

2012-14 Hunting Season Development
Issue Scoping Survey - Final Results

Issue 6: Increasing fall turkey hunting participation

Page 7, Q1. Out of the options below, which one would you prefer for addressing the issue of increasing Fall turkey hunting participation (Issue 9)?

1	Put a moritorium on hunting turkey for sport.	Sep 21, 2011 7:19 AM
2	No Change	Sep 21, 2011 6:53 AM
3	eliminate all hunting	Sep 21, 2011 3:55 AM
4	n/a	Sep 20, 2011 10:56 PM
5	1 bird per person per season lets transplant them before we kill them	Sep 20, 2011 9:17 PM
6	As stated, I do not believe in the hunting of ANY wildlife. I think there are better ways to manage populations than killing.	Sep 20, 2011 9:03 PM
7	Turkeys are not native to Washington. I would do whatever distracts as many hunters as possible to hunting turkey rather than bear, cougar, or elk.	Sep 20, 2011 8:57 PM
8	Trap the turkeys and bring them to Western WA we will hunt them. Eastern. WA says they have damage complaints, but when you go over there the have signs that say "no hunting" and below the sign is another sign the says "don't even ask". E. WA is sorry. They want hunter to come over and spend money, but they don't want you to hunt.	Sep 20, 2011 8:49 PM
9	Hunting a deer or an elk is no different from shotting a cat or a dog	Sep 20, 2011 8:18 PM
10	No killing turkeys	Sep 20, 2011 7:40 PM
11	No hunting of any animal allowed.	Sep 20, 2011 7:34 PM
12	Do not allow any turkey hunting	Sep 20, 2011 7:32 PM
13	YOU WANT TO KILL? KILL ANOTHER HUMAN. THERE ARE TOO MANY OF	Sep 20, 2011 7:30 PM

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14	NO TURKEY HUNTING...PERIOD!	Sep 20, 2011 6:46 PM
15	Cougar populations are an essential part of Washington's ecosystem. Scientists have found that stable cougar populations get into less trouble with humans and livestock, and consequently reduce the risk of conflicts with humans. Researchers have defined a stable cougar population to be one that does not exceed a 12% human-caused mortality rate, of the estimated adult cougar population, in any given Game Management Unit (GMU). Please do not exceed a 12% mortality rate when deciding cougar management policy. Also, please do not extend cougar management to include the indiscriminate and inhumane practice of sport hound hunting.	Sep 20, 2011 6:42 PM
16	If hunter interest is low, teach people to make their property safer from predatory turkeys instead of killing them.	Sep 20, 2011 6:07 PM
17	reduce number of turkey permits	Sep 20, 2011 5:52 PM
18	Stop pretending that the reason you let people shoot animals has to do with the animals damaging property and livelihood. Admit that you simply do it because some people like shooting animals and think it's fun.	Sep 20, 2011 5:36 PM
19	eliminate all hunting	Sep 20, 2011 5:30 PM
20	offer more tags for spring turkeys in troubled areas. People want to hunt turkeys in the spring because there is not much else going on.	Sep 20, 2011 4:28 PM
21	Do not kill turkeys	Sep 20, 2011 4:19 PM
22	Issue the appropriate number of permits in each GMU that have turkey populations. Issue special permits for private land issues; property owners would need to be involved anyway.	Sep 20, 2011 1:28 PM
23	The reason fewer people (myself included) hunt turkeys now is because it's not worth it to pay for the first tag & the small game license too. Go back to giving the first tag with the license and you'll see that change.	Sep 20, 2011 12:38 PM
24	.	Sep 20, 2011 12:35 PM
25	No hunting at all.	Sep 20, 2011 11:03 AM
26	So far this entire survey has been about how many wild animals should hunters be allowed to kill. I understand a large majority of Fish and Wildlife's revenue comes from selling hunting permits, but it seems they are primarily interested in killing wild animals. Perhaps they might try to find alternative sources of revenue and concentrate on wildlife conservation before every wild animal's habitat is destroyed and every species is hunted to extinction!	Sep 20, 2011 11:02 AM
27	Again, bring number hunting days to the bare minimal.	Sep 20, 2011 10:44 AM
28	Increase the number of GMUs open for fall harvest and in high damage areas consider opening from Sept 1 to Dec 31	Sep 20, 2011 10:08 AM
29	issue youth permits for 2 or 3 birds, either sex.	Sep 20, 2011 9:04 AM

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30	Combine options 1,2&4 and reduce the cost of tags to encourage buying multiple tags and/or include 1 tag with the purchase of a big game package.	Sep 20, 2011 8:40 AM
31	The state and most hunters would like to see more people enjoy the sport of hunting. Start with kids and get them hooked. A good way to get kids hooked is to provide a way for them to successfully harvest an animal. Turkeys are a great way to start. I suggest provide a lot more youth hunts. I like the idea of landowners having a way to connect with hunters who have unfilled tag. Also, landowners are more likely to let kids hunt than adults.	Sep 19, 2011 9:41 PM
32	All of the above.	Sep 19, 2011 8:26 PM
33	lower the cost of turkey tags. When populations get back to 'your idea' of proper management levels, curtail certain GMU fall hunts.	Sep 19, 2011 8:08 PM
34	General fall season.	Sep 19, 2011 7:12 PM
35	The cost factor for a turkey tag is why the sales are down. There are many turkeys in lots of areas but no one wants to pay the high price tag.	Sep 19, 2011 7:10 PM
36	No change. Allowing landowners to connect (contact?) hunters would lead to abuse and I believe excessive harvest. Also, bag limits could be increased in select areas.	Sep 19, 2011 5:56 PM
37	Start fall season Sept 1st and allow youth to use a 22 rim fire or 22magnum rifle. Some youth hunters are very small for a shotgun and this would also allow for better harvest success. Limit it to youth up to 12 or 13 years of age. Some kids can't shoot a 12 gauge up to 40-45 yards.	Sep 19, 2011 5:34 PM
38	Allow archers to take turkey w/ big game tag (deer and elk archery seasons overlap), and also provide landowners methods of contact with hunters and vice versa. Most commonly when I've gone afield in turkey land I am met with "no hunting" signage and unwilling landowners.	Sep 19, 2011 4:47 PM
39	increase spring turkey season from current april 15-may 31 to april 1 -may 31	Sep 19, 2011 4:33 PM
40	Do not increase hunting	Sep 19, 2011 4:32 PM
41	If participation is so low why not allow for more tags during the spring season?	Sep 19, 2011 4:12 PM
42	No opinion; don't hunt turkey.	Sep 19, 2011 4:09 PM
43	one long season with the taking of two birds of either sex	Sep 19, 2011 1:43 PM
44	Increase the bag limit by one bird in each season for those who participate.	Sep 19, 2011 1:35 PM
45	Concern about the elimination of traditional lead ammunition in hunting. Impact on waterfowl kills and recovery was significant to me	Sep 19, 2011 1:25 PM
46	Both providing landowners a way to connect and allowing archers to bag a turkey during their deer season are good options.	Sep 19, 2011 1:08 PM
47	keep season structure, provide landowner hunter connections and double bag limit	Sep 19, 2011 1:00 PM

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48	allow land owners to take turkeys on their land any time without a permit if they are a problem bird.	Sep 19, 2011 12:46 PM
49	Increase the length of the season and simplify the rules. Reduce the bureaucracy would cure low turn out.	Sep 19, 2011 12:22 PM
50	Allow archers to take a turkey during their deer seasons.and forse land owners who are getting dammage to allow hunters to hunt after receiving permission	Sep 19, 2011 12:13 PM
51	all of the above excluding the second option	Sep 19, 2011 12:07 PM
52	Allow a general season in the fall where tags are not required and put a quota on the overall kill with a report hotline. a small game license would be all that is required to hunt fall turkeys.	Sep 19, 2011 10:35 AM
53	Defense of private property ought not to be restricted. This is an unlawful taking by the state government.	Sep 19, 2011 9:57 AM
54	Open up Turkey hunting with a general bird permit versus requiring a special permit	Sep 19, 2011 9:47 AM
55	Permit hunters to use rimfire weapons like many other states allow.	Sep 19, 2011 9:09 AM
56	BOTH increase late fall to include modern deer AND allow archers to take a turkey.	Sep 19, 2011 8:01 AM
57	Allow archers to take turkey during their deer seasons and increase number of GMUs open for fall harvest.	Sep 19, 2011 7:54 AM
58	All options apply. Increase lengths, increase GMUs and allow archers.	Sep 19, 2011 7:37 AM
59	Give landowners a chance to protect their property against the destructive "KINGS" turkeys!!!!!!	Sep 19, 2011 12:04 AM
60	No hunting.	Sep 18, 2011 9:04 PM
61	Increase the bag limit.	Sep 18, 2011 8:27 PM
62	Increase number of GMU's open for fall harvest, and overlap the season with modern firearm deer season. I know I wont drive all the way to E. Wa. to shoot a turkey, but if it was open during modern deer season I would buy a tag, as I always see turkeys, but season is closed.	Sep 18, 2011 12:08 PM
63	open season from 9/24 to 12/15 and reduce cost of license/tag	Sep 18, 2011 9:59 AM
64	The damage is occuring where you can't hunt! fix the problem! make it easier to get a turkey and you will recieve more participation!	Sep 18, 2011 12:54 AM
65	All of the above.	Sep 17, 2011 11:02 PM
66	No Comment, I have never hunted for turkey.	Sep 17, 2011 9:25 PM
67	Numerous property damage reports indicates that hunters are not very good citizens.	Sep 17, 2011 11:01 AM

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68	Allow both modern firearms and archery hunters to harvest turkeys during the late deer seasons.	Sep 17, 2011 10:58 AM
69	Ask the turkey hunter	Sep 17, 2011 10:04 AM
70	no opinion	Sep 17, 2011 9:48 AM
71	study predator populations in those areas where turkey populations have increased.	Sep 17, 2011 6:15 AM
72	No change in season structure	Sep 16, 2011 2:10 PM
73	Don't hunt turkey at this time	Sep 16, 2011 1:38 PM
74	Go back to giving the first turkey tag for free	Sep 16, 2011 11:17 AM
75	if landowners won't let hunters on thier property the result is turkey damage. i hope the turkey overrun the property owners who do not allow access to thier property	Sep 16, 2011 9:02 AM
76	None	Sep 16, 2011 5:55 AM
77	Why are hunreds of turkeys slaughtered every year and sent to stores if people can go out and kill them for fun? Stupid stupid stupid	Sep 15, 2011 9:41 PM
78	consder a private lands either sex hunt ,ie Idaho regs. This tends to put the hunters into the complaint areas and gives land owners some control of the hunters since they can direct them to problem areas and recommend specific times or dates	Sep 15, 2011 7:55 PM
79	Don't hunt or kill turkeys.	Sep 15, 2011 7:11 PM
80	Hunting is unnecessary for you to eat food in this day and age.	Sep 15, 2011 6:48 PM
81	No change.	Sep 15, 2011 6:03 PM
82	no comments	Sep 15, 2011 5:30 PM
83	Why do wildlife services operate on the whim of hunters! Hunting is NOT sport. Do the poor turkeys have weapons? How is this sporting?	Sep 15, 2011 5:28 PM
84	not sure	Sep 15, 2011 4:49 PM
85	Allow landowners to harvest bird caught in the act of depredation	Sep 15, 2011 4:33 PM
86	ban turkey hunting	Sep 15, 2011 4:29 PM
87	STOP all hunting of turkeys.	Sep 15, 2011 4:28 PM
88	increase the bag limit if the participation is low	Sep 15, 2011 4:26 PM
89	Allow lead ammuniton on all game	Sep 15, 2011 4:15 PM
90	stop hunting	Sep 15, 2011 4:11 PM

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91	Damage from Turkeys...that takes the cake. We have an abundance of turkeys and I've yet to see any damage.	Sep 15, 2011 4:03 PM
92	No hunting of turkeys	Sep 15, 2011 3:51 PM
93	why is there no "reduce" option. oh that's right, this public survey is only for hunters	Sep 15, 2011 3:40 PM
94	No hunting	Sep 15, 2011 3:38 PM
95	As long as their predators are not killed off by us, the turkey populations will take care of themselves. They do not need us messing with their balance.	Sep 15, 2011 12:55 PM
96	Are these species native to our area or are they exotic and introduced by WDFW? If their nonnative,why were they introduced ? It's apparent by the reason for Issue 6 that there isn't much interest.	Sep 15, 2011 12:21 PM
97	Stop hunting all together!	Sep 15, 2011 10:28 AM
98	Total human-caused mortalities must not exceed 12% of the estimated adult turkey population in any GMU.	Sep 15, 2011 9:33 AM
99	No turkey hunting	Sep 15, 2011 8:12 AM
100	Decrease turkey hunting	Sep 15, 2011 12:06 AM
101	really no change	Sep 14, 2011 3:22 PM
102	No change bi connecton with private landowners.	Sep 14, 2011 1:52 PM
103	Option 3 and 4	Sep 13, 2011 8:38 PM
104	Incease number of GMUs open for fall harvest, and allow archery hunters to take a turkey during their deer season.	Sep 13, 2011 8:33 PM
105	Increase the length of the Late Fall General Season to overlap with the modern firearm deer season and increase the Bag limit to two birds.	Sep 13, 2011 4:13 PM
106	I hunt the huckleberry unit and populations are way down the past few years. Please stop trying to wipe out the turkey population with these outrageous bag limits and seasons.	Sep 12, 2011 10:12 AM
107	LOWER THE PRICE OF THE TURKEY TAGS!!!!	Sep 11, 2011 5:01 PM
108	open up turkey season to reduce population and protect and increase grouse species to make them a plentiful hunting .	Sep 11, 2011 12:31 PM
109	Add all of the options listed above.	Sep 8, 2011 8:58 AM
110	This is ridiculous! Two years ago I caught a hunter poaching on my land who had shot 16 turkeys! Until you hire enough staff to enforce regulations and check for tags, you will never have an accurate count of the true numbers of turkeys slaughtered every year!	Sep 7, 2011 6:59 PM
111	Allow muzzle loading hunters to take turkey during their deer season	Sep 6, 2011 10:27 AM

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112	Allow archers to take a turkey and overlap season with modern firearm	Sep 6, 2011 9:08 AM
113	You raise the price on your tags and wonder why no one hunts? Make the first two tags free with small game license purchase. Extend the season to overlap modern firearm. If landowners complain make sure they have allowed access to their land and a web site to show where their land is located and what it is open to hunt. This should help.	Sep 6, 2011 7:44 AM
114	Allow all deer hunters to take one turkey in problem areas during regular deer seasons	Sep 5, 2011 8:30 PM
115	no opinion	Sep 5, 2011 9:05 AM
116	overlap late fall season with modern deer and allow harvest with centerfire rifle and handgun	Sep 3, 2011 1:06 AM
117	First tag used to be free with small game, now \$17 that's when I stopped. Suggest reducing price of second tag or 2 for 1, some hunters better than, expensive to travel east.	Sep 2, 2011 11:55 PM
118	Add GMU and let archers take a turkey during deer season	Sep 2, 2011 10:03 PM
119	Lower the price of turkey tags so hunters are more likely to purchase tags and harvest turkey	Sep 1, 2011 10:18 PM
120	Advertise turkey hunting as a form of hunting with greater individual reward and reduced crowding to new hunters. Concentrate on new hunters (hunter safety course applicants). Also provide a 'dating service' for land owners to attract hunters online.	Aug 31, 2011 7:54 PM
121	Reduce the cost of the tag and increase the number of birds that can be harvested in certain GMUs. For \$10 I would hunt turkey again.	Aug 31, 2011 6:23 PM
122	the landowner complain but do not allow entry	Aug 30, 2011 9:52 PM
123	tell land owners that complain about damage to allow hunters on the property to maintain the population instead of posting land all around them	Aug 30, 2011 7:05 PM
124	Increase the bag limit during the early and late fall seasons.	Aug 30, 2011 12:10 PM
125	increase early fall season so it runs through modern deer season	Aug 29, 2011 11:59 AM
126	allow archers to take a turkey during their deer season AND increase number of GMUs open for fall harvest.	Aug 28, 2011 10:04 PM
127	no change period!!	Aug 28, 2011 6:39 PM
128	Open western GMU's for fall harvest.	Aug 28, 2011 6:08 PM
129	make it statewide or leave it the way it is	Aug 28, 2011 5:59 PM
130	Fix your computer system and stop charging people an extra \$17.00 for buying the small game license...	Aug 27, 2011 1:45 PM
131	not what I wanted to comment on.	Aug 26, 2011 5:34 PM

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132	change early fall and late season to coincide with deer and elk seasons	Aug 26, 2011 4:24 PM
133	Allow archers to hunt them, and connect hunter with landowners having turkey issues	Aug 26, 2011 4:00 PM
134	Allow for use of small rifle such as 25-20 which is a traditional turkey /small game round and increase gmus open to hunt	Aug 26, 2011 7:47 AM
135	Lower the cost of the tag!	Aug 26, 2011 4:54 AM
136	Increase the season, increase GMU's and allow archers to take turkeys during deer season	Aug 25, 2011 11:28 AM
137	Give the hunters that want to hunt turkeys the opportunity to take more birds, at no additional cost.	Aug 24, 2011 6:21 PM
138	All of the above except for not change.	Aug 24, 2011 5:14 PM
139	Determine if the turkey populations can withstand more pressure, if no, then maybe quotas need to be adhered to. Put the animal/bird numbers first before we start increasing season lengths and opening more GMUs. I would prefer to have a quality hunt rather than a long hunt not seeing anything.	Aug 24, 2011 1:27 PM
140	i believe a system should be in place to connect hunters with property owners that are having damage problems & target those birds without putting undo pressure on the population at large. maybe a website they can put thier info on & hunters can contact them. if these property owners are unwilling to allow hunters on thier property to thin thier flocks they have no reason to complain.	Aug 24, 2011 12:05 PM
141	Allow firearm and archery deer hunters to take a turkey during their deer seasons in certain GMUs. Or, lower price of fall turkey tag.	Aug 24, 2011 9:48 AM
142	use a punch card system, x=\$ for X= limit and extend the fall season and or limit.	Aug 23, 2011 9:14 PM
143	I feel if the price for the turkey tag was lowered at least back to what it used to be, more hunters would be out harvesting more turkeys, thereby helping to keep the turkey population in check. I personally have quit hunting turkey, not because I can't afford it, but because I feel the price for the tag has gotten a bit to high. I used to buy the second tag for the spring turkey and fill both tags. Won't be doing that again unless the price comes back down. I have talked to several of my hunting buddies who feel the same way. you can change the season, the rules, or whatever you want, but the outcome, I feel, will remain the same, hunter participation will remain low until the price comes down.	Aug 23, 2011 6:24 PM
144	Landowners need to connect with unfilled tags AND you need to drop the price of a tag. It is what keeps me from turkey hunting.....cost too much.	Aug 23, 2011 3:32 PM
145	Bring back NO FEE for Turkey tag, and also you would get a turkey tag with licence purchase, no more need for small game license purchase. You need to reduce COST!	Aug 23, 2011 3:23 PM
146	Hunter participation declines due to the increased number of rules. Find a way to cut 50% of your rules! This state should be re-named "New California" and one more hunter is getting ready to leave for this reason.	Aug 23, 2011 3:19 PM

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147	I think the first option is getting to the problem. It appears that the problem is that landowners have no way to deal with turkeys and they should therefore be given some avenue to reach out to hunters to come help them. The season does not need to change, but the hunters need to get access to those areas where trouble is occurring. This approach is also true for deer, elk and other wildlife concerns. Otherwise, the impacts of longer seasons simply results in more or extended pressure on public lands. Again, we need to address the species populations rather than regulating the hunters	Aug 23, 2011 2:26 PM
148	Treat them like grouse. Three birds a day, season quota of nine	Aug 23, 2011 11:39 AM
149	Same as second choice above but extend thru modern firearm deer & ELK seasons...	Aug 23, 2011 11:12 AM
150	Allow hunters with bird dogs to use dogs. I am not interested in targeting turkey but if they were an incidental while hunting quail, grouse and pheasant I would buy a turkey tag.	Aug 23, 2011 7:16 AM
151	Change all early fall hunts to bearded birds only, eliminate the late fall hunt (population in many NE units and especailly unit 121 have declined dramatically in the last 2 years) Provide a way for landowners to connect with hunters so that problem birds can be handled on a case by case basis. 2 hard winters and a cold wet spring have decimated many flocks in the NE, I spend 50% of my time there and watch the birds closely-very, very poot poult count this year. PLEASE - NO MORE BEARDLESS HUNTS FOR A WHILE	Aug 23, 2011 7:08 AM
152	Turkeys are invasive and competing with native and more traditional wildlife (such as grouse), allow turkey harvest with modern center-fire firearms during deer seasons..	Aug 23, 2011 5:26 AM
153	Options three and four combined.	Aug 22, 2011 9:52 PM
154	Washington hunter's "paid" for the states turkey population, but the birds have "clustered" on private lands. The turkey season has become a private landowners bonanza. I recently hunted elk in the Blue Mts. and in one instance alone saw over 100 turkeys on a private landowners crop fields. I believe strongly in private property rights but the WDFW should find a way to provide a way for the "rightful-owners" of this game populaltion expanded opportunities to hunt turkeys on private lands or figure some way to "move" them off private land- we did put men on the moon...	Aug 22, 2011 9:51 PM
155	Reduce the cost of a turkey tag by half.	Aug 22, 2011 8:57 PM
156	Lower the price of a fall turkey tag.turkey	Aug 22, 2011 7:04 PM
157	allow archers to take a turky during their deer seasons,,increase number of GMUs open for fall harvest	Aug 22, 2011 5:10 PM
158	lower the price of (fall only turkey tags) this might get more people to hunt fall turkeys	Aug 22, 2011 3:56 PM
159	I don't hunt for turkey.	Aug 22, 2011 3:38 PM
160	No comment	Aug 22, 2011 3:20 PM

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161	Increase bag limits to 2 birds per hunter. Low interest means no one likes to eat wild turkeys. Let those who like to eat them, harvest 2.	Aug 22, 2011 8:31 AM
162	Decrease the cost of a tag. Our family hunts for meat and this is not affordable.	Aug 22, 2011 7:39 AM
163	Add a spring gobbler only season.	Aug 22, 2011 3:01 AM
164	Allow people to shoot all the turkeys out of their private property without a tag. At any time.	Aug 21, 2011 3:13 PM
165	Increase number of GMU's open for fall harvest and have it partially overlap with modern firearm deer season.	Aug 21, 2011 8:25 AM
166	All of the above, and lower the price to hunt turkeys.	Aug 20, 2011 4:39 PM
167	Make all turkeys open year round-becuse they displace native birds-they eat all native bird food	Aug 20, 2011 3:26 PM
168	Combine option #1 with #3 statewide. Increase the bag limit where populations and/or property damage has increased.	Aug 20, 2011 12:37 PM
169	reduce the cost of the turkey tags. The reason why most people do not bother with a turkey harvest is the high costs. In the license structure bear / cougar tags are cheaper then turkey tags. You get a lot more meat from a bear / cougar then a turkey.	Aug 20, 2011 12:32 PM
170	Why not increase the bag limit in the spring when the majority of people hunt turkeys? More people are going to opt to hunt deer and elk rather than a turkey.	Aug 20, 2011 12:21 PM
171	No comment	Aug 20, 2011 11:09 AM
172	increase number of especially western washington areas to hunt turkey running through deer and elk late seasons	Aug 20, 2011 10:34 AM
173	no opinion	Aug 20, 2011 9:51 AM
174	Allow Turkey Hunting From Sept.1 - Nov. 30 in GMU's where Fall Hunting is needed to reduce populations.	Aug 20, 2011 9:00 AM
175	lower the tag price and raise the bag limit	Aug 20, 2011 6:26 AM
176	Increase the length of late fall season to overlap with modern firearm deer season & provide a way for landowners to connect with huntes with unfilled tags.	Aug 20, 2011 5:27 AM
177	All of the above. They are all good options and should ALL be implemented (obviously ignoring "no change to the season").	Aug 20, 2011 12:44 AM
178	The current traditional ammunition restrictions pertain to quail, dove, pheasant and any upland bird hunted on the pheasant release sites. No scientific studies have been cited showing population-level impacts on any species. The WDFW seems to be acting on emotion and politics, citing the "potential" for problems associated with traditional ammunition as the basis for these far-reaching restrictions.	Aug 19, 2011 11:26 PM
179	I think turkey season should be open for all of deer season. I will drive to	Aug 19, 2011 11:18 PM

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	eastern Washington to deer hunt, but not turkey hunt. I see hundreds of turkeys while deer hunting, and can not harvest one, due to the season being closed, or the GMU not allowing harvest. Open it up, during modern deer season, and open more GMU's to turkey hunting to control populations.	
180	Expand the season and the limits. Quit trying to micro-manage this resource.	Aug 19, 2011 8:05 PM
181	N/A	Aug 19, 2011 7:40 PM
182	use some common sense and allow extra seasons where the damage occursduh!	Aug 19, 2011 6:11 PM
183	increase bag limit to two turkeys with one tag	Aug 19, 2011 4:28 PM
184	Start the fall season September 1st, to allow bear hunters to harvest a turkey.	Aug 19, 2011 1:37 PM
185	Adopt a year round season with bag limits unchanged	Aug 19, 2011 12:52 PM
186	Allow archers and muzzleloaders to take one during the deer season. Modern firearm season has too many hunters in the field.	Aug 19, 2011 12:10 PM
187	Tell private landowners to open their property to hunters.	Aug 19, 2011 11:31 AM
188	allow youth hunters to take a turkey during modern firearm deer season without charge	Aug 19, 2011 11:04 AM
189	Increase bag limit to make it worthwhile to hunt. Decrease tag fee.	Aug 19, 2011 10:44 AM
190	Increase # of GMU's, overlap into modern firearms and make an early and late extension for disabled hunters.	Aug 19, 2011 10:36 AM
191	Increase the season length to overlap with archery, muzzle, and modern deer seasons. Also provide way for landowners to connect with hunters with unfilled tags.	Aug 19, 2011 10:28 AM
192	Increase bag limits	Aug 19, 2011 10:06 AM
193	archers should be able to take a turkey, and the length should be open for deer modern firearm	Aug 19, 2011 9:54 AM
194	landowners take the money then deny access for deer when asked ...this would be no different for turkey..	Aug 19, 2011 9:12 AM
195	Allow archers to take turkey during deer AND/OR elk seasons	Aug 19, 2011 9:09 AM
196	no comment	Aug 19, 2011 8:17 AM
197	Decrease the season length and GMUs open for fall harvest. Or take out the fall season completely. If the landowners want the turkeys dead, then give them all 2 any turkey tags. Year round season for landowners.	Aug 19, 2011 7:48 AM
198	increase bag limits to 3 birds, either sex, anywhere, with season extended into deer season.	Aug 19, 2011 6:52 AM
199	Allow hunters to take a turkey during their designated weapon deer seasons.	Aug 18, 2011 11:57 PM

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200	Increase GMUs open to hunting and increase bag limit where harvest does not address damage.	Aug 18, 2011 10:32 PM
201	reduce tag cost and allow archers to hunt turkey in all fall early / late arche deer / elk hunts	Aug 18, 2011 10:22 PM
202	Reduce the cost of turkey tags. The cost is the limiting factor with myself and my friends.	Aug 18, 2011 10:20 PM
203	If private land was open to hunting there likely would be a harvest increase and reduced damaged crop.	Aug 18, 2011 9:31 PM
204	Allow archers to take a turkey from sept 1 thru sept 30	Aug 18, 2011 8:54 PM
205	Lower price for turkey tag in addition to extending seasons. Many of my hunting friends are meat hunters, the cost per pound of meat is too high for turkey!	Aug 18, 2011 8:27 PM
206	Reduce the price of turkey tags to \$5.00 and increase the length of the fall season to overlap with both archery and modern firearm deer seasons. This will increase tag purchases and increase harvest.	Aug 18, 2011 8:06 PM
207	allow additional spring harvest	Aug 18, 2011 7:44 PM
208	either sex inaffected GMU's for all General Seasons - Archery, Muzzle Loade and Modern = with annual review	Aug 18, 2011 6:48 PM
209	All people to draw for any weapon turkey tag. That way the state can regulate how many turkeys are killed by people with rifles, muzzleloaders, or archery, but still keep the general turkey seasons.	Aug 18, 2011 6:06 PM
210	My suggestions is that if you are hunting big game (deer or elk) with modern, muzzleloader, or achery, that you can incidentally take one turkey if you have the appropriate big game hunting tag (and turkey tag) for the appropriate big game weapon season. My suggestion is that you have to take the turkey with the big-game weapon you have on your tag. Additionally, keep the general season's as is too. So Yes, I'm saying shoot a turkey with your .308, and shoot a turkey with your .50 muzzle loader, and stick a turkey with your bow and arrow during the big game seasons, but you're only allowed one turkey in those specific areas.	Aug 18, 2011 5:55 PM
211	Simplify the Season (e.g. entire month of November only) and increase GMU's open.	Aug 18, 2011 5:13 PM
212	Do not hunt turkey.	Aug 18, 2011 4:58 PM
213	No change but increase the bag limit	Aug 18, 2011 4:42 PM
214	Expand FEEL FREE TO HUNT areas to include damaged property areas, List areas on website	Aug 18, 2011 4:21 PM
215	allow archers to harvest turkey during deer season but also add more GMUs for fall season.	Aug 18, 2011 3:50 PM
216	Dont turkey hunt	Aug 18, 2011 3:46 PM
217	start a earn a beard program in which a hunter who takes 1 or 2 hens in the fall	Aug 18, 2011 3:32 PM

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	season where allotted will earn a extra free bird tag for a bearded bird in which you will control the number of breedable hens in that area	
218	N/A to me. Don't hunt turkeys	Aug 18, 2011 3:31 PM
219	reduce tag fees, mandatory private land access where damage is reported.	Aug 18, 2011 3:17 PM
220	More permits for existing GMUs and open more GMUs.	Aug 18, 2011 3:14 PM
221	In addition to the 1st option, adopt a system of hunter receipts that require the land owner to provide receipts signed by hunters before the land owner is compensated for crop damage, such as is done in certain eastern states for deer.	Aug 18, 2011 3:04 PM
222	Encourage access or have a posting/registration system	Aug 18, 2011 2:41 PM
223	Indifferent	Aug 18, 2011 2:29 PM
224	Make it unlawful for private land owners to feed wild turkeys, essentially keeping them on their property.	Aug 18, 2011 2:16 PM
225	Increase number of GMUs open to fall harvest and allow archers to take turkey within their season.	Aug 18, 2011 2:06 PM
226	Lower the price off the second turkey tag. maybe \$5.00	Aug 18, 2011 2:03 PM
227	I am not a Turkey hunter..	Aug 18, 2011 1:59 PM
228	All of the above.	Aug 18, 2011 1:48 PM
229	include at no cost, 1 turkey tag with purchase of small game or big game license	Aug 18, 2011 1:44 PM
230	lower the price of a turkey tag	Aug 18, 2011 1:07 PM
231	get rid of fall season	Aug 18, 2011 12:10 PM
232	Do not increase bag limit as of yet. The last three winters have decreased the populations in some areas 50%. Go to an all male season. The population increase is only on Private lands,where hunting access can be difficult. Work with those owners to open up to hunting and to QUIT feeding the birds in their yards.	Aug 18, 2011 12:06 PM
233	Make landowners allow access. open season for turkeys during all deer and Elk seasons, not just Archery.	Aug 18, 2011 8:55 AM
234	reduce the cost of permits if it is for property damage complaints	Aug 18, 2011 8:48 AM
235	More permits for existing GMUs and open more GMUs.	Aug 17, 2011 9:58 PM
236	No opinion	Aug 17, 2011 9:57 PM
237	Isnt this the result of introducing non-native species for hunters?	Aug 17, 2011 9:28 PM
238	allow rifle and archery hunters to harvest turkeys in their seasons	Aug 17, 2011 8:18 PM

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239	Stop the fall turkey season. Your hunter participation is low because any serious turkey hunter knows not to hunt fall turkeys, especially hens. We need something to hunt in Washington and we have had some poor hatches due to cold wet springs.	Aug 17, 2011 7:55 PM
240	Sorry no input don't hunt turkeys	Aug 17, 2011 5:07 PM
241	lessen the cost for turkey tags. It's a rediculas price to pay for what most land owners consider a nuicense	Aug 17, 2011 1:06 PM
242	ALLOW HUNTER TO BUY AND HUNT FOR TURKEY WITH BIG GAME LIC OR SMALL GAME	Aug 16, 2011 10:40 PM
243	all of the above	Aug 16, 2011 8:19 PM
244	leave alone	Aug 16, 2011 6:46 PM
245	A combination of the latter 3 would be the best. Increase the season length to overlap with modern and archery deer, and increase the area available for hunting	Aug 16, 2011 6:00 PM
246	reduce the cost of extra tags to encourage more hunters to hunt fall turkeys (fall only tags) and no change in time to hunt	Aug 16, 2011 3:54 PM
247	No change to the season structure, but provide a way for landowners to connect with hunters with unfilled tags. Provide a list of landowners and contact information to hunters.	Aug 16, 2011 2:49 PM
248	Provide a Turkey tag with each Upland Bird License as in a few years back. This will produce more hunters and less land owner complaints.	Aug 16, 2011 2:45 PM
249	USE ALL OF THE ABOVE	Aug 16, 2011 1:55 PM
250	Allow archery hunter to hunt earlier during the early fall general season	Aug 16, 2011 1:00 PM
251	To many turkeys! allow for additional harvest of both sex types allow havest of hens during spring hunts as well	Aug 16, 2011 11:30 AM
252	increase bag limit and increase length of season	Aug 16, 2011 9:35 AM
253	Require the land owners to open their land to hunters. Most do not do this.	Aug 16, 2011 9:26 AM
254	Gen turkey season Sept 1-Jan 3 with unrestricted bag limit; reduce cost of turkey tags.	Aug 16, 2011 9:16 AM
255	See, here in lies the problem. Ride around all of these areas with landowner complaints and something will quickly become apparant, there are NO HUNTING/TRESPASSING signs every 50 feet. These landowners do not want turkeys, yet they do not want hunters either. The state needs to be more proactive in promoting landowner/hunter relations and access.	Aug 16, 2011 8:20 AM
256	extend season length and allow overlap with deer seasons	Aug 16, 2011 8:19 AM
257	Allow for harvest of more turkeys in the spring in problem areas.	Aug 16, 2011 8:07 AM

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258	Increase season length and hunting GMU's as much as populations will allow. Archery and Muzzloaders trying to fill a tag are not going to go hunting turkeys during their season so probably just wont buy a turkey tag. Private land could be opened from Sept-Dec.	Aug 16, 2011 7:50 AM
259	Utilize Master Hunters to deal with the problem areas	Aug 16, 2011 7:42 AM
260	Do away completely with the either sex season and go to damage control hunts where needed. In some units with the open either sex permits have seen the population plummet, specifically unit 121.	Aug 16, 2011 6:22 AM
261	Have a fall turkey tag that is good in selected units and open during fall deer and elk seasons for all weapon choices, without weapon restrictions during the modern rifle seasons, like Grouse. Online/phone 24-48 hour reporting requirement until harvest quota is reached.	Aug 16, 2011 4:56 AM
262	Add more GMUs to late season	Aug 15, 2011 10:05 PM
263	Change fall season to males only. Too many adult hens with broods get shot during fall season (hunters shooting the biggest bird in the flock), leading to increased mortality and survivalbility. Most turkey hunters realize that fall seasons are harmful to the growth of the population. That is why I choose not to participate. The WDFW needs to spend more effort supporting the success of the Wild Turkey and all of the benefits it has recieved from its existance. WDFW makes a lot of \$ off of the Wild Turkey. Spend more \$ on educating the public about feeding and private landowners about things they can do to offset damages. Use NWTf chapters more to facilitate this connection with landowners. Bring back trap and transfer to deal with nuisance problem flocks. More youth permits.	Aug 15, 2011 9:00 PM
264	No Comment, I have never hunted for turkey.	Aug 15, 2011 8:42 PM
265	general season the week prior to Thanksgiving	Aug 15, 2011 8:18 PM
266	The area I hunt in 121 (huckleberry gmu) the turkey populations are way down. It is crazy to have a fall hunt where hens can be shot. Stop trying to eradicate turkeys. If land owners are having problems they need to allow hunters to access their land or STFU.	Aug 15, 2011 8:11 PM
267	No change to the season structure, but provide a way for landowners to connect with hunters and education of hunting opportunities. It is not a traditional hunt for most, because of that it needs promotion..	Aug 15, 2011 7:44 PM
268	Reduce the price of turkey transport tags	Aug 15, 2011 7:34 PM
269	Turkeys are over-running many areas in Stevens County. The logical way to increase hunting is to REDUCE the price of the turkey tags! \$17.30 for a turkey tag is outrageous and not worth the price to hunt them, let alone buying additional tags at that price.	Aug 15, 2011 5:38 PM
270	Earlier season. Do not overlap into deer season!	Aug 15, 2011 5:27 PM
271	Combination of 1 & 2	Aug 15, 2011 5:23 PM
272	ALL OF THE ABOVE!	Aug 15, 2011 5:06 PM

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273 work land owner access agreements to private lands where damage occurs and give out permits. Also give landowner permits if they let people hunt. Aug 15, 2011 1:40 PM