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# 2010 SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING GUIDE



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## 2010 SPRING SEASON INFORMATION

**Opens:** April 10 – **Closes:** May 16

**Restrictions:** Restricted to spring season dates and unit described on license.

**Areas:** All open units – See back side for map with unit boundaries.

**Hunting Hours:** 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset daily.

## ELIGIBILITY

**Hunter Education Requirement** – Persons born after December 31, 1961 must complete a certified state or provincial hunter education course and present the certification card to the license vendor to purchase a North Dakota hunting license.

**Exceptions:** Persons who hunt only on land they own or operate, and persons under age 12 (those under age 12 may hunt if they have appropriate license and are under direct supervision of parent or guardian). In addition, the 2009 state legislature passed a law allowing individuals who are 16 years of age and older who have not taken the hunter education course to be issued an apprentice hunter validation that enables them to hunt small game for one license year. Therefore, anyone with an apprentice license in 2009 must pass a certified hunter education course to apply for a 2010 spring turkey license. Contact the Game and Fish Department for details.

**Minimum Age** – There is no minimum age requirement for spring turkey hunters. However, hunters under age 15 afield with firearms must be under direct supervision of parent, guardian, or adult authorized by their parent or guardian.

## LICENSES

**Youth** – First-time spring turkey hunters ages 15 or younger receive one spring license valid for the regular hunting season in a specific unit. The deadline for submitting applications was February 10, 2010.

**Regular** – Regular licenses are issued by weighted lottery after the number of gratis licenses to be issued is deducted from

the total available. The deadline for submitting lottery applications was February 10, 2010.

**Gratis** – Gratis licenses are available to North Dakota residents who own, or lease for agricultural purposes and actively farm or ranch, at least 160 acres of land located in an open hunting unit. Gratis licenses are valid only upon land described on the application.

**Other Licenses Required** – Hunters, regardless of age, must also possess a 2010-11 fishing, hunting and furbearer certificate (\$1) and a general game and habitat license (\$13). In addition, hunters age 16 and older must possess a 2010-11 small game license (\$6) or a combination license (\$32) before hunting wild turkeys (gratis license holders exempt). Stamps must be affixed to the back of a fishing, hunting and furbearer certificate. Stamps and licenses must be signed in ink.

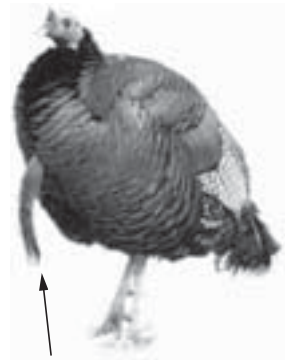
**Hunting by Nontribal Members on North Dakota Indian Reservations** – If an individual hunts exclusively on Indian lands within an Indian reservation, a tribal license is required and a state hunting license is not required. Hunting on nontribal lands within an Indian reservation requires a state hunting license. Game taken legally with a tribal license within an Indian reservation may be possessed and transported anywhere in North Dakota.

## BAG LIMIT

Each license holder may take and possess one bearded wild turkey. **Party hunting is not allowed.**

## WILD TURKEY IDENTIFICATION

Only bearded wild turkeys are legal. See the beard before you shoot. (Some hen turkeys grow beards, and these by definition may legally be taken.)



BEARD

**Phone:**  
800-406-6409  
In addition to the license fee(s) a service charge will be added. Service charge will vary depending on amount of transaction.

**LICENSING BY COMPUTER OR BY PHONE**  
**QUICK – CONVENIENT – EASY**  
Purchase general licenses and apply for most lottery licenses 24 hours a day — 7 days a week



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**Website:**  
[www.gf.nd.gov](http://www.gf.nd.gov)  
Regular license fees apply with no service charge added. Applicants must print out their own license. Those without a printer will receive a confirmation number to carry.

## TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

Immediately after a turkey is taken, the hunter must indicate the date of kill by cutting out the appropriate month and day from the tag provided with the license, and attach it around the leg of the turkey in an exact manner as illustrated on back of tag to prevent its removal. It is not legal to possess or transport a turkey unless it is properly tagged. The tag shall remain with the carcass until it is packaged as food. No person may reuse or attempt to reuse any tag issued. All used tags must be kept in possession until the meat is consumed or disposed of.

## FIREARMS AND ARCHERY EQUIPMENT

**Shotguns** — Only shotguns no larger than 10 gauge and capable of holding not more than three shells in the magazine and chamber are legal. Minimum barrel length is 18 inches. Fully automatic firearms are illegal.

**Rifles** — Only muzzleloading long guns are legal. Centerfire rifles and rimfire rifles are not legal for hunting wild turkeys.

**Bows and Arrows** — A bow must be pulled, held and released by hand. Any release aid may be used providing it is hand operated, the shooter supports the draw weight of the bow, and the release is not attached to any part of the bow other than at the bowstring. A compound bow used for hunting turkeys must have at least 35 pounds of draw at 28 inches or less draw length. Recurve and long bows used for hunting turkeys must have at least 35 pounds of draw at 28 inches. Arrows must be at least 24 inches long, tipped with a metal broadhead with at least two sharp cutting edges, and have a cutting diameter of at least 3/4 inch (i.e., not able to pass through a 3/4 inch ring). It is illegal to hunt turkeys with barbed arrows. Broadheads with mechanical or retractable blades are legal. Telescopic sights, range finding devices, battery powered or electronic lighted sights or other electronic devices attached to the bow, or the arrow, are not permitted. Handheld range finding devices are legal. Arrows capable of causing damage or injury in excess of that inflicted by the cutting edges of the broadhead are prohibited (e.g., explosive arrow points, arrows tipped with drugs or chemicals, and pneumatic or hydraulic shafts are illegal).

**Handguns** — Handguns using straight-wall cased centerfire ammunition and muzzleloading pistols are legal.

### Other Firearms/Archery Restrictions

- Crossbows are not legal, except with a permit from the Game and Fish director. Contact the Department for additional information on crossbow regulations.
- It is illegal to go afield with a firearm or bow and arrow while intoxicated.
- Firearms must be unloaded and encased within the boundaries of any national park.
- It is illegal to hunt upon the premises of another within 440 yards of any occupied building without the consent of the person occupying such building. Exception: Hunting is not prohibited on land owned by neighbors (private or public) even if the land is located less than 440 yards from the occupied building.



**RAP (REPORT ALL POACHERS) PROGRAM.** *This program encourages people to report wildlife violations, remain anonymous if they prefer, and receive monetary rewards for convictions based on their information. Anonymous callers will be given a special code number and are not required to give their name. Rewards range from \$100 to \$1,000 depending on the nature and seriousness of the crime. Call 800-472-2121. Call this number only to report game and fish violations. Note: If calling from outside North Dakota, the number is (701) 328-9921. The reward fund is supported by private donations. If you wish to donate to the RAP program, tax deductible contributions can be sent to RAP, Box 188, Valley City, ND 58072-0188.*

## POSTING AND TRESPASS

- Only the owner or tenant, or an individual authorized by the owner, may post land by placing signs alongside a public highway or boundary giving notice that no hunting is permitted on the land. The name of the person posting the land must appear on each sign in legible characters. The signs must be readable from outside the land and must be placed conspicuously and not more than 880 yards apart. On land entirely enclosed by a fence or other enclosure, posting of signs at or on all gates through the fence or enclosure constitutes a posting of all the enclosed land.
- Hunting on posted lands without permission from the owner or tenant is illegal and punishable by suspension of hunting, fishing and trapping privileges for a period of at least one year.
- Any person may enter upon legally posted land (without a firearm or bow) to recover game shot or killed on land where he/she had a lawful right to hunt.
- It is illegal to hunt in unharvested cereal and oilseed crops, including sprouted winter wheat, alfalfa, clover and other grasses grown for seed, without the landowner's consent.
- It is illegal to deface, take down or destroy posting signs.
- Failure to close gates upon exit or entry is a criminal violation punishable by forfeiture of hunting licenses.

## AREAS CLOSED TO HUNTING

Federal or state properties such as refuges, sanctuaries, military installations, parks and historic sites posted to trespassing or hunting are closed to hunting wild turkeys.

**Exception:** Firearms are allowed for turkey hunting on state wildlife management areas that are posted as closed to use of firearms after May 1. Portions of Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge in Unit 51 and portions of J. Clark Salyer NWR in Unit 25 are open to spring wild turkey hunting. Contact refuge headquarters for details. All other NWRs are closed to spring wild turkey hunting. State school land is open to public access including hunting unless posted with State Land Department signs. Contact the State Land Department for additional information regarding state school lands. When hunting near the boundaries of closed refuges, sanctuaries, military installations, parks or historic sites, make sure you are familiar with any retrieval restrictions that may apply.

## TRANSPORTATION

License holders must accompany their wild turkey during transportation, except that it may be shipped by licensed public carrier in receipt of proper bill of lading.

## HUNTING OVER BAIT

Hunting over bait on Department wildlife management areas is prohibited. Hunting over bait is defined as the placement and/or use of bait(s) for attracting game to a specific location for the purpose of hunting. Baits include but are not limited to grains, minerals, salts, fruits, vegetables, hay or any other natural or manufactured foods. The designation does not apply to the use of scents and lures, water, food plots, standing crops or livestock feeds used in standard practices.

Hunting over bait is also not allowed on all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service national wildlife refuges and waterfowl production areas; U.S. Forest Service national grasslands; and all North Dakota state school lands, state park lands, and state forest service lands.

## LICENSES AVAILABLE BY UNIT

UNIT	AVAILABLE	UNIT	AVAILABLE
02	400	31	125
03	125	37	675
04	125	40	150
06	100	44	150
13	300	45	140
17	350	47	350
19	225	50	450
21	<b>CLOSED</b>	51	350
25	750	53	25
27	450	98	400
30	700	99	300
		<b>TOTAL</b>	6,640

One additional spring turkey license is authorized to be raffled or auctioned by the National Wild Turkey Federation. The license is valid for any open unit. Proceeds are used for wild turkey conservation in North Dakota.

## SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMES

Sunrise and sunset at Bismarck noted below. The sun rises and sets one minute later for each 12.5 miles west of Bismarck and one minute earlier for each 12.5 miles east of Bismarck.

DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET	DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET
APR 10	7:05	8:25	MAY 1	6:28	8:53
APR 11	7:03	8:26	MAY 2	6:26	8:55
APR 12	7:01	8:27	MAY 3	6:25	8:56
APR 13	6:59	8:29	MAY 4	6:23	8:57
APR 14	6:57	8:30	MAY 5	6:22	8:59
APR 15	6:56	8:32	MAY 6	6:20	9:00
APR 16	6:54	8:33	MAY 7	6:19	9:01
APR 17	6:52	8:34	MAY 8	6:18	9:02
APR 18	6:50	8:36	MAY 9	6:16	9:04
APR 19	6:48	8:37	MAY 10	6:15	9:05
APR 20	6:47	8:38	MAY 11	6:13	9:06
APR 21	6:45	8:40	MAY 12	6:12	9:08
APR 22	6:43	8:41	MAY 13	6:11	9:09
APR 23	6:41	8:42	MAY 14	6:10	9:10
APR 24	6:40	8:44	MAY 15	6:08	9:11
APR 25	6:38	8:45	MAY 16	6:07	9:13
APR 26	6:36	8:47			
APR 27	6:35	8:48			
APR 28	6:33	8:49			
APR 29	6:31	8:51			
APR 30	6:30	8:52			

### ROAD RIGHTS OF WAY

*Do not hunt on road rights of way unless you are certain they are open to public use. Most road rights of way are under the control of the adjacent landowner and are closed to hunting when the adjacent land is posted closed to hunting.*

## AIRCRAFT AND MOTOR-DRIVEN VEHICLES

- Aircraft may not be used to drive, concentrate, rally, raise, stir up, spot or disturb game.
- Motor-driven vehicles may not be used to pursue game.
- It is illegal to shoot with bow and arrow or firearm while in or on a motor-driven vehicle.
- It is illegal to carry a firearm in or on a motor-driven vehicle with a shell in the chamber. The entire cylinder of a revolver is considered the chamber, requiring the revolver to be completely unloaded. It is illegal to carry any muzzleloader in or on a motor-driven vehicle with a percussion cap or primer on the nipple or powder in the flash pan.
- Motor-driven vehicles may only be used on established roads or trails. Except for persons having a special disability permit, no person may use a motor-driven vehicle while in the process of hunting turkeys or aid another in the process of hunting turkeys, including travel to and from the hunting location unless the motor-driven vehicle is on an established road or trail. Exception: a landowner or a lessee who actively farms or ranches the land, or a person having written permission from the landowner or lessee, may use a motor-driven vehicle off of an established road or trail to hunt turkeys except during the deer gun season.
- Motor-driven vehicles may not be used off established roads and trails on state wildlife management areas, federal waterfowl production areas, and any other areas where motor-driven vehicles are restricted.
- Established roads or trails do not include temporary trails made for agricultural purposes.
- No person may use motor-driven vehicles on North Dakota Game and Fish Department Conservation PLOTS (Private Land Open To Sportsmen) property without permission from the landowner. These areas have been entrusted to the public for walking access only through written agreements with private landowners. The boundaries of these properties are identified by large yellow triangular signs.

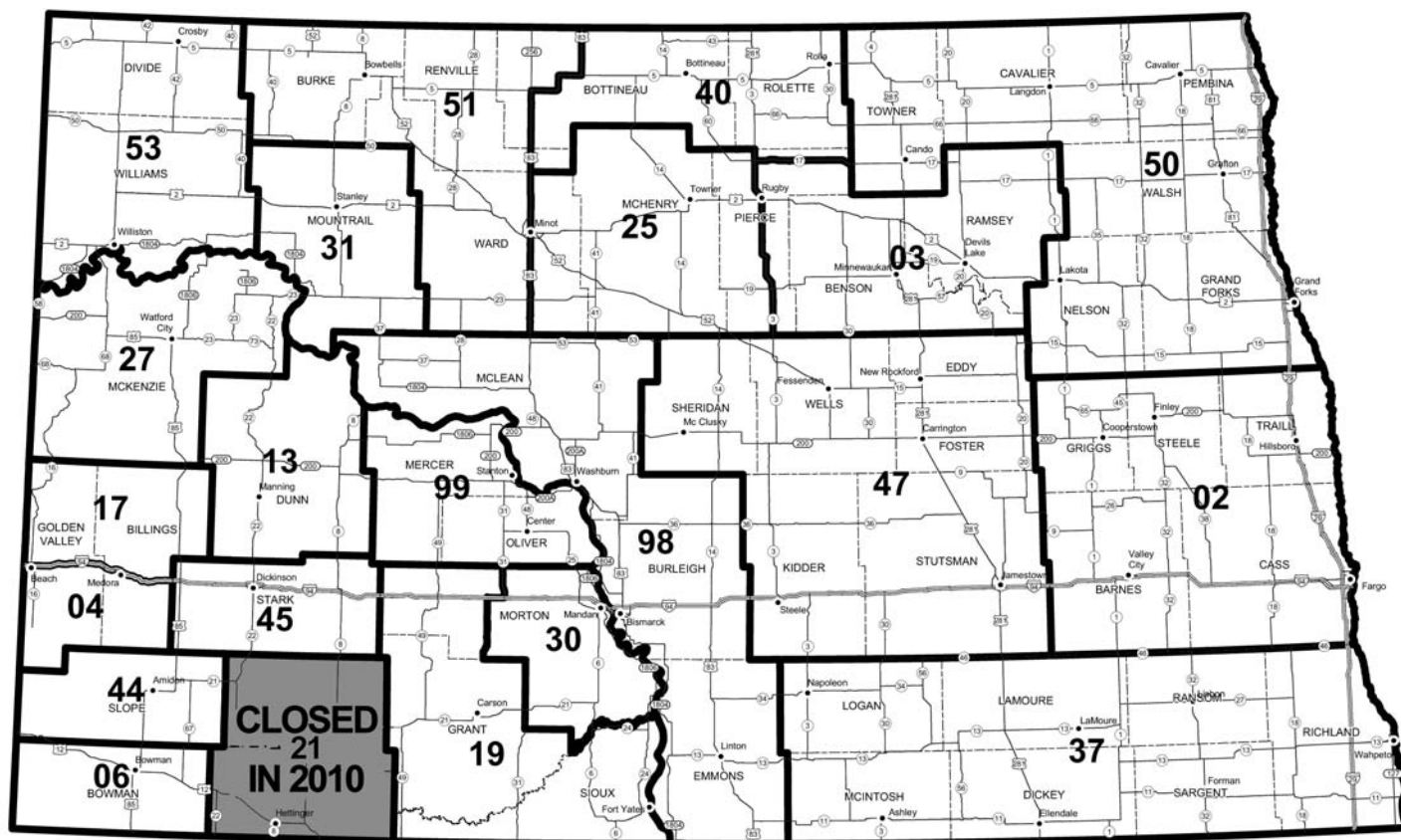
### INDIAN RESERVATIONS

Portions of some units are located on Indian reservations. Contact reservation tribal offices for more information.

- **Fort Berthold.** Game and Fish Department, 404 Frontage Road, New Town, ND 58763, (701) 627-4760.
- **Standing Rock.** Game and Fish Department, Box D, Fort Yates, ND 58538, (701) 854-7236.
- **Turtle Mountain.** Department of Natural Resources, Box 570, Belcourt, ND 58316, (701) 477-2600.
- **Spirit Lake.** Fish and Wildlife Department, Box 359, Fort Totten, ND 58335, (701) 766-4221.



## MAP/DESCRIPTION OF OPEN HUNTING UNITS



**Unit 02** – Barnes County, Cass County, Griggs County, Steele County and Traill County.

**Unit 03** – Benson County, Pierce County east of ND Highway 3 and south of ND Highway 17, and Ramsey County. **NOTE:** In addition to a Unit 03 spring wild turkey license, a special permit is required to hunt in Graham's Island State Park. Special restrictions will be required when hunting in the park. Contact the park office for additional information and for obtaining these free permits (701) 766-4015.

**Unit 04** – Those portions of Billings and Golden Valley counties south of I-94.

**Unit 06** – Bowman County.

**Unit 13** – Dunn County.

**Unit 17** – Those portions of Billings and Golden Valley counties north of I-94.

**Unit 19** – Grant County, Sioux County, and that part of Morton County south of I-94 that lies west of Morton County Road 86 (the Almont to Carson road) and that part of Morton County north of I-94 that lies west of ND Highway 31.

**Unit 21** – Hettinger County and Adams County. **Closed in 2010.**

**Unit 25** – McHenry County and that part of Pierce County west of ND Highway 3 and that part of Ward County that lies east of US Highway 83.

**Unit 27** – McKenzie County.

**Unit 30** – Morton County except for that part of Morton County south of I-94 that lies west of Morton County Road 86 (the Almont to Carson road) and except that part of Morton County north of I-94 that lies west of ND Highway 31.

**Unit 31** – Mountrail County.

**Unit 37** – Dickey County, LaMoure County, Logan County, McIntosh County, Ransom County, Richland County and Sargent County.

**Unit 40** – Rolette County, and those portions of Bottineau and Renville counties east of US Highway 83 and that portion of Pierce County north of ND Highway 17.

**Unit 44** – Slope County.

**Unit 45** – Stark County.

**Unit 47** – Eddy County, Foster County, Kidder County, Sheridan County, Stutsman County and Wells County.

**Unit 50** – Cavalier County, Grand Forks County, Nelson County, Pembina County, Towner County and Walsh County.

**Unit 51** – Burke County, all of Renville County except that portion east of US Highway 83, that part of Bottineau County west of US Highway 83, and that part of Ward County that lies west of US Highway 83.

**Unit 53** – Williams County and Divide County.

**Unit 98** – Burleigh County, Emmons County and McLean County.

**Unit 99** – Mercer County and Oliver County.



## 2010 Spring Wild Turkey Proclamation

Pursuant to North Dakota law and upon the recommendation of the North Dakota Game and Fish Director, I hereby declare an open season for North Dakota residents for the taking of not to exceed 6,641 bearded wild turkeys. Except as provided hereinafter or otherwise by law, no person shall hunt, kill, take, possess, transport, or so attempt to hunt, kill, take, or possess any wild turkeys.

### 1. SEASON DATES, TIMES, OPEN AREAS:

<u>SEASON</u>	<u>OPENS</u>	<u>CLOSES</u>	<u>AREAS</u>	<u>RESTRICTIONS</u>
Spring	Apr. 10	May 16	All Open Units	Restricted to spring season dates and unit described on license.

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**HOURS OF HUNTING:** are one-half (½) hour before sunrise to sunset.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY:

Only North Dakota residents are eligible. Licenses are issued by a weighted lottery drawing among eligible applicants as prescribed by the director. Individuals who are first-time youth spring wild turkey hunters, are fifteen years of age or younger on opening day, have never received a spring wild turkey license, and so indicate this on the spring turkey application, will receive a spring turkey license.

### 3. LICENSES:

Licenses are issued by a weighted lottery drawing among eligible applicants. Licenses are issued in the form of a tag.

Applications and Fees--Only one application may be submitted for the 2010 spring season, hence a landowner may submit either a gratis or a lottery application, but not both. Deadline for applications is February 10, 2010. Because of sometimes delayed postmarking procedures, applications postmarked February 10 or 11 and earlier will be accepted. Applicants must include with the application the appropriate fee in the form of a personal check, certified check, or money order. If an insufficient funds check is issued and the collection agency cannot collect, the applicant shall be ineligible for a 2010 spring and fall or a 2011 spring and fall wild turkey license.

Gratis--Gratis licenses are available to North Dakota residents owning or leasing for agricultural purposes and actively farming or ranching at least 160 acres of land located in an open hunting unit and are valid only upon land described on the application and, subsequently the license. Gratis licenses are issued only through the Department's Bismarck office and are subtracted from the maximum number of turkey licenses available for each unit.

Other Licenses Required--To hunt wild turkey, all hunters regardless of age must also possess a 2010 fishing, hunting and furbearer certificate and a 2010 general game and habitat license. In addition, hunters 16 years of age and older must possess a 2010 small game license or a combination license before hunting wild turkeys.

All stamps must be signed in ink and affixed to the back of each person's fishing, hunting, and furbearer certificate.

#### **4. WEAPONS:**

- \* Shotguns--Only shotguns no larger than 10 gauge and capable of holding not more than three shells in the magazine and chamber are legal. Minimum barrel length is 18 inches. Fully automatic weapons are illegal.
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- \* Bows and Arrows--A bow must be pulled, held, and released by hand. Any release aid may be used providing it is hand operated, the shooter supports the draw weight of the bow, and the release is not attached to any part of the bow other than at the bowstring. A compound bow used for hunting turkeys must have at least 35 pounds of draw at 28 inches or less draw length. Recurve and long bows used for hunting turkeys must have at least 35 pounds of draw at 28 inches. Arrows must be at least 24 inches long, tipped with a metal broadhead, with at least two sharp cutting edges, and have a cutting diameter of at least 3/4 inches (i.e., not able to pass through a 3/4 inch ring.). It is illegal to hunt turkeys with barbed arrows. Broadheads with mechanical or retractable blades are legal. Telescopic sights, range finding devices, battery-powered or electronically lighted sights or other electronic devices attached to the bow, or the arrow, are not permitted. Handheld range finding devices are legal. Arrows capable of causing damage or injury to the animal in excess of that inflicted by the cutting edges of the broadhead, are prohibited while hunting turkeys with a bow (e.g., explosive arrow points, arrows tipped with drugs or chemicals, and pneumatic or hydraulic shafts are illegal.). Crossbows are not legal, except with a permit from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department Director. When permitted, crossbows must: a) have a peak draw weight of at least 75 pounds and not more than 200 pounds, b) be equipped with a working safety to prevent accidental firing, c) have a stock at least 14 inches long, d) use arrows or bolts at

least 14 inches in length, e) Battery-powered and electronic-lighted sight pins and telescopic sights not exceeding a maximum power of four by thirty-two millimeters may be attached to crossbows used for hunting, and f) crossbow hunters must comply with all other archery equipment regulations listed above.

- \* Handguns--Handguns using straightwall cased centerfire ammunition and muzzleloading pistols are legal.
- \* The Director may make reasonable accommodations to comply with the American's with Disabilities Act.

## **5. AIRCRAFT AND MOTOR-DRIVEN VEHICLES:**

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- \* It is illegal to shoot with bow and arrow or firearm while in or on a motor-driven vehicle.
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- \* A landowner or lessee who actively farms or ranches land and persons having written permission from a landowner or lessee who actively farms or ranches that land may use a motor-driven vehicle on that land other than on an established road or trail to hunt turkeys.
- \* The use of all motor-driven vehicles on wildlife management areas is restricted to those constructed roads, well worn trails, and parking areas normally used by passenger cars.
- \* No person may use motor-driven vehicles on North Dakota Game and Fish Department's Conservation PLOTS (**P**riate **L**and **O**pen **T**o **S**portsmen) property without permission from the landowner. These areas have been entrusted to the public for walking access through written agreements by private landowners. The boundaries of these properties are described in the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's annual PLOTS Guide and on-site by large yellow triangular signs.

## **6. BAG LIMIT:**

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## 7. TAGGING REQUIREMENTS:

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## 8. TRANSPORTATION:

License holders must accompany their wild turkey during transportation, except that it may be shipped by licensed public carrier in receipt of proper bill of lading.

## 9. AREAS CLOSED TO HUNTING:

- \* Wildlife management areas and refuges so posted, sanctuaries, federal military installations, national parks, and historic sites are closed to the hunting of wild turkeys.

**Exception:** Portions of Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in Unit 51 and portions of J. Clark Salyer NWR in Unit 25 are open for wild turkey hunting during the spring season. Contact the refuge headquarters for details. All other NWR's are closed to spring wild turkey hunting.

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## 11. HUNTING UNIT DESCRIPTIONS:

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Unit 99--Mercer County and Oliver County.

## **12. NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION:**

The 2010 Spring Wild Turkey Proclamation provides the National Wild Turkey Federation with one turkey license, valid in any open unit, for the 2010 spring season. The license is to be raffled or auctioned as per legislation passed during the 2007 legislative session (N.D.C.C. 20.1-04-07). The raffle or auction license proceeds are to be used for wild turkey conservation in North Dakota.

## **13. WANTON WASTE OF A WILD TURKEY:**

No person shall kill, cripple, waste, destroy, spoil, or abandon the edible flesh of any wild turkey without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird, and retain it in his/her actual custody, at the place where taken and between that place and either (a) his/her personal permanent residence, (b) taxidermist or (c) a common carrier. Edible flesh means the breast meat of any wild turkey.

## **14. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES:**

The following violations are noncriminal and have the listed penalties:

- \* Hunting before or after legal hours (Section 1) up to 30 minutes--penalty--\$100. In excess of 30 minutes -- Class B Misdemeanor.
- \* No person may keep or carry in or on any motor-driven vehicle any firearm with a cartridge in the chamber while hunting game birds or game animals (Section 5)--penalty --\$100.
- \* Failure to sign and affix stamps to the licensee's fishing, hunting, and furbearer certificate (Section 3)--penalty--\$25.

- \* Use of motor-driven vehicle in a restricted area (Section 5)--penalty--\$50.
- \* Failure to accompany one's own game during transportation or transporting another's game (Section 8)--penalty--\$50.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND** and the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota this 19th day of January, 2010.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

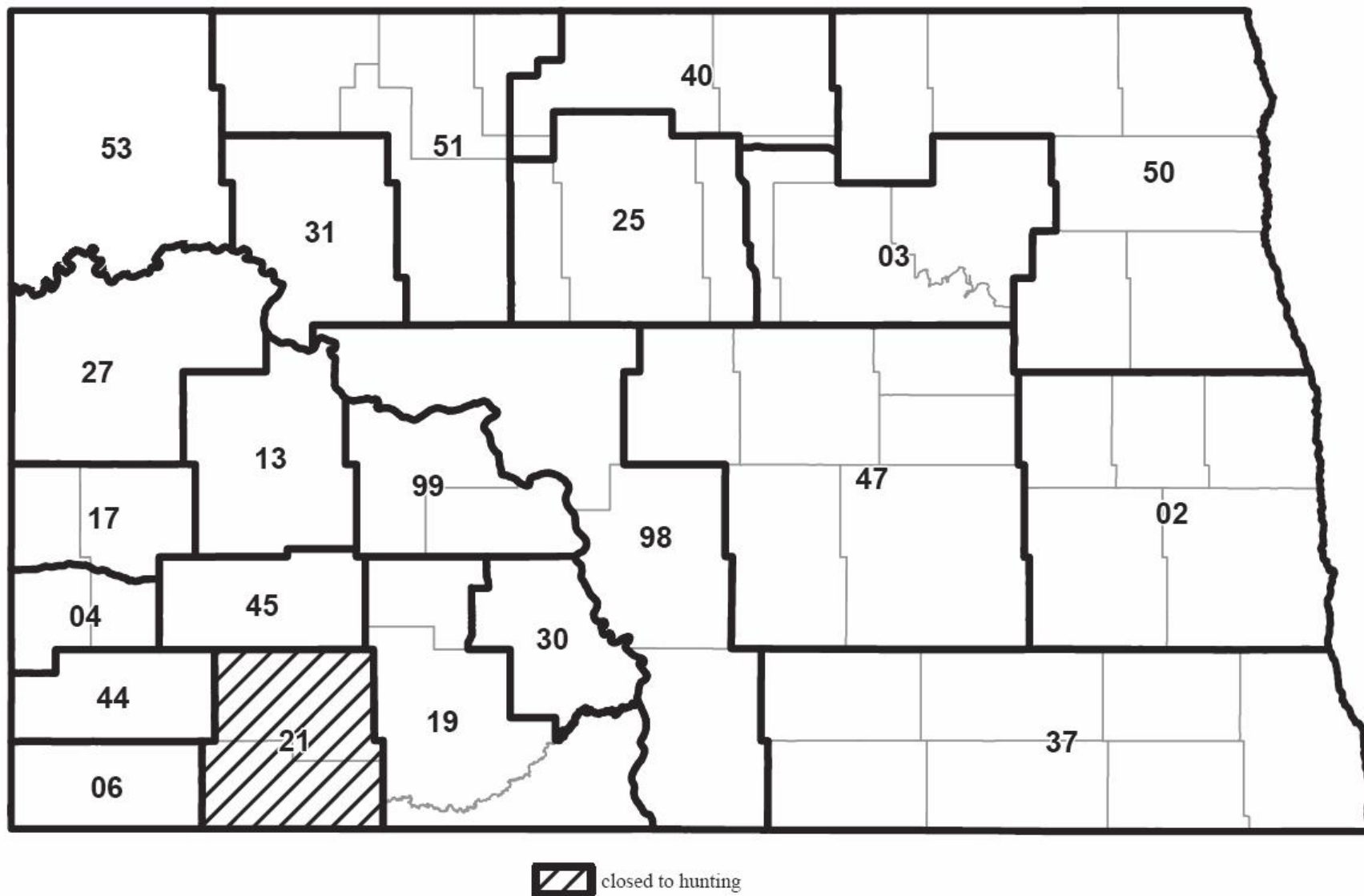
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of State

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### 15. 2010 Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Units.





# 2010 SPRING LIGHT GOOSE HUNTING REGULATIONS

(CONSERVATION ORDER)

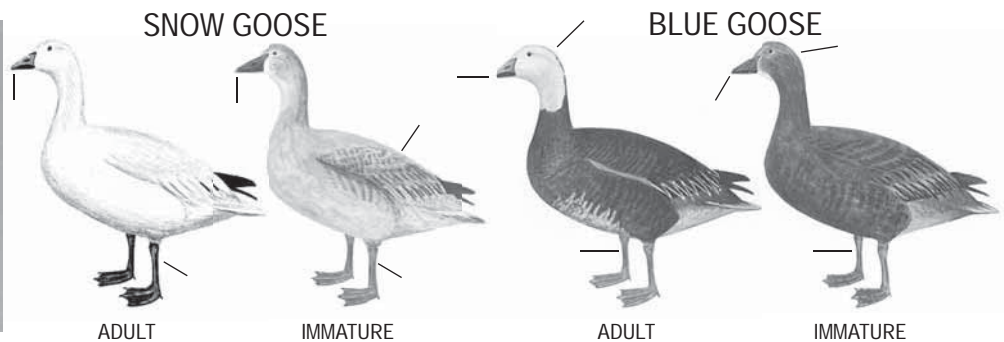
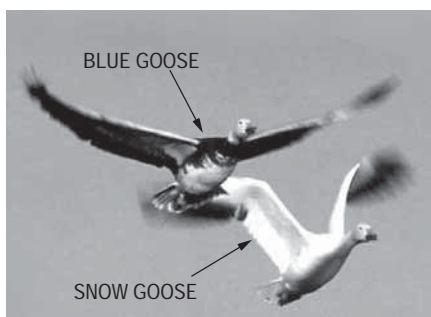
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## SPRING LIGHT GOOSE SEASON REGULATION SUMMARY

Species	Daily Limit	Possession Limit	Open Area and Season Dates	Shooting Hours
Snow geese, blue geese and Ross's geese	No Limit	No Limit	Statewide February 20 - May 9	30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset

- Residents must have either a 2009-10 or 2010-11 resident hunting license (fishing, hunting and furbearer certificate, and a combination license; or a small game, plus general game and habitat license).
- Nonresidents must have a 2010 nonresident spring light goose season license (\$50). This license is valid statewide for the entire spring season, and does not affect the eligibility to purchase a nonresident waterfowl hunting license for fall 2010.
- Required licenses may be purchased through the Department's Bismarck office, website or toll-free phone licensing system.
- All 2010 spring light goose hunters must register with the Harvest Information Program prior to hunting. Resident hunters with valid 2009-10 licenses can get HIP registered through the Department's website, or by calling (888) 634-4798. Residents or nonresidents buying a new license can register with HIP through any of the Department's three licensing options. HIP registration for the spring season is also valid for hunting migratory birds in fall 2010.
- A federal waterfowl stamp is not required.
- Electronic and recorded calls, as well as shotguns capable of holding more than three shells, may be used to take light geese.
- Waterfowl rest areas designated for 2009 are not in effect during this season; however, private lands within a rest area may be posted.
- Nontoxic shot is required for hunting light geese.
- Driving off established roads and trails is strongly discouraged during this hunt because of the likelihood of soft, muddy field conditions, and winter wheat that is planted across the state. To encourage positive landowner/hunter relations, please seek permission before attempting any off-road travel. Sprouted winter wheat is considered an unharvested crop, therefore hunting or off-road travel in winter wheat is not legal without landowner permission.
- Wanton waste of migratory game birds. No person shall hunt any migratory game bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve downed birds, and retain them in his/her possession until processing.

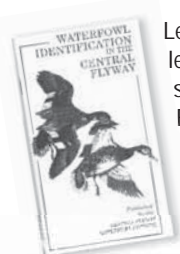
Only snow geese, blue geese and Ross's geese are legal. Below are some identification characteristics of these species. See back side for descriptions of birds that are not legal during spring season.



**SNOW AND BLUE GEESE:** Snows and blues are medium-sized geese measuring 25-31 inches from beak to tail, and weighing 4-6.5 pounds. They are different color phases of the same species, and have the same harsh, high-pitched call. Adult bill is pink with whitish tip, and feet are pink. Immature bill and feet are gray. Adult snow geese are all white except for black wing tips. Immature snow geese are dusky white with black wing tips. Adult blue geese have a white head and slate gray body color with some white on lower chest and abdomen. In spring, immature blue geese have all slate-gray bodies but head may be white or gray. Wings are slate gray with darker tips in both adult and immature.

**ROSS'S GEESE:** Ross's geese are identical to snow geese in coloration, but they have a shorter bill and neck, and are much smaller, weighing 3-4 pounds. Adults have a wart-like tissue at the base of the bill.





Learning to properly identify waterfowl before shooting is a hunter's responsibility. Only snow geese, blue geese and Ross's geese are legal during the spring season, but Canada geese, white-fronted geese and tundra swans may be in the same area, or traveling in the same flock. Whooping cranes may also be present in the same area. A waterfowl identification booklet is available from the Game and Fish Department upon request.

## THESE ARE NOT LEGAL SPECIES...

TUNDRA SWAN



**TUNDRA SWAN:** Tundra swans are large white birds with long necks, weighing 10-23 pounds, more than twice as big as snow geese. Unlike snow geese, they do not have black wing tips, but their black feet and bill are evident in flight.

WHOOPING CRANE



**WHOOPING CRANE:** Snowy white and stands more than four feet tall. In flight, its black wingtips are visible, its neck is extended and its long dark legs extend beyond the tail. It has a wingspan of 7.5 feet. Whoopers usually are found in small groups of seven or fewer.

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (SPECKLEBELLY)



**IMMATURE WHITEFRONT:** No barring on breast, overall grayish in color, similar in appearance to immature blue geese.

**WHITE-FRONTED GEESE:** Medium-sized goose 27-30 inches long and 4.5-7 pounds. The body is grayish brown. Adults have black barring on breast and white on face around bill. Feet are yellow-orange. Bill is orange with adult showing some pink at base and tip. The call is a high-pitched ke-lee-lee-le. In flight the yellow-orange feet and black-barred breast of adults are evident.

CANADA GOOSE



**CANADA GEESE:** Several subspecies ranging from 2.5 to more than 15 pounds. Has a dark brown back and sides. Chest and belly vary from brownish to pearl gray, with larger subspecies usually lighter. Head and neck are jet black with white cheek and throat patch. Bill and feet are black. The call is a deep-throated honk. In flight their black head and neck with white cheek and throat are evident.



**Refer to the 2009 North Dakota Waterfowl Hunting Guide for additional information. This spring light goose guide is provided for informational purposes and is not intended as a complete listing of regulations. See our regulations and laws page at <http://gf.nd.gov/regulations/index.html>.**

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