

Office of Regulatory Management
Economic Review Form

Agency name	Board of Wildlife Resources
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)	4VAC15-240
VAC Chapter title(s)	Game: Turkey
Action title	Fall firearms season; youth/apprentice weekend bag limit
Date this document prepared	April 14, 2023
Regulatory Stage (including Issuance of Guidance Documents)	Exempt Proposed

Cost Benefit Analysis

Complete Tables 1a and 1b for all regulatory actions. You do not need to complete Table 1c if the regulatory action is required by state statute or federal statute or regulation and leaves no discretion in its implementation.

Table 1a should provide analysis for the regulatory approach you are taking. Table 1b should provide analysis for the approach of leaving the current regulations intact (i.e., no further change is implemented). Table 1c should provide analysis for at least one alternative approach. You should not limit yourself to one alternative, however, and can add additional charts as needed.

Report both direct and indirect costs and benefits that can be monetized in Boxes 1 and 2. Report direct and indirect costs and benefits that cannot be monetized in Box 4. See the ORM Regulatory Economic Analysis Manual for additional guidance.

Table 1a: Costs and Benefits of the Proposed Changes (Primary Option)

<p>(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change the length of the Charles City County fall firearms turkey season. <p>Direct Costs: There is no anticipated direct cost associated with this proposal.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: There is no anticipated indirect cost associated with this proposal.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: There is no anticipated direct benefit associated with this proposal.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: There is no anticipated indirect benefit associated with this proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change the bag limit for the spring and fall youth/apprentice turkey hunting weekends. <p>Direct Costs: There is no anticipated direct cost associated with this proposal.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: There is no anticipated indirect cost associated with this proposal.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: There is no anticipated direct benefit associated with this proposal.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: There is no anticipated indirect benefit associated with this proposal.</p>	
<p>(2) Present Monetized Values</p>	<p>Direct & Indirect Costs</p>	<p>Direct & Indirect Benefits</p>
	<p>(a) None</p>	<p>(b) None</p>
<p>(3) Net Monetized Benefit</p>	<p>N/A</p>	
<p>(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)</p>	<p>Extending the fall firearms turkey season in Charles City County and changing the bag limit for the spring and fall youth/apprentice hunting weekend will increase hunting opportunities for individuals who pursue turkeys during these seasons.</p>	
<p>(5) Information Sources</p>	<p>Department turkey management program data</p>	

Table 1b: Costs and Benefits under the Status Quo (No change to the regulation)

<p>(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change the length of the Charles City County fall firearms turkey season. <p>Direct Costs: There is no anticipated direct cost associated with maintaining the status quo.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: There is no anticipated indirect cost associated with maintaining the status quo.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: There is no anticipated direct benefit associated with maintaining the status quo.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: There is no anticipated indirect benefit associated with maintaining the status quo.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change the bag limit for the spring and fall youth/apprentice turkey hunting weekends. <p>Direct Costs: There is no anticipated direct cost associated with maintaining the status quo.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: There is no anticipated indirect cost associated with maintaining the status quo.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: There is no anticipated direct benefit associated with maintaining the status quo.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: There is no anticipated indirect benefit associated with maintaining the status quo.</p>	
<p>(2) Present Monetized Values</p>	<p>Direct & Indirect Costs</p>	<p>Direct & Indirect Benefits</p>
	<p>(a) None</p>	<p>(b) None</p>
<p>(3) Net Monetized Benefit</p>	<p>N/A</p>	
<p>(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>(5) Information Sources</p>	<p>N/A</p>	

Table 1c: Costs and Benefits under Alternative Approach(es)

<p>(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)</p>	<p>Alternative Approach – modify the extent to which the Charles City fall firearms turkey season is expanded.</p> <p>Direct Costs: The department maintains a traditional, specified season structure for the fall firearms turkey seasons. The proposal is consistent with the tradition structure. Novel modifications to the traditional season structure would require outreach and education efforts to ensure hunters were familiar with the new season structure and requirements.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: Lack of familiarity with novel fall turkey season structures could lead to inadvertent regulation violations by fall turkey hunters.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: There is no anticipated direct benefits to the alternative approach.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: There is no anticipated indirect benefits to the alternative approach.</p> <p>Alternative Approach – further increase the bag limit for the spring and fall youth/apprentice turkey hunting weekends.</p> <p>Direct Costs: There is no anticipated direct costs associated with this alternative.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: There is no anticipated indirect costs associated with this alternative.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: There is no anticipated direct benefit associated with this alternative.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: There is no anticipated indirect benefit associate with this alternative.</p>	
<p>(2) Present Monetized Values</p>	<p>Direct & Indirect Costs</p>	<p>Direct & Indirect Benefits</p>
	<p>(a) Indeterminate</p>	<p>(b) None</p>
<p>(3) Net Monetized Benefit</p>	<p>Indeterminate</p>	
<p>(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)</p>	<p>Hunter survey data pertaining to turkey bag limits show a preference for a 1 bird per day bag limit. A turkey bag limit that would exceed 1 bird per day would not be well received by many turkey hunters, particularly if such a bag limit only applied to the youth/apprentice turkey hunting weekend. Additionally, multiple bag limits across various turkey</p>	

	hunting seasons can be confusing for hunters and unduly complicate enforcement of regulation violations.
(5) Information Sources	Department turkey management program data

Impact on Local Partners

Use this chart to describe impacts on local partners. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

Table 2: Impact on Local Partners

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	Direct Costs: There is no anticipated direct cost to local partners. Indirect Costs: There is no anticipated indirect cost to local partners. Direct Benefits: There is no anticipated direct benefit to local partners. Indirect Benefits: There is no anticipated indirect benefit to local partners.	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) None	(b) None
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	None	
(4) Assistance	N/A	
(5) Information Sources	N/A	

Impacts on Families

Use this chart to describe impacts on families. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

Table 3: Impact on Families

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>Direct Costs: There is no anticipated direct cost to families.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: There is no anticipated indirect cost to families.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: There is no anticipated direct benefit to families.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: There is no anticipated indirect benefit to families.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) None	(b) None
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	None	
(4) Information Sources	N/A	

Impacts on Small Businesses

Use this chart to describe impacts on small businesses. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

Table 4: Impact on Small Businesses

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>Direct Costs: There is no anticipated direct cost to small businesses.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: There is no anticipated indirect cost to small businesses.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: There is no anticipated direct benefit to small businesses.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: There is no anticipated indirect benefit to small businesses.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) None	(b) None
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	None	

(4) Alternatives	N/A
(5) Information Sources	N/A

Changes to Number of Regulatory Requirements

Table 5: Regulatory Reduction

For each individual action, please fill out the appropriate chart to reflect any change in regulatory requirements, costs, regulatory stringency, or the overall length of any guidance documents.

Change in Regulatory Requirements

VAC Section(s) Involved	Initial Count	Additions	Subtractions	Net Change
4VAC15-240-31 and 4VAC15-240-32 (Charles City County season extension)	2	0	0	0
4VAC15-240-40 and 4VAC15-240-51 (bag limit for spring and fall youth/apprentice Weekend)	15	0	2	-2

Cost Reductions or Increases (if applicable)

VAC Section(s) Involved	Description of Regulatory Requirement	Initial Cost	New Cost	Overall Cost Savings/Increases
4VAC15-240-31 and 4VAC15-240-32	Change the length of the Charles City County fall firearms turkey season.	None	None	None
4VAC15-240-40 and 4VAC15-240-51	Change the bag limit for the spring and fall youth/apprentice turkey hunting weekends.	None	None	None

Other Decreases or Increases in Regulatory Stringency (if applicable)

VAC Section(s) Involved	Description of Regulatory Change	Overview of How It Reduces or Increases Regulatory Burden
4VAC15-240-31 and 4VAC15-240-32	Change the length of the Charles City County fall firearms turkey season.	There is no change in the regulatory burden associated with this proposal. The proposal simply shifts the timing of the fall firearms turkey season from a shorter season length to a longer season length of which both season lengths already exist within Department regulation.
4VAC15-240-40 and 4VAC15-240-51	Change the bag limit for the spring and fall youth/apprentice turkey hunting weekends.	This proposal reduces regulatory burden by eliminating the 1 bird per weekend bag limit during the spring and fall youth/apprentice turkey hunting weekends. Eliminating this existing bag limit brings these special turkey hunting weekends in line with the 1 bird per day bag limit that applies to all other turkey hunting seasons.

Length of Guidance Documents (only applicable if guidance document is being revised)

Title of Guidance Document	Original Length	New Length	Net Change in Length
N/A			