



Application to Obtain Wild Turkeys for Release

Submit To:

Wildlife Branch
Manitoba Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources
wildlife@gov.mb.ca

Applicant:

ASSOCIATION NAME: _____

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: _____

REPRESENTATIVE NAME: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Date Application Submitted: _____

Proposed Release Site Information:

	Legal land description Or GPS location	RM	Landowner	GHA
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Proposed Trapping Site Information (if applicable):

	Legal land description	RM	Landowner	# Birds at Site
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Application Process and Conditions of Release

- 1) Applications are reviewed annually by staff from the Manitoba Wildlife Branch, with support from Manitoba Wildlife Federation, Canadian Wild Turkey Federation, and Wild Gobblers Unlimited.
- 2) Applications must be submitted on behalf of a current affiliate of the Manitoba Wildlife Federation. Applications from individuals will not be accepted.
- 3) Priority will be given to releases proposed in Game Hunting Areas 22, 23, 24, 25B, 27-35A, and 36. These are GHAs where there are currently hunting seasons or where sufficient habitat exists to support wild turkey populations. Potential for connecting to existing wild turkey populations will also be considered.
- 4) The applicant must consult and obtain permission from property owners with habitat where turkeys may congregate, within a 7 mile radius of the proposed release site (e.g., livestock operations, seed cleaners, etc). Release sites within 5 miles of a major city, town, or urban development will not be approved.
- 5) Habitat at the proposed release site must be inspected for suitable forage, nesting, and roost sites by the Regional Wildlife Manager or Game Bird Manager (or designate), and District Conservation Officer. The surrounding landscape should contain suitable wintering sites (livestock operations), and an even mixture of treed forest or pasture, grasslands or forage fields, and croplands.
- 6) A minimum of 12 wild turkeys shall be released per year, and based on success of the release and availability of birds (at the discretion of the Wildlife Branch), the applicant will have priority access for subsequent releases at the same site for a period totalling two years after the initial release.
- 7) All released wild turkeys must be aged, sexed, and banded by Wildlife Branch staff or a designate thereof prior to release.
- 8) On occasion, released birds may cause problems on the landscape. The applicant club is responsible for mitigation of problems resulting from the release of wild turkeys in their area, with assistance and direction from Wild Gobblers and Wildlife Branch staff. The applicant agrees to address any complaints in a timely manner through hazing, capture of nuisance birds, or other method. This agreement will serve as authorization for such activities.
- 9) Upon completion of steps 3 and 4, applicants will be placed on a waiting list until a supply of wild turkeys becomes available. However, if the applicant identifies a source of wild turkeys that Wildlife Branch staff deem appropriate to be trapped (e.g., rapidly growing flocks or nuisance birds) the applicant shall receive priority access to trap and transfer an agreed upon number of birds.

Reviewed by:

Provincial Wild Turkey Lead:

(signature)

(date)

Regional Wildlife Manager (or designate):

(signature)

(Region)

(date)

District Conservation Officer(s):

(signature)

(District/Region)

(date)

*I hereby certify that _____ and its members agree to comply with
(affiliate club name)
the conditions of release stated above.*

Authorized Club Executive:

(printed name)

(signature)

(date)

DISTRIBUTION: Provincial Wild Turkey Lead
Regional Wildlife Manager
District Office
Applicant
Local Wild Gobblers Representative

MAP OF LOCATION OF RELEASE

(Imagery from Google Earth or Google Maps showing the proposed release site and the landscape within a 7 miles radius)