

571—98.2 (483A) Means and method of take.

98.2(1) Permitted weapons. Wild turkey may be taken in accordance with the type of license issued as follows:

a. Combination shotgun-or-archery license. Wild turkey may be taken by shotgun or muzzleloading shotgun not smaller than 20-gauge and shooting only shot sizes number 2 or 3 nontoxic shot or number 4, 5, 6, 7½, or 8 lead or nontoxic shot; and by bow and arrow as defined in paragraph 98.2(1) “b.” A person shall not have shot shells containing shot of any size other than number 2 or 3 nontoxic shot or number 4, 5, 6, 7½, or 8 lead or nontoxic shot on the person while hunting wild turkey.

b. Archery-only license. Except for crossbows for persons with certain afflictions of the upper body, as provided in 571—15.5(481A), only longbow, compound or recurve bows shooting broadhead arrows are permitted. Blunthead arrows with a minimum diameter of 9/16 inch may also be used. Arrows must be at least 18 inches long. No explosive or chemical devices may be attached to the arrow, broadhead, or blunthead.

98.2(2) Prohibited devices. The use of live decoys, dogs, horses, motorized vehicles, aircraft, bait, crossbows, except as otherwise provided, and the use or aid of recorded or electronically amplified bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds are prohibited. Paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may hunt from any stationary motor-driven land conveyance. “Paraplegic” means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with the involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord. “Bait” means grain, fruit, vegetables, nuts or any other natural food materials; commercial products containing natural food products; or by-products of such materials transported to or placed in an area for the intent of attracting wildlife.

98.2(3) Zones. A person with a resident wild turkey spring hunting license may take wild turkey statewide.

98.2(4) Seasons. Seasons will be established in accordance with the type of license issued.

a. Combination shotgun-or-archery licenses. Consecutive seasons are 4, 5, 7, and 19 days, respectively, with the first season beginning on the Monday closest to April 13. These seasons shall be designated as seasons 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively.

b. Archery-only licenses. The season shall be 35 days beginning on the Monday closest to April 13.