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From: Mark Heck <alsengraving@mit.midco.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 8:08 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Waterfowl season changes

I totally agree with changing the daily bag limit to 8 on the early goose season. I know the 15 limit was designed to reduce the goose local goose population, I believe that mission has been accomplished.

As for changing the opening date on the low plains south zone, I don't see any benefit. Changing the date to the same weekend as the pheasant opener will reduce hunter participation to some degree. Having the season go to the first weekend if January what is the thinking there? Unless we have an above normal winter everything will be frozen and the ducks long gone. Also by the time the end of December rolls around there is minimal water down on that part of the river. The Army Corp. starts reducing the water flow on the Friday after Thanksgiving, end of the Navigation Season. A couple weeks after that it is difficult getting around down there. When it is all said and done we are just losing a week of duck hunting.

In my opinion you should leave the season the way it is.

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From: Dwight Poffenberger <DPOFFENBERGER@whe-law.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 3:59 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Waterfowl Season Changes

Sirs,
I support reducing the limit on geese. I do NOT support increasing the pintail limit. Please keep the pintail limit at one.

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From: Eric Ott <eott@dillinggroup.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 12:16 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Non-Resident Waterfowl Hunting

Hi,

My name is Eric Ott and I am a resident of Indiana who has been coming to South Dakota for the past 30 plus years to pheasant and duck hunt. I am also a South Dakota property owner (along with other family members) who has approximately \$750,000 invested in a home and property on Lake Sinai. My family and friends make multiple trips to South Dakota during the year to hunt, fish and visit many South Dakota friends. I typically make multiple trips each fall to pheasant hunt and always have a group of guys that make the trips with me each time. We would also like to hunt waterfowl as well, but are always limited to either not getting drawn in the lottery or if we are drawn are limited to a restricted amount of days to hunt.

I'm contacting you to voice our opinion what changes we would like to see with your Non-Resident Waterfowl licensing process. We would like to be guaranteed we are going to be able to hunt waterfowl each year and would also like to have the opportunity to make multiple visits throughout the season to waterfowl hunt. If this policy was adopted, we realize we may need to buy multiple licenses, similar to the small game licenses which have 5 day splits. This would also allow us to make multiple trips a year to waterfowl hunt. I also know many waterfowl hunters that would like to come to South Dakota to hunt but elect to go to surrounding states because of the ease of getting licenses compared to your process in South Dakota. I strongly believe that many of your local businesses are losing sizeable revenues due to the existing process. I have heard this on numerous occasions from business owners and friends I have that live in South Dakota.

Another change we would like to see considered would be to loosen the restriction for getting resident licenses when you have invested as much into property as we have and still can't be guaranteed to be able to waterfowl hunt each year. Our property is owned by all family members and it is our intent to keep it in the family for many years to come. With the current system, there is numerous times that we would love to be there with family and friends to waterfowl hunt but can't due to your existing process.

Please consider the above information in your upcoming hearings. Also, please feel free to contact me directly if you would like to discuss further.

Thanks again I look forward to your assistance !

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From: Patrick Pleiss <PPleiss@nowlan.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 8:11 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Proposed Goose Changes

Just curious why the proposed change from a limit of 15 to 8? My personal observation is “way too many geese in populated areas”. But other than limited observation, I have not information on why the change being proposed is a good one.

I think the change on the possession limit to 3 times the daily bag limit is a good one. I like the variable/sliding rule. So if the limit changes, the possession limit automatically changes as well.

Keep up the great work in managing your state’s resources.

Patrick

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From: gmail.com, kerri.tunge
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 8:25 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Cc: Nick Tunge
Subject: [EXT] Goose limits

I would like to start out saying thank you to everyone involved in managing wildlife in South Dakota. My comment is in regards to goose limits. I fully support the lowering of limits and feel this will increase opportunities for more hunters to have success harvesting geese. I certainly am not a great goose hunter so when I see groups with large piles of 70 or 80 geese or more am am in awe of their success, but also a little sad when I recall how 1 or 2 /day was enough. There is some loss of respect for such a creature when we now need to kill so many in a day to make it a "success". I realize these limits are based on scientific management and the need to control numbers. I would prefer any opportunity for hunters over egg addling, so please keep making the sound scientific decisions that make Canada geese so abundant, but know that there is support from myself and others for lower limits.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPhone

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From: Leo Flynn <lflynn7@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 7:28 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Waterfowl season proposal

Just wanted to say strongly in favor of adding Lawrence and Mead co to unit 2 goose season.
Thank you,
Leo Flynn
Rapid City

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From: Miller, LouAnn
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 7:53 AM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: [EXT] 2018 Goose Season Proposal

From: John Ursini [<mailto:johnursini@aol.com>]
Sent: Saturday, December 30, 2017 12:24 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: RE: [EXT] 2018 Goose Season Proposal

Regarding the proposal to add Lawrence and Meade counties to Unit 2 for the 2018 goose hunting season, I support it. The season begins way too early and ends way too soon out here....this proposed season change would make much more sense.

Thank you

**John Ursini
Spearfish, South Dakota**

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From: kipstellflug@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 7:46 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Waterfowl Seasons

Good day,

I am a non-resident waterfowl hunter that would like to request more chances to come back and waterfowl hunt in your state each year. A 10 day license is nice if you can take 10 days off and predict when the ducks and geese are arriving. I am confused why you don't allow non-resident hunters who bring dollars to South Dakota's economy have more opportunities to enjoy your beautiful state. Please consider making non-resident hunters feel like your state appreciates them.

Thank you.

Kip Stellflug
Wisconsin