$ 900,000	Federal Funds	\$ N/A
Cash Funds	\$ N/A	Cash Funds	\$ N/A
Special Revenue	\$ N/A	Special Revenue	\$ N/A
Other (Identify)	\$ N/A	Other (Identify)	\$ N/A
Total	\$ 1,700,000	Total	\$ N/A

4. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any **party** subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule? (Estimated cost includes fees, administrative penalties, reporting, record keeping, equipment, construction, labor, professional services, revenue loss, or other costs associated with compliance.) Identify the **party** subject to the proposed rule, and explain how they are impacted.

Current Fiscal Year: \$ 25

Next Fiscal Year: \$ N/A

Party Subject to Rule: Turkey Hunters

Effect on Party Subject to Rule: Cost of license

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to the **agency** to implement this rule? Explain the financial benefit to the agency from implementing this rule.

Current Fiscal Year: \$N/A

Next Fiscal Year: \$ N/A

Financial Benefit to Agency: N/A

6. Do alternative means exist for accomplishing the objectives of the rules that might be less burdensome to small business? Yes: No: X

Why were such alternatives not proposed: N/A

7. Compare this rule with federal and state counterparts: N/A

ITEM No. _____

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORDER NO:	_____	SUBJECT:	Proposed 2012 Turkey Seasons
DATE PASSED:	October 20, 2011		Approval
PAGE 1 of 2 PAGES		LOCATION:	Statewide

WHEREAS, at meetings on September 21-22, 2011, the AGFC reviewed and discussed proposals for hunting regulations for the 2012 Turkey hunting season, including game seasons, bag limits and taking of game requirements for turkeys; and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Management Bureau has been involved in drafting the proposed regulations, which, in turn, have been reviewed and considered by the Commission's Regulations Committee; and

WHEREAS, after carefully considering the recommendations of Commission staff, as well as comments received from the public, the Regulations Committee voted to approve the recommendations specified in the attached document "2012 Turkey Seasons" for statewide application; and

WHEREAS, the proposed regulations have been communicated through a variety of media avenues to sportsmen and the general public throughout the state for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the various sections of the AGFC Code Book affected by the adoption of these regulations must be replaced or amended, and then legally certified by the Secretary of State, the Arkansas State Library and the Bureau of Legislative Research in accordance with applicable law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, this 20th day of October 2011, that the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission hereby approves and adopts the attached hunting regulations, which shall become effective immediately for the 2012 hunting license year.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission staff is authorized to proceed with making the appropriate AGFC Code Book revisions and legal certification.

STAFF APPROVAL

COMMISSION APPROVAL

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