



## AGENDA

### Game, Fish and Parks Commission

March 4-5, 2021  
Zoom and Conference Call (see below)  
Livestream link <https://www.sd.net/>

Due to concerns regarding COVID, this meeting will be held via zoom/conference call and livestream. To listen to the entire meeting beginning at 1:00 P.m. CT via livestream at <https://www.sd.net/>. **The public is encouraged to participate remotely to limit our number of in person attendees and ensure social distancing.**

The public hearing followed by the open forum will begin at 2:00 p.m. CT on March 4th. To provide comments join the meeting via zoom or conference call per the info below. To conduct the public hearing and open forum as efficiently as possible we ask those wishing to testify to **register by 1:00 pm CT by email to [Rachel.comes@state.sd.us](mailto:Rachel.comes@state.sd.us). Testifiers should provide their full names, whom they are representing, city of residence, and which proposed topic they will be addressing.**

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

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#### THURSDAY

Zoom Meeting Link <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/98909937130?pwd=NUV3bnBpTlJtRy9vVFdObmUzYIR6QT09>  
or join via conference call Dial 1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 989 0993 7130 Password: 996090

#### FRIDAY

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via conference call Dial 1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 945 0147 3494 Password: 204475

### Call to order 1:00 PM CT/ 12:00 AM MT

#### Division of Administration

##### Action Items:

1. Conflict of Interest Disclosure
2. Approve Minutes of the January 2021 Meeting  
<https://gfp.sd.gov/commission/archives/>
3. Additional Commissioner Salary Days
4. License List Request

##### Information Items:

5. Wildlife Damage Management Specialist of the Year
6. Legislative Update
7. Can-Am Raffle Update

### Public Hearing 2:00 PM CT/ 1:00 PM MT

Portion of the meeting designated for public comment on items pertaining to finalizations listed on the agenda  
(Typically limited to 3 minutes per person.)

### Open Forum

Portion of the meeting designated for public comment on other items of interest. (Typically limited to 3 minutes per person)

## **Finalizations**

8. Aerial Permit Adjustments (December)
9. Big Game Ammo Minimum Size and Type (December)
10. Nonmeandered Waters Transportation Lane Process (November)
11. Waterfowl Refuge (January)
12. Waterfowl Season Recommendations (January)
13. Public Lands and Waters (January)

## **Proposals**

14. Deer Season
15. Upland Game
16. Depredation Hunts
17. CWD Regulations

## **Division of Parks and Recreation**

### Action Items:

18. Bridge City Lease Extension

### Information Items:

19. Lake Hiddenwood Access Road
20. Spring Creek Renovations
21. Swan Creek Indoor Fish Cleaning Station
22. Regional Technical Education Center Training

## **Division of Wildlife**

### Action Items:

23. Nest Predator Bounty program
24. Wildlife Damage Management Strategic Plan
25. Wild Turkey Management Plan
26. Land Donation – Pennington County

### Information Items:

27. Canada Goose Management Plan
28. Lincoln County DOT Land Acquisition
29. Preserve Update
30. Habitat and Access Update
31. Lake Alvin and Fairfax Dam Updates
32. Lake Francis Case and Lewis & Clark Fisheries Updates
33. License Sales Update

## **Solicitation of Agenda Items from Commissioners**

## **Adjourn**

Next meeting information: April 8-9, 2021 – Virtual

## **Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission January 28-29, 2021**

Chairman Gary Jensen called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. CT via conference call. Commissioners Travis Bies, Jon Locken, Russell Olson, Doug Sharp, Charles Spring, Robert Whitmyre. Public and staff were able to listen via SDPB livestream and participate via conference call with approximately 80 total participants via zoom.

### **DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Election of Officers**

Jon Kotilnek, senior staff attorney, opened the floor for nominations.

Motion by Bies with second by Sharp TO NOMINATE OLSON AS CHAIRMAN. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Olson with second by Locken TO NOMINATE SHARP AS VICE CHAIR. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

Chairman Olson called for conflicts of interest to be disclosed. None were presented.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Olson called for any additions or corrections to the December 7, 2020 regular meeting minutes or a motion for approval.

Motion by Whitmyre with second by Bies TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2020 MEETING. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Additional Commissioner Salary Days**

Olson called for additional salary days. Bies and Spring each requested a salary day for participation in the Mule Deer meeting. Motioned by Sharp, second by Whitmyre TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL SALARY DAY. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Legislative Update**

Interim Secretary Kevin Robling provide a legislative update on bills introduced pertaining to GFP.

#### **Budget**

Interim Director Kevin Robling provided the Commission an overview of the FY 2022 Department budget presentation

Petersen explained the budget structure for GFP is composed of 6 programs within the general appropriations bill, 3 budgeted programs and 3 informational budgets. He noted the Commission's authority to establish fees and implement and oversee special budgetary functions. He further provided a historical summary of how general funds are utilized specifically for bond repayments, state park operations and the division of administration.

Tom Kirschenmann, wildlife division director, presented the wildlife operations budget with breakdown into programs in the categories of wildlife management, habitat and access, fisheries, and public service. Kirschenmann also provided the breakdown of capital development projects including shooting ranges, aquatic habitat, hunter/angler access and facility maintenance and construction.

Scott Simpson, parks, and recreation director, presented the parks and recreation revenue estimates and explained the breakdown of fund sources being federal, general, bond payments, park revenue, dedicated taxes and license fees and miscellaneous. Simpson provided an overview of the capital development projects including new development, preventative maintenance, and water-based development.

### **Centralized E-Commerce System**

The briefing included a review of the timeline and progress on RFP and contract development and the announcement of a final contract awarded to Brandt Information Services. Senior advisor Emily Kiel stated that a seven-year contract was signed January 27 with Brandt Information Services with an option for a three-year extension. The department's finance director, Chris Petersen, stated that GFP pays about \$1.4 million per year for the two. The contract is based on transactions, costing an estimated \$1.7 million per year. Additionally, information was shared on the solution features and next steps for development and data migration.

### **Pheasant Hunting Marketing Campaign 2020 Summary**

Mike Gussiaas, marketing director for the Department of Tourism, provided the Commission with a year in review of the pheasant hunting marketing campaign from 2020. It was mentioned that the total ROI on trackable paid media efforts was \$3.15 with a total spend in the first year of \$661,808 – under budget of \$700,000. Total license sales trackable to paid media efforts was nearly 12,000 and total license revenue was just over \$643,000. Key performance indicators increased across the board: website traffic (55% increase), email subscribers (65% increase) and Facebook following (16% increase).

### **License Sales Update**

Heather Villa, wildlife administration chief, said License sales were strong in 2020. The Commission book contains two license summaries: year-end summary for 2020 and year to date for 2021. The 2020 license year ended with a \$2.8 million increase in revenue over the 3-year average. \$2.5 million was collected for the newly enacted Habitat Stamp. For 2021, we are currently up roughly \$774,000 in revenue with about \$340,00 being in Habitat Stamp sales. We are hoping to continue with this momentum and see more people get outside. Governor Noem's message that "The Outdoors are Open" has been a key component of our license sales success.

### **R3 2020 Update**

Taniya Bethke, wildlife education, provided an update on R3 efforts for 2020.

### **Law Enforcement Recruitment Campaign**

Sam Schelhaas, law enforcement chief, presented information on a multi-agency recruitment effort within South Dakota State Government. The Out-of-State Law



Enforcement Recruitment Project was coordinated by the Bureau of Human Resources (BHR) and involved the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP), the South Dakota Highway Patrol (HP) and the South Dakota Department of Corrections (DOC). The goal was to strengthen partnerships and recruit new officers on a national level. The GFP ended up with 122 total applications and is in the process of conducting interviews on approximately 40 individuals.

## **PETITIONS**

Tom Kirschenmann, wildlife division director, provided information on the petition process and options available for commission action.

### **Blaze Orange Requirements**

Cody Warren submitted a petition to require a minimum square inch of fluorescent for big game hunting similar to what is done in neighboring states as he feels this is a safety issue.

Kirschenmann explained the Department's recommendation to deny and maintain current requirements due to the challenges associated with measuring and assuring a necessary minimum square inch of orange be met.

Motioned by Sharp second by Spring TO DENY THE PETITION. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Whitmyre, second by Sharp TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-01 (appendix A) denying the petition. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Preference Point System by Big Game Type**

Kyle Sipma submitted a petition requesting to change the preference point system for deer and elk seasons.

Kirschenmann explained there was an establishment of a new system which has only been implemented for two years. This new system is scheduled to be reviewed with the Commission once we have three years of data with the current structure. Therefore, the Department recommend not revising the system until then.

Sharp thanked petitioner for taking time to submit his petition and noted in reality there are only a limited number of elk license available and its truly a lottery and adjusting will not change this.

Motioned by Sharp second by Locken TO DENY THE PETITION. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Locken, second by Bies TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-02 (appendix B) denying the petition. Motion carried unanimously.

## **OPEN FORUM**

Olson opened the floor for discussion from those in attendance on matters of importance to them that may not be on the agenda.

George Vandel, Pierre, SD thanked the Commission for extending the pheasant season.

Nancy Hilding, Black Hawk, SD said she doesn't like how the action sheets are written and recommends a change in the language for nonmeandered waters transportation change to remove most direct path as it may be near a home or in habitat. Hilding says prairie dog acreage should be done every 3 years as that was determined by a multi-state group. She recommends beginning the survey again this year.

## **PROPOSALS**

### **Aerial Permit Adjustments (December)**

Kanta presented the proposal to modify existing administrative rule to remove application requirements for submitting pilot certificate data and medical certificate data. He explained aerial hunting is a highly regulated activity in South Dakota and to obtain an aerial hunting permit, pilots must file an annual application with GFP. While applicants will still need to confirm they possess valid certifications, they will not be required to provide a copy of the pilot's certificate data (i.e. pilot's license) and medical certificate. This will help simplify the application process.

### **Big Game Ammo Minimum Size and Type**

Kanta presented the Departments recommended change to proposal to allow for the use of monolithic copper fluted bullets to be used to take big game animals by adding "expanding bullet" which means any bullet designed by its manufacture to create a wound channel larger than its diameter.

Motioned by Sharp, second by Whitmyre TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO PROPOSAL ALLOW THE USE OF MONOLITHIC COPPER FLUTED BULLETS TO BE USED TO TAKE BIG GAME ANIMALS. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Waterfowl Refuge**

Chad Switzer, wildlife program manager, presented the recommended changes to waterfowl refuges to remove the private property currently within Antelope Lake Waterfowl Refuges in sections 19 and 29, township 116 north, range 57 west in Clark County. He explained there has been a recent change in ownership of private property. The new landowner of the private property within the current Antelope Lake State Waterfowl Refuge boundary in section 19 desires to be able to hunt his property, thus he has requested his property be removed from the refuge. Due to the request, Department staff visited with the other two landowners within the boundary in sections 29 and 30. The landowner in section 29 would also like to remove his property from the refuge. Landowner in section 30 would like private property to remain in refuge status. Therefore, the recommendation is for all of Section 30 to remain in refuge status and remove private property in sections 19 and 29 from refuge status at the request of the landowners.

Motioned by Bies, second by Locken TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO REMOVE THE PROPERTY AT ANTELOPE LAKE FROM THE REFUGE. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Waterfowl Season Recommendations**

Switzer presented the recommended change to Waubay State Game Refuge and Waubay Lake State Game Refuge to Waubay State Game Bird Refuge in the following Administrative Rule chapters: 41:06:22:02. Restricted areas -- Exceptions. The archery deer hunting season is restricted in the following areas with the applicable restrictions or exceptions noted: (4) Waubay Lake State Game Bird Refuge and Waubay National Wildlife Refuge in Day County are open September 1 through January 1, except during the refuge firearm deer seasons established in chapter 41:06:36; 41:06:36:01.02. Waubay deer hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses. The Waubay deer hunting season is open within the boundaries of the Waubay National Wildlife Refuge and the Waubay Lake State Game Bird Refuge from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset daily as provided in § 41:06:36:02.02. No more than 20 one-tag deer licenses may be issued to residents. 41:06:45:02.01. Closed areas. The general muzzleloader deer hunting season is closed and licenses are not valid in the following areas: (4) Waubay National Wildlife Refuge and Waubay State Game Bird Refuge in Day County.

Motioned by Whitmyre, second by Locken TO APPROVE THE RECOMMEND CHANGES TO WAUBAY STATE GAME BIRD REFUGE. Motion carried unanimously

Switzer presented the recommended change to the license validity date found in ARSD 41:06:02:01.04 from "Any license is valid from December 15 preceding the printed year on the license to January 31 following the printed year on the license, inclusive" to "Any license is valid from December 15 preceding the printed year on the license to January 31 following the printed year on the license, inclusive unless otherwise specified".

Motioned by Sharp, second by Spring TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO VALID DATES OF THE STATE MIGRATORY BIRD CERTIFICATION PERMIT. Motion carried unanimously.

Switzer presented the recommended changes to the duck hunting season to as follows:

1. During the first 16 days of the season an additional two blue-winged teal may be harvested in addition to the daily bag limit for the Tier 1 Option only.
2. Include mergansers in the daily bag limit of ducks for the Tier 2 Option only.

Motioned by Locken, second by Bies TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE DUCK HUNTING SEASON. Motion carried unanimously.

Switzer presented no recommended changes to the youth waterfowl hunting season.

Switzer presented the recommended change to the goose hunting season to Modify the open area to include that portion of Meade County south of South Dakota Highway 34 and the counties of Aurora, Beadle, Bon Homme, Brookings, Brown, Clark, Clay, Codington, Davison, Day, Deuel, Edmunds, Faulk, Hamlin, Hanson, Hutchinson, Grant, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, Marshall, McCook, McPherson, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Turner, Union and Yankton.

Motioned by Whitmyre, second by Bies TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO MODIFY THE OPEN AREAS FOR GOOSE HUNTING AUGUST MANAGEMENT TAKE. Motion carried unanimously.

Switzer presented the recommended changes to the early fall Canada goose season to change the start date from the first Saturday of September to September 1<sup>st</sup> and increase the daily bag limit from 8 to 15.

Motion by Locken, second by Bies TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE EARLY FALL CANADA GOOSE SEASON. Motion carried unanimously.

Switzer presented no recommended changes to the goose hunting season.

Switzer presented no recommended changes to the special Canada goose hunting season.

Switzer presented no recommended changes to the spring light goose conservation order.

Switzer presented no recommended changes to the tundra swan hunting season.

Switzer presented no recommended changes to the sandhill crane hunting season.

Switzer presented no recommended changes to the common snipe hunting season.

### **Mountain Goat Recommendations**

Switzer and Kanta presented no recommended changes to the mountain goat hunting season.

### **Public Lands and Waters**

Jeff VanMeeteren, parks and recreation regional supervisor, presented the recommended changes to North Point Area of Lake Francis Case:

(1) In the North Point Area of Lake Francis Case in the waters of St. Francis Bay and Prairie Dog Bay starting at the center of the respective boat ramps and extending outward in a 150-yard radius are is a “no wake zone”

(2) In the North Point Area of Lake Francis Case in the waters of St. Francis Bay and starting at the center of the respective boat ramp and extending outward in a 350-yard radius is a “no wake zone”

VanMeeteren explained that Due to a significant increase in beach use, recreational boating, and fishing; staff has seen an increased risk for accidents in this congested area making public safety a concern. The St. Francis beach is the North Point Rec. Area's largest and most popular swimming beach in the district. Due to the topography it is protected from high winds, making it a very popular area for swimmers and kayakers alike. From the swimming beach buoys to the opposite shoreline there is approx. 200 yards of distance. This is a narrow area for the multiple recreational boaters that are towing skiers and tubers just outside the swim area, along with fisherman who go back and forth from the boat ramp. North Point Rec. Area offers four public boat ramps with the St. Francis Bay ramp being the smallest of the four. The other three boat ramps all have larger parking lots and are in proximity, with St. Francis Bay offering 25 parking stalls, Prairie Dog - 201, North Point Bay - 60, and the Fort Randall Marina at 30. No Wake buoys would be placed across the bay at approx. 100 ft in distance between each other.

Motioned by Sharp, second by Locken TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO EXTEND THE NORTH POINT AREA NO WAKE ZONE. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Nonmeandered Waters Navigation Lane Process**

Kotilnek presented the recommend change to proposal that removes the language the following transportation lanes are established for transportation purposes. He also explained the reason for the proposal to create a new rule to establish procedure for the public to request a navigation lane through a closed nonmeandered body of water when no other alternative legal access is available. He explained that during a special legislative session in 2017, the Legislature passed the nonmeandered waters compromise. As part of the legislation, the Commission is obligated to promulgate rules to establish a process whereby a person may petition the commission to open a portion of waters or ice of a closed nonmeandered lake for the limited purposes of transportation to a portion of a nonmeandered lake that is open for recreational use.

Motioned by Sharp, second by Whitmyre TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO THE PROPOSAL. Motion carried unanimously.

### **DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION CSP Bison Auction and 2021 Outlook**

Matt Snyder, parks and recreation regional supervisor, provided an update on the Custer State Park Bison Auction and outlook for 2021.

### **Bison Center Update**

Matt Snyder, parks and recreation regional supervisor, provided an update on the Custer State Park Bison Center.

## **Automated Entrance Kiosks**

Al Nedved, Deputy Director provided the commission with an update on the self-serve kiosks that are going to be installed at the entrances to state parks. The department solicited bids and selected Flowbird as the vendor. 96 units were purchased with CARES act funding at the amount of \$4,748 per unit. These units will accept credit cards and be able to allow visitors to purchase daily or annual park entrance licenses. They will allow for better customer contact management at entrances and offices, and allow 24/7 service. Units operate on solar, battery or director power and need a cellular, wifi or phone line network connection. The units will greatly make accounting and mailing annual PEL's more efficient and reduce much of the work associated with iron ranges and the paper/cash system. Units are expected to operational by May.

## **Newton Hills Modern Cabin Completion**

Jeff VanMeeteren, park and recreation regional supervisor, said the recently completed modern cabin at Newton Hills is a new opportunity in the state park system that will ideally draw in a whole new user group of visitors looking for facilities that offer more amenities. The cabin will sleep 8 and offers a full kitchen, an ADA bathroom and two bedrooms. The cabin will work great for a large family or two families that want more amenities than a basic camping cabin, but do not need all the space of the larger lodges. Since going on the reservation system on January 19th, 63 nights have been reserved and the park has seen a great response on social media advertising, showing the need and interest for this type of cabin. Initial construction cost was \$150K and the park is hoping for a 10-15 year payback.

## **Revenue, Camping and Visitation Report**

Al Nedved, deputy director provided and update on revenue, camping and visitation stats. He also provided information on visitor origin based on park entrance license sales and camping reservations.

## **DIVISION OF WILDLIFE**

### **Nest Predator Bounty program**

Kevin Robling and Keith Fisk presented the recommendation to extend the nest predator bounty program for 2021 and 2022. Robling explained the primary goal of the program is to enhance nest success for pheasants and ducks at localized levels by removing primary nest predators, like raccoons, striped skunks, opossums, red fox and badgers from the landscape. It is designed to increase youth and family participation in understanding and experiencing the tradition of trapping while enhancing our strong outdoor heritage.

Whitmyre noted it would be nice to see the program begin in March as soon as skunks and racoons become active in the spring. He supports this program as it enhances habitat when 75 percent of next lost is due to predators.

Olson asked if there would be more trap giveaways

Fisk said not at this time noting the Department previously provided a million dollars worth of traps, but there are weekly youth trap giveaways for participation in the program.

Bies said he supports the program agrees with Whitmyre would rather see the extension on the front of the program and instead of the end.

Locken sees a lot of good in this program as hens nest in the same habitat that racoons utilize too. Has seen youth and veterans participating in the program.

Motioned by Whitmyre, second by Sharp TO AMEND THE PROGRAM DATES TO START MARCH 15 AND END JULY 1. Motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Locken, second by Spring to approve as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Rapid City Shooting Range**

Kanta explained the goal is to develop a free public rifle, shotgun and handgun range in the Rapid City area. This opportunity will serve as a free public rifle, shotgun and handgun range within the Rapid City area open to the public, youth groups, shooting sports groups and others. The range will be utilized by GFP staff for outdoor education and hunter education. The range will also serve airmen and women from Ellsworth Air Force Base and public from the Box Elder, Sturgis and Piedmont areas.

Sharp inquired if we are offering sporting clay opportunities as having a few different stations this is nice to give them a chance to try different things.

Kanta said there is all kinds of interest in shooting clubs right now and need to find a way to provide different opportunities for each type of group.

Bies asked what community outreach has been done

Kanta explained staff intend to reach out to neighbors within the next week. Fortunately, there are very few private residents near the facility and there will be a buffer around the property as well as a fence.

Spring said he thought it would be \$1,400 per acre and sees its \$2,000 which is a little high.

Kanta explained that when originally approached it was priced at \$2,500. We are hoping this is appraised as a development property and not pasture.

Locken noted land prices have come back a lot likely driven by lower interest rates.

Motioned by Bies, second by Spring TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-03 IN WHICH GFP AGREES TO PURCHASE THE LAND FOR THE SHOOTING RANGE FROM THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Future of Habitat Update**

Director Kirschenmann provided a briefing on the current on-going discussions within the Wildlife Division to determine how we can do more habitat projects, how to accomplish, and any changes needed to accomplish more habitat projects. Discussions are happening at the regional level and then ideas and approaches will be incorporated into a plan to move forward with conducting more habitat and access projects. Once a final plan is compiled, a briefing will be provided to the commission.

## **Land Evaluation and Assessment Plan**

Paul Coughlin, wildlife program manager, presented a status update on the identification, evaluation, and disposal process for several Game Production Areas determined to no longer provide quality wildlife habitat or adequate public hunting opportunities. Seven GPAs in eastern South Dakota were identified through this process and are now being appraised to determine a value for public auction purposes per SDCL 41-2-29.1.

## **Urban Deer Management**

John Kanta, wildlife terrestrial's chief, informed the Commission that GFP currently works with municipalities to address issues with deer within city limits. Typically, a kill permit is issued to help address these issues. GFP is currently working with municipalities to offer archery hunting opportunities within city limits. GFP intends to enhance and expand these opportunities with current and new municipalities.

## **Missouri River Fisheries Update**

Mike Smith, fisheries senior biologist, stated fish management surveys were completed on Lakes Oahe and Sharpe in 2020, but angler creel surveys were not due to coronavirus prevention measures. Lake Oahe surveys suggest coldwater preyfish abundance is well above average and that Walleye abundance and condition are slightly above average. Similarly, surveys on Lake Sharpe suggest that walleye abundance and condition are both above the long-term average. Anecdotal evidence supports that angler use on Lakes Oahe and Sharpe was very strong which, based on previous experience, means that angler catch and harvest rates were likely higher than average.

## **Season Setting Date Selection**

Director Kirschenmann provided a briefing on how seasons are established and how the schedule is determined. It was explained that season dates vary for seasons and start dates vary for numerous reasons. It was also explained that some dates are limited due to federal regulations such as waterfowl seasons. We will continue to place future season dates on the website for our users to plan ahead, with the acknowledgement that those dates are subject to change per commission action.

## **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Robling', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kevin Robling, Interim Department Secretary

**Appendix A**  
**RESOLUTION 21-01**

WHEREAS, Cody Warren of Rapid City, South Dakota, submitted a Petition to the Game, Fish and Parks Commission (Commission) dated December 12, 2020, requesting that the Game, Fish and Parks Commission create a new rule ARSD § 41:06:04:22 (New Rule – Minimum Square Inch Requirement) – to require a minimum of 400-600 square inches of fluorescent orange to be worn during big game hunting for the reasons more fully set out in the petition (hereinafter referred to as “the Petition”); and

WHEREAS, all members of the Commission have been furnished with and have reviewed a copy of the Petition; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised that a copy of the Petition has been served on all members of the Interim Rules Review Committee and Director of the Legislative Research Council as required by SDCL § 1-26-13; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised that SDCL § 1-26-13 requires that within thirty (30) days of submission of a Petition, the Commission shall either “deny the petition in writing (stating its reasons for the denials) or shall initiate rule-making proceedings in accordance with SDCL 1-26-4.”; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised and is of the opinion that a hearing on the Petition is neither statutorily required nor necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed and carefully considered the requirements and procedures set out in SDCL §1-26-13 and the contents of the Petition, including the reasons advanced by Petitioner in support of establishing a minimum square inch of orange to be worn during big game hunting; and

WHEREAS, the fluorescent orange is currently addressed in South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL 41-8-41). Per statute big game hunters, excluding turkey and mountain lion, must wear an exterior fluorescent orange hat, cap, shirt, jacket, vest, coverall, or poncho worn above the waist; and;

WHEREAS, the Department believes sufficient safety precautions already exist in state law regarding fluorescent orange requirements; and

WHEREAS, the determination of actual square inches of a fluorescent orange garment could be challenging for hunters to understand and could cause unknowing violations due to the complexity of the square inch requirement; and

WHEREAS, the enforcement of actual square inches of a garment could be challenging for Wildlife Conservation Officers to enforce due to the wide variety of shapes and garments available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission does hereby deny the Petition for the reasons hereinabove stated in this Resolution, which said Resolution as adopted by the Commission shall constitute the Commission’s written denial of the Petition and its reasons therefore.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Petition, a record of the Commission’s discussions concerning same, and this Resolution be made a part of the Minutes of the Commission meeting at which this Resolution is adopted, and further, that the Department be and it is hereby authorized and directed in compliance with SDCL §1-26-13 to serve a copy of an extract of that portion of the Commission minutes which pertain to the Commission’s discussion of the Petition and its adoption of this Resolution, including a copy of the Resolution, on all members of the Interim Rules Review Committee and Director of the Legislative Research Council with copies also to be provided to the Petitioner, Cody Warren of Rapid City, South Dakota.

**Appendix B**  
**RESOLUTION 21-02**

WHEREAS, Kyle Sipma of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, submitted a Petition to the Game, Fish and Parks Commission (Commission) dated January 16, 2021, requesting that the Game, Fish and Parks Commission amend ARSD § 41:06:01:10 (Prior application preference) – to modify the way preference points are applied for the reasons more fully set out in the petition (hereinafter referred to as “the Petition”); and

WHEREAS, all members of the Commission have been furnished with and have reviewed a copy of the Petition; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised that a copy of the Petition has been served on all members of the Interim Rules Review Committee and Director of the Legislative Research Council as required by SDCL § 1-26-13; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised that SDCL § 1-26-13 requires that within thirty (30) days of submission of a Petition, the Commission shall either “deny the petition in writing (stating its reasons for the denials) or shall initiate rule-making proceedings in accordance with SDCL 1-26-4.”; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised and is of the opinion that a hearing on the Petition is neither statutorily required nor necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed and carefully considered the requirements and procedures set out in SDCL §1-26-13 and the contents of the Petition, including the reasons advanced by Petitioner in support of altering the preference point application; and

WHEREAS, there are preference point systems currently in place for all limited-draw licenses associated with various seasons; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous ways to allocate and utilize preference points, yet each way has its own pros and cons; and

WHEREAS, the deer drawing process was modified by the GFP Commission in 2019 and the Department will be evaluating this modification after the 2021 hunting seasons, and will present a summary regarding the effectiveness of these changes for hunters obtaining a license for their preferred deer hunting season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission does hereby deny the Petition for the reasons hereinabove stated in this Resolution, which said Resolution as adopted by the Commission shall constitute the Commission’s written denial of the Petition and its reasons therefore.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Petition, a record of the Commission’s discussions concerning same, and this Resolution be made a part of the Minutes of the Commission meeting at which this Resolution is adopted, and further, that the Department be and it is hereby authorized and directed in compliance with SDCL §1-26-13 to serve a copy of an extract of that portion of the Commission minutes which pertain to the Commission’s discussion of the Petition and its adoption of this Resolution, including a copy of the Resolution, on all members of the Interim Rules Review Committee and Director of the Legislative Research Council with copies also to be provided to the Petitioner, Kyle Sipma of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

**Appendix C**  
**RESOLUTION 21-03**

Whereas, the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department (GFP) desires to acquire 400 acres of real estate, for the purpose of a shooting range, legally described as:

W1/2 of Section 34, T.4N., R.8E. and N1/2 of NW1/4 of Section 3, T.3N., R.8E,  
Pennington County, South Dakota; and

Whereas, the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation (Foundation) will accept the assignment of the Purchase Agreement from Jim Scull and purchase said property at the price of \$900,000 to facilitate GFP's desire to build a quality shooting range.

Whereas, GFP agrees to purchase the property from the Foundation for the original purchase price of \$900,000 and pay to the Foundation all associated costs incurred with the purchase and holding of said property, including real estate taxes, closing costs and estimated loss of income on investments liquidated to make said purchase.

Whereas, the Commission has reviewed any and all comments that may have been received relative to the intended purchase and after consideration of the same, the Commission approves of the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that GFP is authorized to commence a purchase agreement with the Foundation for the purchase of the above described real property in accordance with the above recitals and with a completion of the purchase on or before April 30, 2022.

**GAME, FISH & PARKS**

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**REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS**

**Application**

Type of List Requested Preserver Hunting Lodges

Number of licenses in list \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:

Jake Hyland

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:

109 Ibiza Ct Windsor Co 80550

How would you like your list sent to you: (email or disk)

Email

Phone Number

970-227-8990

Purpose for which list will be used:

Real Estate

**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.

*Jake Hyland*

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Authorized Signature of Purchaser

Date

Date of Commission Action

# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

## Aerial Hunting Chapter 41:08:06

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	December 3, 2020	Virtual
	Public Hearing	March 4, 2021	Pierre
	Finalization	March 4-5, 2021	Pierre

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

#### Proposed changes from last year:

Amend 41:08:06:02. Application – Contents – Submission.

1. Modify existing administrative rule to remove application requirements for submitting pilot certificate data and medical certificate data.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Aerial hunting is a highly regulated activity in South Dakota and to obtain an aerial hunting permit, pilots must file an annual application with GFP. While applicants will still need to confirm they possess valid certifications, they will not be required to provide a copy of the pilot's certificate data (i.e. pilot's license) and medical certificate. This will help simplify the application process.

### 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? 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

### FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

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# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

## General Provisions Chapters 41:06:00

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal Public Hearing Finalization	January 28-29 2021 March, 4 2021 March 4-5, 2021	Virtual Pierre Pierre
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### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**41:06:00.01:02. Definitions.** As used in this article:

(21) "Expanding Bullet" means any bullet designed by its manufacture to create a wound channel larger than its diameter.

Proposed changes:

1. Allow for the use of monolithic copper fluted bullets to be used to take big game animals by adding (21) "Expanding Bullet" defined as any bullet designed by its manufacture to create a wound channel larger than its diameter.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

**Ammunition Trends:** Technology and innovation continue to drive the ammunition landscape. Fluted ammunition is a relatively new bullet that has been proven to be an effective and ethical option for big game hunting and is currently allowed in other states.

**Current Regulation:** Currently the only ammunition that is allowed is soft point or expanding bullets. A fluted bullet does not fit into either one of those categories. The term expanding bullet is used in 2 separate administrative rules under section 41. 1) 41:06:04:11. Minimum size and type of big game ammunition. 2) 41:06:04:13. Minimum firearm size for elk.

**Non-Toxic:** Fluted bullets are a monolithic copper and would be another option for big game hunters to utilize a non-toxic ammunition.

### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

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? No
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Provides more opportunity to use non-toxic ammunition while still providing for an ethical option for taking big game
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? No.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Not applicable.

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# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION

## Finalization

### Nonmeandered Waters

Chapters 41:04:06

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	Nov 4-5	Teleconference
	Public Hearing	March 4	Teleconference
	Finalization	March 4-5	Teleconference

#### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

- Create a new rule to establish a procedure for the public to request a navigation lane through a closed nonmeandered body of water when no other alternative legal access is available.
- An individual could petition the Commission for a rule change to establish a navigation lane in rule. This would then follow our administrative rule change process and provide for adequate public notice and allow for public comment through written comments and public testimony at the public hearing prior to finalization.
- Sample Rule:
  - ARSD 41:04:06:06 – Transportation lane petition. Upon receipt of a petition to establish a transportation lane the commission shall, at their next regularly schedule commission meeting, consider the request and either deny, grant, or modify the petition. The department shall notify any landowner that may be affected by the proposed transportation lane. If the commission grants or modifies a petition, it shall be established by rule pursuant to SDCL 1-26 in this chapter. The petitioner shall demonstrate the necessity of a transportation lane by meeting the criteria as laid out in SDCL 41-23-16.
  - ARSD 41:04:06:06.01 – Transportation lanes established. While accessing the transportation lane, the individual shall take the most direct path to the open nonmeandered body of water and shall not hunt, fish, or trap in any manner while in the transportation lane. The department shall be responsible for marking all transportation lanes established pursuant to this chapter. Transportation lanes established in this rule shall be reviewed for necessity and reported to the commission prior to December 1 of each year.

#### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

During a special legislative session in 2017, the Legislature passed the nonmeandered waters compromise. As part of the legislation, the Commission is obligated to promulgate rules to establish a process whereby a person may petition the commission to open a portion of waters or ice of a closed nonmeandered lake for the limited purposes of transportation to a portion of a nonmeandered lake that is open for recreational use.

#### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not applicable. The regulation would apply the same to residents and nonresidents.

#### RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate?
  - a. No – the regulation would create an opportunity for the public to access blocked bodies of water.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users?
  - a. Yes – currently, there is no process in place to request a transportation lane through closed nonmeandered bodies of water.

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3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists?
  - a. It has a positive impact by creating a fair process where both landowners and recreational users have input as to how the lanes should be created.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors?
  - a. Creating more opportunities of access provides greater opportunities for recreating and thus helps get more families outdoors.

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# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

## REFUGES

Chapter 41:05:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 28-29, 2021	Pierre
	Public Hearing	March 4, 2021	Pierre
	Finalization	March 4-5, 2021	Pierre

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

#### Proposed changes from last year:

1. Remove the private property currently within Antelope Lake Waterfowl Refuge in sections 19 and 29, township 116 north, range 57 west.

**41:05:02:12. Clark County refuges.** Clark County refuges are as follows:

(2) Antelope Lake State Waterfowl Refuge comprises ~~the west half and the west 47 rods of the east half of the northwest quarter of section 29; the northwest quarter and the west 47 rods of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 29; all of section 30, including lots and the meandered portion of the lake; and the south half of the south half of section 19, township 116 north, range 57 west of the fifth principal meridian, including the meandered portion of the lake.~~

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

There has been a recent change in ownership of private property. The new landowner of the private property within the current Antelope Lake State Waterfowl Refuge boundary in section 19 desires to be able to hunt his property, thus he has requested his property be removed from the refuge. Due to the request, Department staff visited with the other two landowners within the boundary in sections 29 and 30. The landowner in section 29 would also like to remove his property from the refuge. Landowner in section 30 would like private property to remain in refuge status. Therefore, the proposal is for all of Section 30 to remain in refuge status and remove private property in sections 19 and 29 from refuge status at the request of the landowners.

### 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

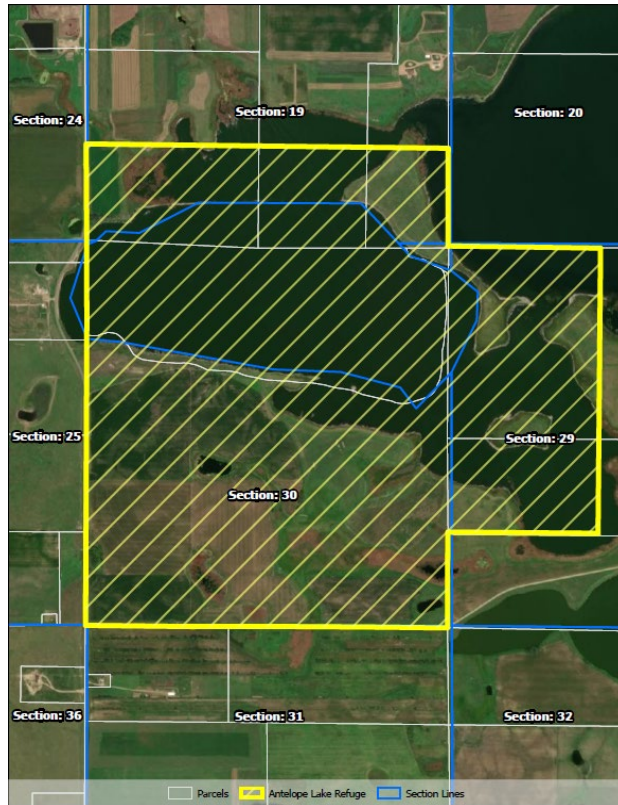
1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? No
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Yes
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Provides additional hunting opportunities.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Yes

### FISCAL IMPACT

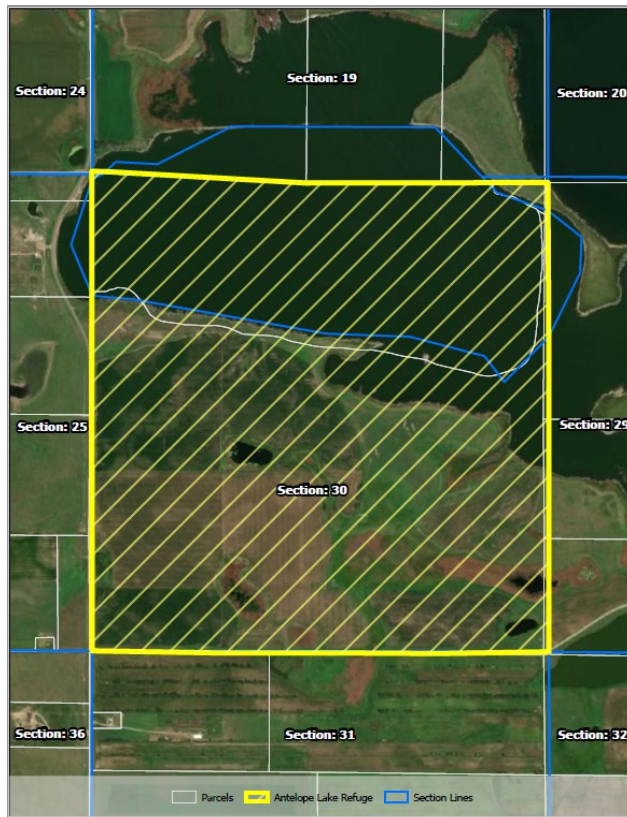
No fiscal impact to the Department.

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### Current Refuge Boundary



### Proposed Refuge Boundary



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# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

## HUNTING SEASON AND METHODS Chapter 41:06

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 28-29, 2021	Pierre
	Public Hearing	March 4, 2021	Pierre
	Finalization	March 4-5, 2021	Pierre

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

#### Proposed changes from last year:

1. Change Waubay State Game Refuge and Waubay Lake State Game Refuge to Waubay State Game Bird Refuge in the following Administrative Rule chapters:

**41:06:22:02. Restricted areas -- Exceptions.** The archery deer hunting season is restricted in the following areas with the applicable restrictions or exceptions noted:

- (4) Waubay ~~Lake~~ State Game Bird Refuge and Waubay National Wildlife Refuge in Day County are open September 1 through January 1, except during the refuge firearm deer seasons established in chapter 41:06:36;

**41:06:36:01.02. Waubay deer hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses.** The Waubay deer hunting season is open within the boundaries of the Waubay National Wildlife Refuge and the Waubay ~~Lake~~ State Game Bird Refuge from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset daily as provided in § 41:06:36:02.02. No more than 20 one-tag deer licenses may be issued to residents.

**41:06:45:02.01. Closed areas.** The general muzzleloader deer hunting season is closed and licenses are not valid in the following areas:

- (4) Waubay National Wildlife Refuge and Waubay State Game Bird Refuge in Day County;

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Waubay State Game Refuge was changed to Waubay State Game Bird Refuge in December 2019. This new designation was inadvertently missed in several Administrative Rules; thus, this recommendation is a clean-up of those Administrative Rules to be consistent with refuge name listed ARSD 41:05:02:18.

### 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

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### **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? Not applicable
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? No
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Not applicable.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact to the Department.

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# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

## License Forms and Fees Chapter 41:06:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 28-29, 2021	Pierre
	Public Hearing	March 4, 2021	Pierre
	Finalization	March 4-5, 2021	Pierre

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Change the license validity date found in ARSD 41:06:02:01.04 from “Any license is valid from December 15 preceding the printed year on the license to January 31 following the printed year on the license, inclusive” to “Any license is valid from December 15 preceding the printed year on the license to January 31 following the printed year on the license, ~~inclusive~~ unless otherwise specified”.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

See below for proposed change to valid dates of the state migratory bird certification permit.

### 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?
    - Currently, the valid period for all hunting licenses is December 15-January 31 of the following year. This creates a problem with our upcoming “3 splash” duck hunting regulations experiment which allow 2 tiers of hunting regulations chosen by the hunter. Unless changed, it will be possible for a hunter to possess two separate, valid hunting regulations in one duck hunting season. This will create an enforcement issue and potentially confound analysis of the “3-splash” regulations experiment and if this regulation becomes operational in the future. We are only considering changing the valid period for the state migratory bird certification permit. No other license valid dates would be impacted by this change.
2. Historical Considerations
  - Historically, all hunting license valid periods were bundled together for convenience and simplicity, allowing for license purchases to begin ahead of the holidays on December 15<sup>th</sup>, and allowing licenses to remain valid through the end of January in the year they expire. No other licenses have multiple options for enforcement except the 2-tiered waterfowl regulation package. If the valid dates of the state migratory bird certification permit are changed, they would then align with the release of the Federal Waterfowl Stamp (July 1 – June 30), which would maintain some consistency for waterfowl hunters and remove the law enforcement and experimental concerns we are currently facing.

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3. Biological Considerations
  - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?
    - None expected
4. Social Considerations
  - As with any change a learning curve is expected. A broad-based education and marketing strategy for both target audiences of the “3-splash” option along with current duck hunters will articulate this change. This education and marketing strategy have already been mapped out in conjunction with partners in Nebraska and will begin during the Spring of 2021. During the first-year hunters that purchase migratory bird certifications from December 15, 2020-June 30, 2021 will have the opportunity to adjust which duck hunting tier option they want for the 2021-2022 duck hunting season.
5. Financial considerations
  - Little financial impact is expected. If successful, the 2-tiered duck hunting regulation experiment would be revenue positive.

#### **RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user’s ability to participate?
  - Overall, this change will streamline waterfowl hunting regulations and reduce the potential law enforcement issues of having two valid, but conflicting state migratory bird certification permits at the same time.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users?
  - While changing the valid period for a certificate or license has the potential to be confusing for participants, this particular change will be accompanied by a comprehensive education outreach campaign that will limit confusion and in the end result in more hunters being aware of the 2-tiered system and how to use it. It will also simplify the valid periods for waterfowl hunting certificates and licenses. The 2-tiered system is designed to increase mentorship and opportunity for novice hunters. Any regulation that supports the implementation of this system will increase opportunity for new and existing users.
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

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Minimal fiscal impact to the Department during the first year of implementation.

**APPROVE** \_\_\_\_ **MODIFY** \_\_\_\_ **REJECT** \_\_\_\_ **NO ACTION** \_\_\_\_

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

## Duck Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:16

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 28-29, 2021	Pierre
	Public Hearing	March 4, 2021	Pierre
	Finalization	March 4-5, 2021	Pierre

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**Duration of Proposal:** 2021-22 hunting season

**Season Dates and Open Areas:**

High Plains Zone:	October 9, 2021 – January 13, 2022
Low Plains North & Low Plains Middle Zone:	September 25 – December 7, 2021
Low Plains South Zone:	October 23, 2021 – January 4, 2022

**Daily Limits:**

**Tier 1 Option (Traditional Daily Bag Limit)**

Ducks: 6 The duck daily limit may be comprised of no more than: 5 mallards (which may include no more than 2 hens), 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks, 1 pintail and 1 scaup.

- 2 Bonus blue-winged teal (first 16 days of the season only)  
 Low Plains North & Low Plains Middle Zones: September 25 – October 10, 2021  
 Low Plains South Zone: October 23 – November 7, 2021  
 High Plains Zone: October 9 – 24, 2021

Coots: 15

Mergansers: 5 (may include no more than 2 hooded mergansers)

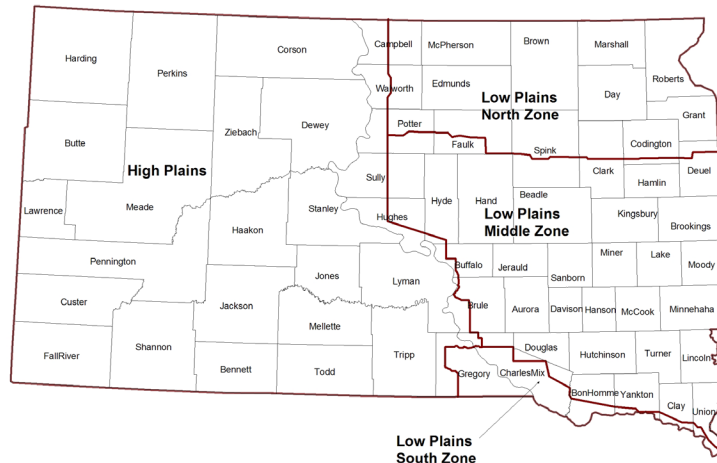
**Tier 2 Option (3-Splash Daily Bag Limit)**

Ducks: 3 The duck daily limit (including mergansers) may be comprised of three of any species or gender.

Coots: 15

**Possession Limits:** Three times the daily bag limits.

### Duck Hunting Zones



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**Proposed changes from last year:**

1. During the first 16 days of the season an additional two blue-winged teal may be harvested in addition to the daily bag limit for the Tier 1 Option only.
2. Include mergansers in the daily bag limit of ducks for the Tier 2 Option only.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

The proposed changes are simply a clean-up to administrative rules for the implementation of the experimental options available to duck hunters.

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Ducks Harvested
2015	11,994	3,937	213,745
2016	10,533	3,832	185,105
2017	10,557	4,159	189,320
2018	10,271	4,051	175,822
2019	11,295	4,423	229,110

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

1. The Issue
  - Duck hunter numbers in SD have been falling 3% per year on average since the mid 1990's. This loss of waterfowl hunters means an erosion of waterfowl hunting traditions and less support for waterfowl conservation and management. Through purchases of licenses, stamps and gear, waterfowl hunters contribute to perpetuating waterfowl by conserving their habitats. The goal of this experiment is to see if removing the barrier of having to identify ducks in flight can assist R3 efforts. Direct engagement of stakeholder's groups is planned, and a standard public comment process is anticipated. A comprehensive evaluation plan has been developed in cooperation with the National Flyway Council, USFWS, and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.
2. Historical Considerations – Not Applicable
3. Biological Considerations
  - Because the experiment is limited to two states (SD/NE), and because the bag associated with the simplified license option is smaller than allowed under a regular limit, impact to species with reduced bags (e.g. pintail, scaup, canvasbacks) will be minimal. Cooperative monitoring efforts on harvest will continue throughout the experiment to assess whether negative impacts occur during the experiment.
4. Social Considerations
  - SDGFP and NGPC, and the University of Nebraska Lincoln recently completed a human dimensions survey of current and past duck hunters in each state. Highlights included 40% of respondents felt duck ID was difficult for them, 2/3 did not oppose the regulation experiment, and 25% would consider taking a mentee duck hunting if they could use the 3-splash option. Rigorous communications efforts are expected to garner support and promote the 3-splash opportunity. The main concerns from current hunters involved concern for species with reduced bags and the idea that to be a duck hunter you needed to know duck identification.

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5. Financial considerations
  - If successful, increased revenue from both license sales and Federal Duck stamps would be realized. These funds could then be used to help sustain the North American Model for wildlife conservation.

#### **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? Yes
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists?
  - The goal of these experimental hunting regulations is to support R3 efforts for duck hunting in South Dakota, the Central Flyway, and perhaps nationwide.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors?
  - If successful, participation in duck hunting will increase and allow novice hunters a chance to participate without fear of violation. Sustaining waterfowl hunting traditions will contribute to an enhanced quality of life and encourage families to recreate outside.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact to the Department.

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# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

## Goose Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:16

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal Public Hearing Finalization	January 28-29, 2021 March 4, 2021 March 4-5, 2021	Pierre Pierre Pierre
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### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

#### AUGUST MANAGEMENT TAKE

**Duration of Proposal:** 2021 hunting season

**Season Dates:** August 21-31, 2021

**Open Area:** Meade County south of South Dakota Highway 34, Pennington County west of the Cheyenne River and the counties of Aurora, Beadle, Bon Homme, Brookings, Brown, Clark, Clay, Codington, Davison, Day, Deuel, Edmunds, Faulk, Hamlin, Hanson, Hutchinson, Grant, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, Marshall, McCook, McPherson, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Turner, Union and Yankton.

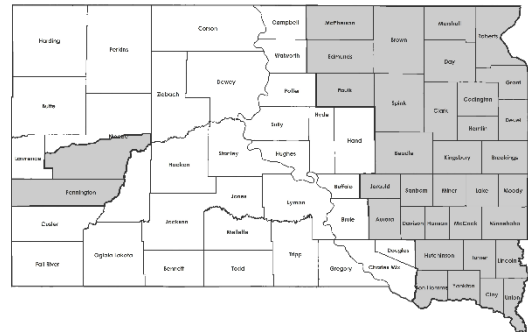
**Daily Bag Limit:** 15 Canada geese

**Possession Limit:** None

**Licenses:** Residents only

#### Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Annual small game or combination license and state migratory bird certification. Federal waterfowl stamp is not required.
2. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
3. All other restrictions are the same as during the Early Fall and Regular Canada Goose Season.



 Open Area

#### Proposed changes from last year:

1. Modify the open area to include that portion of Meade County south of South Dakota Highway 34 and the counties of Aurora, Beadle, Bon Homme, Brookings, Brown, Clark, Clay, Codington, Davison, Day, Deuel, Edmunds, Faulk, Hamlin, Hanson, Hutchinson, Grant, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, Marshall, McCook, McPherson, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Turner, Union and Yankton.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Recommended changes from proposal:** None.

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**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
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists?
  - Provides additional goose hunting opportunities with the objective of increasing harvest to meet population objective.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Yes

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact to the Department.

**APPROVE** \_\_\_\_\_ **MODIFY** \_\_\_\_\_ **REJECT** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO ACTION** \_\_\_\_\_

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

## Early Fall Canada Goose Chapter 41:06:50

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 28-29, 2021	Pierre
	Public Hearing	March 4, 2021	Pierre
	Finalization	March 4-5, 2021	Pierre

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**Duration of Proposal:** 2021 hunting season

**Season Dates:** September 1 - 30, 2021      **Open Area:** Unit 1 (see map below)

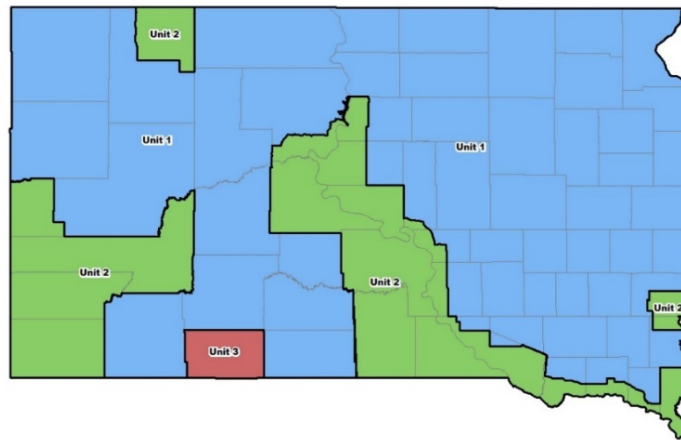
**Daily Limit:** 15 Canada Geese      **Possession Limit:** 45 Canada Geese

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
2. Nonresidents may not hunt early fall Canada goose in the counties of Beadle, Brookings, Hanson, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, McCook, Miner, Moody, Sanborn, Turner, Union, and Minnehaha.

**Proposed changes from last year:**

1. Change the start date from the first Saturday of September to September 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Increase the daily bag limit from 8 to 15.



### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Recommended changes from proposal:** None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Total Hunters	Geese Harvested	Average Season Bag
2015	3,608	275	3,883	20,735	5.3
2016	3,152	213	3,366	27,660	8.2
2017	2,997	229	3,226	25,808	8.0
2018	2,507	207	2,716	17,904	6.6
2019	2,777	223	3,000	21,054	7.0

**APPROVE** \_\_\_\_\_ **MODIFY** \_\_\_\_\_ **REJECT** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO ACTION** \_\_\_\_\_

**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
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists?
  - Provides additional season length and increased daily bag limit with the objective of increasing harvest to meet population objective.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Yes

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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## GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

### PUBLIC WATER ZONING CHAPTER 41:04:02:11

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	January 28, 2021	Pierre
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	March 4, 2021	Pierre
	<b>Finalization</b>	March 4, 2021	Pierre

#### (Game Fish and Parks) DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes:

To extend the No Wake Zone at the St. Francis Boat ramp from its current 450-foot distance to 1,050-feet.

(See attached maps)

Requirements and Restrictions:

(INSERT ANY REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS THAT APPLY TO THE RULE HERE)

Recommended changes:

- (1) In the North Point Area of Lake Francis Case in the waters of ~~St. Francis Bay and~~ Prairie Dog Bay starting at the center of the respective boat ramps and extending outward in a 450-foot radius ~~are~~ **is** a “no wake zone”
- (2) **In the North Point Area of Lake Francis Case in the waters of St. Francis Bay and** ~~Prairie Dog Bay~~ starting at the center of the respective boat ramp and extending outward in a 1,050-foot radius **is** a “no wake zone”

#### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Due to a significant increase in beach use, recreational boating, and fishing; staff has seen an increased risk for accidents in this congested area making public safety a concern.

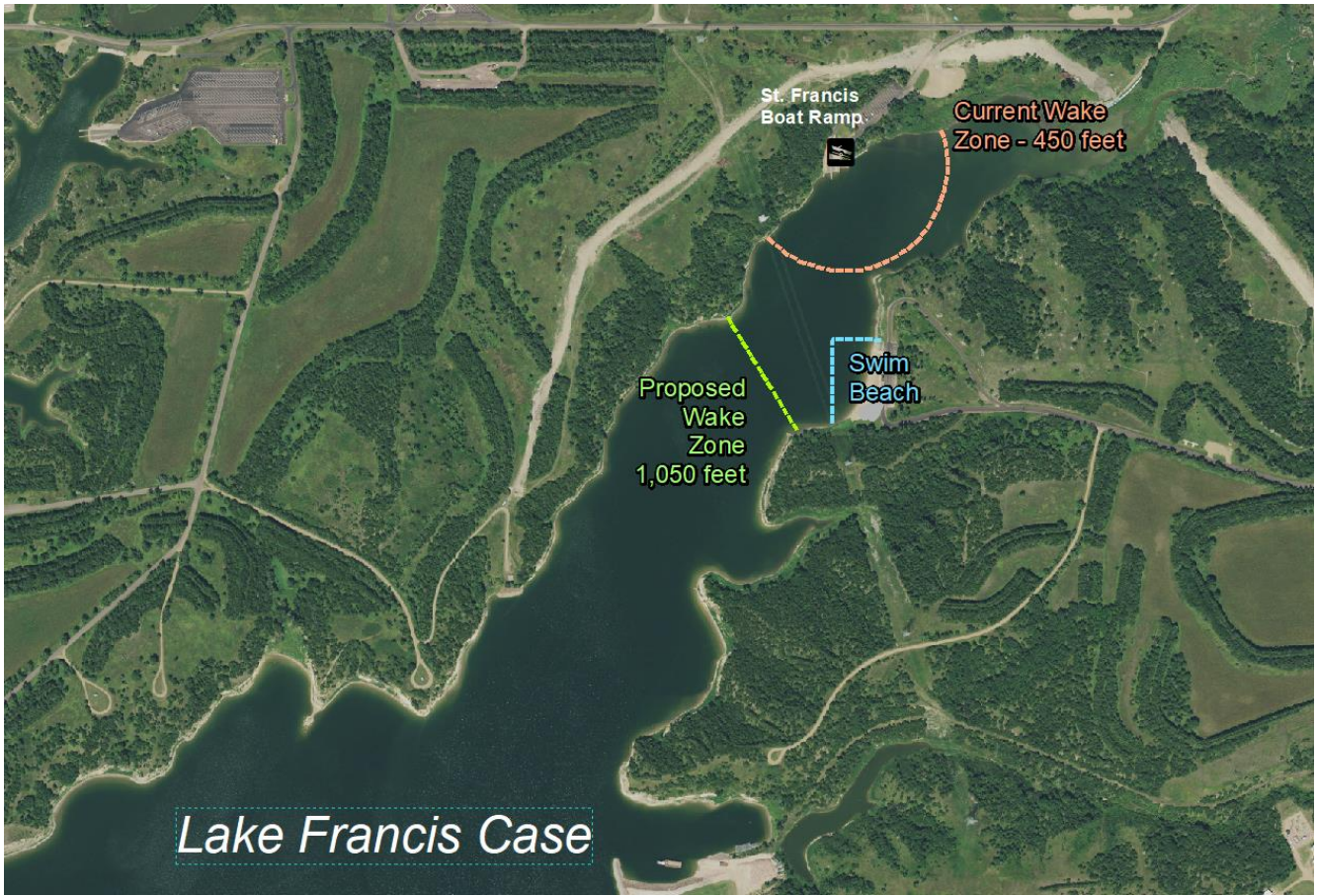
The St. Francis beach is the North Point Rec. Area’s largest and most popular swimming beach in the district. Due to the topography it is protected from high winds, making it a very popular area for swimmers and kayakers alike.

From the swimming beach buoys to the opposite shoreline there is approx. 200 yards of distance. This is a narrow area for the multiple recreational boaters that are towing skiers and tubers just outside the swim area, along with fisherman who go back and forth from the boat ramp.

North Point Rec. Area offers four public boat ramps with the St. Francis Bay ramp being the smallest of the four. The other three boat ramps all have larger parking lots and are in close proximity, with St. Francis Bay offering 25 parking stalls, Prairie Dog - 201, North Point Bay - 60, and the Fort Randall Marina at 30.

No Wake buoys would be placed across the bay at approx. 100 ft in distance between each other.

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION  
FINALIZATION



☐ APPROVE

☐ MODIFY

☐ REJECT

☐ NO ACTION



# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Application for License

Chapter 41:06:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 4-5, 2021	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 6, 2021	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 6-7, 2021	Custer State Park

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

#### Recommended change from last year:

##### CURRENT RULE

**41:06:01:12. Mentored youth big game license -- Restrictions.** A resident parent or guardian may purchase no more than one mentored "antlerless deer" license, one "doe-fawn antelope" license, one fall "any turkey" license, and one spring "male turkey" license for a designated mentored youth as provided in SDCL [41-6-81](#). No youth participating in a mentored big game hunt may apply for a regular season license for that corresponding species and season.

##### RECOMMENDED RULE

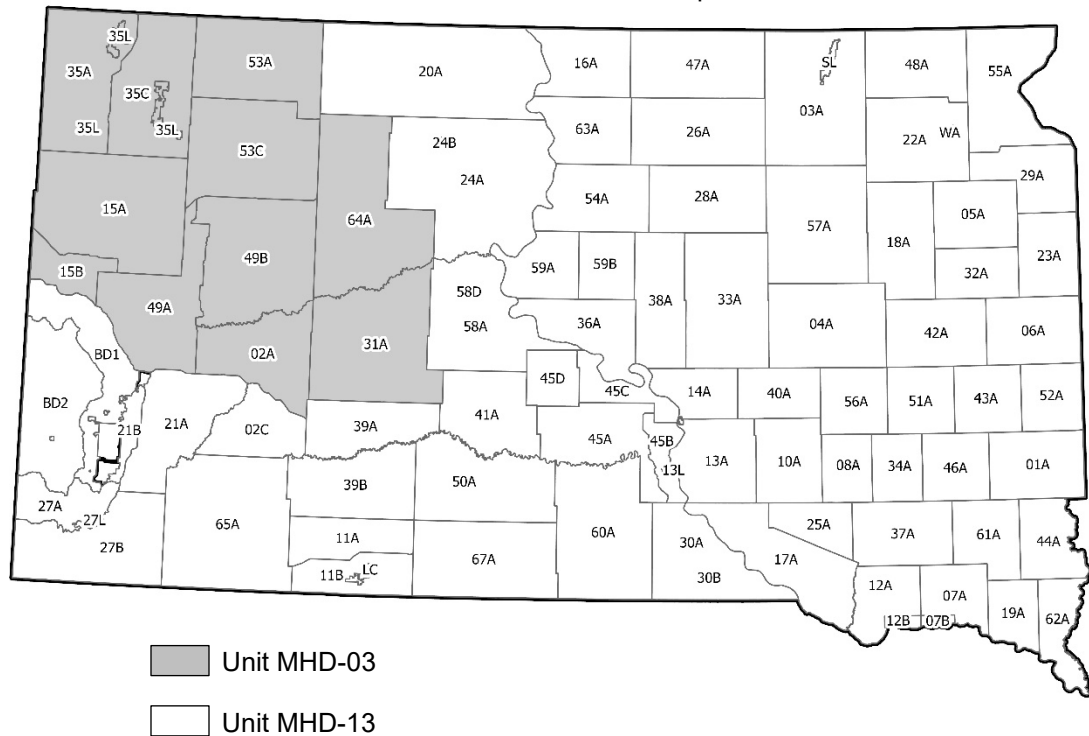
**41:06:01:12. Mentored youth big game license -- Restrictions.** A resident parent or guardian may purchase no more than one mentored "any antlerless deer" license or "antlerless whitetail deer" license, one "doe-fawn antelope" license, one fall "any turkey" license, and one spring "male turkey" license for a designated mentored youth as provided in SDCL [41-6-81](#). No youth participating in a mentored big game hunt may apply for a regular season license for that corresponding species and season.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Mentored deer hunting units would correspond to those of the apprentice deer hunting season. The establishment of these units and license types will reduce harvest of antlerless mule deer in select hunting units to increase mule deer population growth rates, while maintaining current apprentice deer harvest and desired growth rates in other hunting units. Provided the population is growing, increasing growth rates will reduce time to achieve management objectives where the desire is to increase the mule deer population. On average, during 2017 to 2020, about 450 female mule deer were harvested by mentored or apprentice hunters in proposed unit MHD-13. The recommended management change to create a whitetail only mentor and apprentice hunting unit will reduce statewide mule deer female harvest by about 30%.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

Mentored Deer Unit Map



#### 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? 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.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Deer Hunting Season for Disabled Veterans

Chapter 41:06:63

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 4-5, 2021	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 6, 2021	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 6-7, 2021	Custer State Park

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

#### Recommended change from last year:

1. Within Article 41:06 (Hunting Seasons and Methods) of the Administrative Rules of South Dakota, create Chapter 41:06:63 (Deer Hunting Season for Disabled Veterans).
2. Deer hunts authorized for qualifying disabled veterans and purple heart recipients may be established anytime during any open deer season upon application by a sponsoring nonprofit organization.
3. These deer hunts are valid for residents only and statewide on private lands only.
4. Up to 50 resident "any deer" licenses shall be made available, with no more than 10 resident "any deer" licenses per sponsoring nonprofit organization.
5. Sponsoring nonprofit organization will be responsible for license fees.
6. Sponsoring nonprofit organization shall complete and submit an application to the department stating the name, address, and phone number of the sponsoring organization; the requested dates of the hunts; the location of the hunt; and the name of any host landowners providing the land for the hunt.
7. The sponsor of a deer hunt for disabled veterans or purple heart recipients shall provide a report to the department after the conclusion of the seasons. The report must include the name and address of each participant and the total number of deer harvested during the season.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

All Americans owe a debt of gratitude to our military veterans, especially to those who may have suffered disabilities as a direct result of their military service. In an effort to provide the opportunity for qualifying disabled veterans to participate in a special deer hunt, the Department, in cooperation with sponsoring nonprofit organizations in South Dakota, would like to encourage the Commission to create a small number of resident "any deer" licenses valid on private land only. These licenses would be issued to qualifying disabled veterans participating through a sponsoring nonprofit organization approved by the department. Due to the limited numbers of licenses issued through these deer hunts, along with the fact that these licenses will be valid only on private land, these deer hunts would not impact the odds of drawing a big game license for any of our states other big game applicants.

### 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

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

### 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, for disabled veterans and purple heart recipients.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Provides a unique deer hunting opportunity for eligible disabled veterans and purple heart recipients.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Yes.

### FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Apprentice Hunter Deer Season

Chapter 41:06:44

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 4-5, 2021	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 6, 2021	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 6-7, 2021	Custer State Park

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2021 and 2022 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** September 11, 2021 – January 1, 2022  
September 10, 2022 – January 1, 2023

**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)

**Licenses:** Unit APD-03: Single tag “any antlerless deer” license  
Unit APD-13: Single tag “antlerless whitetail deer” license

### **Requirements and Restrictions:**

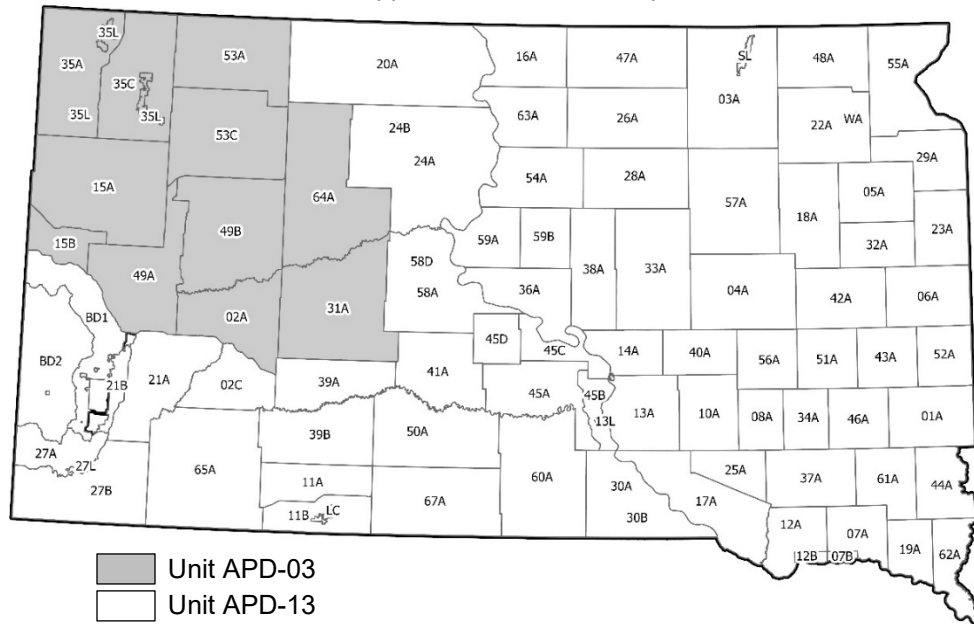
1. Both residents and nonresidents that have not reached the age of 18 years old on June 30 may purchase an apprentice hunter deer license. In addition, any resident hunter who has not previously held a license to hunt deer during the previous 10 years in South Dakota may purchase an apprentice hunter deer license.
2. Each hunter must be accompanied by an adult while hunting.
3. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
4. Receipt of a license does not affect eligibility for other seasons.
5. Hunters may purchase one (1) apprentice hunter deer license valid for either Unit APD-03 or Unit APD-13.
6. Custer State Park, Waubay State Game Bird Refuge and the Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management South unit and the signed portion of the North unit are closed to those with an apprentice hunter deer license.

### **Recommended change from last year:**

1. Modify the statewide unit and “any antlerless deer” license to the following:
  - a. Unit APD-03: West River Units 02A, 15A, 15B, 31A, 35A, 35C, 35L, 49A, 49B, 53A, 53C and 64A (See map for open area)
    - i. Single tag “any antlerless deer” license
  - b. Unit APD-13: That portion of the state not included in Unit APD-03 (See map for open area)
    - i. Single tag “antlerless whitetail deer” license

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

## Apprentice Deer Unit Map



### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The establishment of these units and license types will reduce harvest of antlerless mule deer in select hunting units to increase mule deer population growth rates, while maintaining current apprentice deer harvest and desired growth rates in other hunting units. Provided the population is growing, increasing growth rates will reduce time to achieve management objectives where the desire is to increase the mule deer population. On average, during 2017 to 2020, about 450 female mule deer were harvested by mentored or apprentice hunters in proposed unit APD-13. The recommended management change to create a whitetail only mentor and apprentice hunting unit will reduce statewide mule deer female harvest by about 30%.

Of the 4,302 apprentice hunter deer licenses issued for the 2020 deer hunting season, 674 licenses (16%) were issued to residents that were 18 years of age or older.

### 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? 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.

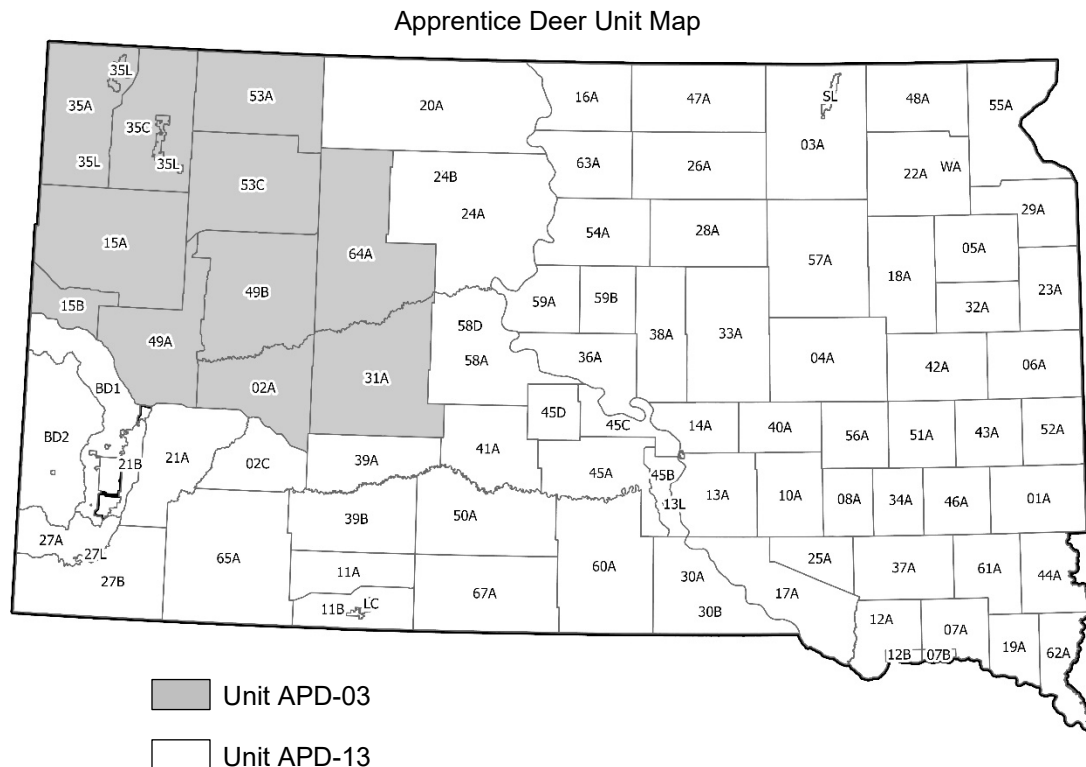
### FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

## Apprentice Hunter Deer Season 2021-2022 “Antlerless License” Restrictions

1. Unit APD-03: West River Units 02A, 15A, 15B, 31A, 35A, 35C, 35L, 49A, 49B, 53A, 53C and 64A. Single tag “any antlerless deer” license.
2. Unit APD-13: That portion of the state not included in Unit APD-03. Single tag “antlerless whitetail deer” license.
3. Apprentice deer hunters may purchase one (1) deer license.



# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Archery Deer Hunting Season 41:06:22

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 4-5, 2021	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 6, 2021	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 6-7, 2021	Custer State Park

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2021 and 2022 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** September 1, 2021 – January 1, 2022  
September 1, 2022 – January 1, 2023

**Open Area:** “Any Deer” Licenses: Statewide, East River, West River  
“Antlerless Whitetail Deer” Licenses: Unit ARD-LM1  
“Any Antlerless Deer” Licenses: Custer, Rapid City and Sioux Falls city limits

**Licenses:** Unlimited “any deer” licenses  
Unlimited single tag “antlerless whitetail deer” licenses  
Limited single tag “any antlerless deer” licenses (determined by Department and respective municipalities)

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Resident and nonresident hunters may purchase one (1) statewide “any deer” license or one (1) East River “any deer” license and one (1) West River “any deer” license.
2. Residents and nonresidents may purchase one (1) “antlerless whitetail deer” license.
3. Individuals may purchase one “antlerless whitetail deer” license for Unit ARD-LM1 (see map).
4. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
5. Sand Lake NWR is open October 16, 2021 – January 1, 2022 and October 15, 2022 – January 1, 2023, except during the refuge firearm deer seasons.
6. Waubay Lake State Game Refuge and Waubay National Wildlife Refuge in Day County are open through January 1, except during refuge firearm deer seasons.
7. Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge is open through January 1, except during the refuge firearm deer seasons.
8. Licensees must obtain an access permit from the Department issued by lottery drawing before hunting Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve and Good Earth State Park.

**Recommended changes from last year:**

1. Adjust license numbers from no more than 500 one-tag “any antlerless deer” to 1,000 one-tag “any antlerless deer” for current and future archery deer municipality hunting units.
2. Adjust number of access permits from no more than 5 “any deer” and 30 “antlerless whitetail deer” to 10 “any deer” and 50 “antlerless whitetail deer” for Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve.
3. Adjust number of access permits from no more than 5 “any deer” and zero “antlerless whitetail deer” to 10 “any deer” and 25 “antlerless whitetail deer” for Goode Earth State Park.

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## SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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 2020 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	Resident Licenses	Nonresident Licenses	"Any Deer" Licenses	"Antlerless Whitetail" Licenses	Hunter Success	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	Deer Harvested
2016	24,531	3,474	24,111	3,894	27%	4,780	1,987	824	89	7,680
2017	25,512	3,800	25,137	4,175	26%	4,750	1,775	961	136	7,622
2018	26,660	4,449	26,774	4,335	27%	5,079	1,950	1,166	151	8,346
2019	25,970	4,325	25,202	5,093	29%	5,436	2,210	910	140	8,696
2020	29,551	4,692	28,645	5,598	35%	6,163	2,767	1,259	151	10,340

2020 harvest estimates are preliminary.

## 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.

## FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_

REJECT \_\_\_\_\_

NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

## Archery Deer Hunting Season 2021-2022 “Antlerless License” Restrictions

1. The Unit ARD-LM1 single-tag “antlerless whitetail deer” license is valid in only the gray shaded areas, as those units have firearm antlerless deer licenses.

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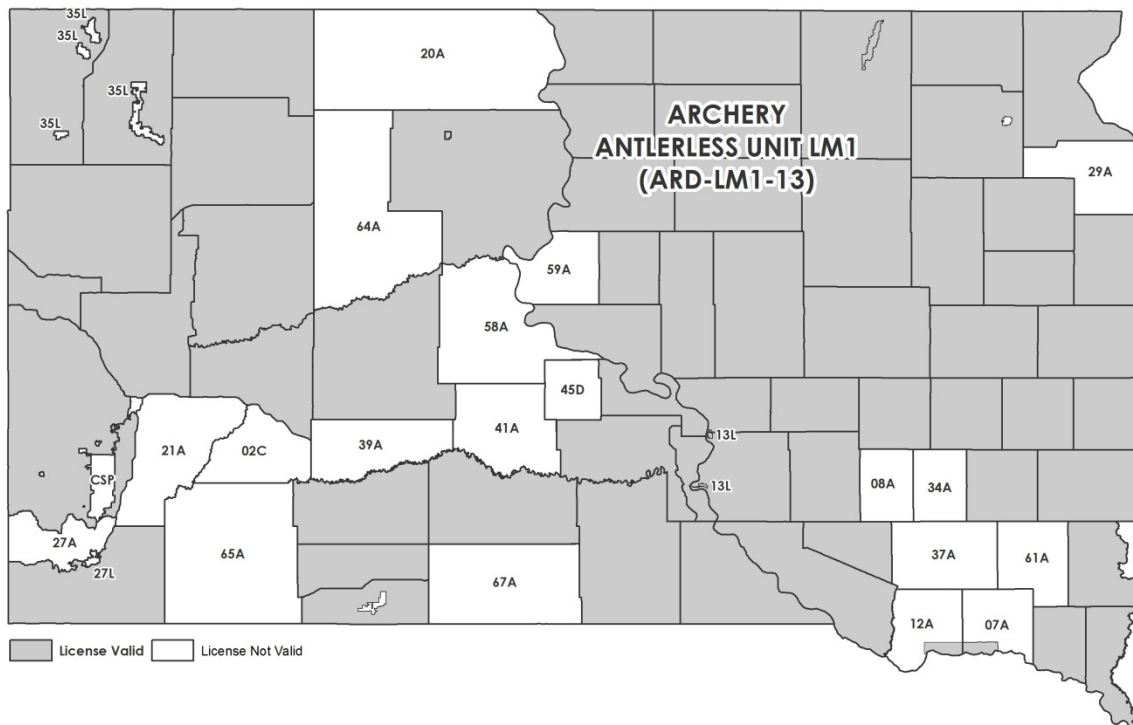
### Archery Antlerless Whitetail Deer

#### Unit ARD-LM1

##### 2021-2022 Map

Preliminary harvest data for the 2020 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.

##### 2019-2020 Map for Reference



# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Black Hills Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:19

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>March 4-5, 2021</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>May 6, 2021</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>May 6-7, 2021</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2021 and 2022 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** November 1-30

**Open Area:** Black Hills

**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. One-half of the resident licenses allocated for each unit are available for landowner preference.

### **Recommended changes from last year:**

1. Adjust the number of resident licenses from no more than 4,800 one-tag deer licenses to no more than 5,500 one-tag deer licenses.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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 2020 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	Resident Licenses	Nonresident Licenses	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Hunter Success
2016	4,120	325	2,604	505	86	2	3,198	72%
2017	4,319	343	2,616	630	79	0	3,325	71%
2018	4,366	344	2,260	643	86	12	3,001	64%
2019	4,838	375	2,258	847	57	0	3,161	60%
2020	4,850	343	2,293	894	75	7	3,269	64%

2020 harvest estimates are preliminary.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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#### 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

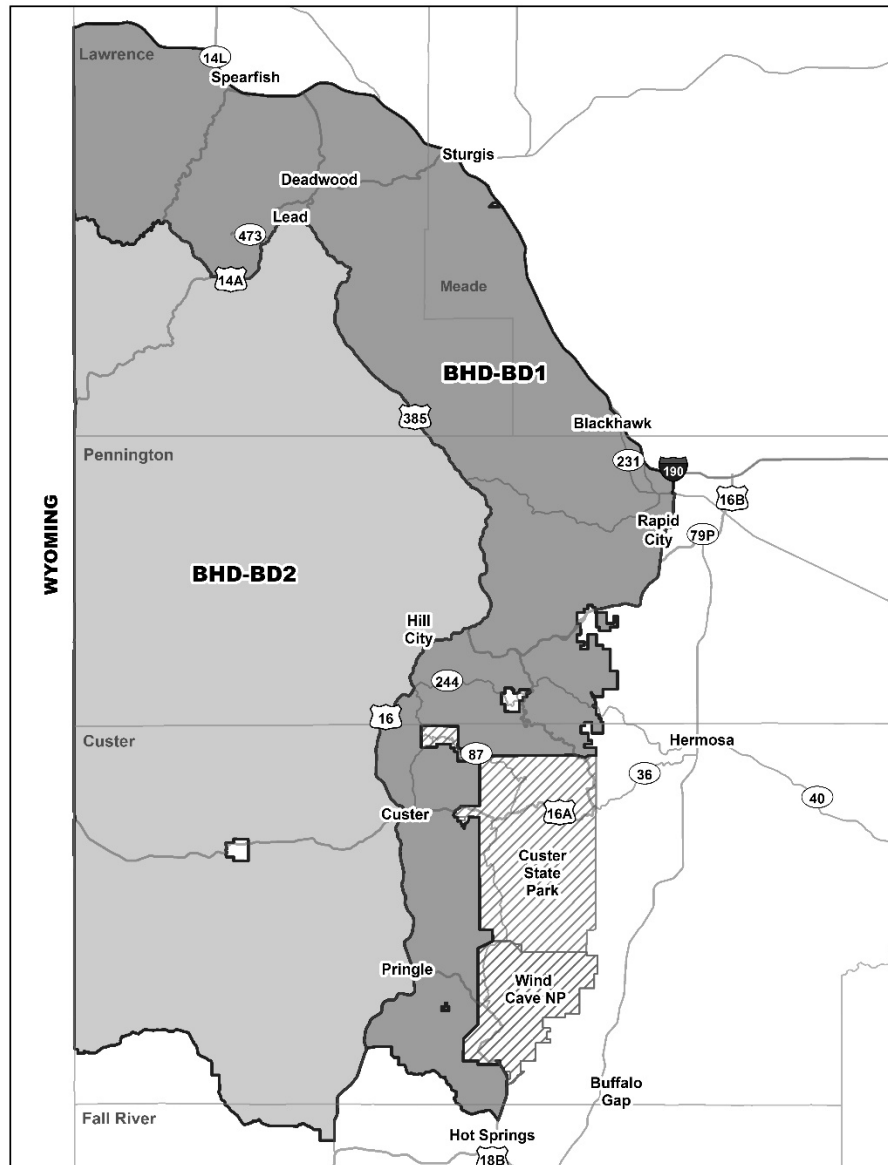
1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? Not applicable.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Not applicable.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.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

#### FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

# BLACK HILLS DEER UNITS



**BH1 – All of the area in BD1 and BD2**

## Black Hills Deer Licenses – 2021 and 2022

Preliminary harvest data for the 2020 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.

# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 4-5, 2021	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 6, 2021	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 6-7, 2021	Custer State Park

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2021 and 2022 hunting seasons

**Unit Dates:** CUD-1: November 1-30 (only archery equipment allowed from November 1-15)  
CUD-2: December 1-15

**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. Applicants successful in drawing an “any” tag type are ineligible for the license again for 10 years.
2. “Any Deer” and “Any Whitetail Deer” licenses are valid November 1-30, with only archery equipment allowed from November 1-15.

**Recommended changes from last year:**

1. Adjust the number of resident licenses from no more than 88 one-tag deer licenses to no more than 100 one-tag deer licenses.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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 2020 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	License Type	Applicants	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Success
2016	Any WT	2,088*	10				10	100%
	Antlerless WT			19			19	63%
2017	Any Deer	2,391*	3		1		4	80%
	Any WT		27				27	92%
	Antlerless WT			12			12	38%
2018	Any Deer	2,503*	3				4	60%
	Any WT		22	1			23	79%
	Antlerless WT			9			9	32%
2019	Any Deer	1,199*	1		3		4	75%
	Any WT		25	1			25	77%
	Antlerless WT			24			24	49%
2020	Any Deer	1,080*	1		3		4	75%
	Any WT		26				26	80%
	Antlerless WT			25			25	50%

\*Number of applicants is for all seasons combined.  
2020 harvest estimates are preliminary.

#### 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.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## General Muzzleloading Deer Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:45

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>March 4-5, 2021</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>May 6, 2021</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>May 6-7, 2021</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2021 and 2022 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** December 1, 2021 – January 1, 2022  
December 1, 2022 – January 1, 2023

**Open Area:** “Any Deer” Licenses: Statewide  
“Antlerless Whitetail Deer” Licenses: Unit MZD-LM1

**Licenses:** 1,000 “any deer” licenses  
Unlimited single tag “antlerless whitetail deer” licenses

### **Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Only residents are eligible to apply for “any deer” tags. Residents and nonresidents may purchase “antlerless whitetail deer” licenses.
2. Individuals may purchase one “antlerless whitetail deer” license for Unit MZD-LM1 (see map).
3. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
4. Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge, Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, Waubay State Game Refuge, Farm Island State Recreation Area, LaFramboise Island Nature Area, and the Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management South unit and the signed portion of the North unit are closed to general muzzleloading deer hunting.

### **Recommended changes from last year:**

1. Adjust resident license numbers from no more than 1,000 one-tag “any deer” licenses to 1,500 one-tag “any deer” deer licenses.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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 2020 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	1st Choice Applications	"Any Deer" Licenses	"Antlerless Deer" Licenses	Hunter Success	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	Deer Harvested
2016	7,931	961	2,806	37%	313	703	88	6	1,132
2017	7,845	1,009	2,423	36%	263	865	117	4	1,251
2018	8,191	1,030	2,353	36%	275	808	110	14	1,208
2019	5,159	1,008	2,332	36%	295	795	112	17	1,219
2020	3,913	1,004	2,703	39%	281	973	172	18	1,445

2020 harvest estimates are preliminary.

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#### 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.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

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NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

## Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Season 2021-2022 “Antlerless License” Restrictions

1. The Unit MZD-LM1 single-tag “antlerless whitetail deer” license is valid in only the gray shaded areas, as those units have firearm antlerless deer licenses.

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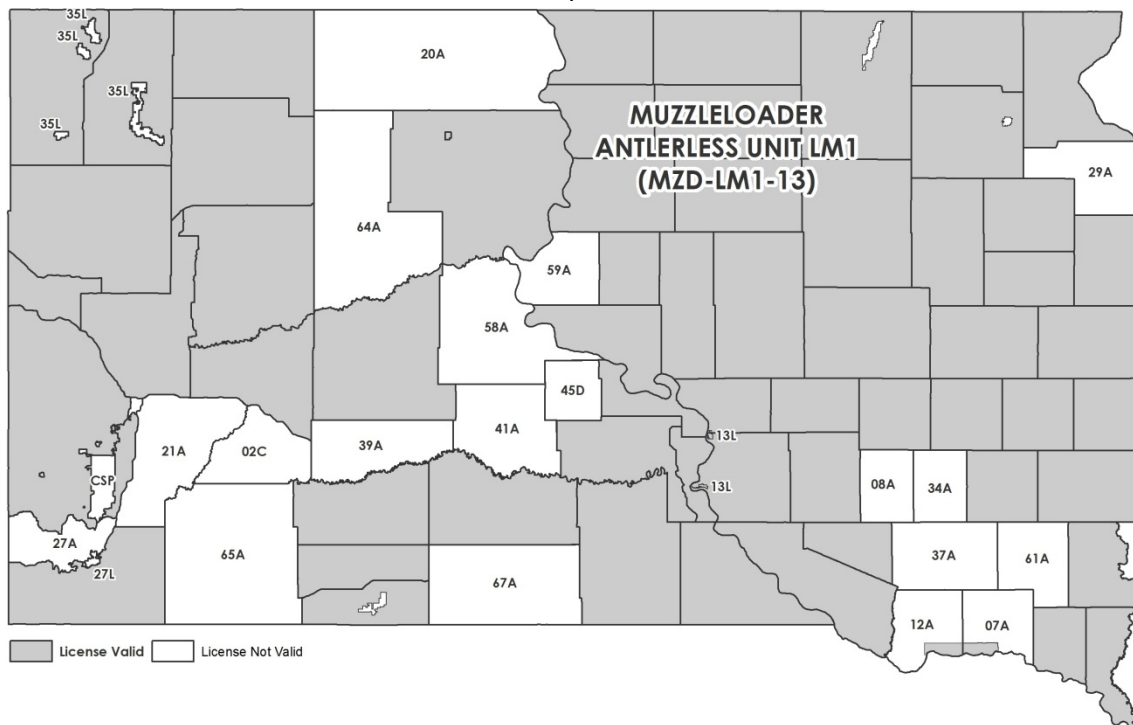
### Muzzleloader Antlerless Whitetail Deer

#### Unit MZD-LM1

#### 2021-2022 Map

Preliminary harvest data for the 2020 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.

2019-2020 Map for Reference



# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 4-5, 2021	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 6, 2021	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 6-7, 2021	Custer State Park

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2021 and 2022 hunting seasons

**2021 Season Dates:** Sand Lake NWR November 13-17, November 18-22, November 23-28, November 29 – December 5, December 6-12, and December 13-21 (unfilled antlerless licenses only)  
Lacreek NWR October 20-19 and November 24-30  
Waubay NWR\* November 13-21 and November 27 – December 5  
\* includes Waubay State Game Bird Refuge

**2022 Season Dates:** Sand Lake NWR November 12-16, November 17-21, November 22-27, November 28 – December 4, December 5-11, and December 12-20 (unfilled antlerless licenses only)  
Lacreek NWR October 19-25 and November 23-29  
Waubay NWR\* November 12-20 and November 26 – December 4  
\* includes Waubay State Game Bird Refuge

**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. 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.

### **Recommended changes from last year:**

1. For Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, adjust resident license numbers from no more than 105 one-tag deer licenses to 200 one-tag and 100 two-tag deer licenses.
2. For Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, adjust resident license numbers from no more than 20 one-tag deer licenses to 100 one-tag and 50 two-tag deer licenses.
3. For Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, adjust resident license numbers from no more than 20 one-tag deer licenses to 75 one-tag deer licenses.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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 2020 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.

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Table includes harvest data from Sand Lake, Lacreek and Waubay National Wildlife Refuges.

Year	Licenses	Bucks Harvested	Does Harvested	Total Harvest	Hunter Success
2016	200	40	11	51	26%
2017	215	57	19	76	35%
2018	195	60	21	81	42%
2019	158	42	13	55	35%
2020	159	53	5	58	36%

2020 harvest estimates are preliminary.

#### 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.

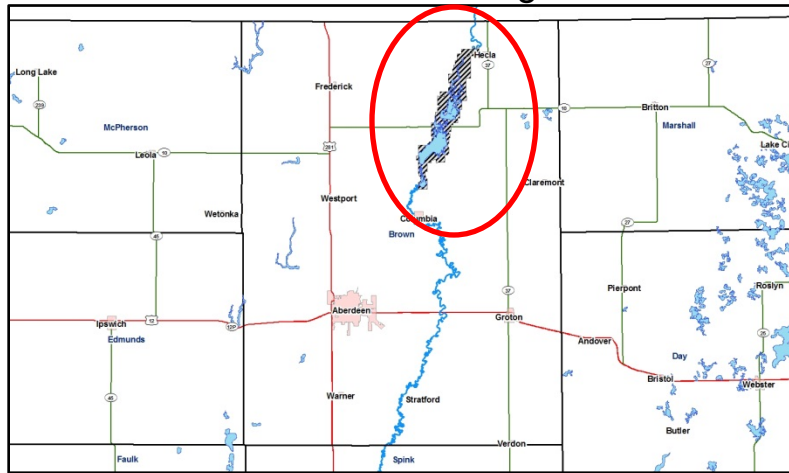
#### FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

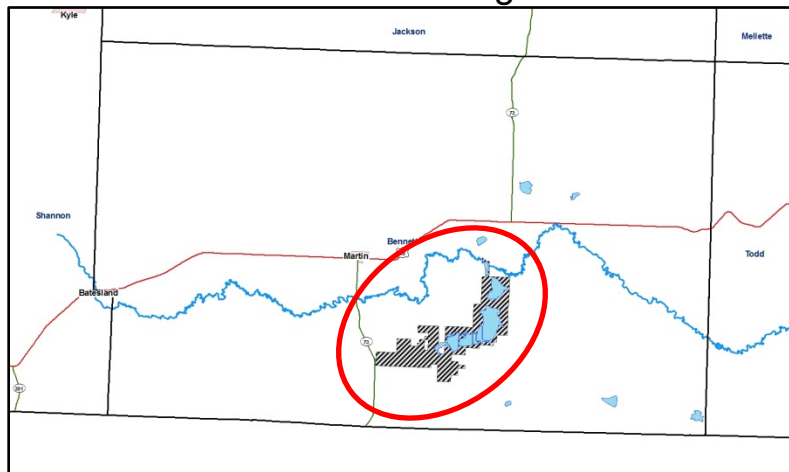
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# REFUGE DEER UNITS

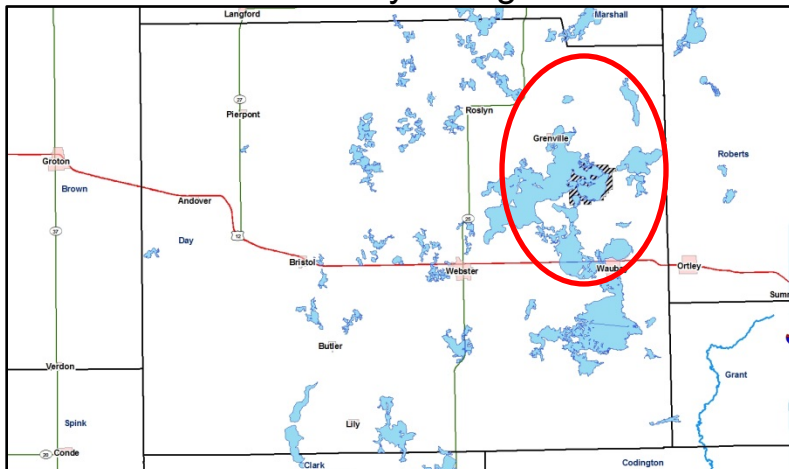
## Sand Lake Refuge



## Lacreek Refuge



## Waubay Refuge



# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 4-5, 2021	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 6, 2021	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 6-7, 2021	Custer State Park

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2021 and 2022 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** All units excluding Gregory County: November 13-28, 2021  
Gregory County (Unit 30A): November 6-9 and November 22-28, 2021  
Gregory County (Unit 30B): November 13-28, 2021  
Antlerless deer tags only: December 11-19, 2021

All units excluding Gregory County: November 12-27, 2022  
Gregory County (Unit 30A): November 5-8 and November 21-27, 2022  
Gregory County (Unit 30B): November 12-27, 2022  
Antlerless deer tags only: December 10-18, 2022

**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.
2. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference applicants.
3. 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.
4. Only persons using a wheelchair may apply for the licenses in Stanley County (Unit 58D) designated as a special "Hunters with Disabilities Unit."

**Recommended changes from last year:**

1. Adjust resident license numbers from no more than 12,308 one-tag, 5,220 two-tag deer licenses and 400 three-tag deer licenses to 20,000 one-tag, 15,000 two-tag deer licenses and 10,000 three-tag deer licenses.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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 2020 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.

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Year	Licenses Sold	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Tag 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%

2020 harvest estimates are preliminary.

#### 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

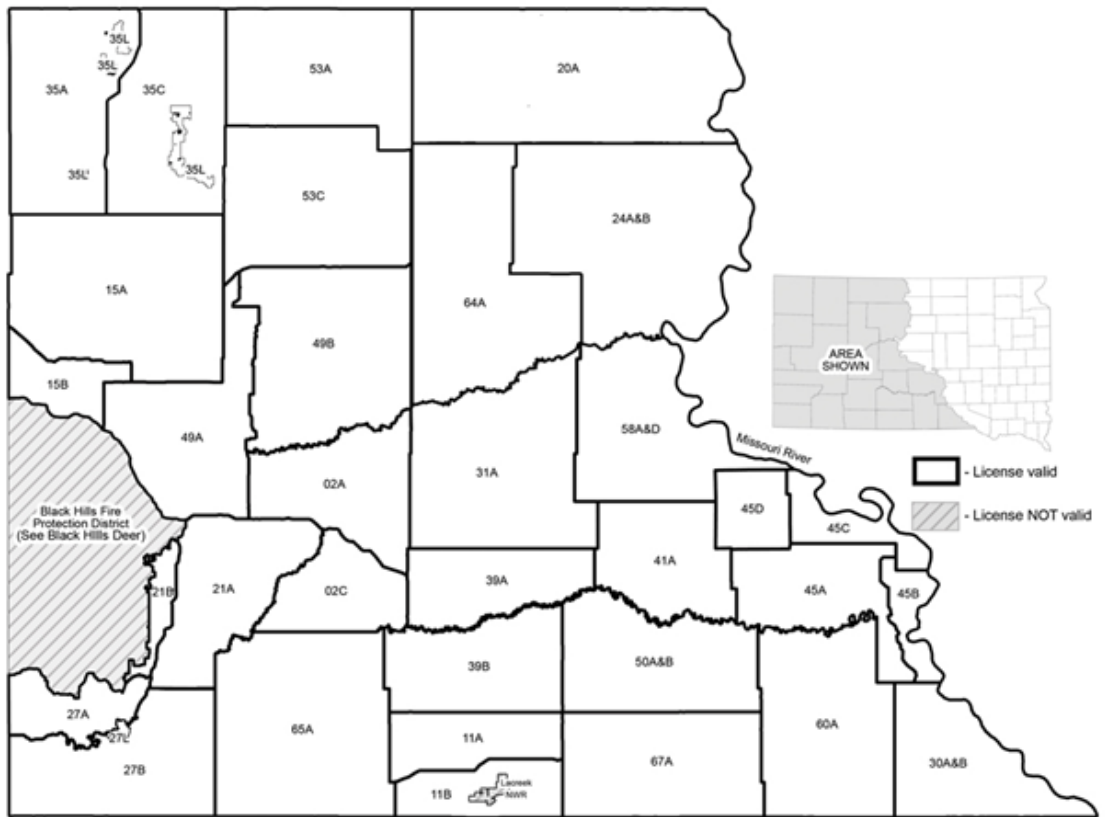
1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? Not applicable.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Not applicable.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.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

#### FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

# WEST RIVER DEER UNITS



## 2019 and 2020 - West River Deer License & Tag Numbers

Preliminary harvest data for the 2020 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.



# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## East River Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:21

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 4-5, 2021	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 6, 2021	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 6-7, 2021	Custer State Park

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2021 and 2022 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** November 20 – December 5, 2021  
December 11-19, 2021 – for antlerless deer tags only  
  
November 19 – December 4, 2022  
December 10-18, 2022 – for antlerless deer tags only

**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. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference.
2. In addition to these licenses, 500 “any deer” licenses are available through the “Special Buck” application.
3. Landowners not possessing a license that allows the harvest of a buck may purchase an “any deer” or a two-tag “any deer + antlerless deer” license that is valid on their property only.
4. Initially, all licenses are available only to residents. Nonresidents may apply for licenses remaining after the second lottery drawing.
5. A portion of southeastern Minnehaha County is closed to hunting with firearms other than muzzleloaders and shotguns using slugs.
6. Only unfilled “any antlerless deer” and “antlerless whitetail deer” tags are valid for 9 days beginning on the third Saturday after Thanksgiving.

### **Recommended changes from last year:**

1. Adjust resident license numbers from no more than 24,510 one-tag and 2,800 two-tag tag deer licenses to 30,000 one-tag and 15,000 two-tag and 5,000 three-tag deer licenses.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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 2020 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.

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Year	Licenses Sold	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Tag Success
2016	25,479	8,755	7,207	287	69	16,319	44%
2017	25,406	9,143	5,485	194	57	14,879	48%
2018	26,375	9,087	5,470	238	57	14,853	48%
2019	27,836	7,788	4,977	191	20	12,976	46%
2020	26,662	8,704	5,214	227	20	14,164	52%

2020 harvest estimates are preliminary.

#### 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

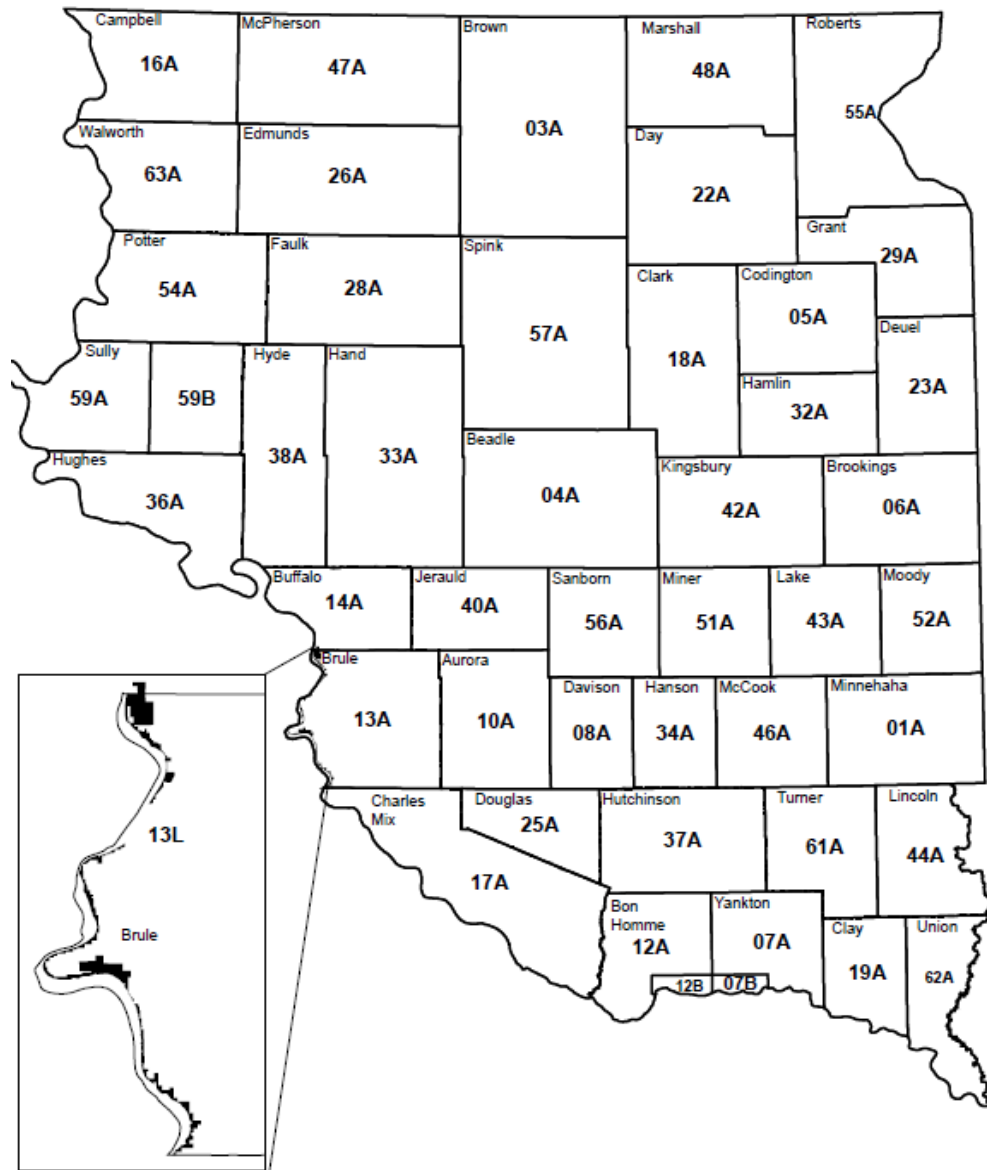
1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? Not applicable.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Not applicable.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.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

#### FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

# EAST RIVER DEER UNITS



## 2021-2022 – License and Tag Numbers by Unit

Preliminary harvest data for the 2020 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.

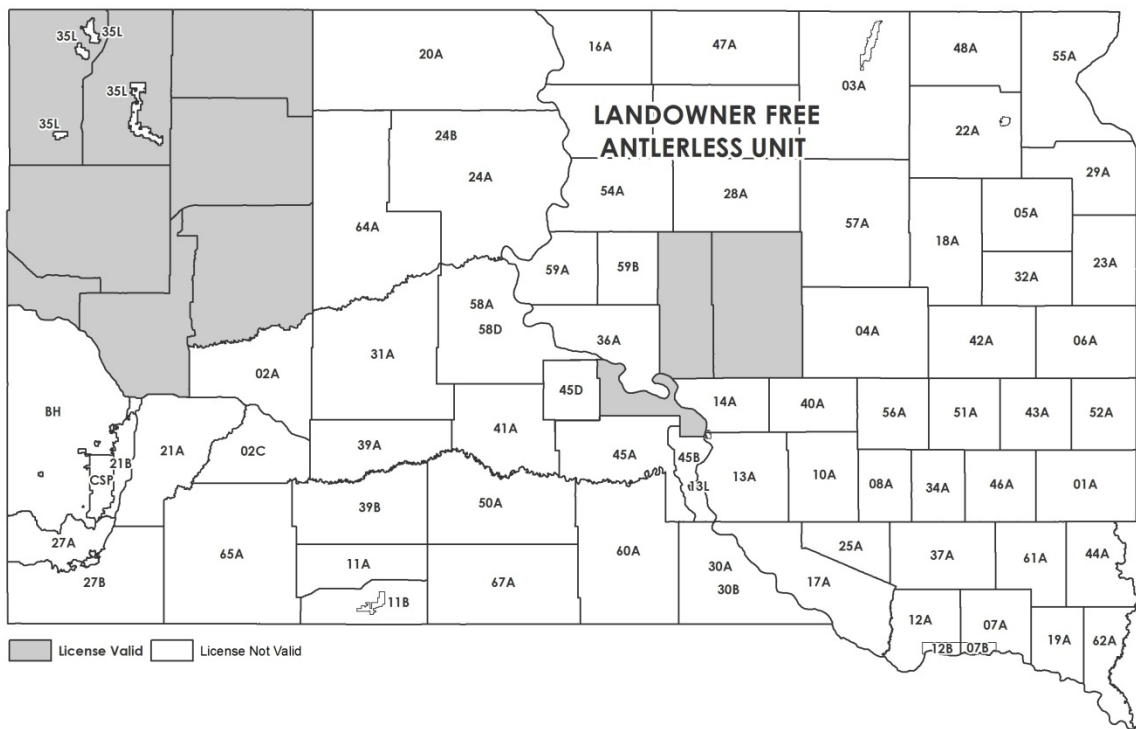
## Landowner Free Antlerless Deer License

1. **41:06:01:13. Designation of areas where free antlerless deer licenses can be used by farmers and ranchers.** Antlerless licenses authorized by SDCL 41-6-19.8 may be issued to any qualifying farmer or rancher for use in the West River, East River, Youth, Archery, and Muzzleloading deer hunting seasons. “Antlerless whitetail” deer licenses will be available to qualifying applicants in hunting units which offer a deer license with multiple tags for antlerless deer (e.g. double or triple tag “any antlerless” deer and “antlerless whitetail” deer licenses) in the lottery drawing for the East River and West River deer seasons. The requirements and equipment restrictions for each deer season apply to any free antlerless license issued.

## 2021-2022 Map

Preliminary harvest data for the 2020 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.

## 2019-2020 Map for Reference



# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Youth Pheasant Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:55

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 4-5, 2021	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 6, 2021	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 6-7, 2021	Custer State Park

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2021, 2022 and 2023 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** September 25, 2021 – October 3, 2021  
September 24, 2022 – October 2, 2022  
September 30, 2023 – October 8, 2023

**Open Area:** Statewide except road rights-of-way

**Daily Limit:** 3 cock pheasants

**Possession Limit:** 15 cock pheasants

### **Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Shooting hours are 10:00 am (central time) to sunset.
2. Properly licensed resident and nonresident youth are eligible.
3. Any person who has not reached age 18.
4. Youth hunters must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and the accompanying adult may not carry a firearm or actively participate in shooting pheasants.

**Recommended changes from last year:** None.

### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

No recommended changes; not applicable.

### RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

No recommended changes; not applicable.

### FISCAL IMPACT

No recommended changes; not applicable.

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# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Resident Pheasant Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:58

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal Public Hearing Finalization	March 4-5, 2021 May 6, 2021 May 6-7, 2021	Pierre Custer State Park Custer State Park
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### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2021, 2022 and 2023 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** October 9-11, 2021  
October 8-10, 2022  
October 14-16, 2023

**Open area:** Lands open to public hunting that include U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Waterfowl Production Areas, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property adjacent to the Missouri River, U.S. Forest Service National Grasslands property, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation property, State School and Public Land, Department owned, managed or leased property otherwise open to hunting, and Department managed or leased property designated as Walk-In Area. Also includes public road rights-of-way as defined in state law which are contiguous to and a part of those public lands as identified above. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuges are not open.

**Daily limit:** 3 cock pheasants

**Possession limit:** 9 cock pheasants

### **Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Shooting hours are 10:00 a.m. (central time) to sunset.
2. Only residents of the state are eligible to hunt during this season.

**Recommended changes from last year:** None.

### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

No recommended changes; not applicable.

### RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

No recommended changes; not applicable.

### FISCAL IMPACT

No recommended changes; not applicable.

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# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Pheasant Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:08

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal Public Hearing Finalization	March 4-5, 2021 May 6, 2021 May 6-7, 2021	Pierre Custer State Park Custer State Park
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### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2021, 2022 and 2023 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** October 16, 2021 – January 31, 2022  
October 15, 2022 – January 31, 2023  
October 21, 2023 – January 31, 2024

**Open Area:** Statewide

**Daily Limit:** 3 cock pheasants

**Possession Limit:** 15 cock pheasants

#### **Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Shooting hours are 10:00 a.m. (central time) to sunset.
2. Renziehausen GPA and State Game Bird Refuge in Brown County, Gerken State Game Bird Refuge in Faulk County, and Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Brown County are open beginning on the second Monday of December and are open for the remainder of the season.

**Recommended changes from last year:** None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Pheasant Harvest
2015	65,135	84,901	1,255,878
2016	61,746	81,141	1,170,596
2017	52,538	67,232	828,709
2018	53,577	69,018	950,883
2019	47,403	53,801	824,496

### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

No recommended changes; not applicable.

### RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

No recommended changes; not applicable.

### FISCAL IMPACT

No recommended changes; not applicable.

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# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Grouse Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:09

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal Public Hearing Finalization	March 4-5, 2021 May 6, 2021 May 6-7, 2021	Pierre Custer State Park Custer State Park
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### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2021, 2022 and 2023 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** September 18, 2021 – January 31, 2022  
September 17, 2022 – January 31, 2023  
September 16, 2023 – January 31, 2024

**Open Area:** Statewide

**Daily Limit:** 3 (any combination of sharp-tailed grouse, prairie chickens and ruffed grouse)

**Possession Limit:** 15 (any combination)

#### **Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.

#### **Recommended changes from last year:**

1. For Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, modify the season start date from the third Saturday of October to the third Saturday of September.
2. Modify the season end date from the first Sunday of January to January 31.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge staff were unaware of this season restriction and have requested their grouse season to align with the statewide season dates.

After further discussion on season dates for other upland game birds, the Department recommends extending the grouse hunting season end date to January 31. With the pheasant hunting season end date extended to January 31 during the 2020 hunting season, hunting opportunity for prairie grouse could also be extended without having any negative impact on the population. South Dakota is one of just a few other states that offer an opportunity to harvest ring-necked pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, and greater prairie-chicken. When evaluating harvest estimates from South Dakota and surrounding states, it is estimated that nearly 90% of the total grouse harvest occurs during the months of September and October. While limited harvest is expected to occur into January, it would provide an opportunity for pheasant hunters to opportunistically harvest prairie grouse.

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Grouse Harvest
2015	7,866	5,032	49,894
2016	7,199	5,203	42,905
2017	5,703	3,645	22,153
2018	5,868	3,979	23,860
2019	5,583	4,637	30,053

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#### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

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.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Provides additional upland game bird hunting opportunities.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Yes.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

No recommended changes; not applicable.

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# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Quail Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:11

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal Public Hearing Finalization	March 4-5, 2021 May 6, 2021 May 6-7, 2021	Pierre Custer State Park Custer State Park
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### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2021, 2022 and 2023 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** October 16, 2021 – January 2, 2022  
October 15, 2022 – January 1, 2023  
October 21, 2023 – January 7, 2024

**Open Area:** Statewide

**Daily Limit:** 5 quail

**Possession Limit:** 15 quail

#### **Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.

**Recommended change from last year:** None.

### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

No recommended changes; not applicable.

### RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

No recommended changes; not applicable.

### FISCAL IMPACT

No recommended changes; not applicable.

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# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Mourning Dove Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:40

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 4-5, 2021	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 6, 2021	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 6-7, 2021	Custer State Park

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2021, 2022 and 2023 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** September 1 – November 9, 2021  
September 1 – November 9, 2022  
September 1 – November 9, 2023

**Open Area:** Statewide

**Daily Limit:** 15 mourning doves

**Possession Limit:** 45 mourning doves

### **Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
2. Doves may only be shot while in flight.
3. That portion of Angostura State Recreation Area lying west of the dam is open to dove hunting.
4. All other state parks and state recreation areas are closed to dove hunting.

**Recommended changes from last year:** None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Dove Harvest
2015	7,255	396	134,922
2016	7,131	318	126,477
2017	6,828	275	127,515
2018	6,531	275	124,406
2019	6,003	290	106,598

### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

No recommended changes; not applicable.

### RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

No recommended changes; not applicable.

### FISCAL IMPACT

No recommended changes; not applicable.

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# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Partridge Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:12

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal Public Hearing Finalization	March 4-5, 2021 May 6, 2021 May 6-7, 2021	Pierre Custer State Park Custer State Park
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### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2021, 2022 and 2023 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** September 18, 2021 – January 2, 2022  
September 17, 2022 – January 1, 2023  
September 16, 2023 – January 7, 2024

**Open Area:** Statewide

**Daily Limit:** 5 partridge

**Possession Limit:** 15 partridge

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.

**Recommended changes from last year:** None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Partridge Harvest
2015	3,189	2,133	10,859
2016	2,516	2,204	10,325
2017	2,005	1,682	4,720
2018	1,672	1,904	5,123
2019	1,850	1,565	4,181

### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

No recommended changes; not applicable.

### RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

No recommended changes; not applicable.

### FISCAL IMPACT

No recommended changes; not applicable.

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# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Crow Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:39

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal Public Hearing Finalization	March 4-5, 2021 May 6, 2021 May 6-7, 2021	Pierre Custer State Park Custer State Park
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### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2021, 2022 and 2023 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** September 1 – October 31, 2021  
March 1 – April 30, 2022

September 1 – October 31, 2022  
March 1 – April 30, 2023

September 1 – October 31, 2023  
March 1 – April 30, 2024

**Open Area:** Statewide

**Daily Limit:** Unlimited

**Possession Limit:** Unlimited

**Recommended changes from last year:** None.

### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

No recommended changes; not applicable.

### RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

No recommended changes; not applicable.

### FISCAL IMPACT

No recommended changes; not applicable.

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# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Cottontail Rabbit Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:34

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 4-5, 2021	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 6, 2021	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 6-7, 2021	Custer State Park

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2021, 2022 and 2023 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** September 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022  
September 1, 2022 – February 29, 2023  
September 1, 2023 – February 29, 2024

**Open Area:** Statewide

**Daily Limit:** 10 cottontail rabbits

**Possession Limit:** 30 cottontail rabbits

### **Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.
2. Landowners may take cottontail rabbits on their own property year-round without restriction.

**Recommended change from last year:** None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Cottontail Harvest
2015	5,779	1020	39,804
2016	5,584	754	37,873
2017	4,628	607	24,272
2018	4,341	475	20,323
2019	3,563	437	19,933

### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

No recommended changes; not applicable.

### RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

No recommended changes; not applicable.

### FISCAL IMPACT

No recommended changes; not applicable.

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# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Tree Squirrel Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:35

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 4-5, 2021	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 6, 2021	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 6-7, 2021	Custer State Park

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2021, 2022 and 2023 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** September 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022  
September 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023  
September 1, 2023 – February 29, 2024

**Open Unit:** Statewide

**Daily Limit:** 5 tree squirrels

**Possession Limit:** 15 tree squirrels

### **Requirements and Restrictions:**

Shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.

**Recommended changes from last year:** None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Squirrel Harvest
2015	2,870	171	13,491
2016	2,786	181	11,876
2017	2,571	87	10,110
2018	2,302	141	8,534
2019	2,542	87	12,193

### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

No recommended changes; not applicable.

### RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

No recommended changes; not applicable.

### FISCAL IMPACT

No recommended changes; not applicable.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Depredation Permits

Chapter 41:06:46

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>March 4-5, 2021</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>May 6, 2021</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>May 6-7, 2021</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>

## DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

### Requirements and Restrictions:

1. The commission by resolution shall specify the number and type of all big game depredation permits that may be issued.
2. Elk depredation hunts may be conducted any time throughout the year outside of an established elk hunting unit. Elk depredation hunts that are conducted within an established elk hunting unit may be conducted anytime except during the regular elk hunting season.
3. Other big game species depredation hunts may only occur from August 15 to the following March 31.
4. Only residents may register, and online registration is required.
5. Hunters that register for depredation hunts from December 1-31 will be randomly selected to determine the order in which they are contacted if a depredation hunt is needed. After December 31, additional hunters will be registered in the pool in the order that they enroll.
6. The pool of standby hunters expires on April 15 each year, except the pool of hunters registered for elk, which expires on December 31 of the following year.
7. Landowners are eligible for permits if they experience documented big game depredation and are operating agricultural or grazing land in which a depredation hunt has been authorized.
8. Any person is eligible to apply for an elk depredation permit, except persons who hold an elk hunting license from the current elk drawing.
9. Elk depredation permit holders would not lose preference points accrued for the regular elk seasons. Landowners who participate in a depredation hunt would not lose their eligibility to apply for a license for any subsequent elk season.
10. Depredation permits are free-of-charge.

### Recommended changes:

None

## SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Depredation pool hunts are a vital tool for wildlife managers to address property damage caused by wildlife. Depredation hunts are used in conjunction with other wildlife depredation abatement methods or when all other wildlife depredation abatement methods have proven unsuccessful.

## 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

<b>APPROVE</b> _____	<b>MODIFY</b> _____	<b>REJECT</b> _____	<b>NO ACTION</b> _____
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### 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? 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.

### FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

## **RESOLUTION 21-04**

### **BIG GAME DEPREDATION HUNTS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to SDCL 41-6-29.1, the Game, Fish and Parks Commission may authorize the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks to issue a specific number of depredation permits to respond to property damage by game animals that cannot be resolved by any other method, and the Commission has promulgated rules to provide for big game depredation hunts designed to assist in reducing wildlife damage to property by big game species (deer, elk, antelope, and turkey); and

**WHEREAS**, applications for depredation permits have been received and a random drawing held to establish the lists of depredation pool hunters for each county or area; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that high populations of big game animals may cause property damage which in some instances cannot be resolved by any other method except by reducing the number of animals in a specific geographic area;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that for the next three years (2021, 2022 and 2023) the Game, Fish and Parks Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks or his designee to issue no more than 600 permits plus an additional 200 landowner/operator permits) for each species (deer, antelope and turkey) per year and no more than 100 elk depredation permits per year, as the Secretary may deem necessary to respond to property damage caused by big game animals.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in issuing all big game depredation permits, the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks or his designee is authorized to establish when and where each permit is valid and the number, species, and sex of the big game animals permitted to be taken by the holder of each big game depredation permit.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this resolution shall replace in its entirety Resolution No. 16-13 previously adopted by this Commission to authorize the Secretary to issue depredation permits to respond to property damage caused by big game animals.

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Hunting Requirements and Prohibited Methods

Chapter 41:06:04

Commission Meeting Dates:

Proposal  
Public Hearing  
Finalization

March 4-5, 2021  
May 6, 2021  
May 6-7, 2021

Pierre  
Custer State Park  
Custer State Park

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

#### Recommended changes from last year:

##### CURRENT RULE

**41:06:03:15. Chronic Wasting Disease endemic area defined.** For purposes of §§ 41:06:03:16 through 41:06:03:19 and § 41:09:11:07 an endemic area is defined as any firearm deer or elk hunting unit in which any portion of a county confirms the presence of chronic wasting disease. In addition, any deer harvested during the archery, muzzleloader, and apprentice deer seasons and any elk harvested from Unit PRE-WRA within a county where chronic wasting disease has been confirmed would be subject to §§ 41:06:03:16 through 41:06:03:19 and § 41:09:11:07.

##### RECOMMENDED RULE

Repeal existing rule.

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##### CURRENT RULE

**41:06:03:16. Interstate cervid carcass transportation restriction.** Whole or partial cervid carcasses and head with antlers attached may not enter this state unless delivered to a licensed taxidermist, a game processor, or to the hunter's domicile. Cervid carcasses passing through the state are exempt from this section. The provisions of this section are effective July 1, 2020.

##### RECOMMENDED RULE

**41:06:03:16. Interstate cervid carcass transportation and disposal requirement.** Unless delivered to a licensed taxidermist or game processor, anyone transporting whole or partial cervid carcasses from another state into South Dakota shall dispose of all remaining cervid carcass parts with a waste management provider or a permitted landfill. Whole or partial cervid carcasses being transported through the state are exempt from this section.

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##### CURRENT RULE

**41:06:03:17. Intrastate cervid carcass transportation restriction.** Whole or partial cervid carcasses and head with antlers attached may not be transported from an endemic area unless delivered to a licensed taxidermist, a game processor, or to the hunter's domicile. The provisions of this section are effective July 1, 2020.

##### RECOMMENDED RULE

Repeal existing rule.

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## CURRENT RULE

**41:06:03:18. Carcass disposal for hunter-harvested cervid.** A person who transports cervid carcass parts from outside this state shall dispose of all remaining cervid carcass parts through a waste management provider or a permitted landfill. A person who transports cervid carcass parts from an endemic area in this state shall dispose of all remaining cervid carcass parts through a waste management provider or a permitted landfill. Cervid carcasses taken from an endemic area in this state that test negative for the disease are exempt from this section. The provisions of this section are effective July 1, 2020.

## RECOMMENDED RULE

**41:06:03:18. Intrastate cervid carcass transportation and disposal requirement.** Unless delivered to a licensed taxidermist or game processor, anyone transporting whole or partial cervid carcasses from the county of harvest shall dispose of all remaining cervid carcass parts with a waste management provider or a permitted landfill.

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## CURRENT RULE

**41:06:03:19. Carcass disposal for wildlife processing facilities.** Wildlife processing facilities, as defined by § 41:06:03:10, shall dispose of all remaining cervid carcass parts obtained from outside this state through a waste management provider or a permitted landfill. Wildlife processing facilities shall dispose of remaining cervid carcass parts obtained from an endemic area within this state through a waste management provider or a permitted landfill. Game processors licensed by another state or federal entity shall dispose of carcasses as required by the conditions associated with the license. The provisions of this section are effective July 1, 2020.

## RECOMMENDED RULE

**41:06:03:19. Carcass disposal for wildlife processing facilities.** Wildlife processing facilities, as defined by § 41:06:03:10, shall dispose of all remaining cervid carcass parts with a waste management provider or permitted landfill. Game processors licensed by another state or federal entity shall dispose of carcasses as required by the conditions associated with their license.

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## CURRENT RULE

**41:09:11:07. Cervid carcass disposal.** A taxidermist shall dispose of remaining cervid carcass parts obtained from another state into South Dakota through a waste management provider or a permitted landfill. A taxidermist shall dispose of remaining cervid carcass parts obtained from a known chronic wasting disease endemic area within this state through a waste management provider or permitted landfill. The provisions of this section are effective July 1, 2020.

## RECOMMENDED RULE

**41:09:11:07. Cervid carcass disposal for taxidermist.** A taxidermist shall dispose of all remaining cervid carcass parts with a waste management provider or permitted landfill.

## SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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Exposure to an area where a CWD-positive carcass has decomposed could be enough to cause infection in cervids (Saunders et al. 2012). This unnatural dispersal of CWD-infected cervid carcasses by hunters from the location of harvest from a CWD infected area to an uninfected area is a concern. This concern is valid even with carcass movement amongst infected areas between hunting units, as prevalence rates likely vary spatially amongst and between hunting units. Due to this risk of potential environmental contamination, it is important that the carcasses of cervids possibly infected with CWD, including all bones and other waste from taxidermy and butchering be disposed of in a way that protects uninfected cervids from exposure.

Justification for these recommended changes is to simplify regulations for hunters and other stakeholders, implement proactive versus reactive regulations to reduce the spread of CWD, and to provide hunters the option to transport harvested deer and elk to their choice of game processor, taxidermist or location of private processing/taxidermy by regulating the disposal of carcass parts.

Saunders, S.E., Bartelt-Hunt, S.L., & Bartz, J.C. 2012. Occurrence, transmission, and zoonotic potential of chronic wasting disease. *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, 18(3):369-376.  
<https://dx.doi.org/10.3201/eid1803.110685>.

#### 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 directly but does enact additional requirements for a hunter to dispose of deer and elk carcasses if transported outside of the county of harvest.
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.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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**FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE  
CONCESSION AGREEMENT  
BRIDGE CITY MARINA**

**THIS FIRST AMENDMENT IS**, made and entered into by and between the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (hereinafter referred to as "Department") and the Bridge City Marina and Resort, Inc (hereinafter referred to as "Concessionaire").

**WHEREAS**, the Concession Agreement was entered and effective January 3, 2012 to operate and maintain, for public parks and recreation purposes, Bridge Marina for a term of ten (10) years, beginning January 3, 2012 and ending December 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Concessionaire notified the Department during the last eighteen (18) months before expiration their desire to extend the Concession Agreement based on the major replacement of the marina building which included remodeling the new building, construction of a drain field and replacement of old unsafe docks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Article 41:13:03:01 allows for the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks Commission to grant an extension of the Concession lease based on major replacement, renovation and repair of the Concessionaire Facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, The SDGFP Commission, Department and Concessionaire are mutually agreeable to the extension of the Concession Agreement.

**NOW THEREFORE**, effective March 05, 2021, the Concession Agreement is hereby amended in the following, but in no others;

That the term is extended for an additional five (5) year period, beginning **December 31, 2021** and ending **December 31, 2026**.

Except as amended above, all other terms and conditions shall remain the same.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have hereunder subscribed their names this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS ON THE NEXT PAGE

**CONCESSIONAIRE**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BRIDGE CITY MARINA AND RESORT, INC.

**SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

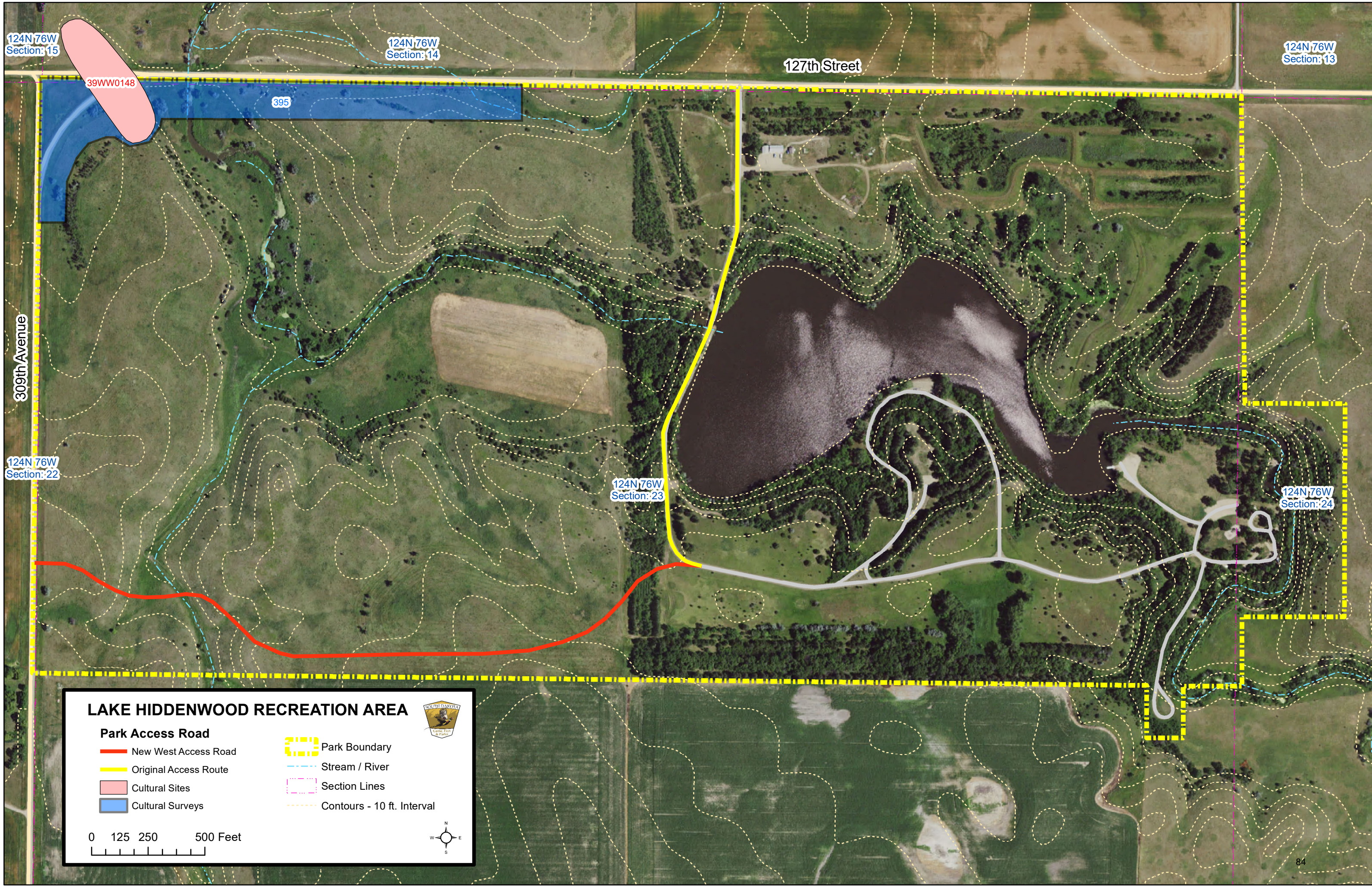
SCOTT SIMPSON  
DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARK

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_





124N 76W  
Section: 15

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Section: 14

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Section: 13

127th Street

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395

309th Avenue

124N 76W  
Section: 22

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Section: 24

**LAKE HIDDENWOOD RECREATION AREA**



**Park Access Road**

— New West Access Road

— Original Access Route

— Cultural Sites

— Cultural Surveys

— Park Boundary

— Stream / River

— Section Lines

— Contours - 10 ft. Interval

0 125 250 500 Feet







## DEPARTMENT of GAME, FISH AND PARKS

### Draft 2020 Wildlife Damage Management Program Strategic Plan

<b>GOAL #1: Provide excellent customer service and program transparency.</b> <b>MAIN OBJECTIVE:</b> Ensure internal and external program accountability by engaging key staff and partners.					
<b>STRATEGY #1</b> Conduct a statewide WDM staff meeting to provide program changes/direction, answer questions and define program success.	<b>STRATEGY #2</b> Use the ADC Policy Advisory Committee (invite other appropriate stakeholders and identified entities) to resolve dispute and present program changes.	<b>STRATEGY #3</b> Host 4 regional forums annually with landowners, producers, South Dakota residents, and other key partners to assist with the development of measurable and time-bound program objectives.	<b>STRATEGY #4</b> Present strategic plan to GFP Commission and open public comment period.	<b>STRATEGY #5</b> Develop and implement a formal Training and Mentoring Program for new and existing staff using trainer positions.	<b>STRATEGY #6</b> Develop and implement a meaningful, district-level, comprehensive, and cost-effective way to determine customer satisfaction and program successes.
<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtain 6 small group/team feedback reports to ensure understanding of the program direction.</li> <li>Review feedback to evaluate success of the meeting.</li> <li>Survey WDS staff in breakout groups</li> </ul>	<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide an evaluation report at the end of the meeting to ensure understanding of key themes and priorities.</li> <li>Review feedback to evaluate success of the meeting.</li> </ul>	<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide public input opportunities on programmatic decisions and measurable outcomes to inspire trust.</li> <li>Capture email addresses from 80 percent of attendees to provide continuous program information.</li> </ul>	<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide public input opportunities on programmatic decisions and measurable outcomes to inspire trust.</li> <li>Review public input and make any appropriate or necessary changes to the strategic plan.</li> <li>Finalize the Wildlife Damage Management Program strategic plan.</li> <li>Make the plan available on the GFP website, social media channels and through other targeted emails and track metrics.</li> <li>Share the final plan with all GFP staff, the Governor's Office and other state agencies as necessary.</li> </ul>	<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation of a standard on-boarding process for all WDM staff.</li> <li>Implement training opportunities for all WDM staff.</li> <li>Ensure completion of annual staff performance review documents for WDM positions.</li> <li>Evaluate trainees of effectiveness of each session.</li> <li>Provide supervisors with supervisory and leadership training by July 2021.</li> <li>Require supervisors to complete a minimum of 2 in the field ride alongs with regional staff per year.</li> </ul>	<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use internal human dimensions expert to create and conduct a customer satisfaction survey with the intent to evaluate program satisfaction.</li> <li>Develop 'post-service' survey to distribute to producers to enable them to provide comments on timeliness of response, level of customer communication, determination of satisfaction with level of resolution of complaint/damage issue, etc.</li> <li>Survey to producers with or without losses (aimed at producer satisfaction).</li> </ul>
<b>COMPLETED BY:</b> January 2020	<b>COMPLETED BY:</b> October 2020	<b>COMPLETED BY:</b> ANNUALLY	<b>COMPLETED BY:</b> December 2020	<b>COMPLETED BY:</b> July 2021	<b>COMPLETED BY:</b> April 2021



# **DEPARTMENT of GAME, FISH AND PARKS** **Draft 2020 Wildlife Damage Management Program Strategic Plan**

<b>CONTINUED GOAL #1: Provide excellent customer service and program transparency.</b> <b>MAIN OBJECTIVE:</b> Ensure internal and external program accountability by engaging key staff and partners.					
<b>STRATEGY #7</b> Increase understanding of leadership priorities, policies, goals and objectives while ensuring a mechanism is in place for staff feedback (issues, policies, training needs).					
<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide staff with 1 email per quarter on strategic plan updates, accomplishments, opportunity areas, challenges and more.</li> <li>▪ Develop an outlet to provide feedback on what is working and not working and determine who will be evaluating the information on a monthly basis.</li> <li>▪ Use information in the 1 email per quarter to staff to incorporate cross-sharing and problem-solving techniques.</li> </ul>					
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# DEPARTMENT of GAME, FISH AND PARKS

## Draft 2020 Wildlife Damage Management Program Strategic Plan

GOAL #2: Foster landowner relations while enhancing communications.					
MAIN OBJECTIVE: Provide information and education related to the program through targeted approaches.					
STRATEGY #1	STRATEGY #2	STRATEGY #3	STRATEGY #4	STRATEGY #5	
Identify ways to increase strategic communications with landowners across a variety of channels.	Continue engagement with producers, landowners, stakeholders to make public aware of GFP efforts.	Improve public, legislative, and staff understanding of the extent and limits of current revenue and expenditures of the WDM program, the allocation and use of WDM funds, and the level of satisfaction with the program.	Develop a standard monthly email communications format to ensure landowners know what to expect and focus efforts on while enhancing two-way responsiveness and connectedness.	Retain accountability with county commissions (as they pay a small amount into the program).	
ACTION ITEM(S)	ACTION ITEM(S)	ACTION ITEM(S)	ACTION ITEM(S)	ACTION ITEM(S)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use both statistical information and producer testimonials.</li> <li>Influencers – Identify key influencers and advocates to help tell the GFP service story.</li> <li>Identify ways of inter-agency relations for communications with the Governor’s Office and the Department of Ag and Natural Resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share results of customer satisfaction survey with targeted groups.</li> <li>Continue use of: Conservation Digest, Landowners Matter, Podcast.</li> <li>Pitch results to news publication for an exclusive article prior to formal release.</li> <li>Hold input meetings at conventions (e.g. Stockgrowers, Sheep Growers, etc.) and invite producers and other stakeholder for cross-sharing of information and evaluation.</li> <li>Implement a THANK YOU template message; specific to each region and service.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop ways for WDSs to share ROI stories with the communications team through testimonies, interviews, videos, annual report, etc.</li> <li>Work with communications team to create a one-page document that outlines the details on expenditures and revenue.</li> <li>Improve how the WDM annual report is shared.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a content calendar for each month of the year that focuses on coyote removal, deer depredation assistance, Canada goose depredation assistance, and elk depredation assistance, obtaining assistance, upcoming stakeholder forums, decision-making process or need while asking a question or providing another thank you opportunity or success story.</li> <li>Multi-Purpose – used to send a targeted email to external stakeholders, encouraging them to submit their questions and kudos.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local WDS will contact and offer to attend one county commission meeting a year to share program information and previous year’s results, answer questions, hear feedback.</li> </ul>	
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## DEPARTMENT of GAME, FISH AND PARKS

### Draft 2020 Wildlife Damage Management Program Strategic Plan

<b>GOAL #3: Mitigate livestock and property loss through effective delivery of wildlife damage program services.</b>					
<b>MAIN OBJECTIVE:</b> Continue to increase social tolerance for wildlife through program deliverables.					
<b>STRATEGY #1</b> Enhance predator control services by obtaining required permission.	<b>STRATEGY #2</b> Ongoing aggressive and preventative coyote removal maintenance to reduce loss using available tools.	<b>STRATEGY #3</b> Develop and implement annual work plans for field operations.	<b>STRATEGY #4</b> WDSs will prioritize predator control activities.	<b>STRATEGY #5</b> Improve habitat and food plot options to mitigate wildlife damage from deer, elk and Canada geese in specific areas.	<b>STRATEGY #6</b> Identify opportunities to improve efficiencies in delivery of program services, tracking of work and accountability.
<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Increase acreage and number of producers reached.</li><li>▪ Use cooperating landowners to assist with obtaining permission for aerial agreements.</li><li>▪ Provide an electronic permission form.</li></ul>	<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Increase aerial predator control methods:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Tribal lands</li><li>○ Increased flexibility for permitted pilots to fly for landowners</li><li>○ Increased flight hours through contract pilots</li></ul></li><li>▪ Use of accessible tools: thermal available when needed, plane/gunner accessible, M44 regulations relayed.</li></ul>	<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Provide field staff with reasonable list of priority expectations and duties per month.</li><li>▪ Provide insight of monthly workload priorities.</li></ul>	<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ WDSs will focus on predator control activities from Feb 1 – June 15.</li><li>▪ Region 1: Sept – Oct focus on lambs to pasture and pups killed.</li><li>▪ Use seasonal help (non WDM) to help with elk, deer, Canada goose, and beaver work.</li><li>▪ Increase 1 WDM specialist and 1 WDM program manager, both in western SD, to reduce district sizes and prioritize WDM activities.</li></ul>	<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Continue to promote and increase permanent stackyard program across the state.</li><li>▪ Review additional opportunities to protect stored feed to increase social tolerance without increasing harvest through regular season, pool hunt and kill permits to reduce wildlife numbers.</li><li>▪ Provide natural winter food sources and increase woody cover in problem areas where feasible.</li><li>▪ Implement supplemental hay program for elk damage.</li><li>▪ Develop new buffer strip or food plot incentives.</li></ul>	<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Review kill permit issuance processes to improve and ensure efficiency, timeliness and accountability for both producers and the Department.</li><li>▪ Implement electronic or on-line forms and make available on GFP website to expedite issuance and reporting for kill permits (e.g. Canada goose take permits, muskrat kill permits, etc.).</li></ul>
<b>COMPLETED BY:</b> September 2021	<b>COMPLETED BY:</b> July 2021	<b>COMPLETED BY:</b> July 2020	<b>COMPLETED BY:</b> Ongoing	<b>COMPLETED BY:</b> Ongoing	<b>COMPLETED BY:</b> Ongoing



Wicksville Dam GPA  
Pennington County



## **RESOLUTION 21 - 05**

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) has expressed an interest in acquiring real property (Property) presently owned by Pennington County, which Property is described as:

The NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32 in Township 2 North, Range 13 East of the BHM, Pennington County, South Dakota, containing 40 acres, more or less; and

WHEREAS, Pennington County, acting through its elected Board of County Commissioners, desires to gift and transfer title to the Property to GFP for use as a Game Production Area, conditional on its continued use for wildlife habitat, public hunting and fishing access, and other wildlife related outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS, the Department has for the previous 50 years managed the Property as the Wicksville Dam Game Production Area under a long-term Management Agreement with Pennington County, acting through its elected Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Department has evaluated and determined the Property continues to serve very well as a Game Production Area, offering wildlife habitat, public hunting and fishing access, and other wildlife related outdoor recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Department is authorized to accept gifts of property for Game Production Areas per SDCL 41-2-19, and desires to accept the gift of the Property upon confirmation of the gift by the Game, Fish and Parks Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Game, Fish and Parks Commission desires to acknowledge the Department's acceptance of this gift of the Property for continued use as a Game Production Area from Pennington County, acting through its elected Board of County Commissioners, and further acknowledge the extreme generosity and vision of the Pennington County Commission in taking such action to ensure outdoor recreation opportunities are available to all South Dakotans and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Game, Fish and Parks Commission does hereby confirm the decision by the Department to accept the transfer and gift of the Property from Pennington County, acting through its elected Board of County Commissioners, conditional on its continued use as a Game Production Area offering wildlife habitat, public hunting and fishing access, and other wildlife related outdoor recreational opportunities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Game, Fish and Parks Commission, on behalf of the citizens and sportspersons of South Dakota, does hereby acknowledge and express its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Pennington County, acting through its elected Board of County Commissioners for their generosity, and further acknowledge the outdoor recreation opportunities this gift will provide to South Dakotans and visitors for many years to come.



# License Sales Totals

(as of Feb 28)

date updated: 1 March 2021

Resident	2018	2019	2020	3-yr Avg	2021	% Change from 2020	+/- Licenses		+/- Revenue	
							2020 vs 2021	3-yr Avg vs 2021	2020 vs 2021	3-yr Avg vs 2021
Combination	19,176	15,498	18,155	17,610	19,389	7%	1,234	1,779	\$ 67,870	\$ 97,863
Junior Combination	1,294	1,050	1,319	1,221	1,438	9%	119	217	\$ 3,213	\$ 5,859
Senior Combination	4,287	3,676	4,420	4,128	5,105	15%	685	977	\$ 27,400	\$ 39,093
Small Game	773	696	710	726	936	32%	226	210	\$ 7,458	\$ 6,919
Youth Small Game	379	322	371	357	431	16%	60	74	\$ 300	\$ 368
1-Day Small Game	157	236	201	198	339	69%	138	141	\$ 1,656	\$ 1,692
Migratory Bird Certificate	7,641	6,440	7,354	7,145	7,204	-2%	-150	59	\$ (750)	\$ 295
Predator/Varmint	649	561	586	599	523	-11%	-63	-76	\$ (315)	\$ (378)
Furbearer	2,015	1,808	1,981	1,935	2,343	18%	362	408	\$ 10,860	\$ 12,250
Annual Fishing	9,638	6,694	8,982	8,438	8,622	-4%	-360	184	\$ (10,080)	\$ 5,152
Senior Fishing	2,236	1,648	2,173	2,019	2,399	10%	226	380	\$ 2,712	\$ 4,560
1-Day Fishing	394	336	499	410	481	-4%	-18	71	\$ (144)	\$ 571
Gamefish Sparring/Archery	1,336	0	0	445	0		0	-445	\$ -	\$ (2,227)
Habitat Stamp	0	0	0	0	39,953		39,953	39,953	\$ 399,530	\$ 399,530
<b>RESIDENT TOTALS =</b>	<b>49,975</b>	<b>38,965</b>	<b>46,751</b>	<b>45,230</b>	<b>89,163</b>	<b>90.7%</b>	<b>42,412</b>	<b>43,933</b>	<b>\$ 509,710</b>	<b>\$ 571,548</b>

Nonresident	2018	2019	2020	3-yr Avg	2021	% Change from 2020	+/- Licenses		+/- Revenue	
							2020 vs 2021	3-yr Avg vs 2021	2020 vs 2021	3-yr Avg vs 2021
Small Game	1,971	2,420	2,508	2,300	5,111	104%	2,603	2,811	\$ 314,963	\$ 340,171
Youth Small Game	125	103	110	113	214	95%	104	101	\$ 1,040	\$ 1,013
Annual Shooting Preserve	32	20	30	27	50	67%	20	23	\$ 2,420	\$ 2,743
5-day Shooting Preserve	423	407	580	470	622	7%	42	152	\$ 3,192	\$ 11,552
1-day Shooting Preserve	135	132	150	139	136	-9%	-14	-3	\$ (644)	\$ (138)
Spring Light Goose	194	100	250	181	222	-11%	-28	41	\$ (1,400)	\$ 2,033
Youth Spring Light Goose	5	2	8	5	7	-13%	-1	2	\$ (26)	\$ 52
Migratory Bird Certificate	18	22	46	29	57	24%	11	28	\$ 55	\$ 142
Predator/Varmint	589	547	543	560	572	5%	29	12	\$ 1,160	\$ 493
Furbearer	4	5	5	5	3	-40%	-2	-2	\$ (550)	\$ (458)
Annual Fishing	5,955	3,817	4,806	4,859	6,389	33%	1,583	1,530	\$ 106,061	\$ 102,488
Family Fishing	1,633	1,148	1,435	1,405	1,696	18%	261	291	\$ 17,487	\$ 19,475
Youth Annual Fishing	208	165	194	189	242	25%	48	53	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,325
3-Day Fishing	3,683	2,576	2,778	3,012	2,613	-6%	-165	-399	\$ (6,105)	\$ (14,775)
1-Day Fishing	1,342	1,090	1,392	1,275	2,799	101%	1,407	1,524	\$ 22,512	\$ 24,389
Gamefish Sparring/Archery	368	0	0	123	0		0	-123	\$ -	\$ (613)
Habitat Stamp	0	0	0	0	17,648		17,648	17,648	\$ 441,200	\$ 441,200
<b>NONRESIDENT TOTALS =</b>	<b>16,685</b>	<b>12,554</b>	<b>14,835</b>	<b>14,691</b>	<b>38,381</b>	<b>158.7%</b>	<b>23,546</b>	<b>23,690</b>	<b>\$ 902,565</b>	<b>\$ 931,091</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS =</b>	<b>66,660</b>	<b>51,519</b>	<b>61,586</b>	<b>59,922</b>	<b>127,544</b>	<b>107.1%</b>	<b>65,958</b>	<b>67,622</b>	<b>\$ 1,412,275</b>	<b>\$ 1,502,639</b>