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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

Dear Montana Fish and Wildlife Commissioners and Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks staff; We are long time licensed Master falconers and began hunting with raptors in Montana more than 50 years ago. Montana is fortunate to have a very healthy Peregrine population. Your proposed actions are thoughtful and show proper appreciation for this unique raptor. In all the past years in which falconers have had access to wild Montana peregrines, falconers have never taken five in any given year. We strongly suspect that trend will continue, for a variety of reasons. Currently, the Montana peregrine population is robust. We fully support the MFWP proposal to extend the falconry related peregrine take program for two more years. The peregrine population has returned to numbers exceeding expectations and the minimal take by eligible falconers represents no threat. We would like to see resident falconers be allowed to take an immature (first year) peregrine at any time in the calendar year, and we would like to see the allowable take for non-resident falconers be increased. Our best regards and thanks for all the hard work MFWP folks do to make Montana home to healthy wildlife populations. Sincerely, Mike and Jocelyn Barker  
Bozeman, Montana  
(406) 581-0629

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

I support continuing the peregrine take for falconry in Montana. We have large populations, are familiar with the effect of the take, and have had no other issues with this take. This is important to many falconers even though they may not take a bird. Additionally, there is a new peer reviewed and published paper indicating that populations and take histories for peregrines clearly indicate that control of peregrine take can be "normalized" and managed by the states with broadest of oversight on total numbers harvested by USFWS. We need to have this conversation with MTFWP. Ralph Rogers

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

i am in favor to continue peregrine take with no change in regulations.

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

Although changing the Falconry season is not a proposal, I would like the commission to consider ending the falconry season January 1, the same as the General Upland season. Here in Valley County, there is a contingent of out-of-state Falconers that come in March to hunt wild birds. The ones I have met are from Texas. One of them asked me permission to hunt Huns on our property last March. Up to that time, I had no idea there was any kind of bird season open. The individual was very respectful and he was interesting to listen to him talk about his sport. He said they take very few birds. I explained to him that while I appreciated his sport, our upland birds had already gone through almost five months of hard winter and had a hell of time just surviving. They are hunted every day by wild raptors and I didn't want to harass them more for recreational purposes. He was very respectful and I apologized for turning him down but I felt the birds didn't need more stress than they already had. I understand these Falconers don't actually take many birds directly, but do we really need to go after our upland birds all winter with trained hawks and eagles. The individual explained that Montana has a very liberal falcon season, that is why they come here. These people are very dedicated to their sport and their birds. I appreciate what they do, but I don't think they should be able to do it until the end of March. They absolutely don't need to be hunting Sage Hens. Please modify the Falconry season.

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**Q1**

Contact information:

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**Q2**

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

FWP, The Peregrine take in Montana has worked very well since the start. It has allowed the take of very few birds by authorized people. It has not hurt the wild populations. I would like to see it continue as it has in the past. Thank you for your time in consideration of this matter. Gerald Geiger

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

Any and all peregrine falcon take restrictions should be abolished. It has been established the peregrine population and annual reproduction in MT. is beyond the numbers established as being successfully reintroduced. Yearly take numbers in Montana by licensed falconers since the initiation of wild take in Montana have NEVER reached the limit established by MFWP, so why have any restrictions?

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

I am in favor of the proposed peregrine take for 2024-2025. Peregrines are fully recovered and Montana's take over the years has offered a great sporting opportunity for falconers. I would like to see it continued. Thank you. Blair Anderson

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

I in favor of the proposed peregrine take regulations for 2024-2025. Peregrine take has worked well sence inception. I would like to see it continued.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,  
Anna

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

I am in favor of the take, as is, of Peregrine falcons in Montana for falconry purposes.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

I support the extension of the falconry take of peregrines for 2 more years. I strongly support the peregrine take at any time during the calendar year. FW&P realizes that falconry take of peregrines has no effect on populations and falconers have never taken 5 birds in one year. I support the opening up of peregrine take and doing away of take numbers in given year. It would save paperwork and money for the MFW&P. Thank you for your consideration.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

I am a long time falconer in the state of Montana and would like to voice my support for peregrine take as I believe that the population has recovered to the point that they can maintain a positive population even with falconry harvest thanks for your time Sam Newville

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

I support the wild take of Peregrine falcons by licensed falconers. Falconer's have never taken the full allotted number of falcons allowed each year. Please support the continuing work FWP and the Montana Falconers Association have built together. Thank you, Greg Windtberg

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

Dear Sirs,

I am very much in favor of the peregrine falcon take in Montana. Peregrine falcons have fully recovered in most parts of the country and allowing the take makes total sense. If anything the take should be expanded. It would be nice if there was more out of state permits issued. I come to your state every year for a couple of months to fly my falcon and although I've never gotten a Montana bird, I applaud you for allowing this take. Thank you.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

To whom it may concern;

I've been a resident of Montana for twenty years and a documented master falconer for over 30 years. I have personally captive bred, well over 150 Peregrine falcons of which 75% were reintroduced into the wild mainly throughout the Midwest.

This was part of the regional and national effort to re establish this endangered species to its former population and wild state.

Something which would have been impossible without the cooperation and voluntary input of the falconry community.

Today with a sustainable, healthy and growing population not only in Montana but throughout the US, I feel strongly that a minimal and zero impactful "take" of wild peregrines be allowed and continued. Thank you.

Mark Bolton

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

I support wild take of the peregrine falcon, as a life long falconer I feel the population is robust and healthy enough to support wild take and not effect the wild population at all.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

continue as in past.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

The peregrines are fully recovered and they should be treated as other raptors for falconry purposes.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

Commissioners, I support the proposed 2024-2025 Biennium peregrine Falconry take as proposed by Montana FWP. Falconers have utilized this 10 falcon quota for several years now and that number has never been reached. Peregrine falcon populations in Montana are at historical highs and this minimal take has no measurable impact on peregrine falcon populations as evidenced by a federal impact study.

The only change I would suggest is that the current regulations state that a falconer who successfully traps a peregrine falcon may not trap one the following year. Since the bird quota has never been met, this regulations appears superfluous and should be eliminated. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Regards, Tony Head

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

As a long term falconer in Montana I feel that falconry take will not adversely impact the peregrine population.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

I support and agree with the Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission in their recommendation that the Peregrine Falcon falconry take for 2024-2025 remain unchanged as outlined in the Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda Item Cover Sheet in the Agency Recommendation and Rationale section of the document. In addition I agree that when the USFWS pending EA under the National Environmental Policy Act that will allow for normalization of Peregrine Falcon take across its range in the United States that Montana makes those changes with Peregrine take in Montana and normalizes Peregrine take as the USFWS Environmental Assessment supports. This removes the quota which obviously is well below any negative effect on Peregrine populations and also removes the end date of eyas (young peregrines) of August 31st and extends it thru the end of Peregrine migration and into the Fall/Winter months. In addition to the soon to be completed USFWS Environmental Assessment of Peregrines there is substantial data available to show and support the increase in Peregrine populations to at or even above historical numbers due to the banning of DDT and other harmful pesticides and the efforts of the Peregrine reintroduction programs supported by many individuals from the falconry community, the scientific community, several universities, and the other contributors. Truly a great success story for the Peregrine Falcon in America and across most of its Global range. Please continue to make wildlife decisions based on good sound biological data and studies. Thank You for the Commissions recommendations on Peregrine Falconry take for 2024-2025 in Montana and for this opportunity to comment.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

Dear Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks,

This letter is to express support for FWP's proposed 2024-2025 biennium regulations for the take of 10 nestling or fledged peregrine falcons for their use in falconry for Montana residents, and the take of 1 nestling or fledged peregrine falcon for use in falconry for non-residents. The demand for wild Montana peregrine falcons has historically been low, and in most cases far below the current quota. Peregrine falcon populations in Montana continue to increase and appear extremely healthy. Surveys conducted by the Montana Peregrine Institute since 2012 indicate a 50% increase in active territories, with an average of 5 new eyries discovered each year. Survey efforts have focused on areas not surveyed in the past, including the central and eastern half of the state, where 8 new territories have been found from the Big Snowy Mountains near Lewistown, MT to Hysham, MT in the eastern part of the state. Total known territories now exceed 250, with an average fledging rate of 2.2 and 2.3 young per pair for the years 2020 and 2021 respectively. This is significantly above the national average, and indicates an increasing population. Observations of sub-adults and "floater", non-paired adults indicate a healthy survival rate of young birds through their first year, and a significant number of replacement recruits when mortality of an adult occurs at a nest site.

The USFWS Environmental Assessment on falconry states that falconry has no negative impact on wild populations of raptors, nor on the prey that is hunted. Therefore, the take of young peregrine falcons for falconry in Montana at current rates can expect to have no impact on falcon populations and should be allowed to continue.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed regulations.

Bob Hollister  
Research Associate, Montana Peregrine Institute

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

Montana is fortunate to have a very healthy population of Peregrine Falcons. As a licensed falconer, the (regulated) take of wild Peregrines from this robust population is very important to continuing the heritage of falconry.

I fully support the proposal to extend the falconry take of Peregrines for another 2 years.

In addition, since take of Peregrines has opened, falconry take has been insignificant with no more than 5 immature birds being taken in any one year. I would like to see the take of immature Peregrine Falcons be normalized - similar to the take of other legal falconry species in Montana - where take is not limited to a specific timeframe (prior to Sept 1, currently).

Best regards and thank you for the hard work.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

I am in support of continued take of peregrine falcons for the 2025-2025 period.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

Dear Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks,

I am writing to express my strong support for the continuation and normalization of the wild peregrine falcon take in Montana. As a falconer, I deeply appreciate the opportunity to practice this traditional and sustainable form of hunting with wild peregrines. I urge Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks to continue to support the sustainable practice of falconry and to allow for the continued take of wild peregrine falcons. Falconry is an important part of our state's heritage, and it plays a vital role in the conservation of these magnificent birds.

Sincerely,  
Riley Allen

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

As an apprentice falconer, I whole heartedly support MFWP proposal for peregrine take. I have enjoyed Montana hunting and fishing privileges for 30 years and attribute that to sound management and a willingness to listen to concerns and opinions of Montana residents and nonresidents alike.

Thank you. Sincerely, Cathy Heine  
(406) 570-0746

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

Thank you for the opportunity and tool to make comment on issues important to me and other Montana residents.

I would like to lend my full support to the continuation of the take of Peregrine falcons for falconry in Montana.

While current annual take for the falcons is moderate I support the continued proposed take of up to 10 falcons annually by licensed General and Master falconers.

As a licensed falconer in Montana for nearly 40 years I recognize that the privilege take take peregrine falcons is the reward of a combined effort by both the MFWP and dedicated falconers who teamed to work together to bring back the peregrine falcon in Montana to healthy populations.

The chance for Montana residents to take Peregrine falcons shows a great success in practical conservation where biological data determines policy. The moderate use of wild taken Peregrines represents no threat to the wild population.

Thank you to the MFWP for the continuation of the annual take of Peregrine falcons by licensed Montana falconers and the opportunity to voice my support for it.

John M Seabury

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# #27

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the Peregrine Falcon 2024-2025 Biennium

I believe that taking Peregrine's for falconry should be allowed as in the past, after all falconer's played a big role in their reintroduce to the wild,

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