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Dear Public Input Coordinator,

**Re: ERO #019-4567 Proposal to establish new fall wild turkey hunting seasons  
in Wildlife Management Units 60, 63, 69, 70, 74, 75 and 86**

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) proudly represents more than 38,000 farm family members across the province, supporting our members and the agri-food industry on issues, legislation and regulations governed by all levels of government. OFA works to ensure the agri-food sector and our rural communities are included, consulted and considered in any new and changing legislation that impacts the sustainability of our farm businesses. We are the leading agricultural advocate for Ontario farmers, their businesses and their communities.

OFA appreciates this opportunity to comment on ERO #019-4567 Proposal to establish new fall wild turkey hunting seasons in Wildlife Management Units 60, 63, 69, 70, 74, 75 and 86. OFA is supportive of the proposal.

Wild turkeys are found throughout Southern and Central Ontario and into part of Northern Ontario. Although wild turkeys have successfully been restored to Ontario with self-sustaining populations now established, high populations of wild turkeys have negative consequences. Many farmers incur significant losses due to turkeys feeding on growing and stored crops. Facilitating more opportunities for hunting wild turkeys should help to

reduce growing and stored crop losses. Criteria outlined in Ontario's Wild Turkey Management Plan and data from mandatory hunter reporting indicate the proposed wildlife management units boast robust wild turkey populations and can support a fall wild turkey hunting season.

OFA wholeheartedly supports the proposed open fall wild turkey hunting seasons in Wildlife Management Units 60, 63, 69, 70, 74, 75 and 86, beginning in October 2022. We welcome the opportunity to present an agricultural perspective on additional wild turkey hunting opportunities.

Sincerely,



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President

cc: OFA Board of Directors