



AGENDA

***** ACTION ITEMS**

Game, Fish and Parks Commission

May 6-7, 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. MT 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 will begin at 2:00 p.m. MT on May 6th followed by the open forum. 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 MT by email to 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

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or join via conference call Dial 1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 964 3650 3255 Password: 938362

FRIDAY

Zoom Meeting Link <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/96751142877?pwd=dDdDekFwb01pcE5zUldqNUFOcGwxQT09> or
join via conference call Dial 1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 967 5114 2877 Password: 613171

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 April 2021 Meeting
<https://gfp.sd.gov/commission/archives/>
3. Additional Commissioner Salary Days

Information Items:

4. Parks and Wildlife Foundation Update
5. Second Century Habitat Fund Board Update
6. E-Commerce System Update
7. Story-Telling and Marketing Communications Update

Public Hearing 2:00 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)*

This agenda is subject to change without prior notice.

Petitions

8. Take of Fish by Blowgun
9. Use of Rifle to Harvest Turkey
10. Private Property Antelope Tags

Finalizations

11. Youth Proposals
12. Disabled Pheasant Hunts
13. Public Water Zoning
14. Deer Season (CSP, Black Hills, West River, East River, Refuge, Archery, Muzzleloader, Application for License, Mentor, Apprentice and Disabled Veterans)
15. Upland Game (Pheasant & Grouse Hunting Seasons)
16. CWD Regulations (Possession, Processing and Transportation of Game)

Proposals

17. Sage Grouse
18. Antelope
19. Furbearer/Trapping
20. CSP Bison

Division of Parks and Recreation

Information Items:

21. Concession Repair and Maintenance Program Update
22. Missouri River Runoff and Reservoir Outlook for 2021
23. Revenue, Camping and Visitation Report

Division of Wildlife

Action Items:

24. Land Acquisition – Medicine Knoll Creek GPA Land Exchange

Information Items:

25. River Otter Season and Monitoring Update
26. Spring Spawning and Stocking
27. Sage Grouse Management/Research Update
28. License Sales Update

Solicitation of Agenda Items from Commissioners

Adjourn

Next meeting information: June 3-4, 2021 – Good Earth State Park

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission April 8-9, 2021

Chairman Russell Olson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CT. Commissioners Travis Bies, Jon Locken, Doug Sharp, Charles Spring, Robert Whitmyre. Public and staff were able to listen via SDPB livestream and participate via conference call with approximately 65 total participants via zoom.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

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 March 4-5, 2021 regular meeting minutes or a motion for approval.

Motion by Sharp with second by Bies TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE March 4-5, 2021 MEETING. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Commissioner Salary Days

Olson called for additional salary days. None were requested.

Newton Hills Property

Kevin Robling, department secretary, provided information on the status of the Newton Hills Property.

Parks and Wildlife Foundation Update

Lisa Weyer, director, provided a brief update and noted a more detailed update will be presented at the May Commission meeting.

Second Century Habitat Fund Board Update

Lisa Weyer, director, provided an update.

Nest Predator Bounty Program

Keith Fisk provided an update on the bounty program.

OPEN FORUM

Jon Kotilnek, senior staff attorney, opened the floor for discussion from those in attendance on matters of importance to them that may not be on the agenda.

Mike Lokken, Sioux Falls, SD asked about Asian Carp what is being done to minimize them? Says they are getting worse every year especially where he recreates at Gavin's Point. Wants to know if there is anything that can be done. Director Kirschenmann will have staff follow up.

PETITIONS

Lake Sharpe Smallmouth Bass – only one over 15 inches

Kirschenmann explained the petition process and introduced the petition received and presented the departments position.

Steven Baumberger, petitioner began by inquiring about small mouth bass management.

Kirschenmann explained the department always continues to manage for smallmouth bass across the state.

Geno Adams further explained that the state continues to manage for smallmouth bass across the state and the department has removed some regulations because they have not been impacting the regulation size structure. Harvest Data is done through creel surveys on a variety of waters across the state.

Baumberger feels that data is in accurate and wants to create size diversity in the lake to make a bigger fishery.

Kirschenmann welcomed further dialog with the petitioner and noted the information presented to the Commission by Adams to deny the petition

Motioned by Bies, second by Sharp TO DENY THE PEITION. Motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Bies, Second by Whitmyre TO APOPT RESOLUTION 21-08 DENYING THE PETION. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSALS

Youth Proposals

Jon Kotilnek, senior staff attorney, during the 2021 Session, HB 1034 was passed by the legislature as a Department sponsored bill. The bill was dubbed the “Youth Bill.” The overall objective was rather simple – align the definition of who qualifies as a “youth.” Prior to passage, in GFP the age limit for a youth was dependent upon the season. Some seasons if you were 16 and under you were considered a youth. For other seasons, if you were under 18 you qualified as a youth. HB 1034 aligned all the ages so that if an individual is under 18, they are considered a youth and qualify for youth licenses. This administrative rule proposal finishes what HB 1034 started. The proposal addresses all of our youth licenses and requirements that are found in rule and aligns them with HB 1034, namely, if you are under the age of 18, you are considered a youth.

- Remove the age eligibility for combination licenses in administrative rule (41:06:02:01.01).
- Make changes to the available license types and associated fees (41:06:02:03). Eliminate the junior combination license; create a youth deer license and fee (Resident \$5 / Nonresident \$10); amend resident/nonresident small game license structure to ‘18 and older’ and ‘under 18’; specify nonresident youth waterfowl licenses are available to those under 18.
- Correct a cross-referencing error in 41:06:16:11(10) pertaining to youth waterfowl season.

- Make changes to the adult accompaniment requirements for youth waterfowl season (41:06:49:04). Align adult accompaniment requirements (under age 16) with those found in state law (41-6-13).
- Make changes to the adult accompaniment requirements for youth pheasant season (41:06:55:04). Align adult accompaniment requirements (under age 16) with those found in state law (41-6-13).
- Make changes to the available fishing license types and associated fees (41:07:01:12). Eliminate the nonresident family fishing license and the youth fishing license options.
- Repeal 41:07:03:06 given the elimination of the nonresident family fishing license option.
- Amend the fishing license requirement age for permitted paddlefish anglers from 16 to 18 (41:07:05:02). All anglers, regardless of age, are eligible to obtain a paddlefish permit but fishing licenses are required of those 18 years of age and older.

Motioned by Whitmyre, second by Locken TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE YOUTH HUNTING AND FISHING REGULATIONS. Motioned carried unanimously.

Disabled Pheasant Hunts

Chad Switzer, wildlife program manager, presented the recommended change to the disabled pheasant hunting season to amend Administrative Rule of South Dakota 41:06:54:01 to align rule with South Dakota Codified Law 41-11-5.5 as follows:

41:06:54:01. Special pheasant hunting season authorized -- Valid on private land only.
A special pheasant hunting ~~season~~ for qualifying disabled veterans and purple heart recipients may be established anytime ~~during the months of October and November beginning September 1 through the end of the regular pheasant season~~ upon application by a sponsoring nonprofit organization. A special pheasant hunting ~~season~~ is valid only on private lands.

Motioned by Bies, second by Sharp TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE DISABLED PHEASANT HUNTS. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Water Zoning

Jon Kotilnek, senior staff attorney, in 2019, the department conducted a rules review process that looked at every GFP regulation. The effort was aimed at reducing complexity, reducing redundancy and adding clarification for a more simplified regulatory framework. During this process some safety zones were inadvertently removed from the Charles Mix County public water safety zones. Adopting this proposal would correct that error.

Motioned by Sharp, second by Locken TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE PUBLIC WATER ZONING RULES. Motion carried unanimously.

Deer Season

Andy Lindbloom and Andrew Norton, senior big game biologists, provided an update on mule deer and white-tailed deer management and research.

Custer State Park Deer Hunting Season

Switzer presented the recommended changes to the Custer State Park deer hunting season to Adjust the number of resident licenses from no more than 88 one-tag

deer licenses to no more than 100 one-tag deer licenses with no changes from proposal.

Black Hills Deer Hunting Season

Switzer presented the recommended changes to the Black Hills deer hunting season to 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 with no changes from proposal.

West River Deer Hunting Season

Switzer presented the recommended change to the West River deer hunting season to 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. He noted a change from proposal to repeal units 15P, 27P and 45P.

Motioned by Locken, second by Bies TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE PROPOSAL. Motion carried unanimously.

East River Deer Hunting Season

Switzer presented the recommended change to the East River deer hunting season to 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. He noted a change from proposal to repeal units 13P, 36P, 33P AND 38P

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

Refuge Deer Hunting Season

Switzer presented the recommended changes to the national wildlife refuge deer hunting season as follows with no recommended change to the proposal.

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.

Archery Deer Hunting Season

Switzer presented the recommended changes to the archery deer hunting season proposal as follows:

1. Recommended changes from proposal:
Modify ARSD 41:06:22:01.02 (Nonresident archery deer hunting season restrictions) as follows:
 - a. ~~A license obtained by a nonresident on or after the first day of August, 2019, is valid only on private lands not leased for public access by the department through the first day of January, 2020.~~ A license obtained by a nonresident on or after the first day of April, 2020, and every year thereafter, is valid only on private lands not leased for public access by the department.
2. Modify ARSD 41:06:22:01.01 as follows:

- a. Current Rule: Unit ARD-LM1: all areas open to archery deer hunting; excluding the following deer hunting units referenced in chapters 41:06:19, 41:06:20, and 41:06:21: 02C, 07A, 08A, 12A, 13L, 19A, 20A, 21A, 21B, 27A, 27L, 29A, 34A, 35L, 37A, 39A, 41A, 45D, 58A, 59A, 61A, 64A, 65A, and 67A;
- b. Recommended Rule: Unit ARD-LM1: all areas open to archery deer hunting; excluding the following deer hunting units referenced in chapters 41:06:19, 41:06:20, BD1, 02C, 07A, 08A, 12A, 14A, 27L, 33A, 34A, 35L, 36A, 38A, 41A, 50A, 54A, 58D, 59A, 59B, 61A, and 65A;

Motioned by Bies, second by Sharp TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE PROPOSAL. Motion carried unanimously.

Muzzleloading Deer Hunting Season

Switzer presented the recommended changes to the muzzleloading deer hunting season to adjust resident license numbers from no more than 1,000 one-tag "any deer" licenses to 1,500 one-tag "any deer" deer licenses.

Recommended changes from proposal:

1. Modify ARSD 41:06:45:02 as follows: a. Current Rule: Unit MZD-LM1: all areas open to archery deer hunting; excluding the following deer hunting units referenced in chapters 41:06:19, 41:06:20, and 41:06:21: 02C, 07A, 08A, 12A, 13L, 19A, 20A, 21A, 21B, 27A, 27L, 29A, 34A, 35L, 37A, 39A, 41A, 45D, 58A, 59A, 61A, 64A, 65A, and 67A;
- b. Recommended Rule: Unit MZD-LM1: all areas open to archery deer hunting; excluding the following deer hunting units referenced in chapters 41:06:19, 41:06:20, and 41:06:21: BD1, 02C, 07A, 08A, 12A, 14A, 27L, 33A, 34A, 35L, 36A, 38A, 41A, 50A, 54A, 58D, 59A, 59B, 61A, and 65A;

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

Apprentice Deer Hunting Season

Switzer presented the recommended changes to the apprentice deer hunting season to modify the statewide unit and "any antlerless deer" licenses to the following:

Recommended changes from proposal:

1. Repeal administrative rule language pertaining towards youth under 18 years of age.
2. Repeal administrative rule that each hunter must be accompanied by an adult while hunting.

Motioned by Locken, second by Whitmyre TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE PROPOSAL. Motion carried unanimously.

Youth Deer Season

Switzer presented the recommended change to the youth deer hunting season as follows:

1. Establish ARSD **Chapter 41:06:63 Youth Deer Season**.
2. Establish the following administrative rules:
 - 41:06:63:01. Youth deer hunting season established.** The youth deer hunting season is open statewide from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset beginning on the second Saturday of September through January 1.
 - 41:06:63:02. Number and type of licenses available.** An unlimited number of "antlerless deer" and "antlerless whitetail deer" licenses may be issued for this season. Youth deer hunters are limited to one "antlerless deer" or "antlerless whitetail deer" license for areas open to youth deer hunting.
 - 41:06:63:03. Open units.** The following is a description of the open units.

(1) Unit YOD-03: West River Units 02A, 15A, 15B, 31A, 35A, 35C, 35L, 49A, 49B, 53A, 53C and 64A. License valid for a single tag "any antlerless deer" license.

(2) Unit YOD-13: That portion of the state not included in Unit YOD-03. Licenses valid for a single tag "antlerless whitetail deer" license.

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

(1) Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Brown County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge;

(2) Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge in Bennett County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge;

(3) Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge in Charles Mix County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge;

(4) Waubay National Wildlife Refuge and Waubay State Game Bird Refuge in Day County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge; and

(5) Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management south unit and the signed portion of the north unit in Meade County.

41:06:63:05. Application requirements and restrictions. The following requirements and restrictions apply to all applications for license under this chapter:

(1) Any person who has reached the age of 12 years during the period September 1 through December 31 and has not reached the age of 18 years by June 30;

(2) A person who received a mentored deer license is ineligible to receive a youth deer license;

(5) Land operator preference is not applicable to these licenses.

3. Modify the following administrative rule:

41:08:06:06. Hunting area limited. A permittee may aerial hunt only in the counties permitted in the contract. A permittee may not aerial hunt upon or over any private land or any state or federal land, except as authorized by a department representative or as otherwise provided for in this chapter. A permittee may aerial hunt upon or over land owned or managed by the Office of School and Public Lands, without prior authorization by a department representative except that such land is closed to aerial hunting for four consecutive days beginning three days prior to the opening day of any local prairie elk, antelope, or deer firearm hunting season, as provided in article 41:06. For purposes of this section, the phrase, deer firearm hunting season, does not include the mentored, youth, or apprentice deer season, as provided for in chapter 41:06:44 or seasons restricted to the use of muzzleloading rifles, as provided for in chapters 41:06:36 and 41:06:45. A landowner pilot who has obtained a permit from the department may aerial hunt land the pilot owns or leases, including land leased from the Office of School and Public Lands, and up to four miles onto any contiguous private land or land leased from the Office of School and Public Lands, with written permission of the respective owner or lessee of the contiguous land. No contact with the department for authorization is necessary.

Motion by Bies, second by Sharp TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE YOUTH DEER HUNTING SEASON. Motion carried unanimously.

Application for License

Chad Switzer, wildlife program manager, presented the recommended change to the mentored youth big game license proposal as follows:

Recommended changes from proposal:

1. Allow for both a resident and nonresident parent or guardian to purchase a mentored license for a designated mentored youth.

2. A person under 16 years of age who received a youth deer license is ineligible to receive a mentored deer license

3. Establish the types of big game animals that are eligible to harvest with a landowner-on-own-land license. a. For the West River, East River, and Black Hills firearm deer hunting seasons, qualifying landowners and owner/operators may purchase one "any deer" license or a two-tag "any deer" and "any antlerless deer" license.

b. For the antelope firearm hunting season, qualifying landowners and owner/operators may purchase one "any antelope" or a two-tag "any antelope" and "any doe/fawn antelope" license.

4. Modify the following administrative rule: **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, Apprentice hunter, Youth, Archery, and Muzzleloading deer hunting units. Antlerless whitetail deer licenses will be available to qualifying applicants in hunting units which offer a deer license with multiple tags for antlerless deer 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.

5. Modify the following administrative rule: 41:06:01:17. Access permits required for specific deer hunting units and public lands. Any resident or nonresident deer hunter possessing an archery, muzzleloader, apprentice hunter, youth, or mentor deer license shall obtain and possess a free access permit to hunt West River deer units 24B, 27L, 35L, and East River deer unit 13L. Any resident or nonresident deer hunter possessing an archery deer license shall obtain and possess a free access permit in order to hunt Newton Hills State Park or in the Black Hills as defined in § 41:06:19:02. Unlimited access permits may be issued for each management unit and each free access permit shall be unit specific.

Motion by Whitmyre, second by Bies TO APPROVED THE RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO MENTORED YOUTH BIG GAME LICENSES. Motion carried unanimously.

Disabled Veterans Deer Hunting Season

Switzer presented the recommended change to the disabled veterans hunting season proposal as follows:

Recommended changes from proposal:

1. For the purposes of this season, a qualified disabled veteran is a person who meets one of the following criteria:
 - a) A resident veteran who has been adjudicated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as twenty percent or more disabled due to a service-connected disability or has received the United States Department of Veterans Affairs K Award; or
 - b) A resident who has served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or has served as a member of the armed forces reserve or national guard, and the resident is forty percent or more disabled for the purposes of receiving social security benefits.

Motioned by Sharp, second by Spring TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE PROPOSAL. Motion carried unanimously.

Deer Hunting Season License Allocation

Switzer presented the recommended changes to deer hunting license and access permit allocation by season and unit.

Motion by Locken, second by Bies TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO ALLOCATION OF DEER LICENSES (Appendix C). Motion carried unanimously.

Upland Game

Switzer presented no recommended changes to the pheasant and grouse hunting seasons

CWD Regulations

Switzer provided no recommended changes to the proposal to disposal of carcass remains for deer and elk as it pertains to chronic wasting disease.

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION Bison Center Update

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

Snowmobile Season Recap

Ryan Raynor, district park supervisor, provide information on the snowmobile season.

Spring Creek Golf Course Development

Scott Simpson, parks and recreation division director, provided the Commission an update on the development of the Spring Creek Golf Course.

2021 Capital Development

Adam Kulesa, planning and development administrator, provided a short power point presentation was given highlighting major projects scheduled for this construction season. Several projects over 1 million dollars included: Palisades Phase I & II main road stem and campground loop construction, Mina Lake Spillway Replacement, Newell Lake Spillway Replacement, 1.5 asphalt overlay on the 18 mile stretch of Wildlife Loop Road, and a new boat ramp/parking lot at Lake Poinsett. The parks division is working diligently to play catch up on completing projects after Covid-19 delayed many of those budgeted projects in 2020.

Revenue, Camping and Visitation Report

Al Nedved, parks and recreation deputy director, provide the year to date revenue, camping and visitation reports for all parks and districts.

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

Land Donation – Blue Dog Lake Fishing Access Area – Day County

Paul Coughlin presented information on a land donation in Day County from the County to be used for public water access to Blue Dog Lake.

Motioned by Whitmyre, second by Bies TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-07 (APPENDIX A) TO ACCEPT THE LAND DONATION IN DAY COUNTY FOR BLUE DOG LAKE FISHING ACCESS. Motion carried unanimously.

Land Acquisition – Medicine Knoll Creek GPA Land Exchange

Paul Coughlin presented information on a possible land exchange near the Medicine Knoll Creek GPA

Panfish Regulations

Brian Blackwell, fisheries biologist, provided research on bluegill population dynamics and angler harvest is being completed at lakes Enemy Swim and Pickerel. Bluegill abundance was high at both lakes in 2020. Growth was variable at Enemy Swim depending on what fish were sampled and growth at Pickerel is excellent. Bluegill harvest was somewhat high (33%) at Enemy Swim in 2020 and was extremely high (58%) at Pickerel. Late summer showed the highest harvest at both lakes and may be related to reductions in invertebrates. The information gained in this study will be used to model bluegill population responses under various regulations, including the current

15 fish daily limit, to see what may be best to maintain or increase the numbers of large bluegills.

CWD Surveillance and Public Outreach

Chad Switzer provided information to the Commission

Elk Management Plan Stakeholder Group Update

John Kanta, wildlife terrestrials chief, explained GFP is currently in the process of revising the elk management plan. As part of this process GFP is meeting with stakeholders to discuss the plan and take input. A third meeting was recently held with stakeholders. Topics discussed were prairie elk management objectives, landowner preference for elk licenses, population objectives and other topics. GFP plans to have a draft elk plan out for public comment in May of this year.

License Sales Update

Heather Villa, administrations chief, provided an update on resident and nonresident license sales.

Enemy Swim AIS Update

John Lott, fisheries chief, explained that at the March Commission meeting, a representative from the Enemy Swim Preservation Association requested Game, Fish and Parks close one of the two boat ramps on the lake to facilitate lakeshore residents conducting voluntary AIS inspections at the remaining ramp. The department met with the association twice after the March Commission meeting and proposed partnering with them on a dedicated GFP watercraft inspection station at the lake. The ramps are close enough to each other that the requirement to participate in a boat inspection would apply to boats planning to launch at either ramp. The association will provide funding for one GFP employee to be stationed at the inspection station for 10 hours per day, 7 days per week, at the Church Bay Public Water Access Area, from mid-May through mid-September. Association volunteers will help staff the station, with the number of volunteers needed based on expected use of the lake on a given day and during different times of the day (minimize delays to launch).

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kevin Robling, Department Secretary

Appendix A
RESOLUTION 21-07

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

Lot 26, Subdivision of Lot 4, of Section 28 in Township 122 North, Range 54 West of the 5th P.M., Day County, South Dakota 1.2 acres, more or less; and

WHEREAS, Day County, acting through its elected Board of County Commissioners, desires to gift and transfer title to the Property to GFP for use as a Public Water Access Area; and

WHEREAS, the Department has evaluated and determined the Property would serve very well as Public Water Access Area, offering season long fishing and other recreational access to Blue Dog Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Department is authorized to accept gifts of property for Public Water Access 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 use as a Public Water Access Area from Day County, acting through its elected Board of County Commissioners, and further acknowledge the extreme generosity and vision of the Day 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 Day County, acting through its elected Board of County Commissioners.

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 Day 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.

Appendix B
RESOLUTION 21-08

WHEREAS, Steve Baumberger of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, submitted a Petition to the Game, Fish and Parks Commission (Commission) dated March 15, 2021, requesting that the Game, Fish and Parks Commission amend ARSD § 41:07:03:03 (Fish Limits-Daily, possession, and length limit restrictions on special management waters) – to allow, at most, 1 smallmouth bass 15 inches or longer in length as part of the daily limit on Lake Sharpe, except for approved South Dakota Department of Game Fish & Parks bass tournaments, 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 length restrictions for smallmouth bass on Lake Sharpe; and

WHEREAS, current smallmouth bass harvest levels are not detrimental to the smallmouth bass population in Lake Sharpe; and

WHEREAS, research has shown increasing smallmouth bass abundance and lake-wide distribution in Lake Sharpe throughout the last three decades; and

WHEREAS, previous length restrictions on smallmouth bass in Lake Sharpe did not have a positive impact on the smallmouth bass fishery; and

WHEREAS, the suggested length restriction will substantially reduce the ability of anglers to harvest smallmouth bass without improving population quality.

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, Steve Baumberger of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Appendix C

2021-2022 CUSTER STATE PARK DEER

Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Deer Type 01	Any Whitetail Type 11	Antlerless Whitetail Type 13
CUD-1	0	25	0
CUD-2	0	0	50
TOTAL	0	25	50

CUSTER STATE PARK DEER 2019-20 vs. 2021-2022 Comparison

Unit	2019-2020 Resident Licenses	2021-2022 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2019-2020 Resident Tags	2021-2022 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
CUD-1	38	25	-13	-34%	38	25	-13	-34%
CUD-2	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
TOTAL	88	75	-13	-15%	88	75	-13	-15%

2021-2022 BLACK HILLS DEER

Unit	Resident Licenses			Nonresident Licenses			License Totals							
	Any Deer 01	Any WT 11	Antlerless WT 13	Any Deer 01	Any WT 11	Antlerless WT 13	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Lic	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
BD1			300	0	0	24	300	0	300	300	24	0	24	24
BD2			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BH1	200	3,000		16	240	0	3,200	0	3,200	3,200	256	0	256	256
TOTAL	200	3,000	300	16	240	24	3,500	0	3,500	3,500	280	0	280	280
Unit	Any Deer 01	Any WT 11	Antlerless WT 13	Any Deer 01	Any WT 11	Antlerless WT 13	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Lic	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
RES and NR:							3,780	0	3,780	3,780				

BLACK HILLS DEER 2019-2020 VS 2021-2022 Comparison

Unit	Resident Licenses											
	Any Deer				Any Whitetail				Antlerless Whitetail			
	Year		Change		Year		Change		Year		Change	
	2019-2020	2021-2022	#	%	2019-2020	2021-2022	#	%	2019-2020	2021-2022	#	%
BD1									1,000	300	-700	-70%
BD2									100	0	-100	-100%
BH1	200	200	0	0%	3,500	3,000	-500	-14%				
TOTAL	200	200	0	0%	3,500	3,000	-500	-14%	1,100	300	-800	-73%

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

2021-2022 WEST RIVER DEER

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident Licenses												Nonresident Licenses												License Totals											
		AnyD 01	AtID 03	AtID 03P	AD+AtID 08	2 AtID 09P	AnyW 11	AtIW 13	AtIW 13P	3 AtIW 17P	AW+AtIW 18	2 AtIW 19	2 AtIW 19P	AnyD 01	AtID 03	AtID 03P	AD+AtID 08	2 AtID 09P	AnyW 11	AtIW 13	AtIW 13P	3 AtIW 17P	AW+AtIW 18	2 AtIW 19	2 AtIW 19P	REG 1-tag	REG 2-tag	REG 3-tag	REG Licenses	REG Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR 3-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags		
02A	Pennington	400									200			32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	400	200	0	600	800	32	16	0	48	64			
02C	Pennington	100					50							8	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	0	0	150	150	12	0	0	12	12		
11A	Bennett	150					50	50						12	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	250	0	0	250	250	20	0	0	20	20		
11B	Bennett	100					75	75						8	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	250	0	0	250	250	20	0	0	20	20		
15A	Butte	250								500	650			20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	52	0	0	250	650	500	1,400	3,050	20	52	40	112	244		
15B	Butte	250								300	400			20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	32	0	0	250	400	300	950	1,950	20	32	24	76	156		
20A	Corson	150									400			12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	150	400	0	550	950	12	32	0	44	76		
21A	Custer	125					250		100					10	0	0	0	0	20	0	8	0	0	0	0	475	0	0	475	475	38	0	0	38	38		
21B	Custer	100					100	50						8	0	0	0	0	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	250	0	0	250	250	20	0	0	20	20		
24A	Dewey	100					250	100						8	0	0	0	0	20	8	0	0	0	0	0	450	0	0	450	450	36	0	0	36	36		
24B	Little Moreau						10	10						0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	20	20	2	0	0	2	2		
27A	Fall River	125									50		50	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	125	100	0	225	325	10	8	0	18	26			
27B	Fall River	200					200					200	200	16	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	16	16	400	400	0	800	1,200	32	32	0	64	96		
27L	Fall River	5					10							1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	15	15	2	0	0	2	2		
30A	Gregory	25									600	200	100	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	16	8	25	900	0	925	1,825	2	72	0	74	146		
30B	Gregory	25									600	200	100	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	16	8	25	900	0	925	1,825	2	72	0	74	146		
31A	Haakon	600			50		100					100		48	0	0	4	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	0	700	150	0	850	1,000	56	12	0	68	80		
35A	Harding	350		50							250		250	28	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	20	400	500	0	900	1,400	32	40	0	72	112		
35C	Harding	250		50							250		250	20	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	20	300	500	0	800	1,300	24	40	0	64	104		
35L	Harding	100												8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	100	100	8	0	0	8	8		
39A	Jackson	175					100	50						14	0	0	0	0	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	325	0	0	325	325	26	0	0	26	26		
39B	Jackson	275					50	50						22	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	375	0	0	375	375	30	0	0	30	30		
41A	Jones	200					300							16	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	0	500	500	40	0	0	40	40		
45A	Lyman	100					350		100		200			8	0	0	0	0	28	0	8	0	16	0	0	550	200	0	750	950	44	16	0	60	76		
45B	Lyman	50						50			150			4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	12	0	0	100	150	0	250	400	8	12	0	20	32		
45C	Lyman	30										20		3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	30	20	0	50	70	3	2	0	5	7		
45D	Lyman	30					50							3	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	80	80	7	0	0	7	7		
49A	Meade	700								300	50	300		66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4	24	700	650	0	1,350	2,000	56	82	0	108	160			
49B	Meade	700								300		300		66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	24	700	600	0	1,300	1,900	56	48	0	104	152			
50A	Mellette	200					500							16	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	700	0	0	700	700	56	0	0	56	56		
53A	Perkins	325				75					250		150	26	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	20	0	12	325	475	0	800	1,275	26	38	0	64	102		
53C	Perkins	500				75					250		200	40	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	20	0	16	500	525	0	1,025	1,550	40	42	0	82	124		
58A	Stanley	150						150			150			12	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	12	0	0	300	150	0	450	600	24	12	0	36	48		
58D	Stanley	5						3						1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	8	8	2	0	0	2	2		
60A	Tripp	100						250			1,000			8	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	80	0	0	350	1,000	0	1,350	2,350	28	80	0	108	188		
64A	Ziebach	300		50			200						100	24	0	4	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	8	550	100	0	650	750	44	8	0	52	60		
65A	Oglala Lakota	75												6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	75	75	6	0	0	6	6		
67A	Todd	100					100	100						8	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	300	0	0	300	300	24	0	0	24	24		
TOTAL		7,420	0	150	50	150	2,745	888	250	800	6,000	770	2,000	596	0	12	4	12	220	72	20	64	480	62	160	11,453	8,970	800	21,223	31,793	920	718	64	1,702	2,548		
Unit #	Unit Name	AnyD 01	AtID 03	AtID 03P	AD+AtID 08	2 AtID 09P	AnyW 11	AtIW 13	AtIW 13P	3 AtIW 17P	AW+AtIW 18	2 AtIW 19	2 AtIW 19P	AnyD 01	AtID 03	AtID 03P	AD+AtID 08	2 AtID 09P	AnyW 11	AtIW 13	AtIW 13P	3 AtIW 17P	AW+AtIW 18	2 AtIW 19	2 AtIW 19P	REG 1-tag	REG 2-tag	REG 3-tag	REG Licenses	REG Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR 3-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags		
REG & NR:																										12,373	9,688	864	22,925	34,341							

EAST RIVER DEER
2019-20 VS 2021-22 Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2019-20 Resident Licenses	2021-22 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2019-20 Resident Tags	2021-22 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
01A	Minnehaha	650	600	-50	-8%	650	600	-50	-8%
03A	Brown	2,000	2,000	0	0%	2,000	2,000	0	0%
04A	Beadle	700	800	100	14%	700	800	100	14%
05A	Codington	350	550	200	57%	350	750	400	114%
06A	Brookings	550	550	0	0%	550	550	0	0%
07A	Yankton	300	350	50	17%	300	350	50	17%
07B	Yankton	75	75	0	0%	75	150	75	100%
08A	Davison	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
10A	Aurora	500	400	-100	-20%	500	400	-100	-20%
12A	Bon Homme	250	300	50	20%	250	300	50	20%
12B	Bon Homme	50	75	25	50%	50	100	50	100%
13A	Brule	1,000	1,000	0	0%	1,700	1,000	-700	-41%
13L	Brule	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
14A	Buffalo	350	350	0	0%	600	350	-250	-42%
16A	Campbell	580	530	-50	-9%	580	530	-50	-9%
17A	Charles Mix	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
18A	Clark	700	800	100	14%	700	1,000	300	43%
19A	Clay	300	350	50	17%	300	350	50	17%
22A	Day	700	1,000	300	43%	700	1,000	300	43%
23A	Deuel	500	700	200	40%	500	900	400	80%
25A	Douglas	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
26A	Edmunds	1,300	1,100	-200	-15%	1,300	1,100	-200	-15%
28A	Faulk	1,200	1,000	-200	-17%	1,200	1,000	-200	-17%
29A	Grant	300	500	200	67%	300	600	300	100%
32A	Hamlin	700	800	100	14%	700	1,000	300	43%
33A	Hand	870	310	-560	-64%	1,120	310	-810	-72%
34A	Hanson	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
36A	Hughes	525	400	-125	-24%	425	400	-25	-6%
37A	Hutchinson	150	200	50	33%	150	200	50	33%
38A	Hyde	720	310	-410	-57%	1,220	310	-910	-75%
40A	Jerauld	600	350	-250	-42%	700	350	-350	-50%
42A	Kingsbury	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
43A	Lake	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
44A	Lincoln	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
46A	McCook	550	650	100	18%	550	650	100	18%
47A	McPherson	1,000	1,000	0	0%	1,000	1,000	0	0%
48A	Marshall	600	800	200	33%	600	800	200	33%
51A	Miner	750	750	0	0%	750	750	0	0%
52A	Moody	550	450	-100	-18%	550	450	-100	-18%
54A	Potter	1,050	450	-600	-57%	1,550	450	-1,100	-71%
55A	Roberts	800	700	100	17%	800	900	300	50%
56A	Sanborn	550	650	100	18%	550	650	100	18%
57A	Spink	1,300	1,100	-200	-15%	1,300	1,100	-200	-15%
59A	Sully	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
59B	Sully	370	320	-50	-14%	370	320	-50	-14%
61A	Turner	100	150	50	50%	100	150	50	50%
62A	Union	400	450	50	13%	400	450	50	13%
63A	Walworth	750	550	-200	-27%	750	650	-100	-13%
	TOTAL	27,310	26,240	-1,070	-4%	29,510	27,540	-1,970	-7%

REFUGE DEER
2019-20 VS 2021-22 COMPARISON

Refuge Unit	Resident Licenses							
	Any Deer				Antlerless Deer			
	Year		Change		Year		Change	
	2019-20	2021-22	#	%	2019-20	2021-22	#	%
Lacreek Refuge								
RFD-LC1	10	10	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
RFD-LC2	10	10	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Sand Lake Refuge								
RFD-SL1	20	20	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
RFD-SL2	20	20	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
RFD-SL3	20	20	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
RFD-SL4	0	0	0	0%	25	25	0	0%
RFD-SL5	20	20	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Waubay Refuge								
RFD-WA1	10	10	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
RFD-WA2	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
RFD-WA3	10	10	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL	120	120	0	0%	25	25	0	0%

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

2021-2022 REFUGE DEER

Unit	Resident Licenses		Nonresident Licenses		License Totals					
	Any D 01	AtIW 13	Any D 01	AtIW 13	RES 1-tag	RES Lic	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
Lacreek Refuge										
RFD-LC1	10		1		10	10	10	1	1	1
RFD-LC2	10		1		10	10	10	1	1	1
Sand Lake Refuge										
RFD-SL1	20		2		20	20	20	2	2	2
RFD-SL2	20		2		20	20	20	2	2	2
RFD-SL3	20		2		20	20	20	2	2	2
RFD-SL4		25		2	25	25	25	2	2	2
RFD-SL5	20		2		20	20	20	2	2	2
Waubay Refuge										
RFD-WA1	10		1		10	10	10	1	1	1
RFD-WA2					0	0	0	0	0	0
RFD-WA3	10		1		10	10	10	1	1	1
TOTAL	120	25	12	2	145	145	145	14	14	14
Unit	Any D 01	AtIW 13	Any D 01	AtIW 13	RES 1-tag	RES Lic	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
RES and NR:					159	159	159			

2021-2022 ARCHERY ACCESS PERMITS

Designated Area	Number of Access Permits		
	Any Deer	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	Total
Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve	10	60	70
Good Earth State Park	5	0	5
WRD-35L (Residents)	500	0	500
WRD-35L (Nonresidents)	125	0	125

2019-2020 vs. 2021-2022 Comparison

Designated Area	Number of Access Permits		
	Any Deer	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	Total
2019-2020 Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve	5	30	35
2021-2022 Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve	10	60	70
2019-2020 Good Earth State Park	5	0	5
2021-2022 Good Earth State Park	5	0	5
2019-2020 WRD-35L (Residents)	500	0	500
2021-2022 WRD-35L (Residents)	500	0	500
2019-2020 WRD-35L (Nonresidents)	125	0	125
2021-2022 WRD-35L (Nonresidents)	125	0	125

2021-2022 MUZZLELOADER DEER

	Resident	
	Any Deer Licenses	Any Deer Tags
Statewide	1,000	1,000
Total	1,000	1,000

2019-2020 VS. 2021-2022 Comparison

	Resident	
	Any Deer Licenses	Any Deer Tags
2019-2020 Statewide	1,000	1,000
2021-2022 Statewide	1,000	1,000



Familiar stories are trusted.
Unfamiliar stories may have to
work to establish trust.

TRUST IN THE TELLER

Connecting to the
storyteller influences our
reaction to their story.

Don't censor the drama of a
real-life story. Work to emotionally
connect with others.



DRAMA

Stories need dramatic
development and emotional
dynamics.

Real life has ups and downs, so people
relate to stories with drama. People are
drawn into stories they can relate to.



WHAT REALLY MAKES A GOOD STORY?

STORYTELLING has become one of the most
popular techniques in marketing communication.

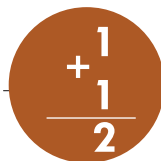
*It's a very effective way to engage GFP audiences
and provide real life experiences on the outdoor
opportunities in South Dakota.* Stories build
connections. Connections enhance customer
relationships. Those relationships foster trust.
Together, let's tell more stories!



PERSONALIZE

When people put themselves
into a story, they are more
likely to change their opinions.
Make the story relatable.

It's usually the simplest stories
that entrance us the most.



SIMPLICITY

Keep it simple. The simpler the
stories, the stronger it will be.
Take out everything that doesn't
deserve the narrative.



FAMILIARITY

The more familiar a story
feels, the more powerful it is.

It's easier to fill in the gaps if
a story is familiar.



AGENCY

Stories are most persuasive
when readers work out their
meaning for themselves.

Tell a simple story so people reach
the conclusions you want them to.

Comes, Rachel

From: info@gfp.sd.us
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 4:09 AM
To: bigdanny1960@gmail.com
Cc: Comes, Rachel
Subject: Petition for Rule Change Form

South Dakota - Game, Fish, and Parks

Petition for Rule Change

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

ID: 111
Petitioner Name: Danny Putnam
Address: PO Box 614, 600 Armstrong St
Gayville, SD 57031
Email: bigdanny1960@gmail.com
Phone: 605-661-2174
Rule Identification: Taking fish with a blowgun setup for fishing.
Decribe Change: I would like the provision for taking of fish in South Dakota with a blowgun and proper darts and setup with a reel!
Reason for Change: It would be another way for sportsmen to enjoy the outdoors and a new challenge. Most fish taken would be carp and panfish that frequent the shallows along the banks in lakes!

Comes, Rachel

From: info@gfp.sd.us
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:14 PM
To: tallpaulr@hotmail.com
Cc: Comes, Rachel
Subject: Petition for Rule Change Form

Categories: Commission

South Dakota - Game, Fish, and Parks

Petition for Rule Change

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

ID: 112

Petitioner Name: Paul Roghair

Address: 1315 5th ave, box 96
KADOKA, SD 57543

Email: tallpaulr@hotmail.com

Phone: 920-312-0428

Rule Identification: Legal Firearms: turkey "Other shoulder held-firearms using ammunition that is factory rated to produce at least 700lbs of energy at the muzzle"

Describe Change: Change the 700lbs at the muzzle to " any rim or centerfire cartridge greater than 1 inch in length" Could include : "but less than 2.5 inches in length"

Reason for Change: Currently in the fall, this is an issue, some people do not like the idea at all of hunting with a rifle at all which is unfair to those who do, one reason stated is Safety and another is "you will just blow the bird up" I believe looking at this from a different way helps to address this issue. By opening this area, people (yes there are a few) can legally use a lower powered cartridge to harvest a turkey for which they hold a tag, in a format that does less potential destruction of the harvest, and at the same time makes it safer for all afield. Less power will mean less bullet travel, less pass-through energy, and shorter shot distances which also leads to more safety as the closer one is the less chance to mistake decoys for real birds etc. In addition, this makes things simple. Not many people, or conservation officers carry around the gear to determine the foot pounds of energy on a cartridge. A ruler is much more common and simple. Thus, is makes the rules simpler, expands the amount of people that can hunt and increases the safety of the sport for those who are afield. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Comes, Rachel

From: info@gfp.sd.us
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 11:26 AM
To: DAA@MAYADAM.NET
Cc: Comes, Rachel
Subject: Petition for Rule Change Form

Categories: Commission

South Dakota - Game, Fish, and Parks

Petition for Rule Change

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

ID: 113

Petitioner Name: Doug Abraham

Address: 503 S. Pierre St.
PIERRE, SD 57501

Email: DAA@MAYADAM.NET

Phone: 605-690-2023

Rule Identification: 41:06:23

Describe Change: Add the allocation of no more than 50 resident and 50 nonresident any antelope licenses and create a special antelope unit within the antelope season that is valid only on private property not leased by the Department of Game, Fish and Parks for public hunting in any east river or west river antelope unit open to hunting. A successful special antelope licensee may not apply for a West River or East River antelope license in the initial or second drawing. A successful special antelope licensee may not apply for a leftover special antelope license. No person may make application for or receive the special antelope license unless the following conditions are met: (1) The applicant has permission from an owner or lessee of private land to hunt antelope on the owner's or lessee's property located within the permitted area during the antelope hunting season for which the special antelope license is issued; and (2) The applicant includes on the application for a special antelope license the name and telephone number of the owner or lessee of the private property granting the permission.

Reason for Change: The proposed change would recognize landowner contributions to wildlife habitat and create a license structure that mirrors the special licenses currently enjoyed during deer season. This proposal creates additional opportunity on private lands for both residents and nonresidents without further burdening or creating increased hunting pressure on publicly accessible lands.

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

YOUTH PACKAGE

Chapters 41:06:02, 41:06:16, 41:06:49, 41:06:55, 41:07:01, 41:07:03, 41:07:05

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 8-9, 2021	Virtual
	Public Hearing	May 6, 2021	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 6-7, 2021	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

During the 2021 Session, HB 1034 was passed by the legislature as a Department sponsored bill. The bill was dubbed the “Youth Bill.” The overall objective was rather simple – align the definition of who qualifies as a “youth.” Prior to passage, in GFP the age limit for a youth was dependent upon the season. Some seasons if you were 16 and under you were considered a youth. For other seasons, if you were under 18 you qualified as a youth. HB 1034 aligned all the ages so that if an individual is under 18, they are considered a youth and qualify for youth licenses. This administrative rule proposal finishes what HB 1034 started. The proposal addresses all of our youth licenses and requirements that are found in rule and aligns them with HB 1034, namely, if you are under the age of 18, you are considered a youth.

- Remove the age eligibility for combination licenses in administrative rule (41:06:02:01.01).
- Make changes to the available license types and associated fees (41:06:02:03). Eliminate the junior combination license; create a youth deer license and fee (Resident \$5 / Nonresident \$10); amend resident/nonresident small game license structure to ‘18 and older’ and ‘under 18’; specify nonresident youth waterfowl licenses are available to those under 18.
- Correct a cross-referencing error in 41:06:16:11(10) pertaining to youth waterfowl season.
- Make changes to the adult accompaniment requirements for youth waterfowl season (41:06:49:04). Align adult accompaniment requirements (under age 16) with those found in state law (41-6-13).
- Make changes to the adult accompaniment requirements for youth pheasant season (41:06:55:04). Align adult accompaniment requirements (under age 16) with those found in state law (41-6-13).
- Make changes to the available fishing license types and associated fees (41:07:01:12). Eliminate the nonresident family fishing license and the youth fishing license options.
- Repeal 41:07:03:06 given the elimination of the nonresident family fishing license option.
- Amend the fishing license requirement age for permitted paddlefish anglers from 16 to 18 (41:07:05:02). All anglers, regardless of age, are eligible to obtain a paddlefish permit but fishing licenses are required of those 18 years of age and older.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Complicated regulations are one of the top five barriers to participation for all hunters and anglers. In an effort to benefit the most hunters and anglers and simplify the process families must go through to engage in outdoor recreation together, this package streamlines accompaniment requirements and aligns them with state statute, defines youth across all seasons as anyone under the age of 18, and dramatically increases fishing opportunity for all youth. This single regulatory package improves what has historically been a complicated process that made engaging with outdoors in South Dakota as a family more difficult than any other opportunity available.

Recruitment, Retention, Reactivation (R3) Criteria

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user’s ability to participate? No. It dramatically increases the ability of youth and families to participate.

2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Whole families experience a dramatic increase in the opportunity to fish as a result of this regulation package. In addition, the ability for families to more easily determine which license requirements apply to their children across all seasons is also improved by this change.

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? By increasing opportunity and the ability for families to engage in outdoor recreation together through streamlining these regulations, both the current and next generation of outdoor recreationists are given an incredible advantage.

4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Removing much of the complexity involved in the license purchasing process for families dramatically improves the likelihood that families will engage in outdoor recreation together, which has a direct impact on the hunting, fishing, trapping, and outdoor recreationist heritage that is precious to us all.

☐ **APPROVE**

☐ **MODIFY**

☐ **REJECT**

☐ **NO ACTION**

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

Special Pheasant Hunt for Disabled Veterans Chapter 41:06:54

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal Public Hearing Finalization	April 8-9, 2021 May 6, 2021 May 6-7, 2021	Pierre Custer State Park Custer State Park
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COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Amend Administrative Rule of South Dakota 41:06:54:01 to align rule with South Dakota Codified Law 41-11-5.5.

41:06:54:01. Special pheasant hunting season authorized -- Valid on private land only.

A special pheasant hunting season for qualifying disabled veterans and purple heart recipients may be established anytime ~~during the months of October and November~~ beginning September 1 through the end of the regular pheasant season upon application by a sponsoring nonprofit organization. A special pheasant hunting season is valid only on private lands.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

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. The South Dakota Legislature and Governor recognized this during the 2020 legislative session by passing and signing a bill expanding special pheasant hunt opportunities for disabled veterans to include Purple Heart recipients as well. That bill also expanded the available time that a special pheasant hunt could be permitted. The changes we are recommending with this proposal will simply be aligning ARSD with the SDCL (included below for reference).

SDCL 41-11-5.5. Pheasant hunt--Disabled veterans and former prisoners of war--Promulgation of rules.

Any nonprofit organization may establish a special pheasant hunt in which disabled veterans or Purple Heart recipients of the United States Armed Forces may participate. The special pheasant hunt may be held before or during the regular pheasant season. No fee may be charged to participants in any such special pheasant hunt, by either the state or the sponsoring organization. The Game, Fish and Parks Commission shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to administer the special pheasant hunts authorized in this section.

For the purposes of this section a disabled veteran is a person who meets one of the following criteria:

- (1) A resident or nonresident veteran who has been adjudicated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as twenty percent or more disabled due to a service-connected disability or has received the United States Department of Veterans Affairs K Award; or
- (2) A resident who has served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or has served as a member of the armed forces reserve or national guard, and the resident is forty percent or more disabled for the purposes of receiving social security benefits.

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, 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 pheasant 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

Minimal financial impact due to extended opportunity for participants to hunt without a license.

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION

Finalization

Nonmeandered Waters

Chapters 41:04:06

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	Nov 4-5	Teleconference
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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.
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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

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Proposed change from last year:

1. 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.

PROPOSED 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.

2. Allow for both a resident and nonresident parent or guardian to purchase a mentored license for a designated mentored youth.
3. A person under 16 years of age who received a youth deer license is ineligible to receive a mentored deer license
4. Establish the types of big game animals that are eligible to harvest with a landowner-on-own-land license.
 - a. For the West River, East River, and Black Hills firearm deer hunting seasons, qualifying landowners and owner/operators may purchase one "any deer" license or a two-tag "any deer" and "any antlerless deer" license.
 - b. For the antelope firearm hunting season, qualifying landowners and owner/operators may purchase one "any antelope" or a two-tag "any antelope" and "any doe/fawn antelope" license.
5. Modify the following administrative rule: **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, Apprentice hunter, Youth, Archery, and Muzzleloading deer hunting units. Antlerless whitetail deer licenses will be available to qualifying applicants in hunting units which offer a deer license with multiple tags for antlerless deer 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.
6. Modify the following administrative rule: **41:06:01:17. Access permits required for specific deer hunting units and public lands.** Any resident or nonresident deer hunter possessing an archery, muzzleloader, apprentice hunter, youth, or mentor deer license shall obtain and possess a free access permit to hunt West River deer units 24B, 27L, 35L, and East River deer unit 13L. Any resident or nonresident deer hunter possessing an archery deer license shall obtain and possess a free access permit in order to hunt Newton Hills State Park or in the Black Hills as defined in § 41:06:19:02. Unlimited access permits may be issued for each management unit and each free access permit shall be unit specific.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

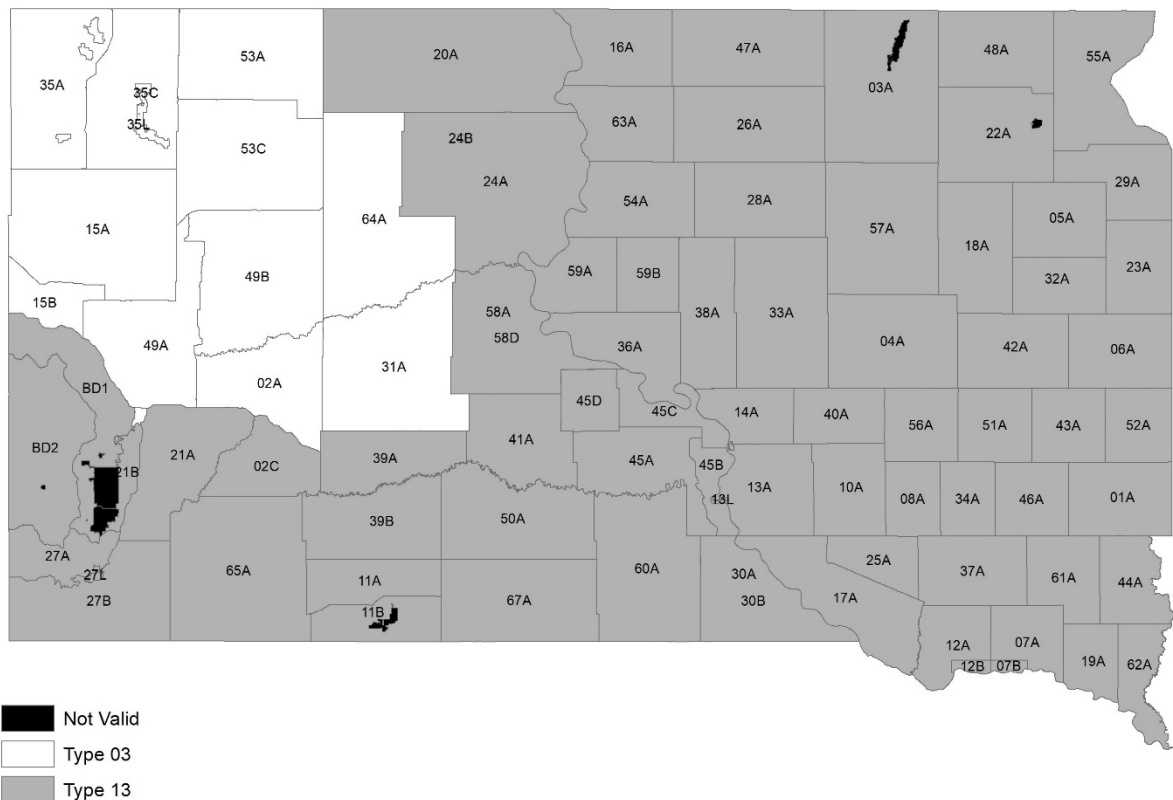
SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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 proposed management change to create a whitetail only mentor and apprentice hunting unit will reduce statewide mule deer female harvest by about 30%.

In accordance with House Bill 1047 enrolled during the 2021 South Dakota Legislature, the GFP Commission shall establish the types of big game animals that are eligible to harvest with a landowner-on-own-land license.

Administrative rule clean-up to address the establishment of the youth deer hunting season.

Mentored Deer Unit Map



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? For participants hunting in Unit MHD-13, opportunity to purchase the license will remain the same, but species available to harvest will be more limited than previously available.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? The mentored deer license still allows a special opportunity for novice hunters to practice their skills during a guaranteed hunting opportunity. That has a positive potential impact on the future of hunters in South Dakota.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? The mentored deer license opportunity does enhance the quality of life of current generations and continuing to offer this opportunity while considering biological herd limitations is an important balance that helps maintain the quality of life for future generations.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

Youth Deer Season Chapters 41:06:63 and 41:08:06

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal Public Hearing Finalization	April 8-9, 2021 May 6, 2021 May 6-7, 2021	Pierre Custer State Park Custer State Park
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COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2021 and 2022 hunting seasons

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

Open Areas: Unit YOD-03: West River Units 02A, 15A, 15B, 31A, 35A, 35C, 35L, 49A, 49B, 53A, 53C and 64A (See map for open area)
Unit YOD-13: That portion of the state not included in Unit YOD-03 (See map for open area)

Licenses: Unit YOD-03: Single tag "any antlerless deer" license
Unit YOD-13: Single tag "antlerless whitetail deer" license

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Both residents and nonresidents that have not reached the age of 18 years old on June 30 may purchase a youth hunter deer license.
2. Each youth 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) youth hunter deer license valid for either Unit YOD-03 or Unit YOD-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 a youth deer license.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Establish ARSD **Chapter 41:06:63 Youth Deer Season**.
2. Establish the following administrative rules:

41:06:63:01. Youth deer hunting season established. The youth deer hunting season is open statewide from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset beginning on the second Saturday of September through January 1.

41:06:63:02. Number and type of licenses available. An unlimited number of "antlerless deer" and "antlerless whitetail deer" licenses may be issued for this season. Youth deer hunters are limited to one "antlerless deer" or "antlerless whitetail deer" license for areas open to youth deer hunting.

41:06:63:03. Open units. The following is a description of the open units.

- (1) Unit YOD-03: West River Units 02A, 15A, 15B, 31A, 35A, 35C, 35L, 49A, 49B, 53A, 53C and 64A. License valid for a single tag "any antlerless deer" license.
- (2) Unit YOD-13: That portion of the state not included in Unit YOD-03. Licenses valid for a single tag "antlerless whitetail deer" license.

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

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

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

41:06:63:05. Application requirements and restrictions. The following requirements and restrictions apply to all applications for license under this chapter:

- (1) Any person who has reached the age of 12 years during the period September 1 through December 31 and has not reached the age of 18 years by June 30;
- (2) A person who received a mentored deer license is ineligible to receive a youth deer license;
- (5) Land operator preference is not applicable to these licenses.

3. Modify the following administrative rule:

41:08:06:06. Hunting area limited. A permittee may aerial hunt only in the counties permitted in the contract. A permittee may not aerial hunt upon or over any private land or any state or federal land, except as authorized by a department representative or as otherwise provided for in this chapter.

A permittee may aerial hunt upon or over land owned or managed by the Office of School and Public Lands, without prior authorization by a department representative except that such land is closed to aerial hunting for four consecutive days beginning three days prior to the opening day of any local prairie elk, antelope, or deer firearm hunting season, as provided in article 41:06. For purposes of this section, the phrase, deer firearm hunting season, does not include the mentored, youth, or apprentice deer season, as provided for in chapter 41:06:44 or seasons restricted to the use of muzzleloading rifles, as provided for in chapters 41:06:36 and 41:06:45. A landowner pilot who has obtained a permit from the department may aerial hunt land the pilot owns or leases, including land leased from the Office of School and Public Lands, and up to four miles onto any contiguous private land or land leased from the Office of School and Public Lands, with written permission of the respective owner or lessee of the contiguous land. No contact with the department for authorization is necessary.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

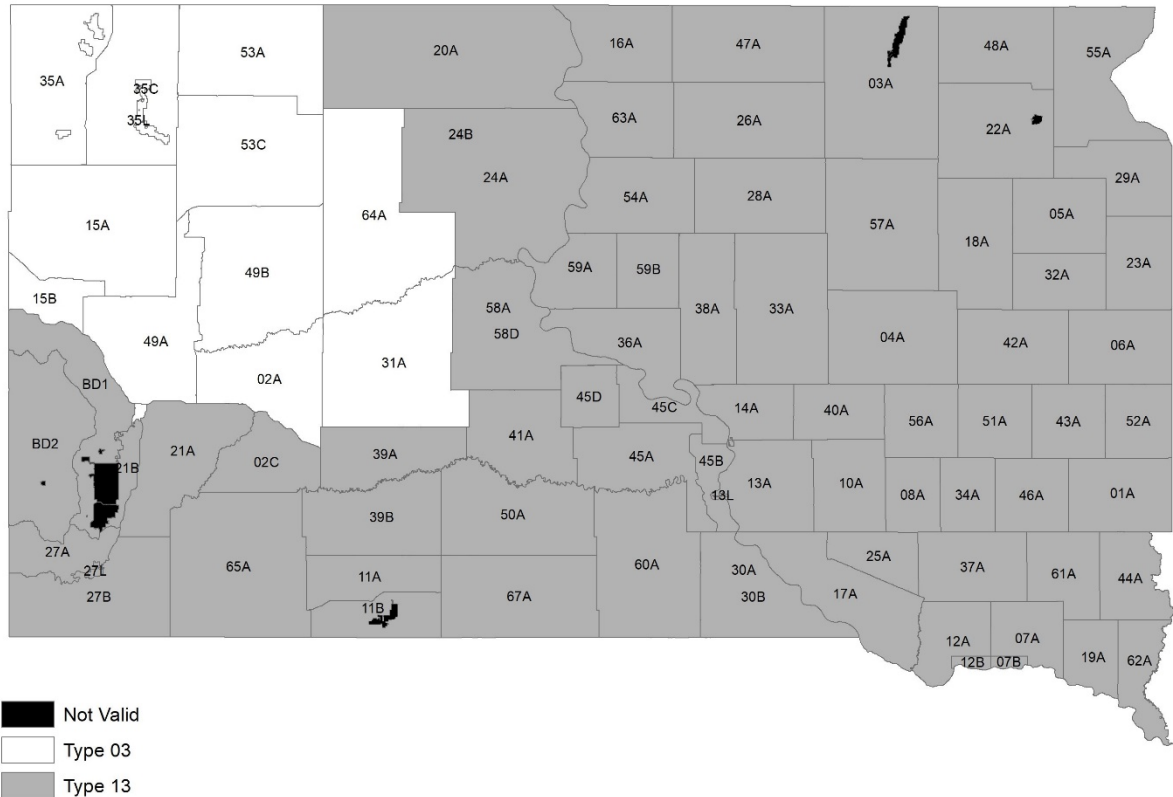
Recommend that the Youth Deer Season be only for residents and nonresidents that have not reached the age of 18 years old on June 30. Objective is to streamline seasons and reduce confusion for applicants.

Other administrative rule clean-ups to address the establishment of the youth 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 youth 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, youth, or apprentice hunters in proposed unit YOD-13. The proposed management change to create a whitetail only mentor, youth, and apprentice hunting unit will reduce statewide mule deer female harvest by about 30%.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

Youth 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? For participants hunting in Unit YOD-13, opportunity to purchase the license will remain the same, but species available to harvest will be more limited than previously available.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? The youth deer license still allows a special opportunity for novice hunters to practice their skills during a guaranteed hunting opportunity. That has a positive potential impact on the future of hunters in South Dakota.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? The youth deer license opportunity does enhance the quality of life of current generations and continuing to offer this opportunity while considering biological herd limitations is an important balance that helps maintain the quality of life for future generations.

FISCAL IMPACT

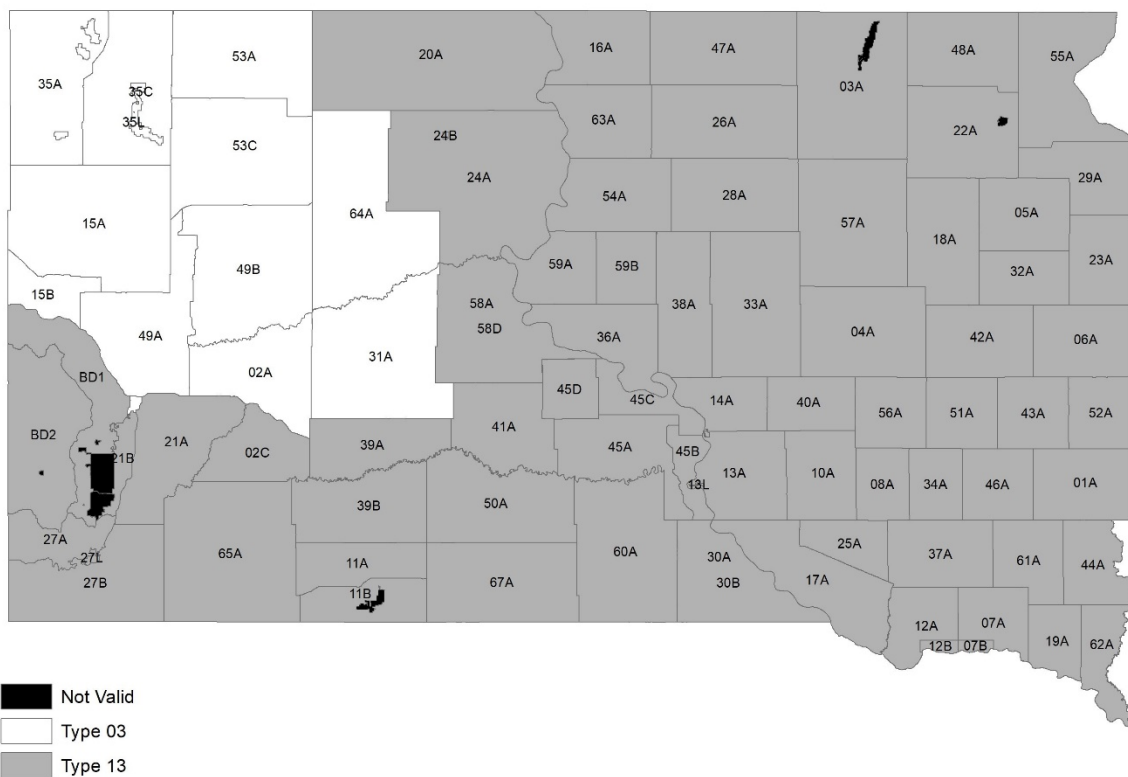
No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

Youth Deer Season 2021-2022 “Antlerless License” Restrictions

1. Unit YOD-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 YOD-13: That portion of the state not included in Unit YOD-03. Single tag “antlerless whitetail deer” license.
3. Youth deer hunters may purchase one (1) deer license.

Youth Deer Unit Map



**GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION**

Apprentice 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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 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. A resident 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.

Proposed 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
2. Repeal administrative rule language pertaining towards youth under 18 years of age.
3. Repeal administrative rule that each hunter must be accompanied by an adult while hunting.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

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 proposed 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 _____

Recommend that the Apprentice Hunter Deer Season be only for those residents that have not held a license to hunt deer during the previous 10 years in South Dakota and remove the requirement to be accompanied by an adult while hunting. Establish a new chapter for youth deer hunting. Objective is to streamline seasons and reduce confusion for applicants.

Legend:

- Not Valid (Black)
- Type 03 (White)
- Type 13 (Gray)

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

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? For participants hunting in Unit APD-13, opportunity to purchase the license will remain the same, but species available to harvest will be more limited than previously available.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? The apprentice license opportunity still allows a special opportunity for novice hunters to practice their skills during a guaranteed hunting opportunity. That has a positive potential impact on the future of hunters in South Dakota.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? The apprentice license opportunity does enhance the quality of life of current generations and continuing to offer this opportunity while considering biological herd limitations is an important balance that helps maintain the quality of life for future generations.

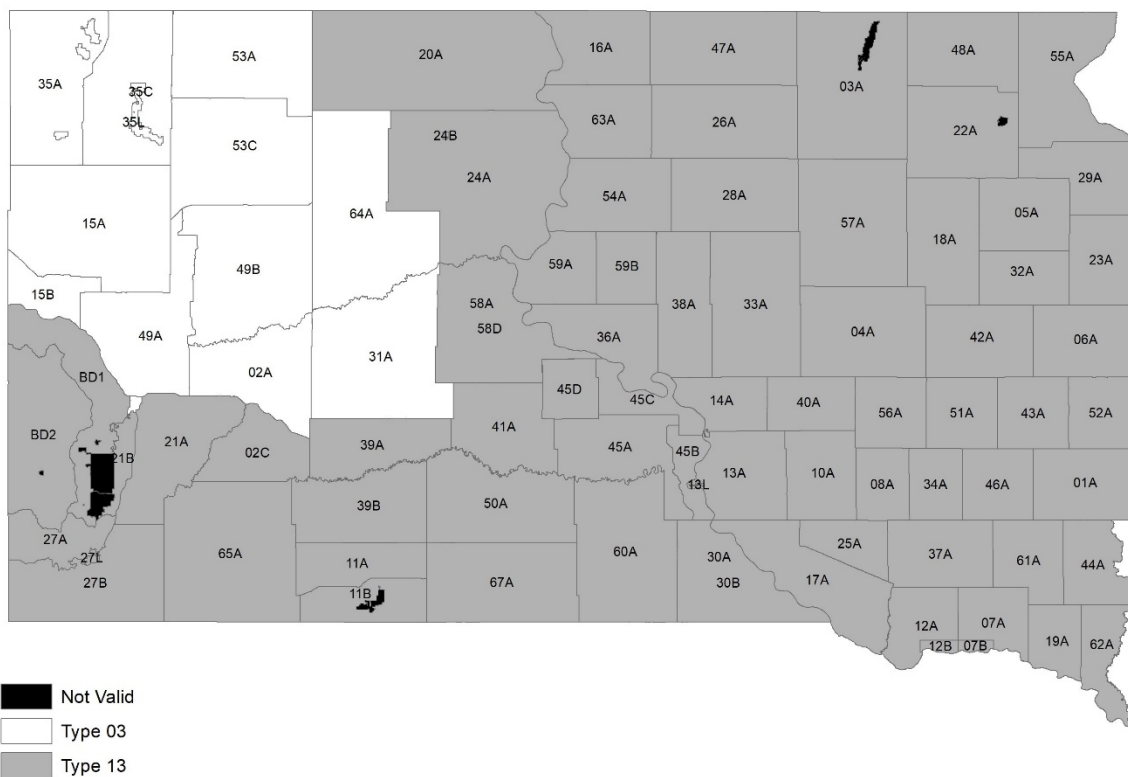
No fiscal impact to the Department.

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.

Apprentice Deer Unit Map



GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 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: 25 "Any Whitetail Deer" licenses
50 "Antlerless Whitetail Deer" licenses

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.

Proposed 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.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The proposed 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.

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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? 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? This provides additional opportunity to participate in hunting.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Yes, by increasing the opportunity to participate, current and future generations are more likely to get outdoors and enjoy our natural resources.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

Black Hills Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:19

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2021 and 2022 hunting seasons

Season Dates: November 1-30

Open Area: Black Hills

Licenses: 200 resident and 16 nonresident "Any Deer" licenses
3,000 resident and 240 nonresident "Any Whitetail Deer" licenses
300 resident and 24 nonresident "Antlerless Whitetail Deer" licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

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

Proposed 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.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The proposed 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.

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.

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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

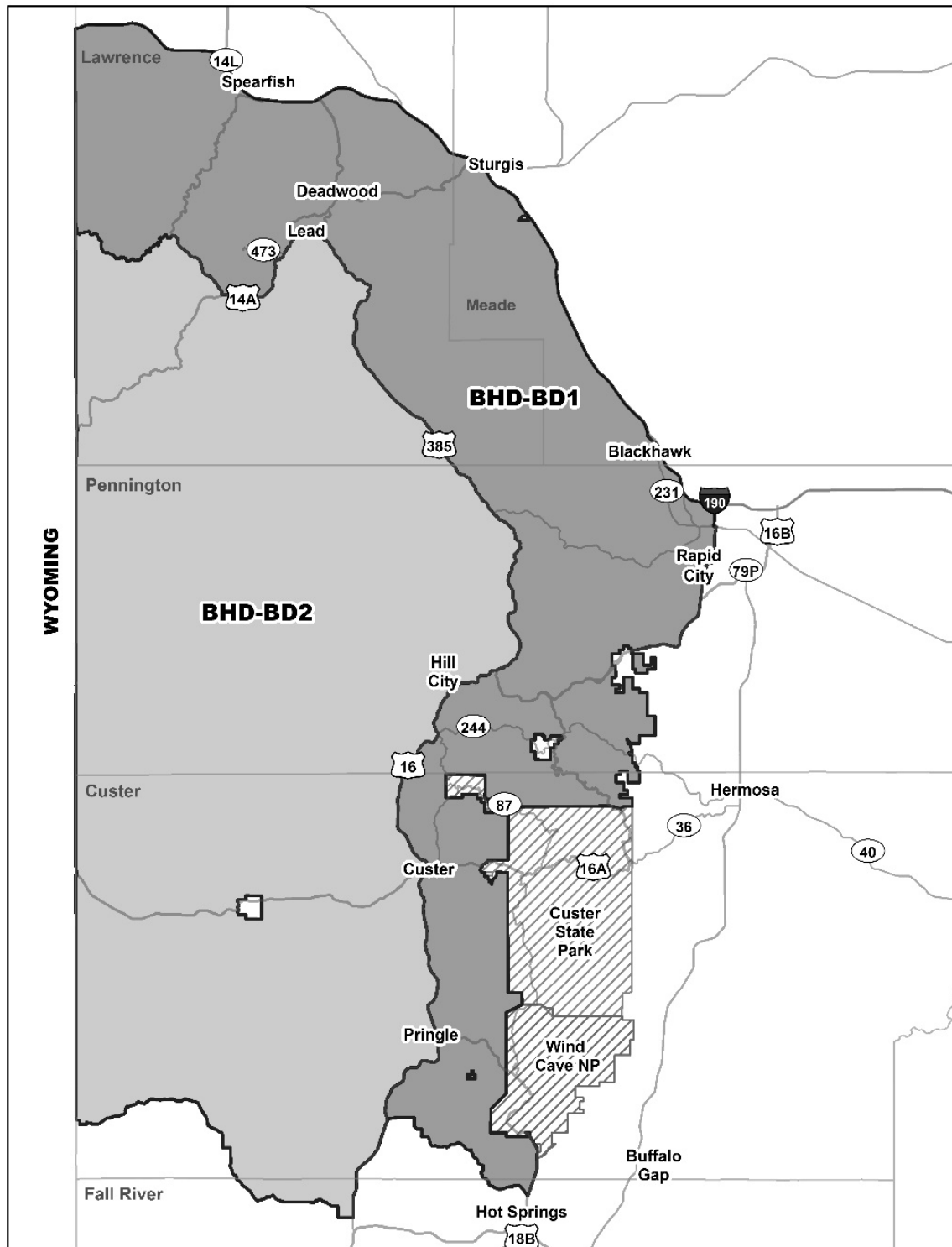
1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? No.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Yes.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? It increases the opportunity to participate in this activity.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Yes, by increasing the opportunity to participate, current and future generations are more likely to get outdoors and enjoy our natural resources.

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

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 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: Residents: 11,453 one-tag, 8,970 two-tag, and 800 three-tag licenses
Nonresidents: 920 one-tag, 718 two-tag, and 64 three-tag licenses

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."

Proposed 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 no more than 20,000 one-tag, 15,000 two-tag deer licenses and 10,000 three-tag deer licenses.
2. Repeal the following units: 15P, 27P, and 45P.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The proposed 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.

Private land units will be replaced with private land license types. This eliminates the same geographic area being designated with more than one unit name and hunter harvest data will be more easily stored, organized, and tracked through time.

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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

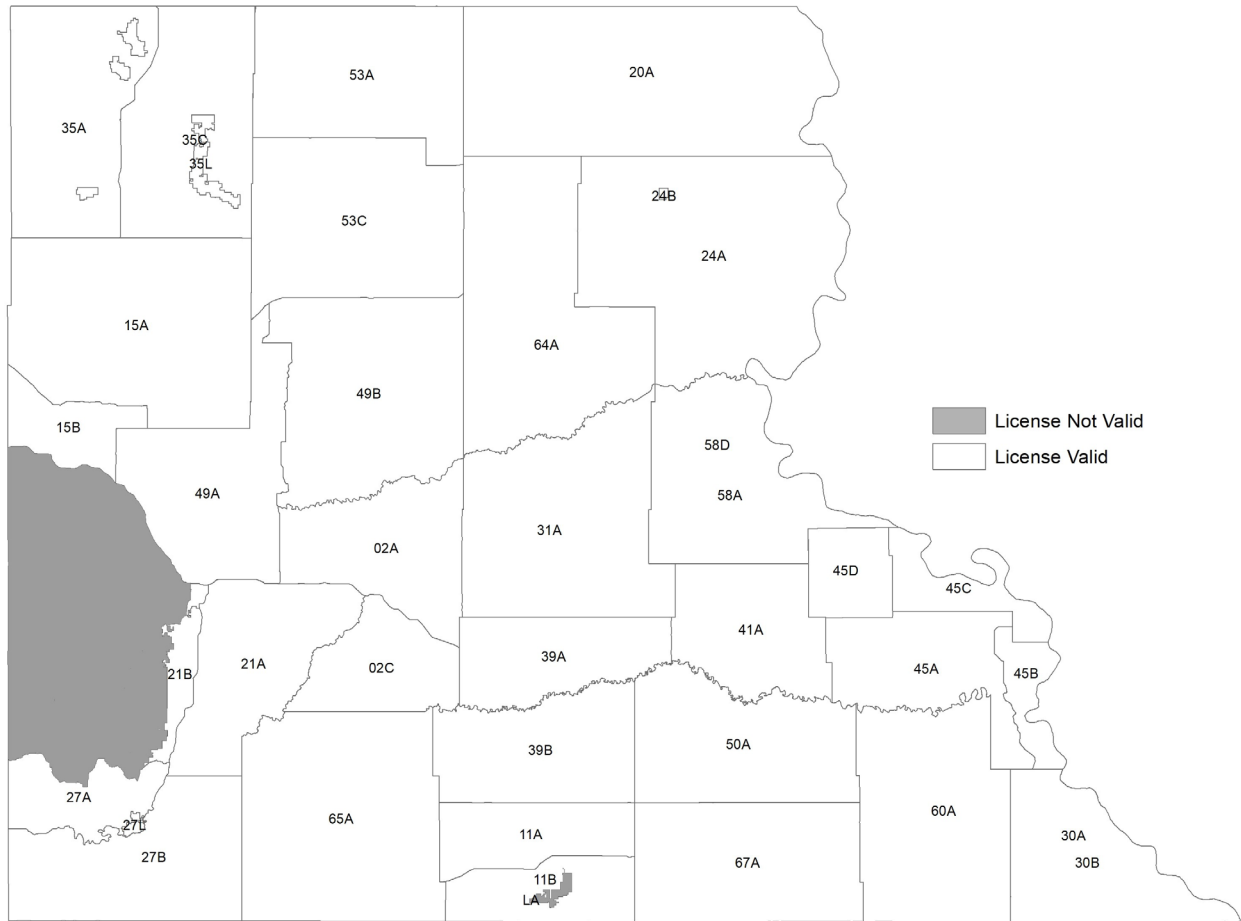
1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? Not applicable.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Not applicable.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.
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



GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 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: 25,040 one-tag and 1,200 two-tag licenses (total of 27,440 tags)

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.

Proposed 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 no more than 30,000 one-tag and 15,000 two-tag and 5,000 three-tag deer licenses.
2. Repeal the following units: 13P, 36P, 33P, and 38P.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The proposed 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.

Private land units will be replaced with private land license types. This eliminates the same geographic area being designated with more than one unit name and hunter harvest data will be more easily stored, organized, and tracked through time.

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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

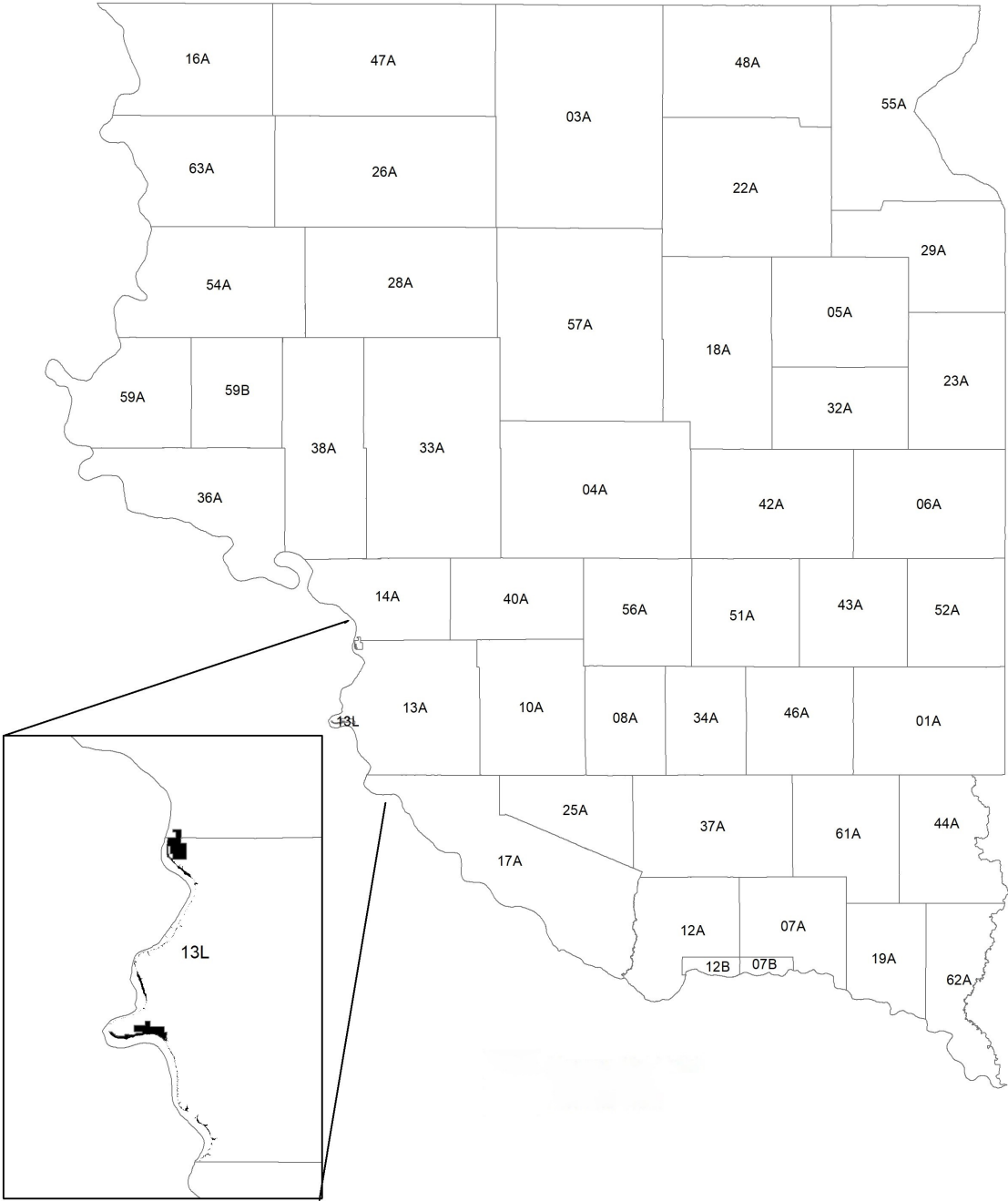
1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? Not applicable.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Not applicable.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.
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** _____

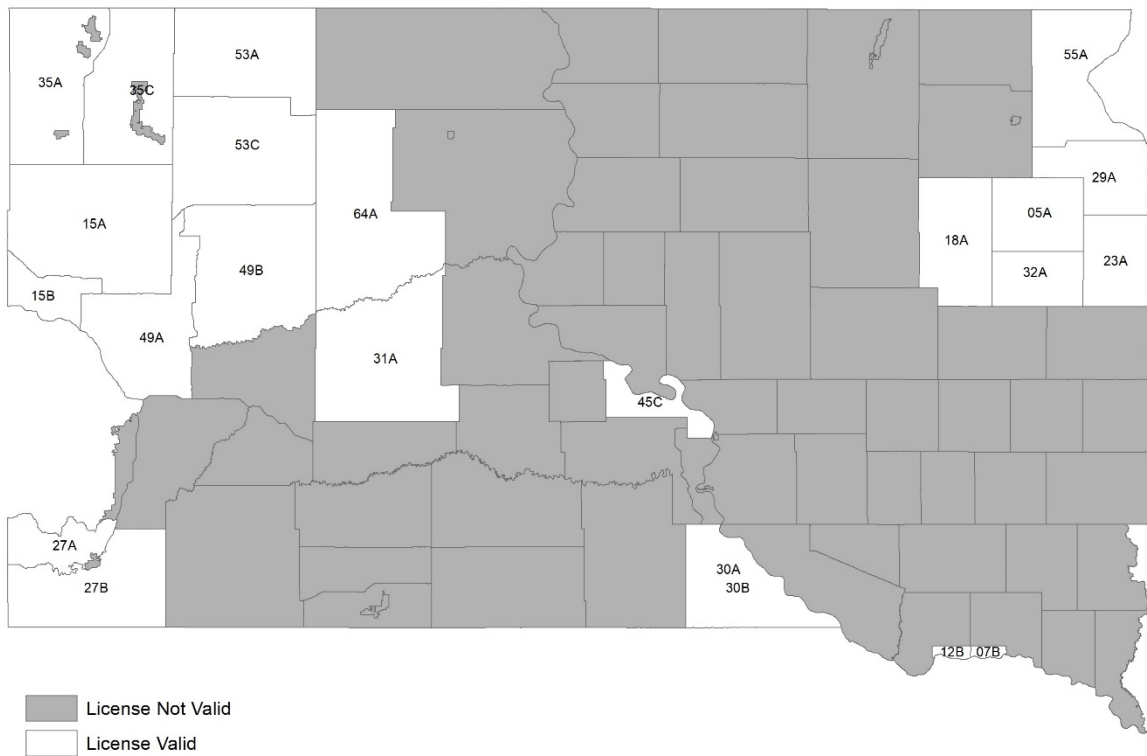
EAST RIVER DEER UNITS



Landowner Free Antlerless Deer License

- 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



GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 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 20-26 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: Sand Lake NWR Resident: 80 “any deer” and 25 “antlerless whitetail deer” licenses
Nonresident: 8 “any deer” and 2 “antlerless whitetail deer” licenses
Lacreek NWR Residents: 20 “any deer” licenses
Nonresidents: 2 “any deer” licenses
Waubay NWR Residents: 20 “any deer” licenses
Nonresidents: 2 “any deer” licenses

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.

Proposed 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 no more than 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 no more than 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 no more than 75 one-tag deer licenses.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The proposed 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.

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? 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? This increases the opportunity to participate in these activities.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Yes, by increasing the opportunity to participate, current and future generations are more likely to get outdoors and enjoy our natural resources.

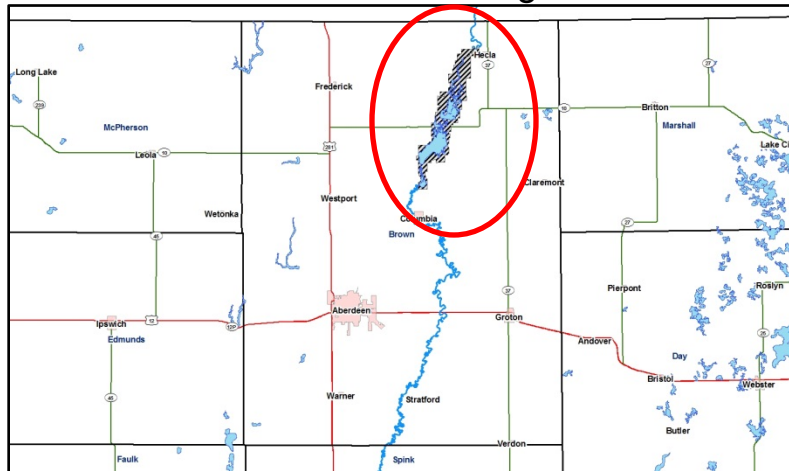
FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

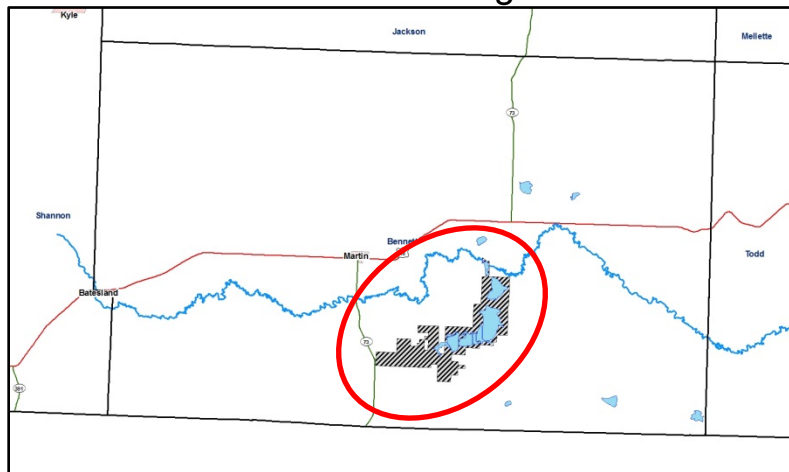
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REFUGE DEER UNITS

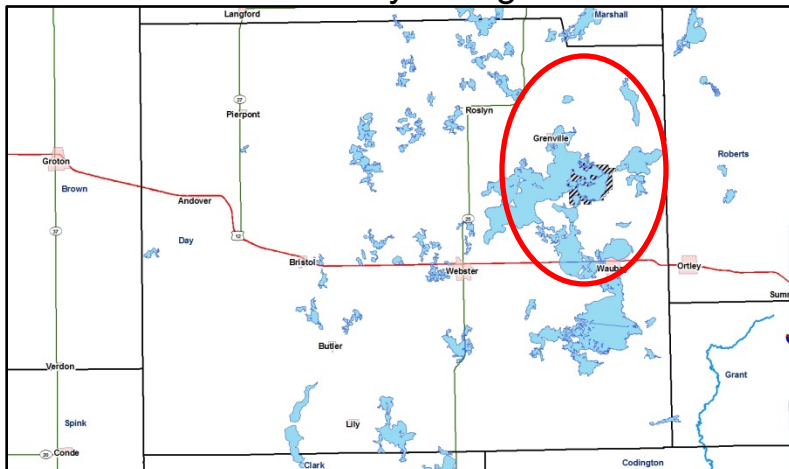
Sand Lake Refuge



Lacreek Refuge



Waubay Refuge



GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 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. Residents and nonresidents 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 for Unit ARD-LM1 (see map).
3. Nonresidents may not hunt deer on private lands leased for public access by the department or public lands prior to October 1.
4. A license obtained by a nonresident on or after the first day of April is valid only on private lands not leased for public access by the department.
5. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
6. 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.
7. Waubay State Game Bird Refuge, Waubay National Wildlife Refuge and Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge in Day are open through January 1, except during 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, Good Earth State Park, and Unit WRD-35L.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Adjust license numbers from no more than 500 one-tag “any antlerless deer” to no more than 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 no more than 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 no more than 10 “any deer” and 25 “antlerless whitetail deer” for Goode Earth State Park.
4. Modify ARSD 41:06:22:01.02 (Nonresident archery deer hunting season restrictions) as follows:
 - a. ~~A license obtained by a nonresident on or after the first day of August, 2019, is valid only on private lands not leased for public access by the department through the first day of January, 2020. A license obtained by a nonresident on or after the first day of April, 2020, and every year thereafter, is valid only on private lands not leased for public access by the department.~~

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5. Modify ARSD 41:06:22:01.01 as follows:
 - a. Current Rule: Unit ARD-LM1: all areas open to archery deer hunting; excluding the following deer hunting units referenced in chapters 41:06:19, 41:06:20, and 41:06:21: 02C, 07A, 08A, 12A, 13L, 19A, 20A, 21A, 21B, 27A, 27L, 29A, 34A, 35L, 37A, 39A, 41A, 45D, 58A, 59A, 61A, 64A, 65A, and 67A;
 - b. Recommended Rule: Unit ARD-LM1: all areas open to archery deer hunting; excluding the following deer hunting units referenced in chapters 41:06:19, 41:06:20, and 41:06:21: BD1, 02C, 07A, 08A, 12A, 14A, 27L, 33A, 34A, 35L, 36A, 38A, 41A, 50A, 54A, 58D, 59A, 59B, 61A, and 65A;

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The proposed 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.

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? No, this increases opportunity for participants.
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? Increasing opportunities like this close to urban centers has the potential to involve more non-traditional hunters, which positively impacts the next generation of conservationists.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? This increases the opportunity and quality of life for potential participants.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

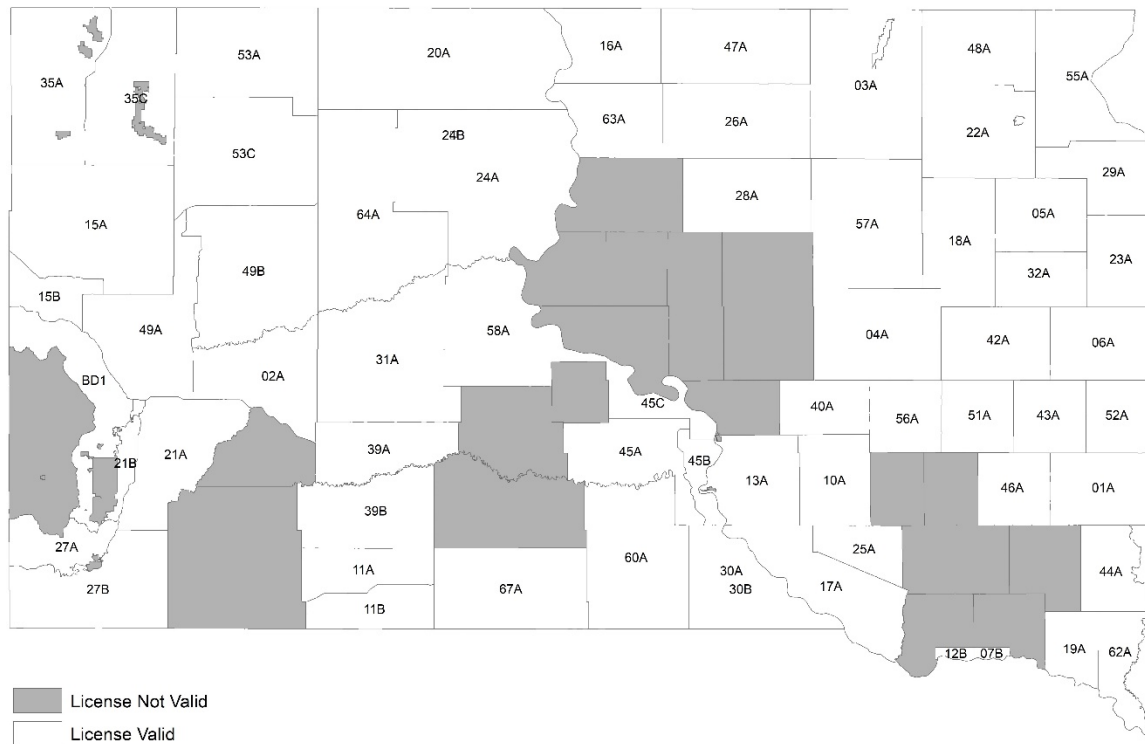
Archery Deer Hunting Season 2021-2022 “Antlerless License” Restrictions

1. The Unit ARD-LM1 single-tag “antlerless whitetail deer” license is valid only in those units that have firearm antlerless deer licenses.

Archery Antlerless Whitetail Deer

Unit ARD-LM1

2021-2022 Map



GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

General Muzzleloading Deer Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:45

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 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 Bird 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.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Adjust resident license numbers from no more than 1,000 one-tag “any deer” licenses to no more than 1,500 one-tag “any deer” deer licenses.
2. Modify ARSD 41:06:45:02 as follows:
 - a. Current Rule: Unit MZD-LM1: all areas open to muzzleloader deer hunting; excluding the following deer hunting units referenced in chapters 41:06:19, 41:06:20, and 41:06:21: 02C, 07A, 08A, 12A, 13L, 19A, 20A, 21A, 21B, 27A, 27L, 29A, 34A, 35L, 37A, 39A, 41A, 45D, 58A, 59A, 61A, 64A, 65A, and 67A;
 - b. Recommended Rule: Unit MZD-LM1: all areas open to muzzleloader deer hunting; excluding the following deer hunting units referenced in chapters 41:06:19, 41:06:20, and 41:06:21: BD1, 02C, 07A, 08A, 12A, 14A, 27L, 33A, 34A, 35L, 36A, 38A, 41A, 50A, 54A, 58D, 59A, 59B, 61A, and 65A;

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The proposed 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.

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.

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 _____

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REJECT _____

NO ACTION _____

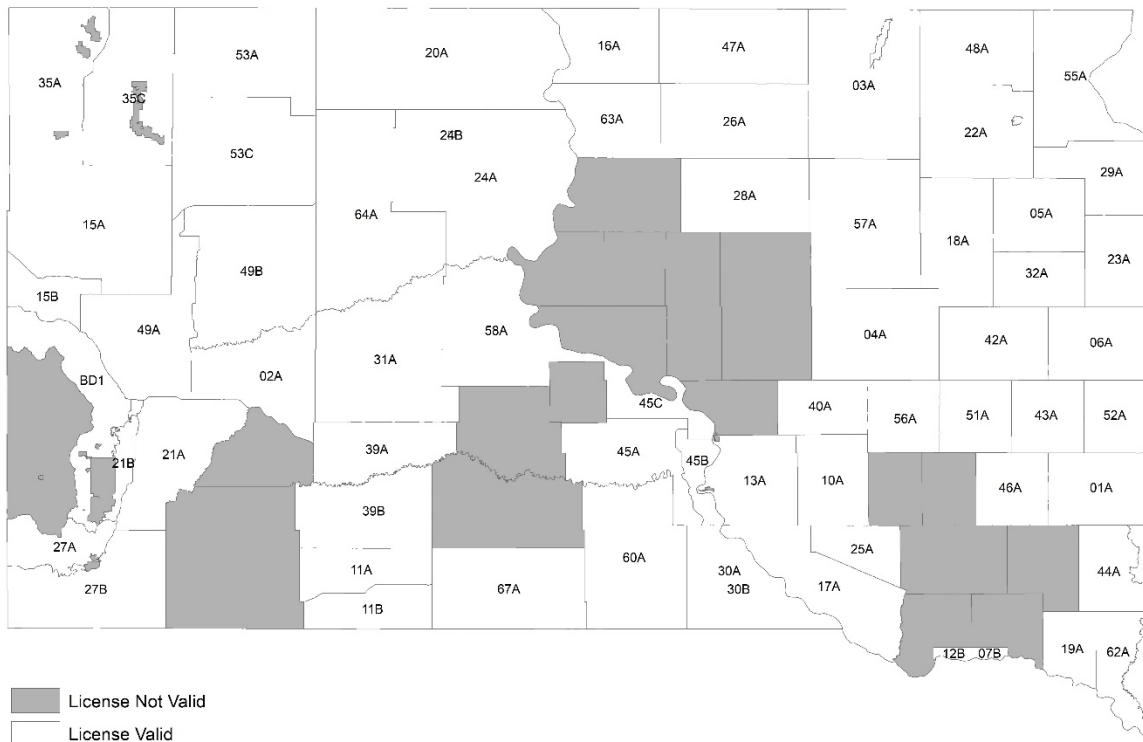
Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Season 2021-2022 “Antlerless License” Restrictions

1. The Unit ARD-LM1 single-tag “antlerless whitetail deer” license is valid only in those units that have firearm antlerless deer licenses.

Muzzleloader Antlerless Whitetail Deer

Unit MZD-LM1

2021-2022 Map



GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

Deer Hunting Seasons—Hunting Unit License & Access Permit Allocations

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 8-9, 2021	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 6, 2021	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 6-7, 2021	Custer State Park

LICENSE AND ACCESS PERMIT ALLOCATION BY SEASONS AND UNITS

See Attached Spreadsheets

2021-2022 CUSTER STATE PARK DEER

Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Deer Type 01	Any Whitetail Type 11	Antlerless Whitetail Type 13
CUD-1	0	25	0
CUD-2	0	0	50
TOTAL	0	25	50

CUSTER STATE PARK DEER
2019-20 vs. 2021-2022 Comparison

Unit	2019-2020 Resident Licenses	2021-2022 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2019-2020 Resident Tags	2021-2022 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
CUD-1	38	25	-13	-34%	38	25	-13	-34%
CUD-2	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
TOTAL	88	75	-13	-15%	88	75	-13	-15%

2021-2022 BLACK HILLS DEER

Unit	Resident Licenses			Nonresident Licenses			License Totals							
	Any Deer	Any WT	Antlerless WT	Any Deer	Any WT	Antlerless WT	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR
	01	11	13	01	11	13	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags
BD1			300	0	0	24	300	0	300	300	24	0	24	24
BD2			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BH1	200	3,000		16	240	0	3,200	0	3,200	3,200	256	0	256	256
TOTAL	200	3,000	300	16	240	24	3,500	0	3,500	3,500	280	0	280	280
Unit	Any Deer	Any WT	Antlerless WT	Any Deer	Any WT	Antlerless WT	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR
	01	11	13	01	11	13	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags
RES and NR:							3,780	0	3,780	3,780				

BLACK HILLS DEER
2019-2020 vs. 2021-2022 Comparison

Resident Licenses												
Unit	Any Deer				Any Whitetail				Antlerless Whitetail			
	Year		Change		Year		Change		Year		Change	
	2019-2020	2021-2022	#	%	2019-2020	2021-2022	#	%	2019-2020	2021-2022	#	%
BD1									1,000	300	-700	-70%
BD2									100	0	-100	-100%
BH1	200	200	0	0%	3,500	3,000	-500	-14%				
TOTAL	200	200	0	0%	3,500	3,000	-500	-14%	1,100	300	-800	-73%

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

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident Licenses												Nonresident Licenses												License Totals											
		AnyD 01	AtID 03	AtID 03P	AD+AtID 08	2 AtID 09P	AnyW 11	AtIW 13	AtIW 13P	3 AtIW 17P	AW+AtIW 18	2 AtIW 19	2 AtIW 19P	AnyD 01	AtID 03	AtID 03P	AD+AtID 08	2 AtID 09P	AnyW 11	AtIW 13	AtIW 13P	3 AtIW 17P	AW+AtIW 18	2 AtIW 19	2 AtIW 19P	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES 3-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR 3-tag	NR Licenses	NR Tags		
02A	Pennington	400											32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	400	200	0	600	800	32	16	0	48	64			
02C	Pennington	100					50						8	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	0	0	150	150	12	0	0	12	12			
11A	Bennett	150					50	50					12	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	250	0	0	250	250	20	0	0	20	20			
11B	Bennett	100					75	75					8	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	250	0	0	250	250	20	0	0	20	20			
15A	Butte	250								500	650		20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	52	0	0	250	650	500	1,400	3,050	20	52	40	112	244			
15B	Butte	250								300	400		20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	32	0	0	250	400	300	950	1,950	20	32	24	76	156			
20A	Corson	150								400			12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	150	400	0	550	950	12	32	0	44	76			
21A	Custer	125					250		100				10	0	0	0	0	20	0	8	0	0	0	0	475	0	0	475	475	38	0	0	38	38			
21B	Custer	100					100	50					8	0	0	0	0	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	250	0	0	250	250	20	0	0	20	20			
24A	Dewey	100					250	100					8	0	0	0	0	20	8	0	0	0	0	0	450	0	0	450	450	36	0	0	36	36			
24B	Little Moreau						10	10					0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	20	20	2	0	0	2	2			
27A	Fall River	125								50		50	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	125	100	0	225	325	10	8	0	18	26			
27B	Fall River	200					200				200	200	16	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	16	16	400	400	0	800	1,200	32	32	0	64	96			
27L	Fall River	5					10						1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	15	15	2	0	0	2	2			
30A	Gregory	25								600	200	100	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	16	8	25	900	0	925	1,825	2	72	0	74	146			
30B	Gregory	25								600	200	100	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	16	8	25	900	0	925	1,825	2	72	0	74	146			
31A	Haakon	600			50		100				100		48	0	0	4	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	0	700	150	0	850	1,000	56	12	0	68	80			
35A	Harding	350		50						250		250	28	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	20	400	500	0	900	1,400	32	40	0	72	112			
35C	Harding	250		50						250		250	20	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	20	300	500	0	800	1,300	24	40	0	64	104			
35L	Harding	100											8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	100	100	8	0	0	8	8			
39A	Jackson	175					100	50					14	0	0	0	0	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	325	0	0	325	325	26	0	0	26	26			
39B	Jackson	275					50	50					22	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	375	0	0	375	375	30	0	0	30	30			
41A	Jones	200					300						16	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	0	500	500	40	0	0	40	40			
45A	Lyman	100					350		100		200		8	0	0	0	0	28	0	8	0	16	0	0	550	200	0	750	950	44	16	0	60	76			
45B	Lyman	50						50		150			4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	12	0	0	100	150	0	250	400	8	12	0	20	32			
45C	Lyman	30									20		3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	30	20	0	50	70	3	2	0	5	7			
45D	Lyman	30					50						3	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	80	80	7	0	0	7	7				
49A	Meade	700								300		50	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4	24	700	650	0	1,350	2,000	56	52	0	108	160			
49B	Meade	700								300		300	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	24	700	600	0	1,300	1,900	56	48	0	104	152			
50A	Mellette	200					500						16	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	700	0	0	700	700	56	0	0	56	56			
53A	Perkins	325					75			250		150	26	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	20	0	12	325	475	0	800	1,275	26	38	0	64	102			
53C	Perkins	500					75			250		200	40	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	20	0	16	500	525	0	1,025	1,550	40	42	0	82	124			
58A	Stanley	150						150		150			12	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	12	0	0	300	150	0	450	600	24	12	0	36	48			
58D	Stanley	5						3					1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	8	8	2	0	0	2	2			
60A	Tripp	100						250		1,000			8	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	80	0	0	350	1,000	0	1,350	2,350	28	80	0	108	188			
64A	Ziebach	300		50			200					100	24	0	4	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	8	550	100	0	650	750	44	8	0	52	60			
65A	Ogjala Lakota	75											6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	75	75	6	0	0	6	6			
67A	Todd	100						100	100				8	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	300	0	0	300	300	24	0	0	24	24			
	TOTAL	7,420	0	150	50	150	2,745	888	250	800	6,000	770	596	0	12	4	12	220	72	20	64	480	62	160	11,453	8,970	80	21,223	31,793	920	718	64	1,702	2,548			
Unit #	Unit Name	AnyD 01	AtID 03	AtID 03P	AD+AtID 08	2 AtID 09P	AnyW 11	AtIW 13	AtIW 13P	3 AtIW 17P	AW+AtIW 18	2 AtIW 19	2 AtIW 19P	AnyD 01	AtID 03	AtID 03P	AD+AtID 08	2 AtID 09P	AnyW 11	AtIW 13	AtIW 13P	3 AtIW 17P	AW+AtIW 18	2 AtIW 19	2 AtIW 19P	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES 3-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR 3-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags		

WEST RIVER DEER
2019-20 vs. 2021-22
Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2019-2020 Resident Licenses	2021-2022 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2019-2020 Resident Tags	2021-2022 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
02A	Pennington	600	600	0	0%	800	800	0	0%
02C	Pennington	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
11A	Bennett	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
11B	Bennett	200	250	50	25%	200	250	50	25%
15A	Butte	1,125	1,400	275	24%	1,525	3,050	1,525	100%
15B	Butte	800	950	150	19%	1,600	1,950	350	22%
20A	Corson	450	550	100	22%	450	950	500	111%
21A	Custer	325	475	150	46%	325	475	150	46%
21B	Custer	200	250	50	25%	200	250	50	25%
24A	Dewey	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
24B	Little Moreau	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
27A	Fall River	125	225	100	80%	125	325	200	160%
27B	Fall River	550	800	250	45%	500	1,200	700	140%
27L	Fall River	15	15	0	0%	15	15	0	0%
30A	Gregory	625	925	300	48%	725	1,825	1,100	152%
30B	Gregory	625	925	300	48%	725	1,825	1,100	152%
31A	Haakon	800	850	50	6%	800	1,000	200	25%
35A	Harding	700	900	200	29%	1,100	1,400	300	27%
35C	Harding	550	800	250	45%	950	1,300	350	37%
35L	Harding	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
39A	Jackson	250	325	75	30%	250	325	75	30%
39B	Jackson	375	375	0	0%	375	375	0	0%
41A	Jones	450	500	50	11%	450	500	50	11%
45A	Lyman	650	750	100	15%	750	950	200	27%
45B	Lyman	200	250	50	25%	250	400	150	60%
45C	Lyman	50	50	0	0%	70	70	0	0%
45D	Lyman	60	80	20	33%	60	80	20	33%
49A	Meade	1,150	1,350	200	17%	1,600	2,000	400	25%
49B	Meade	1,300	1,300	0	0%	1,500	1,900	400	27%
50A	Mellette	850	700	-150	-18%	850	700	-150	-18%
53A	Perkins	700	800	100	14%	1,200	1,275	75	6%
53C	Perkins	1,000	1,025	25	2%	1,600	1,550	-50	-3%
58A	Stanley	200	450	250	125%	200	600	400	200%
58D	Stanley	8	8	0	0%	8	8	0	0%
60A	Tripp	1,300	1,350	50	4%	2,200	2,350	150	7%
64A	Ziebach	500	650	150	30%	500	750	250	50%
65A	Oglala Lakota	75	75	0	0%	75	75	0	0%
67A	Todd	150	300	150	100%	150	300	150	100%
TOTAL		17,928	21,223	3,295	18%	23,098	31,793	8,695	38%

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

2021-2022 EAST RIVER DEER

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident Licenses									License Totals			
		AnyD	AtID	AD+AtID	2 AtID	AnyW	AtIW	AtIW	AW+AtIW	2 AtIW	RES	RES	RES	RES
		01	03	08	09	11	13	13P	18	19	1-tag	2-tag	Licenses	Tags
01A	Minnehaha	400					200				600	0	600	600
03A	Brown	1,000					1,000				2,000	0	2,000	2,000
04A	Beadle					500	300				800	0	800	800
05A	Codington	350								200	350	200	550	750
06A	Brookings	450					100				550	0	550	550
07A	Yankton	350									350	0	350	350
07B	Yankton									75	0	75	75	150
08A	Davison					200					200	0	200	200
10A	Aurora					250	150				400	0	400	400
12A	Bon Homme	300									300	0	300	300
12B	Bon Homme						50			25	50	25	75	100
13A	Brule	100				800		100			1,000	0	1,000	1,000
13L	Brule	20									20	0	20	20
14A	Buffalo	100				250					350	0	350	350
16A	Campbell	30				400	100				530	0	530	530
17A	Charles Mix	50				250	100				400	0	400	400
18A	Clark	600								200	600	200	800	1,000
19A	Clay	250					100				350	0	350	350
22A	Day	600					400				1,000	0	1,000	1,000
23A	Deuel	500								200	500	200	700	900
25A	Douglas					250	100				350	0	350	350
26A	Edmunds	700					400				1,100	0	1,100	1,100
28A	Faulk	600					400				1,000	0	1,000	1,000
29A	Grant	400								100	400	100	500	600
32A	Hamlin	600								200	600	200	800	1,000
33A	Hand	10				300					310	0	310	310
34A	Hanson					200					200	0	200	200
36A	Hughes	150				250					400	0	400	400
37A	Hutchinson					200					200	0	200	200
38A	Hyde	10				300					310	0	310	310
40A	Jerauld					250	100				350	0	350	350
42A	Kingsbury	500					100				600	0	600	600
43A	Lake	300					100				400	0	400	400
44A	Lincoln	200					100				300	0	300	300
46A	McCook	350					300				650	0	650	650
47A	McPherson	500					500				1,000	0	1,000	1,000
48A	Marshall	500					300				800	0	800	800
51A	Miner	400					350				750	0	750	750
52A	Moody	300					150				450	0	450	450
54A	Potter	100				350					450	0	450	450
55A	Roberts	500								200	500	200	700	900
56A	Sanborn					350	300				650	0	650	650
57A	Spink	900					200				1,100	0	1,100	1,100
59A	Sully	100				250					350	0	350	350
59B	Sully	20				300					320	0	320	320
61A	Turner	150									150	0	150	150
62A	Union	350					100				450	0	450	450
63A	Walworth	50				400	100				550	0	550	550
	TOTAL	12,790	0	0	0	6,050	6,100	100	0	1,200	25,040	1,200	26,240	27,440
Unit #	Unit Name	AnyD	AtID	AD+AtID	2 AtID	AnyW	AtIW	AtIW	AW+AtIW	2 AtIW	RES	RES	RES	RES
		01	03	08	09	11	13	13P	18	19	1-tag	2-tag	Licenses	Tags

EAST RIVER DEER
2019-20 vs. 2021-22
Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2019-20 Resident Licenses	2021-22 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2019-20 Resident Tags	2021-22 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
01A	Minnehaha	650	600	-50	-8%	650	600	-50	-8%
03A	Brown	2,000	2,000	0	0%	2,000	2,000	0	0%
04A	Beadle	700	800	100	14%	700	800	100	14%
05A	Codington	350	550	200	57%	350	750	400	114%
06A	Brookings	550	550	0	0%	550	550	0	0%
07A	Yankton	300	350	50	17%	300	350	50	17%
07B	Yankton	75	75	0	0%	75	150	75	100%
08A	Davison	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
10A	Aurora	500	400	-100	-20%	500	400	-100	-20%
12A	Bon Homme	250	300	50	20%	250	300	50	20%
12B	Bon Homme	50	75	25	50%	50	100	50	100%
13A	Brule	1,000	1,000	0	0%	1,700	1,000	-700	-41%
13L	Brule	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
14A	Buffalo	350	350	0	0%	600	350	-250	-42%
16A	Campbell	580	530	-50	-9%	580	530	-50	-9%
17A	Charles Mix	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
18A	Clark	700	800	100	14%	700	1,000	300	43%
19A	Clay	300	350	50	17%	300	350	50	17%
22A	Day	700	1,000	300	43%	700	1,000	300	43%
23A	Deuel	500	700	200	40%	500	900	400	80%
25A	Douglas	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
26A	Edmunds	1,300	1,100	-200	-15%	1,300	1,100	-200	-15%
28A	Faulk	1,200	1,000	-200	-17%	1,200	1,000	-200	-17%
29A	Grant	300	500	200	67%	300	600	300	100%
32A	Hamlin	700	800	100	14%	700	1,000	300	43%
33A	Hand	870	310	-560	-64%	1,120	310	-810	-72%
34A	Hanson	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
36A	Hughes	525	400	-125	-24%	425	400	-25	-6%
37A	Hutchinson	150	200	50	33%	150	200	50	33%
38A	Hyde	720	310	-410	-57%	1,220	310	-910	-75%
40A	Jerauld	600	350	-250	-42%	700	350	-350	-50%
42A	Kingsbury	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
43A	Lake	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
44A	Lincoln	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
46A	McCook	550	650	100	18%	550	650	100	18%
47A	McPherson	1,000	1,000	0	0%	1,000	1,000	0	0%
48A	Marshall	600	800	200	33%	600	800	200	33%
51A	Miner	750	750	0	0%	750	750	0	0%
52A	Moody	550	450	-100	-18%	550	450	-100	-18%
54A	Potter	1,050	450	-600	-57%	1,550	450	-1,100	-71%
55A	Roberts	600	700	100	17%	600	900	300	50%
56A	Sanborn	550	650	100	18%	550	650	100	18%
57A	Spink	1,300	1,100	-200	-15%	1,300	1,100	-200	-15%
59A	Sully	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
59B	Sully	370	320	-50	-14%	370	320	-50	-14%
61A	Turner	100	150	50	50%	100	150	50	50%
62A	Union	400	450	50	13%	400	450	50	13%
63A	Walworth	750	550	-200	-27%	750	550	-200	-27%
	TOTAL	27,310	26,240	-1,070	-4%	29,510	27,440	-2,070	-7%

2021-2022 REFUGE DEER

Unit	Resident Licenses		Nonresident Licenses		License Totals					
	Any D 01	AtIW 13	Any D 01	AtIW 13	RES 1-tag	RES Lic	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
Lacreek Refuge										
RFD-LC1	10		1		10	10	10	1	1	1
RFD-LC2	10		1		10	10	10	1	1	1
Sand Lake Refuge										
RFD-SL1	20		2		20	20	20	2	2	2
RFD-SL2	20		2		20	20	20	2	2	2
RFD-SL3	20		2		20	20	20	2	2	2
RFD-SL4		25		2	25	25	25	2	2	2
RFD-SL5	20		2		20	20	20	2	2	2
Waubay Refuge										
RFD-WA1	10		1		10	10	10	1	1	1
RFD-WA2					0	0	0	0	0	0
RFD-WA3	10		1		10	10	10	1	1	1
TOTAL	120	25	12	2	145	145	145	14	14	14
Unit	Any D 01	AtIW 13	Any D 01	AtIW 13	RES 1-tag	RES Lic	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
			RES and NR:		159	159	159			

REFUGE DEER
2019-20 vs. 2021-22
Comparison

Resident Licenses								
Refuge Unit	Any Deer				Antlerless Deer			
	Year		Change		Year		Change	
	2019-20	2021-22	#	%	2019-20	2021-22	#	%
Lacreek Refuge								
RFD-LC1	10	10	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
RFD-LC2	10	10	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Sand Lake Refuge								
RFD-SL1	20	20	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
RFD-SL2	20	20	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
RFD-SL3	20	20	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
RFD-SL4	0	0	0	0%	25	25	0	0%
RFD-SL5	20	20	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Waubay Refuge								
RFD-WA1	10	10	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
RFD-WA2	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
RFD-WA3	10	10	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL	120	120	0	0%	25	25	0	0%

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

2021-2022 ARCHERY ACCESS PERMITS

Designated Area	Number of Access Permits		
	Any Deer	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	Total
Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve	10	60	70
Good Earth State Park	5	0	5
WRD-35L (Residents)	500	0	500
WRD-35L (Nonresidents)	125	0	125

2019-2020 vs. 2021-2022 Comparison

Designated Area	Number of Access Permits		
	Any Deer	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	Total
2019-2020 Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve	5	30	35
2021-2022 Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve	10	60	70
2019-2020 Good Earth State Park	5	0	5
2021-2022 Good Earth State Park	5	0	5
2019-2020 WRD-35L (Residents)	500	0	500
2021-2022 WRD-35L (Residents)	500	0	500
2019-2020 WRD-35L (Nonresidents)	125	0	125
2021-2022 WRD-35L (Nonresidents)	125	0	125

2021-2022 MUZZLELOADER DEER

	Resident	
	Any Deer Licenses	Any Deer Tags
Statewide	1,000	1,000
Total	1,000	1,000

2019-2020 VS. 2021-2022 Comparison

	Resident	
	Any Deer Licenses	Any Deer Tags
2019-2020 Statewide	1,000	1,000
2021-2022 Statewide	1,000	1,000

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

Deer Hunting Season for Disabled Veterans Chapter 41:06:64

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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COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Within Article 41:06 (Hunting Seasons and Methods) of the Administrative Rules of South Dakota, create Chapter 41:06:64 (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. Available only to those disabled veterans and purple heart recipients that were unsuccessful in obtaining an "any deer" or "any whitetail deer" during the first lottery drawing.
5. Up to 50 resident "any deer" licenses shall be made available, with no more than 10 resident "any deer" licenses per sponsoring nonprofit organization.
6. Sponsoring nonprofit organization will be responsible for license fees.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. For the purposes of this season, a qualified disabled veteran is a person who meets one of the following criteria:
 - a) A resident veteran who has been adjudicated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as twenty percent or more disabled due to a service-connected disability or has received the United States Department of Veterans Affairs K Award; or
 - b) A resident who has served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or has served as a member of the armed forces reserve or national guard, and the resident is forty percent or more disabled for the purposes of receiving social security benefits.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

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.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

From a consistency standpoint, the Department is recommending the Commission implement additional rules that provide the same criteria for a disabled resident veteran to qualify to participate in these special deer hunts for disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients as those criteria found in SDCL 41-11-5.5 – an existing state statute that similarly authorizes pheasant hunts for disabled veterans, Purple Heart recipients and former prisoners of war. See Statute below authorizing special pheasant hunts for Disabled Veterans, Purple Heart recipients and former prisoners of war below.

SDCL 41-11-5.5. Pheasant hunt--Disabled veterans and former prisoners of war--Promulgation of rules.

Any nonprofit organization may establish a special pheasant hunt in which disabled veterans or Purple Heart recipients of the United States Armed Forces may participate. The special pheasant hunt may be held before or during the regular pheasant season. No fee may be charged to participants in any such special pheasant hunt, by either the state or the sponsoring organization. The Game, Fish and Parks Commission shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to administer the special pheasant hunts authorized in this section.

For the purposes of this section a disabled veteran is a person who meets one of the following criteria:

- (1) A resident or nonresident veteran who has been adjudicated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as twenty percent or more disabled due to a service-connected disability or has received the United States Department of Veterans Affairs K Award; or
- (2) A resident who has served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or has served as a member of the armed forces reserve or national guard, and the resident is forty percent or more disabled for the purposes of receiving social security benefits.

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, 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
FINALIZATION**

**Pheasant Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:08**

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 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.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Modify the season dates for Unit 2 (Renziehausen Game Production Area, Renziehausen State Game Bird Refuge including its shooting and retrieval zones, Gerken State Game Bird Refuge, and White Lake State Game Bird Refuge).
 - a. The season in Unit 2 is open beginning on December 1 and remains open for the remainder of the season through the first Sunday of January; and
2. Modify the season dates for Unit 3 (Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Brown County).
 - a. The season in Unit 3 is open beginning on the second Monday of December and remains open for the remainder of the season through the first Sunday of January.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: 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

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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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 FINALIZATION

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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COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 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) grouse).

Possession Limit: 15 (any combination)

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.

Proposed 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.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

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 Commission proposed 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.

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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

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.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

Hunting Requirements and Prohibited Methods

Chapter 41:06:04

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Proposed 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.

PROPOSED RULE

Repeal existing rule.

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.

PROPOSED 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.

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.

PROPOSED RULE

Repeal existing rule.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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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.

PROPOSED 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.

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.

PROPOSED 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.

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.

PROPOSED 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.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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 proposed 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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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Sage Grouse Hunting Season Chapters 41:06:10

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 6-7, 2021	Custer State Park Watertown Watertown
	Public Hearing	July 8, 2021	
	Finalization	July 8-9, 2021	

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2021 hunting season

Season Dates: Closed

Recommended changes from last year: None

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Retaining a season closure is being recommended based on the season recommendation guidelines found within the "Sage-Grouse Management Plan for South Dakota, 2014-2018". Results from the 2020 spring lek surveys indicated 158 (139 in 2019) males counted on all leks. The 2021 spring lek surveys are still in progress and will be completed in mid-May. Preliminary results indicate similar or slightly fewer number of males as documented in 2020.

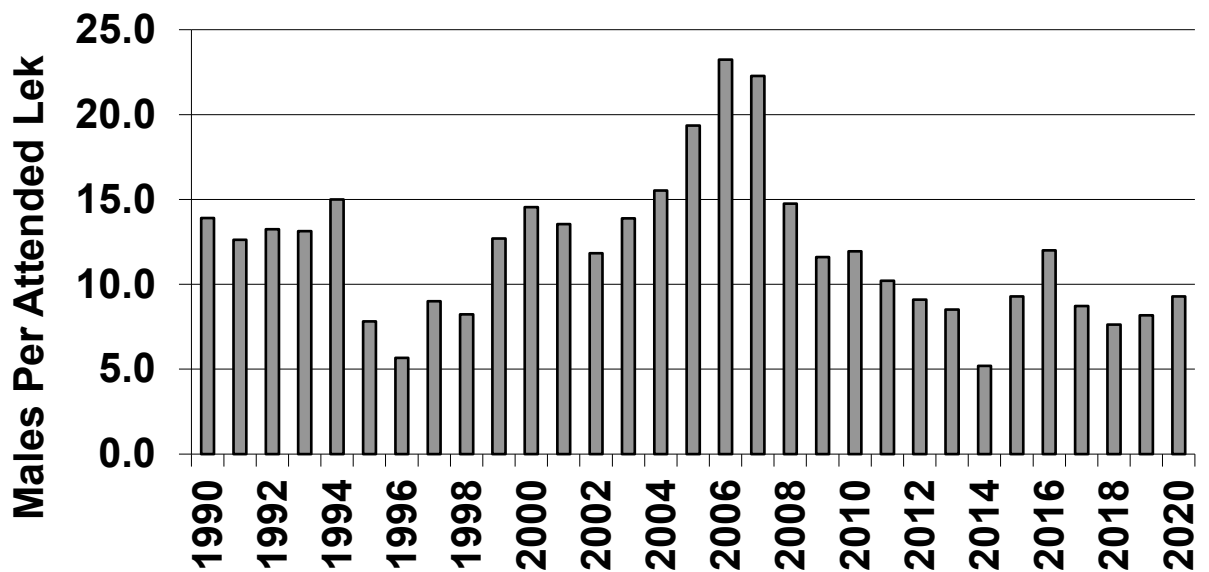
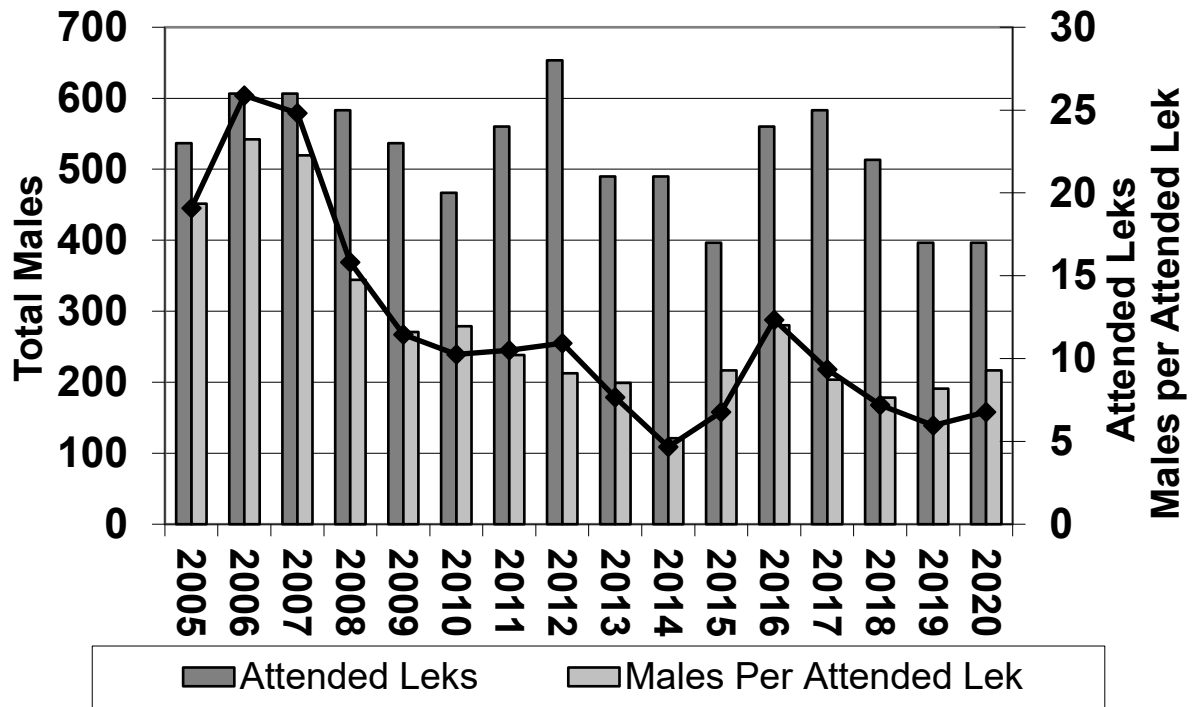
Population Inices	Hunting Season Recommendation
< 150 males counted on priority leks AND < 250 males counted on all leks	No Hunting Season
≥ 150 males counted on priority leks OR ≥ 250 males counted on all leks	2-day season, public land only in Harding County and Butte County west of US HWY 85, limit 1 sage-grouse per hunter per season
Sage-grouse listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act	No Hunting Season

Year	Hunters	Harvest
2004	53	25
2005	40	26
2006	46	15
2007	25	10
2008	24	17
2009	20	7
2010	26	12
2011	27	11
2012	35	9
2013	SEASON CLOSED	
2014		
2015		
2016*	30	10
2017	SEASON CLOSED	
2018		
2019		
2020		

*Number of hunters and harvest based on hunter harvest survey results of those hunters who were successful in drawing a sage grouse hunting permit.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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Sage Grouse Lek Survey Results, 2005-2020.



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 _____
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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Archery Antelope Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:24

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 6-7, 2021	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	July 8, 2021	Watertown
	Finalization	July 8-9, 2021	Watertown

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Proposal: 2021 hunting season

Season Dates: August 21 – October 31, except when the prairie (firearm) antelope season is open.

Open Area: All areas where the prairie (firearm) antelope season is open and the portions of Custer and Pennington counties within the Black Hills Fire Protection District with limited free access permits.

Licenses: Unlimited resident “any antelope” licenses.
Unlimited nonresident “any antelope” licenses.

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. A person may have only one (1) archery antelope license.
2. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
3. Five (5) free access permits will be issued via lottery drawing to those licensees who possess a valid “any antelope” resident archery license for those portions of Custer and Pennington counties within the Black Hills Fire Protection District, except Custer State Park.

Proposed change from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Licenses	Nonresident Licenses	Bucks Harvested	Doe/Fawn Harvested	Total Harvest	Success
2016	1,523	400	466	42	508	26%
2017	1,569	521	529	52	581	28%
2018	1,632	570	529	56	585	27%
2019	1,781	663	533	72	605	25%
2020	2,141	720	719	92	810	28%

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_____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Antelope Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:23

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 6-7, 2021	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	July 8, 2021	Watertown
	Finalization	July 8-9, 2021	Watertown

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2021 hunting season

Season Dates: October 2-17, 2021

Open Area: See the attached map

Licenses: Total of 4,857 licenses (West River: 4,727 licenses; East River: 130 licenses)
Residents: 4,115 one-tag licenses; 600 two-tag licenses
Nonresidents: 118 one-tag licenses; 24 two-tag licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference.
2. Landowners not possessing a license that allows the harvest of a buck may purchase an "any antelope" or a two-tag "any antelope" + "doe/fawn antelope" license that is valid on their property only.

Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

As a result of prioritizing wildlife surveys given recent unknowns with budgets, mild winter conditions with no anticipated increase in overwinter mortality, and no concerns with any 2020 harvest survey data, the Department is recommending a one-year recommendation with no change. The University of Montana, as part of an on-going research project, will be conducting aerial surveys this spring within the Grand River and Upper Missouri data analysis units with the objective of evaluating a systematic aerial survey design across the state in areas of varying antelope densities to improve future survey efforts. The Department is planning to conduct a survey again in 2022 across South Dakota's antelope range that will also contribute to the on-going research objective. Results of this range-wide survey next spring will guide Department recommendations for the 2022-2023 hunting seasons.

Year	Licenses	Tags	Bucks	Doe/Fawn	Total	Success
	Sold	Issued	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	
2016	3,328	3,328	2,112	350	2,461	70%
2017	5,432	5,933	2,692	1,093	3,784	64%
2018	5,539	6,078	2,845	1,000	3,845	63%
2019	5,235	6,054	2,629	1,249	3,878	64%
2020	5,279	6,101	2,415	1,272	3,687	64%

*Includes Landowner-Own-Land licenses.

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

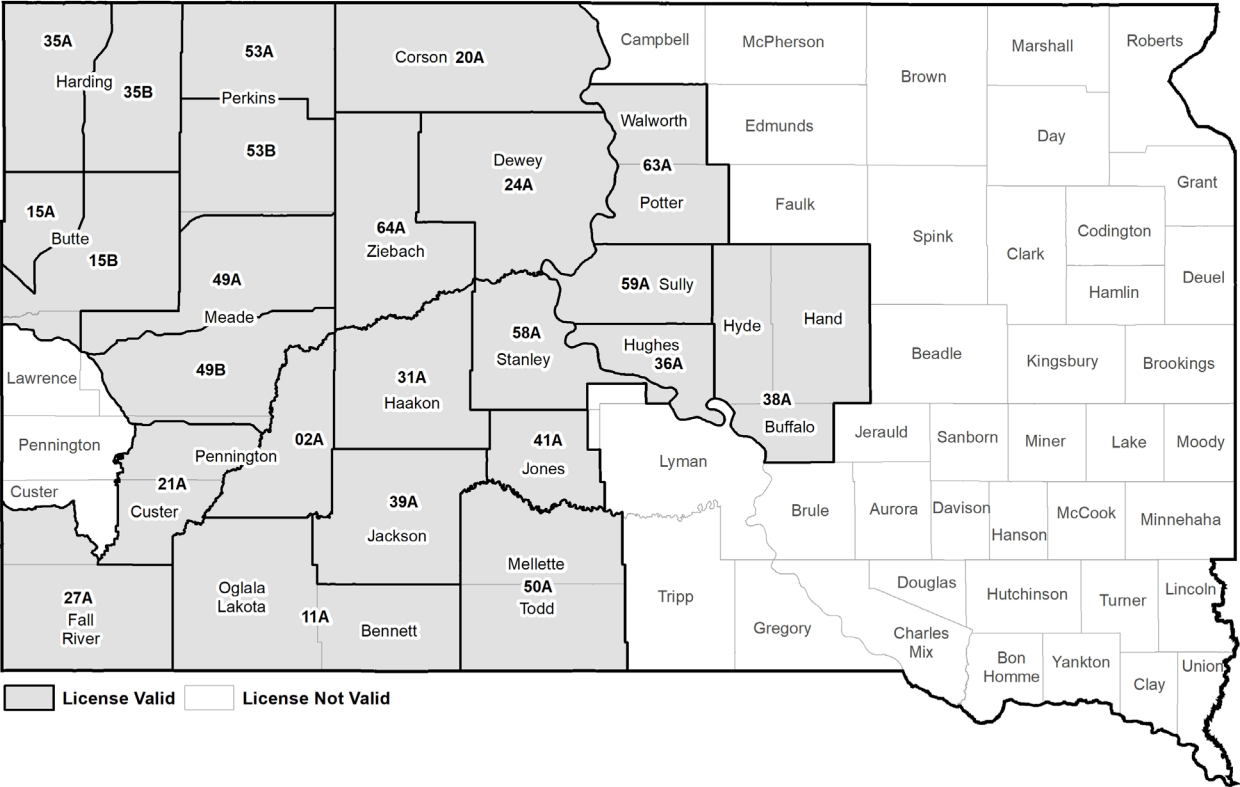
1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? Not applicable.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Not applicable.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.
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 _____
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ANTELOPE UNITS



GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

Antelope Hunting Seasons – Hunting Unit License & Access Permit Allocations

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 6-7, 2021	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	July 8, 2021	Watertown
	Finalization	July 8-9, 2021	Watertown

LICENSE & ACCESS PERMIT ALLOCATION BY SEASONS AND UNITS

See Attached Spreadsheets

Unit	Unit Name	% NR	Resident Licenses				Nonresident Licenses				License and Tag Totals							
			AnyA 41	D/K 43	AA+D/K 48	2 D/K 49	AnyA 41	D/K 43	AA+D/K 48	2 D/K 49	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Licenses	NR Tags
02A	Pennington East	2%	100	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	100	0	100	100	2	0	2	2
11A	Bennett/Oglala Lakota	2%	50	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	1	0	1	1
15A	Butte NW	2%	200	100	0	0	4	2	0	0	300	0	300	300	6	0	6	6
15B	Butte/Lawrence	2%	250	100	0	0	5	2	0	0	350	0	350	350	7	0	7	7
20A	Corson	2%	70	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	70	0	70	70	2	0	2	2
21A	Custer/Pennington Central	2%	100	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	100	0	100	100	2	0	2	2
24A	Dewey	4%	50	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	2	0	2	2
27A	Fall River/Custer Southwest	2%	550	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	550	0	550	550	11	0	11	11
31A	Haakon	2%	100	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	100	0	100	100	2	0	2	2
35A	Harding West	4%	0	0	300	300	0	0	12	12	0	600	600	1,200	0	24	24	48
35B	Harding East	2%	300	200	0	0	6	4	0	0	500	0	500	500	10	0	10	10
36A	Hughes	2%	25	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	25	0	25	25	1	0	1	1
38A	Hyde/Hand/Bufalo	2%	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	1	0	1	1
39A	Jackson	2%	50	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	1	0	1	1
41A	Jones	4%	40	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	40	0	40	40	2	0	2	2
45A	Lyman		CLOSED															
45B	Ft. Pierre National Grasslands		CLOSED															
49A	Meade North	2%	400	100	0	0	8	2	0	0	500	0	500	500	10	0	10	10
49B	Meade South	8%	300	200	0	0	24	16	0	0	500	0	500	500	40	0	40	40
50A	Mellette/Todd	2%	30	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	30	0	30	30	1	0	1	1
53A	Perkins North	2%	150	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	150	0	150	150	3	0	3	3
53B	Perkins South	2%	250	150	0	0	5	3	0	0	400	0	400	400	8	0	8	8
58A	Stanley	2%	40	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	40	0	40	40	1	0	1	1
59A	Sully	2%	30	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	30	0	30	30	1	0	1	1
60A	Tripp		CLOSED															
63A	Walworth/Potter	2%	20	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	20	0	20	20	1	0	1	1
64A	Ziebach	2%	150	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	150	0	150	150	3	0	3	3
TOTAL			3,265	850	300	300	89	29	12	12	4,115	600	4,715	5,315	118	24	142	166
Unit	Unit Name	% NR	AnyA 41	D/K 43	AA+D/K 48	2 D/K 49	AnyA 41	D/K 43	AA+D/K 48	2 D/K 49	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags

ANTELOPE
2019-2020 vs. 2021 Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2019-2020 Resident Licenses	2021 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2019-2020 Resident Tags	2021 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
02A	Pennington East	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
11A	Bennett/Shannon	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
15A	Butte NW	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
15B	Butte/Lawrence	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
20A	Corson	70	70	0	0%	70	70	0	0%
21A	Custer/Pennington Central	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
24A	Dewey	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
27A	Fall River/Custer Southwest	550	550	0	0%	550	550	0	0%
31A	Haakon	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
35A	Harding West	600	600	0	0%	1,200	1,200	0	0%
35B	Harding East	500	500	0	0%	500	500	0	0%
36A	Hughes	25	25	0	0%	25	25	0	0%
38A	Hyde/Hand/Buffalo	10	10	0	0%	10	10	10	0%
39A	Jackson	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
41A	Jones	40	40	0	0%	40	40	0	0%
45A	Lyman	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
45B	Ft. Pierre National Grasslands	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
49A	Meade North	500	500	0	0%	500	500	0	0%
49B	Meade South	500	500	0	0%	500	500	0	0%
50A	Mellette/Todd	30	30	0	0%	30	30	0	0%
53A	Perkins North	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
53B	Perkins South	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
58A	Stanley	40	40	0	0%	40	40	0	0%
59A	Sully	30	30	0	0%	30	30	0	0%
60A	Tripp	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
63A	Walworth/Potter	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
64A	Ziebach	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
TOTAL		4,715	4,715	0	0%	5,315	5,315	0	0%

Note: An additional percentage of the number of resident licenses will be available to nonresidents based upon the following harvest strategies by management unit: Restrictive (2%), Moderate (4%), Liberal (8%)

ARCHERY ANTELOPE ACCESS PERMITS

2021

Designated Area	Number of Access Permits
	Any Antelope
Portions of Custer and Pennington counties within the Black Hills Fire Protection District	5

2019-2020 vs. 2021 Comparison

Designated Area	Number of Access Permits
	Any Antelope
2019-2020: Portions of Custer and Pennington counties within the Black Hills Fire Protection District	5
2021: Portions of Custer and Pennington counties within the Black Hills Fire Protection District	5

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Beaver Trapping and Hunting Season

Chapter 41:08:01

6Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 6-7, 2021	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	July 8, 2021	Watertown
	Finalization	July 8-9, 2021	Watertown

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2021 and 2022 hunting/trapping seasons

Season Dates:

Area:

Year-round

Statewide, except that portion of the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west SD Highway 79.

November 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022

Portions of the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west of SD Highway 79 that are not owned by the US Forest Service.

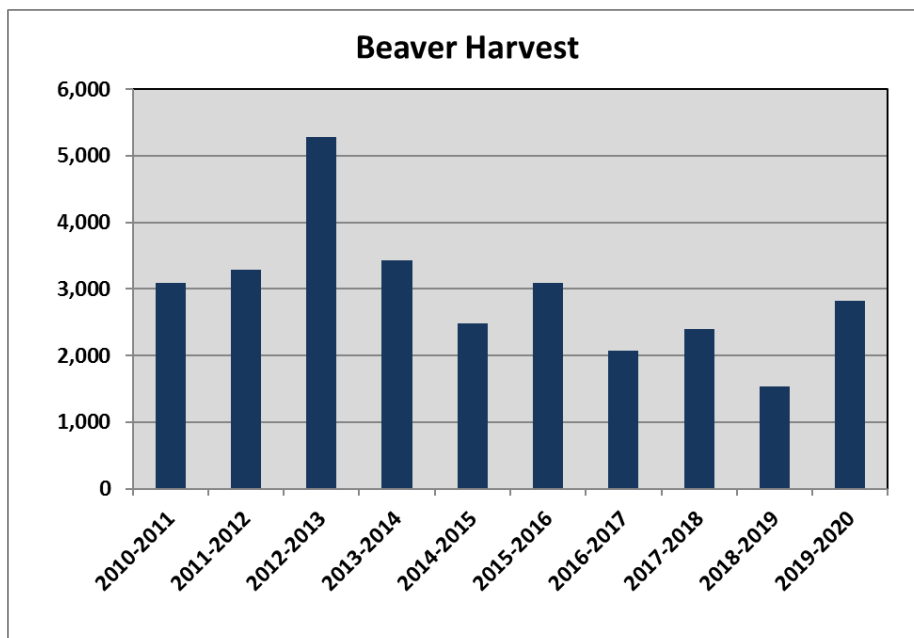
January 1 – March 31, 2022

US Forest Service land in the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west of SD Highway 79.

Recommended changes from last year: Modify the season dates in counties east of the Missouri River to align with western South Dakota (i.e. year-round).

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Similar to western South Dakota, landowners in eastern South Dakota deal with damage issues caused by beaver year-round. By creating one statewide beaver season (with the exception of the Black Hills) that is year-round, it simplifies this regulation and allows landowners in eastern South Dakota the ability to remove beavers that are causing damage.



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? N/A
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? N/A
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? N/A
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Trapping Prohibitions Chapter 41:08:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal Public Hearing Finalization	May 6-7, 2021 July 8, 2021 July 8-9, 2021	Custer State Park Watertown Watertown
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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Current Rule:

41:08:02:01. Water-sets prohibited -- Dates -- Exceptions. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person may set a trap within 30 feet of water from October 1 through October 31. A live trap, snare, or trap designed specifically to catch raccoons may be used. Body grip or killer traps set in accordance with § 41:08:02:06 may be used for beaver in all counties west of the Missouri River except the portion of the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west of State Highway 79, except U. S. Forest Service lands.

No person may flag, mark, or otherwise attempt to claim a muskrat house on public land or waters before sunrise on November 1. No person may flag or mark any muskrat house during the muskrat season, except those houses containing an operational trap set.

The placing of any traps in or on a muskrat house of any size is prohibited east of the Missouri River from March 16 through August 31.

Except as provided for in this section, no person may place any trap (set or unset), stake, cable, chain, wire, or other device used for the purpose of attaching a trap, or otherwise attempt to claim or mark a trap site on any public road right-of-way or public land or water open to trapping within 30 feet of water from October 1 through the opening of the mink season.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Modify existing administrative rule to allow body-grip or killer traps set in accordance with ARSD 41:08:02:06 to be used for beaver in all counties east of the Missouri River (this change would align East River with West River).
2. Modify existing administrative rule to correct an error regarding the end date that traps can be placed in or on muskrat houses east of the Missouri River (i.e. Change to April 30).

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Change #1: This change would bring administrative rule in-line with proposed changes to the beaver season in eastern South Dakota.

Change #2: Simple date correction.

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? N/A
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? N/A
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? N/A
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Skunk, Opossum, Jackrabbit, Fox, Raccoon and Badger Season

Chapter 41:08:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal Public Hearing Finalization	May 6-7, 2021 July 8, 2021 July 8-9, 2021	Custer State Park Watertown Watertown
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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

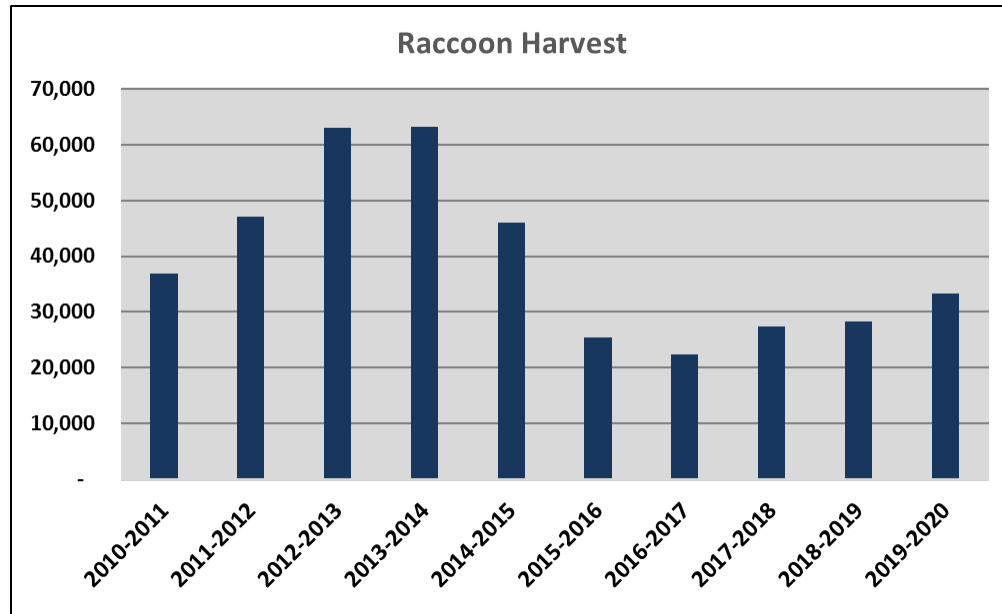
Duration of Recommendation: 2021 and 2022 hunting/trapping seasons

Season Dates: Year-round

Open Area: Statewide

Recommended changes from last year: None

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION



Harvest Year	Red Fox	Badger	Skunk	Opossum
2010-2011	1,618	1,647	9,459	2,797
2011-2012	1,776	1,634	17,085	3,349
2012-2013	2,695	3,149	24,752	4,313
2013-2014	2,245	2,139	15,168	5,065
2014-2015	1,753	1,516	10,731	2,588
2015-2016	1,530	1,531	8,321	2,236
2016-2017	954	1,183	6,778	4,293
2017-2018	1,861	1,865	7,718	4,814
2018-2019	1,184	1,570	7,437	5,252
2019-2020	859	1,426	8,234	3,980

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? N/A
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? N/A
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? N/A
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Mink, Weasel and Muskrat Hunting and Trapping Season

Chapter 41:08:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 6-7, 2021	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	July 8, 2021	Watertown
	Finalization	July 8-9, 2021	Watertown

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2021 and 2022 hunting/trapping seasons

Mink and Weasel

Season Dates: November 1, 2021 – January 31, 2022

Open Area: Statewide

Muskrat

Season Dates:

Area:

Year-round

All areas of the state, west of the Missouri River, except that portion of the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west SD Highway 79.

November 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022

All areas of the state, east of the Missouri River and portions of the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west of SD Highway 79.

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Trapping on or in muskrat houses is prohibited from March 16 to the end of the season (April 30).

Recommended changes from last year: None.

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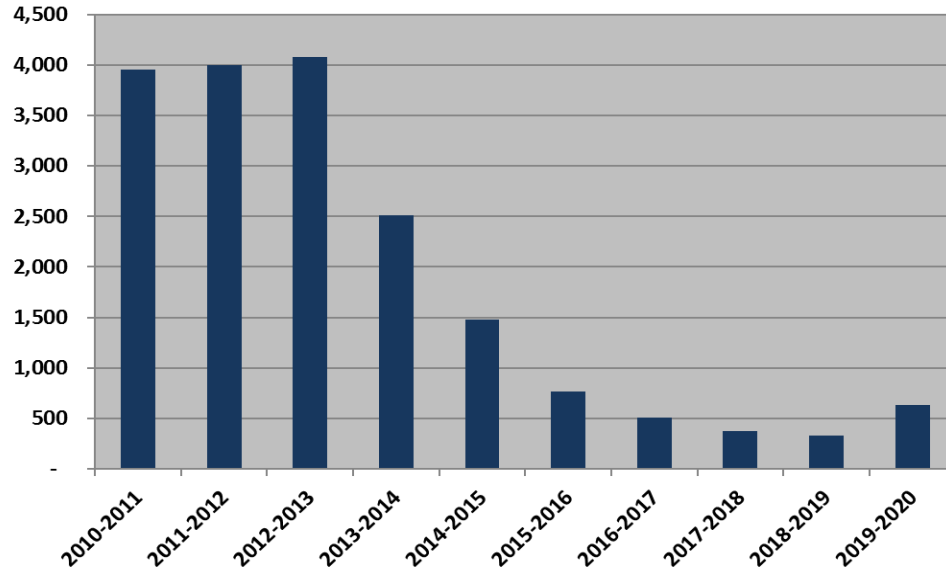
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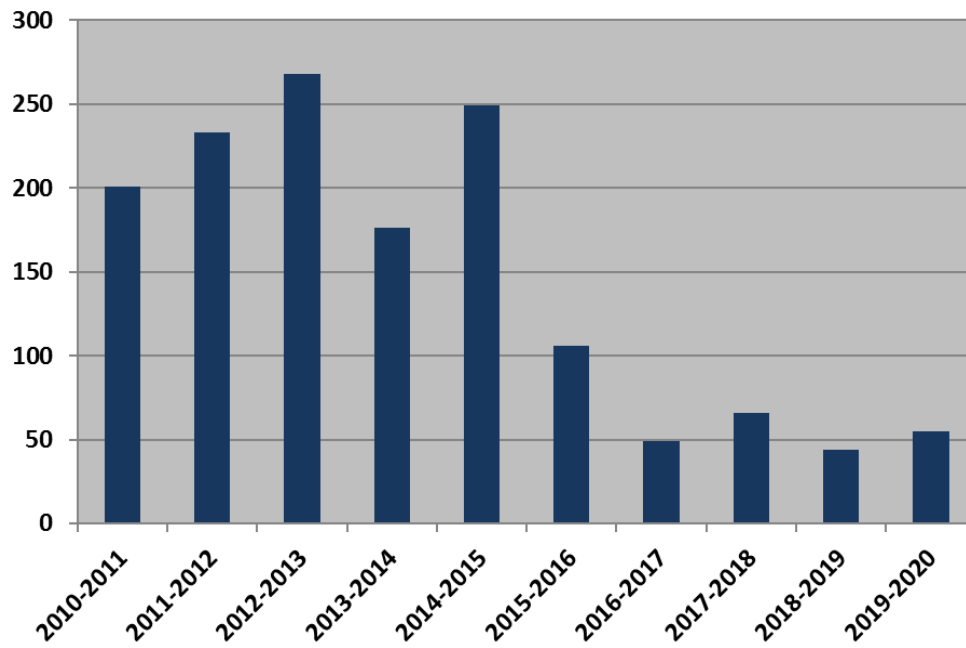
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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Mink Harvest



Weasel Harvest

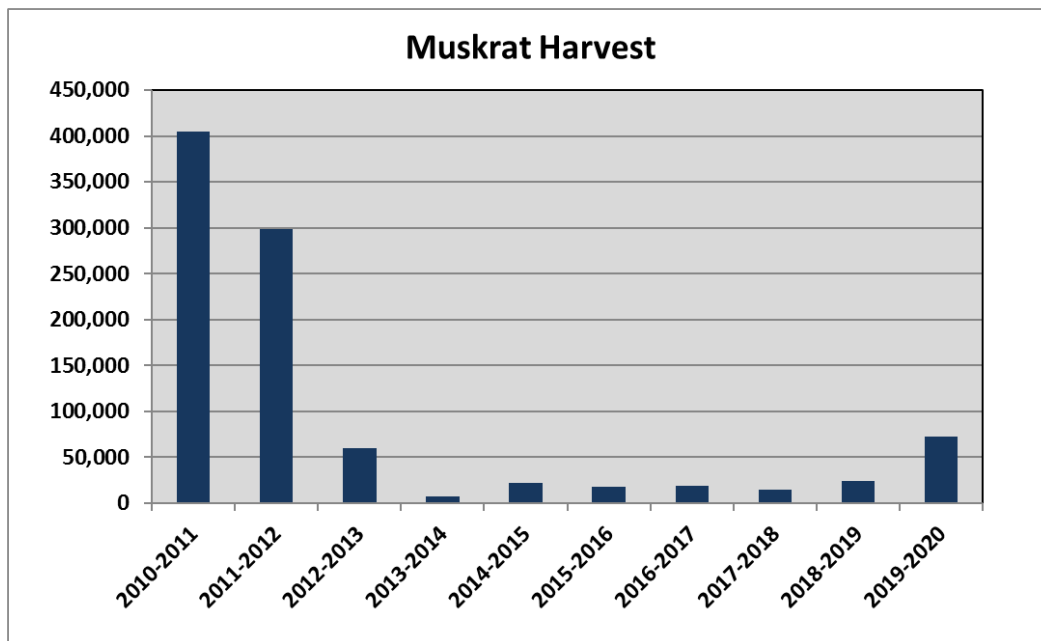


APPROVE _____

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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? N/A
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? N/A
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? N/A
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE _____

MODIFY _____

REJECT _____

NO ACTION

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Muskrat Hunting Season

Chapter 41:08:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 6-7, 2021	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	July 8, 2021	Watertown
	Finalization	July 8-9, 2021	Watertown

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2022 and 2023 shooting seasons

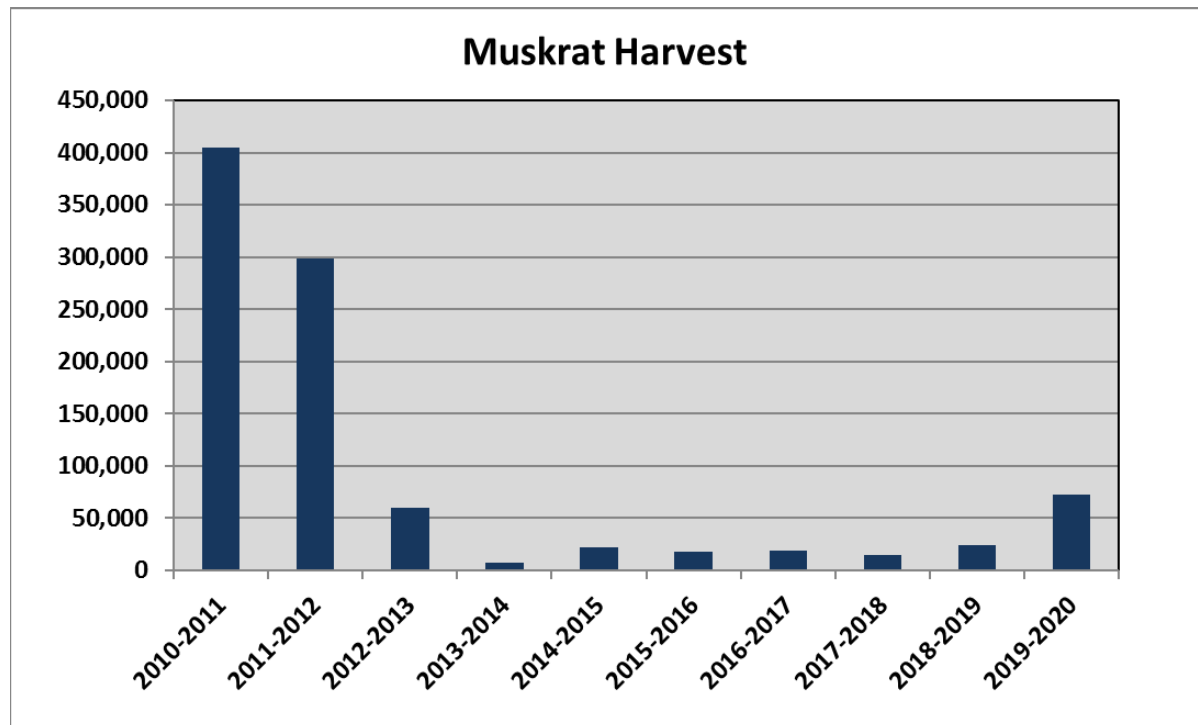
Season Dates: April 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022

Area: Statewide

Restrictions: Only landowners and lessees, including School and Public Lands surface lease holders, on land they own or operate and state, county, or township highway officials within public road right-of-ways are allowed to take muskrats during the season. Non-toxic shot is required for shotguns.

Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION



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? N/A
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? N/A
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? N/A
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

River Otter Hunting and Trapping Season Chapters 41:08:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal Public Hearing Finalization	May 6-7, 2021 July 8, 2021 July 8-9, 2021	Custer State Park Watertown Watertown
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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2021 season

Requirements and Restrictions:

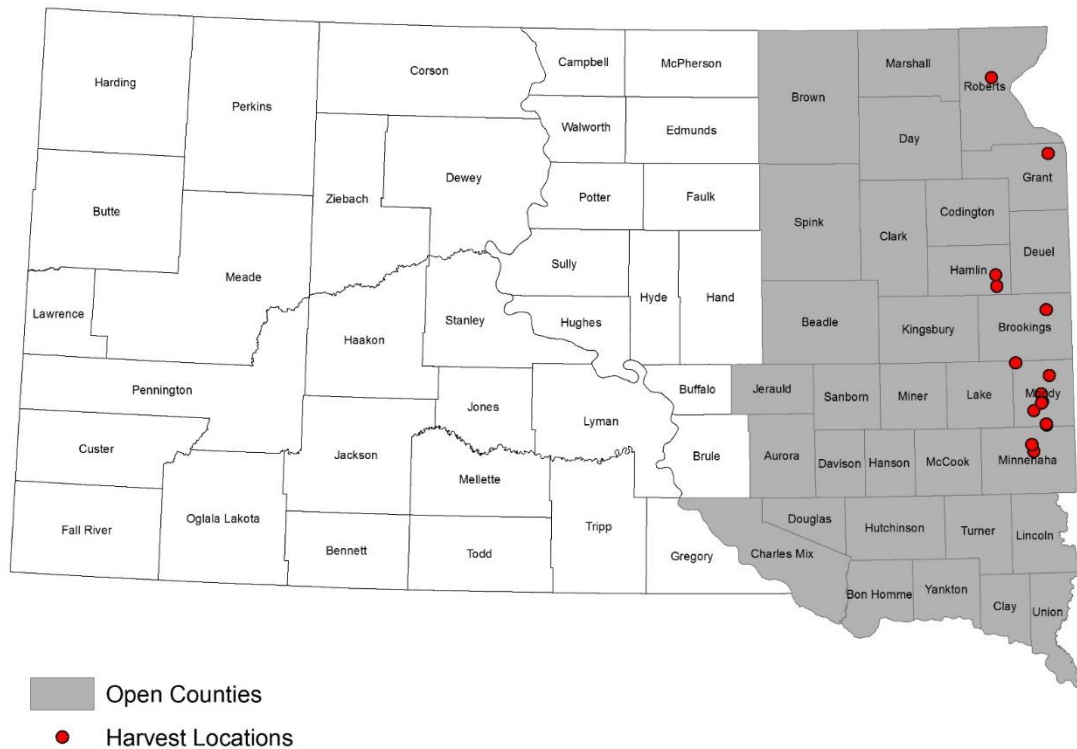
1. Season is open from sunrise on November 1 to sunset on December 31.
2. Open area includes the following counties in eastern South Dakota: Aurora, Beadle, Bon Homme, Brookings, Brown, Charles Mix, Clark, Clay, Codington, Davison, Day, Deuel, Douglas, Grant, Hamlin, Hanson, Hutchinson, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, Marshall, McCook, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Turner, Union and Yankton.
3. Limit of one river otter per season, per trapper/hunter.
4. Harvest limit of 15 river otters. Season will end prior to December 31 if the harvest limit is reached.
5. Season open to residents only with a furbearer license.
6. A river otter shall be reported to the Department within 24 hours of harvest. At time of reporting, arrangements will be made to check-in carcass and detached pelt at a GFP office or designated location for registration and tagging of the pelt within 5 days of harvest. Additionally, once the season has closed (last day of season or harvest limit reached), a person has 24 hours to notify the Department of a harvested river otter.
7. The pelt shall be removed from the carcass and the carcass shall be surrendered to the Department. After the pelt has been tagged, it shall be returned to the trapper. Upon request, the carcass may be returned to the trapper after the carcass has been inspected and biological data collected.
8. Any river otter harvested after the 24-hour period following the close of the season, will be considered incidental take and shall be surrendered to the Department.
9. A person may only possess, purchase or sell raw river otter pelts that are tagged through the eyeholes with the tag provided by the Department or if the river otter was harvested on tribal or trust land of an Indian reservation or another state and is properly and securely tagged with a tag supplied by the governmental entity issuing the license.

Proposed changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The inaugural river otter season ended with the harvest limit of 15 (9 males and 6 females) being reached on November 6, 2020. Harvest by county included the following: Moody (8), Hamlin (2), Minnehaha (2), and one each from Brookings, Grant, and Roberts counties. The Department recommends no change to the current season structure to monitor harvest trends and other population information.

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 _____

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Custer State Park Trophy Bison Bull Harvest

Chapter 41:06:42

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 6-7	Pierre
	Public Hearing	June 3	Pierre
	Finalization	June 3-4	Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

41:06:42:01. Season established.

The trophy bison bull harvest in Custer State Park is open for 61 days beginning the third Monday in November. A licensee is restricted to three consecutive days for the hunt. Licensees shall arrange their hunting dates with the Custer State Park office.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. None

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Eight trophy bull bison licenses are issued with two allocated to South Dakota residents in the first draw. Custer State Park's trophy bison harvest is the tool used to remove over mature bison bulls (10+ year-old) but is a sought-after trophy opportunity. These bulls are eligible for Boone and Crockett awards and most qualify above the 115" minimum score. License holders are restricted to three days for the harvest and must arrange their hunting dates with the Custer State Park Office and be accompanied by an authorized park official when hunting.

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

Custer State Park Non-Trophy Bison Harvest Chapter 41:06:60

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 6-7	Pierre
	Public Hearing	June 3	Pierre
	Finalization	June 3-4	Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

41:06:60:01. Season established.

The non-trophy bison harvest in Custer State Park is open for 40 days beginning the first Monday in October. A licensee is restricted to one day for the hunt and shall arrange their hunting date with the Custer State Park office.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. None

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Fifteen non-trophy bull bison licenses are issued with seven allocated to South Dakota residents in a first draw. License holders are restricted to one day for the harvest, must arrange the hunt date with the Custer State Park office and shall be accompanied by an authorized park official when hunting.

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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Custer State Park Trophy and Non-Trophy Bison Harvest License Forms and Fees, Custer State Park Restrictions Chapter 41:06:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 6-7	Pierre
	Public Hearing	June 3	Pierre
	Finalization	June 4-5	Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: Trophy hunts 61 Days beginning the third Monday in November
Non-trophy hunts 40 Days beginning the first Monday in October.

Licenses: Eight trophy bull bison permits with two allocated to residents in the first draw.
Fifteen non-trophy bull bison permits with seven allocated to residents in the first draw.

Requirements and Restrictions:

- 1) Trophy bison unit is open within the boundaries of Custer State Park for a 61-day period beginning the third Monday of November (Nov 15, 2021 – Jan 14, 2022).
- 2) Non-trophy bison unit is open within the boundaries of Custer State Park for a 40-day period beginning the first Monday of October (Oct 4, 2021 – Nov 12, 2021).
- 3) Trophy bison permit holders are restricted to three days for the harvest and must arrange hunting date with the Custer State Park Office.
- 4) Non-trophy bison permit holders are restricted to one day for the harvest and must arrange hunting date with the Custer State Park Office.
- 5) Each permit holder shall be accompanied by an authorized Custer State Park official while hunting.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. None

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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Division of Parks and Recreation					
April 2021 Revenue by Item					
	2020		2021		%
	Number	Dollar	Number	Dollar	Change
Annual	2,518	\$ 75,538	4,520	\$ 162,732	115%
2nd Annual	314	\$ 4,716	598	\$ 10,764	128%
Combo	2,169	\$ 97,623	3,267	\$ 176,402	81%
Transferable	167	\$ 10,880	304	\$ 24,344	124%
Daily License	2,648	\$ 15,885	3,838	\$ 30,701	93%
Unattended Vehicle Daily	2	\$ 15	90	\$ 1,357	8947%
GSM Annual Trail Pass	385	\$ 5,775	335	\$ 5,025	-13%
GSM Daily Trail Pass	269	\$ 1,076	149	\$ 596	-45%
Motorcoach Permit	-	\$ -	34	\$ 102	
CSP 7 Day Pass	454	\$ 9,076	6,194	\$ 123,871	1265%
CSP 7 Day Bike Pass	-	\$ -	35	\$ 700	
Rally Bike Band	-	\$ -			
One-Day Special Event		\$ -	3	\$ 50	
PERMITS	8,926	\$ 220,584	19,366	\$ 536,644	143%
Camping Services		\$ 1,363,587		\$ 1,931,080	42%
Picnic Reservations		\$ (40)		\$ 1,600	
Firewood	557	\$ 2,786	1,218	\$ 7,307	162%
Gift Card		\$ 1,125		\$ 335	-70%
Boat Slips		\$ 17,393		\$ 17,081	-2%
LODGING	557	\$ 1,384,851	1,218	\$ 1,957,403	41%
TOTAL	9,483	\$ 1,605,435	20,584	\$ 2,494,047	55%

Division of Parks and Recreation					
April YTD 2021 Revenue by Item					
	2020		2021		%
	Number	Dollar	Number	Dollar	Change
Annual	5,449	\$ 163,480	8,674	\$ 312,248	91%
2nd Annual	808	\$ 12,126	1,028	\$ 18,504	53%
Combo	5,153	\$ 231,892	7,967	\$ 430,202	86%
Transferable	399	\$ 25,955	712	\$ 56,938	119%
Daily License	4,812	\$ 28,874	6,324	\$ 50,595	75%
Unattended Vehicle Daily	64	\$ 635	224	\$ 3,361	429%
GSM Annual Trail Pass	1,280	\$ 19,200	1,046	\$ 15,690	-18%
GSM Daily Trail Pass	431	\$ 1,724	466	\$ 1,864	8%
Motorcoach Permit	790	\$ 2,370	77	\$ 232	-90%
CSP 7 Day Pass	1,724	\$ 34,486	9,695	\$ 193,897	462%
CSP 7 Day Bike Band	1	\$ 5	36	\$ 710	14100%
Rally Bike Band	-	\$ -	30	\$ 600	
One-Day Special Event		\$ 350		\$ -	-100%
PERMITS	20,912	\$ 521,097	36,278	\$ 1,084,840	108%
Camping Services		\$ 4,777,596		\$ 6,764,416	42%
Picnic Reservations		\$ 2,060		\$ 5,270	156%
Firewood	632	\$ 3,158	1,348	\$ 8,086	156%
Gift Card		\$ 3,420		\$ 3,870	13%
Boat Slips		\$ 48,310		\$ 205,237	325%
LODGING	632	\$ 4,834,544	1,348	\$ 6,986,878	45%
TOTAL	21,543	\$ 5,355,641	37,626	\$ 8,071,719	51%

Division of Parks and Recreation
April YTD 2021 Camping by District

LOCATION	2020	2021	%	LOCATION	2020	2021	%
Pickerel Lake	35	101	189%	Lewis & Clark	1,065	1,377	29%
Fort Sisseton	22	44	100%	Chief White Crane	338	603	78%
Roy Lake	98	306	212%	Pierson Ranch	128	175	37%
Sica Hollow	23	12	-48%	Springfield	10	64	540%
DISTRICT 1	178	463	160%	Sand Creek	-	-	
Richmond Lake	37	74	100%	Tabor	2	2	0%
Mina Lake	83	209	152%	DISTRICT 9	1,543	2,221	
Fisher Grove	3	8	167%	North Point	202	201	0%
Amsden	-	2		North Wheeler	6	1	-83%
Lake Louise	25	53	112%	Pease Creek	38	38	0%
DISTRICT 2	148	346		Randall Creek	-	134	
Pelican Lake	110	158	44%	South Shore	7	5	-29%
Sandy Shore	5	35	600%	South Scalp	4	2	-50%
Lake Cochrane	9	17	89%	Whetstone	2	-	-100%
Hartford Beach	139	133	-4%	White Swan	7	2	-71%
DISTRICT 3	263	343	30%	DISTRICT 10	266	383	44%
Oakwood Lakes	158	239	51%	Farm Island	249	340	37%
Lake Poinsett	118	218	85%	West Bend	104	234	125%
Lake Thompson	108	203	88%	DISTRICT 11	353	574	63%
DISTRICT 4	384	660	72%	Oahe Downstream	307	513	67%
Lake Herman	97	204	110%	Cow Creek	144	166	15%
Walker's Point	31	113	265%	Okobojo	34	18	-47%
Lake Carthage	-	-		Spring Creek	-	33	
DISTRICT 5	128	317	148%	DISTRICT 12	485	730	51%
Snake Creek	217	214	-1%	West Whitlock	25	38	52%
Platte Creek	32	54	69%	East Whitlock	3	12	300%
Buryanek	69	76	10%	Swan Creek	18	37	106%
Burke Lake	-	7		Indian Creek	125	200	60%
DISTRICT 6	318	351	10%	Lake Hiddenwood	-	-	
Palisades	309	351	14%	Walth Bay	-	-	
Big Sioux	313	588	88%	West Pollock	18	19	6%
Lake Vermillion	406	519	28%	DISTRICT 13	189	306	62%
DISTRICT 7	1,028	1,458	42%	Bear Butte	32	29	-9%
Newton Hills	466	671	44%	DISTRICT 14	32	29	
Good Earth	-	-		Shadehill	45	121	169%
Union Grove	74	82	11%	Llewellyn Johns	3	12	300%
DISTRICT 8	540	753	39%	Rocky Point	342	380	11%
				DISTRICT 15	390	513	32%
				Custer	795	1,603	102%
				DISTRICT 16	795	1,603	102%
				Angostura	915	1,053	15%
				Sheps Canyon	72	38	-47%
				DISTRICT 17	987	1,091	11%
				TOTAL YTD	8,027	12,141	51%
				TOTAL for Month	7,262	10,068	39%

Division of Parks and Recreation
April YTD 2021 Visitation by District

LOCATION	2020	2021	%	LOCATION	2020	2021	%
Pickereel Lake	4,912	5,118	4%	Lewis & Clark	154,799	194,569	26%
Fort Sisseton	2,851	4,550	60%	Chief White Crane	3,447	3,190	
Roy Lake	19,345	20,516	6%	Pierson Ranch	9,054	13,992	55%
Sica Hollow	1,489	1,511	1%	Springfield	39,852	42,766	7%
DISTRICT 1	28,597	31,695	11%	DISTRICT 9	207,152	254,517	23%
Richmond Lake	11,759	11,252	-4%	North Point	14,672	12,410	-15%
Mina Lake	7,707	5,323	-31%	North Wheeler	2,123	1,867	-12%
Fisher Grove	1,936	1,644	-15%	Pease Creek	3,724	3,650	-2%
Lake Louise	6,654	5,454	-18%	Randall Creek	13,999	10,609	-24%
DISTRICT 2	28,056	23,673	-16%	Fort Randall Marina	1,086	1,050	-3%
Pelican Lake	10,103	12,385	23%	DISTRICT 10	35,604	29,586	-17%
Sandy Shore	6,311	4,786	-24%	Farm Island	33,614	41,538	24%
Lake Cochrane	913	1,270	39%	West Bend	4,150	3,285	-21%
Hartford Beach	23,025	35,948	56%	LaFramboise Island	24,732	27,971	13%
DISTRICT 3	40,352	54,389	35%	DISTRICT 11	62,496	72,794	16%
Oakwood Lakes	7,394	9,431	28%	Oahe Downstream	77,793	74,807	-4%
Lake Poinsett	9,624	8,406	-13%	Cow Creek	36,667	43,666	19%
Lake Thompson	10,346	11,136	8%	Okobojo	10,714	8,826	-18%
DISTRICT 4	27,364	28,973	6%	Spring Creek	30,414	47,594	56%
Lake Herman	27,052	27,267	1%	DISTRICT 12	155,588	174,893	12%
Walker's Point	8,973	7,762	-13%	West Whitlock	2,972	4,369	47%
DISTRICT 5	36,025	35,029	-3%	Swan Creek	3,485	3,109	-11%
Snake Creek	12,946	12,805	-1%	Indian Creek	9,098	8,627	-5%
Platte Creek	19,310	18,140	-6%	Lake Hiddenwood	-	-	
Buryanek	3,954	5,743	45%	Revheim Bay	18,813	18,034	-4%
Burke Lake	5,050	6,522	29%	West Pollock	12,513	13,519	8%
DISTRICT 6	41,260	43,210	5%	DISTRICT 13	46,881	47,658	2%
Palisades	30,495	25,925	-15%	Bear Butte	3,682	4,586	25%
Big Sioux	11,616	13,977	20%	DISTRICT 14	3,682	4,586	25%
Beaver Creek	6,403	7,284	14%	Shadehill	4,242	5,572	31%
Lake Vermillion	21,950	22,587	3%	Llewellyn Johns	665	764	15%
DISTRICT 7	70,464	69,773	-1%	Little Moreau	2,770	6,181	123%
Newton Hills	30,625	25,067	-18%	Rocky Point	14,796	12,126	-18%
Good Earth	26,295	28,493	8%	DISTRICT 15	22,473	24,643	10%
Union Grove	5,944	4,275	-28%	Custer	222,478	273,663	23%
Lake Alvin	19,610	17,887	-9%	DISTRICT 16	222,478	273,663	23%
Spirit Mound	10,532	7,577	-28%	Angostura	32,236	26,022	-19%
Adams	6,875	7,429	8%	Sheps Canyon	5,844	5,952	2%
DISTRICT 8	99,881	90,728	-9%	DISTRICT 17	38,080	31,974	-16%
				TOTAL YTD	1,166,433	1,291,784	11%
				TOTAL for Month	511,042	494,807	-3%

RESOLUTION 21 - 09

WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota (held by and for the use and benefit of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) owns an interest in real property described as:

The W1/2NW1/4SE1/4 and SW1/4SE1/4 of Section 19 in; the South 500 feet of the NW1/4 of Section 30 in Township 113 North, Range 74 West of the 5th P.M., Sully County, South Dakota; and the NW1/4 of Section 36 in Township 113 North, Range 75 West of the 5th P.M., Sully County, South Dakota; containing 250.3 acres, more or less, hereinafter referred to as GFP PROPERTY, which is valued at \$619,993.00; and

WHEREAS, Great Dakota Kith Limited Partnership, c/o Sharon K.D. Smith (SMITH), Harrold, SD, owns an interest in real property described as:

The N1/2 of Section 18 Township 113 North, Range 74 West of the 5th P.M., Sully County, South Dakota, containing 320 acres, more or less, hereinafter referred to as SMITH PROPERTY, which is valued at \$620,038.00; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota law (SDCL 41-2-29.2) provides GFP the authority to trade or exchange real property owned by the State of South Dakota and held by GFP if the GFP Commission shall first determine that real property more suitable to GFP purposes may be obtained by an exchange, provided the parcels of real property to be exchanged are of equal value; and

WHEREAS, GFP and SMITH desire to exchange interests in GFP PROPERTY and SMITH PROPERTY, and the GFP Commission having determined that SMITH PROPERTY is more suitable to GFP for GFP purposes than GFP PROPERTY, and that GFP PROPERTY and SMITH PROPERTY are of decidedly equal value as determined by a qualified appraiser; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota law requires that the conveyance of GFP PROPERTY be approved and executed in the manner provided by SDCL 5-2-11.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the GFP Commission hereby takes final action on and approves exchanging the above described parcels of real property, and hereby directs GFP to take all steps necessary to effectuate the exchange of GFP PROPERTY for SMITH PROPERTY under procedures mandated by statute.

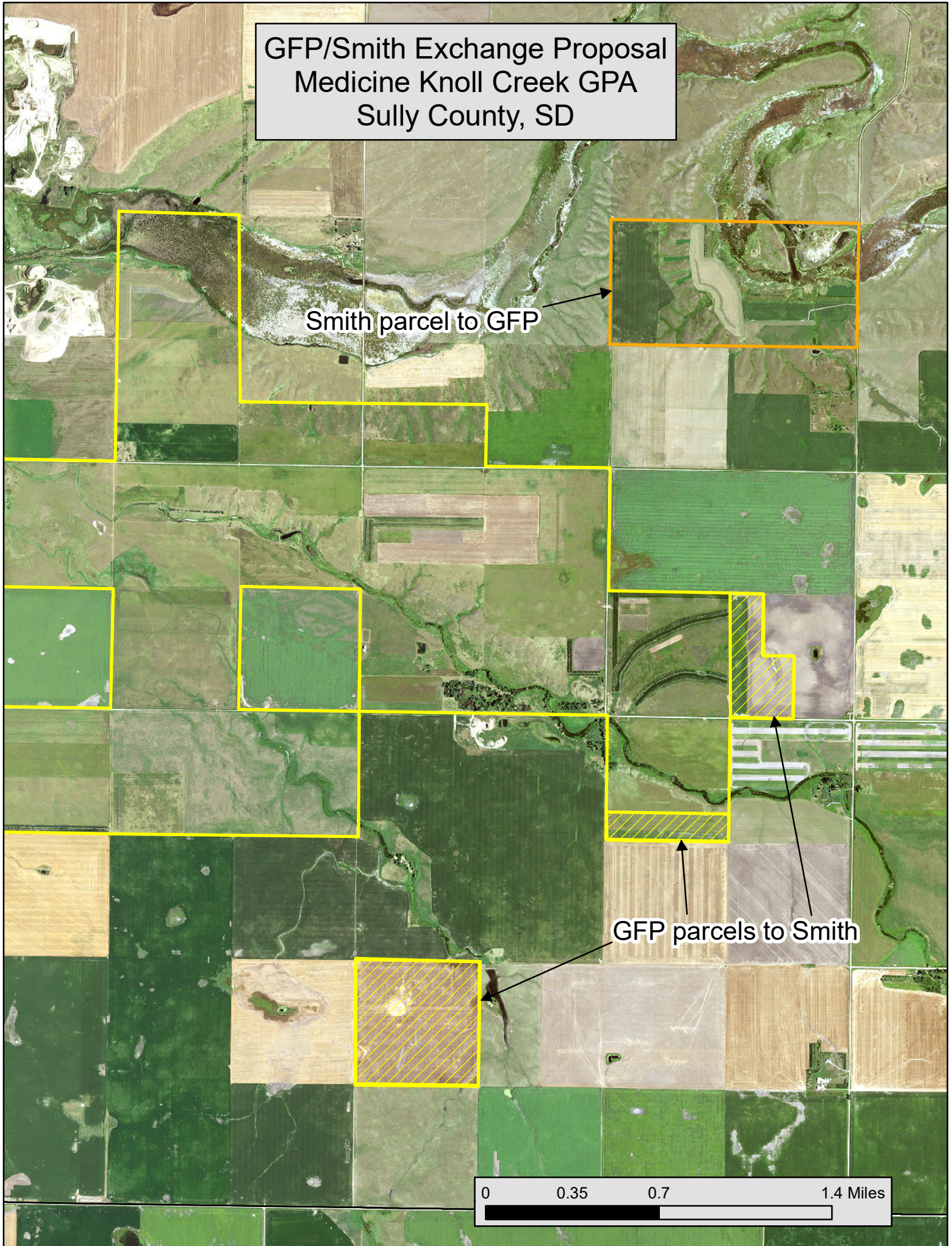
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GFP Commission does hereby ratify and confirm the Department's designation of the SMITH PROPERTY being acquired pursuant to the exchange and authorized by this Resolution for use by GFP as game production area.

GFP/Smith Exchange Proposal
Medicine Knoll Creek GPA
Sully County, SD

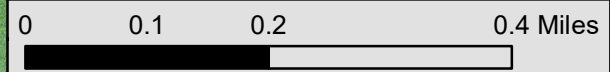
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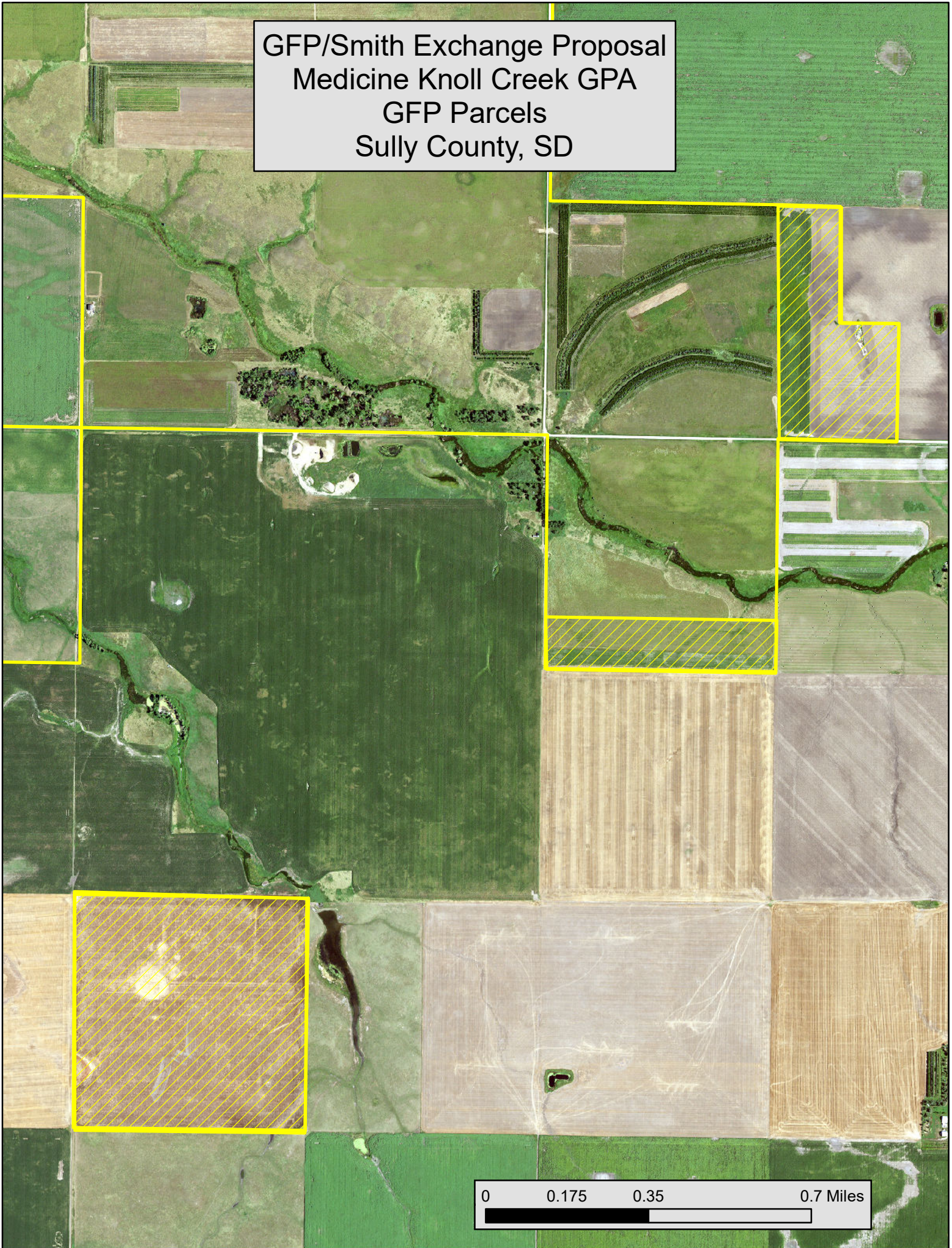
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GFP/Smith Exchange Proposal
Medicine Knoll Creek GPA
Smith Property
Sully County, SD



GFP/Smith Exchange Proposal
Medicine Knoll Creek GPA
GFP Parcels
Sully County, SD



2021 Spawning & Stocking Update (year-to-date through May 3)

Walleye Spawning

Spawning occurred statewide from April 5 to May 1, with **a record number of walleye eggs collected.**

	Water	County	Number
Lake Oahe	Grand River	Corson	37,907,000
	Moreau River	Campbell	58,463,000
		Subtotal	96,370,000
East River	Sinai	Brookings	1,407,000
	Brush	Brookings	2,450,000
	West 81	Brookings	5,395,000
	Lynn	Day	18,592,000
	Mid Lynn	Day	18,664,000
		(to make saugeye)	3,220,000
	Pivas	Marshall	53,939,000
	Drywood	Roberts	10,819,000
		Subtotal	114,486,000
West River	Belle Fourche Res.	Butte	152,000
	Angostura Res.	Fall River	173,000
		Subtotal	325,000
Grand Total			<u>211,181,000</u>

Walleye and Saugeye Stocking Requests

Species	Size	Number	Waters
Saugeye	Juvenile	431,565	13
Walleye	Fry	94,925,900	81
	Juvenile	1,665,440	46

Stocking

Only a small percentage of stockings have occurred thus far, with millions of walleye fry and fingerlings and over 70 tons of trout and salmon still to be released. As of May 1, **104,481 adult fish, 76,673 juvenile fish, and 1,200,000 fry** have been stocked into **63 different waters**.

Species	Size	Number	Pounds	Waters
Atlantic salmon	Adult	7,587	2,287	1
Bluegill	Adult	90	30	1
Hybrid sunfish	Juvenile	13,968	71	1
Brook trout	Adult	225	na	1
Channel catfish	Adult	1,882	na	10
Chinook salmon	Juvenile	62,460	694	1
Cutthroat trout	Adult	18,156	6,432	1
Largemouth bass	Juvenile	245	23	1
	Adult	5	na	1
Northern pike	Adult	3,459	na	22
Rainbow trout	Adult	68,776	49,555	30
Walleye	Fry	1,200,000	na	2
	Adult	46	na	1
Yellow Perch	Adult	4,255	na	2

^{na} weight unavailable because the fish were either too small (fry) or trapped and transferred.

Urban/Community Fisheries

Over 130,000 hatchery-produced adult rainbow trout will be stocked into **55 urban waters** across the state in 2021. In addition, nearly **56,500 adult fish of 14 different species** are scheduled to be stocked into **89 urban fisheries**. These fish will primarily come from trap-and-transfer operations, GFP hatchery production, and procurement from private aquaculture.

For the first time, juvenile rainbow trout were transferred from Cleghorn Hatchery to Blue Dog hatchery for rearing to an adult size for stocking. Subsequently, **20,000 trout** were stocked into **16 East River urban ponds** this spring. Approximately **20,000 additional juvenile trout** will be transferred to Blue Dog for eventual stocking into Eastern SD urban fisheries this fall.

Cleghorn hatchery is currently rearing hybrid green sunfish using new recirculation technology for stocking into statewide urban waters this summer. The former visitors center at the hatchery is being remodeled and repurposed so that the hatchery can intensively (without ponds) produce sunfish, largemouth bass, and other fish species for urban stockings.

License Sales Totals

(as of May 2)

date updated: 3 May 2021

Resident	2018	2019	2020	3-yr Avg	2021	2021 Revenue	+/- Licenses		+/- Revenue		% Change from 3-yr Avg
							2020 vs 2021	3-yr Avg vs 2021	2020 vs 2021	3-yr Avg vs 2021	
Combination	27,210	24,812	31,213	27,745	30,918	\$ 1,700,490	-295	3,173	\$ (16,225)	\$ 174,515	11%
Junior Combination	2,373	2,291	4,338	3,001	3,392	\$ 91,584	-946	391	\$ (25,542)	\$ 10,566	13%
Senior Combination	6,339	6,253	7,352	6,648	8,128	\$ 325,120	776	1,480	\$ 31,040	\$ 59,200	22%
Small Game	1,277	1,135	1,166	1,193	1,355	\$ 44,715	189	162	\$ 6,237	\$ 5,357	14%
Youth Small Game	698	568	696	654	705	\$ 3,525	9	51	\$ 45	\$ 255	8%
1-Day Small Game	167	246	214	209	364	\$ 4,368	150	155	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,860	74%
Migratory Bird Certificate	11,529	10,172	11,334	11,012	11,139	\$ 55,695	-195	127	\$ (975)	\$ 637	1%
Predator/Varmint	891	876	874	880	787	\$ 3,935	-87	-93	\$ (435)	\$ (467)	-11%
Furbearer	2,341	2,487	2,564	2,464	3,016	\$ 90,480	452	552	\$ 13,560	\$ 16,560	22%
Annual Fishing	19,290	16,770	31,753	22,604	25,223	\$ 706,244	-6,530	2,619	\$ (182,840)	\$ 73,323	12%
Senior Fishing	5,348	4,992	7,330	5,890	7,113	\$ 85,356	-217	1,223	\$ (2,604)	\$ 14,676	21%
1-Day Fishing	685	614	1,344	881	1,042	\$ 8,336	-302	161	\$ (2,416)	\$ 1,288	18%
RESIDENT TOTALS =	78,148	71,216	100,178	83,181	93,182	\$ 3,119,848	-6,996	10,001	\$ (178,355)	\$ 357,770	12.0%

Nonresident	2018	2019	2020	3-yr Avg	2021	2021 Revenue	+/- Licenses		+/- Revenue		% Change from 3-yr Avg
							2020 vs 2021	3-yr Avg vs 2021	2020 vs 2021	3-yr Avg vs 2021	
Small Game	2,070	2,514	2,579	2,388	5,293	\$ 640,453	2,714	2,905	\$ 328,394	\$ 351,545	122%
Youth Small Game	138	107	119	121	234	\$ 2,340	115	113	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,127	93%
Annual Shooting Preserve	64	44	45	51	70	\$ 8,470	25	19	\$ 3,025	\$ 2,299	37%
5-day Shooting Preserve	559	616	759	645	1,001	\$ 76,076	242	356	\$ 18,392	\$ 27,081	55%
1-day Shooting Preserve	211	171	173	185	181	\$ 8,326	8	-4	\$ 368	\$ (184)	-2%
Spring Light Goose	4,712	2,810	2,961	3,494	4,487	\$ 224,350	1,526	993	\$ 76,300	\$ 49,633	28%
Youth Spring Light Goose	178	94	122	131	161	\$ 4,186	39	30	\$ 1,014	\$ 771	23%
Migratory Bird Certificate	158	168	201	176	394	\$ 1,970	193	218	\$ 965	\$ 1,092	124%
Predator/Varmint	924	861	727	837	892	\$ 35,680	165	55	\$ 6,600	\$ 2,187	7%
Furbearer	4	5	6	5	4	\$ 1,100	-2	-1	\$ (550)	\$ (275)	-20%
Annual Fishing	10,029	7,682	10,304	9,338	12,941	\$ 867,047	2,637	3,603	\$ 176,679	\$ 241,379	39%
Family Fishing	3,005	2,469	3,268	2,914	3,763	\$ 252,121	495	849	\$ 33,165	\$ 56,883	29%
Youth Annual Fishing	303	266	379	316	469	\$ 11,725	90	153	\$ 2,250	\$ 3,825	48%
3-Day Fishing	5,095	3,565	3,955	4,205	4,030	\$ 149,110	75	-175	\$ 2,775	\$ (6,475)	-4%
1-Day Fishing	2,208	1,956	3,446	2,537	5,435	\$ 86,960	1,989	2,898	\$ 31,824	\$ 46,373	114%
NONRESIDENT TOTALS =	29,658	23,328	29,044	27,343	39,355	\$ 2,369,914	10,311	12,012	\$ 682,351	\$ 777,261	43.9%
GRAND TOTALS =	107,806	94,544	129,222	110,524	132,537	\$ 5,489,762	3,315	22,013	\$ 503,996	\$ 1,135,031	19.9%

	2020	2021	+/- Licenses	+/- Revenue
Resident Habitat Stamp	0	77,965	77,965	\$ 779,650
Nonresident Habitat Stamp	0	37,427	37,427	\$ 935,675
Totals =	0	115,392	115,392	\$ 1,715,325