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**HAWAI'I ISLAND 2023 SPRING BEARDED TURKEY SEASON**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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The 2023 Spring Bearded Turkey Hunting Season will begin on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. The spring season will run for 46 consecutive days through Saturday, April 15, 2023. The spring season will be for bearded turkeys only, in locations identified below. The season length, bag limits, and hunting areas are those established in Title 13, Chapter 122, "Rules Regulating Game Bird Hunting, Field Trials and Commercial Shooting Preserves."

<b>Open Turkey Hunting Areas</b>	<b>Special Conditions</b>	<b>Season Dates</b>	<b>Hunting Hours</b>
Unit A - Mauna Kea Forest Reserve and GMA	Mammal hunting will also be <u>open above treeline</u> for rifle, muzzleloader, handgun, and shotgun.	March 1 - April 15, 2023 (46 consecutive days)	One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset
Unit G – Ka'ohē GMA	Also <u>open daily</u> to mammal hunting for archery.		
Unit F – Pu'u Wa'awa'a Forest Reserve	All gates must be closed. Paddocks where cattle are present will be closed to hunting.		
Unit E- Kīpuka 'Āinahou	(Archery only) Mammal hunting concurrent on weekend and State Holidays -DHHL portion closed	March 1 - 31, 2023 (31 consecutive days)	
Private Lands	Hunters required to have valid hunting license, current turkey tags and landowner permission	March 1 - April 15, 2023 (46 consecutive days)	

**Bag Limits and Tags**

The daily bag limit will be three bearded turkeys per hunter with a season bag limit of three. All hunters are required to have a current unused turkey tag in their possession while hunting. Tags are currently \$5/tag for residents and \$20/tag for non-residents. Turkey tags are non-transferable and must be fastened with snaps and secured tightly around the neck or tarsus of any bird taken immediately after the kill. Tags purchased online shall be printed, placed in a ziplock bag, and secured with a rubber band. Tags may be purchased online via <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/hunting>, and at a few commercial vendors on the island of Hawaii.

Information may be obtained by contacting Division of Forestry & Wildlife offices at the following phone numbers: Hilo: (808) 974-4221; Waimea: (808) 887-6063 or the main office at (808) 587-0166.

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Hunting information: <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/hunting>

Gamebird hunting information and rules: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/hunting/bird/>

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