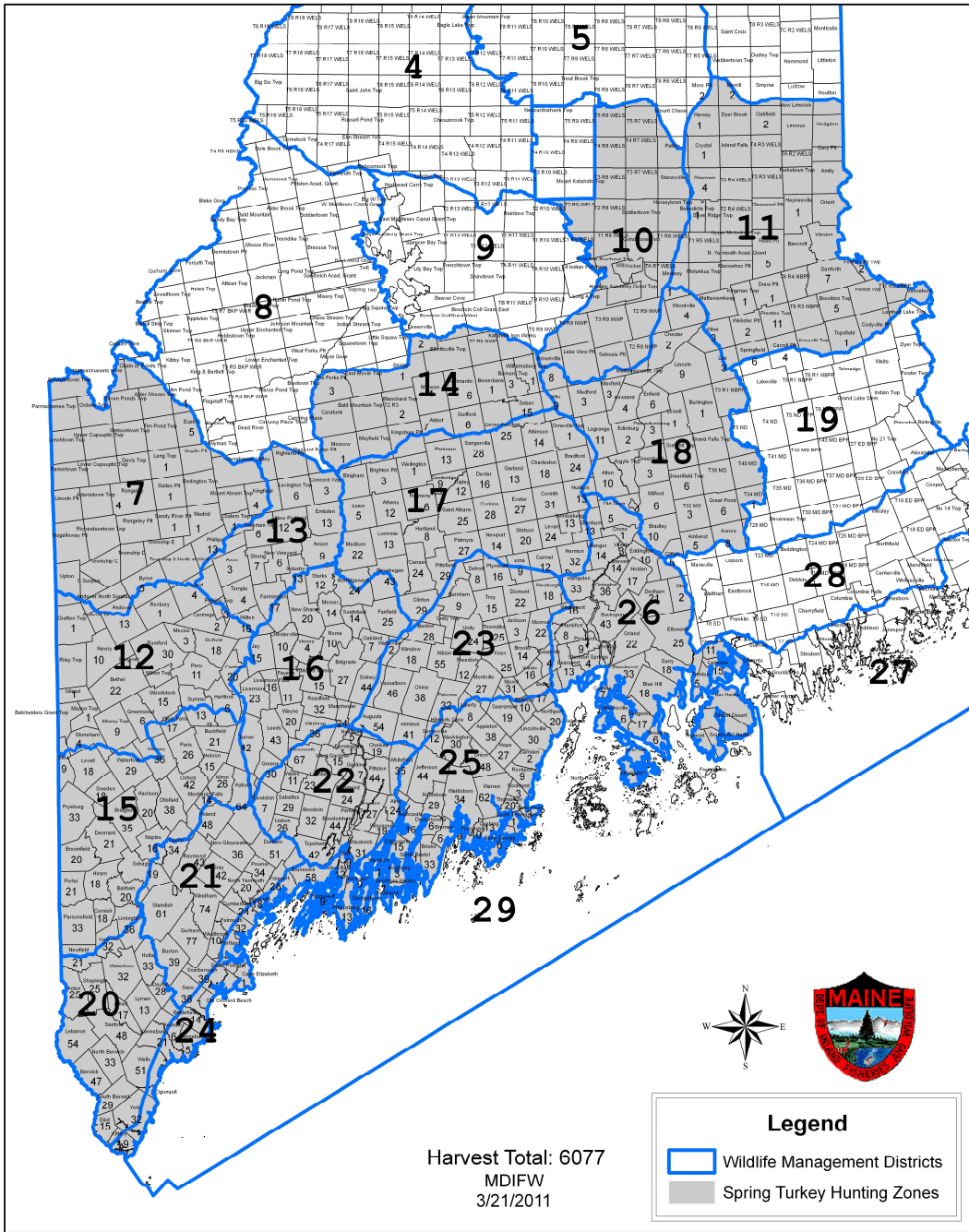


Spring Turkey Harvest 2010



Maine's 2010 Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season

The spring wild turkey season opened with the Saturday youth day on May 1. The regular spring season started on May 3 and closed on June 5. Hunters could purchase an initial tag for \$20 that allowed for one bearded bird in the spring and also one turkey of either sex in the fall. This was a change for the previous year, when a spring permit was \$20 and a fall permit was another \$20. In addition a turkey hunter could purchase a second Spring permit for another \$20 to take an additional bearded bird.. The total spring harvest was 6,077 wild turkeys, which was slightly above the 2009 harvest of 6,043 wild turkeys. 958 of these birds were harvested under a second spring permit. The spring wild turkey hunting success rate remains above 30%.

Geographic Distribution of the Spring Wild Turkey Harvest

WMD	Total
7	24
10	1
11	33
12	189
13	102
14	48
15	658
16	504
17	641
18	122
20	456
21	726
22	562
23	694
24	288
25	603
26	426
Grand Total	6077

Sex and Age Distribution of the Harvest

Tom turkeys made up 79% (4,825) of the spring harvest and jakes made up 16% (962). The remaining harvest consisted of 11 bearded hens and 278 unidentified turkeys.