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Dear Mr. Hubert:

Subject: EBR 012-0672: Amendments to Regulations under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997 to establish new open seasons for spring and fall hunting of wild turkeys in specific Wildlife Management Units

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) is Ontario's largest non-profit conservation-based organization, representing 100,000 members, subscribers and supporters, and 720 member clubs. On behalf of our membership, we fully support this proposal to establish new open seasons for spring and fall hunting of wild turkeys in specific Wildlife Management Units (WMUs).

The OFAH has continually expressed interest and support for the creation of additional wild turkey hunting opportunities, which we believe will provide substantial benefits (e.g. social, economic, etc.) consistent with the Wild Turkey Management Plan for Ontario (i.e. managing for sustainability and providing hunting opportunities). Therefore, we are pleased to see the following WMUs proposed to have new wild turkey seasons beginning in 2014:

- 1) New spring wild turkey hunting seasons:
 - WMU 42 (Sudbury District)
 - WMU 47 (North Bay and Parry Sound Districts)
 - WMU 49 and 50 (Parry Sound District); and
- 2) New fall hunting season in WMU 59 (Pembroke District)

We appreciate the opportunity to comment, and look forward to seeing the proposed new spring and fall wild turkey seasons implemented in 2014.

Yours in Conservation,

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Fish and Wildlife Biologist

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