



# AGENDA

## Game, Fish and Parks Commission

June 2-3, 2022  
Best Western Ramkota Hotel  
1400 8th Ave NW, Aberdeen, SD

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### THURSDAY

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### FRIDAY

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**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)**

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

### Division of Administration

#### Action Items:

1. Conflict of Interest Disclosure
2. Approve Minutes of the May 2022 Meeting  
<https://gfp.sd.gov/commission/archives/>
3. Additional Commissioner Salary Days
4. Budget
5. License List Request

#### Information Items:

6. Go Outdoors SD Update
7. 2023 Online Applications
8. Economic Impact Study
9. R3 Update
10. Fishing South Dakota Marketing Plan

## **Open Forum 2:00 PM**

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

### **Petitions**

11. Muzzleloader Deer Season and Use of Magnified Scopes
12. Early fall September Goose Season – Restrict Nonresidents
13. Smallmouth Bass Size Limit

### **Proposals**

14. Antelope (Firearm & Archery)
15. Archery and Muzzleloader Season
16. Hunting Requirements - CWD Regulations
17. Fall Turkey
18. Mourning Dove
19. Mentor Turkey Recruitment

### **Division of Parks and Recreation**

Information Items:

20. Angostura Concession Prospectus Authorization
21. May 12<sup>th</sup> Storm Update
22. Park Programming and Summer Events
23. Mina Lake, Newell Lake and Lake Alvin Dam Updates
24. Spring Creek (Lincoln County) Golf Course Extension Update
25. Camping, Visitation and Revenue Report

### **Division of Wildlife**

Information Items:

26. CREP Update
27. Aerial Coyote Control
28. Walleye Stocking Evaluations
29. Electronic Request for Goose Depredation Service System
30. License Sales Update

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

#### **Adjourn**

Next meeting information: July 7-8, 2022

**Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission  
May 5-6, 2022**

Vice Chairman Doug Sharp called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CT. Commissioners Travis Bies, Julie Bartling, Jon Locken, Stephanie Rissler, Charles Spring, Robert Whitmyre were present. Public and staff were able to listen via SDPB livestream and participate via video conference or in person with approximately 80 total participants via zoom and in person.

**DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION**

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Sharp called for any additions or corrections to the April 7-8, 2022, regular meeting minutes.

Motion by Whitmyre with second by Bies TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7-8, 2022, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. Motion carried unanimously.

**Additional Commissioner Salary Days**

Sharp called for additional salary days. None were requested.

**License List Request**

Chris Petersen, administration division director, presented a license list requests to the Commission from Dale Critchfield with Real Western Hunting, LLC from Cheyenne, WY for a full fee license list request for all nonresident small game hunters. It was noted this request is for one-time use to distribute promotional materials to big and small game hunting.

Motioned by Bies, second by Bartling TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST. Motion carried unanimously.

**Budget Update**

Chris Petersen, administration division director, provided the Commission and overview of the budget and walked them through the state government budget lifecycle.

**Parks and Wildlife Foundation**

Kristina Coby, executive director, provided an update.

**Sportsman Against Hunger**

Jeff Olson provided an update on behalf of sportsman against hunger reporting that hunters donated 78,735 pounds of game meat to needy individuals and families across the state last year.

**Go Outdoors SD Update**

Ross Scott, wildlife staff specialist and Keith Fisk, program manager provided an update on Go Outdoors South Dakota.

## **Bounty Program Update**

Jacque Ermer, wildlife regional supervisor, explained this is the fourth year of the Nest Predator Bounty Program. New this year, only youth under the age of 18 were eligible to participate the month of March. Starting April 1, the program was opened for all age participants. Over 2,100 tails were submitted by 143 youth in the month of March. Youth participation and interest in the program continues to be high with approximately 45% of participants being under 18 years old so far. The next biggest age group was 50-70 year-olds, making up 23% of all participants to date. As of May 5, just over 16,000 nest predators (68% being raccoons) have been removed by 778 participants, with 94% of the participants being from eastern South Dakota. GFP has been excited about seeing the level of youth involvement with this program and hopes this strong youth participation continues throughout the duration of the program. GFP again implemented weekly prize giveaways for youth participants under 18 years old. These giveaways will continue every week throughout the program and consist of a GFP-sponsored trapping package that includes three live traps, knife, and the *National Trappers Association Trapping Handbook*. So far, there have been seven youth winners and the kids have been really excited about participating in the program. Visit the Live Trail Tracker Dashboard at <https://gfp.sd.gov/bounty-program/>. The program will end on July 1, 2022 or sooner if the \$500,000 program cap is reached.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Public Hearing began at 2:00 p.m. and concluded at 2:02 p.m. The minutes follow these Commission meeting minutes.

## **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.

John Hopple, SD Trappers Assoc – feedback on bounty program and trapper program. Signed up over 60 youth this year that were part of either the ethics program or participated in the bounty program. Thanked Commission for having the program and if they cannot continue with the program recommended using the funds for the ethics program as they currently have more people who want to participate than they can support. Invited Commission to attend fall convention.

Bill Paulton – Edgemont, SD – spoke regarding elk concerns. Says elk numbers continue to increase up to 500 elk on his ranch impacting hay production. Provided powerpoint presentation and requested help from the Commission. Said he has been working with staff but they don't have enough tools to help.

Rep Tim Goodwin – Hill City, SD – spoke regarding the efforts of staff during legislative session noting GFP staff worked very hard. He reiterated Paulton's elk depredation concerns.

Stephen Humphreys – Pringle, SD – has a cow/calf operation and stated he is overrun with mountain lions saying it was not difficult to get on a set of tracks as they have been in his yard. Requested the commission look at other hunting options besides tracking. Should not rely on harvest numbers to determine population.

Jim Joint – Custer, SD – stated it's difficult to track a lion with the limited snowfall they receive. Says he and his friends have killed dozens of lions and there are still too many. Feels this lion population is depleting local wildlife especially the deer.

Nancy Hilding – Black Hawk, SD – stated powerpoints should be shown when zooming meetings.

## **FINALIZATIONS**

### **Application for License**

Switzer presented the recommended changes to the license application as follows:

1. Remove the requirement for unlimited access permits for archery, muzzleloader, mentor, youth, and apprentice deer license holders to hunt certain deer hunting units and public lands.
2. Limit the number of archery access permits for Unit WRD-27L to no more than 20 "any deer" access permits for residents and no more than 5 "any deer" access permits for nonresidents.

He explained research on R3 efforts (i.e., Recruitment, Reactivation, Retention) has identified rule/regulation complexity to be one of several obstacles for new sportsmen and women. The removal of these access permits will greatly simplify hunting regulations regarding mentor, archery, muzzleloader, youth, and apprentice deer license holders while having no impact to deer management in these areas. The number of access permits currently available, across all these seasons, has created unnecessary complexity for sportsmen and women as well as the administration of these access permits in the licensing system. Unlimited access permits were established with the intent to evaluate harvest and participation on specific management areas by deer hunters with statewide or region-wide (e.g., West River Archery Deer) license types including archery, muzzleloader, mentor, youth, and apprentice license types. Deer harvest and participation was evaluated on all areas that required an access permit in 2019 and results were presented to the Commission. As a result, the Commission took action to limit archery deer access permits to 500 residents and 125 nonresidents on management unit 35L and no other unlimited license types or access permit areas were limited. Since 2019, no changes have been made to the number of access permits available for archery deer hunters in management unit 35L and no further changes have been made to the unlimited access permit areas. Through the 2021 deer hunting season, hunting effort and harvest success by access permit users has been collected, providing sufficient baseline information regarding use on these areas. Harvest and success by hunters with statewide or region-wide license types will continue to be estimated at the firearm deer management unit level. In the event there is a desire to consider limiting access permits on additional areas and user groups, harvest and success data will be used to evaluate use by user groups on these areas beginning the 2022 deer hunting season. This change will simplify deer hunting regulations for statewide and region-wide deer license type user groups and reduce complexity of the deer licensing system. Limited access units (LAUs) are intended to reduce hunter densities and provide a quality hunt experience. Trend data of supports limiting the number of resident and nonresident archery access permits for Unit WRD-27L to help meet its LAU objective. In addition, a reduction in archery deer harvest will help meet the 80% firearm hunter success goal identified in the deer management plan for LAUs.

Motioned by Rissler, second by Whitmyre TO FINALIZE THE CHANGES TO THE APPLICATION FOR LICENSES. Motion carried unanimously.

## **License Forms and Fees**

Switzer presented the recommended change to remove the inclusion of the state migratory bird certification permit with the nonresident spring snow goose, nonresident early fall Canada goose licenses, nonresident 3-day licenses, nonresident youth waterfowl licenses and decrease applicable license fees by \$5 each. He explained that currently, several nonresident waterfowl licenses include the migratory bird certification permit. With the 2-tiered duck license option, applicants must select a migratory bird certification permit to reflect their choice of the traditional or 3-duck license option and pay the \$5 fee for the applicable migratory bird certification permit.

Motioned by Locken, second by Rissler TO FINALIZE THE CHANGES TO THE LICENSE FORMS AND FEES. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Waterfowl Seasons**

### **Duck Hunting Season**

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

1. Remove daily bag limit of 5 mergansers (including 2 hooded mergansers) and include all mergansers in the normal duck daily bag limit.
2. Remove the possession limit of mergansers and include all mergansers in the normal duck possession limit.
3. Remove the ability to transfer certain nonresident licenses after a specific date.

He explained these recommended changes cleans up administrative rules for the implementation of the experimental options available to duck hunters. The allowance to transfer certain nonresident licenses after a specific date is unnecessarily complex and creates difficulties with the administration of licenses as well as creates confusion with hunters.

Motioned by Rissler, second by Locken TO FINALIZE THE CHANGES TO THE DUCK HUNTING SEASON. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Early Fall Canada Goose**

Switzer presented the recommended change to remove restriction for nonresident hunters in the counties of Beadle, Brookings, Hanson, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, McCook, Miner, Moody, Sanborn, Turner, Union, and Minnehaha counties.

Motioned by Whitmyre, second by Spring TO FINALIZE THE CHANGES TO THE EARLY FALL CANADA GOOSE HUNTING SEASON. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Public Waters – Indian Springs**

Jacque Ermer, wildlife regional supervisor, presented the recommended change to

1. Modify applicable dates and the area included in “no discharge of a firearm from a boat” of Indian Springs and Antelope Lakes in Clark County.
2. Modify applicable dates and the area included in the closure of fishing from a boat of Indian Springs and Antelope Lakes in Clark County.

She explained that in 2017, HB1001 tasked the SD Game Fish and Parks to work on agreements with landowners on nonmeandered water issues. One such agreement was

with a landowner on Indian Springs Lake in Clark County. The current rule was put into place in 2018 after discussions with a landowner who owned most of the flooded private property in the Indian Springs basin. It was the opportunity to balance the request of the landowner and the public recreational use of Indian Springs Lake. Landownership has changed hands since the original agreement. Due to water levels increasing in the area, the new landowner has requested to simplify the boundaries of the current area closed to “discharging a firearm or fishing from a boat” on Indian Springs to also include the waters of Antelope Lake. Antelope Lake is currently designated as a State Waterfowl Refuge. As part of this request, the landowner also agreed to change the start date in the current rules 41:04:02:12b and 14:07:02:01b to October 20th, giving sportsmen and women an additional 10 days in the fall to hunt and fish from a boat while allowing the water to be open to public recreational use during the winter, spring, and summer months. This date would also align with boating regulations on other state refuges. Indian Springs Lake is a non-meandered body of water thus is subject to landowner request to close it to recreational use if so desires. By GFP staff working with the current landowners, Indian Springs Lake can remain open to public recreational activities with minimal restrictions for 2 months vs being shut down year-round.

## **PROPOSALS**

### **Antelope (Firearm & Archery)**

Switzer presented the recommended changes to the antelope hunting season to adjust the maximum number of licenses available in administrative rule from no more than 4,115 to 8,000 one-tag "any antelope" licenses and from no more than 600 to 3,000 two-tag antelope licenses and add Campbell County to Unit PRA-63A (Potter and Walworth counties).

Motioned by Bies, second by Whitmyre TO APPROVE THE ANTELOPE HUNTIN SEASON CHANGES AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Switzer presented no recommended changes to the archery antelope hunting season. He noted license and tag types will be presented at the June meeting

### **Archery and Muzzleloader Season**

Switzer presented the recommended changes to the archery and muzzleloader deer season to adjust administrative rules to correct and simplify those deer units that are open for the respective LM1 units for antlerless white-tailed deer licenses and to exclude Custer State Park from the archery and muzzleloader deer hunting seasons.

Motioned by Whitmyre, second by Locken TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE ARCHERY AND MUZZLELAODER DEER SEASON. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CWD Regulations**

Switzer presented the recommended changes to address an administrative rule clean up that was overlooked during the rule-making process when the GFP Commission modified cervid carcass transportation and disposal regulations in May of 2021.

Motioned by Rissler, second by Bartling TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES. Motion carried unanimously.

## Fall Turkey

Chad Lehman, senior wildlife biologist, presented information on the Fall Turkey season.

Switzer presented the recommended changes to the fall wild turkey hunting season as follows:

1. Adjust the maximum number of licenses available in administrative rule for the Black Hills unit from no more than 100 to 500 one-tag any turkey licenses may be issued to residents.
2. Adjust the maximum number of licenses available in administrative rule for the prairie units from no more than 400 to 2,500 one-tag any turkey licenses and 35 to 2,000 double-tag any turkey licenses may be issued to residents.
3. Establish or modify the following prairie units: 02A (portion of Pennington County), 08A (Davison and Hanson counties); 13A (Brule and Buffalo counties), 15A (Butte County and a portion of Lawrence County), 18A (Aurora and Douglas counties), 21A (portions of Custer and Pennington counties), 24A (Dewey and Ziebach counties), 27A (portion of Fall River County), 29A (Grant County), 30A (Gregory County), 31A (Haakon County), 35A (Harding County), 41A (Jones County), 45A (Lyman County), 49A (portions of Meade and Pennington counties), 50A (Mellette County), 60A (Tripp County), and 67A (Todd County).

Motion by Spring, second by Bies TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE FALL TURKEY HUNTING SEASON. Motion carried unanimously.

Switzer presented the administrative action to approve the fall turkey hunting license allocation by unit as listed.

2022-2023 Fall Turkey

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident		Nonresident		License Totals											
		AnyT	31	2 AnyT	37	AnyT	31	2 AnyT	37	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR
										1-Tag	2-Tag	Licenses	Tags	1-Tag	2-Tag	License	Tags
01A	Minnehaha	25						25		25	25						
02A	Pennington	50				4		50		50	50		4			4	4
07A	Yankton	175						175		175	175						
08A	Davison/Hanson	75						75		75	75						
12A	Bon Homme	175						175		175	175						
13A	Brule/Buffalo	50						50		50	50						
15A	Butte/Lawrence	50				4		50		50	50		4			4	4
17A	Charles Mix	50						50		50	50						
18A	Aurora/Douglas	50						50		50	50						
19A	Clay	50						50		50	50						
21A	Custer/Pennington	50				4		50		50	50		4			4	4
24A	Dewey/Ziebach	50				4		50		50	50		4			4	4
27A	Fall River	25				2		25		25	25		2			2	2
29A	Grant	100						100		100	100						
30A	Gregory	100				8		100		100	100		8			8	8
31A	Haakon	50				4		50		50	50		4			4	4
35A	Harding	25				2		25		25	25		2			2	2
37A	Hutchinson	25						25		25	25						
39A	Jackson		50			4			50	50	100			4		4	8
41A	Jones	25				2		25		25	25		2			2	2
44A	Lincoln	50						50		50	50						
45A	Lyman	50				4		50		50	50		4			4	4
48A	Marshall/Roberts	100						100		100	100						
49A	Meade	50				4		50		50	50		4			4	4
50A	Mellette	50				4		50		50	50		4			4	4
52A	Moody	25						25		25	25						
53A	Perkins	50				4		50		50	50		4			4	4
60A	Tripp	50				4		50		50	50		4			4	4
62A	Union	50						50		50	50						
67A	Todd	25				2		25		25	25		2			2	2
BH1	Black Hills	200				16		200		200	200		16			16	16
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,900</b>	<b>50</b>			<b>72</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>2,000</b>		<b>72</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>76</b>	<b>80</b>
								<b>RES &amp; NR:</b>		<b>1,972</b>	<b>54</b>					<b>2,026</b>	<b>2,080</b>



Motioned by Whitmyre, second by Bartling TO APPROVE THE FALL TURKEY LICENSE ALLOCATIONS. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Sage Grouse**

Switzer presented no recommended changes to the sage grouse hunting season.

### **Mourning Dove**

Switzer presented the recommended change to allow for mourning dove hunting at Shadehill State Recreation Area in Perkins County.

Motioned by Whitmyre, second by Bies TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO THE MOURNING DOVE SEASON. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CSP Bison Hunt**

Matt Snyder, regional supervisor, presented no recommended change to the Custer State Park trophy bison bull harvest, non-trophy bison harvest; and season regulations.

### **Mentor Turkey Recruitment**

Kirschenmann presented the recommended change to establish new rules within the Spring Turkey Hunting Season chapter that provides for Mentored Youth Turkey Recruitment licenses. He explained the objective of this proposal is to provide a means of encouraging youth participation with non-governmental organizations (NGO) that promote wildlife conservation and the recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters. Currently for youth hunters, an unlimited number of mentored spring and fall turkey licenses are available for those youth under the age of 16 and valid statewide wherever a spring or fall turkey season is open, excluding Custer State Park. In addition, those youth who are 12 years of age who has completed a GFP's course of instruction in the safe handling of firearms are eligible to apply for limited draw prairie turkey licenses and to purchase an archery and/or Black Hills turkey license. A mentored youth turkey recruitment license sponsored by an NGO would be available to those youth 15 years of age and younger that do not already possess any type of spring turkey hunting license. A limited number of licenses would be made available by application to eligible NGOs for distribution.

Motioned by Bies, second by Whitmyre TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGE FOR MENTORED YOUTH TURKEY RECRUITMENT LICENSES. Motion carried unanimously.

## **DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **Sylvan Lake Store Replacement**

Matt Snyder, parks and recreation regional supervisor, presented information regarding the plans for the Sylvan Lake store replacement.

### **Sylvan Lake Fire Update**

Matt Snyder, parks and recreation regional supervisor, provided an update regarding the Sylvan Lake Lodge fire.

### **Bison Center Update and Grand Opening**

Matt Snyder, parks and recreation regional supervisor, provided the Commission an update on the Bison Center and information regarding the grand opening scheduled for Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **ADA Assessment**

Al Nedved provided a detailed presentation on the status of the ADA Assessment.

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

Al Nedved, Deputy Director for Parks presented monthly camping, visitation, and revenue reports.

## **DIVISION OF WILDLIFE**

### **Fish Spawning and Stocking update**

Jake Davis, Fisheries Program Administrator, shared information related to current fish spawning and stocking efforts being completed by Game, Fish and Parks staff. At the time of the commission meeting, the walleye egg take goal of approximately 95 million had been met and the yellow perch egg goal of 1 million was almost completed. Fish stocking was ongoing with trap and transfer of fish occurring statewide, as well as stocking of hatchery product from the coldwater facilities.

### **French Creek Cooling Project**

Jeremy Kientz, fisheries supervisor explained Game, Fish & Parks fisheries biologists partnered with mechanical engineers from North Dakota State University to design, build, and evaluate a prototype system designed to provide thermal refuge for trout during periods of elevated water temperatures. The prototype was designed as a closed system which pumps cooled water through a heat exchanger housed within a refuge enclosure located in the stream. The system was tested in French Creek within Custer State Park in 2020 and 2021. Water temperatures during 2021 testing averaged 73° F in the stream and 67.3° F in the refuge system, exceeding the 5° cooling goal set during the project.

### **AIS Program Update**

Jake Davis, Fisheries Program Administrator, shared information related to the 2022 Aquatic Invasive Species program for 2022. Primary efforts will be aimed at using outreach and education to educate users on ways to help slow the spread of AIS in South Dakota. Additionally, watercraft inspections will occur statewide using Game, Fish and Parks staff, as well as County Conservation District staff in certain locations.

### **2021 Pheasant Harvest**

Chad Switzer, program manager and Travis Runia, senior wildlife biologist, provided information on the 2021 pheasant harvest.

### **GFP/Pheasants Forever Cooperative Position – Hunter Recruitment**

David Parker, outdoor campus east director and Isaac Full, Pheasants Forever explained in an effort to continue the Department's effort to Recruit, Retain, and Reactivate hunters and anglers, Game, Fish and Parks and SD Pheasants Forever have strived to draft, create, and implement a Contract Position. This Contract Position's focus is to create more synergy between GFP's Wildlife Education Team and local Nongovernment Organizations to increase education reach, increase hunter and

angler programming targeted at key user audiences, and focus on increasing the Wildlife Education Team's programming efforts with veteran audiences. Through collaboration between GFP and PF, Isaac Full was hired for this collaborative effort given his extensive programming background with folks of all ages, veterans, and tenure at Pheasants Forever as a Farm Bill Biologist.

### **License Sales Update**

Tom Kirschenmann, wildlife division director, provided an update on resident and nonresident license sales.

### **Executive Session**

Motioned by Sharp, second by Bartling TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:30AM MT TO DISCUSS THE QUALIFICATIONS, COMPETENCE, PERFORMANCE, CHARACTER OR FITNESS OF ANY PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OR PROSPECTIVE PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE. Motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Bartling, second by Bies TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:15AM MT. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjourn**

Motioned by Locken, second by Rissler TO ADJOURN AT 9:15AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kevin Robling, Department Secretary

**Public Hearing Minutes of the Game, Fish and Parks Commission  
May 5, 2022**

The Commission vice chairman Doug Sharp began the public hearing at 2:00 p.m. CT. Commissioners Julie Bartling, Travis Bies, Jon Locken, Russell Olson, Stephanie Rissler, Charles Spring, and Robert Whitmyre were present. Kotilnek indicated written comments were provided to the Commissioners prior to this time and will be reflected in the Public Hearing Minutes. Kotilnek then invited the public to come forward with oral testimony. Written comments attached.

**Application for License**

No verbal comments

**License Forms and Fees**

No verbal comments

**Waterfowl Seasons**

No verbal comments

**Public Waters – Indian Springs**

No verbal comments

The public Hearing concluded at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kevin Robling, Department Secretary

# Public Comments

## Other

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**Dana Andersen**

**Brookings SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

Writing in opposition to the Nest Predator Bounty Program.

?? Trapping regulations are weak in South Dakota. Required trap check times are over 3 days west of the Missouri River and over 2 days east of the Missouri River (with extensions for weather and illness). SD doesn't require identification on traps, so there is no accountability for trappers who don't follow the rules.  
<https://gfp.sd.gov/trapping/>

?? Animals caught in traps for several days can be attacked by other animals, starve, dehydrate, or mangle their mouths and limbs trying to free themselves. Since this bounty program begins in the spring, many young starve to death when their mothers are trapped ??

?? The program could unbalance our ecosystem. According to the tail tracker dashboard (<https://bit.ly/2Qlpoyl>), the following tails have been submitted since the program began in April 2019:

107,400 Raccoon

16,091 Striped Skunk

10,934 Opossum

1,142 Red Fox

1,107 Badger

Gross and unnecessary.

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**Jennifer Swanson**

**Sioux Falls SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

I am writing in opposition to the nest predator program. This upsets the balance in the SD ecosystem. Please consider ending this environmentally costly program.

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**Dennis Carda**

**Waubay SD**

**Position:** other

**Comment:**

I have heard conflicting reports in regards to Lynn Lake. Would like clarification by commission. Is Lynn Lake and Middle Lynn lake 2 separate lakes or considered the same lake in regards to the 2 fish walleye limit?

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**Susan Minnaert**

**Madison SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

This is inhumane!!

## Waterfowl Seasons

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**Trevor Harms**

**Madison SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

I oppose the idea of allowing nonresident early-season Canada goose hunting because it will inhibit the ability of resident hunters to participate. In the early season, there aren't many places where you can hunt the geese. You have two options the roost or the field. If you hunt the roost all you can do is jump them because after they feed they will be all messed up in their pattern and more than likely not come back. Or you can try to get permission on a field, this is already not an easy task, add nonresidents into the mix and then locals will have to fight even harder to find somewhere to hunt. Allowing nonresident hunters during the regular season is good, but why change the laws on the early goose season when it works?

# Public Comments

## Other

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**Bradley Evans**

**Custer SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

Create a Bow and Arrow season for Prairie Units.

**From:** Charles Rokusek <[crokusek55@outlook.com](mailto:crokusek55@outlook.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 8:56 AM  
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**Subject:** [EXT] Non-resident proposal for the Early Fall Canada Goose Season

Dear G, F & P Staff and Commission:

Attached you will find the 29 - 90 Sportsman's Club Position on your proposal to allow non - residents the opportunity to hunt during the Early Fall Canada Season.

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3/29/2022

Dear G, F & P Staff & Commission:

The following is the position statement of the 29 – 90 Sportsman’s Club on the Proposal to allow Non-residents the opportunity to hunt Canada Geese during the Early Fall Canada Season.

***(In 1998 we developed a position for the club on this issue and it’s as follows:  
The 29 – 90 Sportsman’s Club and its members are oppose to non-residents having the opportunity to hunt Canada Geese in Southeast South Dakota during the early fall Canada Goose Season. The reasons which led to this position were to maintain access and opportunity for the residents of South Dakota. This position also took into account the fact that this part of the state has the highest percentage of the state’s population, and the fact that we were already losing grasslands and converting more cropland to row crops (corn and soybeans) versus small grains, and the fact that this part of the state is public access poor compared to the Northeast part of the state or the Missouri River Corridor.***



Since 1998 the land use change in the 20 Southeastern South Dakota Counties which is Region 3 of the G, F & P has accelerated even more. There are more and more acres being converted to row crop production and there is less small grain acres planted in this area. There has also been a large conversion of the existing grasslands to row crop production along with an increase in the amount of land that is being tilled and drained. Which results in fewer places for even the resident hunters to compete for and to use, and you want to add even more competition for these available spots by allowing non-residents the opportunity to hunt during this time period.

We the members of the 29 – 90 sportsman’s Club feel this continued erosion of opportunities goes against your 3 R’s and you should reconsider this proposal. We feel the entire Region 3 needs to be non-resident free.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,

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# Rolling Budget Summary Report

FY 2023

Center 06	GAME, FISH, AND PARKS								
	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Budgeted FY22	Inflation FY23	Exp/Red FY23	Request FY23	Recommended FY23	Rec. Inc/Dec FY23	
<b>Personal Services</b>									
EMPLOYEE SALARIES	25,305,045	25,876,533	28,545,955	0	2,311,678	30,857,633	30,857,633	2,311,678	
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	9,265,886	8,652,994	8,727,028	0	349,933	9,076,961	9,076,961	349,933	
<b>FTE</b>	555.8	552.6	583.9		0.0	583.9	583.9	0.0	
<b>Funding Types</b>									
GENERAL	3,129,113	3,149,393	3,250,099	0	209,863	3,459,962	3,459,962	209,863	
FEDERAL	5,473,548	5,241,819	6,135,600	0	359,891	6,495,491	6,495,491	359,891	
OTHER	25,968,270	26,138,315	27,887,284	0	2,091,857	29,979,141	29,979,141	2,091,857	
<b>Total PS</b>	<b>34,570,931</b>	<b>34,529,528</b>	<b>37,272,983</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,661,611</b>	<b>39,934,594</b>	<b>39,934,594</b>	<b>2,661,611</b>	
<b>Operating Expenses</b>									
TRAVEL	2,239,729	4,400,863	4,629,293	0	839,379	5,468,672	5,468,672	839,379	
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	30,416,006	28,729,838	37,195,954	0	-1,518,833	35,677,121	35,677,121	-1,518,833	
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	7,742,202	7,778,510	7,540,980	0	437,950	7,978,930	7,978,930	437,950	
GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES	2,391,691	2,619,619	3,534,528	0	-123,552	3,410,976	3,410,976	-123,552	
CAPITAL OUTLAY	16,770,367	17,514,761	19,812,509	0	11,162,746	30,975,255	30,975,255	11,162,746	
OTHER	663,905	921,258	534,909	0	0	534,909	534,909	0	
<b>Funding Types</b>									
GENERAL	3,289,651	3,285,813	3,285,227	0	-2,330	3,282,897	3,282,897	-2,330	
FEDERAL	19,580,161	18,817,476	21,539,713	0	2,115,641	23,655,354	23,655,354	2,115,641	
OTHER	37,354,089	39,861,558	48,423,233	0	8,684,379	57,107,612	57,107,612	8,684,379	
<b>Total OE</b>	<b>60,223,901</b>	<b>61,964,847</b>	<b>73,248,173</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,797,690</b>	<b>84,045,863</b>	<b>84,045,863</b>	<b>10,797,690</b>	
<b>TOTAL FOR 06</b>									
<b>Funding Types</b>									
GENERAL	6,418,764	6,435,206	6,535,326	0	207,533	6,742,859	6,742,859	207,533	
FEDERAL	25,053,709	24,059,295	27,675,313	0	2,475,532	30,150,845	30,150,845	2,475,532	
OTHER	63,322,358	65,999,874	76,310,517	0	10,776,236	87,086,753	87,086,753	10,776,236	
<b>Total</b>	<b>94,794,832</b>	<b>96,494,375</b>	<b>110,521,156</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,459,301</b>	<b>123,980,457</b>	<b>123,980,457</b>	<b>13,459,301</b>	

# Rolling Budget Summary Report

FY 2023

Center 0601	Administration								
	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Inflation	Exp/Red	Request	Recommended	Rec.	Inc/Dec
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY23
<b>Personal Services</b>									
EMPLOYEE SALARIES	1,539,652	1,575,470	1,894,417	0	182,113	2,076,530	2,076,530		182,113
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	534,135	494,517	637,588	0	33,073	670,661	670,661		33,073
<b>FTE</b>	23.6	23.7	28.6		0.7	29.3	29.3		0.7
<b>Funding Types</b>									
GENERAL	158,995	156,944	159,810	0	8,781	168,591	168,591		8,781
FEDERAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
OTHER	1,914,791	1,913,043	2,372,195	0	206,405	2,578,600	2,578,600		206,405
<b>Total PS</b>	<b>2,073,786</b>	<b>2,069,987</b>	<b>2,532,005</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>215,186</b>	<b>2,747,191</b>	<b>2,747,191</b>		<b>215,186</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>									
TRAVEL	119,239	51,691	210,764	0	10,000	220,764	220,764		10,000
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,582,377	1,602,004	1,696,732	0	108,538	1,805,270	1,805,270		108,538
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	430,000	345,222	330,765	0	21,300	352,065	352,065		21,300
CAPITAL OUTLAY	65,827	980,955	16,715	0	0	16,715	16,715		0
OTHER	0	0	2,000	0	0	2,000	2,000		0
<b>Funding Types</b>									
GENERAL	823,205	822,471	823,485	0	-503	822,982	822,982		-503
FEDERAL	104,465	1,141,609	0	0	0	0	0		0
OTHER	1,269,774	1,015,791	1,433,491	0	140,341	1,573,832	1,573,832		140,341
<b>Total OE</b>	<b>2,197,444</b>	<b>2,979,871</b>	<b>2,256,976</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>139,838</b>	<b>2,396,814</b>	<b>2,396,814</b>		<b>139,838</b>
<b>TOTAL FOR 0601</b>									
<b>Funding Types</b>									
GENERAL	982,200	979,415	983,295	0	8,278	991,573	991,573		8,278
FEDERAL	104,465	1,141,609	0	0	0	0	0		0
OTHER	3,184,565	2,928,834	3,805,686	0	346,746	4,152,432	4,152,432		346,746
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,271,230</b>	<b>5,049,858</b>	<b>4,788,981</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>355,024</b>	<b>5,144,005</b>	<b>5,144,005</b>		<b>355,024</b>

# Rolling Budget Summary Report

FY 2023

Center 0610	Wildlife - Info								
	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Inflation	Exp/Red	Request	Recommended	Rec. Inc/Dec	
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY23
<b>Personal Services</b>									
EMPLOYEE SALARIES	14,660,600	14,795,285	16,468,937	0	1,250,876	17,719,813	17,719,813	1,250,876	
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	5,736,676	5,329,258	5,275,741	0	194,117	5,469,858	5,469,858	194,117	
<b>FTE</b>	290.7	285.2	296.0		(0.5)	295.5	295.5	(0.5)	
<b>Funding Types</b>									
GENERAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
FEDERAL	4,902,051	4,734,686	5,059,592	0	303,072	5,362,664	5,362,664	303,072	
OTHER	15,495,225	15,389,858	16,685,086	0	1,141,921	17,827,007	17,827,007	1,141,921	
<b>Total PS</b>	20,397,276	20,124,544	21,744,678	0	1,444,993	23,189,671	23,189,671	1,444,993	
<b>Operating Expenses</b>									
TRAVEL	1,537,477	2,944,674	2,928,918	0	722,031	3,650,949	3,650,949	722,031	
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	18,682,673	17,491,243	26,406,748	0	-1,939,100	24,467,648	24,467,648	-1,939,100	
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	4,586,380	3,914,660	4,299,546	0	31,450	4,330,996	4,330,996	31,450	
GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES	1,677,219	1,497,752	2,122,028	0	-123,552	1,998,476	1,998,476	-123,552	
CAPITAL OUTLAY	3,410,995	2,264,775	2,424,452	0	604,300	3,028,752	3,028,752	604,300	
OTHER	84,406	113,529	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Funding Types</b>									
GENERAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
FEDERAL	12,333,680	11,445,481	14,498,140	0	106,681	14,604,821	14,604,821	106,681	
OTHER	17,645,470	16,781,150	23,683,552	0	-811,552	22,872,000	22,872,000	-811,552	
<b>Total OE</b>	29,979,150	28,226,632	38,181,692	0	-704,871	37,476,821	37,476,821	-704,871	
<b>TOTAL FOR 0610</b>									
<b>Funding Types</b>									
GENERAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
FEDERAL	17,235,731	16,180,167	19,557,732	0	409,753	19,967,485	19,967,485	409,753	
OTHER	33,140,695	32,171,008	40,368,638	0	330,369	40,699,007	40,699,007	330,369	
<b>Total</b>	50,376,426	48,351,176	59,926,370	0	740,122	60,666,492	60,666,492	740,122	

# Rolling Budget Summary Report

FY 2023

Center 0612	Wildlife -Development/Improvement - Info								
	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Inflation	Exp/Red	Request	Recommended	Rec.	Inc/Dec
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY23
<b>Operating Expenses</b>									
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	38,793	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES	0	23,655	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL OUTLAY	2,028,000	2,500,052	2,552,500	0	2,241,900	4,794,400	4,794,400	4,794,400	2,241,900
<b>Funding Types</b>									
GENERAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL	1,427,250	1,957,750	1,715,250	0	-7,575	1,707,675	1,707,675	1,707,675	-7,575
OTHER	600,750	604,750	837,250	0	2,249,475	3,086,725	3,086,725	3,086,725	2,249,475
<b>Total OE</b>	<b>2,028,000</b>	<b>2,562,500</b>	<b>2,552,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,241,900</b>	<b>4,794,400</b>	<b>4,794,400</b>	<b>4,794,400</b>	<b>2,241,900</b>
<b>TOTAL FOR 0612</b>									
<b>Funding Types</b>									
GENERAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL	1,427,250	1,957,750	1,715,250	0	(7,575)	1,707,675	1,707,675	1,707,675	-7,575
OTHER	600,750	604,750	837,250	0	2,249,475	3,086,725	3,086,725	3,086,725	2,249,475
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,028,000</b>	<b>2,562,500</b>	<b>2,552,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,241,900</b>	<b>4,794,400</b>	<b>4,794,400</b>	<b>4,794,400</b>	<b>2,241,900</b>

# Rolling Budget Summary Report

FY 2023

Center 0620	State Parks and Recreation							
	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Inflation	Exp/Red	Request	Recommended	Rec. Inc/Dec
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY23
<b>Personal Services</b>								
EMPLOYEE SALARIES	8,868,342	9,257,698	9,832,797	0	857,703	10,690,500	10,690,500	857,703
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,916,489	2,752,655	2,729,699	0	119,763	2,849,462	2,849,462	119,763
<b>FTE</b>	237.6	238.0	250.2		(0.2)	250.0	250.0	(0.2)
<b>Funding Types</b>								
GENERAL	2,970,117	2,992,449	3,090,289	0	201,082	3,291,371	3,291,371	201,082
FEDERAL	571,498	507,134	1,076,008	0	56,819	1,132,827	1,132,827	56,819
OTHER	8,243,216	8,510,770	8,396,199	0	719,565	9,115,764	9,115,764	719,565
<b>Total PS</b>	<b>11,784,831</b>	<b>12,010,352</b>	<b>12,562,496</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>977,466</b>	<b>13,539,962</b>	<b>13,539,962</b>	<b>977,466</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>								
TRAVEL	547,910	1,354,857	1,427,857	0	107,348	1,535,205	1,535,205	107,348
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	9,781,925	7,765,132	8,954,831	0	310,647	9,265,478	9,265,478	310,647
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	2,544,803	3,392,740	2,725,919	0	385,200	3,111,119	3,111,119	385,200
GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES	590,392	997,107	1,100,000	0	0	1,100,000	1,100,000	0
CAPITAL OUTLAY	757,145	1,440,838	1,253,942	0	0	1,253,942	1,253,942	0
OTHER	579,499	807,729	532,909	0	0	532,909	532,909	0
<b>Funding Types</b>								
GENERAL	2,466,447	2,463,342	2,461,742	0	-1,827	2,459,915	2,459,915	-1,827
FEDERAL	1,967,516	2,207,736	2,978,423	0	-11	2,978,412	2,978,412	-11
OTHER	10,367,711	11,087,325	10,555,293	0	805,033	11,360,326	11,360,326	805,033
<b>Total OE</b>	<b>14,801,673</b>	<b>15,758,403</b>	<b>15,995,458</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>803,195</b>	<b>16,798,653</b>	<b>16,798,653</b>	<b>803,195</b>
<b>TOTAL FOR 0620</b>								
<b>Funding Types</b>								
GENERAL	5,436,564	5,455,791	5,552,031	0	199,255	5,751,286	5,751,286	199,255
FEDERAL	2,539,014	2,714,869	4,054,431	0	56,808	4,111,239	4,111,239	56,808
OTHER	18,610,926	19,598,095	18,951,492	0	1,524,598	20,476,090	20,476,090	1,524,598
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,586,504</b>	<b>27,768,755</b>	<b>28,557,954</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,780,661</b>	<b>30,338,615</b>	<b>30,338,615</b>	<b>1,780,661</b>

# Rolling Budget Summary Report

FY 2023

Center 0621	State Parks and Recreation - Dev/Imp							
	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Inflation	Exp/Red	Request	Recommended	Rec. Inc/Dec
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY23
<b>Operating Expenses</b>								
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	274,727	1,775,910	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL OUTLAY	10,313,148	10,123,911	13,300,900	0	8,316,546	21,617,446	21,617,446	8,316,546
<b>Funding Types</b>								
GENERAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL	3,747,250	2,064,900	2,347,900	0	2,016,546	4,364,446	4,364,446	2,016,546
OTHER	6,840,625	9,834,920	10,953,000	0	6,300,000	17,253,000	17,253,000	6,300,000
<b>Total OE</b>	<b>10,587,875</b>	<b>11,899,820</b>	<b>13,300,900</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,316,546</b>	<b>21,617,446</b>	<b>21,617,446</b>	<b>8,316,546</b>
<b>TOTAL FOR 0621</b>								
<b>Funding Types</b>								
GENERAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL	3,747,250	2,064,900	2,347,900	0	2,016,546	4,364,446	4,364,446	2,016,546
OTHER	6,840,625	9,834,920	10,953,000	0	6,300,000	17,253,000	17,253,000	6,300,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,587,875</b>	<b>11,899,820</b>	<b>13,300,900</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,316,546</b>	<b>21,617,446</b>	<b>21,617,446</b>	<b>8,316,546</b>

# Rolling Budget Summary Report

FY 2023

Center 0622	Snowmobile Trails - Info								
	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Inflation	Exp/Red	Request	Recommended	Rec.	Inc/Dec
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY23
<b>Personal Services</b>									
EMPLOYEE SALARIES	236,452	248,080	349,804	0	20,986	370,790	370,790		20,986
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	78,586	76,565	84,000	0	2,980	86,980	86,980		2,980
<b>FTE</b>	3.8	5.7	9.1		0.0	9.1	9.1		0.0
<b>Funding Types</b>									
GENERAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
FEDERAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
OTHER	315,039	324,645	433,804	0	23,966	457,770	457,770		23,966
<b>Total PS</b>	315,039	324,645	433,804	0	23,966	457,770	457,770		23,966
<b>Operating Expenses</b>									
TRAVEL	35,103	49,641	61,754	0	0	61,754	61,754		0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	94,304	56,756	137,643	0	1,082	138,725	138,725		1,082
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	181,019	125,888	184,750	0	0	184,750	184,750		0
GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES	124,080	101,106	312,500	0	0	312,500	312,500		0
CAPITAL OUTLAY	195,253	204,231	264,000	0	0	264,000	264,000		0
<b>Funding Types</b>									
GENERAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
FEDERAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
OTHER	629,759	537,621	960,647	0	1,082	961,729	961,729		1,082
<b>Total OE</b>	629,759	537,621	960,647	0	1,082	961,729	961,729		1,082
<b>TOTAL FOR 0622</b>									
<b>Funding Types</b>									
GENERAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
FEDERAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
OTHER	944,797	862,266	1,394,451	0	25,048	1,419,499	1,419,499		25,048
<b>Total</b>	944,797	862,266	1,394,451	0	25,048	1,419,499	1,419,499		25,048



<b>SD Department of Game, Fish &amp; Parks</b>					
<b>Summary of Budget Adjustments during 2022 Legislative Session</b>					
	<b>FY2023 Original</b>	<b>Increase for</b>	<b>Increase for</b>	<b>Increase for</b>	<b>New Budget</b>
	<b>Budget Request</b>	<b>Captive Insurance</b>	<b>6% Salary Policy</b>	<b>Targeted Salaries</b>	<b>Totals FY2023</b>
<b>0601 Administration</b>					
Personal Services Budget	2,610,585		152,225		2,762,810
Operating Expense Budget	2,361,469	19,725			2,381,194
	<b>\$ 4,972,054</b>	<b>\$ 19,725</b>	<b>\$ 152,225</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,144,004</b>
<b>0620 Parks &amp; Recreation Operations</b>					
Personal Services Budget	12,768,246		726,683	72,282	13,567,211
Operating Expense Budget	16,771,404				16,771,404
	<b>\$ 29,539,650</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 726,683</b>	<b>\$ 72,282</b>	<b>\$ 30,338,615</b>
<b>0621 Parks &amp; Recreation Development / Improvement</b>					
Operating Expense Budget	<b>\$ 21,617,446</b>				<b>\$ 21,617,446</b>
<b>0610 Wildlife Operations - Info</b>					
Personal Services Budget	21,701,098		1,195,313	342,223	23,238,634
Operating Expense Budget	37,427,858				37,427,858
	<b>\$ 59,128,956</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,195,313</b>	<b>\$ 342,223</b>	<b>\$ 60,666,492</b>
<b>0612 Wildlife Development / Improvement - Info</b>					
Operating Expense Budget	<b>\$ 4,794,400</b>				<b>\$ 4,794,400</b>
<b>0622 Snowmobile Trails - Info</b>					
Personal Services Budget	433,804		25,048		458,852
Operating Expense Budget	960,647				960,647
	<b>\$ 1,394,451</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 25,048</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,419,499</b>

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**REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS**

**Application**

Type of List Requested Taxidermist

Number of licenses in list All

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:

Tom Weickum / RMA Specialties

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:

1607 Logan Ave

Cheyenne, Wyo. 82001

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

EMAIL - RMAproforms@AOL.com

Phone Number

307-634-6225

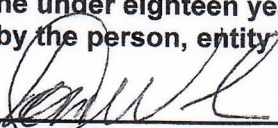
Purpose for which list will be used:

I am starting Taxidermy Supply Co. and would like list for mailing or contacting taxidermist located in S. Dakota.

**This list is Names and Mailing Addresses ONLY**

The sale of lists by the Department of Game, Fish & Parks is authorized by SDCL 1-27-1 and ARSD 41:06:02:04, 05 and 06. The fee for a Game, Fish & Parks Commission approved exception is \$100, otherwise the fee is \$100 per thousand names or a minimum of \$100 whichever is greater.

Unless requested and approved as part of this request, the license list will not include anyone under eighteen years of age. Names are for one-time use only and are to be used only by the person, entity or organization approved per this request.

  
Authorized Signature of Purchaser

5/24/22  
Date

Date of Commission Action

## Comes, Rachel

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**From:** info@gfp.sd.us  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 3, 2022 9:40 PM  
**To:** murano79.jm@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:** 133  
**Petitioner Name:** Joel Murano  
**Address:** Aberdeen, SD 57401  
**Email:** murano79.jm@gmail.com  
**Phone:** 605-354-2204  
**Rule Identification:** 41:06:04:14 muzzleloading restriction  
**Describe Change:** I respectfully request that the commission allow the use of variable magnification scopes for all muzzleloading deer seasons.  
**Reason for Change:** The current restrictions on optics during all muzzleloading deer seasons is arbitrary. When the muzzleloading deer seasons were first created, it was more or less a novelty tag. Seasons run after all other gun seasons(not including refuge seasons). Under the current draw structure however, it's a highly sought after license and not simply a bonus tag. Let me be clear, this decision is a social issue, not a biological issue. Some hunters may choose to remain more traditional with open sights, while others will adopt what is allowed. What the commissions decision would do if my petition is adopted is remove an unnecessary restriction that creates a niche constituency. The state has done much in recent years to make recruitment retention and reactivation of hunters actually happen. The current rule restricting the use of variable magnification scopes for muzzleloading seasons does not assist with this effort. For these reasons I ask you consider this change.

## Comes, Rachel

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**From:** info@gfp.sd.us  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 11, 2022 10:29 AM  
**To:** crokusek55@outlook.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:** 134  
**Petitioner Name:** Charles Rokusek  
**Address:** 731 E. 73rd St.  
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57108  
**Email:** crokusek55@outlook.com  
**Phone:** 605-362-9827  
**Rule Identification:** 41:06:50:04  
**Describe Change:** Non-residents may not hunt early fall Canada Goose in the counties that make up the Region 3 of the Game, Fish & Parks and are in the Southeast part of South Dakota.  
**Reason for Change:** This petition is being sent on behalf of the 29 - 90 Sportsman's Club and being submitted by Charles Rokusek, Resident Agent and Sec. - Treas. of the club. This is also in reference to the email letter of 3/29/2022 which did not get entered into the Public record at the May 2022 GFP Commission Meeting. The above stated letter has the reason for reconsideration and petitioning of this Rule 41:06:50:04.

## Comes, Rachel

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**From:** info@gfp.sd.us  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 25, 2022 4:49 PM  
**To:** travistschumper@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:** 136

**Petitioner Name:** travis tschumper

**Address:** 401 s omaha  
sioux falls, SD 57103

**Email:** travistschumper@gmail.com

**Phone:** 605-680-4704

**Rule Identification:** smallmouth bass slot limit

**Describe Change:** Implementing a slot size limit on smallmouth bass. Being able to keep smallmouth bass between 12-16 inches and one over 21 inches on the Missouri River (Oahe, Sharpe, Francis Case, Lewis & Clarke, and below Lewis and Clarke down to the Nebraska border.

**Reason for Change:** I am a very avid fisherman, and us in the bass fishing community have a mutual understanding to practice catch and release. That being said, with the overwhelming amount of fishing pressure that has come to the river over the past couple years due to campgrounds, guides, and social media, something has to be done to protect this aggressive and vulnerable species. With it taking a smallmouth bass 10-13 years to reach 5lbs in our northern environment, our fisheries will be depleted very soon. Thank you for your consideration.

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Antelope Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:23

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>May 5-6, 2022</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>July 7, 2022</b>	<b>Spearfish</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>July 7-8, 2022</b>	<b>Spearfish</b>

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**Duration of Proposal:** 2022 and 2023 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** October 1-16, 2022  
September 30 – October 15, 2023

**Open Area:** See the attached map

**Licenses:** 2,335 “buck antelope” licenses  
50 “special antelope” 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.

#### **Proposed changes from last year:**

1. Adjust the maximum number of licenses available in administrative rule from no more than 4,115 to 8,000 one-tag “any antelope” licenses and from no more than 600 to 3,000 two-tag antelope licenses.
2. Add Campbell County to Unit PRA-63A (Potter and Walworth counties).

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

#### **Recommended changes from proposal:**

1. Change one-tag “any antelope” antelope licenses to one-tag antelope licenses.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The pronghorn population in South Dakota has decreased since the last time the GFP Commission set hunting seasons in 2019. Lower survival rates of adults and lower recruitment have been keeping most herds in most hunting units well below objective. The estimated count of adult pronghorn from aerial surveys this year was 28,264, which is down 16% from the 33,760 in 2019. Recruitment in 2021 was at a record low of 48 fawns per 100 does. Using recent years’ population demographics based on survey and research data, model projections for pronghorn this fall are 36,900 total animals which is well below the overall objective of 59,000 – 80,000 and down 18% from the fall of 2019.

In order to address lower pronghorn populations across the state, the following recommended changes are being proposed to reduce harvest and increase growth rates:

1. Remove all general season Firearm Type 43, Type 48, and Type 49 licenses. This will result in a reduction of 1,503 licenses and 2,127 tags.
2. Change Type 41 licenses (any antelope) to Type 42 (buck antelope) for general Firearm and Archery hunting seasons.
3. Reduce 3,454 Type 41 licenses (3,315 res and 139 nr) to 2,386 Type 42 licenses (2,335 resident and 51 nonresident).

<b>APPROVE</b> _____	<b>MODIFY</b> _____	<b>REJECT</b> _____	<b>NO ACTION</b> _____
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4. Modify Mentored antelope hunting season to be valid only on private land in units open to firearm hunting west of the Missouri River. This will result in the closure of Mentored antelope hunting east of the Missouri River and on all public lands and private lands leased for public hunting.

Based on harvest rates documented in 2021, proposed changes 1-3 will reduce harvest by approximately 1,400 does and 700 bucks. Changes to the Mentored antelope season are more difficult to estimate but will eliminate all doe harvest east of the Missouri River and reduce doe harvest west of the Missouri River.

The proposed maximum number of antelope licenses will be established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission via administrative action will determine specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation amongst hunting units.

Updated population objectives and the recommended number of licenses will be shared at the June Commission meeting once preliminary aerial survey estimates have been obtained and population modeling exercises have been completed.

The addition of Campbell County to Unit PRA-63A will provide additional hunting opportunity.

Year	Licenses	Tags	Bucks	Doe/Fawn	Total	Success
	Sold	Issued	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	
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%
2021	5,207	6,029	2,401	1,152	3,552	59%

\*Includes Landowner-Own-Land licenses.

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

The following are proposed draft changes that are intended to incorporate the recommended changes adopted by the Commission.

**41:06:23:01. Antelope hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses.** The antelope hunting season is open from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset each day for 16 consecutive days beginning on the Saturday closest to October 1, unless prohibited in the unit descriptions in §§ 41:06:23:02. No more than ~~8,000~~ 4,415 one-tag ~~"any antelope"~~ antelope licenses, no more than ~~3,000~~ ~~600~~ two-tag antelope licenses, and no more than 50 "special antelope" licenses may be issued to residents for the antelope hunting season. No more than 50 "special antelope" licenses may be issued to nonresidents for the antelope hunting season. If a person applies for a "special antelope" license, the person may not apply for another antelope license until the third lottery drawing. A successful "special antelope" applicant may not apply for a leftover "special antelope" license.

**41:06:23:02. Open units -- Exceptions.** The following is a description of the open units:

- (28) Unit PRA-63A: Campbell, Potter and Walworth counties;

If no license is allocated for a specific hunting unit, that unit is dissolved for the purposes of designating areas open to hunting, as they pertain to the archery antelope season, and areas open to hunting under SDCL 41-6-19.3.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

Not applicable.

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

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? No.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? No, reduction in available licenses to meet population objectives.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers, and outdoor recreationists? Reduces short-term hunting opportunity in exchange for meeting population objectives with the goal of increasing hunting opportunity sooner than later.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Yes.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Yes, there will be a fiscal impact to the Department with a reduction of approximately 50% of available licenses compared to last year.

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



# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Archery Antelope Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:24

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>June 2-3, 2022</b>	<b>Aberdeen</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>July 7, 2022</b>	<b>Spearfish</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>July 7-8, 2022</b>	<b>Spearfish</b>

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

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

**Season Dates:** August 20 – October 31, 2022 (closed during firearm season)  
August 19 – October 31, 2023 (closed during firearm season)

**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 “buck antelope” licenses  
Unlimited nonresident “buck 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 “buck antelope” resident archery license for those portions of Custer and Pennington counties within the Black Hills Fire Protection District, except Custer State Park.

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

1. Change "any antelope" antelope licenses to one-tag antelope licenses.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The pronghorn population in South Dakota has decreased since the last time the GFP Commission set hunting seasons in 2019. Lower survival rates of adults and lower recruitment have been keeping most herds in most hunting units well below objective. The estimated count of adult pronghorn from aerial surveys this year was 28,264, which is down 16% from the 33,760 in 2019. Recruitment in 2021 was at a record low of 48 fawns per 100 does. Using recent years' population demographics based on survey and research data, model projections for pronghorn this fall are 36,900 total animals which is well below the overall objective of 59,000 – 80,000 and down 18% from the fall of 2019.

In order to address lower pronghorn populations across the state, the following recommended changes are being proposed to reduce harvest and increase growth rates:

1. Remove all general season Firearm Type 43, Type 48, and Type 49 licenses. This will result in a reduction of 1,503 licenses and 2,127 tags.
2. Change Type 41 licenses (any antelope) to Type 42 (buck antelope) for general Firearm and Archery hunting seasons.
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Based on harvest rates documented in 2021, proposed changes 1-3 will reduce harvest by approximately 1,400 does and 700 bucks. Changes to the Mentored antelope season are more difficult to estimate but will eliminate all doe harvest east of the Missouri River and reduce doe harvest west of the Missouri River.

Year	Resident Licenses	Nonresident Licenses	Bucks Harvested	Doe/Fawn Harvested	Total Harvest	Success
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%
2021	2,142	877	642	94	736	24%

#### DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

The following are proposed draft changes that are intended to incorporate the recommended changes adopted by the Commission.

**41:06:24:01. Archery antelope hunting season established -- Open area -- Number and type of licenses available.** The archery antelope hunting season is open in those areas of the state with an antelope season and in the portions of Custer and Pennington Counties within the Black Hills Fire Protection District, except Custer State Park, with access permits from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset each day beginning on the third Saturday of August through October 31, except during the antelope season. An unlimited number of ~~"any antelope"~~ one-tag antelope licenses may be issued for this season. The access permits may be issued by lottery drawing.41:06:23:01.

#### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not applicable.

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

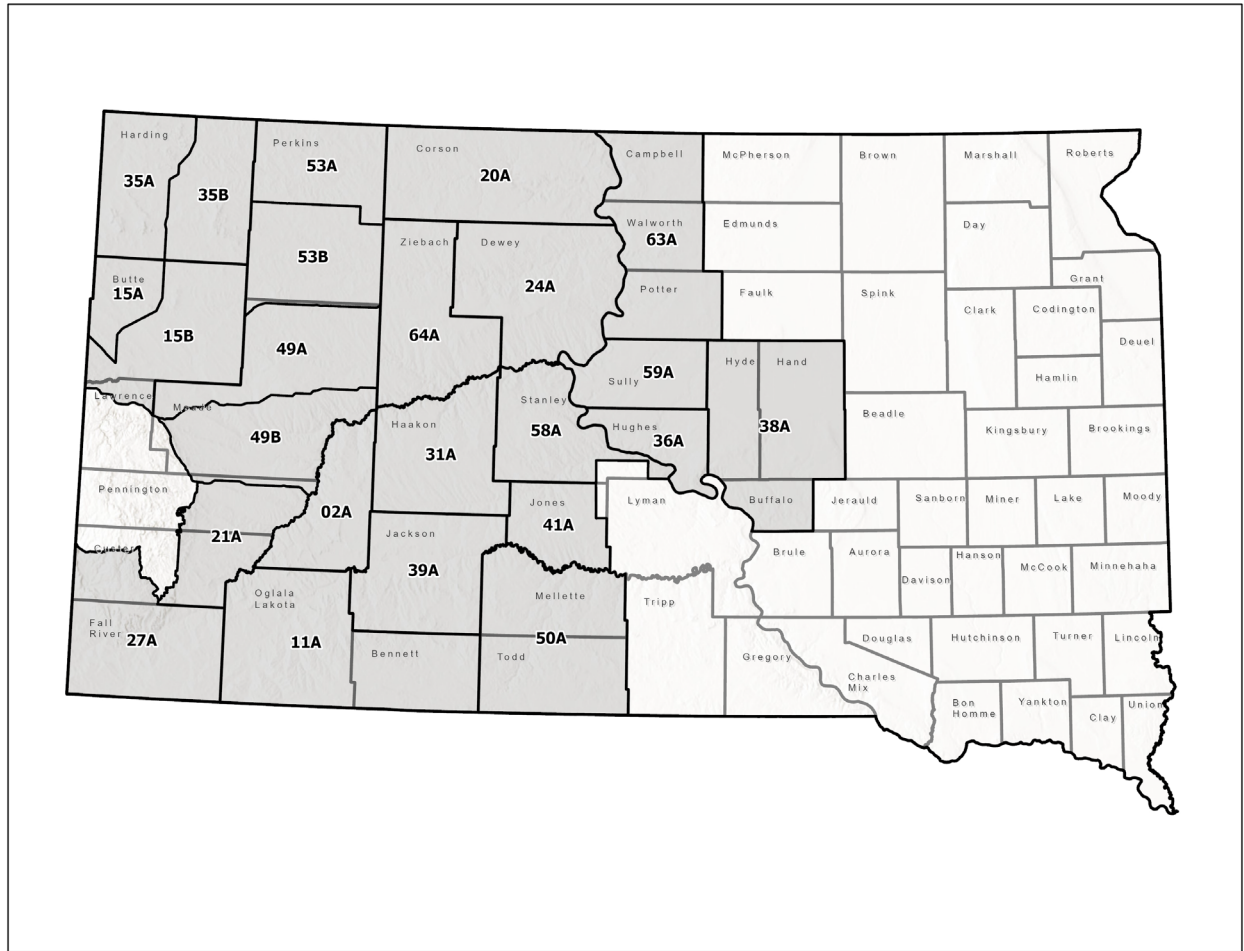
1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? Not applicable.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Not applicable.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.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

# ANTELOPE UNITS



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

**Antelope Hunting Season – Hunting Unit License Allocations**

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>May 5-6, 2022</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>July 7, 2022</b>	<b>Spearfish</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>July 7-8, 2022</b>	<b>Spearfish</b>

**LICENSE ALLOCATION BY UNITS**

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

ANTELOPE  
2021 vs. 2022-2023 Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2021 Resident Licenses	2022-2023 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2021 Resident Tags	2022-2023 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
02A	Pennington East	100	50	-50	-50%	100	50	-50	-50%
11A	Bennett/Shannon	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
15A	Butte NW	300	50	-250	-83%	300	50	-250	-83%
15B	Butte/Lawrence	350	200	-150	-43%	350	200	-150	-43%
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	400	-150	-27%	550	400	-150	-27%
31A	Haakon	100	50	-50	-50%	100	50	-50	-50%
35A	Harding West	600	150	-450	-75%	1,200	150	-1,050	-88%
35B	Harding East	500	150	-350	-70%	500	150	-350	-70%
36A	Hughes	25	15	-10	-40%	25	15	-10	-40%
38A	Hyde/Hand/Buffalo	10	10	0	0%	10	10	0	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	300	-200	-40%	500	300	-200	-40%
49B	Meade South	500	200	-300	-60%	500	200	-300	-60%
50A	Mellette/Todd	30	30	0	0%	30	30	0	0%
53A	Perkins North	150	50	-100	-67%	150	50	-100	-67%
53B	Perkins South	400	100	-300	-75%	400	100	-300	-75%
58A	Stanley	40	40	0	0%	40	40	0	0%
59A	Sully	30	20	-10	-33%	30	20	-10	-33%
60A	Tripp	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
63A	Campbell/Potter/Walworth	20	10	-10	-50%	20	10	-10	-50%
64A	Ziebach	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
PR	Special Antelope	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4,765</b>	<b>2,385</b>	<b>-2,380</b>	<b>-50%</b>	<b>5,365</b>	<b>2,385</b>	<b>-2,980</b>	<b>-56%</b>

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%)

Unit	Unit Name	% NR	Resident Licenses					Nonresident Licenses					License and Tag Totals							
			AnyA 41	Buck 42	D/K 43	AA+D/K 48	2 D/K 49	AnyA 41	Buck 42	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%		50				0	1	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	1	0	1	1
11A	Bennett/Oglala Lakota	2%		50				0	1	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	1	0	1	1
15A	Butte NW	2%		50				0	1	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	1	0	1	1
15B	Butte/Lawrence	2%		200				0	4	0	0	0	200	0	200	200	4	0	4	4
20A	Corson	2%		70				0	2	0	0	0	70	0	70	70	2	0	2	2
21A	Custer/Pennington Central	2%		100				0	2	0	0	0	100	0	100	100	2	0	2	2
24A	Dewey	2%		50				0	1	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	1	0	1	1
27A	Fall River/Custer Southwest	2%		400				0	8	0	0	0	400	0	400	400	8	0	8	8
31A	Haakon	2%		50				0	1	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	1	0	1	1
35A	Harding West	2%		150				0	3	0	0	0	150	0	150	150	3	0	3	3
35B	Harding East	2%		150				0	3	0	0	0	150	0	150	150	3	0	3	3
36A	Hughes	2%		15				0	1	0	0	0	15	0	15	15	1	0	1	1
38A	Hyde/Hand/Bufalo	2%		10				0	1	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	1	0	1	1
39A	Jackson	2%		50				0	1	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	1	0	1	1
41A	Jones	2%		40				0	1	0	0	0	40	0	40	40	1	0	1	1
45A	Lyman																			
45B	Ft. Pierre National Grasslands																			
CLOSED																				
CLOSED																				
49A	Meade North	2%		300				0	6	0	0	0	300	0	300	300	6	0	6	6
49B	Meade South	2%		200				0	4	0	0	0	200	0	200	200	4	0	4	4
50A	Mellette/Todd	2%		30				0	1	0	0	0	30	0	30	30	1	0	1	1
53A	Perkins North	2%		50				0	1	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	1	0	1	1
53B	Perkins South	2%		100				0	2	0	0	0	100	0	100	100	2	0	2	2
58A	Stanley	2%		40				0	1	0	0	0	40	0	40	40	1	0	1	1
59A	Sully	2%		20				0	1	0	0	0	20	0	20	20	1	0	1	1
60A	Tripp																			
CLOSED																				
63A	Campbell/Potter/Walworth	2%		10				0	1	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	1	0	1	1
64A	Ziebach	2%		150				0	3	0	0	0	150	0	150	150	3	0	3	3
PR	Special Antelope	N/A	50					50	0	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	50	0	50	50
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>50</b>	<b>2,335</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,385</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,385</b>	<b>2,335</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>101</b>
Unit	Unit Name	% NR	AnyA 41	Buck 42	D/K 43	AA+D/K 48	2 D/K 49	AnyA 41	Buck 42	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

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

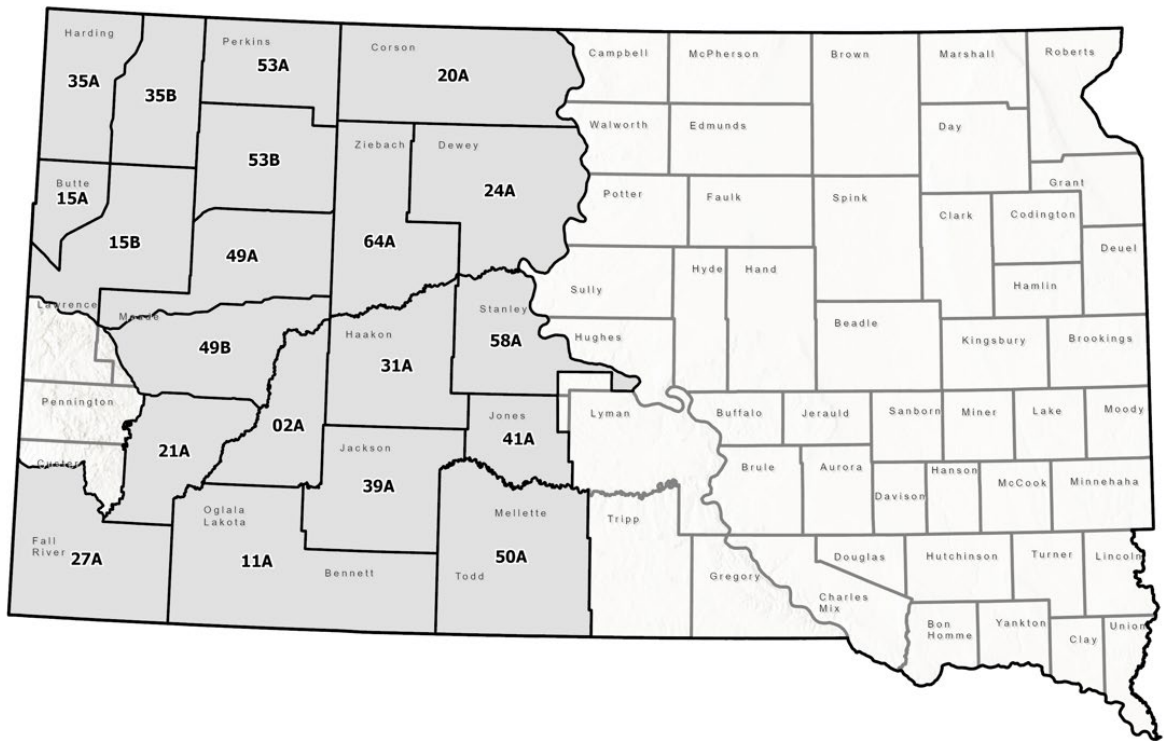
## Application for License Chapter 41:06:01

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>June 2-3, 2022</b>	<b>Aberdeen</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>July 7, 2022</b>	<b>Spearfish</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>July 7-8, 2022</b>	<b>Spearfish</b>

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Recommended changes from last year:**

1. Modify current administrative rule for mentored antelope licenses to be valid in any open firearm hunting unit west of the Missouri River for private land only (see map below).



### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The pronghorn population in South Dakota has decreased since the last time the GFP Commission set hunting seasons in 2019. Lower survival rates of adults and lower recruitment have been keeping most herds in most hunting units well below objective. The estimated count of adult pronghorn from aerial surveys this year was 28,264, which is down 16% from the 33,760 in 2019. Recruitment in 2021 was at a record low of 48 fawns per 100 does. Using recent years' population demographics based on survey and research data, model projections for pronghorn this fall are 36,900 total animals which is well below the overall objective of 59,000 – 80,000 and down 18% from the fall of 2019.

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

In order to address lower pronghorn populations across the state, the following recommended changes are being proposed to reduce harvest and increase growth rates:

1. Remove all general season Firearm Type 43, Type 48, and Type 49 licenses. This will result in a reduction of 1,503 licenses and 2,127 tags.
2. Change Type 41 licenses (any antelope) to Type 42 (buck antelope) for general Firearm and Archery hunting seasons.
3. Reduce 3,454 Type 41 licenses (3,315 res and 139 nr) to 2,386 Type 42 licenses (2,335 resident and 51 nonresident).
4. Modify Mentored antelope hunting season to be valid only on private land in units open to firearm hunting west of the Missouri River. This will result in the closure of Mentored antelope hunting east of the Missouri River and on all public lands and private lands leased for public hunting.

Based on harvest rates documented in 2021, proposed changes 1-3 will reduce harvest by approximately 1,400 does and 700 bucks. Changes to the Mentored antelope season are more difficult to estimate but will eliminate all doe harvest east of the Missouri River and reduce doe harvest west of the Missouri River.

#### DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

The following are proposed draft changes that are intended to incorporate the recommended changes adopted by the Commission.

**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, and one "doe-fawn antelope" license, and one fall "any turkey" license, and one spring "male turkey" license for a designated mentored youth as provided in SDCL 41-6-81. Mentored antelope licenses are valid in any open firearm hunting unit west of the Missouri River for private land only. No youth participating in a mentored big game hunt may apply for a regular season license for that corresponding species and season.41:06:23:01.

#### 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? Still provides opportunity for antlerless antelope licenses within the harvest management strategies identified to meet population objectives.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Yes.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

Minimal fiscal impact to the Department.

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



# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Archery and General Muzzleloading Deer Hunting Seasons

Chapters 41:06:22 and 41:06:45

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 5-6, 2022	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	July 7, 2022	Spearfish
	Finalization	July 7-8, 2022	Spearfish

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

#### Proposed changes from last year:

1. Adjust administrative rules to correct and simplify those deer units that are open for the respective LM1 units for antlerless white-tailed deer licenses and to exclude Custer State Park from the archery and muzzleloader deer hunting seasons.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Only those deer hunting units that offer firearm antlerless deer licenses are open to the LM1 unit (antlerless white-tailed deer licenses) for both the archery and muzzleloader deer hunting seasons.

Custer State Park is closed to the statewide archery and muzzleloader deer hunting seasons.

### DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

The following are proposed draft changes that are intended to incorporate the recommended changes adopted by the Commission.

**41:06:22:01.01. Open units.** The following is a description of the open units:

- (1) Unit ARD-ST1: statewide, excluding Custer State Park;
- (2) Unit ARD-ER1: all counties east of the Missouri River;
- (3) Unit ARD-WR1: all counties west of the Missouri River, excluding Custer State Park;
- (4) Unit ARD-LM1: antlerless whitetail deer licenses will be available in hunting units that offer a deer license for antlerless deer in the lottery drawing for the Black Hills, West River, and East River deer seasons. One single tag license may be purchased for this hunting unit; 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;
- (5) Unit ARD-MP1: for those designated areas within the city limits of Custer;
- (6) Unit ARD-MP2: for those designated areas within the city limits ~~limites~~ of Rapid City; and
- (7) Unit ARD-MP3: for those designated areas within the city limits of Sioux Falls.

**41:06:45:02. Open units.** The following is a description of the open units:

- (1) Unit MZD-ST1: statewide, excluding Custer State Park; and
- (2) Unit MZD-LM1: antlerless whitetail deer licenses will be available in hunting units that offer a deer license for antlerless deer in the lottery drawing for the Black Hills, West River, and East River deer seasons. One single tag license may be purchased for this hunting unit. One single tag license may be purchased for all areas open to muzzleloading 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, 11B, 12A, 14A, 27L, 33A, 34A, 35L, 36A, 38A, 41A, 50A, 54A, 58D, 59A, 59B, 61A, and 65A.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact to the Department.

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

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Hunting Requirements and Prohibited Methods

Chapter 41:06:04

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>May 5-6, 2022</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>July 7, 2022</b>	<b>Spearfish</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>July 7-8, 2022</b>	<b>Spearfish</b>

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

#### Proposed changes from last year:

1. To address an administrative rule clean up that was overlooked during the rule-making process when the GFP Commission modified cervid carcass transportation and disposal regulations in May of 2021 (refer to handout).

### 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. 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.

### DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

The following are proposed draft changes that are intended to incorporate the recommended changes adopted by the Commission.

**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~~ 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.

### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

### FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION 43

# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Fall Wild Turkey Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:14

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>May 5-6, 2022</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>July 7, 2022</b>	<b>Spearfish</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>July 7-8, 2022</b>	<b>Spearfish</b>

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**Duration of Proposal:** 2022 and 2023 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** November 1 – January 31

**Licenses:**

Black Hills:	200 resident and 16 nonresident single tag “any turkey” licenses
Prairie Units:	Residents: 1,700 single tag and 50 double tag “any turkey” licenses Nonresidents: 72 single and 4 double tag “any turkey” licenses

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. One-half of the fall turkey licenses are available for landowner preference applicants.
2. A person may not use any firearm on the south unit and the signed portion of the north unit of the Bureau of Land Management Fort Meade Recreation Area.
3. No person may shoot a turkey that is in a tree or roost.

**Proposed changes from last year:**

1. Adjust the maximum number of licenses available in administrative rule for the Black Hills unit from no more than 100 to 500 one-tag any turkey licenses may be issued to residents.
2. Adjust the maximum number of licenses available in administrative rule for the prairie units from no more than 400 to 2,500 one-tag any turkey licenses and 35 to 2,000 double-tag any turkey licenses may be issued to residents.
3. Establish or modify the following prairie units: 02A (portion of Pennington County), 08A (Davison and Hanson counties); 13A (Brule and Buffalo counties), 15A (Butte County and a portion of Lawrence County), 18A (Aurora and Douglas counties), 21A (portions of Custer and Pennington counties), 24A (Dewey and Ziebach counties), 27A (portion of Fall River County), 29A (Grant County), 30A (Gregory County), 31A (Haakon County), 35A (Harding County), 41A (Jones County), 45A (Lyman County), 49A (portions of Meade and Pennington counties), 50A (Mellette County), 60A (Tripp County), and 67A (Todd County).

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Recommended changes from proposal:** None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

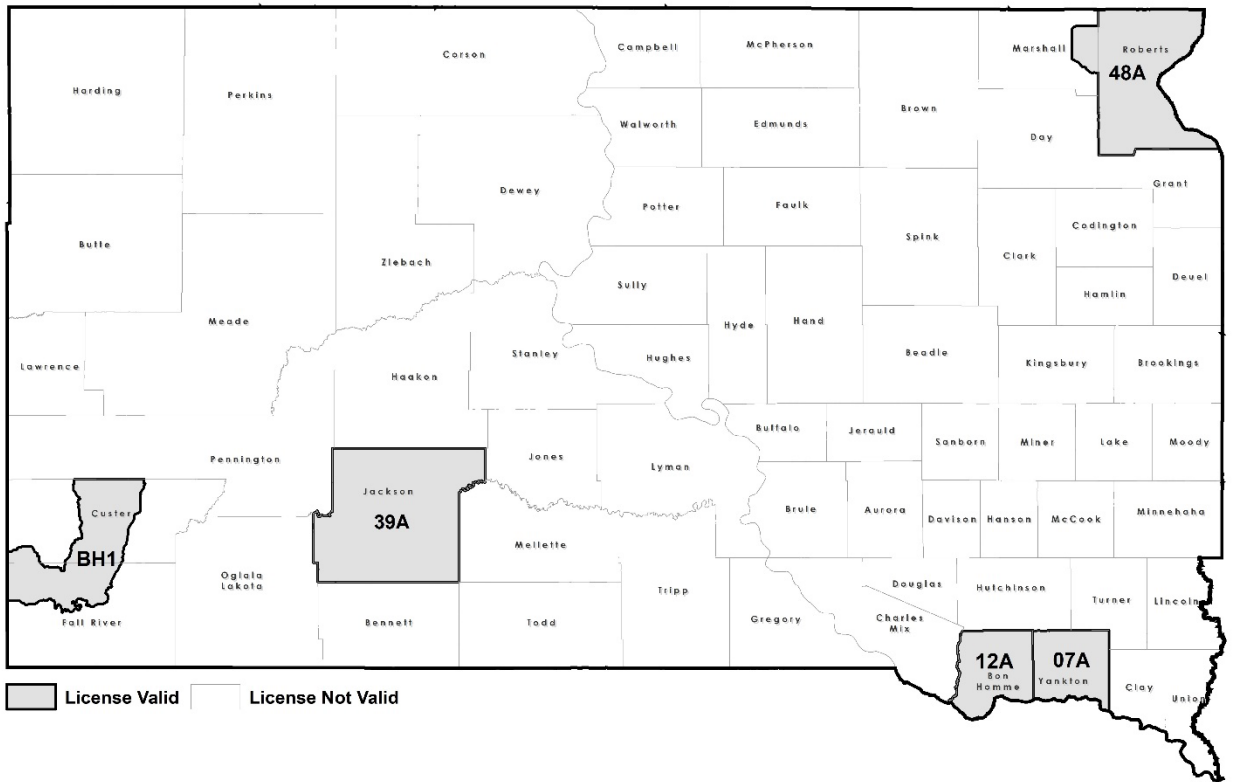
The proposed maximum number of fall turkey licenses will be established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission via administrative action will determine specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation amongst hunting units.

Harvest management strategy table of the Wild Turkey Action Plan and updated unit-specific population objectives provided guidance for the recommended changes to the respective fall turkey hunting units.

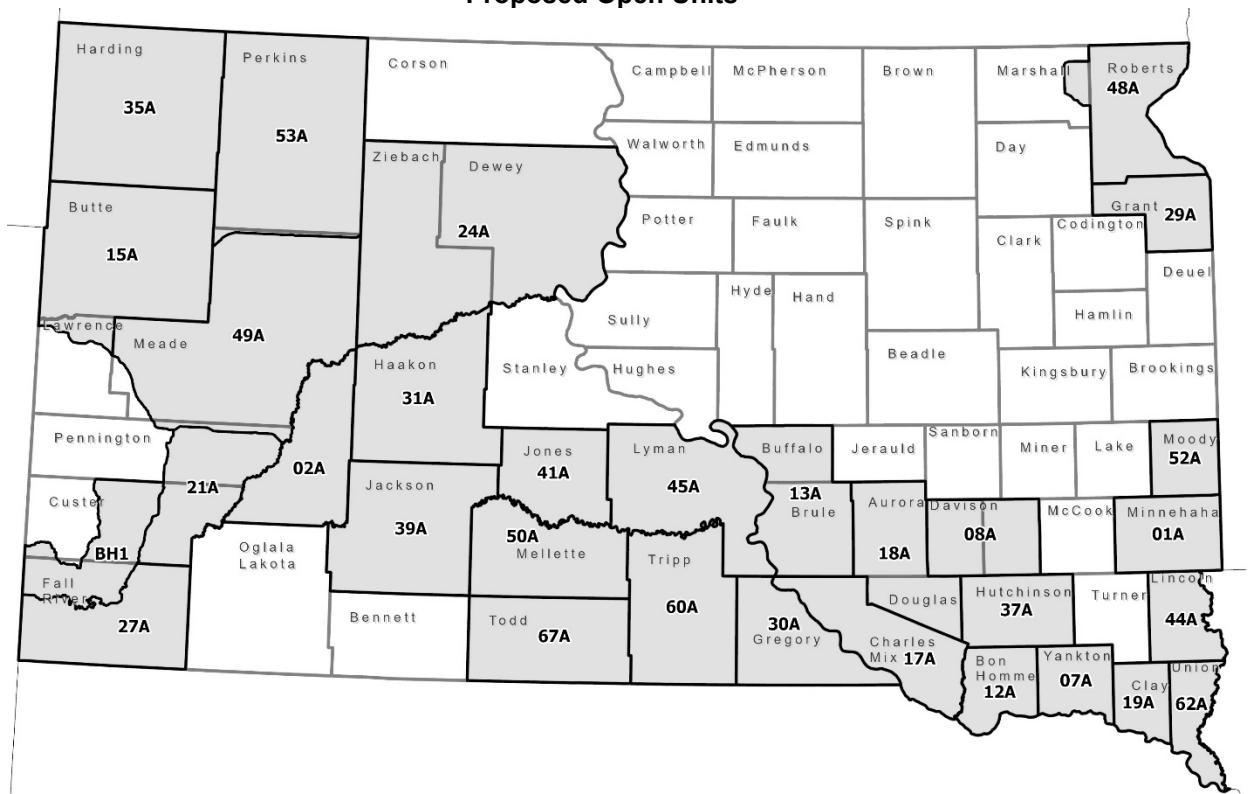
Year	Prairie				Black Hills			
	Licenses Sold	Tom Harvest	Hen Harvest	Success	Licenses Sold	Tom Harvest	Hen Harvest	Success
2017	898	194	56	26%	433	87	52	32%
2018	548	142	52	35%	220	27	26	25%
2019	548	130	52	33%	216	34	18	25%
2020	438	117	62	38%	109	11	15	23%
2021	438	113	54	35%	109	18	9	25%

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

### Current Open Units



### Proposed Open Units



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

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

The following are proposed draft changes that are intended to incorporate the recommended changes adopted by the Commission.

**41:06:14:01. Fall turkey hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses.** The fall wild turkey hunting season is open from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily beginning on November 1 through January 31. No more than ~~500~~ 400 one-tag any turkey licenses may be issued to residents for the Black Hills fall turkey hunting season. No more than ~~2,500~~ 400 one-tag any turkey licenses and ~~2,000~~ 35 double-tag any turkey licenses may be issued to residents for the prairie fall turkey hunting season.

**41:06:14:02.01. Prairie units.** The following is a description of the open prairie units:

- (1) Unit PFT-01A: Minnehaha County. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow;
- (2) Unit PFT-02A: that portion of Pennington County east of the Cheyenne River;
- (3) ~~(2)~~ Unit PFT-06A: that portion of Brookings County east of Interstate 29. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow;
- (4) ~~(3)~~ Unit PFT-07A: Yankton County;
- (5) ~~(4)~~ Unit PFT-08A: ~~Those portions of Davison and Hanson cCounties within a line beginning at the junction of 403rd Avenue and 247th Street, then east on 247th Street to its junction with 413th Avenue, then south on 413th Avenue to its junction with Interstate 90, then west on Interstate 90 to its junction with 403rd Avenue, then north on 403rd Avenue to the point of beginning.~~ A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow;
- (6) ~~(5)~~ Unit PFT-12A: Bon Homme County;
- (7) ~~(6)~~ Unit PFT-13A: Brule and Buffalo County counties;
- (8) Unit PFT-15A: Butte County and that portion of Lawrence County north of Interstate 90;
- (9) ~~(7)~~ Unit PFT-17A: Charles Mix County, excluding Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge, and Douglas County;
- (10) Unit PFT-18A: Aurora and Douglas counties;
- (11) ~~(8)~~ Unit PFT-19A: Clay County;
- (12) Unit PFT-21A: that portion of Custer County east of State Highway 79 and that portion of Pennington County south of Interstate 90 between State Highway 79 and the Cheyenne River;
- (13) ~~(9)~~ Unit PFT-23A: Deuel County: A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow;
- (14) Unit PFT-24A: Dewey and Ziebach counties;
- (15) Unit PFT-27A: that portion of Fall River County not included in Unit BFT-BH1;
- (16) Unit PFT-29A: Grant County;
- (17) Unit PFT-30A: Gregory County;

- (18) Unit PFT-31A: Haakon County;
- (19) Unit PFT-35A; Harding County;
- (20) Unit PFT-41A: Jones County;
- (21) ~~(10)~~ Unit PFT-36A: Hughes County, excluding Farm Island Recreation Area, LaFramboise Island Nature Area, and department land from the Pierre city limits to Farm Island Recreation Area;
- (22) ~~(11)~~ Unit PFT-37A: Hutchinson County. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow;
- (23) ~~(12)~~ Unit PFT-39A: Jackson County;
- (24) ~~(13)~~ Unit PFT-40A: Jerauld County;
- (25) ~~(14)~~ Unit PFT-44A: Lincoln County;
- (26) Unit PFT-45A: Lyman County;
- (27) ~~(15)~~ Unit PFT-48A: those portions of Marshall County south and east of State Highway 25 and north of State Highway 10 and Roberts County. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow;
- (28) Unit PFT-49A: those portions of Meade County not included in Units BFT-BH1 and PFT-53A, and that portion of Pennington County north of Interstate 90, west of the Cheyenne River;
- (29) Unit PFT-50A: Mellette County;
- (30) Unit PFT-52A: Moody County. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow;
- (31) Unit PFT-53A: Perkins County and that portion of Meade County north of U.S. Highway 212;
- (32) Unit PFT-60A: Tripp County;
- (33) ~~(18)~~ Unit PFT-61A: Turner County; and
- (34) ~~(19)~~ Unit PFT-62A: Union County; and
- (35) Unit PFT-67A: Todd County;.

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

Not applicable.

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

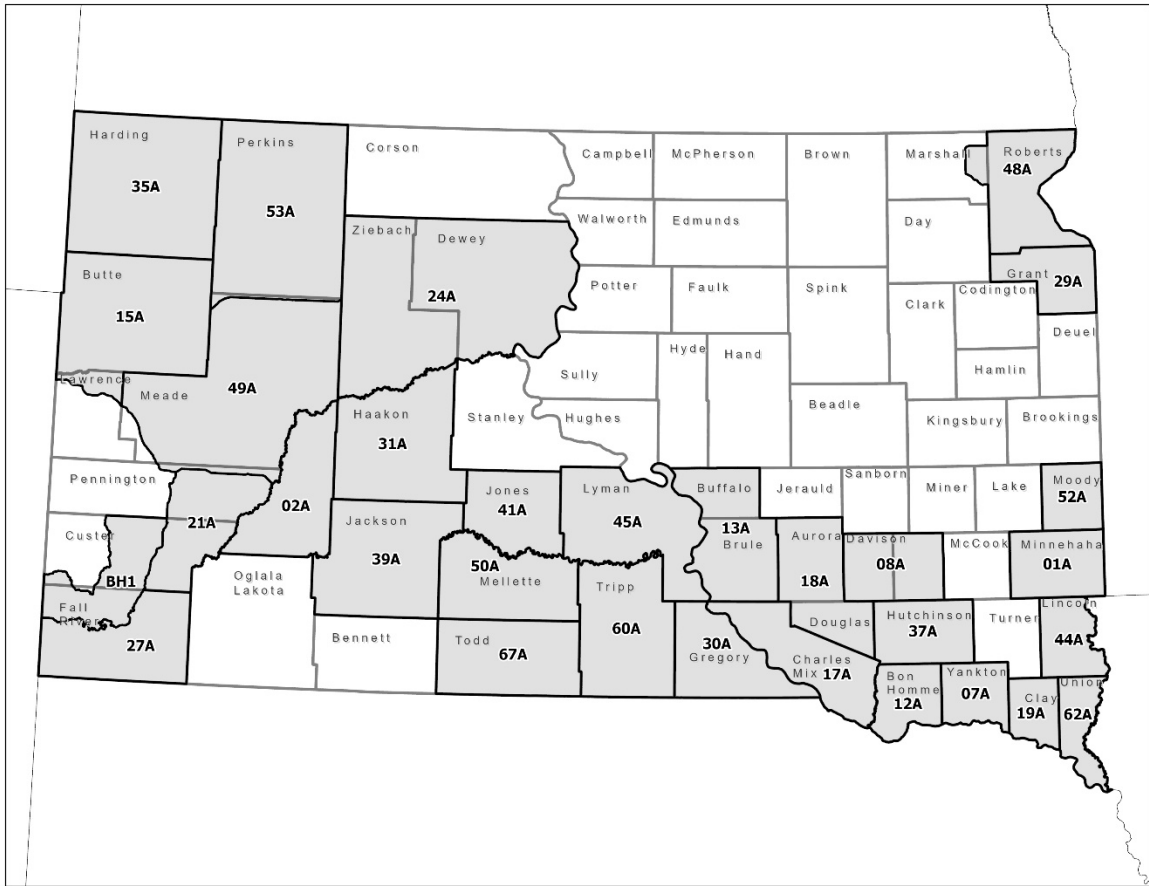
1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? No.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Yes.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Yes.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Minimal increase in license sales revenue.

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

# FALL TURKEY UNITS



## 2022 & 2023 Fall Turkey Licenses

Unit #	Unit Name	Licenses	Unit #	Unit Name	Licenses
01A	Minnehaha	25	35A	Harding	25
02A	Pennington	50	37A	Hutchinson	25
07A	Yankton	175	39A	Jackson	50
08A	Davison/Hanson	75	41A	Jones	25
12A	Bon Homme	175	44A	Lincoln	50
13A	Brule/Bufalo	50	45A	Lyman	50
15A	Butte/Lawrence	50	48A	Marshall/Roberts	100
17A	Charles Mix	50	49A	Meade	50
18A	Aurora/Douglas	50	50A	Mellette	50
19A	Clay	50	52A	Moody	25
21A	Custer/Pennington	50	53A	Perkins	50
24A	Dewey/Ziebach	50	60A	Tripp	50
27A	Fall River	25	62A	Union	50
29A	Grant	100	67A	Todd	25
30A	Gregory	100	BH1	Black Hills	200
31A	Haakon	50			



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

**Fall Turkey Hunting Seasons – Hunting Unit License Allocations**

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>May 5-6, 2022</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>July 7, 2022</b>	<b>Spearfish</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>July 7-8, 2022</b>	<b>Spearfish</b>

**LICENSE ALLOCATION BY UNITS**

See Attached Spreadsheets

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

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 5-6, 2022	Custer State Park Spearfish Spearfish
	Public Hearing	July 7, 2022	
	Finalization	July 7-8, 2022	

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

#### Proposed changes from last year:

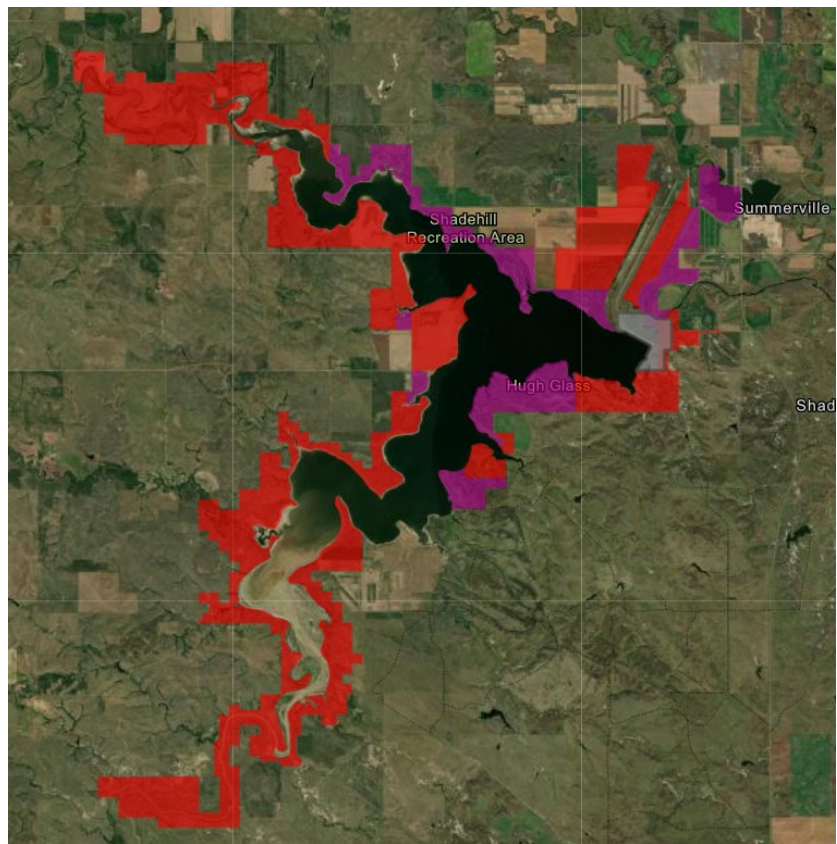
1. To allow for mourning dove hunting at Shadehill State Recreation Area in Perkins County.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Department staff have determined that mourning dove hunting can occur at Shadehill State Recreation Area (purple area in map below) to provide additional hunting opportunities without compromising the objectives and services provided of the recreation area.



Game Production Areas

SDGFP Parks and Recreation Areas



APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

The following are proposed draft changes that are intended to incorporate the recommended changes adopted by the Commission.

**41:06:40:05. Restrictions.** Mourning dove hunting restrictions are as follows:

- (1) Doves may be shot only in flight; and
- (2) All state parks and state recreation areas are closed to dove hunting except Angostura State Recreation Area excluding that portion of the area lying east of the dam and Shadehill State Recreation Area.

**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, by providing mourning dove hunting opportunities to a public area where this activity is currently prohibited.
- 3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Provides mourning dove hunting opportunity to an area with great habitat and access.
- 4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Yes.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact to the Department.

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

## Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:13

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>April 7-8, 2002</b>	<b>Watertown</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>July 7, 2022</b>	<b>Spearfish</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>July 7-8, 2022</b>	<b>Spearfish</b>

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

#### Proposed changes from last year:

1. Establish new rules within the Spring Turkey Hunting Season chapter that provides for Turkey Hunting Recruitment licenses.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Recommended changes from proposal:** None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The objective of this proposal is to provide a means of encouraging youth participation with non-governmental organizations (NGO) that promote wildlife conservation and the recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters.

Currently for youth hunters, an unlimited number of mentored spring and fall turkey licenses are available for those youth under the age of 16 and valid statewide wherever a spring or fall turkey season is open, excluding Custer State Park. In addition, those youth who are 12 years of age who has completed a GFP's course of instruction in the safe handling of firearms are eligible to apply for limited draw prairie turkey licenses and to purchase an archery and/or Black Hills turkey license.

A mentored youth turkey recruitment license sponsored by an NGO would be available to those youth 15 years of age and younger that do not already possess any type of spring turkey hunting license. A limited number of licenses would be made available by application to eligible NGOs for distribution.

### DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

The following are proposed draft changes that are intended to incorporate the necessary changes for consideration by the Commission.

**41:06:13:05. Turkey hunting recruitment license – Open area and eligibility.** The turkey hunting recruitment licenses are valid statewide, excluding Custer State Park, from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset beginning on the first Saturday of April through May 31 during the spring turkey hunting seasons. A person is eligible as provided in SDCL 41-6-81.

**41:06:13:06. Number and types of licenses available -- Application process.** A sponsoring non-governmental organization shall complete and apply to the department stating the name, address, and phone number of the sponsoring organization. No more than 10 male turkey hunting recruitment licenses may be issued with no more than two of the allocated licenses issued per sponsoring non-governmental organization. The sponsoring non-governmental organization shall be responsible for license fees.

**41:06:13:07. Criteria for selection by commission of non-governmental organization.** Any non-governmental organizations devoted to wildlife management; preservation; propagation; habitat; research; hunter retention, recruitment, and reactivation; and recognized as an exempt organization under § 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code may apply for such licenses.

**41:06:13:08. Application deadline.** The completed application under §41:06:13:06 must be received by the department by December 31 preceding the spring turkey season.

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

**41:06:13:09. Selection of non-governmental organization by commission.** The commission shall review and evaluate the information contained in the applications according to the criteria listed in §41:06:13:07 and shall select the participants it considers best qualified. The department secretary shall notify all applicants regarding the commission's selection.

#### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue
  - Youth involvement in non-governmental organizations that promote wildlife conservation is encouraged.
2. Historical Considerations
  - Non-governmental organizations promote wildlife conservation at the grassroots level and are conservation partners with local, tribal, state, and federal wildlife agencies.
3. Biological Considerations
  - Not applicable.
4. Social Considerations
  - The intent is to encourage youth to become involved in with non-governmental organizations that promote wildlife conservation and the recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters.
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?
  - Yes, by encouraging youth to become members and get involved with non-governmental organizations and their respective activities related to wildlife conservation.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors?
  - Yes

#### FISCAL IMPACT

Not applicable.

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

# License Sales Totals

(as of May 24)

date updated: 24 May 2022

Resident	2019	2020	2021	3-yr Avg	2022	2022			+/- Licenses		+/- Revenue		% Change from 3-yr Avg
						Revenue	2021 vs 2022	3-yr Avg vs 2022	2021 vs 2022	3-yr Avg vs 2022			
Combination	29,324	35,692	36,585	33,867	35,033	\$ 1,926,815	-1,552	1,166	\$ (85,360)	\$ 64,130	3%		
Junior Combination	2,971	5,488	4,081	4,180	0	\$ -	-4,081	-4,180	\$ (110,187)	\$ (112,860)	-100%		
Senior Combination	7,248	8,270	9,056	8,191	9,044	\$ 361,760	-12	853	\$ (480)	\$ 34,107	10%		
Small Game	1,237	1,267	1,451	1,318	2,499	\$ 82,467	1,048	1,181	\$ 34,584	\$ 38,962	90%		
Youth Small Game	632	776	771	726	1,186	\$ 5,930	415	460	\$ 2,075	\$ 2,298	63%		
1-Day Small Game	248	216	366	277	152	\$ 1,824	-214	-125	\$ (2,568)	\$ (1,496)	-45%		
Migratory Bird Certificate*	11,100	12,017	11,935	11,684	6,960	\$ 34,800	-4,975	-4,724	\$ (24,875)	\$ (23,620)	-40%		
Predator/Varmint	957	996	861	938	1,440	\$ 7,200	579	502	\$ 2,895	\$ 2,510	54%		
Furbearer	2,639	2,686	3,181	2,835	2,860	\$ 85,800	-321	25	\$ (9,630)	\$ 740	1%		
Annual Fishing	24,498	42,960	31,962	33,140	27,998	\$ 783,944	-3,964	-5,142	\$ (110,992)	\$ (143,976)	-16%		
Senior Fishing	7,123	9,499	9,110	8,577	8,176	\$ 98,112	-934	-401	\$ (11,208)	\$ (4,816)	-5%		
1-Day Fishing	866	1,952	1,386	1,401	1,118	\$ 8,944	-268	-283	\$ (2,144)	\$ (2,267)	-20%		
<b>RESIDENT TOTALS =</b>	<b>88,843</b>	<b>121,819</b>	<b>110,745</b>	<b>107,136</b>	<b>96,466</b>	<b>\$ 3,397,596</b>	<b>-14,279</b>	<b>-10,670</b>	<b>\$ (317,890)</b>	<b>\$ (146,288)</b>	<b>-10.0%</b>		

Nonresident	2019	2020	2021	3-yr Avg	2022	2022			+/- Licenses		+/- Revenue		% Change from 3-yr Avg
						Revenue	2021 vs 2022	3-yr Avg vs 2022	2021 vs 2022	3-yr Avg vs 2022			
Small Game	2,577	2,624	5,358	3,520	4,295	\$ 519,695	-1,063	775	\$ (128,623)	\$ 93,815	22%		
Youth Small Game	111	124	236	157	293	\$ 2,930	57	136	\$ 570	\$ 1,360	87%		
Annual Shooting Preserve	44	45	73	54	93	\$ 11,253	20	39	\$ 2,420	\$ 4,719	72%		
5-day Shooting Preserve	617	763	1,012	797	1,184	\$ 89,984	172	387	\$ 13,072	\$ 29,387	48%		
1-day Shooting Preserve	171	173	181	175	201	\$ 9,246	20	26	\$ 920	\$ 1,196	15%		
Spring Light Goose	2,810	2,961	4,486	3,419	4,249	\$ 212,450	-237	830	\$ (11,850)	\$ 41,500	24%		
Youth Spring Light Goose	94	122	161	126	324	\$ 8,424	163	198	\$ 4,238	\$ 5,157	158%		
Migratory Bird Certificate*	176	209	403	263	224	\$ 1,120	-179	-39	\$ (895)	\$ (193)	-15%		
Predator/Varmint	1,633	1,238	1,478	1,450	1,379	\$ 55,160	-99	-71	\$ (3,960)	\$ (2,827)	-5%		
Furbearer	6	6	4	5	3	\$ 825	-1	-2	\$ (275)	\$ (642)	-44%		
Annual Fishing	11,223	14,189	16,688	14,033	20,585	\$ 1,379,195	3,897	6,552	\$ 261,099	\$ 438,962	47%		
Family Fishing	3,617	4,767	4,817	4,400	0	\$ -	-4,817	-4,400	\$ (322,739)	\$ (294,822)	-100%		
Youth Annual Fishing	346	561	579	495	0	\$ -	-579	-495	\$ (14,475)	\$ (12,383)	-100%		
3-Day Fishing	5,391	5,785	5,432	5,536	5,390	\$ 199,430	-42	-146	\$ (1,554)	\$ (5,402)	-3%		
1-Day Fishing	3,560	5,421	8,052	5,678	8,142	\$ 130,272	90	2,464	\$ 1,440	\$ 39,429	43%		
<b>NONRESIDENT TOTALS =</b>	<b>32,376</b>	<b>38,988</b>	<b>48,960</b>	<b>40,108</b>	<b>46,362</b>	<b>\$ 2,619,984</b>	<b>-2,598</b>	<b>6,254</b>	<b>\$ (200,612)</b>	<b>\$ 339,255</b>	<b>15.6%</b>		
<b>GRAND TOTALS =</b>	<b>121,219</b>	<b>160,807</b>	<b>159,705</b>	<b>147,244</b>	<b>142,828</b>	<b>\$ 6,017,580</b>	<b>-16,877</b>	<b>-4,416</b>	<b>\$ (518,502)</b>	<b>\$ 192,968</b>	<b>-3.0%</b>		

	2021	2022	+/- Licenses	+/- Revenue	2022 Revenue
Resident Habitat Stamp	96,328	88,942	-7,386	\$ (73,860)	\$ 889,420
Nonresident Habitat Stamp	44,431	42,458	-1,973	\$ (49,325)	\$ 1,061,450
Totals =	140,759	131,400	-9,359	\$ (123,185)	\$ 1,950,870

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