

## **R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.**

### **R657-54. Taking Wild Turkey.**

#### **R657-54-1. Purpose and Authority.**

(1) Under authority of Sections 23-14-18 and 23-14-19 and in accordance with 50 CFR 20, 2003 edition, which is incorporated by reference, the Wildlife Board has established this rule for taking wild turkey.

(2) Specific season dates, bag and possession limits, areas open, number of permits and other administrative details that may change annually are published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game and wild turkey.

#### **R657-54-2. Definitions.**

(1) Terms used in this rule are defined in [~~Section~~][Utah Code Sections 23-13-2 and 23-19-49.](#)

(2) In addition:

(a) "Bait" means shelled, shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed that lures, attracts or entices wild turkey.

(b) "Baiting" means the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for upland game to, on, or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them.

(c) "CFR" means the Code of Federal Regulations.

(d) "Falconry" means the sport of taking quarry by means of a trained raptor.

(e) "Fall season permit" means any turkey hunting permit having season dates on or between August 1 to March 14, excluding turkey permits issued pursuant to R657-41 and turkey control permits issued pursuant to R657-69-6.

(f) ["Pre-charged pneumatic air rifle" means a rifle that fires a single projectile with compressed air released from a chamber:](#)

[\(i\) built into the rifle; and](#)

[\(ii\) pressurized at a minimum of 2,000 pounds per square inch from an external high compression device or source, such as a hand pump, compressor, or scuba tank firing a single:](#)

[\(A\) broadhead tipped bolt or arrow; or](#)

[\(B\) pellet or slug during fall turkey season that:](#)

[\(I\) is .25 caliber or larger;](#)

[\(II\) weighs 18 grains or more; and](#)

[\(III\) is fired at a velocity to produce at least 30 foot-pounds of energy at the muzzle.](#)

[\(g\) "Spring season permit" means any turkey hunting permit having season dates on or between March 15 to July 31, excluding turkey permits issued pursuant to R657-41 and turkey control permits issued pursuant to R657-69-6.](#)

[\(g\)h](#) "Wild Turkey" as used in this rule means a wild, free-ranging turkey and does not include a privately-owned wild turkey, domestic turkey, or wild-domestic hybrids.

#### **R657-54-4. Authorized Weapons.**

Wild turkey may be taken only with:

[\(a\)1](#) Archery equipment, including a draw-lock, or a crossbow using broadhead tipped arrows or bolts;

(~~b~~2) a shotgun, firing shot sizes BB and smaller diameter; [~~e~~]

(~~e~~3) a rimfire firearm during any fall season permit; or

(4) a pre-charged pneumatic air rifle during any fall season permit.

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