



## MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

**Meeting Date:** February 13, 2020

**Agenda Item:** 2020-2021 Turkey-Upland Bird Regulations and Quotas

**Action Needed:** Final

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 5 Minutes

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**Background:** Season structures and hunting district boundaries are adopted biennially for most game species every other year between December and final adoptions in February. FWP proposes adopting the existing (2019) structures except for specific changes. Proposals are based on population status and/or other circumstances.

FWP proposes two changes to turkey regulations:

Increase the 400-20 spring turkey licenses in the Special Drawing Turkey License Area 400 from 5 to 20.

Increase the 445-20 spring turkey licenses in the Special Drawing Turkey License Area 445 from 15 to 20.

There are no other changes proposed to upland bird regulations. Migratory bird regulations are tentatively scheduled to be finalized at the April commission meeting.

Except for calendar rotation, all other aspects for turkey and upland bird regulations are proposed to remain unchanged from the 2019 regulations. There are no proposed changes to the turkey and upland bird seasons proposal adopted by the commission in December.

**Alternatives and Analysis:** The proposed alternative would increase opportunity to harvest turkeys in specific areas.

**Public Involvement Process & Results:** Public comment was taken from Dec. 5 to Jan. 27 and forwarded to commissioners and FWP staff for their consideration.

**Proposed Motion:** I move that the Fish and Wildlife Commission adopt as final the 2020-2021 turkey and upland bird regulations and quotas as presented by FWP. Except for calendar rotation and those season elements specifically identified for change, all other aspects of these seasons are to remain unchanged.