

## **Boggs, Erin**

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**From:** jim&sue blankenheim <oysterdogs@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 03, 2018 8:53 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] proposed season changes

The only change that affects me is the raising the Pintail daily bag to 2 birds. We saw an abundance of Pintail this year, more than we had in the past. So much so we were scratching our heads trying to figure out why the reduction from 2 to 1. I know our group of 6 hunts a relatively small area for 4 days so we are not necessarily getting the big picture. Some days we saw more Pintails than Mallards. So we would like to see the daily bag return to 2 Pintails.

Probably due to the later opening last year, we saw very few BWT. We had trouble filling the 2 bonus Blue-wings most days. Green -wings on the other hand, were present in huge flocks, some approaching triple digits. I have never seen GWT in such abundance and I've been hunting ducks for 62 years. Again, maybe a combination of drought, nesting suitability, later opening and our hunting being restricted to a relatively small area.

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**From:** Kern, Frank <fkern@smithfield.com>  
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**Subject:** [EXT] Low plains south zone

I propose having the low plains south zone season opener on the first Saturday of November and extend the season into January. Due to climate change and farming practices the migration keeps coming later in the fall each year not leaving us much time to shoot ducks. This year the Yankton Sioux Tribe has duck season running from October 7<sup>th</sup>-February 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 and most of their property falls in the South Zone. It just doesn't make sense to me that it would be OK for a person to shoot a duck on 1 side of a barbed wire fence but literally on the other side the season is closed. Same ducks, same county and different seasons. The mallards didn't come down until December 20<sup>th</sup> this year leaving us a 6 day duck season and the tribe has this all figured out so they made the change. This has gone on long enough now.

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**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Duck season changes

**From:** mark abrams [<mailto:mark@affiliatedsd.com>]  
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**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Duck season changes

I'm concerned why you want to keep making the duck season later. In the past it always opened the 1st weekend of Oct. and then a number of years ago you switched to the 2nd weekend and now you want to make it the 3rd weekend. Bad idea as it would now open the same time as pheasant season. We often get a cold spell sometime during the 1st and 3rd weekend of Oct. and many of the local ducks move south, especially the teal. If the season runs for 74 days a good portion of the late season will be conducted when many of the local ponds are completely frozen. Your proposal only seems to make sense if you hunt a river and there is open water.

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