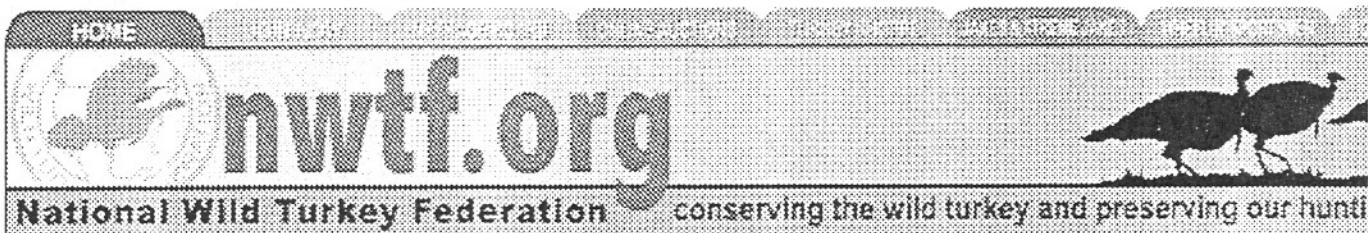




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Quebec Holds First Turkey Season

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Hunters in Quebec had their first opportunity to pursue wild turkeys in La Belle Province (The Beautiful Province) in 2005 due to turkey migration from New York State into southern Quebec.

"The NWTF is thrilled that Quebec has opened a spring turkey season," said Dr. James Earl Kenamer, National Wild Turkey Federation senior vice president of conservation programs. "Turkey hunting will provide new opportunities for both hunters and local economies."

Quebec's experimental spring gobbler season, held April 25-30, resulted in 98 hunters taking 34 wild turkeys.

Unexpected hunter success during the first season convinced the Quebec Ministry of Wildlife and Parks to cancel their planned second season. The QMWP planned for hunters to take 30 birds during the two seasons. No dates have been set for future seasons.

"We selected five municipalities and assigned hunters to these areas," said Andre' Dicaire, QMWP biologist. "We knew we were sending hunters to good areas, and they were very successful."

More than 160 hunters applied for the chance to take one bearded bird during Quebec's turkey hunting season. The QMWP issued 98 turkey tags as recommended by their 2003 and 2004 wild turkey surveys that estimated there were 1,225 wild turkey gobblers in the area south of Montreal near the New York State border.

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