

ISSUES SUBMITTAL FORM

Date: 08/11/2021	
ISSUE:	Should PWC Chapter W-3 #322 (B)(3) be changed to include (d) Novice Adult Hunting Licenses so it matches the same options we have for Big Game Outreach Licenses (Chapter W-2 #206 (B)(4)(f)) that were made in spring 2019?
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):	
<p>As part of the agency's hunter retention and recruitment efforts, CPW wishes to attract more novice/inexperienced hunters of all ages into the sport of hunting. Therefore, the Hunter Outreach Program engages with inexperienced hunters of all ages through clinics, seminars, and educational hunts. To further recruit novice hunters, CPW staff recommend creating a Novice Adult Hunter Outreach License which CPW, landowners and partnering qualified groups would be able to host hunts for targeted groups of women, men, or youth.</p> <p>In 2019, Novice Adult Outreach Licenses were added as an option for big game species. In an effort to increase our outreach abilities with other species and compliment the big game options, the same addition should be added to turkeys.</p>	
STATE LAW REQUIRES CPW TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS THAT MAY BE AFFECTED POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY BY THE PROPOSED RULES. THE FOLLOWING STAKEHOLDERS HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF AND INVITED TO PROVIDE INPUT ON THE REGULATORY CHANGES PROPOSED IN THIS ISSUE PAPER:	
IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL NECESSARY INTERNAL PARTIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED.	
<p>I have spoken with Area 6 staff who use turkey Youth Outreach Hunting Licenses and are ready to expand to offering outreach turkey hunt opportunities for novice adults.</p> <p>I have also directly spoken with the NW Regional Manager, Statewide Hunter Outreach Coordinator, Education Coordinators (SW and SE), NW AWMs, and NW DRMs, who are in support of moving this forward.</p>	
ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):	
<p>1. *Preferred Alternative*: Add paragraph (d) to W-3 #322 (B)(3) to read as the following:</p> <p>d. Novice Outreach Hunting Licenses- The Director may make additional outreach program turkey licenses available to qualified organizations sponsoring novice adult hunting activities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There will be no more than 200 licenses issued annually under this subsection. 2. Licenses will be approved by the applicable Regional Manager on a case-by-case basis. 3. Licenses are issued on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified organizations. 4. Organizations who wish to request an Outreach license must submit the request in writing to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, State Hunter Outreach Coordinator, 6060 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80216 no later than 60 days prior to the planned hunting event. 5. Licenses are limited to novice hunters. For the purpose of these regulations a novice adult hunter is defined as a Colorado resident 18 years of age or older, who has either: no turkey license purchase history, only held a turkey license(s) in the previous year, or has no turkey license purchase history in the previous five years. <p>2. Status quo.</p>	
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REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
ARE ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
REGION, BRANCH, OR SECTION LEADING IMPLEMENTATION	Hunter Outreach Program, Field Operations
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

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ISSUE:	Should an Over The Counter (OTC) fall turkey season be created in GMU 23 to provide for more hunting opportunity and to help manage the number of turkeys within the GMU?
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DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):

Currently there is no fall turkey season in GMU 23. GMU 23 is the only GMU around Meeker that does not offer a fall OTC turkey license.

The turkey population along the White River has grown rapidly and there is an opportunity to allow more hunter harvest in GMU 23. Turkeys were transplanted into the White River Valley near Meeker in the late 1980's. Historically, CPW has been conservative with the annual hunting license quotas to ensure that the turkey population was not overharvested in GMU 23. CPW has had tremendous support from private landowners throughout the upper White River Valley over the past 15 years with implementation of cooperative artificial feeding operations during the critical winter periods. These cooperative efforts have allowed the turkey population near Meeker and specifically within GMU 23 to thrive which has resulted in a biological surplus of turkeys that should be offered to hunters via fall turkey hunting licenses. As the turkey population continues to grow, CPW staff have noticed an increase in spring turkey hunters in the spring OTC units around Meeker.

GMU 23 is a limited spring turkey unit because there was historically a relatively small turkey population that congregates along the White River corridor on private lands and because access to public lands is extremely limited due to snow and weather conditions in the spring. However, the turkey population has grown significantly from 2015-2021 and turkeys are widely distributed and scattered across public/private lands within GMU 23 in the fall. The creation of a fall OTC turkey hunting season in GMU 23 would offer hunters more opportunity to hunt turkeys within the White River corridor. A fall either sex turkey season in GMU 23 would also allow for the take of hen turkeys and help manage the growing population of turkeys within GMU 23. The additional harvest will also help alleviate some isolated property damage issues caused by turkeys.

CPW staff recommends that an OTC fall turkey season be created for GMU 23. CPW staff recommends that GMU 23 be added to the OTC hunt code T-E-000-U2-R. This season would run annually with the already existing OTC fall turkey seasons west of I-25 (Sep. 1- Oct 3).

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There has not been any formal public outreach conducted regarding this issue, however, CPW has received numerous complaints about the significant number of wild turkeys in GMU 23 and the lack of hunting licenses and opportunity that CPW currently offers.

ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):

1. ***Preferred Alternative*:** Create an OTC fall turkey season in GMU 23 (T-E-000-U2-R)
2. Status Quo; No fall OTC turkey season in GMU 23.

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