BEFORE THE IDAHO FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF FEE DISCOUNTS)
FOR RESIDENT and NONRESIDENT ) ORDER 21-66
WILD TURKEY TAGS)

The Commission previously adopted Order 21-17 to continue fee discounts for certain types of turkey tags through calendar year 2021 in conjunction with adoption of omnibus rules simplifying the categories for turkey tags.

Commission Order 21-17 continued discounts for “Special Unit” Tags for resident and nonresident use in units 1, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 5, 6, 7, and 9, and in designated depredation hunts, to facilitate hunting opportunity as an effective management tool in areas where turkey populations exceed social tolerance. Similarly, Commission Order 21-17 continued discounts for purchases of second or subsequent resident turkey tags (including tags previously referred to as “Extra Tags”) to support population management in other units.

The Commission has received the Wildlife Bureau Chief’s recommendation to continue discounts for resident and nonresident turkey tags for use in the aforementioned “Special Units” and depredation hunts to facilitate hunting opportunity as an effective management tool in areas where turkey populations exceed social tolerance. The Commission also received the Wildlife Bureau Chief’s recommendation to continue discounts for the purchase of second and subsequent resident tags to facilitate hunting opportunity to support turkey population management in other units.

Therefore, under the authority of Idaho Code Section 36-415, based on a finding of biological and public need to encourage participation in the hunting of wild turkeys, the Idaho Fish and Game Commission hereby ORDERS the discount of resident and nonresident general tag fees for wild turkey, to $5.00, inclusive of vendor issuance fee, with tag use limited to the following locations and times (which discounted tags may be referred to as “Special Unit Tags”):

- Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 5, 6, 7 and 9, for use during fall general seasons, and in any designated depredation hunt during the calendar year.

The Commission further ORDERS the continuation of the discount to $12.25, inclusive of vendor issuance fee, of resident fees for wild turkey, applicable to the second or subsequent tag purchased in a calendar year following the first full-priced general or controlled hunt tag purchase.

This Order is effective from January 1, 2022 – though January 31, 2024.

In setting an expiration date of January 31, 2024 for this Order, the Commission intends these discounts be reviewed no later than the setting of 2024-2025 biennial turkey seasons, expected to occur at the Commission’s January meeting in 2024.

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