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COMMISSION AGENDA

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission

April 13-14, 2023 McCrory Gardens | Brookings, SD

Call meeting to order at 2:00 pm CST / 1:00 pm MT

Division of Administration

Action Items

- 1. Conflict of Interest Disclosure
- 2. Approve Minutes of the March 2023 Meeting available at https://gfp.sd.gov/commission/archives/
- 3. Additional Commissioner Salary Days

Open Forum – immediately following the above agenda items.

The portion of the meeting is designated for public comment on other items of interest.

Division of Administration (continued)

Action Items

4. License Holder List Request

Information Items

- 5. South Dakota Go Outdoors Update
- 6. New Staff Introductions

Petitions

7. Elk Preference Points

Proposals

- 8. Waterfowl Hunting Season
- 9. Deer Hunting Seasons (CSP, BH, WR, ER, RFD, MZ, Youth, Mentor)
 - Presentation: Deer Harvest Update
- 10. Deer Hunting Seasons License Allocations

Division of Parks & Recreation

Action Items

11. Lewis and Clark Marina Fee Proposal

Information Items

- 12. Advanced Technical Training at Spring Creek
- 13. 2022-2023 Snowmobile Season Recap
- 14. Highway 44 Platte-Winner Bridge Project Update
- 15. Newel and Alvin Dam Repair Updates
- 16. Camping, Visitation, and Revenue Report

Division of Wildlife

Information Items

- 17. R3 Angling Survey Results
- 18. AIS: Invasive Carp and Zebra Mussel Update
- 19. Nest Predator Bounty Program Update
- 20. Law Enforcement Update
- 21. License Sales Update & Wintering Wildlife Update

Solicitation of Agenda Items for Commissioners

Adjourn

Next meeting information: May 4-5, 2023, at Custer State Park near Custer, SD.



COMMISSION MINUTES

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission

March 9-10, 2023 Matthews Training Center | Pierre, SD

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:00 PM CST/12:00 PM

Chair Rissler called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm CST at the Matthews Training Center in the Joe Foss Building located in Pierre, SD. Commissioners Julie Bartling, Jon Locken, Robert Whitmyre, Stephanie Rissler, Travis Bies, and Charles Spring were present, with Jim White joining the meeting remotely. The public and staff could listen via SDPB Livestream, participate via video conference, or in person, with approximately 128 total participants via Zoom or in person.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

1. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Chair Rissler called for a conflict of interest to be disclosed. *None were present*.

2. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Chair Rissler called for any additions or corrections to the regular minutes of January 2023 meeting. Minutes are available at https://gfp.sd.gov/commission/archives/.

Motion by Bies with a second by Bartling to APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER SALARY DAYS

Chair Rissler called for any additional salary day from the commissioners. *No additional salary days were requested by the commissioners*.

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Secretary Robling provided a legislative update to the commission.

5. GO OUTDOORS SOUTH DAKOTA UPDATE

Keith Fisk, Licensing Program Administrator, updated the commission on the Go Outdoors South Dakota program, highlighting a few of the draws that have been completed in 2023.

6. **New Staff Introductions**

Commissioners were introduced to new staff.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Rissler began the public hearing at 2:00 pm. Simpson opened the floor to testimony from those in attendance on matters of importance to them pertaining to the finalizations to be considered by the Commission. The public hearing began at 2:01 pm and concluded at 2:37 pm. Full public hearing minutes follow these Commission Meeting minutes.

OPEN FORUM

Scott Simpson, Deputy Secretary, opened the floor for discussion from those in attendance on matters of importance to them that may not be on the agenda. The open forum started at 2:54 pm CST.

Nick Mauris of Sioux Falls, SD addressed the commission about the Nest Predator Bounty Program.

George Vandel introduced Megan Howel, new Executive Director of the South Dakota Wildlife Federation to the commission.

Trevor Davis of Sioux Falls, SD, representing the South Dakota Bowhunters, provided testimony in favor of the archery hunting finalizations. [He experienced technical difficulties during the Public Hearing, so he was allowed to provide testimony during the Open Forum on the finalizations.]

The open forum concluded at 3:03 pm CST.

PETITIONS

7. CHANGE OF YELLOW PERCH LIMIT

Mark Ermer, Senior Wildlife Biologist, gave a presentation about Yellow Perch research and regulations over the past 30 years. This presentation was prepared to address petitions submitted over the past two months, asking for the commission to consider more restrictive daily limits for Yellow Perch. The experience with similar regulations in the past and the biological data all support the fact that restrictive regulations on perch populations in South Dakota are not warranted. The fact that our high-quality perch populations tend to be fast growing but very short lived (3-5yr) makes restrictive harvest regulations a poor management choice.

Clint Hay of Brookings, SD filed petition #179 to the commission to consider a rule change to change the yellow perch limit to ten east river and keep the limit to fifteen fish west river.

Department Position: The department recommended denying the petition.

Motioned by Whitmyre, seconded by Bies to DENY THE PETITION TO CHANGE THE YELLOW PERCH LIMIT. The motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Bies, seconded by Locken to ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-06 TO DENY THE PETITION TO CHANGE THE YELLOW PERCH LIMIT. The motion carried unanimously.

Nicholas Mauris filed petition #181 to the commission to change the yellow perch limit.

Department Position: The department recommended denying the petition.

Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Locken to DENY THE PETITION TO CHANGE THE YELLOW PERCH LIMIT. The motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Whitmyre, seconded by Bartling to ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-07 TO DENY THE PETITION TO CHANGE THE YELLOW PERCH LIMIT. The motion carried unanimously.

8. DEER DRAW STRUCTURE

Daniel Fuxa of Spearfish, SD filed petition # 175 to CHANGE THE DEER DRAW STRUCTURE.

Department Position: The department recommended denying the petition.

Motioned by Spring, seconded by Locken to DENY THE PETITION TO CHANGE THE DEER DRAW STRUCTURE. The motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Locken, seconded by Bartling to ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-08 TO DENY THE PETITION TO CHANGE THE DEER DRAW STRUCTURE BACK TO THE PREVIOUS DRAW STRUCTURE. The motion carried unanimously.

9. ELK PREFERENCE POINTS

Bob Brandt of Rapid City, SD filed petition # 180 to CHANGE THE ELK DRAW PREFERENCE POINTS.

Department Position: The department recommended denying the petition.

Motioned by Locken, seconded by Spring to DENY THE PETITION TO CHANGE THE ELK PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEM.

Motioned by Whitmyre, seconded by Bies to ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-09 TO DENY THE ELK PREFERENCE POINTS SYSTEM CHANGE. The motion carried unanimously.

10. ELK DRAW STRUCTURE

Daniel Fuxa of Spearfish, SD filed petition # 176 to change the elk draw structure.

Department Position: The department recommended denying the petition.

Motioned by Bies, seconded by Locken to DENY THE PETITION TO CHANGE THE ELK DRAW STRUCTURE. The motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Spring, seconded by Bartling to ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-10 TO DENY THE ELK DRAW STRUCTURAL CHANGES. The motion carried unanimously.

11. CORSON COUNTY DEER UNIT

Matthew Skjoldal of Meadow, SD filed petition # 185 to split Corson County deer units.

Department Position: The department recommended denying the petition.

Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Spring to DENY THE PETITION TO CHANGE CORSON COUNTY DEER UNITS. The motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Bies, seconded by Whitmyre to ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-11 TO DENY THE DEER UNIT CHANGES TO CORSON COUNTY. The motion carried unanimously.

12. PADDLEFISH SNAGGING

Aaron Olson of Sioux Falls, SD filed petition # 186 to allow for paddlefish snagging and archery tags below the Fort Randall dam.

Department Position: The department recommended denying the petition.

Motioned by Whitmyre, seconded by Bartling to DENY THE PETITION TO ALLOW FOR PADDLEFISH SNAGGING AND ARCHERY TAGS BELOW THE FORT RANDALL DAM. The motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Locken, seconded by Bartling to ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-12 TO DENY THE ALLOWANCE OF PADDLEFISH SNAGGING AND ARCHERY BELOW THE FORT RANDALL DAM. The motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSALS

13. WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON

MOURNING DOVE HUNTING SEASON – CHAPTER 41:06:40:01

Department Recommendations: None. *NO ACTION WAS TAKEN*.

DUCK HUNTING SEASON - CHAPTER 41:06:16

Department Recommendations: None. *NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.*

EARLY FALL CANADA GOOSE - CHAPTER 41:06:50

Department Recommendations: None. *NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.*

SANDHILL CRANE HUNTING SEASON - CHAPTER 41:06:18

Department Recommendations: None. *NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.*

COMMON SNIPE HUNTING SEASON - CHAPTER 41:06:17

Department Recommendations: None. *NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.*

TUNDRA SWAN HUNTING SEASON - CHAPTER 41:06:16

Department Recommendations: None. *NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.*

GOOSE HUNTING SEASON - CHAPTER 41:06:16

Department Recommendations: None. *NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.*

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON - CHAPTER 41:06:49

Department Recommendations: None. *NO ACTION WAS TAKEN*.

GOOSE HUNTING SEASON - CHAPTER 41:06:16

Department Recommendations: None. *NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.*

WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON - CHAPTER 41:06:16

Department Recommendations: None. *NO ACTION WAS TAKEN*.

<u>SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE HUNTING SEASON – CHAPTER 41:06:16:08</u>

Department Recommendations: None. *NO ACTION WAS TAKEN*.

WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASONS - CHAPTER 41:06:16

Department Recommendations:

- 1. Increase the 2,000 3-day temporary nonresident licenses to 2,100.
- 2. Increase the 3,750 two 5-day nonresident licenses to 3,950.

Draft Administrative Rule Changes:

- 1. 41:06:16:11. Maximum number of nonresident waterfowl licenses -- Open units -- Dates License restrictions. The maximum number of nonresident waterfowl licenses to be issued by lottery is 4,000 4,200 special nonresident waterfowl licenses, 2,000 early fall Canada goose temporary nonresident licenses, 2,000 2,100 fall three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses, 100 nonresident youth waterfowl licenses, and 10,000 spring snow goose temporary nonresident licenses divided for administrative purposes as follows:
 - (1) Unit NRW-00A: the counties of Union, Clay, Yankton, Bon Homme, and Charles Mix. No more than 250 special nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued;
 - (2) Unit NRW-00B: all open counties not in Units NRW-00A or NRW-11A. No more than 3,725 3,925 special nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued;
 - (3) Unit NRW-00C: those counties as described in § 41:06:50:02. No more than 2,000 early fall Canada goose temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued;
 - (4) Unit NRW-11A: Bennett County. No more than 25 special nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued. The season in this unit is open for 65 consecutive days beginning on the third Saturday of October and during any period that Bennett County is open in January as described in subdivision 41:06:16:07(3);
 - (5) Unit NRW-00X: the counties of Potter, Stanley, Sully, Hughes, and Lyman. No more than 750 fall three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued. The licenses issued pursuant to this subdivision are valid only on private property;
 - (6) Unit NRW-OOV: the counties of Brown, Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, McPherson, and Walworth. No more than 500 550 fall three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued. The licenses issued pursuant to this subdivision are valid only on private property;
 - (7) Unit NRW-00Y: the counties of Spink, Marshall, Roberts, Day, Grant, Clark, Codington, Deuel, and Hamlin. No more than 500 three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued;

- (8) Unit NRW-OOZ: statewide except the counties in Units NRW-OOA, NRW-11A, NRW-OOV, NRWOOX and NRW-OOY. No more than 250 300 fall three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued. The licenses issued pursuant to this subdivision are valid only on private property;
- (9) Unit NRW-ST1: statewide. No more than 10,000 spring snow goose temporary nonresident licenses may be issued. The licenses issued pursuant to this subdivision are valid only during a Conservation Order;
- (10) Unit NYW-YW1: statewide. No more than 100 nonresident youth waterfowl licenses may be issued for the youth waterfowl season established in Chapter 41:06:49. A nonresident youth may also hunt during the youth waterfowl season with a valid waterfowl hunting license as provided for in this section.

Licenses issued under this section are valid only in the unit for which they are issued. Licenses for Unit NRW-11A include two tags for Canada geese. Each tag is valid for taking one Canada geose consistent with the provisions of § 41:06:16:09. Each goose shall be tagged immediately upon retrieval.

Motioned by Bies, seconded by Whitmyre to APPROVE THE PROPOSAL. The motion carried unanimously.

14. DEER HUNTING SEASONS

APPRENTICE HUNTER DEER SEASONS - CHAPTER 41:06:44

Department Recommendations: Remove closed area specifications to Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management property.

Draft Administrative Rule Changes

41:06:44:04.01. Closed areas. The youth deer season is closed, and licenses are not valid in the following areas:

- (1) Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Brown County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge;
- (2) Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge in Bennett County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge;
- (3) Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge in Charles Mix County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge;
- (4) Waubay National Wildlife Refuge and Waubay State Game Bird Refuge in Day County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge; and
- (5) Fort Mead Bureau of Land Management south unit and the signed portion of the north unit in Meade County.

Motioned by Bies, seconded by Bartling to APPROVE THE PROPOSAL. The motion carried unanimously.

YOUTH DEER HUNTING SEASON – CHAPTER 41:06:63

Department Recommendations: Remove closed area specifications to Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management property.

Draft Administrative Rule Changes

41:06:63:04. Closed areas. The youth deer season is closed, and licenses are not valid in the Following areas:

- (1) Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Brown County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge;
- (2) Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge in Bennett County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge;
- (3) Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge in Charles Mix County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge;

- (4) Waubay National Wildlife Refuge and Waubay State Game Bird Refuge in Day County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge; and
- (5) Fort Mead Bureau of Land Management south unit and the signed portion of the north unit in Meade County.

Motioned by Whitmyre, seconded by Locken to APPROVE THE PROPOSAL. The motion carried unanimously.

CUSTER STATE PARK DEER HUNTING SEASON – CHAPTER 41:06:41

Department Recommendations: Remove the archery only equipment restrictions from November 1-November 15.

Draft Administrative Rule Changes

41:06:41:01. Custer State Park deer hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses. The Custer State Park deer hunting season is open from November 1 through December 15. No more than 100 one-tag deer licenses may be issued for the Custer State Park deer hunting season. Hunting is limited to archery equipment from November 1 through November 15.

Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Whitmyre to APPROVE THE PROPOSAL. The motion carried unanimously.

BLACK HILLS DEER HUNTING SEASON - CHAPTER 41:06:19

Department Recommendations: None. *NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.*

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE DEER HUNTING SEASON – CHAPTER 41:06:36

Department Recommendations

- 1. Restrict RFD-SL4 to muzzleloading rifles without telescopic sights.
- 2. Edit the open unit description of Lacreek Refuge to specify the refuge unit area is specified by the refuge.

Draft Administrative Rule Changes

- 1. 41:06:36:02. Sand Lake open units. The following is a description of the units open to deer hunting on the Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge:
 - (1) Unit RFD-SL1 is open for five consecutive days beginning on the second Saturday of November. The licenses are restricted to muzzleloading rifles without telescopic sights as provided in § 41:06:04:14;
 - (2) Unit RFD-SL2 is open for five consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of the Unit RFD-SL1 season;
 - (3) Unit RFD-SL3 is open for six consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of the Unit RFD-SL2 season;
 - (4) Unit RFD-SL4 is open for seven consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of the Unit RFD-SL3 season. The licenses are restricted to muzzleloading rifles without telescopic sights as provided in § 41:06:04:14; and
 - (5) Unit RFD-SL5 is open for seven consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of the Unit RFD-SL4 season.
 - (6) A hunter possessing an unfilled "antlerless deer" license for any Sand Lake deer hunting unit may hunt the refuge for nine consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of Unit RFD-SL5 season.

- 2. 41:06:36:02.01. Lacreek open units. The following is a description of the units open to deer hunting on the Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge:
 - (1) Unit RFD-LC1 is open for seven consecutive days beginning on the third Wednesday of October; and
 - (2) Unit RFD-LC2 is open for seven consecutive days beginning on the fourth Wednesday of November.
 - (3) The deer hunting units within the <u>refuge are set by Lacreek Refuge</u>. <u>Information is available at Lacreek Refuge headquarters and will be mailed to successful applicants</u>.
 - (4) All Lacreek open units are restricted to muzzleloading rifles without scopes.

Motioned by Bartling, seconding Bies to APPROVE THE PROPOSAL. The motion carried unanimously.

WEST RIVER PRAIRIE DEER HUNTING SEASON – CHAPTER 41:06:20

Department Recommendations

- 1. Edit "Custer County Road 319" error to "Custer County Road 317" in Unit WRD-27A description.
- 2. Remove Fort Meade exception in Unit WRD-49A description.

Draft Administrative Rule Changes

1. 41:06:20:

(12) Unit WRD-27A: those portions of Custer and Fall River Counties within a line beginning at the junction of the South Dakota-Wyoming border and U.S. Highway 18, then easterly along U.S. Highway 18 to its junction with the Cheyenne River, then easterly along the Cheyenne River to its junction with U.S. Highway 18 and 385, then northerly along U.S. Highway 18 and 385 to its junction with State Highway 79 and continuing along State Highway 79 to its junction with the section line between section 19 and section 18, township 6 south, range 7 east, then westerly along this section line to its junction with section 13 and section 24, township 6 south, range 7 east, then southerly along the section line between section 19 and section 24, township 6 south, range 7 east to its junction with Custer County Road 101, then westerly along Custer County Road 101 to its junction with U.S. Highway 385, then southerly along U.S. Highway 385 to its junction with Fall River County Road 18 (Argyle Road), then northwesterly along Fall River County Road 18 and Custer County Road 333 to its junction with State Highway 89, then southerly along State Highway 89 to its junction with Fall River County Road 12, then westerly along Fall River County Road 12 to its junction with Custer County Road 319, then westerly along Custer County Road 319 317 to its junction with Custer County Road 715, then westerly along Custer County Road 715 to its junction with Custer County Road 769, then westerly along Custer County Road 769 through Dewey to its junction with the South Dakota-Wyoming border, then southerly along the South Dakota-Wyoming border to its junction with U.S. Highway 18, the point of beginning, except the portion included in WRD-27L;

2. 41:06:20:

(28) Unit WRD-49A: the portion of Meade County east of Interstate 90, except the Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management South Unit and the signed portion of the North Unit, south of U.S. Highway 212, and west of a line beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 212 and Meade County Road 23, then southerly along Meade County Road 23 to its junction with Meade County Road 28, then easterly along Meade County Roads 23-28, then southerly along Meade County Road 23 to its junction with State Highway 34, then southerly along Meade County Road 21 (New Underwood Road) to its junction with the Pennington County line and

that portion of Pennington County west of Pennington County 160th Avenue (New Underwood Road) and north of Interstate 90;

Motioned by Bies, seconded by Bartling to APPROVE THE PROPOSAL. Motion carried unanimously.

EAST RIVER DEER HUNTING SEASON – CHAPTER 41:06:21

Department Recommendations: None. *NO ACTION WAS TAKEN*.

GENERAL MUZZLELOADING DEER HUNTING SEASON – CHAPTER 41:06:45

Department Recommendations: None. *NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.*

FINALIZATIONS

15. FIREARMS CHANGES TO STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS – CHAPTERS 41:03:01:16, 41:06:40:05, AND 41:06:20:02

Al Nedved, Deputy Director of the Parks and Recreation Division informed the commission of the proposed firearms changes to the state parks and recreation areas. (1) These changes would provide the Department the option to open portions of state parks and recreation areas to hunting during the months of September and May by means of posting, signage, and other designations. (2) Current administrative rule does not allow for hunting in any form on Oahe Downstream recreation area park lands west of SD Hwy 1806 and north of Fort Pierre. (3) The proposed rule change would allow for hunters to legally hunt park lands west of SD Hwy 1806. This would clear up the rule to coincide with what is currently enforced. Park lands include OHV and land outside the fenced shooting complex perimeter. (4) This proposal would restrict or clarify Revheim Bay Recreation Area as archery only. (5) This proposal would clarify Newtown Hills State Park, Rocky Point Recreation Area, Lake Poinsett Recreation Area and North Point Recreation Area to archery hunting and shotgun only, but with options to post certain areas for open hunting.

Proposed changes:

- 1. These changes would provide the Department the option to open portions of state parks and recreation areas to hunting during the months of September and May by means of posting, signage, and other designations.
- 2. Current administrative rule does not allow for hunting in any form on Oahe Downstream recreation area park lands west of SD Hwy 1806 and north of Fort Pierre.
- 3. The proposed rule change would allow for hunters to legally hunt park lands west of SD Hwy 1806. This would clear up the rule to coincide with what is currently enforced. Park lands include OHV and land outside the fenced shooting complex perimeter.
- 4. This proposal would restrict and clarify Revheim Bay Recreation Area as archery only.
- 5. This proposal would clarify Newton Hills State Park, Rocky Point Recreation Area, and Lake Poinsett Recreation Area to archery hunting and shotgun only, but with options to post certain areas for open hunting.

Department recommended changes to proposal: None

Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Whitmyre to ADOPT THE FINALIZATION. The motion carried unanimously.

16. FALL RIVER PUBLIC WATER SAFETY ZONES – CHAPTER 41:04:02:23

Law Enforcement Chief, Sam Schelhaas, brought a finalization to amend 41:04:02:23 which would extend the no boating zone from 100 feet to 300 feet to better align the rule with existing buoy placement. This amendment would continue to provide for adequate use of the lake while protecting boaters.

Proposed change to rule:

- 1. Change the "no boating zone" on Angostura from 100 to 300 feet fronting the dam which includes the 5 control gates and the canal siphon (41:04:02:23 2e)
- 2 (e) The waters within 100 300 feet fronting on that portion of the dam which includes the five control gates, and the canal siphon are a "no boating zone";

Department proposed changes from proposal: None.

Motioned by Bies, seconded by Locken to ADOPT THE FINALIZATION. The motion carried unanimously.

17. MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTING SEASON – CHAPTER 41:06:29

John Kanta, Terrestrial Section Chief, presented the commission with the Mountain Goat Hunting Season finalization. This finalization will close the mountain goat hunting season and discontinue the sale of preference points.

Proposed change from last year:

1. Close the season and discontinue sale of preference points.

Department proposed changes from proposal: None.

Motioned by Locken, seconded by Bies to ADOPT THE FINALIZATION. The motion carried unanimously.

18. ARCHERY ANTELOPE HUNTING SEASON - CHAPTER 41:06:24

Director Kirschenmann provided a short summary of archery antelope proposal, including the particulars of the limited number of licenses (450) available for both public and private land as well as the unlimited number of licenses available for private land. It was indicated the department had no recommended changes for the proposal.

Summary of proposed change from last year:

- 1. Create a private land only buck antelope nonresident archery license that is unlimited.
- 2. Limit buck antelope nonresident archery license valid on public and private land to 450.
- 3. No change to resident antelope archery.

Department proposed changes from proposal: None.

Motioned by Whitmyre, seconded by Spring to ADOPT THE FINALIZATION. The motion carried unanimously.

19. Archery Deer Hunting Season – Chapters 41:06:22 and 41:06:01:17

Kirschenmann provided background on the archery deer conversation, including the steps taken by the commission in the past to begin addressing the concern expressed by some resident hunters over too many nonresident archery deer hunters, especially the use of public lands. He explained that the commission did impose an application deadline of April 1 should a nonresident want to hunt on public land and secondly a restriction which prohibits nonresident hunters to hunt on public land with an appropriate license until October 1. Kirschenmann than explained what adjustments to nonresident archery deer hunting would include and stated that department had no recommended changes to the commission proposal.

Summary of Proposed Change from Last Year:

- 1. Create a private land only nonresident archery any deer license that is unlimited and a public and private archery any deer license valid statewide with 2,200 licenses available.
- 2. Remove the East River and West River specific licenses for nonresident archery deer.
- 3. Remove April 1 deadline for nonresidents to purchase archery deer license valid on public and private land.

4. No changes to resident archery and no changes to nonresident antlerless archery deer.

Department changes from proposal: Strike 1 "antlerless whitetail deer" maximum per individual to allow multiple archery antlerless licenses for municipality hunts.

Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Spring to APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PROPOSAL [AMENDMENT] TO THE FINALIZATION. The motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Bies, seconded by Bartling to APPROVE THE FINALIZATION AS AMENDED. The motion carried unanimously.

DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION

20. REGIONAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER TRAINING

Shane Bertsch, District Park Supervisor, gave a presentation on park maintenance technical training held at the Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC) in Yankton. Thirty-one park managers and park maintenance personnel attended the training in the following areas: welding, plumbing, electrical, construction, diesel and small engines, horticulture, and landscaping. Investing in Department employees by offering employee skills through training is part of operational excellence in the Department's strategic plan. Staff who attended the classes enjoyed the diversity of training and practical application of park maintenance.

21. 2023 DOT FUNDING PROPOSALS

Adam Kulesa, Planning/Development Administrator, provided a short presentation on DOT Collector Roads. The presentation included a history of our partnership with DOT, a review of the projects completed with the funds from FY23 and a proposed list of projects to be completed in FY24.

22. 2023 Parks Promotion – The Trails are Calling

April Larson, Marketing Coordinator and Rachel Comes, Volunteer Coordinator, provided a report on status of the 2023 Parks Promotion 'The Trails are Calling.'

23. CAMPING, VISITATION, AND REVENUE REPORT

Al Nedved, Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation, provided a report on the year-to-date camping, visitation and revenue totals for Parks and Recreation.

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

24. DEER POPULATION OBJECTIVES

Andy Lindbloom, Senior Big Game Biologist, reported to the commission the Deer Objectives and Disease presentation. GFP collected 1,019 samples in 2022 to further evaluate Chronic Wasting Disease in South Dakota. CWD was detected in one new area (Union County) and in 23 white-tailed deer, 11 mule deer, and 23 elk. Population objectives have been established for 2023-24 across all firearm deer hunting units and will be used to guide deer license numbers and types for the next 2 years.

25. Bass & Walleye Regulation Toolboxes

Dave Lucchesi, Area Fisheries Supervisor

Brian Blackwell, Fisheries Biologist, presented the 2023 South Dakota Walleye Regulation Toolbox, which provides a standardized set of regulations for managing Walleye populations in South Dakota. The toolbox addresses concerns with regulation complexity and provides criteria for recommending and evaluating regulations. Five toolbox regulation possibilities are included in the toolbox, along with an experimental category.

26. 2023 AIS FIELD OPERATIONS PLAN

Jake Davis, Fisheries Program Manager, provided an update on the 2023 GFP AIS Field Operations Plan. This included specific actions regarding watercraft inspection/decontamination activities, as well as efforts by staff to eliminate the likelihood of transporting AIS during field activities.

27. GROUSE ACTION PLAN

Alex Solem, Senior Upland Game Biologists, presented the proposed Prairie Grouse Action Plan for 2023-2027. The objectives and strategies outlined in this document detailed the conservation of their habitats, surveys and monitoring of their populations, and the mitigation efforts from energy development.

28. WINTERING WILDLIFE UPDATE

Emmett Keyser, Region 3 Supervisor, provided the Commission with an update on the status of 'Wintering Wildlife'. He shared information relative to the snow depths across the state that have resulted in more than 500 total individual requests for service from primarily livestock producers regarding concerns over wildlife damage to stored feed and hay. Focused primarily in the eastern 1/3 and southern ½ of the state, GFP has received more than 480 of these requests for service involving primarily white-tailed deer. Staff have transported and worked in close cooperation with ag producers to erect nearly 4,000 steel livestock panels to protect stored feed and hay and are also utilizing several hundred 'short-stop feeding sites' to lure deer away from private livestock feed supplies. Landowners have also assisted agency staff by opening roads or pathways to allow staff to maintain short-stop feeding sites as well.

29. LICENSE SALES UPDATE

Director Tom Kirschenmann, Wildlife Director, provided a quick summary of licenses compared to last year for the period of December 15 through February 28. He also discussed the new format of the report and the attempt to provide a few more details such as graphs to depict trends over the past few years. Future reports will also include information such as the number of applications submitted for first draws of key hunting seasons to help show demand for licenses.

ADJOURN

Motioned by Bies, seconded by Bartling to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting ADJOURNED ON MARCH 10, 2023, AT 11:36 AM CT.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Robling, Department Secretary



PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES Game, Fish and Parks Commission

March 9, 2023 Matthews Training Center | Pierre, South Dakota

CALL MEETING TO ORDER 2:00 PM CST / 1:00 PM MT

Chair Rissler began the public hearing at 2:00 p.m. CT on March 9, 2023, at the Matthews Training Center in the Joe Foss Building located in Pierre, South Dakota. Commissioners Stephanie Rissler, Julie Bartling, Travis Bies, Jon Locken, Charles Spring, and Robert Whitmyre were present, with Jim White joining the meeting virtually. Deputy Secretary, Scott Simpson, indicated that written comments were provided to the Commissioners prior to this time and will be reflected in the Public Hearing Minutes. Simpson opened the floor to testimony from those in attendance on matters of importance to them pertaining to the finalizations to be considered by the Commission. The public hearing began at 2:01 pm CST.

15. PARK LAND HUNTING RESTRICTIONS

No public comment.

16. FALL RIVER COUNTY PUBLIC WATER SAFETY ZONES

No public comment.

17. MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTING SEASON

No public comment.

18 & 19. ARCHERY ANTELOPE AND DEER HUNTING SEASONS

Those who testified, testified regarding both agenda items #18 and #19.

- 1. Dana Rogers of Hill City, SD representing the South Dakota Bowhunters Incorporated testified in support of the Archery Hunting Season finalizations.
- 2. Justin Bell of Pierre, SD representing the South Dakota Landowner and Outfitter Alliance testified in support of the Archery Hunting Season finalizations.
- 3. Ronald Kolbeck of Salem, SD representing the South Dakota Bowhunters Incorporated testified in support of the Archery Hunting Season finalizations.
- 4. Justin Broughton of Sioux Falls, SD representing the South Dakota Bowhunters Incorporated testified in support of the Archery Hunting Season finalizations.
- 5. Jake Leibke of Garden City, SD testified in support of the Archery Hunting Season finalizations.
- 6. Jason Stone of Chamberlain, SD representing the South Dakota Bowhunters Incorporated testified in support of the Archery Hunting Season Finalizations.
- 7. Mark Viehweg of Sioux Falls, SD member of South Dakota Bowhunters Incorporated testified in support of the Archery Hunting Season finalizations.
- 8. Martie Haines testified in support of the Archery Hunting Season finalizations.
- 9. Todd Craig testified in support of the Archery Hunting Season finalizations.

- 10. Robert Maffey of Rapid City, SD, member of the South Dakota Bowhunters Incorporated testified in support of the Archery Hunting Season Finalizations.
- 11. Samual Joseph Kezar of Lennox, SD testified in support of the Archery Hunting Season Finalizations.
- 12. Joel Murano of Aberdeen, SD testified in support of the Archery Hunting Season Finalizations.

OTHER TESTIMONY

No public comment.

Written comments are attached. The public hearing concluded at 2:37 pm CST.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Robling, Secretary

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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Application

Type of List Requested Licensed Preserves
Number of licenses in list 4n known
Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list: Legit It Recoccion of Hospitality Insurance
Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:
942 14th St Sturgio 50 57785
How would you like your list sent to you: (email or disk)
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Phone Number 605 - 423 - 434/
Purpose for which list will be used: In surance Marketing
This list is Names and Mailing Addresses ONLY The sale of lists by the Department of Game, Fish & Parks is authorized by SDCL 1-27-1 and ARSD 41:06:02:04, 05 and 06. The fee for a Game, Fish & Parks Commission approved exception is \$100, otherwise the fee is \$100 per thousand names or a minimum of \$100 whichever is greater. Unless requested and approved as part of this request, the license list will not include anyone under eighteen years of age. Names are for one-time use only and are to be used
only by the person, entity or organization approved per this request.
Authorized Signature of Purchaser Date
Authorized Signature of Purchaser Date
Date of Commission Action

From: info@gfp.sd.us

To: sila8705@yahoo.com

Cc: Kierl, Liz; Harrington, Nick

Subject: Petition for Rule Change Form

Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 4:11:39 PM

South Dakota - Game, Fish, and Parks

Petition for Rule Change

A new form was just submitted from the http://gfp.sd.gov/ website with the following information:

ID: 187

Petitioner Bob Brandt Name:

Address: 8705 SILA PL

Rapid City, SD 57702

Email: sila8705@yahoo.com

Phone: 605-209-8030

Rule

Identification:

elk preference system

Decribe Expand the preference system to include any drawings for the leftover cow tags, also add a

Change: rule that says that any successful applicant for a leftover cow tag CANNOT apply for the

leftover cow tags for 5 years.

Reason for Use Just as the goal is for the current Elk preference system; to give every unsuccessful

Change: applicant an increased chance for the next years drawing, these changes would give

everyone a better chance to draw the coveted cow elk tags.

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Waterfowl Hunting Seasons Chapter 41:06:16

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal March 9-10, 2023 Pierre

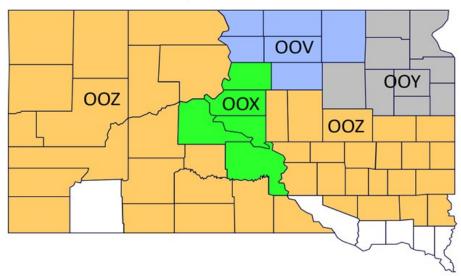
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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

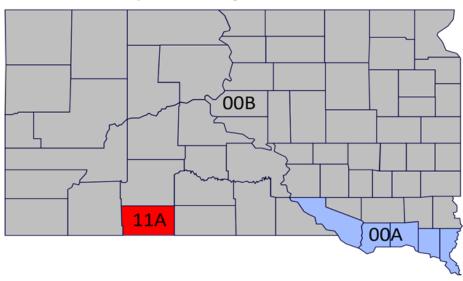
<u>Duration of Recommendation</u>: 2023/2024 waterfowl hunting seasons

<u>Licenses</u>: Nonresidents: Limited in all units and seasons (recommended 6,300)

Current 3-day Nonresident Waterfowl Units



Current 10-day and Season-long Nonresident Waterfowl Units



DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Increase the 2,000 3-day temporary nonresident licenses to 2,100.
- 2. Increase the 3,750 two 5-day nonresident licenses to 3,950.

Nonresident Waterfowl System

Season/Unit	Private/Public	Length	Description	2022 Licenses	Recommended 2023 Licenses
NRW-00A	Public and Private	Season long	Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Clay and Union counties	250	250
NRW-00B	Public and Private	Two 5-day periods	Statewide except 00A and 11A	3,725	3,925
NRW-11A	Public and Private	Two 5-day periods	Bennett County	25	25
NRW-00V	Private	3 day	Brown, Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, McPherson and Walworth counties	500	550
NRW-00X	Private	3 day	Hughes, Lyman, Potter, Stanley and Sully counties	750	750
NRW-00Y	Public and Private	3 day	Clark, Codington, Day, Duel, Grant, Hamlin, Marshall, Roberts and Spink counties	500	500
NRW-00Z	Private	3 day	Statewide except Unit 00A, 00X, 00V, 00Y and 11A	250	300

Total 6,000 6,300

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

In the past 17 years, resident migratory bird certificate sales dropped 29% from 33,950 in 2005 to 24,166 in 2022. A 5% license increase to nonresident waterfowl type 86 licenses would result in 300 additional licenses compared to the 9,784 fewer resident migratory bird certificates since 2005. The Nonresident Waterfowl System table above details proposed 5% nonresident license increase across current units. The recommendations will provide more opportunity in areas where it is difficult to draw licenses while still limiting licenses in the highest hunter density areas.

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

- 41:06:16:11. Maximum number of nonresident waterfowl licenses -- Open units -- Dates -- License restrictions. The maximum number of nonresident waterfowl licenses to be issued by lottery is 4,000 4,200 special nonresident waterfowl licenses, 2,000 early fall Canada goose temporary nonresident licenses, 2,000 gall three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses, 100 nonresident youth waterfowl licenses, and 10,000 spring snow goose temporary nonresident licenses divided for administrative purposes as follows:
- (1) Unit NRW-00A: the counties of Union, Clay, Yankton, Bon Homme, and Charles Mix. No more than 250 special nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued;
- (2) Unit NRW-00B: all open counties not in Units NRW-00A or NRW-11A. No more than 3,725 3,925 special nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued;
- (3) Unit NRW-00C: those counties as described in § 41:06:50:02. No more than 2,000 early fall Canada goose temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued;
- (4) Unit NRW-11A: Bennett County. No more than 25 special nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued. The season in this unit is open for 65 consecutive days beginning on the third Saturday of October and during any period that Bennett County is open in January as described in subdivision 41:06:16:07(3);
- (5) Unit NRW-00X: the counties of Potter, Stanley, Sully, Hughes, and Lyman. No more than 750 fall three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued. The licenses issued pursuant to this subdivision are valid only on private property;
- (6) Unit NRW-OOV: the counties of Brown, Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, McPherson, and Walworth. No more than 500 550 fall three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued. The licenses issued pursuant to this subdivision are valid only on private property;
- (7) Unit NRW-00Y: the counties of Spink, Marshall, Roberts, Day, Grant, Clark, Codington, Deuel, and Hamlin. No more than 500 three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued;
- (8) Unit NRW-OOZ: statewide except the counties in Units NRW-OOA, NRW-11A, NRW-OOV, NRW-OOX and NRW-OOY. No more than 250 300 fall three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued. The licenses issued pursuant to this subdivision are valid only on private property;
- (9) Unit NRW-ST1: statewide. No more than 10,000 spring snow goose temporary nonresident licenses may be issued. The licenses issued pursuant to this subdivision are valid only during a Conservation Order;
- (10) Unit NYW-YW1: statewide. No more than 100 nonresident youth waterfowl licenses may be issued for the youth waterfowl season established in Chapter 41:06:49. A nonresident youth may also hunt during the youth waterfowl season with a valid waterfowl hunting license as provided for in this section.

Licenses issued under this section are valid only in the unit for which they are issued. Licenses for Unit NRW-11A include two tags for Canada geese. Each tag is valid for taking one Canada goose consistent with the provisions of § 41:06:16:09. Each goose shall be tagged immediately upon retrieval.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

- 1. The Issue
 - Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented? With the current number of resident hunters participating, increased opportunity for nonresident waterfowl hunting exists without undue impact to hunters or the resource. Standard public input through the commission process will be solicited regarding these proposed changes. Changes can be evaluated through harvest surveys to gauge participation and satisfaction levels of both resident and nonresident hunters.
- 2. Historical Considerations NA
- 3. Biological Considerations

• What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations? Waterfowl populations are generally strong in South Dakota and the Central Flyway. While breeding conditions across the prairie pothole region are constantly changing, current wetland habitat conditions in South Dakota are expected to be good to excellent. Duck harvest increases from the proposed changes to nonresident waterfowl will be minimal. Resident giant Canada goose populations are currently above management objective with increases likely for the foreseeable future. Increased harvest rates will be needed to manage the population at desired levels across the Central Flyway.

4. Social Considerations

- The nonresident waterfowl issue is and will continue to be contentious issue, but given
 the large decrease in resident waterfowl hunter participation in the past 17 years, there is
 opportunity for nonresidents while still remaining well below hunter numbers in the early
 2000s.
- 5. Financial considerations As with most hunting activities, declining participation threatens funding for conservation, monitoring and management. While increases in financial return will be nominal, increased revenue through license sales is expected. Financial returns of the sporting goods and hospitality industry may also increase through these proposed changes.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

- 1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? No.
- 2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Yes, it slightly increases the number of licenses available for the season.
- 3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? This regulation would provide a slight increase in opportunity for current and new waterfowl hunters.
- 4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Yes.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be an increase in revenue from additional nonresident licenses.

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Apprentice Hunter Deer Season Chapter 41:06:44

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal March 9-10, 2023 Pierre

Public Hearing May 11, 2023 Custer State Park Finalization May 11-12, 2023 Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2023 and 2024 hunting seasons

Season Dates: September 9, 2023 – January 1, 2024

September 14, 2024 – January 1, 2025

Open Areas: Unit APD-03: West River Units 02A, 15A, 15B, 31A, 35A, 35C, 35L, 49A,

49B, 53A, 53C and 64A (See map for open area)

Unit APD-13: That portion of the state not included in Unit APD-03 (See map

for open area)

<u>Licenses</u>: Unit APD-03: Single tag "any antlerless deer" license

Unit APD-13: Single tag "antlerless whitetail deer" license

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Any resident hunter who has not held a license to hunt deer during the previous 10 years may purchase an Apprentice Hunter Deer License. Receipt of an Apprentice Hunter Deer License does not affect eligibility for a license in any other season.

2. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

- 3. Hunters may purchase one (1) Apprentice Hunter Deer License valid for either Unit APD-03 or Unit APD-13.
- 4. Custer State Park is closed to those with Apprentice Hunter Deer License and National Wildlife Refuges are closed unless specified by the refuge.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

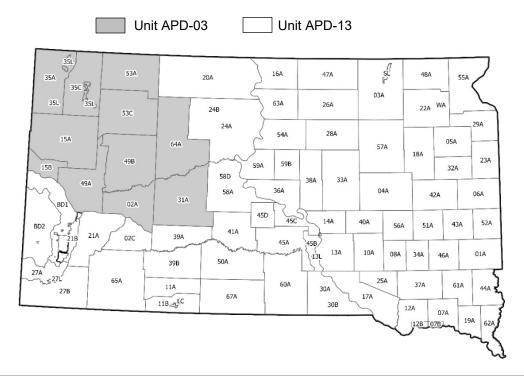
Recommended change: Remove closed area specifications to Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management property.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management property in West River deer hunting unit 49A is already limited to archery only equipment and additional hunting opportunity can be provided for hunters because of the limited success based on the weapon restriction.

Year	Licenses	WT Bucks	WT Does	MD Bucks	MD Does	All Deer	Tag
i Gai	Sold	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Success
2021	641	21	323	0	18	362	57%
2022	527	27	212	4	22	263	50%

Apprentice Deer Unit Map



DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

41:06:44:02.01. Closed areas. The youth deer season is closed and licenses are not valid in the following areas:

- (1) Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Brown County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge;
- (2) Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge in Bennett County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge;
- (3) Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge in Charles Mix County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge;
- (4) Waubay National Wildlife Refuge and Waubay State Game Bird Refuge in Day County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge; and
- (5) Fort Mead Bureau of Land Management south unit and the signed portion of the north unit in Meade County.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

- 1. The Issue Not applicable
- 2. Historical Considerations Not applicable
- 3. Biological Considerations Not applicable
- 4. Social Considerations Not applicable
- 5. Financial considerations Not applicable

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

- 1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? No.
- 2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Yes, youth would be able to hunt additional areas with archery equipment.
- 3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Yes, see response to #2.
- 4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Yes, see response to #2.

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REJECT ____ NO ACTION ____ APPROVE ____ MODIFY ____

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Youth Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:63

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal March 9-10, 2023 Pierre

Public Hearing May 11, 2023 Custer State Park Finalization May 11-12, 2023 Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2023 and 2024 hunting seasons

Season Dates: September 9, 2023 – January 1, 2024

September 14, 2024 - January 1, 2025

Open Areas: Unit YOD-03: West River Units 02A, 15A, 15B, 31A, 35A, 35C, 35L, 49A,

49B, 53A, 53C and 64A (See map for open area)

Unit YOD-13: That portion of the state not included in Unit YOD-03 (See map

for open area)

Licenses: Unit YOD-03: Single tag "any antlerless deer" license

Unit YOD-13: Single tag "antlerless whitetail deer" license

Requirements and Restrictions:

- Both residents and nonresidents that have reached the age of 12 years during the period September through December 31 and have not reached the age of 18 years old by June 30; and any person who has not received a Mentored Deer License may purchase a Youth Deer License. Successful applicants for the Youth Deer License are not eligible for the Mentored Deer License.
- 2. Each hunter under 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult while hunting.
- 3. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
- 4. Hunters may purchase one (1) Youth Deer Hunting License valid for either Unit YOD-03 or Unit YOD-13.
- 5. Custer State Park is closed to those with Youth Deer Hunting License and National Wildlife Refuges are closed unless specified by the refuge.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

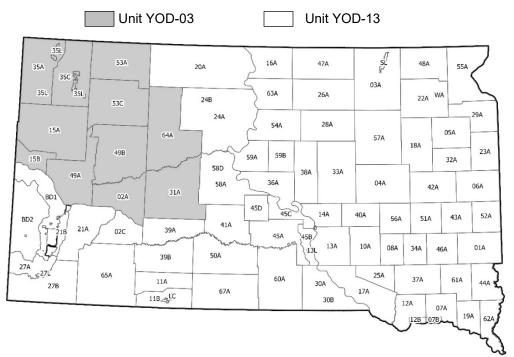
Recommended change:

Remove closed area specifications to Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management property.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management property in West River deer hunting unit 49A is already limited to archery only equipment and additional hunting opportunity can be provided for hunters because of the limited success based on the weapon restriction.

Youth Deer Hunting Unit Map



Youth Deer

Year	Licenses	WT Bucks	WT Does	MD Bucks	MD Does	All Deer	Tag
real	Sold	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Success
2016	4,861	322	1,896	29	324	2,571	53%
2017	5,325	292	2,072	35	426	2,825	53%
2018							
2019			Modified in	to Apprentice I	Deer season		
2020							
2021	3,812	175	1,522	8	156	1,861	49%
2022	3,448	155	1,275	4	240	1,674	49%

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

41:06:63:04. Closed areas. The youth deer season is closed and licenses are not valid in the following areas:

- (1) Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Brown County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge;
- (2) Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge in Bennett County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge;
- (3) Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge in Charles Mix County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge;
- (4) Waubay National Wildlife Refuge and Waubay State Game Bird Refuge in Day County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge; and
- (5) Fort Mead Bureau of Land Management south unit and the signed portion of the north unit in Meade County.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue – Not applicable

- 2. Historical Considerations Not applicable
- 3. Biological Considerations Not applicable
- 4. Social Considerations Not applicable
- 5. Financial considerations Not applicable

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

- 1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? No.
- 2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Yes, youth would be able to hunt additional areas with archery equipment.
- 3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Yes, see response to #2.
- 4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Yes, see response to #2.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Custer State Park Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:41

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal March 9-10, 2023 Pierre

Public Hearing May 11, 2023 Custer State Park Finalization May 11-12, 2023 Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2023 and 2024 hunting seasons

Unit Dates: CUD-CU1-11: Any whitetail November 1-30

CUD-CU1-13: Antlerless whitetail December 1-15

Licenses: Specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation will be recommended by the

Department to the GFP Commission at the April Commission meeting.

Requirements and Restrictions:

Applicants successful in drawing an "any" tag type are ineligible for the license again for 10
vears.

2. "Any Deer" and "Any Whitetail Deer" licenses are valid November 1-30.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from last year: Remove the archery only equipment restriction from November 1-15.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Very little archery only hunting occurs between November 1-15 in Custer State Park. Expanding the use of firearms through the entire month of November for the Custer State Park any deer and any whitetail seasons will increase hunting opportunity and is not expected to result in a substantial biological difference in harvest. In addition, harvest can be managed using the total number of any whitetail and antierless whitetail licenses in Custer State Park.

The recommended maximum number of one-tag deer licenses will be established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission via administrative rule will determine specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation.

Preliminary harvest data for the 2022 deer hunting seasons just became available. Department staff will review all harvest and other biological data, population modeling outputs, determine population objectives for whitetail and mule deer, and then bring recommendations for unit-specific license numbers and types to the GFP Commission at the April Commission meeting.

Vasa	Licenses	WT Bucks	WT Does	MD Bucks	MD Does	All Deer	Tag
Year	Sold	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Success
2016	40	10	19	0	0	29	72%
2017	64	30	11	1	0	42	66%
2018	64	26	9	0	0	36	56%
2019	87	26	24	3	0	53	61%
2020	88	28	25	3	0	56	63%
2021	73	20	22	0	0	41	57%
2022	75	14	27	0	0	42	56%

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

41:06:41:01. Custer State Park deer hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses. The Custer State Park deer hunting season is open from November 1 through December 15. No more than 100 one-tag deer licenses may be issued for the Custer State Park deer hunting season. Hunting is limited to archery equipment from November 1 through November 15.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

- 1. The Issue Not applicable
- 2. Historical Considerations Not applicable
- 3. Biological Considerations Not applicable
- 4. Social Considerations Not applicable
- 5. Financial considerations Not applicable

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

- 1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? Not applicable.
- 2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Not applicable.
- 3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.
- 4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Not applicable.

IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE	MODIFY	REJECT	NO ACTION

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

National Wildlife Refuge Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:36

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal March 9-10, 2023 Pierre

Public Hearing May 11, 2023 Custer State Park Finalization May 11-12, 2023 Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2023 and 2024 hunting seasons

2023 Season Dates: Sand Lake NWR November 11-15, November 16-20, November 21-26,

November 27 – December 3, December 4-10

Lacreek NWR October 18-24 and November 22-28

Waubay NWR* November 11-19 and November 25 – December 3

* includes Waubay State Game Bird Refuge

2024 Season Dates: Sand Lake NWR November 9-13, November 14-18, November 19-24,

November 25 – December 1, December 2-8

Lacreek NWR October 16-22 and November 27-December 3
Waubay NWR* November 9-17 and November 23 – December 1

* includes Waubay State Game Bird Refuge

<u>Licenses</u>: Specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation for resident and nonresidents will be recommended by the Department to the GFP Commission at the April Commission meeting.

Requirements and Restrictions:

- The first season on Sand Lake NWR, all seasons on Lacreek NWR and Waubay NWR are restricted to muzzleloaders.
- 2. Applicants may apply for only one refuge unit (season) in the first application period.
- 3. Licenses remaining after the first application period may be purchased by any resident or nonresident on a first-come, first serve basis.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from last year:

- Restrict RFD-SL4 to muzzleloading rifles without telescopic sights with the intention of switching antlerless licenses to any deer licenses for this season.
- 2. Edit the open unit description of Lacreek Refuge to specify the refuge unit area is specified by the refuge.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge staff would like to expand the unique any deer hunting opportunity in the refuge. Success rates for the any deer Sand Lake Refuge seasons are primarily driven by weather conditions, specifically water levels, and not as closely related to buck population levels as other areas. When water levels are high, success decreases because many areas become inaccessible or difficult to hunt. Switching the fourth season from antlerless only to any deer and restricting to muzzleloader will create an additional unique opportunity to hunt a different time when water levels may provide different accessibility.

Lacreek Refuge staff designate hunting areas within the refuge which vary annually. The recommended rule change is designed to allow Lacreek Refuge staff to specify hunting unit boundaries.

The recommended maximum number of one-tag deer licenses will be established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission via administrative rule will determine specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation amongst residents and nonresidents.

Preliminary harvest data for the 2022 deer hunting seasons just became available. Department staff will review all harvest and other biological data, population modeling outputs, determine population objectives for whitetail and mule deer, and then bring recommendations for unit-specific license numbers and types to the GFP Commission at the April Commission meeting.

Refuge Deer

Year	Licenses Sold	Bucks Harvested	Does Harvested	Total Harvest	Tag Success
2019	158	42	13	55	35%
2020	159	53	5	58	36%
2021	152	56	6	62	41%
2022	158	53	17	70	44%

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

1.

- 41:06:36:02. Sand Lake open units. The following is a description of the units open to deer hunting on the Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge:
 - (1) Unit RFD-SL1 is open for five consecutive days beginning on the second Saturday of November. The licenses are restricted to muzzleloading rifles without telescopic sights as provided in § 41:06:04:14;
 - (2) Unit RFD-SL2 is open for five consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of the Unit RFD-SL1 season;
 - (3) Unit RFD-SL3 is open for six consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of the Unit RFD-SL2 season;
 - (4) Unit RFD-SL4 is open for seven consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of the Unit RFD-SL3 season. The licenses are restricted to muzzleloading rifles without telescopic sights as provided in § 41:06:04:14; and
 - (5) Unit RFD-SL5 is open for seven consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of the Unit RFD-SL4 season.

A hunter possessing an unfilled "antlerless deer" license for any Sand Lake deer hunting unit may hunt the refuge for nine consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of Unit RFD-SL5 season.

- 2. 41:06:36:02.01. Lacreek open units. The following is a description of the units open to deer hunting on the Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge:
 - (1) Unit RFD-LC1 is open for seven consecutive days beginning on the third Wednesday of October; and
 - (2) Unit RFD-LC2 is open for seven consecutive days beginning on the fourth Wednesday of November.

The deer hunting units within the <u>refuge are set by Lacreek Refuge</u>. <u>Information is available at Lacreek Refuge headquarters and will be mailed to successful applicants</u>.

All Lacreek open units are restricted to muzzleloading rifles without scopes.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

- 1. The Issue
 - Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented?
 - NA
- 2. Historical Considerations
 - NA
- 3. Biological Considerations
 - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?
 - NA
- 4. Social Considerations
 - NA
- 5. Financial considerations
 - NA

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

- 1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
- 2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
- 3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? NA
- 4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact is expected to the Department.

APPROVE	MODIFY	REJECT	NO ACTION

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

West River Prairie Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:20

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal March 9-10, 2023 Pierre

Public Hearing May 11, 2023 Custer State Park Finalization May 11-12, 2023 Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2023 and 2024 hunting seasons

Season Dates: All units excluding Gregory County: November 11-26, 2023

Gregory County (Unit 30A): November 4-7 and November 20-26, 2023

Gregory County (Unit 30B): November 11-26, 2023 Antlerless deer tags only: December 9-17, 2023

All units excluding Gregory County: November 16-December 1, 2024 Gregory County (Unit 30A): November 9-12 and November 25-December 1,

2024

Gregory County (Unit 30B): November 16-December 1, 2024

Antlerless deer tags only: December 14-22, 2024

Open Area: See the attached map

Licenses: Specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation for resident and

nonresidents will be recommended by the Department to the GFP

Commission at the April Commission meeting.

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. 500 resident and 500 nonresident "any deer" licenses AND 500 resident and 500 nonresident "any whitetail deer" licenses are available through the "Special Buck" application.

- No more than 20,000 one-tag deer licenses, 15,000 two-tag deer licenses and 10,000 three-tag licenses.
- 3. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference applicants.
- 4. Landowners may also purchase an "any deer" or "any deer + any antlerless deer" license that is valid only on their property as long they do not hold a regular West River deer license that allows the harvest of a buck.
- 5. Only persons using a wheelchair may apply for the licenses in Stanley County (Unit 58D) designated as a special "Hunters with Disabilities Unit."

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes:

- 1. Edit "Custer Count Road 319" error to "Custer County Road 317" in Unit WRD-27A description.
- 2. Remove Fort Meade exception in Unit WRD-49A description.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The unit description for WRD-27A incorrectly referenced Custer County Road 319 and should reference Custer County Road 317.

Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management property in West River deer hunting unit 49A is already limited to archery only equipment and additional hunting opportunity can be provided for hunters because of the limited success based on the weapon restriction.

The recommended maximum number of one-tag, two-tag and three-tag deer licenses will be established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission via administrative rule will determine specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation amongst residents and nonresidents.

Preliminary harvest data for the 2022 deer hunting seasons just became available. Department staff will review all harvest and other biological data, population modeling outputs, determine population objectives for whitetail and mule deer, and then bring recommendations for unit-specific license numbers and types to the GFP Commission at the April Commission meeting.

Year	Licenses	WT Bucks	WT Does	MD Bucks	MD Does	All Deer	Tag
, oai	Sold	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Success
2016	21,237	7,600	3,557	2,869	257	14,283	53%
2017	20,142	6,896	2,799	3,373	213	13,280	56%
2018	20,163	6,696	2,916	3,320	250	13,182	56%
2019	19,349	6,618	3,340	2,874	256	10,089	59%
2020	19,382	7,285	4,028	3,077	219	14,610	63%
2021	21,072	6,710	4,941	3,026	336	15,013	58%
2022	21,944	6,364	4,941	3,020	398	14,724	56%

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

1. 41:06:20:02

(12) Unit WRD-27A: those portions of Custer and Fall River Counties within a line beginning at the junction of the South Dakota-Wyoming border and U.S. Highway 18, then easterly along U.S. Highway 18 to its junction with the Cheyenne River, then easterly along the Cheyenne River to its junction with U.S. Highway 18 and 385, then northerly along U.S. Highway 18 and 385 to its junction with State Highway 79 and continuing along State Highway 79 to its junction with the section line between section 19 and section 18, township 6 south, range 7 east, then westerly along this section line to its junction with section 13 and section 24, township 6 south. range 7 east, then southerly along the section line between section 19 and section 24, township 6 south, range 7 east to its junction with Custer County Road 101, then westerly along Custer County Road 101 to its junction with U.S. Highway 385, then southerly along U.S. Highway 385 to its junction with Fall River County Road 18 (Argyle Road), then northwesterly along Fall River County Road 18 and Custer County Road 333 to its junction with State Highway 89, then southerly along State Highway 89 to its junction with Fall River County Road 12, then westerly along Fall River County Road 12 to its junction with Custer County Road 319, then westerly along Custer County Road 319 317 to its junction with Custer County Road 715, then westerly along Custer County Road 715 to its junction with Custer County Road 769, then westerly along Custer County Road 769 through Dewey to its junction with the South Dakota-Wyoming border, then southerly along the South Dakota-Wyoming border to its junction with U.S. Highway 18, the point of beginning, except the portion included in WRD-27L;

2. 41:06:20:02

(28) Unit WRD-49A: the portion of Meade County east of Interstate 90, except the Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management South Unit and the signed portion of the North Unit, south of U.S. Highway 212, and west of a line beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 212 and Meade County Road 23, then southerly along Meade County Road 23 to its junction with Meade County Road 28, then easterly along Meade County Roads 23-28, then southerly along Meade County Road 23 to its junction with State Highway 34, then southerly along Meade County Road 21 (New Underwood Road) to its junction with the Pennington County line and that portion of Pennington County west of Pennington County 160th Avenue (New Underwood Road) and north of Interstate 90;

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue

- Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented?
- NA
- 2. Historical Considerations
 - NA
- 3. Biological Considerations
 - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?
 - NA
- 4. Social Considerations
 - NA
- 5. Financial considerations
 - NA

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

- 1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
- 2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
- 3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? NA
- 4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact is expected to the Department.

APPROVE	MODIFY	REJECT	NO ACTION

2023-2024 ARCHERY ACCESS PERMITS

Designated Avec	1	Number of Access Permits		
Designated Area	Any Deer	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	Total	
Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve	10	60	70	
Good Earth State Park	5	0	5	
WRD-27L (Residents)	20	0	20	
WRD-27L (Nonresidents)	5	0	5	
WRD-35L (Residents)	400	0	400	
WRD-35L (Nonresidents)	100	0	100	

2021-2022 vs. 2023-2024 Comparison

Designated Avec	Number of Access Permits		
Designated Area	Any Deer	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	Total
2021-2022 Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve	10	60	70
2023-2024 Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve	10	60	70
2021-2022 Good Earth State Park	5	0	5
2023-2024 Good Earth State Park	5	0	5
2021-2022 WRD-27L (Residents)	20	0	20
2023-2024 WRD-27L (Residents)	20	0	20
2021-2022 WRD-27L (Nonresidents)	5	0	5
2023-2024 WRD-27L (Nonresidents)	5	0	5
2021-2022 WRD-35L (Residents)	500	0	500
2023-2024 WRD-35L (Residents)	400	0	400
2021-2022 WRD-35L (Nonresidents)	125	0	125
2023-2024 WRD-35L (Nonresidents)	100	0	100

2023-2024 MUZZLELOADER DEER

	Reside	nt
	Any Deer Licenses	Any Deer Tags
Statewide	1,000	1,000
Total	1,000	1,000

2021-2022 VS. 2023-2024 Comparison

	Reside	nt
	Any Deer Licenses	Any Deer Tags
2021-2022 Statewide	1,000	1,000
2023-2024 Statewide	1,000	1,000

2023-2024 BLACK HILLS DEER

	Re	sident Licen	ises	Nonr	esident Lice	enses				License	Totals			
Unit	Any Deer	Any WT	Antless WT	Any Deer	Any WT	Antless WT	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR
	01	11	13	01	11	13	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags
BD1				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BD2				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BH1	200	2,750		16	220	0	2,950	0	2,950	2,950	236	0	236	236
TOTAL	200	2,750	0	16	220	0	2,950	0	2,950	2,950	236	0	236	236
Unit	Any Deer	Any WT	Antless WT	Any Deer	Any WT	Antless WT	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR
Offic	01	11	13	01	11	13	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags
					RES a	nd NR:	3,186	0	3,186	3,186				

2021-2022 vs. 2023-2024 Comparison

					Resid	lent License	:S						
		Any	Deer			Any Whi	tetail			Antlerless	Whitetail		
Unit	Ye	ear	Cha	ange	Ye	ear	Cha	nge	Ye	Year Change			
	2021-22	2023-24	#	%	2021-22	2023-24	#	%	2021-22	2023-24	#	%	
BD1									300	0	-300	-100%	
BD2									0	0	0	NA	
BH1	200	200	0	0%	3,000	2,750	-250	-8%					
TOTAL	200	200	0	0%	3,000	2,750	-250	-8%	300	0	-300	-100%	

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents.

2023-2024 CUSTER STATE PARK DEER

		Resident Licen	ses
Unit	Any Deer	Any Whitetail	Antlerless Whitetail
	Type 01	Type 11	Type 13
CUD-1	0	20	0
CUD-2	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	20	0

2021-2022 vs. 2023-2024 Comparison

	2021-2022 Resident Licenses	2023-2024 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2021-2022 Resident Tags	2023-2024 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
CUD-1	25	20	-5	-20%	25	20	-5	-20%
CUD-2	50	0	-50	-100%	50	0	-50	-100%
TOTAL	75	20	-55	-73%	75	20	-55	-73%

2023-2024 REFUGE DEER

	Resident	Licenses	Nonresid	ent Licenses			License	e Totals		
Unit	Any D	AtlW	Any D	AtIW	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR
	01	13	01	13	1-tag	Lic	Tags	1-tag	Lic	Tags
Lacreek Refuge										
RFD-LC1	10		1		10	10	10	1	1	1
RFD-LC2	10		1		10	10	10	1	1	1
Sand Lake Refuge										
RFD-SL1	20		2		20	20	20	2	2	2
RFD-SL2	20		2		20	20	20	2	2	2
RFD-SL3	20		2		20	20	20	2	2	2
RFD-SL4	20		2		20	20	20	2	2	2
RFD-SL5	20		2		20	20	20	2	2	2
Waubay Refuge			•							
RFD-WA1	10		1		10	10	10	1	1	1
RFD-WA2					0	0	0	0	0	0
RFD-WA3	10		1		10	10	10	1	1	1
TOTAL	TOTAL 140 0		14	0	140	140	140	14	14	14
Unit	Any D	AtlW	Any D	AtIW	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR
Ullit	01	13	01	13	1-tag	Lic	Tags	1-tag	Lic	Tags
			RES	and NR:	154	154	154			

2021-2022 vs. 2023-2024

			Reside	nt Licenses				
Unit		An	y Deer			Antlerle	ss Deer	
Offic	Ye	ear	Cl	nange	Ye	ear	Cha	inge
	2021-22	2023-24	#	%	2021-22	2023-24	#	%
Lacreek Refuge								
RFD-LC1	10	10	0	0%	0	0	0	NA
RFD-LC2	10	10	0	0%	0	0	0	NA
Sand Lake Refuge								
RFD-SL1	20	20	0	0%	0	0	0	NA
RFD-SL2	20	20	0	0%	0	0	0	NA
RFD-SL3	20	20	0	0%	0	0	0	NA
RFD-SL4	0	20	20	NA	25	0	-25	-100%
RFD-SL5	20	20	0	0%	0	0	0	NA
Waubay Refuge								
RFD-WA1	10	10	0	0%	0	0	0	NA
RFD-WA2	0	0	0	NA	0	0	0	NA
RFD-WA3	10	10	0	0%	0	0	0	NA
TOTAL	120	140	20	17%	25	0	-25	-100%

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents.

2023-2024 EAST RIVER DEER

						Ras	sident Licen		+ LAST NIV						License Totals			
Unit #	Unit Name	AnyD	AtID	AtID	AD+AtID	2 AtID	AnyW	AtlW	AtlW	3 AtlW	AW+AtIW	2 AtlW	2 AtlW	RES	RES	RES	RES	RES
Offit #	Unit Name	AnyD					,											
211		01	03	03P	08	09P	11	13	13P	17P	18	19	19P	1-tag	2-tag	3-tag	Licenses	Tags
01A	Minnehaha	400						200						600	0	0	600	600
03A	Brown	1,000						1,300						2300	0	0	2300	2300
04A	Beadle						500	150						650	0	0	650	650
05A	Codington	400										200		400	200	0	600	800
06A	Brookings	450						150						600	0	0	600	600
07A	Yankton	350												350	0	0	350	350
07B	Yankton											75		0	75	0	75	150
08A	Davison						250							250	0	0	250	250
10A	Aurora						250	150						400	0	0	400	400
12A	Bon Homme	300												300	0	0	300	300
12B	Bon Homme											50		0	50	0	50	100
13A	Brule	100					800		150					1050	0	0	1,050	1,050
13L	Brule	20												20	0	0	20	20
14A	Buffalo	100							50		250			150	250	0	400	650
16A	Campbell	30					400		- 50					430	0	0	430	430
17A	Charles Mix	25					250							275	0	0	275	275
18A	Clark	600					200					300		600	300	0	900	1,200
19A	Clay	200						50				550		250	0	0	250	250
22A	Day	600						400						1000	0	0	1,000	1,000
23A	Deuel	500						400				200		500	200	0	700	900
25A		300					250	100				200		350	0	0	350	350
	Douglas	700					250											
26A	Edmunds	700						400						1100	0	0	1,100	1,100
28A	Faulk	600						500				100		1100	0	0	1,100	1,100
29A	Grant	400										100		400	100	0	500	600
32A	Hamlin	600										200		600	200	0	800	1,000
33A	Hand	10					350							360	0	0	360	360
34A	Hanson						250	50						300	0	0	300	300
36A	Hughes	150					250							400	0	0	400	400
37A	Hutchinson						250							250	0	0	250	250
38A	Hyde	10					300							310	0	0	310	310
40A	Jerauld						250	150						400	0	0	400	400
42A	Kingsbury	500						200						700	0	0	700	700
43A	Lake	300						150						450	0	0	450	450
44A	Lincoln	200						100						300	0	0	300	300
46A	McCook	350						300						650	0	0	650	650
47A	McPherson	500						500						1000	0	0	1,000	1,000
48A	Marshall	500						300						800	0	0	800	800
51A	Miner	400						350						750	0	0	750	750
52A	Moody	300						250						550	0	0	550	550
54A	Potter	50					400							450	0	0	450	450
55A	Roberts	500										200		500	200	0	700	900
56A	Sanborn						350	300						650	0	0	650	650
57A	Spink	900						300						1200	0	0	1,200	1,200
59A	Sully	100					200							300	0	0	300	300
59B	Sully	20					200							220	0	0	220	220
61A	Turner	200					200							200	0	0	200	200
62A	Union	350						100						450	0	0	450	450
63A	Walworth	50					400	100						550	0	0	550	550
USA	TOTAL	12,765	0	0	0	0	5,900	6,550	200	0	250	1,325	0	25,415		0	26,990	28,565
	IUIAL														1,575			
Unit #	Unit Name	AnyD	AtID	AtID	AD+AtID	2 AtID	AnyW	AtlW	AtlW	3 AtlW	AW+AtIW	2 AtlW	2 AtlW	RES	RES	RES	RES	RES
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	01	03	03P	08	09P	11	13	13P	17P	18	19	19P	1-tag	2-tag	3-tag	Licenses	Tags

EAST RIVER DEER 2021-22 vs. 2023-24 Comparison

Unit#	Unit Name	2021-22 Resident Licenses	2023-24 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2021-22 Resident Tags	2023-24 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
01A	Minnehaha	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
03A	Brown	2,000	2,300	300	15%	2,000	2,300	300	15%
04A	Beadle	800	650	-150	-19%	800	650	-150	-19%
05A	Codington	550	600	50	9%	750	800	50	7%
06A	Brookings	550	600	50	9%	550	600	50	9%
07A	Yankton	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
07B	Yankton	75	75	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
08A	Davison	200	250	50	25%	200	250	50	25%
10A	Aurora	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
12A	Bon Homme	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
12B	Bon Homme	75	50	-25	-33%	100	100	0	0%
13A	Brule	1,000	1,050	50	5%	1,000	1,050	50	5%
13L	Brule	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
14A	Buffalo	350	400	50	14%	350	650	300	86%
16A	Campbell	530	430	-100	-19%	530	430	-100	-19%
17A	Charles Mix	400	275	-125	-31%	400	275	-125	-31%
18A	Clark	800	900	100	13%	1,000	1,200	200	20%
19A	Clay	350	250	-100	-29%	350	250	-100	-29%
22A	Day	1,000	1,000	0	0%	1,000	1,000	0	0%
23A	Deuel	700	700	0	0%	900	900	0	0%
25A	Douglas	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
26A	Edmunds	1,100	1,100	0	0%	1,100	1,100	0	0%
28A	Faulk	1,000	1,100	100	10%	1,000	1,100	100	10%
29A	Grant	500	500	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
32A	Hamlin	800	800	0	0%	1,000	1,000	0	0%
33A	Hand	310	360	50	16%	310	360	50	16%
34A	Hanson	200	300	100	50%	200	300	100	50%
36A	Hughes	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
37A	Hutchinson	200	250	50	25%	200	250	50	25%
38A	Hyde	310	310	0	0%	310	310	0	0%
40A	Jerauld	350	400	50	14%	350	400	50	14%
42A	Kingsbury	600	700	100	17%	600	700	100	17%
43A	Lake	400	450	50	13%	400	450	50	13%
44A	Lincoln	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
46A	McCook	650	650	0	0%	650	650	0	0%
47A	McPherson	1,000	1,000	0	0%	1,000	1,000	0	0%
48A	Marshall	800	800	0	0%	800	800	0	0%
51A	Miner	750	750	0	0%	750	750	0	0%
52A	Moody	450	550	100	22%	450	550	100	22%
54A	Potter	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
55A	Roberts	700	700	0		900	900	0	0%
56A	Sanborn	650	650	0	0%	650	650	0	0%
57A	Spink	1,100	1,200	100	9%	1,100	1,200	100	9%
59A	Sully	350	300	-50	-14%	350	300	-50	-14%
59B	Sully	320	220	-100	-31%	320	220	-100	-31%
61A	Turner	150	200	50	33%	150	200		33%
62A	Union	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
63A	Walworth	550	550	0		550	550		
	TOTAL	26,240	26,990	750	3%	27,440	28,565	1,125	4%

2023-2024 WEST RIVER DEER

						Re	esident	Licens	es									Non	resident	Licen	ses								L	cense 7	Fotals				
Unit #	Unit Name	AnyD	AtID	AtID	AD+AtID	2 AtID	AnyW	/ AtlW	AtlW	3 AtlW	AW+AtlW	2 AtlW	2 AtlW	AnyD	AtID	AtID	AD+AtID	2 AtID	AnyW	AtlW	AtlW	3 AtlW	AW+AtlW	2 AtlW	2 AtlW	RES	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
		01	03	03P	08	09P	11	13	13P	17P	18	19	19P	01	03	03P	08	09P	11	13	13P	17P	18	19	19P	1-tag	2-tag	3-tag	Licenses	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	3-tag	Licenses	Tags
02A	Pennington	400									200			32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	400	200	0	600	800	32	16	0	48	64
02C	Pennington	100					50							8	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	0	0	150	150	12	0	0	12	12
11A	Bennett	125					50							10	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	175	0	0	175	175	14	0	0	14	14
11B	Bennett	50					75							4	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	0	0	125	125	10	0	0	10	10
15A	Butte	200									600		400	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	32	200	1,000	0	1,200	2,200	16	80	0	96	176
15B	Butte	150									400		200	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	16	150	600	0	750	1,350	12	48	0	60	108
20A	Corson	150	50								400	100		12	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	8	0	200	500	0	700	1,200	16	40	0	56	96
21A	Custer	100					200		50					8	0	0	0	0	16	0	4	0	0	0	0	350	0	0	350	350	28	0	0	28	28
21B	Custer	50					50							4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	100	100	8	0	0	8	8
24A	Dewey	100					250	100						8	0	0	0	0	20	8	0	0	0	0	0	450	0	0	450	450	36	0	0	36	36
24B	Little Moreau						10	10						0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	20	20	2	0	0	2	2
27A	Fall River	125							25		50			10	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	150	50	0	200	250	12	4	0	16	20
27B	Fall River	200					125	50	50					16	0	0	0	0	10	4	4	0	0	0	0	425	0	0	425	425	34	0	0	34	34
27L	Fall River	5					10							1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	15	15	2	0	0	2	2
30A	Gregory	25									600	200	100	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	16	8	25	900	0	925	1,825	2	72	0	74	146
30B	Gregory	25									600	200	100	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	16	8	25	900	0	925	1,825	2	72	0	74	146
31A	Haakon	600			50		100					100		48	0	0	4	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	0	700	150	0	850	1,000	56	12	0	68	80
35A	Harding	300					100				50		75	24	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	4	0	6	400	125	0	525	650	32	10	0	42	52
35C	Harding	200		50			100				50		75	16	0	4	0	0	8	0	0	0	4	0	6	350	125	0	475	600	28	10	0	38	48
35L	Harding	100												8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	100	100	8	0	0	8	8
39A	Jackson	175					100	50						14	0	0	0	0	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	325	0	0	325	325	26	0	0	26	26
39B	Jackson	275					50	50						22	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	375	0	0	375	375	30	0	0	30	30
41A	Jones	200					300							16	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	0	500	500	40	0	0	40	40
45A	Lyman	100					350		150		200			8	0	0	0	0	28	0	12	0	16	0	0	600	200	0	800	1,000	48	16	0	64	80
45B	Lyman	50							75		175			4	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	14	0	0	125	175	0	300	475	10	14	0	24	38
45C	Lyman	30										20		3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	30	20	0	50	70	3	2	0	5	7
45D	Lyman	30					50							3	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	80	80	7	0	0	7	7
49A	Meade	500						75			250			40	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	20	0	0	575	250	0	825	1,075	46	20	0	66	86
49B	Meade	600					100							48	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	700	0	0	700	700	56	0	0	56	56
50A	Mellette	200					500							16	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	700	0	0	700	700	56	0	0	56	56
53A	Perkins	400				75					250		100	32	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	20	0	8	400	425	0	825	1,250	32	34	0	66	100
53C	Perkins	500				75					250		100	40	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	20	0	8	500	425	0	925	1,350	40	34	0	74	108
58A	Stanley	150						50			150			12	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	12	0	0	200	150		350	500	16	12	0	28	40
58D	Stanley	5						3			1.000			1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	8	8	2	0	0	2	2
60A	Tripp	100						250			1,000			8	0	0	0	0	0	20	0		80	0	0		1,000			2,350		80	0	108	188
64A	Ziebach	250					100						50	20	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	4	350	50	0	400	450	28	4	0	32	36
	Oglala Lakota													6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	75	75	6	0	0	6	6
67A	Todd	100				4	100							8	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	300	0	0	300	300	24	0	0	24	24
	TOTAL	6,745				150	2,770	738	350	0	5,225	620	1,200		4	4	4	12	222	60		0	418	50		10,703				25,193			0		2,020
Unit #	Unit Name				AD+AtID																				2 AtlW					RES				NR	NR -
		01	03	03P	80	09P	11	13	13P	17P	18	19	19P	01	03	03P	80	09P	11	13	13P	17P	18	19	19P	1-tag	2-tag	3-tag	Licenses			2-tag	3-tag	Lic	Tags
																								RES	& NR:	11,563	7,825	0	19,388	27,213					

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WEST RIVER DEER 2021-22 vs. 2023-24 Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2021-2022 Resident Licenses	2023-2024 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2021-2022 Resident Tags	2023-2024 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
02A	Pennington	600	600	0	0%	800	800	0	
02C	Pennington	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
11A	Bennett	250	175	-75	-30%	250	175	-75	-30%
11B	Bennett	250	125	-125	-50%	250	125	-125	-50%
15A	Butte	1,400	1,200	-200	-14%	3,050	2,200	-850	-28%
15B	Butte	950	750	-200	-21%	1,950	1,350	-600	-31%
20A	Corson	550	700	150	27%	950	1,200	250	26%
21A	Custer	475	350	-125	-26%	475	350	-125	-26%
21B	Custer	250	100	-150	-60%	250	100	-150	-60%
24A	Dewey	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
24B	Little Moreau	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
27A	Fall River	225	200	-25		325	250	-75	
27B	Fall River	800	425	-375		1,200	425	-775	-65%
27L	Fall River	15	15	0	0%	15	15	0	
30A	Gregory	925	925	0		1,825	1,825	0	0%
30B	Gregory	925	925	0	0%	1,825	1,825	0	0%
31A	Haakon	850	850	0	0%	1,000	1,000	0	0%
35A	Harding	900	525	-375	-42%	1,400	650	-750	-54%
35C	Harding	800	475	-325	-41%	1,300	600	-700	-54%
35L	Harding	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
39A	Jackson	325	325	0	0%	325	325	0	0%
39B	Jackson	375	375	0		375	375	0	0%
41A	Jones	500	500	0	0%	500	500	0	0%
45A	Lyman	750	800	50	7%	950	1,000	50	5%
45B	Lyman	250	300	50	20%	400	475	75	
45C	Lyman	50	50	0	0%	70	70	0	0%
45D	Lyman	80	80	0	0%	80	80	0	0%
49A	Meade	1,350	825	-525	-39%	2,000	1,075	-925	
49B	Meade	1,300	700	-600	-46%	1,900	700	-1,200	-63%
50A	Mellette	700	700	0		700	700	0	0%
53A	Perkins	800	825	25		1,275	1,250	-25	
53C	Perkins	1,025	925	-100	-10%	1,550	1,350	-200	-13%
58A	Stanley	450	350	-100			500	-100	
58D	Stanley	8	8	0	0%		8	0	
60A	Tripp	1,350	1,350	0	0%	2,350	2,350	0	
64A	Ziebach	650	400	-250		750	450	-300	
65A	Oglala Lakota		75	0		75	75	0	
67A	Todd	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
	TOTAL	21,223	17,948	-3,275	-15%	31,793	25,193	-6,600	-21%

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents.

LEWIS & CLARK	MARINA - 2023 PROPO	OSED SLIP FEES	
	2022 Rate	Proposed 2023 Rate	%
A DOCK			
42' SHORELINE	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.00	-
42' X 16' OPEN	\$3,850.00	\$3,850.00	-
42' X 16' NTC	\$3,960.00	\$3,960.00	-
42' X 16' COVERED	\$4,375.00	\$4,375.00	-
48' X 18' NTC	\$3,960.00	\$3,960.00	-
48' X 18' OPEN	\$4,250.00	\$4,250.00	-
48' BAYSIDE	\$3,775.00	\$3,775.00	-
B DOCK			
36' SHORELINE	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	-
36' X 14' OPEN	\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00	-
36' X 14' NTC	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00	-
36' X 14' COVERED	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	-
36' BAYSIDE	\$2,790.00	\$2,790.00	-
42' X 16' OPEN	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	-
42' BAYSIDE	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00	-
C DOCK			
36' SHORELINE	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	-
36' X 14' COVERED	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	-
36' BAYSIDE	\$2,790.00	\$2,790.00	-
E DOCK			
30' SHORELINE	N/A	\$3,000.00	-
30' X 14' COVERED	N/A	\$6,200.00	-
30' BAYSIDE	N/A	\$4,000.00	-
F DOCK			
26' SHORELINE	N/A	\$2,500.00	-
26' X 12' OPEN	N/A	\$3,500.00	-
26' BAYSIDE	N/A	\$3,000.00	-
G DOCK	21/2	04.500.00	
28' X 12' OPEN	N/A	\$4,500.00	-
H DOCK	#0.000.00	#0.000.00I	
24' SHORELINE	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	-
24' X 10' COVERED	\$3,100.00	\$3,500.00	13%
24' BAYSIDE	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	-
I DOCK 24' SHORELINE	¢4.700.00	¢4,000,00	C 0/
	\$1,700.00 \$2,300.00	\$1,800.00 \$2,500.00	6%
24' X 10' OPEN	. ,	. ,	9%
24' BAYSIDE	N/A	\$2,000.00	-
J DOCK 30' SHORELINE	\$2,200.00	\$2,400.00	9%
	\$3,200.00	\$3,700.00	16%
30' X 14' OPEN 40' X 16' OPEN	\$3,200.00 N/A	\$4,400.00	
K DOCK	IN/A	\$4,400.00	
30' SHORELINE	\$2,200.00	\$2,500.00	14%
30' X 14' COVERED	\$3,950.00	\$5,200.00	32%
30' X 14' ADA	\$4,250.00	\$5,500.00	29%
30' BAYSIDE	\$2,800.00	\$3,500.00	25%
L DOCK	Ψ2,000.00	ψυ,υυυ.υυ	20 /0
32' SHORELINE	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	25%
32' X 14' OPEN	\$3,500.00	\$4,200.00	20%
32' X 14' ADA	\$3,800.00	\$4,500.00	18%
32' BAYSIDE	\$2,800.00	\$3,000.00	7%
M DOCK	Ψ2,000.00	ψ0,000.00	. /0
42' SHORELINE	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00	_
42' X 16' OPEN	\$4,300.00	\$4,600.00	7%
42' BAYSIDE	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	-
N DOCK	ψο,οσο.οσ	ψο,οοσ.σσ	
24' SHORELINE	\$1,800.00	\$2,000.00	11%
24' X 10' OPEN	\$2,500.00	\$2,700.00	8%
24' X 10' ADA	\$2,775.00	\$2,775.00	-
24' BAYSIDE	\$2,100.00	\$2,400.00	14%
Z I DITTOIDE	Ψ2,100.00	Ψ2,400.00	i T /U

				Parks and Recreation 23 Camping by Disc	trict		
LOCATION	2022	2023	%	LOCATION	2022	2023	%
Pickerel Lake	17	4	-76%	North Point	21	6	-71%
Fort Sisseton	2	-	-100%	North Wheeler	1	-	-100%
Roy Lake	179	72	-60%	Pease Creek	-	-	
Sica Hollow	-	-		Randall Creek	12	18	50%
DISTRICT 1	198	76	-62%	South Shore	-	-	
				South Scalp	-	-	
Richmond Lake	2	6	200%	Whetstone	-	-	
Mina Lake	4	7	75%	White Swan	-	-	
Fisher Grove	12	3	-75%	DISTRICT 10	34	24	-29%
Amsden	-	-					
Lake Louise	8	3	-63%	Farm Island	48	14	-71%
DISTRICT 2	26	19	-27%	West Bend	46	51	11%
				DISTRICT 11	94	65	-31%
Pelican Lake	13	13	0%				
Sandy Shore	2	8	300%	Oahe Downstream	37	33	-11%
Lake Cochrane	-	-		Cow Creek	4	-	
Hartford Beach	25	27	8%	Okobojo	2	-	
DISTRICT 3	40	48	20%	Spring Creek	1	20	
				DISTRICT 12	44	53	20%
Oakwood Lakes	17	15	-12%				7.72
Lake Poinsett	15	16	7%	West Whitlock	11	-	
Lake Thompson	37	52	41%	Fast Whitlock	-	-	
DISTRICT 4	69	83	20%	Swan Creek	-	_	
	0,	0.0	2070	Indian Creek	19	13	-32%
Lake Herman	23	24	4%	Lake Hiddenwood	-	-	5270
Walker's Point	4	5	25%	Walth Bay	_	_	
Lake Carthage			2370	West Pollock	4	10	150%
DISTRICT 5	27	29	7%	DISTRICT 13	34	23	-32%
DISTRICT 5	27	2/	7 70	DISTRICT 13	34	23	-32/0
Snake Creek	21	6	-71%	Bear Butte	10	94	840%
Platte Creek	1	-	7170	DISTRICT 14	10	94	840%
Buryanek	15	12	-20%	DISTRICT	10	7.	01070
Burke Lake	-	- 12	2070	Shadehill	9	26	189%
Dude Ranch	_	_		Llewellyn Johns	1	-	-100%
Elm Creek	_	_		Rocky Point	46	22	-52%
DISTRICT 6	37	18	-51%	DISTRICT 15	56	48	-14%
DISTRICT	37	10	-3170	DISTRICT 13	30	70	-14/0
Palisades	141	104	-26%	Custer	216	215	0%
Big Sioux	80	86	8%	DISTRICT 16	216	215	0%
Lake Vermillion	54	32	-41%	DISTRICT TO	210	213	070
DISTRICT 7	275	222	-19%	Angostura	78	73	-6%
DISTRICT /	2/3	222	-17/0	Sheps Canyon	5	2	-60%
Newton Hills	96	55	-43%	DISTRICT 17	83	75	-10%
Good Earth			-4370	DISTRICT 17	63	/3	-10%
	- 0	- 2	750/	TOTAL VTD	1 112	1 102	170/
Union Grove	8 104	2	-75%	TOTAL YTD TOTAL for Month	1,443	1,192	-17%
DISTRICT 8	104	57	-45%	TOTAL for Month	855	554	-35%
Lavvia & Claula	00	26	700/				
Lewis & Clark	88	26	-70%				
Chief White Crane	5	- 0	-100%				
Clay County	-	8	1.7507				
Pierson Ranch	3	8	167%				
Springfield	-	1					
Sand Creek	-	-					
Tabor	-	-					
DISTRICT 9	96	43	-55%				

	Division of Parks and Recreation March YTD 2023 Visitation by District													
LOCATION	2022	2023	%	LOCATION	2022	2023	%							
Pickerel Lake	2,621	1,591	-39%	Lewis & Clark	95,815	98,405	3%							
Fort Sisseton	3,100	4,419	43%	Chief White Crane	500	-								
Roy Lake	10,336	8,255	-20%	Pierson Ranch	7,240	3,335	-54%							
Sica Hollow	272	114		Springfield	25,902	22,846	-12%							
DISTRICT 1	16,329	14,379	-12%	DISTRICT 9	129,457	124,586	-4%							
Richmond Lake	6,035	5,700	-6%	North Point	8,011	2,922	-64%							
Mina Lake	3,476	2,740	-21%	North Wheeler	2,209	1,166	-47%							
Fisher Grove	768	601	-22%	Pease Creek	1,458	496	-66%							
Lake Louise	2,885	2,169	-25%	Randall Creek	6,245	3,607	-42%							
DISTRICT 2	13,164	11,210	-15%	Fort Randall Marina	334	2	-99%							
DISTRICT 2	13,104	11,210	-1370	DISTRICT 10	18,257	8,193	-55%							
Pelican Lake	5,301	4,681	-12%											
Sandy Shore	3,192	2,667	-16%	Farm Island	21,542	18,362	-15%							
Lake Cochrane	494	38	-92%	West Bend	2,185	3,711	70%							
Hartford Beach	20,011	20,291	1%	LaFramboise Island	17,752	12,499	-30%							
DISTRICT 3	28,998	27,677	-5%	DISTRICT 11	41,479	34,572	-17%							
Oakwood Lakes	4,320	2,308	-47%	Oahe Downstream	39,145	36,845	-6%							
Lake Poinsett	3,236	3,030	-6%	Cow Creek	27,927	23,034	-18%							
Lake Thompson	5,797	22,276	284%	Okobojo	7,269	3,639	-50%							
DISTRICT 4	13,353	27,614	107%	Spring Creek	34,729	32,011	-8%							
·	10.101	11.050	1.60/	DISTRICT 12	109,070	95,529	-12%							
Lake Herman	13,121	11,059	-16%			1 500								
Walker's Point	3,692	2,698	-27%	West Whitlock	1,975	1,608	-19%							
DISTRICT 5	16,813	13,757	-18%	Swan Creek	1,891	1,203	-36%							
G 1 G 1	12 100	4 105	600/	Indian Creek	6,817	4,682	-31%							
Snake Creek	13,109	4,135	-68%	Lake Hiddenwood	- 14 170	1,038	7.50/							
Platte Creek	8,652	4,060	-53%	Revheim Bay	14,170	3,482	-75%							
Buryanek	5,552	1,218	-78%	West Pollock	9,603	10,209	6%							
Burke Lake	3,373	2,356	-30%	DISTRICT 13	34,456	22,222	-36%							
DISTRICT 6	30,686	11,769	-62%	D D "	2 207	2.010	700/							
D 1' 1	11.060	0.520	200/	Bear Butte	2,307	3,919	70%							
Palisades	11,960	8,530	-29%	DISTRICT 14	2,307	3,919	70%							
Big Sioux	7,521	5,860	-22%	C1 1 1 11	2.077	2.550	170/							
Beaver Creek	4,240	4,251	0%	Shadehill	3,077	2,559	-17%							
Lake Vermillion	8,853	10,527	19%	Llewellyn Johns	1 460	341	-17%							
DISTRICT 7	32,574	29,168	-10%	Little Moreau	1,460	1,675	15%							
N4 TT:11-	12.022	6 267	520/	Rocky Point	6,139	4,659	-24%							
Newton Hills Good Earth	12,923	6,267	-52% 24%	DISTRICT 15	11,085	9,234	-17%							
Union Grove	18,725 2,106	23,272 1,061	-50%	Custer	166,061	161 207	-3%							
Lake Alvin	2,106	13,402	-51%	DISTRICT 16	166,061	161,397 161,397	-3% -3%							
Spirit Mound	3,317	2,682	-31%	DISTRICT 10	100,001	101,39/	-3 %							
Adams	4,587	3,030	-34%	Angostura	9,082	8,756	-4%							
DISTRICT 8	68,962	49,714	-28%	Sheps Canyon	1,677	1,709	2%							
DISTRICTO	00,702	77,/14	-20/0	DISTRICT 17	10,759	10,465	-3%							
				TOTAL YTD	743,810	655,405	-12%							
				TOTAL for Month	308,852	232,823	-25%							

	Division of Parks and Recreation													
	Marc	h]	Revenue	by Item										
	1	202	2		2023									
	Number		Dollar	Number		Dollar	Change							
Annual	2,137	\$	76,914	1,289	\$	46,386	-40%							
2nd Annual	215	\$	3,870	152	\$	2,736	-29%							
Combo	2,427	\$	131,076	1,809	\$	97,668	-25%							
Transferable	188	\$	15,040	152	\$	12,160	-19%							
Daily License	945	\$	7,560	545	\$	4,360	-42%							
Unattended Vehicle Daily	30	\$	450	6	\$	90	-80%							
GSM Annual Trail Pass	207	\$	3,105	129	\$	1,935	-38%							
GSM Daily Trail Pass	24	\$	96	172	\$	688	617%							
Motorcoach Permit	-	\$	-	-	\$	-								
CSP 7 Day Pass	2,210	\$	44,200	1,383	\$	27,660	-37%							
CSP 7 Day Bike Pass	-	\$	-	-	\$	-								
Rally Bike Band	3	\$	50		\$	-								
One-Day Special Event		\$	-	0	\$	300								
PERMITS	8,385	\$	282,361	5,636	\$	193,983	-31%							
Camping Services		\$	2,116,184		\$	1,998,398	-6%							
Picnic Reservations		\$	780		\$	760	-3%							
Firewood	41	\$	246	6	\$	36	-85%							
Gift Card		\$	895		\$	950	6%							
Boat Slips		\$	145,941		\$	-								
LODGING	41	\$	2,264,046	6	\$	2,000,144	-12%							
TOTAL	8,426	\$	2,546,407	5,642	\$	2,194,127	-14%							

	Division	of l	Parks and R	ecreation				
	March YTl	2	023 Reve	nue by Ite	m			
	2	022		2	2023		%	
	Number		Dollar	Number		Dollar	Change	
Annual	4,720	\$	169,906	3,741	\$	134,658	-21%	
2nd Annual	391	\$	7,038	279	\$	5,022	-29%	
Combo	4,945	\$	267,048	4,923	\$	265,842	0%	
Transferable	380	\$	30,400	413	\$	33,040	9%	
Daily License	2,129	\$	17,032	1,888	\$	15,104	-11%	
Unattended Vehicle Daily	43	\$	645	41	\$	615	-5%	
GSM Annual Trail Pass	459	\$	6,885	406	\$	6,090	-12%	
GSM Daily Trail Pass	234	\$	936	217	\$	868	-7%	
Motorcoach Permit	85	\$	255	-	\$	-		
CSP 7 Day Pass	3,179	\$	63,580	2,205	\$	44,100	-31%	
CSP 7 Day Bike Band	-	\$	-	-	\$	-		
Rally Bike Band	3	\$	50	-	\$	-		
One-Day Special Event		\$	-		\$	400		
PERMITS	16,567	\$	563,775	14,113	\$	505,739	-10%	
Camping Services		\$	3,509,571		\$	3,302,575	-6%	
Picnic Reservations		\$	980		\$	1,620	65%	
Firewood	71	\$	426	98	\$	588	38%	
Gift Card	, , ,	\$	4,008	, , ,	\$	4,574	14%	
Boat Slips		\$	186,237		\$	-		
LODGING	71	\$	3,701,221	98	\$	3,309,357	-11%	
TOTAL	16,638	\$	4,264,996	14,211	\$	3,815,096	-11%	
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COMBINATION LICENSES

December 15 - March 31

							+/-	Licenses	+/-		
						•					% Change from
License Type	2020	2021	2022	3-yr Avg	2023	2023 Revenue	2022 vs 2023	3 Yr. Avg vs 2023	2022 vs 2023	3 Yr. Avg vs 2023	3 Yr. Avg
Combination	23,010	24,758	28,137	25,302	27,654	\$1,520,970	(483)	2,352	(\$26,565)	\$129,378	9%
Senior Combination	5,645	6,657	6,998	6,433	6,624	\$264,960	(374)	191	(\$14,960)	\$7,627	3%
Combination License Totals	28,655	31,415	35,135	31,735	34,278	\$1,785,930	(857)	2,543	(\$41,525)	\$137,005	12.26%

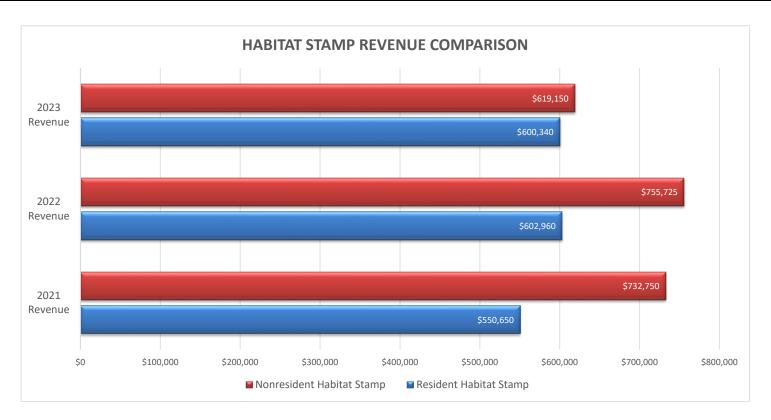




HABITAT STAMP

December 15 - March 31

							+/-	Licenses	+/-		
											% Change from
License Type	2020	2021	2022	3-yr Avg	2023	2023 Revenue	2022 vs 2023	3 Yr. Avg vs 2023	2022 vs 2023	3 Yr. Avg vs 2023	3 Yr. Avg
Resident Habitat Stamp		55,065	60,296	n/a	60,034	\$600,340	(262)	n/a	(\$2,620)	n/a	n/a
Nonresident Habitat Stamp		29,310	30,229	n/a	24,766	\$619,150	(5,463)	n/a	(\$136,575)	n/a	n/a
Habitat Stamp Totals		84,375	90,525	n/a	84,800	\$1,219,490	(5,725)	n/a	(\$139,195)	n/a	n/a



SMALL GAME LICENSES

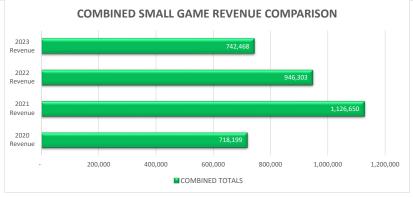
December 15 - March 31

							+/-	Licenses	+/- Revenue		% Change
License Type	2020	2021	2022	3-yr Avg	2023	2023 Revenue	2022 vs 2023	3 Yr Avg vs 2023	2022 vs 2023	3 Yr Avg vs 2023	from 3 Yr Avg
Small Game	1,024	937	1,825	1,262	3,734	\$123,222	1,909	2,472	\$62,997	\$81,576	196%
1-Day Small Game	212	340	144	232	88	\$1,056	(56)	(144)	(\$672)	(\$1,728)	-62%
Youth Small Game	583	431	616	543	753	\$3,765	137	210	\$685	\$2,516	39%
Furbearer	2,295	2,348	2,322	2,401	2,462	\$73,860	140	61	\$4,200	\$1,830	3%
Predator/Varmint	728	524	995	749	1,127	\$5,635	132	378	\$660	\$1,890	50%
Migratory Bird Certificate: 3-Duck			99	n/a	165	\$825	66	n/a	\$330	n/a	n/a
Migratory Bird Certificate: Traditional	9,861	7,206	3,595	6,887	1,601	\$8,005	(1,994)	(5,286)	(\$9,970)	(\$26,432)	-77%
RESIDENT TOTALS	14,703	11,786	9,596	12,075	9,930	\$216,368	334	(2,310)	\$58,230	\$59,652	-19.13%
Small Game	2,556	5,251	4,110	3,972	2,421	\$292,941	(1,689)	(1,551)	(\$204,369)	(\$187,711)	-39%
Youth Small Game	118	233	269	207	154	\$1,540	(115)	(53)	(\$1,150)	(\$527)	-25%
Shooting Preserve 1-Day Nonresident	174	181	154	170	102	\$4,692	(52)	(68)	(\$2,392)	(\$3,113)	-40%
Shooting Preserve 5-Day Nonresident	759	997	776	844	794	\$60,344	18	(50)	\$1,368	(\$3,800)	-6%
Shooting Preserve Annual Nonresident	44	68	53	55	55	\$6,655	2	0	\$242	\$0	0%
Furbearer	6	4	3	4	0	\$0	(3)	(4)	(\$825)	(\$1,192)	-100%
Predator/Varmint	637	717	696	683	776	\$31,040	80	93	\$3,200	\$3,707	14%
Migratory Bird Certificate: 3-Duck			3	n/a	22	\$110	19	n/a	\$95	n/a	n/a
Migratory Bird Certificate: Traditional	187	363	194	248	2,181	\$10,905	1,987	1,933	\$9,935	\$9,665	779%
Spring Light Goose	2,890	4,294	3,991	3,725	2,520	\$113,400	(1,471)	(1,205)	(\$66,195)	(\$54,225)	-32%
Youth Spring Light Goose	120	157	307	195	213	\$4,473	(94)	18	(\$1,974)	\$385	9%
NONRESIDENT TOTALS	7,491	12,265	10,556	10,103	9,238	\$526,100	(1,318)	(887)	(\$262,065)	(\$236,811)	-8.78%
COMBINED TOTALS	22,194	24,051	20,152	22,178	19,168	\$742,468	(984)	(3,010)	(\$203,835)	(\$177,158)	-13.57%

^{*}The license year for Migratory Bird Certificates changed in 2021 so license sales are not comparable between years.

*Spring Light Goose decreased by \$5 when the migratory bird certificate was no longer included.



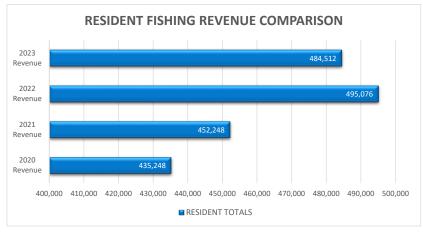


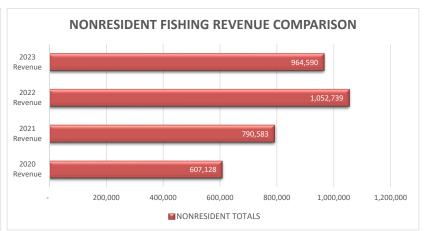
^{*}Migratory Bird Certificates changed from 1 option to 2 in 2022

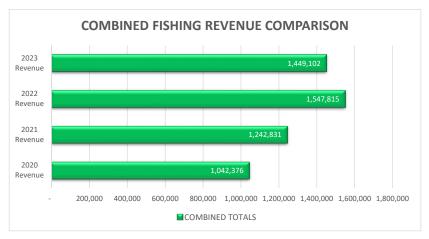
FISHING LICENSES

December 15 - March 31

							+/- Licenses		+/- I	% Change	
License Type	2020	2021	2022	3-yr Avg	2023	2023 Revenue	2022 vs 2023	3 Yr Avg vs 2023	2022 vs 2023	3 Yr Avg vs 2023	from 3 Yr Avg
1-Day Fishing	672	645	559	625	634	\$5,072	75	9	\$600	\$69	1%
Annual Fishing	13,814	14,116	15,728	14,553	15,529	\$434,812	(199)	976	(\$5,572)	\$27,337	7%
Senior Fishing	3,590	4,320	4,185	4,032	3,719	\$44,628	(466)	(313)	(\$5,592)	(\$3,752)	-8%
RESIDENT TOTALS	18,076	19,081	20,472	19,210	19,882	\$484,512	(590)	672	(\$10,564)	\$23,655	3.50%
1-Day Fishing	1,862	4,517	4,854	3,744	3,960	\$63,360	(894)	216	(\$14,304)	\$3,451	6%
3-Day Fishing	3,263	3,064	3,443	3,257	3,392	\$125,504	(51)	135	(\$1,887)	\$5,007	4%
Annual Fishing	6,815	9,029	12,652	9,499	11,578	\$775,726	(1,074)	2,079	(\$71,958)	\$139,315	22%
NONRESIDENT TOTALS	11,940	16,610	20,949	16,500	18,930	\$964,590	(2,019)	2,430	(\$88,149)	\$147,773	14.73%
COMBINED TOTALS	30,016	35,691	41,421	35,709	38,812	\$1,449,102	(2,609)	3,103	(\$98,713)	\$171,428	8.69%

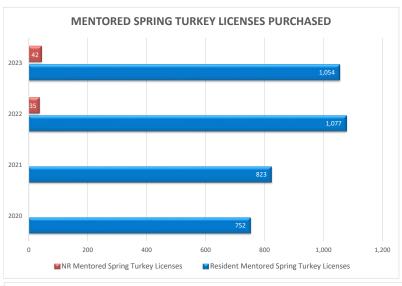


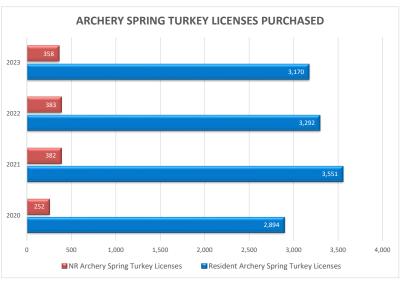


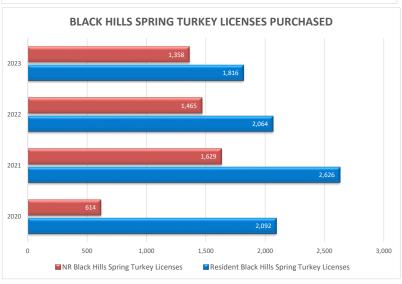


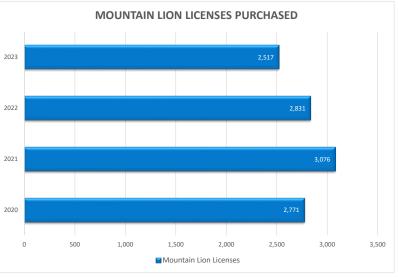
2023 BIG GAME LICENSES

							+/-	Licenses	+/- ۱	% Change	
License Type	2020	2021	2022	3-yr Avg	2023	2023 Revenue	2022 vs 2023	3 Yr Avg vs 2023	2022 vs 2023	3 Yr Avg vs 2023	from 3 Yr Avg
Mountain Lion Licenses	2,771	3,076	2,831	2,893	2,517	\$70,476	(314)	(376)	(\$8,792)	(\$10,519)	-13%
Resident Mentored Spring Turkey Licenses	752	823	1,077	884	1,054	\$5,270	(23)	170	(\$115)	\$850	19%
NR Mentored Spring Turkey Licenses	0	0	35	12	42	\$420	7	n/a	\$70	n/a	n/a
Resident Archery Spring Turkey Licenses	2,894	3,551	3,292	3,246	3,170	\$79,250	(122)	(76)	(\$3,416)	(\$2,119)	-2%
NR Archery Spring Turkey Licenses	252	382	383	339	358	\$35,800	(25)	19	(\$700)	\$95	6%
Resident Black Hills Spring Turkey Licenses	2,092	2,626	2,064	2,261	1,816	\$45,400	(248)	(445)	(\$6,944)	(\$12,451)	-20%
NR Black Hills Spring Turkey Licenses	614	1,629	1,465	1,236	1,358	\$135,800	(107)	122	(\$2,996)	\$610	10%









^{*}MTL tags purchased do not necessarily follow the standard license year and are displayed as when they go on sale to date.

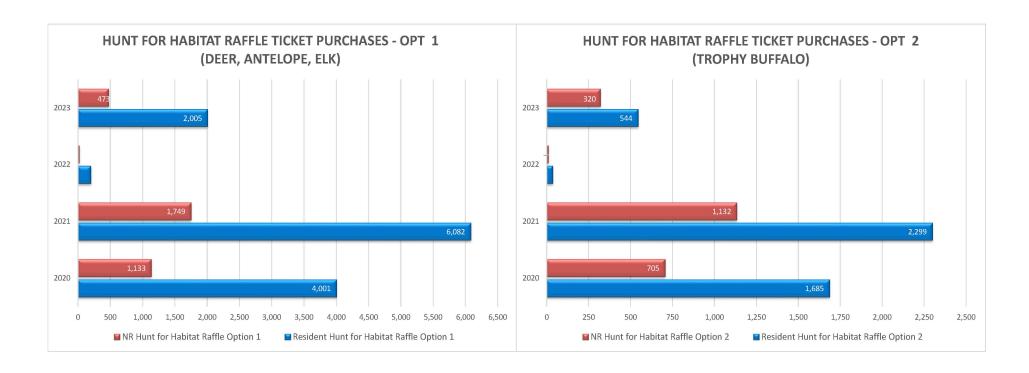
^{*} Archery Spring Turkey Season opens 1 week later in 2023 compared to previous years.

^{*} Black Hills Spring Turkey Season opens 2 weeks later in 2023 compared to previous years.

HUNT FOR HABITAT RAFFLE YEARLY COMPARISONS THROUGH 3/31

							+/-	Licenses	+/-	% Change	
License Type	2020	2021	2022	3-yr Avg	2023	2023 Revenue	2022 vs 2023	3 Yr Avg vs 2023	2022 vs 2023	3 Yr Avg vs 2023	from 3 Yr Avg
Resident Hunt for Habitat Raffle Option 1	4,001	6,082	198	3,427	2,005	\$20,050	1807	(1422)	\$50,596	(\$39,816)	-41%
NR Hunt for Habitat Raffle Option 1	1,133	1,749	18	967	473	\$9,460	455	(494)	\$12,740	(\$13,823)	-51%
Resident Hunt for Habitat Raffle Option 2	1,685	2,299	36	1,340	544	\$5,440	508	(796)	\$14,224	(\$22,288)	-59%
NR Hunt for Habitat Raffle Option 2	705	1,132	9	615	320	\$6,400	311	(295)	\$8,708	(\$8,269)	-48%

^{*}In 2022, Hunt for Habitat Raffle did not open until 3/23/2022



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Issue APPRENTICE DEER

Position OPPOSE

Name LARRY

WILLIAMSON

City, State STURGIS

SD

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03/15/2023 4:12:03 PM

Comment

Attachment:

If I understand the proposal correctly you want to allow apprentice firearm hunting on the Ft. Meade Recreation Area; if that is correct I am opposed for two reasons related to public safety: the area is adjacent to residential areas of Sturgis, and the area is heavily used by hikers, horseback riders, bicyclists, snowshoers, and cross country skiers.

Issue ARCHERY ANTELOPE

Position SUPPORT

Name KYLE

PETERS

City, State WATERTOWN

SD

Create Date

03/07/2023 2:53:53 PM

Comment

Attachment:

I am writing in support to changing the current Antelope Licenses to have a cap for nonresident archery "buck antelope" tags.

As an avid outdoorsman, I care about the legacy of our hunting industry and want to see this continue for decades to come. I believe we need to be stewards of our resources and focus on the longevity and the quality of the antelope herd which can be directly impacted by issuing fewer tags to nonresident hunters.

Archery equipment is improving and hunters are able to ethically harvest game from double or triple the distances they once could which is resulting in higher success odds. While I am a proponent of opportunity, I do not see South Dakota receiving a 'black eye' from making this change and capping the antelope licenses and requiring non-residents to enter into a preference point system to earn these tags.

I urge the commission to support a cap on a nonresident archery antelope tags.

Respectfully, Kyle Peters

Name ASHLEY

KURTENBACH

PICKETT

City, State SPEARFISH

SD

Create Date

03/07/2023 2:57:35 PM

Comment

Attachment:

After seeing the vast number of antelope decreased over several years, I believe the number of licenses should be decreased and the price of the tag for non-residents to be increased.

Name TYLER

City, State STURGIS

SD

Create Date

03/07/2023 3:17:45 PM

Comment

Attachment:

Protect our herd numbers and resident satisfaction with a non-resident archery tag allocation percentage quite similar to rifle allocation, 8%! This is not an attack on our neighboring hunters. It is fact, the sport of bowhunting has grown immensely, more hunters in the field, more harvest taken, less animals to pursue!

Our wildlife governing agencies push R3 yet when DEMAND sky rockets, we simply give out more and more tags relying on old school archery harvest belief, "low success rates", the advancements in archery technology alone have become a force to recognize. Far more archers are finding success in the present versus the past. So tag allocation should reflect that to protect the hunting heritage for decades to come.

Name PATRICK

O'CONNELL

City, State BRANDON

SD

Create Date

03/07/2023 3:49:48 PM

Comment

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ARCHERY ANTELOPE

Position SUPPORT

Issue

Name CONNER MESMAN City, State SIOUX FALLS SD Create Date 03/07/2023 3:53:23 PM

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Comment Attachment:

I support the move to put responsible and reasonable caps on NR archery antelope and deer permits. South Dakota is the only western state that gives out unlimited archery antelope and deer permits to nonresidents. We need to protect our resource here and continue to provide a positive experience for everyone that hunts in South Dakota. South Dakota has about 15% of the amount of mule deer that the state of Wyoming and Montana have combined, and yet, in 2021 nonresidents shot more mule deer bucks here in South Dakota than in Wyoming and Montana combined. Limits have to be put on the number of NR tags issued to continue to ensure a strong population of mule deer and antelope as well as a strong age class of each. At this rate, the tags issued for both archery deer and antelope will continue to increase while the satisfaction and experience will decrease. The mule deer and antelope resource that we cherish here in this state can only handle so much. This might mean an increase in the tag price for nonresidents as well as a tag that takes one or two years to draw rather than the otc tag that it is now. Both residents and nonresidents would deal with less crowding while in the field, and I have no doubt that both residents and nonresidents would have improved experiences if these changes would be put into effect. If I were a nonresident, I would rather hunt a state every two or three years and have a great experience than be able to hunt it every year but have to deal with loads of pressure and have a subpar experience.

Name MICHAEL ARNETTE City, State WICHITA SD Create Date 03/07/2023 5:34:02 PM

Comment Attachment:

As a non-resident who plans to hunt South Dakota. I support restriction of non-resident archery antelope and deer permits. However, keeping unlimited Archery antelope tags on private land will only push South Dakota residents out of hunting opportunities due to non-resident dollars spent in leasing property or going through outfitter leased properties.

Being from the state of Kansas I can personally attest to the benefits that I have with limited non-resident Archery participation. It also benefits non-residents who enjoy good hunting when they do have a tag.

Furthermore, I am proud that Kansas has differentiated Whitetail and mule deer tag allocations for the preservation of the troubled mule deer species in our state. South Dakota would be wise to consider the same

Thank you or your consideration

Name ALEXANDER YOUNG City, State MITCHELL SD Create Date 03/08/2023 4:44:40 AM

Comment Attachment:

I support a cap ok Non-resident archery antelope tags. It's obviously time!

Name ALEX PERMANN City, State CHAMBERLAIN SD Create Date 03/08/2023 2:37:28 PM

Comment Attachment:

Setting a cap on NR antelope is a start. We need to consider a cap that is more in line with our rifle tag allocation.

Position OTHER

Name DAVID FORT City, State BOX ELDER SD Create Date 03/08/2023 3:29:20 AM

Comment Attachment:

With the decrease in antelope numbers across multiple units in the state. It only makes sense to decrease the number of Non resident license and tags allocated. The majority of successful harvest numbers seemingly come from Non resident hunters. And yes the non resident tags draw in more money. But there has to be some sort of cap to the tags. No matter how much money the state brings in, if the number of tags doesn't decrease they're won't be enough money to bring back the heard that once was across the western side of the state.

Position OPPOSE

Name ROBERT VAN DAM JR City, State COLMAN SD Create Date 03/07/2023 2:17:00 PM

Comment Attachment:

Please put a cap and limit on nonresident antelope tags and also mule deer nonresident tags. Since 2013 the state of Wyoming reduced their antelope tags significantly while South Dakota bumped there's up 400% also non-residents shot more mule deer bucks in South Dakota and Wyoming and Montana combined or something needs to be done!

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Issue ARCHERY ANTELOPE

Position OPPOSE

Name CHAD

VIS

City, State SIOUX FALLS

SD

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Comment

Attachment:

Please consider a hold on nonresident archery antelope tags for at least two years. We have a renewable resource but it does need time to become a reality. You will see several more nonresident plates than resident plates at all public lands in Butte and Harding Co. as every herd of antelope are harassed nonstop all Sept.

Name DAIN

SCHWAN

City, State SIOUX FALLS

SD

Create Date

03/07/2023 7:28:25 PM

Comment

Attachment:

I ask the commission to support reasonable caps on non res antelope licenses. thank you

Name HUNTER

LAVERACK

City, State MARTIN

SD

Create Date

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Comment

Attachment:

The nonresident tags for deer and antelope need to be limited. The hunting quality has gone down in resent years with increase of nonresident hunters

Name DYLAN

HERR

City, State HURON

SD

Create Date

03/09/2023 12:57:45 PM

Comment

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Limit nonresident archery tags

Issue ARCHERY DEER

Position SUPPORT

Name AARON

ROGERS

City, State HURON

SD

Create Date

03/07/2023 9:47:20 AM

Comment

Attachment:

Dear Commission,

I've grown up hunting in South Dakota and also travel out of state for hunting opportunities. With population growth tag availability is tough, not just at home but across the west. I am in favor of the proposals to reduce the % of Nonresident tags in South Dakota. Following the lead of the majority of western states. I believe this will help the quality of hunts for both resident and non. I can also see with increasing population of hunters in the State that this will be just one of the needed steps and in the future residents will have to make some sacrifices also. Thankyou for your consideration and I hope you realize that these changes are needed.

Aaron C Rogers

Name MATT

HEGG

City, State WATERTOWN

SD

Create Date

03/07/2023 10:27:01 AM

Comment

Attachment:

I support limiting the "unlimited" number of archery tags for non residents. Probably even more so than the current proposal. I think the GFP also needs to study where all the hunters are going (both resident and non resident) and consider implementing further restrictions to control the pressure. The public land near and around where I hunt WR is over pressured, in my opinion. And according to the land owners, some of the public land sees almost daily pressure starting with archery antelope and all the way through the rifle seasons. We're fortunate to have plenty of public hunting opportunities in SD but I worry some areas are getting hunted too hard.

Name ASHLEY

KURTENBACH

City, State SPEARFISH

SD

Create Date

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Comment

Attachment:

This is a decent start to making adequate changes, but tags should become even more limited for non-residents and also be specific for antiered and antierless and by species.

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Issue ARCHERY DEER

Position SUPPORT

Name TYLER

PICKETT City, State STURGIS

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Unlimited private land archery tags is a punishment to the law abiding citizen, and a bonus to an unethical hunter. A draw for private tags would be better in line with the overall goal here, while it doesn't have to require 5 years of preference for a non resident, it should not be unlimited! Please review and reconsider.

Name CONNER

MESMAN

City, State SIOUX FALLS

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Name BRYSON

BULTJE

City, State SIOUX FALLS

SD

Create Date

03/07/2023 6:03:01 PM

Comment

Attachment:

I support a limit on the number of non resident archery deer tags in South Dakota

Name KEITH

PULLINS

City, State RAPID CITY

SD

Create Date

03/07/2023 7:05:53 PM

Comment

Attachment:

We need limits on nonresidents hunting. Our hunting will be decimated if something isn't done about unlimited tags

Name ALEX

PERMANN

City, State CHAMBERLAIN

SD

Create Date

03/08/2023 2:39:58 PM

Comment

Attachment:

Setting a cap on NR archery deer is a start. We need to consider a cap that is more in line with our rifle tag allocation. Also, because NR achers are targeting mule deer, we need to consider denoting a mule deer vs whitetail tag.

Position OTHER

Name BRANDON

GIESER

City, State CLAIRE CITY

SD

Create Date

03/07/2023 8:24:02 AM

Comment

Attachment:

There needs to be a cap for nonresidents raping and pillaging our resources. There in no captivity should ever be more nonresidents tagging and taking home more deer or antelope than the residents of the state.

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Issue ARCHERY DEER

Position OTHER

Name DAVID

FORT

City, State BOX ELDER

SD

Create Date

03/08/2023 3:31:28 AM

Comment

Attachment:

With the decrease in mule deer numbers across multiple units in the state. It only makes sense to decrease the number of Non resident license and tags allocated. The majority of successful harvest numbers seemingly come from Non resident hunters. And yes the non resident tags draw in more money. But there has to be some sort of cap to the tags. No matter how much money the state brings in, if the number of tags doesn't decrease they're won't be enough money to bring back the heard that once was across the western side of the state. Please come up with a cal to non resident hunters acquiring tags for archery deer hunting in South Dakota.

Name JOE

MCDOUGAL

City, State BURKE

SD

Create Date

03/09/2023 12:42:35 AM

Comment

Attachment:

There needs to be a significant reduction in nonresident tags not only on public lands but on private as well. Some of the outfitters are absolutely decimating the deer herd especially the mule deer. Us resident also need to be limited to one tag. With the technology available to all hunters and the phone apps, primitive weapons aren't all that primitive anymore. Also, something that isn't talked about "wounding deer" is at an all time high. So many people mistake technology for skill and take 50-100 yard shots regularly and don't spend any time in following up after the shot. I talk to dozens of people who do this multiple times each season and hear about so many more. So instead of filling the tags they have, they are actually killing way more. In the counties I hunt, the public no longer has a huntable population of whitetails and the mule deer are completely gone on most of it. I spend 5-7 days a week scouting starting July 1 and hunt about that many days a week during the season. I was only able to find 1......just ONE mature buck on public land last year. 4 years ago I could find sometimes 8-10 in one small area. Obviously there are a plethora of reasons the numbers have dropped so quickly but reducing tags is the one thing that can be controlled. Remember, we are supposed to be managing for sustainable harvest, not worrying about whiny people's feelings. It's too late in many places for the mule deer but let's at least try to save what's left and also get the whitetails quantity and quality back to where it was a few years ago. I know we'll never see it like it was 10-15 years ago.

Name DOUG

BRAGE

City, State WATERTOWN

SD

Create Date

03/09/2023 6:12:46 PM

Comment

Attachment:

We need to limit out of state bow hunters!

Position OPPOSE

Name GUNNAR

ENSZ

City, State RAPID CITY

SD

Create Date

03/07/2023 8:25:23 AM

Comment

Attachment:

Need to either limit the non-resident tags or increase the price or maybe both.

Name GREG

LATHAM

City, State EMORY

TX

Create Date

03/07/2023 9:45:35 AM

Comment

Attachment:

I strictly oppose the proposed changes to the nonresident archery tag allocations for deer. The number of resident hunters has increased drastically, whereas the nonresident hunters has nowhere near, increased at the same rate in the past few years. Nonresidents are not the ones doing damage to mule deer population numbers. If that is the current concern, there are a couple points to be made. Firstly, build your population numbers are declining across the west. It is much more complex in nuanced than just hunting pressure. Secondly, you can look to states like Kansas and Nebraska to see how easy it would be to limit mule deer harvest, while encouraging Whitetail hunting. A simple solution would be to have a mule deer endorsement that is applied for separately, or just restrict the units that a person is able to harvest a mule deer in. Separately, another huge point is the economic impact of nonresident hunters. Nonresident hunters practically fund conservation in the state. Especially if pheasant hunting is also included here. Stifling the number of nonresident hunters will reduce revenue from license sales, as well as impact local economies, who benefit from food and lodging of these out-of-state hunters. If mule deer conservation is at the forefront of the state's concern, potentially we should limit pheasant hunting because it disturbs mule deer in their highest stress period of the year. Hundreoof pheasant hunters stomp through prime deer bedding in the winter months. Please consider these points when making decisions regarding tag allocations. The proposed changes are a slap in the face to loyal SD deer hunters.

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ARCHERY DEER Issue

Position OPPOSE

Name **BENJAMIN** LEE

City, State RAPID

SD

Create Date

03/07/2023 4:09:48 PM

Comment

Attachment:

A tag allocation reform is long overdue. While our state is in great demand by ALL bowhunters, we need to start with non-residents. Our limited public land is over ran and being depleted of every spike buck (deer and antelope) alike. Please consider an 8% tag allocation.

CAP AND DRAW for private land to remove the idea set forth of "unlimited private land tags".

CHAD Name

VIS

City, State SIOUX FALLS

SD

Create Date

03/07/2023 5:46:57 PM

Comment

Attachment:

Please consider limiting the number of nonresident archery tags given out as the residents are being pushed out of even our public lands. Unlimited tags already pushed the average working person off any private land and now we are losing our Sept resident only to include nonresidents. I know you are looking at the dollars but the residents who make up the vast majority of the hunting population cannot afford the proposals coming. Our mule dealer heard is being decimated and soon even the residents won't bother purchasing tags and this natural resource which is renewable with a little common sense will be pushed beyond the brink.

Name

SETH

VIS

City, State SIOUX FALLS

SD

Create Date

03/07/2023 6:01:22 PM

Comment

Attachment:

Need to give out less tags to non resident to give residents a chance at their own deer.

Also should give all of September to residents only. Needs to be a cap on private land non resident tags as well. We don't need rich guys coming in and taking all of our deer.

Name WILLIAM **ANDREWS**

City, State WATERTOWN

SD

Create Date

03/07/2023 6:34:12 PM

Comment

Attachment:

I know out of staters bring alot of money to the state, but they also bring there \$ to buy /pay good folks to hunt there land ...good for them too! But when residents get kicked out of there hunting ground they have hunted for along time, I think that is really hurting your local hunters...I know there is alot of public land but the good stuff already has 10+ bowhunters...real fun ...all I want is the outta staters to stay in there state for deer and antelope!! Thanks!!

CRAIG Name

STADTFELD

City, State TEA

SD

Create Date

03/07/2023 7:39:28 PM

Comment

Attachment:

There needs to be a quota in county-specific tags issued for archery deer. No different than rifle. There are too many areas getting overrun by traffic, in particular, the Slim Buttes in Harding County, wheee 500+ access permits are being issued as a false narrative in reducing the number of Out of State archery hunters who run the deer out of the Buttes starting in early October, after plenty of residents have already been doing the same. To preserve the quality and number of deer in certain areas of our state, like the Slim Buttes, we must greatly reduce either the number of access permits issued to non-residents, or move to a county by county draw for archery to control the numbers of hunters drawn to public land. We have to find a way to spread out the pressure.

Name

JEREMY

LINDEMANN

City, State WANNASKA

MN

Create Date

03/10/2023 1:12:38 PM

Comment

Attachment:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

First, I am for the protection of the resource . Second, I am opposed to the current proposal.

However, I have a solution . I would like to recommend the commission make East River and West River nonresident deer licenses for public land each be their own separate draw and I would like to see the draw be separate for whitetail and mule deer. I believe this is the most common-sense approach and would allow the state to better manage each species. Also, the number of permits should depend on the number of deer in each unit. This draw structure would allow better management and provide more opportunities for nonresident hunters and not hurt tourism or the loss of revenue from out of state hunters. I think this would be a good meet in the middle to make everyone happy and have a better handle on deer management and hunter satisfaction. Thank you,

Jeremy Lindemann.

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Issue FIREARMS CHANGES TO STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREA

Position SUPPORT

Name ASHLEY

KURTENBACH City, State SPEARFISH

SD

Create Date

03/07/2023 3:09:18 PM

Comment

Attachment:

Issue MOUNTAIN GOAT SEASON

Position SUPPORT

Name ASHLEY

KURTENBACH

City, State SPEARFISH

SD

Create Date

03/07/2023 3:06:37 PM

Comment

Attachment:

Issue NONRESIDENT WATERFOWL

BOF

Position SUPPORT

Name DOUGLAS

City, State MARION, IA

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Create Date

03/28/2023 8:58:36 AM

Comment

Attachment:

I would ask you to support increasing the number of non-resident waterfowl licenses allowed.

Position OPPOSE

Name ERIC

PAULSON

City, State PIERRE

SD

Create Date

03/13/2023 3:50:52 PM

Comment

Attachment:

NR_Numbers_49b004d13.xlsx

There is no need to increase waterfowl licenses. In my attached file, which is all data from the GFP draw statistics on the website, it shows that for first choice applicants, as a whole state there is only a shortage of 284 licenses. Now granted that includes popular licenses where numerous people were turned down and not popular licenses with an abundance of leftovers.

Why as deer hunters are we told to look for less popular units to apply for to increase our odds for a tag but when it comes to non-resident waterfowl hunting, rather than steer people to the less popular units to apply for we just increase licenses numbers? I'm sure the business owners in the less popular units would love for the GFP to encourage hunters to apply for the leftover licenses in these units and bring them business rather than increase licenses in other units and keeping people away from the less popular units.

In fact, for the 3 day licenses proposed to be changed, after the first choice first draw both units already had leftover licenses. So really all this change would do is increase the leftovers so there is no need to increase either of those 3 day units. It was just leftover and second choice options that sold those out not the first choice option. Encourage the second choice and leftover people to apply in the other units as well.

With the proposed additions, as a whole using the 2022 data, the state would have had an excess of 16 licenses in 2022 (see my attached file again).

I would encourage you to vote no on increasing the licenses. There's already plenty of licenses in the state that go unused. People just need to be encouraged to apply for the less popular units like residents and non-residents are for deer hunting.

Thanks for your time,

Eric

Name NICHOLAS

GILMORE

City, State MILBANK

SD

Create Date

03/13/2023 10:06:23 PM

Comment

Attachment:

The public land areas that I have historically hunted with good success in years past are now overrun by out of state hunters, making access more difficult and driving birds out. Many private landowners that have allowed me to hunt in the past are increasingly annoyed by any hunter due to the ridiculous fall traffic, making permission harder to get for these areas as well. As a year round tax payer in the state of SD, not a three day boost, I beg you to stop increasing the non resident licenses, for all species.

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Issue NONRESIDENT WATERFOWL

Position OPPOSE

Name JON

LOHR

City, State BRANDON

SD

Create Date

03/15/2023 8:34:30 AM

Comment

Attachment:

Please stop increasing out of state waterfowl licenses. It's already so hard to find hunting opportunities in this state the way it is. Out of staters are bringing large check books and paying for access to properties. Your typical resident hunter can't afford to take their kids on paid hunts. This is already discouraging young hunters like my teen son. Look what has happened to ND and learn from it. Thank you.

Name JEFFREY

CLOW

City, State HARRISBURG

SD (

Create Date

03/31/2023 3:29:53 PM

Comment

Attachment:

There are more than enough Nonresident Waterfowl licenses issued now

Issue OTHER

Position SUPPORT

Name ALEX

PERMANN

City, State CHAMBERLAIN

SD

Create Date

03/08/2023 3:21:25 PM

Comment

Attachment:

Moving the elk application and draw earlier in the year is a great idea!

Name BOB

BRANDT

City, State RAPID CITY

SD

Create Date

03/08/2023 8:34:28 PM

Comment

Attachment:

gfp_elk_preference_points_c2e2f109d.docx

proposed change to the elk, sheep preference system

Name JEREMY

WELLS

City, State STURGIS

SD

Create Date

03/21/2023 10:27:53 AM

Comment

Attachment:

I strongly support a hound season in the fire district of the black hills for the reason the numbers are high and the management process as of late isn't working to the extent it needs to. I know the boot hunters will oppose a hound season because they want the numbers so high they can cut a track on every rd in the black hills and shoot them from the road. The ungulates are suffering especially the bighorn sheep, mt goats, turkeys and elk. I propose the black hills be broken down into smaller units to focus more on certain areas to help the bighorn sheep and mt goats. With each unit having its own harvest limit males/females. Make it a requirement to use tracking units with the shock collars built in to them so theres complete control of the dogs minimizing any trespassing issues. Issue a hound handler permit instead of access permits and keep it residents only. Also work directly with gfp in establishing and maintaining this season and making changes that work for everyone. The system in Wyoming seems to work well and I'm aware there may need to be some slight changes to accommodate South Dakota.

Position OTHER

Name BRANDON

GIESER

City, State CLAIRE CITY

SD

Create Date

03/07/2023 8:21:50 AM

Comment

Attachment:

Please put a stop to this nonsense of non residents raping our resources and allowing road hunting for pheasants, We as landowners and I renters are REQUIRED to mow the ditches and take care of the land and of course for the landowners pay taxes, this to me seems like it is a gateway for road hunters. It has in many cases been the reason for trespassing. Please look at changing this and not just at the dollars.

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Issue OTHER

Position OTHER

Name JEFFREY

OLSON

City, State RAPID CITY

SD

Create Date

03/08/2023 2:42:35 PM

Comment

Attachment:

Governance Meeting

I was sent to this site when trying to comment on the governance meeting. I am not sure if you will receive this tomorrow morning or not.

One and half hours for this meeting sure seems like a very short time to time cover all the points of discussion. We took 4-8 hours each spring to run these all important meetings. The GFP did NOT run these meetings. We brought in outside consultants that did a very good job. I can not begin to tell you how important I feel governance meetings are. Remember, you work of the stakeholders, not the GFP. There are so many things to learn on how best to represent the stakeholders and protect the resource that does not always come from the department. The process of working with the department is also very important to review. There are always more than one way to look at an issue. How to gather ALL the information before making a decision should be discussed in these meetings. The role of the commission needs to be reviewed. You control the budget. That is a powerful tool to use if you feel you are not getting all the information or being mislead. I believe the GFP commission is THE most important commission in SD and that is a big job. Just a little history of some thing I went thru when I was on the commission. A tough job and it can be easy just to listen to the department sometimes. The governance meetings are a great place to think outside the box and get the feel on what is the best way to represent the stakeholders. In short, the commission is in place to not rubber stamp the GFP but to oversee them on the behalf of our sportsmen, landowners and our states great resources. Jeff Olson

Name ED

HILLER

City, State ARLINGTON

SD

Create Date

03/08/2023 3:58:48 PM

Comment

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Name TIM

SKINNER

City, State RAPID CITY

SD

Create Date

03/13/2023 3:23:58 PM

Comment

Attachment:

Remove non resident archery mule deer. I live in the BH National Forest and the quality of mule deer population is greatly diminished with out of state archery hunters shooting younger class mule deer especially does. Specifically in the Jasper burn areas. Preference is to remove all mule deer options.

Secondly, raise licensing fees. We are ridiculously low compared to neighboring states. Double the price would put us in line. Thanks for the consideration.

Tim Skinner

Name RICK

SOLBERG

City, State BALTIC

SD

Create Date

03/18/2023 12:20:47 PM

Comment

Attachment:

The state needs to address non resident licenses and fees. You let non residents come here and rape our fish and wild life for way less than other states. We should not have unlimited non resident licenses. Should be like other states and triple or more the fee's. If you are just greedy for the money,less tags and higher fees. Thanks

Name I

NICHOLAS

SJOLIN

City, State BUFFALO

MN

Create Date

03/23/2023 7:25:43 PM

Comment

Attachment:

Wondering why you call it public land when non residents cant hunt it. You take away the point of it being public. I have hunted in SD for close to 20 years and only taken a few deer. I enjoy being out there in SD but this is going to make extremely hard to do. I lost my best friend out there and enjoy be where i last seen him alive. The times we had out in SD was time well spent.

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Issue OTHER

Position OPPOSE

Name JIM

KIRK

City, State SPRINGFIELD

SD

Create Date

03/07/2023 9:37:37 AM

Comment

Attachment:

Oppose opening date of South Zone waterfowl season. Opening date should go back to 2 weeks following middle zone. Previous decision to open a month later then rest of SD was among most misinformed & worst ever made by Commission. Springfield Bottoms (Niobrara River into Lewis & Clark Lake) is heart of South zone. I'VE HUNTED THERE EACH OF THE PAST 55 YEARS!! By mid December river hunting is done. USACE always restricts water discharge around end of Nov. or earlier causing river elevation in the marsh and all back water hunting areas to freeze in. Marinas are froze in & GFP pulls out the ramp docks around Dec 1. All of which makes boat access & any hunting opportunity on river near impossible. Opening south zone so late has in effect eliminated 2 weeks of our season. The first 2 weeks which are typically mild, marsh full of teal & other puddlers, was good time to take kids. NE season has already opened 1 or 2 weeks before SD. How does that make since? I know of 2 guys who no longer purchase SD hunting licenses because season opens so late, but instead buy NE non-resident so they can hunt river earlier when there are ducks around.

Please consider.

Name MARK

PEDERSON

City, State WATERTOWN

SD

Create Date

03/13/2023 9:00:51 PM

Comment

Attachment:

Please don't sell out our (resident) Archery licenses to out of state individuals. It's hard enough to secure archery hunting privileges without having to compete with big money coming in buying it out from under us. Pheasant hunting comes to mind. I'm not the only life long residence/outdoorsman of South Dakota who feels Governor Nome is deliberately selling our wildlife to out of state people because she feels resident hunters don't contribute enough. I've contacted SDGFP in the past about out of state people coming into our state and one comment made by a employee was "I'm not suppose to say anything, but I will say that Gov. Nome is very, very very hands on when it comes to the SDGFP." Bottom line for me is. Severely restrict the unlimited archery permits for any deer to out of state individuals.

Name GREGORY

FORSTNER

City, State RAPID CITY

SD

Create Date

03/14/2023 8:57:29 AM

Comment

Attachment:

I strongly oppose the the limit on out of state archery tags for non residents. Has the commission ever given an explanation for the changes in policy? I have family that come from MN to archery hunt the Black Hills every year. They do their hunting in Nov. during the firearms season and their success rate is not great but they don't care. They don't travel here specifically to shoot a deer. It's more about spending time together and if they do manage to harvest a deer it's a bonus. I no my comment will not change anything but it is sad that a handful of people can change policy that effects so many and in which they have very little accountability.

Name

DAVID

LEWIS

City, State RAYMOND

SD

Create Date

03/21/2023 9:03:35 AM

Comment

Attachment:

I oppose Unlimited Nonresident Archery Deer: I know this is totally to benefit outfitters based on the proposal. I am a South Dakota resident and landowner and our concerns should outweigh nonresidents that don't live and pay taxes in our great state. This proposal causes an increased burden on land owners in South Dakota because, out of state and out of county hunters will trespass and hunt private property without permission. This will also increase the outfitters to trespass hunt. I already spend t0o much time patrolling my property to keep people off my property. So if you pass this then you should increase the trespassing fines to \$1000 because the current \$79 fine does not deter trespass hunters. Also if outfitters are caught trespass hunting, they should lose their outfitter license for two years and a \$10,000 fine. Most out of state and out of county hunters I catch on my property have the mentality that I bought a tag and I can hunt anywhere I want and they would risk getting caught and paying \$79 for a fine versus harvesting a nice deer. Please take the landowner into consideration before the out of state money the outfitters will bring in.

Name RODNEY

PUTNAM

City, State PIEDMONT

SD

Create Date

04/03/2023 10:45:01 AM

Comment

Attachment:

Shooting Range north of Rapid City bid. Please do not approve this bid as it way over engineer estimate and totally out of line. Also only one bid submitted as Rapid City area general contractors did't even know about bid!!!!

Name M

MARK SCHARN

City, State RAPID CITY

SD

Create Date

04/07/2023 8:20:15 AM

Comment

Attachment:

I have camped at Center Lake in Custer State Park for many years-30 plus. Your decision to move to same day camping reservations has forced me to make other arrangements. Not being able to make reservations ahead of time removes the ability to plan and if not available when we want to go leaves too little time to make reservations elsewhere - so I will just go elsewhere. This is a TERRIBLE decision please reconsider!

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Issue PUBLIC LANDS AND WATERS

Position OPPOSE

Name DOUG

HUNHOFF

City, State SMITHVILLE

MO

Create Date

03/10/2023 10:38:43 AM

Comment

Attachment:

Wow very disappointed in the commissions decision to limit tags for public lands... I'm sure all the info of over crowding came from resident hunters. My brother and two of our friends are residents of South Dakota and we have hunted out by Edgemont for 30 years and literally have seen very few archers and some days none. Kind of hard to say it's over crowed.... Good luck in the future of ruining the fun in hunting for non residents.

Sincerely Doug Hunhoff

Issue REFUGE DEER

Position OPPOSE

Name ERIC

PULIS

City, State ABERDEEN

SD

Create Date

03/13/2023 7:08:13 PM

Comment

Attachment:

Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to making refuge deer SL4 Sand Lake, muzzleloader without telescopic sights. This season will often fall over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend when kids have off school proving opportunity for them. I hope to have my girls participate in this season with telescopic sights. People who want to hunt with muzzleloaders without telescopic sights can hunt during any of the firearms seasons under the current regulations when they draw a tag. If the reasoning is to decrease deer killed on the refuge perhaps decreasing the number to tags allotted to this season would have a more predictable result. Thank you for your time.

Cordially,

Eric Pulis

Issue WATERFOWL SEASONS

Position SUPPORT

Name TRISTAN

GAU

City, State LAKE ANDES

SD

Create Date

03/22/2023 9:11:13 AM

Comment

Attachment:

Spring dark goose season along with the snowgeese but with limits.

Or

Change in the white fronted goose season from winter to spring with 1-3 bird increased limit (5,6 bid limit) Implemented Statewide or either in unit 2

(Can keep winter season but set limit to 1,2 bird limits)

We have the new 3 duck license Implemented for a season in spring as well? Say if some one bought the other tag for 6 ducks they would then have to buy the 3 duck tag as well for spring duck or have 2 different tags for winter and another for spring so if they bought the 3duck tag for winter they would have to buy the second if they wanted to hunt in Feb april march months as well All extra \$ earned from spring should go back into waterfowl habitats, more public hunting to rivers or lakes or better access ex. Clearing snow from the only road to a spot witin miles, hatching, banding

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Issue WATERFOWL SEASONS

Position OPPOSE

Name JUSTIN

ALLEN

City, State PIERRE

SD

Create Date

03/28/2023 7:47:02 AM

Comment

Attachment:

I'm opposed to any changes that increase the amount of waterfowl licenses to Non Residents in South Dakota. If GFP is concerned about resident hunters number lets address that, not increase NR opportunities. GFP stated in their proposal increasing NR hunters will not effect opportunities of resident hunters. I'm not sure how they can even mention that, fairly laughable. Leasing of land for all hunting in SD is out of control and increasing NR hunters only increases that problem. Resident waterfowl hunter numbers have actually stayed about the same other the last 7 or 8 years. GFP is using 20 year old waterfowl hunter numbers to push their agenda, let's use recent numbers. Increasing NR license by 5% per year over the next 10 years basically doubles the number of NR waterfowl hunters in SD. Manage the resources of the state for the resident not increasing NR licenses sale revenue. Lets protect and promote the resources of SD to the residents of SD before increasing opportunities to NR.

Justin Allen Pierre, SD

Issue WEST RIVER DEER

Position OPPOSE

Name MICHAEL

WILSON

City, State BELLEVUE

NE

Create Date

03/14/2023 11:06:05 AM

Comment

Attachment:

The decisions to reduce nonresident archery tags for deer and antelope are not based on science, not based on animal populations, it's based on money. There are powerful lobbyists that do not want to share public land with DIY hunters. They want hunters using outfitters and paying huge fees for leases or trespass hunts on private land. Another group is over reacting to a pulse of new hunters cause by the popularity of hunting on social media and some from a covid surge. These are both temporary phenomenons that will crash. The result of less tags will be an explosion of animal populations ruining crops and damaging cars and then the budget shortfalls from reduced tags sales. Have you told the local gas stations, restaurants, tshirt shops, grocery stores? They're gonna get massively affected by the loss of nonresident hunters too. How will you make up your budget shortfalls? Increased tag fees. You are over reacting to two groups who want public land all to themselves and another group who wants all the money and hates DIY bowhunters. Follow the science not the dollar.

Dear South Dakota Game Fish and Parks Commission

Re: Non-resident Waterfowl Licenses

Another increase of non-resident waterfowl licenses? This issue has been discussed over and over and over again. It has not been easy to keep a fair balance but at one point, we believe compromises had been met and a good number was reached that was fair for both sides of the issue. An increase in non-res license resulted in and improvement in access for residents. Working groups were put together, lots of public input and discussion was provided. Tons of testimony was heard. The Black Hills Sportsmen Club believe the balance was good. That did not happen this time. The department is bringing a 5% increase with no consideration or plans to help the resident sportsman. The commercial industry has continued to the push for more and nothing has been offered in return for the resident hunter. It is misleading and unfair for the department to state there is decline in local waterfowl hunters so might as will give more to the commercial industry.

Three years ago, the GFP worked closely with the SDWF and the SD Waterfowl association to see what could be done to help waterfowlers with better access and to eliminate some of the barriers that are preventing hunters from waterfowl hunting. Instead of just saying no to more non-res tags, the SDWF worked proactively to come up with solutions. In Rebuilding South Dakotas Waterfowl Hunting Heritage, 14 great ideas were proposed. The South Dakota Game Fish and Parks Waterfowl Hunting Access Plan was a draft worked on by all parties. Why has the department not followed thru with this? There is little to no activity to help local waterfowl hunters. Those issues need to be addressed before more non-resident tags can be approved. Please find time to review the three documents that have been sent to the commission.

Thanks as always for your time.

Cody Hodson

President Black Hills Sportsman Club

Lewis and Clark Marina Fee Proposal - Comment

Dear Commissioners,

The docks at Lewis & Clark Marina needed to be replaced. The concern that many slip holders, including myself, have is the loosely managed approached being used to accomplish the project and the financial consequences. The cost increases to the slip holders are shocking and out of line with what was originally proposed.

The cost of the 10 x 24 shared slip, which we have had since 2018 has nearly doubled. In just two years, from 2021 the slip cost of \$1550.00 (without fees and taxes) has increased to \$2700 in 2023.

It appears the current approach is put the new docks in at any cost and pass the costs onto the slip holders.

Please consider alternatives to what has occurred to have a properly managed project that is financially feasible. Freeze the previously approved rates until a more complete evaluation of the project is accomplished.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kevin Kuhl

Public Comment Attachment: #10274 Ed Hiller

Dear commissioners,

South Dakota has become a go to state for hunters who do not draw tags in western states and still wish to hunt Mule deer and Pronghorns. Licenses are cheap and unlimited. We need to put a limit on the number of nonresidents like we have with rifle tags. The number of nonresidents coming to hunt them will continue to increase. Now is the time to enact a cap.

If we wish to hunt bears in neighboring states to the east, we have to buy preference points for several years before getting lucky enough to draw a tag. I understand that, since they have a limited number of bears. Being on the eastern edge of the Mule Deer and Pronghorn range we also need to limit tags.

Sincerely,

Ed Hiller

Arlington, SD

Mountaintop Construction Inc.

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March 8, 2023

To: SD GF&P Commission

Ref: Proposed change to the elk preference points rules

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been applying for elk tags in SD since the mid 1980's and drew my rifle tag in 1998 with 14 years preference and my archery tag in 2017, also with 14 years preference. I settled for a CSP cow tag in 1985 and have over 25 points for an CSP archery tag and a bighorn sheep tag. I was the co-chair of the BH Chapter of the RMEF for the first couple of years and we fully supported the institution of the \$5 application fee, knowing that the money raised would go to support our incredible, but limited elk population. I have 14 points for my second rifle tag. I will turn 70 years old this summer and while I am in pretty good shape, I realize the chances of me hunting elk again in the Black Hills are getting slim. Like most of us old-timers, we have been faithfully sending our \$15 to \$20 application fees in for a long time, and seen the number of applicants rise every year; and so, our chances of drawing a tag get less and less every year. When you are in your 40's or even 50's it doesn't seem so hopeless, but with the average number of points needed to draw an elk tag exceeding 20, we quickly realize that our chances are getting slim. John Kanta told me that you have received other requests to alter the preference system, and rejected all of them, I sincerely hope you will consider this one worthy of a change, and by the way, John's dad, whom just turned 70, is all for this proposal. While this change certainly will not guarantee us another elk license, it may give some of us another chance to hunt elk in the Black Hills while we can still enjoy it and give it the effort a hunt of this quality deserves. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bob Brandt

Public Comment Attachment: #10282: Eric Paulson

	Licenses	Turned Down
00A86	250	149
00B86	3725	1087
11A86	25	3
00V86	500	-241
00X86	750	-735
00Y86	500	55
00Z86	250	-34
	6000	284

** Based on first choice numbers and first draw

	Licenses	Turned Down
00A86	250	149
00B86	3925	887
11A86	25	3
00V86	550	-291
00X86	750	-735
00Y86	500	55
00Z86	300	-84
	6300	-16

DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH, AND PARKS NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

This meeting will be held in person, via zoom/conference call, and Livestream. Listen to the meeting beginning at 2:00 p.m. CST via Livestream at https://www.sd.net/remote1/ or join via zoom by clicking on the link below. Depending on your application, you may be required to enter the meeting ID and password. Remember to enter your display name and mute your microphone. To help keep background noise and distractions to a minimum, make sure you mute your microphone and turn off your video when you are not speaking.

Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 2 pm CST, and Friday, April 14, 2023, at 8 am CST.

Zoom Meeting Link https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/93912915359?pwd=K2FVZzdQSXJTY0NwWG5mSWpSazUwdz09
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Dial 1 669 444 9171

Meeting ID: 939 1291 5359

Passcode: 0565645

Public Input: To provide comments, join the meeting in person, via zoom, or via conference call per the info above. To conduct the public hearing and/or open forum as efficiently as possible, we ask those wishing to testify to register by 1:00 pm CST the day of the meeting by email to Liz.Kierl@state.sd.us. Testifiers should provide their full names, whom they represent, their city of residence, and which proposed topic they will address.

Written comments can be submitted at https://gfp.sd.gov/forms/positions/. To be included in the public record, comments must include the complete name and city of residence and meet the submission deadline of seventy-two hours before the meeting (not including the day of the meeting).

Dated this 6th day of April 2023.

s/b Stephanie Rissler
Stephanie Rissler, GFP Commission Chair