

Wild Turkey Management Goal and Objectives 2000-2015

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Goal

Increase the size and distribution of the Wild Turkey population within all suitable habitats in Maine.

Objective 1: By 2010, increase the size and distribution of the Wild Turkey population within all suitable habitats in Maine via trap and transfer activities and habitat improvements.

Objective 2: By 2010, provide unlimited spring hunting opportunity (everyone who applies for a permit receives a permit) as long as the Wild Turkey population can support it and 2001 hunt quality is maintained. *(The working group defined quality hunting as hearing, seeing, working, and hopefully harvesting a turkey without interference from others.)*

Objective 3: By 2002, develop a component to the Department's Nuisance Wildlife Policy that addresses Wild Turkeys.

Objective 4: By 2003, implement a limited fall hunting season in areas where the Wild Turkey population can support it, and without adversely affecting Objective 2.

Objective 5: Develop a cooperative habitat improvement program between landowners, the Maine Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation, and the Department.