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Senator Wesley Chesbro
State Capitol, Room 5100
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Chesbro:

On behalf of the Sierra Club Marin Group's 7000 Marin County members, we wish to express our support for your proposed legislation, SB 1153 (Wild turkey depredation permits).

We are extremely concerned about the recent explosion in numbers of wild turkeys and the impact they have caused to natural resources and visitor safety on state, federal, county and water district open space lands in Marin.

Unfortunately, The California Department of Fish and Game's draft Strategic Plan for Wild Turkey Management recommends using depredation permits only for agricultural impacts.

Therefore we urge you make it clear that depredation permits for wild turkeys need to be broadly applied.

Adding wild turkeys to the list of animals subject to depredation permits provides a much-needed tool to address this growing problem.

Sincerely,

Gordon Bennett
Sierra Club Conservation Co-Chair