

## Agenda Item 8

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### WAC 232-28-342 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 Small game seasons

#### SUMMARY OF SUPPLEMENTAL WRITTEN PUBLIC INPUT

Supplemental public comments were not captured in the original summary of written comments. Each comment may be representative of multiple like comments.

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
<b>Turkeys</b>	
To address the turkey population issue, add a turkey tag to the big game combination license and let those hunters hunt turkeys during their season.	License changes such as this must be done by the Legislature, not the Fish and Wildlife Commission.  Current proposals for fall turkey hunting opportunity should adequately address population issues without adding tags to combination licenses. Also, current regulations only allow shotgun, archery, or falconry hunting for turkeys, so including a turkey tag with a big game combination license could create an unsafe hunting environment by encouraging the use of rifles.
In northeastern Washington, I would like to see turkey hunting be either sex.	The proposed late fall season is either sex. Early fall season targets female turkeys as a way to impact population productivity while minimizing the impact on spring hunting for male turkeys.