GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

Turkey Transportation Requirements
Chapter 41:06:03

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal January 10-11, 2019 Pierre
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COMMISSION PROPOSAL

1. Eliminating the requirement that the beard, leg and foot bearing the tag remain naturally attached to the rest of the turkey when transported from the place where taken until the bird has arrived at the domicile of the possessor.
2. Establishing an alternative requirement that the beard, leg and foot bearing the tag simply accompany the rest of the turkey when transported from the place where taken until the bird has arrived at the domicile of the possessor.
3. Eliminating the aforementioned requirement to transport the beard if a person is licensed to take “any turkey”.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Over the last year, Department officials have been contacted by licensed hunters regarding turkey transportation requirements. Many of these individuals desire the ability to remove the edible portions from the turkey and transport the cleaned turkey in a cooler similar to how some other big game animals are cared for in the field. However, current regulation stipulates that the beard, leg and foot remain naturally attached to the rest of the carcass. The proposed changes would make the transportation process easier and align with other big game transportation requirements found in 41:06:03:06. The turkey transportation requirements would remain waived for birds processed at a wildlife processing facility and accompanied by the receipt or those birds processed at the domicile of the possessor.

☐ APPROVE  ☐ MODIFY  ☐ REJECT  ☐ NO ACTION