

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 2, 2019	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 2-3, 2019	Custer State Park

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Issue
 - Why make the change [1], what are the change alternatives [14], how will public/stakeholder input be solicited [9], and how will the change be evaluated if implemented [17]?
2. Historical Considerations
 - What are the current and projected trends in resident and nonresident license sales [5], documented and/or perceived hunter densities [7] and the ramifications of these densities [6]?
 - How do neighboring states address the identified issue [15]?
3. Biological Considerations
 - What is the current and projected status of the population [2] and habitat conditions [3] for these populations?
 - What proportional contributions of habitat for the population(s) originate from non-government organizations and state vs. national programs and property [4]?
4. Social Considerations
 - How would the change affect resident and nonresident: current and future generations of families [8], opportunities to expand outdoor recreation participation [10] and patterns of land ownership [8].
5. Financial considerations
 - What are the financial implications of the change for current and future: revenue for GFP [11]; the proportional contributions of revenue from residents and nonresidents to support species and habitat management programs [4], and the ability of GFP to support species and habitat management programs [5], program income for landowners to manage habitat, sales tax collections in SD, and personal income of business owners and their employees [12].

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

SD GFP COMMISSION RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. What proposal is being made, by whom, and for what stated reason(s)?
2. What is the current biological status of the species, including abundance, and what is reasonably foreseeable in the future? This is the first and foundational factor.
3. Regarding habitat: (a) where is SD? (b) who owns – private or public (state, federal); (c) abundance; (d) quality; (e) management; and (f) any future changes?
4. Contributions to habitat and species by residents, nonresidents (fees, federal excise taxes, NGO's public landownership, other), government, local communities, other.
5. Current license structure and number of licenses sought/obtained by residents and nonresidents each of last 5 years? Any trend? Likely future demand?
6. If resident/nonresident conflict is an issue, what is the claimed conflict: (a) access; (b) species abundance; (c) available licenses; (d) safety; or (e) other?
7. If overcrowding is an issues: (a) what is the basis for the concern; (b) is it quantifiable – has it been, how and by whom; (c) is it practical for the Department to attempt to quantify (would results matter)? Is there objective proof?
8. Do nonresidents have connections to SD – family, business, habitat ownership?
9. What's best way to communicate with the public on this proposal; what have all stakeholders communicated?
10. Would the proposed change encourage recruitment, retention and reactivation?
11. What is the likely financial effect on the proposal of GFP budget, taking into account license revenue the last 5 years along with reasonable future projections?
12. What is the likely financial effect on: (a) local SD communities including associated businesses; (b) the state of South Dakota; (c) landowners; (d) outfitters; and other?
13. Would a change for residents also be appropriate under the current circumstances?
14. Are there alternative ways to address the concern – should they be explored?
15. Are approaches in other states pertinent, do they provide guidance?
16. What's best for the greater good – is fair and reasonable?
17. How will Commission define success; when and how will it determine if achieved?

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

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

East River Deer Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:21

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 2, 2019	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 2-3, 2019	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2019 and 2020 hunting seasons

Season Dates: November 23 – December 8, 2019
December 14-22, 2019 – for antlerless deer tags only

November 21 – December 6, 2020
December 12-20, 2020 – for antlerless deer tags only

Open Area: See the attached map

Licenses: 24,510 one-tag and 2,800 two-tag licenses (total of 30,110 tags)

Requirements and Restrictions:

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

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Adjust resident license numbers from no more than 21,075 one-tag and 5,250 two-tag deer licenses to no more than 24,510 one-tag and 2,800 two-tag tag deer licenses.
2. Establish Units 13P (Brule County), 33P (Hand County), 36P (Hughes County), and 38P (Hyde County). These units are for antlerless whitetail deer licenses and would be valid on private land only; all public lands are closed to license holders within these respective units, including Walk-in Areas.

Year	Buck Tags	Doe Tags	Total Tags
2017-2018	18,855	12,715	31,575
2019-2020	19,085	11,025	30,110

Buck Tags (+5%)
Doe Tags (-13%)

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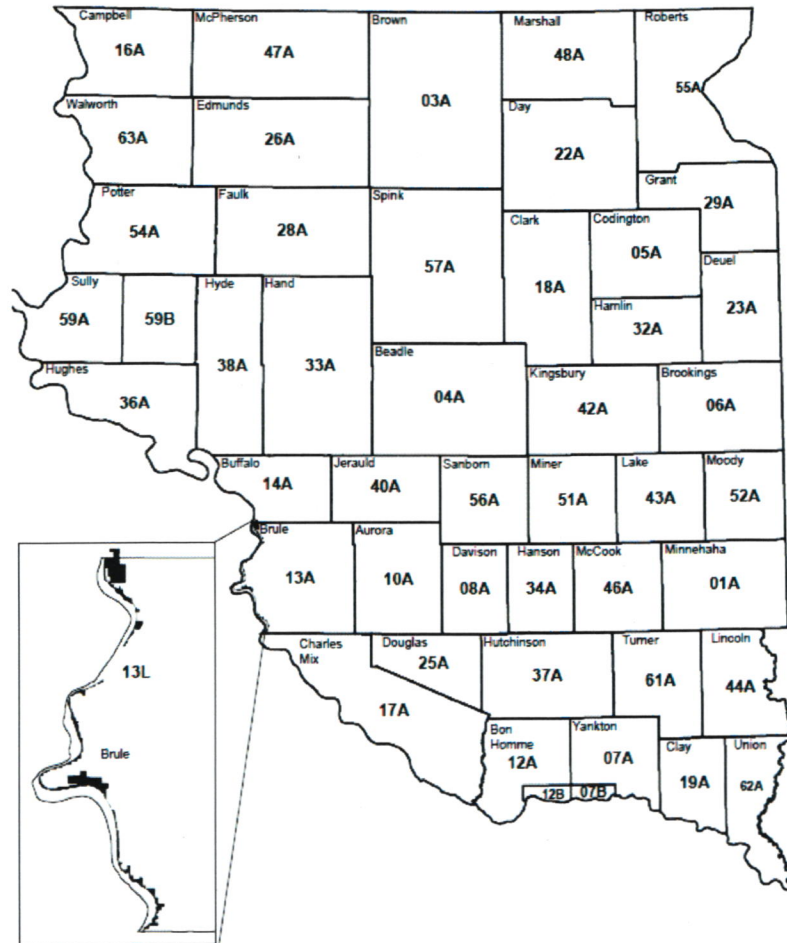
SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The recommendation to establish private land-only units is a management tool that is being considered to meet deer management population objectives and focus the harvest of antlerless whitetail deer on private land.

Year	Licenses	WT Bucks	WT Does	MD Bucks	MD Does	All Deer	Tag
	Sold	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Success
2014	25,171	9,679	5,864	254	48	15,845	55%
2015	26,752	10,041	6,413	246	59	16,759	53%
2016	25,479	8,755	7,207	287	69	16,319	44%
2017	25,406	9,143	5,485	194	57	14,879	48%
2018	26,375	9,087	5,470	238	57	14,853	48%

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EAST RIVER DEER UNITS



2019-2020 – License and Tag Numbers by Unit

Unit	Licenses	Tags	Unit	Licenses	Tags	Unit	Licenses	Tags
01A	650	650	18A	700	700	43A	400	400
03A	2,000	2,000	19A	300	300	44A	300	300
04A	700	700	22A	700	700	46A	550	550
05A	350	350	23A	500	500	47A	1,000	1,000
06A	550	550	25A	350	350	48A	600	600
07A	300	300	26A	1,300	1,300	51A	750	750
07B	75	75	28A	1,200	1,200	52A	550	550
08A	200	200	29A	300	300	54A	1,050	1,550
10A	500	500	32A	700	700	55A	600	600
12A	250	250	33A	870	1,720	56A	550	550
12B	50	50	34A	200	200	57A	1,300	1,300
13A	1,000	1,800	36A	525	525	59A	350	350
13L	20	20	37A	150	150	59B	370	370
14A	350	600	38A	720	1,420	61A	100	100
16A	580	580	40A	600	700	62A	400	400
17A	400	400	42A	600	600	63A	750	750

EAST RIVER DEER
2017-18 vs. 2019-20
Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2017-18 Resident Licenses	2019-20 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2017-18 Resident Tags	2019-20 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
01A	Minnehaha	550	650	100	18%	550	650	100	18%
03A	Brown	2,400	2,000	-400	-17%	2,400	2,000	-400	-17%
04A	Beadle	600	700	100	17%	600	700	100	17%
05A	Codington	250	350	100	40%	250	350	100	40%
06A	Brookings	550	550	0	0%	550	550	0	0%
07A	Yankton	250	300	50	20%	250	300	50	20%
07B	Yankton	75	75	0	0%	75	75	0	0%
08A	Davison	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
10A	Aurora	550	500	-50	-9%	550	500	-50	-9%
12A	Bon Homme	150	250	100	67%	150	250	100	67%
12B	Bon Homme	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
13A	Brule	900	1,000	100	11%	1,100	1,800	700	64%
13L	Brule	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
14A	Buffalo	350	350	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
16A	Campbell	720	580	-140	-19%	720	580	-140	-19%
17A	Charles Mix	250	400	150	60%	250	400	150	60%
18A	Clark	600	700	100	17%	600	700	100	17%
19A	Clay	200	300	100	50%	200	300	100	50%
22A	Day	600	700	100	17%	600	700	100	17%
23A	Deuel	400	500	100	25%	400	500	100	25%
25A	Douglas	150	350	200	133%	150	350	200	133%
26A	Edmunds	1,300	1,300	0	0%	2,600	1,300	-1,300	-50%
28A	Faulk	1,400	1,200	-200	-14%	2,800	1,200	-1,600	-57%
29A	Grant	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
32A	Hamlin	600	700	100	17%	600	700	100	17%
33A	Hand	870	870	0	0%	870	1,420	550	63%
34A	Hanson	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
36A	Hughes	600	525	-75	-13%	600	525	-75	-13%
37A	Hutchinson	100	150	50	50%	100	150	50	50%
38A	Hyde	720	720	0	0%	1,420	1,320	-100	-7%
40A	Jerauld	550	600	50	9%	550	700	150	27%
42A	Kingsbury	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
43A	Lake	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
44A	Lincoln	250	300	50	20%	250	300	50	20%
46A	McCook	450	550	100	22%	450	550	100	22%
47A	McPherson	1,000	1,000	0	0%	1,500	1,000	-500	-33%
48A	Marshall	500	600	100	20%	500	600	100	20%
51A	Miner	750	750	0	0%	750	750	0	0%
52A	Moody	450	550	100	22%	450	550	100	22%
54A	Potter	1,050	1,050	0	0%	1,950	1,550	-400	-21%
55A	Roberts	500	600	100	20%	500	600	100	20%
56A	Sanborn	550	550	0	0%	550	550	0	0%
57A	Spink	1,300	1,300	0	0%	1,300	1,300	0	0%
59A	Sully	450	350	-100	-22%	450	350	-100	-22%
59B	Sully	470	370	-100	-21%	470	370	-100	-21%
61A	Turner	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
62A	Union	300	400	100	33%	300	400	100	33%
63A	Walworth	750	750	0	0%	750	750	0	0%
	TOTAL	26,325	27,310	985	4%	31,575	30,110	-1,465	-5%

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

West River Deer Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:20

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 2, 2019	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 2-3, 2019	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2019 and 2020 hunting seasons

Season Dates: All units excluding Gregory County: November 16 – December 1, 2019
 Gregory County (Unit 30A): Nov. 9-12 and Nov. 25 – Dec. 1, 2019
 Gregory County (Unit 30B): November 16 – December 1, 2019
 Antlerless deer tags only: December 14-22, 2019

All units excluding Gregory County: November 14-29, 2020
 Gregory County (Unit 30A): Nov. 7-10 and Nov. 23-29, 2020
 Gregory County (Unit 30B): November 14-29, 2020
 Antlerless deer tags only: December 12-20, 2020

Open Area: See the attached map

Licenses: Residents: 12,308 one-tag, 5,220 two-tag, and 400 three-tag licenses
 Nonresidents: 989 one-tag, 418 two-tag, and 32 three-tag licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

- 500 resident and 500 nonresident "any deer" licenses are available through the "Special Buck" application.
- One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference applicants.
- Landowners may also purchase an "any deer" or "any deer + any antlerless deer" license that is valid only on their property as long they do not hold a regular West River deer license that allows the harvest of a buck.
- Only persons using a wheelchair may apply for the licenses in Stanley County (Unit 58D) designated as a special "Hunters with Disabilities Unit."

Recommended changes from last year:

- Adjust resident license numbers from no more than 15,340 one-tag and 3,320 two-tag deer licenses to 12,308 one-tag, 5,220 two-tag deer licenses and 400 three-tag deer licenses.
- Establish Units 15P (includes that portion valid within Unit 15A of Butte County), 27P (includes that portion valid within Unit 27B of Fall River County), and 45P (includes that portion valid within Unit 45B of Lyman County). These units are for antlerless whitetail deer licenses and would be private land only; all public lands are closed to license holders within these respective units, including Walk-in Areas.

Year	Buck Tags	Doe Tags	Total Tags
2017-2018	16,175	5,805	21,980
2019-2020	15,895	8,053	23,948

Buck Tags (-2%)
 Doe Tags (+39%)

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

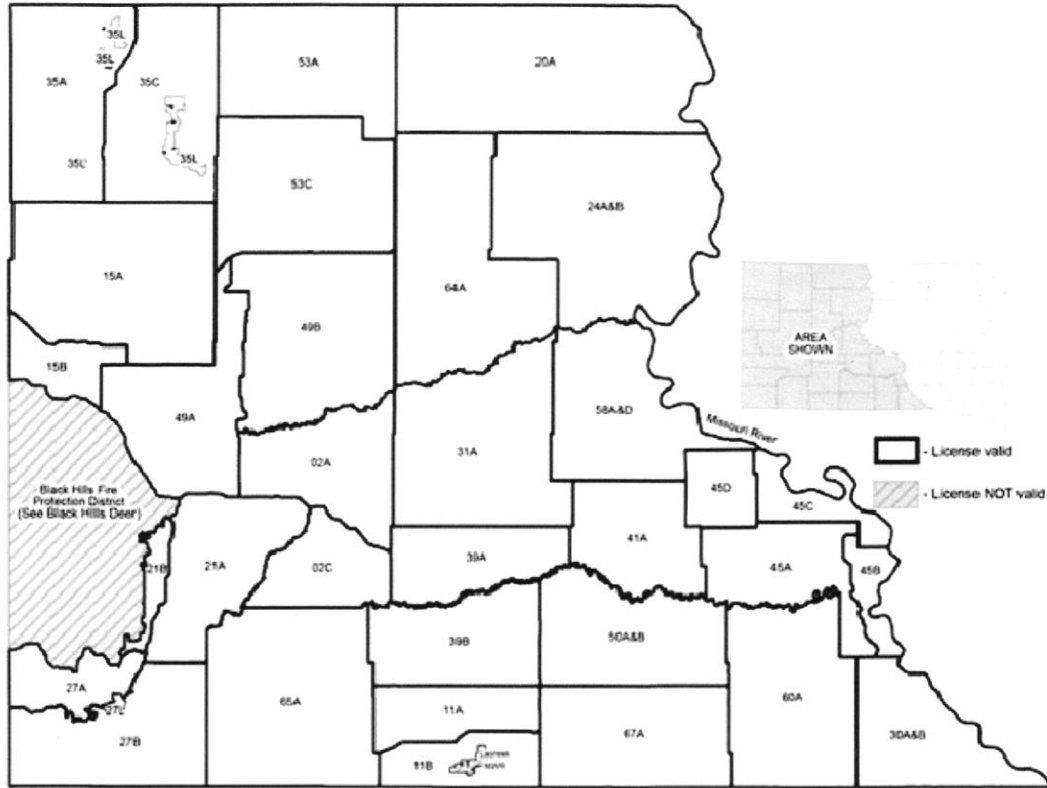
SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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Year	Licenses Sold	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Tag Success
2014	19,828	6,641	2,244	2,448	274	11,607	59%
2015	19,565	7,739	2,367	2,804	182	13,091	61%
2016	21,237	7,600	3,557	2,869	257	14,283	53%
2017	20,142	6,896	2,799	3,373	213	13,280	56%
2018	20,163	6,696	2,916	3,320	250	13,182	56%

APPROVE MODIFY REJECT NO ACTION

WEST RIVER DEER UNITS



2019 and 2020 - West River Deer License & Tag Numbers

Unit	Resident		Nonresident		Unit	Resident		Nonresident	
	Licenses	Tags	Licenses	Tags		Licenses	Tags	Licenses	Tags
02A	600	800	48	64	35L	100	100	8	8
02C	150	150	12	12	39A	250	250	20	20
11A	250	250	20	20	39B	375	375	30	30
11B	200	200	16	16	41A	450	450	36	36
15A	1,125	2,275	90	182	45A	650	750	52	60
15B	800	1,600	64	128	45B	200	300	16	24
20A	450	450	36	36	45C	50	70	5	7
21A	325	325	26	26	45D	60	60	6	6
21B	200	200	16	16	49A	1,150	1,600	92	128
24A	450	450	36	36	49B	1,300	1,500	104	120
24B	20	20	2	2	50A	850	850	68	68
27A	125	125	10	10	53A	700	1,200	56	96
27B	550	550	44	44	53C	1,000	1,600	80	128
27L	15	15	2	2	58A	200	200	16	16
30A	625	725	50	58	58D	8	8	2	2
30B	625	725	50	58	60A	1,300	2,200	104	176
31A	800	800	64	64	64A	500	500	40	40
35A	700	1,100	56	88	65A	75	75	6	6
35C	550	950	44	76	67A	150	150	12	12

WEST RIVER DEER
2017-18 vs. 2019-20 Comparison

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Unit #	Unit Name	2017-2018 Resident Licenses	2019-2020 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2017-2018 Resident Tags	2019-2020 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
02A	Pennington	600	600	0	0%	800	800	0	0%
02C	Pennington	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
11A	Bennett	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
11B	Bennett	225	200	-25	-11%	225	200	-25	-11%
15A	Butte	1,100	1,125	25	2%	2,000	2,275	275	14%
15B	Butte	800	800	0	0%	1,450	1,600	150	10%
20A	Corson	400	450	50	13%	400	450	50	13%
21A	Custer	300	325	25	8%	300	325	25	8%
21B	Custer	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
24A	Dewey	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
24B	Little Moreau	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
27A	Fall River	100	125	25	25%	100	125	25	25%
27B	Fall River	500	550	50	10%	500	550	50	10%
27L	Fall River	20	15	-5	-25%	20	15	-5	-25%
30A	Gregory	625	625	0	0%	725	725	0	0%
30B	Gregory	625	625	0	0%	725	725	0	0%
31A	Haakon	850	800	-50	-6%	850	800	-50	-6%
35A	Harding	850	700	-150	-18%	850	1,100	250	29%
35C	Harding	650	550	-100	-15%	650	950	300	46%
35L	Harding	125	100	-25	-20%	125	100	-25	-20%
39A	Jackson	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
39B	Jackson	400	375	-25	-6%	400	375	-25	-6%
41A	Jones	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
45A	Lyman	650	650	0	0%	750	750	0	0%
45B	Lyman	250	200	-50	-20%	250	300	50	20%
45C	Lyman	50	50	0	0%	70	70	0	0%
45D	Lyman	60	60	0	0%	60	60	0	0%
49A	Meade	1,100	1,150	50	5%	1,100	1,600	500	45%
49B	Meade	1,400	1,300	-100	-7%	1,400	1,500	100	7%
50A	Mellette	850	850	0	0%	850	850	0	0%
53A	Perkins	850	700	-150	-18%	1,400	1,200	-200	-14%
53C	Perkins	1,200	1,000	-200	-17%	1,900	1,600	-300	-16%
58A	Stanley	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
58D	Stanley	10	8	-2	-20%	10	8	-2	-20%
60A	Tripp	1,350	1,300	-50	-4%	1,350	2,200	850	63%
64A	Ziebach	500	500	0	0%	500	500	0	0%
65A	Oglala Lakota	100	75	-25	-25%	100	75	-25	-25%
67A	Todd	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
	TOTAL	18,660	17,928	-732	-4%	21,980	23,948	1,968	9%

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

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

Black Hills Deer Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:19

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 2, 2019	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 2-3, 2019	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2019 and 2020 hunting seasons

Season Dates: November 1-30

Open Area: Black Hills

Licenses: 200 resident and 16 nonresident "Any" deer licenses
 3,500 resident and 280 nonresident "Any Whitetail" deer licenses
 1,100 resident and 88 nonresident "Antlerless Whitetail" deer licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

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

Recommended changes from last year:

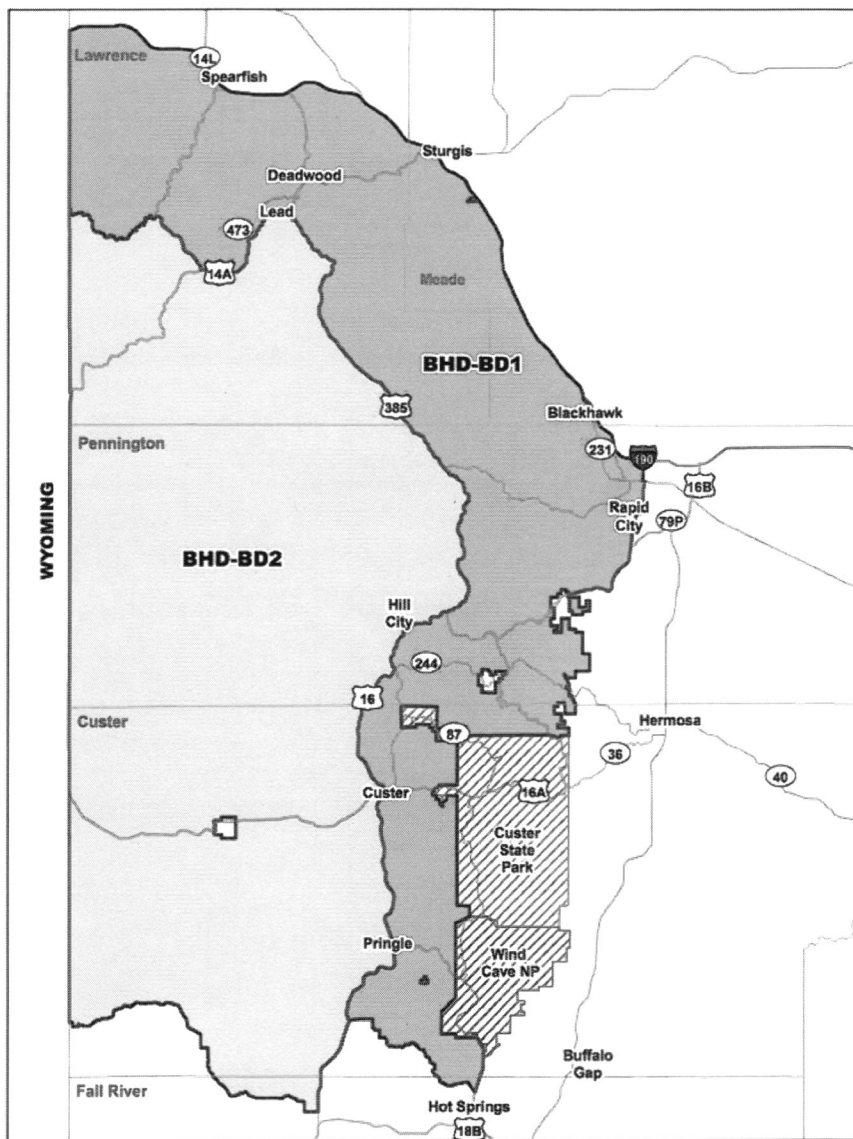
1. Adjust the number of resident licenses from no more than 4,300 one-tag deer licenses to no more than 4,800 one-tag deer licenses.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Licenses	Nonresident Licenses	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Hunter Success
2014	3,242	256	2,076	275	59	0	2,410	69%
2015	3,741	294	2,533	307	74	2	2,917	72%
2016	4,120	325	2,604	505	86	2	3,198	72%
2017	4,319	343	2,616	630	79	0	3,325	71%
2018	4,366	342	2,260	643	86	12	3,001	64%

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

BLACK HILLS DEER UNITS



BH1 – All of the area in BD1 and BD2

Black Hills Deer Licenses – 2019 and 2020

Unit	Resident Licenses			Nonresident Licenses		
	Any Deer	Any Whitetail	Antlerless Whitetail	Any Deer	Any Whitetail	Antlerless Whitetail
BH1	200	3,500	0	16	200	0
BD1	0	0	1,000	0	0	80
BD2	0	0	100	0	0	8

BLACK HILLS DEER
2017-2018 vs. 2019-2020 Comparison

Resident Licenses												
Unit	Any Deer				Any Whitetail				Antlerless Whitetail			
	Year		Change		Year		Change		Year		Change	
	2017-2018	2019-2020	#	%	2017-2018	2019-2020	#	%	2017-2018	2019-2020	#	%
BD1									500	1000	500	100%
BD2									100	100	0	0%
BH1	200	200	0	0%	3,500	3,500	0	0%				
TOTAL	200	200	0	0%	3,500	3,500	0	0%	600	1,100	500	83%

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

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

National Wildlife Refuge Deer Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:36 & 41:06:22

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 2, 2019	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 2-3, 2019	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2019 and 2020 hunting seasons

2019 Season Dates: Sand Lake NWR November 9-13, November 14-18, November 19-24, November 25 – December 1, December 2-8, and December 9-17 (unfilled antlerless licenses only).
 Lacreek NWR October 16-22 and November 27 – December 3.
 Waubay NWR* November 16-24 and November 30 – December 8.
 * includes Waubay State Game Refuge

2020 Season Dates: Sand Lake NWR November 14-18, November 19-23, November 24-29, November 30 – December 6, December 7-13, and December 14-22 (unfilled antlerless licenses only).
 Lacreek NWR October 21-27 and November 25 – December 1.
 Waubay NWR* November 14-22 and November 28 – December 6.
 * includes Waubay State Game Refuge

Licenses: Sand Lake NWR Resident: 80 “any deer” and 25 “any antlerless deer” licenses
 Nonresident: 8 “any deer” and 2 “any antlerless deer” licenses
 Lacreek NWR Residents: 20 “any deer” licenses
 Nonresidents: 2 “any deer” licenses
 Waubay NWR Residents: 20 “any deer” licenses
 Nonresidents: 2 “any deer” licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

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

Recommended changes from last year:

1. For Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, adjust the number of resident licenses from no more than 25 one-tag deer licenses to no more than 20 one-tag licenses.
2. For Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, adjust the number of resident licenses from no more than 150 one-tag deer licenses to no more than 105 one-tag licenses.
3. For Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, modify the season dates as follows: WA1 would open for ~~8~~ 9 consecutive days beginning seven days before the beginning of the East River deer season; WA2 would open for ~~8~~ 5 consecutive days beginning on day following the end of WA1; and WA3 would open for ~~7~~ 9 consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of WA2.
4. Make an allowance for antlerless archery deer licenses to be valid for the Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
5. For unfilled antlerless deer licenses for the Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, change current rule from “nine consecutive days beginning on the Saturday following December 25” to “nine consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of the Unit RFD-SL5 season”.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Waubay National Wildlife Refuge currently has 2 of 3 seasons open. The recommended changes to the respective season dates would allow for the current open seasons to run for 9 consecutive days and include two full weekends for licensed hunters.

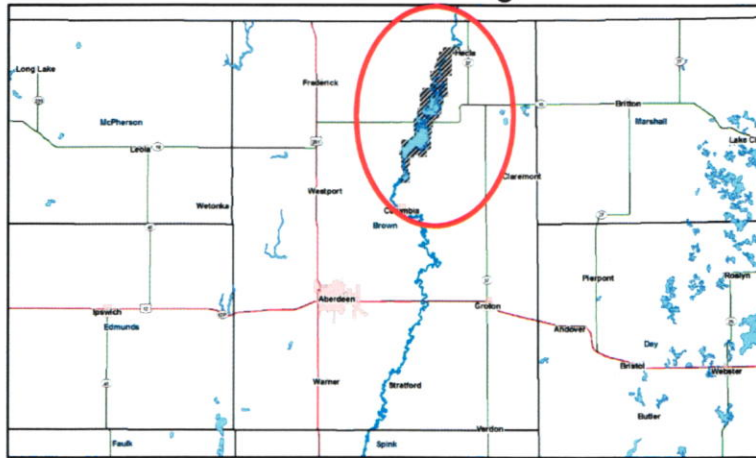
Table includes harvest data from Sand Lake, Lacreek and Waubay National Wildlife Refuges.

Year	Licenses	Bucks Harvested	Does Harvested	Total Harvest	Hunter Success
2014	200	60	6	66	33%
2015	212	59	6	65	31%
2016	200	40	11	51	26%
2017	215	57	19	76	35%
2018	195	60	21	81	42%

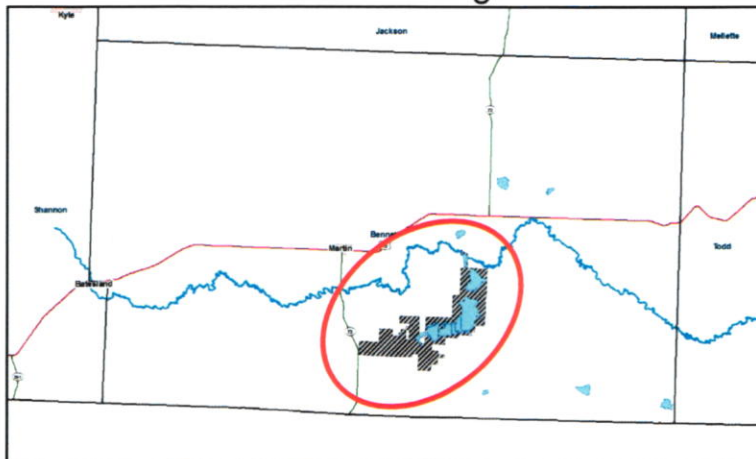
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REFUGE DEER UNITS

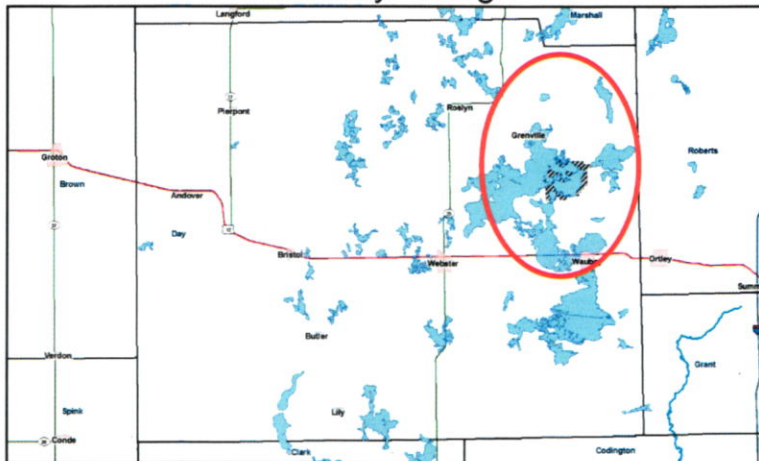
Sand Lake Refuge



Lacreek Refuge



Waubay Refuge



REFUGE DEER
2017-18 vs. 2019-20
Comparison

Refuge Unit	Resident Licenses							
	Any Deer				Antlerless Deer			
	Year		Change		Year		Change	
	2017-18	2019-20	#	%	2017-18	2019-20	#	%
Lacreek Refuge								
RFD-LC1	15	10	-5	-33%				
RFD-LC2	10	10	0	0%				
Sand Lake Refuge								
RFD-SL1	20	20	0	0%	10	0	-10	-100%
RFD-SL2	20	20	0	0%	10	0	-10	-100%
RFD-SL3	20	20	0	0%	10	0	-10	-100%
RFD-SL4	20	0	-20	-100%	10	25	15	150%
RFD-SL5	20	20	0	0%	10	0	-10	-100%
Waubay Refuge								
RFD-WA1	10	10	0	0%				
RFD-WA2	0	0	0	0%				
RFD-WA3	10	10	0	0%				
TOTAL	145	120	-25	-17%	50	25	-25	-50%

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

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

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

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 2, 2019	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 2-3, 2019	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2019 and 2020 hunting seasons

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

Licenses: 5 "Any Deer" licenses
33 "Any Whitetail Deer" licenses
50 "Antlerless Whitetail Deer" licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

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

Recommended changes from last year:

- Increase the total number of one-tag licenses from no more than 64 to no more than 88.
- For Unit CUD-2, change from muzzleloader only to any weapon.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	License Type	Applicants	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Success
2014	Any WT	1,755*	8				8	80%
	Antlerless WT			13			13	65%
2015	Any WT	1,755*	8				8	80%
	Antlerless WT			15			15	79%
2016	Any WT	2,088*	10				10	100%
	Antlerless WT			19			19	63%
2017	Any Deer	2,391*	3		1		4	80%
	Any WT		27				27	92%
	Antlerless WT			12			12	38%
2018	Any Deer	2,503*	3				4	60%
	Any WT		22	1			23	79%
	Antlerless WT			9			9	32%

*Number of applicants is for all seasons combined.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

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

Archery Deer Hunting Season 41:06:22

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 2, 2019	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 2-3, 2019	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2019 and 2020 hunting seasons

Season Dates: September 1, 2019 – January 1, 2020
September 1, 2020 – January 1, 2021

Open Area: "Any Deer" Licenses: Statewide, East River, West River
"Antlerless Whitetail Deer" Licenses: Unit ARD-LM1

Licenses: Unlimited "any deer" licenses
Unlimited single tag "antlerless whitetail deer" licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Resident and nonresident hunters may purchase one (1) statewide "any deer" license or one (1) East River "any deer" license and one (1) West River "any deer" license.
2. Residents and nonresidents may purchase one (1) "antlerless whitetail deer" license.
3. Individuals may purchase one "antlerless whitetail deer" license for Unit ARD-LM1 (see map).
4. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
5. Sand Lake NWR is open October 19, 2019 – January 1, 2020 and October 17, 2020 – January 1, 2021, except during the refuge firearm deer seasons.
6. Waubay Lake State Game Refuge and Waubay National Wildlife Refuge in Day County are open through January 1, except during refuge firearm deer seasons.
7. Lacreek NWR is open through January 1, except during the refuge firearm deer seasons.
8. Licensees must obtain an access permit from the Department issued by lottery drawing before hunting Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve and Good Earth State Park.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. For Unit ARD-LM1, close unit 59A and open units 05A, 11A, 11B, 17A, 18A, 22A, 23A, 25A, 32A, 39B, 45B, 48A, 50A, 55A.
2. For Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve, increase the number of access permits for antlerless whitetail deer from 25 to 30.

2019-2020

Designated Area	Number of Access Permits		
	Any Deer	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	Total
Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve	5	30	35
Good Earth State Park	5	0	5

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Licenses	Nonresident Licenses	"Any Deer" Licenses	"Antlerless Whitetail" Licenses	Hunter Success	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	Deer Harvested
2014	21,647	2,840	21,634	2,853	25%	3,948	1,459	562	83	6,052
2015	23,507	3,180	23,636	3,051	28%	5,042	1,593	632	73	7,340
2016	24,531	3,474	24,111	3,894	27%	4,780	1,987	824	89	7,680
2017	25,512	3,800	25,137	4,175	26%	4,750	1,775	961	136	7,622
2018	26,660	4,449	26,774	4,335	27%	5,079	1,950	1,166	151	8,346

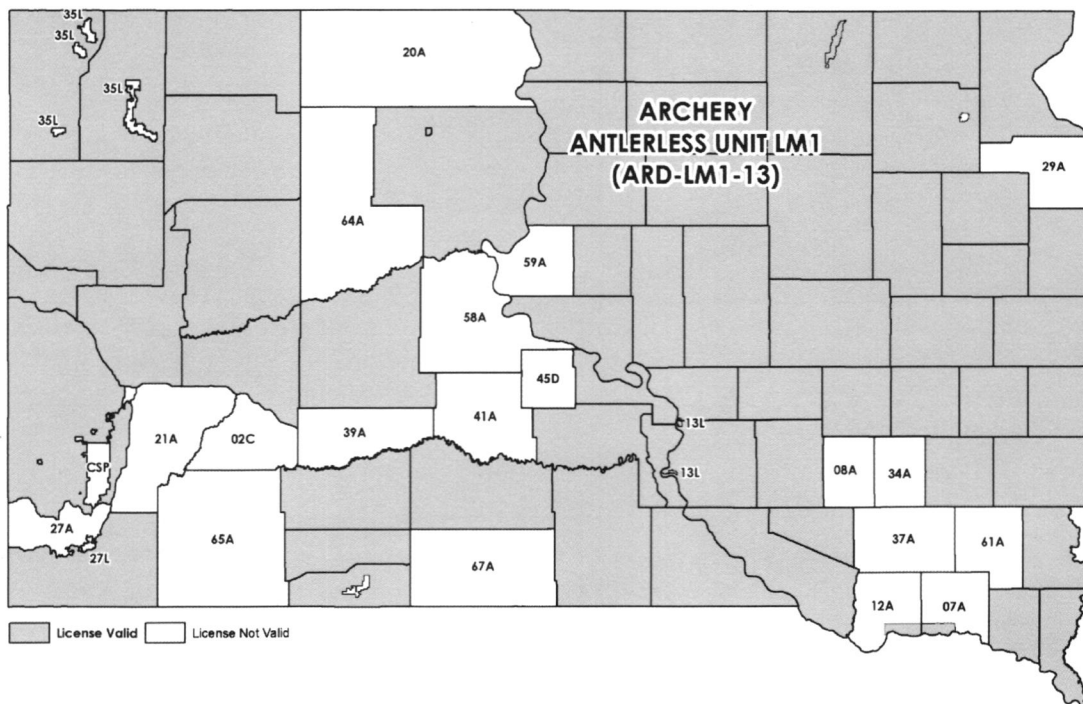
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**Archery Deer Hunting Season
2019-2020 "Antlerless License" Restrictions**

1. The Unit ARD-LM1 single-tag "antlerless whitetail deer" license is valid in only the gray shaded areas.

Archery Antlerless Whitetail Deer

Unit ARD-LM1



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

General Muzzleloading Deer Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:45

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 2, 2019	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 2-3, 2019	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2019 and 2020 hunting seasons

Season Dates: December 1, 2019 – January 1, 2020
December 1, 2020 – January 1, 2021

Open Area: "Any Deer" Licenses: Statewide
"Antlerless Whitetail Deer" Licenses: Unit MZD-LM1

Licenses: 1,000 "any deer" licenses
Unlimited single tag "antlerless whitetail deer" licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

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

Recommended changes from last year:

1. For Unit MZD-LM1, close unit 59A and open units 05A, 11A, 11B, 17A, 18A, 22A, 23A, 25A, 32A, 39B, 45B, 48A, 50A, 55A.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	1st Choice Applications	"Any Deer" Licenses	"Antlerless Deer" Licenses	Hunter Success	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	Deer Harvested
2014	6,823	1,000	3,155	26%	241	507	77	1	835
2015	6,892	1,013	2,433	27%	313	529	77	16	935
2016	7,931	961	2,806	37%	313	703	88	6	1,132
2017	7,845	1,009	2,423	36%	263	865	117	4	1,251
2018	8,191	1,030	2,353	36%	261	826	113	15	1,216

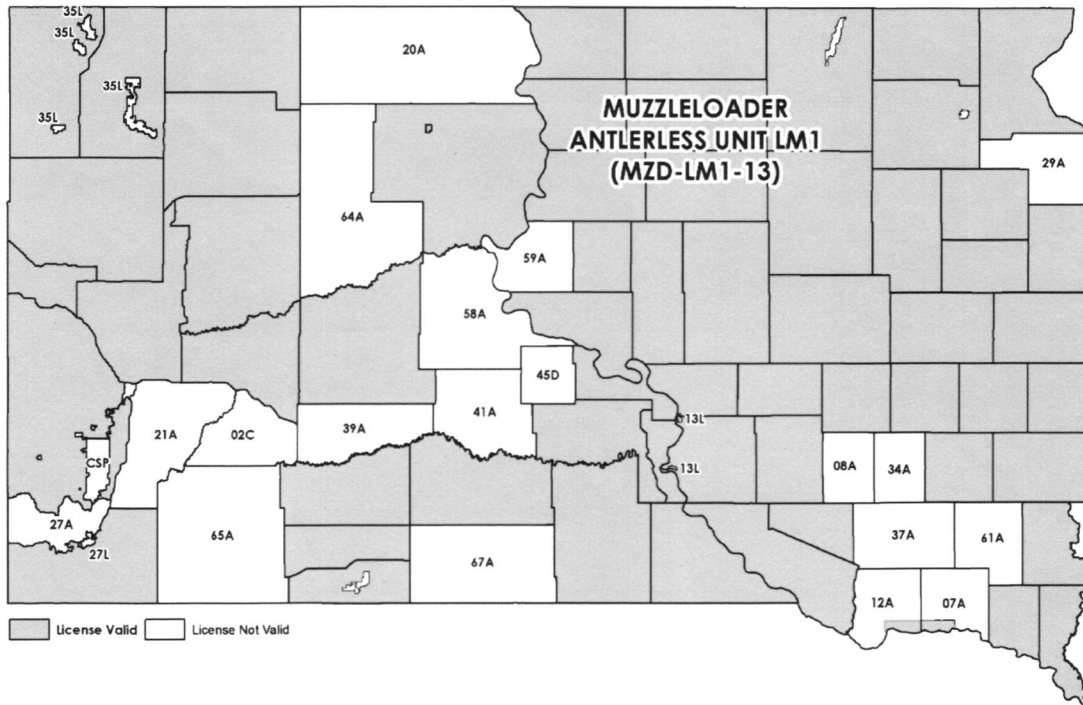
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**Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Season
2019-2020 "Antlerless License" Restrictions**

1. The Unit MZD-LM1 single-tag "antlerless whitetail deer" license is valid in only the gray shaded areas.

Muzzleloader Antlerless Whitetail Deer

Unit MZD-LM1



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

Apprentice Hunter Deer Season
Chapter 41:06:44

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 2, 2019	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 2-3, 2019	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2019 and 2020 hunting seasons

Season Dates: September 14, 2019 – January 1, 2020
September 12, 2020 – January 1, 2021

Open Area: Statewide

Licenses: Single tag "any antlerless deer" license

Requirements and Restrictions:

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

Recommended change from last year: None.

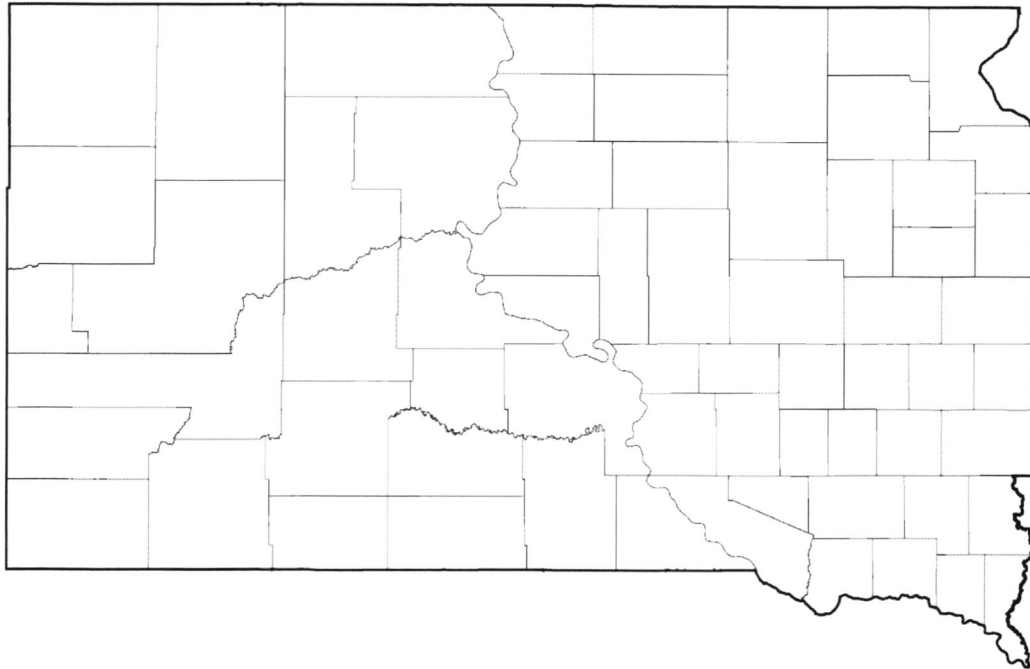
SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Of the 4,845 apprentice hunter deer licenses issued for the 2018 deer hunting season, 531 licenses (11%) were issued to residents that were 18 years of age or older.

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**Apprentice Hunter Deer Season
2019-2020 "Antlerless License" Restrictions**

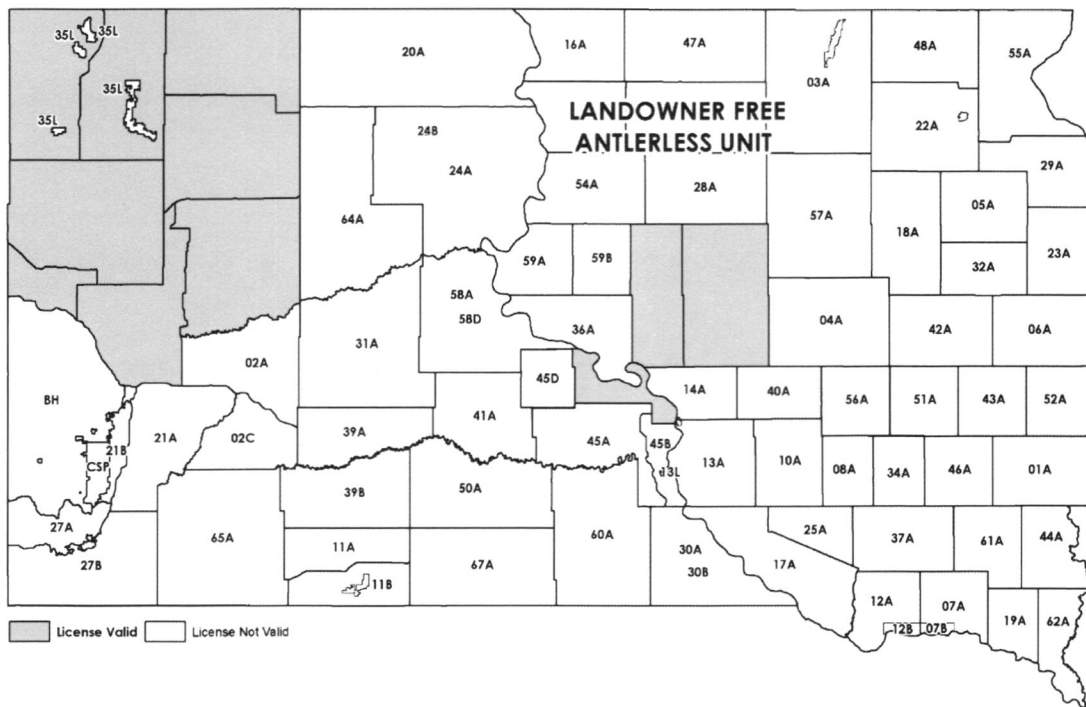
1. The Unit APD-ST3 single-tag "any antlerless deer" license is valid statewide.
 2. Apprentice deer hunters may purchase one (1) deer license.
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Landowner Free Antlerless Deer License

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

2019-2020 Landowner Free Antlerless Whitetail Deer License Map



GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

Deer Hunting Seasons – Hunting Unit License & Access Permit Allocations

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 2, 2019	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 2-3, 2019	Custer State Park

LICENSE & ACCESS PERMIT ALLOCATION BY SEASONS AND UNITS

See Attached Spreadsheets

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident Licenses											License Totals														
		AnyD	AIID	AD+AIID	2 AIID	AnyW	AIIW	13	AIW	13-Private	AIW	AW+AIW	18	19	2 AIW	19	RES	1-tag	RES	2-tag	RES	Licenses	RES	Tags			
01A	Minnehaha																										
03A	Brown	450	200																								
04A	Beadle	1,000	1,000																								
05A	Codington	250	100							500	200																
06A	Brookings	450	100																								
07A	Yankton	300																									
07B	Yankton		75																								
08A	Davison									200	200																
10A	Aurora									300	200																
12A	Bon Homme	250																									
12B	Bon Homme		50																								
13A	Brule	100																									
13L	Brule	20																									
13P	Brule																										
14A	Buffalo	100																									
16A	Campbell	30								400	150																
17A	Charles Mix	100								200	100																
18A	Clark	600	100																								
19A	Clay	200	100																								
22A	Day	600	100																								
23A	Deuel	400	100																								
25A	Douglas	700	600							250	100																
26A	Edmunds	600	600																								
28A	Faulk	600	600																								
29A	Grant	300																									
32A	Hamlin	600	100																								
33A	Hand	20																									
33P	Hand																										
34A	Hanson									200																	
36A	Hughes	175								250																	
36P	Hughes																										
37A	Hutchinson									150																	
38A	Hyde	20																									
38P	Hyde																										
40A	Jerauld																										
42A	Kingsbury	500	100							250	250																
43A	Lake	300	100																								
44A	Lincoln	200	100																								
46A	McCook	350	200																								
47A	McPherson	500	500																								
48A	Marshall	500	100																								
51A	Miner	400	350																								
52A	Moody	350	200																								
54A	Potter	150																									
55A	Roberts	500	100																								
56A	Sanborn																										
57A	Spink	900	400							350	200																
59A	Sully	100								250																	
59B	Sully	20								300	50																
61A	Turner	100																									
62A	Union	300	100																								
63A	Wauwatosh	50																									
Unit #	Unit Name	AnyD	AIID	AD+AIID	2 AIID	AnyW	AIIW	13	AIW	13-Private	AIW	AW+AIW	18	19	2 AIW	19	RES	1-tag	RES	2-tag	RES	Licenses	RES	Tags			
	TOTAL	12,485	5,475	0	0	4,000	1,950	13	600	AIW	2,600	AIW+AIW	18	200	2 AIW	19	24,510	2,800	27,310	2,800	27,310	30,110	RES	Tags			

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident Licenses										Nonresident Licenses										Licenses Totals									
		AV/D 01	AND 03	AD+AND 08	AW/W 11	3 AW/W 13-Private	3 AW/W 17-Private	AW/W+AW/W 18	2 AW/W 19	AV/D 01	AND 03	AD+AND 08	AW/W 11	3 AW/W 13-Private	3 AW/W 17-Private	AW/W+AW/W 18	2 AW/W 19	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES 3-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR 3-tag	NR Licenses	NR Tags				
02A	Pennington	400					200										400	200	0	600	800	32	16	0	0	0	48	64			
02C	Bennett	100															150	150	0	150	150	12	0	0	0	0	12	12			
11A	Bennett	150															250	250	0	250	250	20	0	0	0	0	20	20			
11B	Bennett	100															200	200	0	200	200	16	0	0	0	0	16	16			
15A	Butte	225					650										225	650	0	875	1,525	18	52	0	0	0	70	122			
15B	Butte	150					500										150	500	0	650	1,600	12	40	0	0	0	64	128			
15P	Butte	150					250										250	250	0	250	750	4	0	0	0	0	20	50			
20A	Conson	150															450	450	0	450	450	36	0	0	0	0	36	36			
20B	Conson	150															450	450	0	450	450	36	0	0	0	0	36	36			
21B	Custer	150															200	200	0	200	200	16	0	0	0	0	16	16			
21C	Custer	150															200	200	0	200	200	16	0	0	0	0	16	16			
24A	Devey	100															20	20	0	20	450	36	0	0	0	0	36	36			
24B	LITTLE MOREAU	100															20	20	0	20	450	36	0	0	0	0	36	36			
27A	Fall River	125															125	125	0	125	125	10	0	0	0	0	10	10			
27B	Fall River	200															500	500	0	500	500	40	0	0	0	0	40	40			
27L	Fall River	5															15	15	0	15	15	2	0	0	0	0	2	2			
30A	Gregory	25															50	50	0	50	50	4	0	0	0	0	4	4			
30B	Gregory	25															50	50	0	50	50	4	0	0	0	0	4	4			
31A	Haskon	100					100										525	100	0	625	725	42	8	0	0	0	50	58			
31B	Haskon	100					100										525	100	0	625	725	42	8	0	0	0	50	58			
31C	Haskon	100					100										525	100	0	625	725	42	8	0	0	0	50	58			
35C	Harding	150					300										300	400	0	700	1,100	24	32	0	0	0	56	88			
35L	Harding	100					300										150	400	0	550	950	12	32	0	0	0	44	76			
39A	Jackson	150															100	100	0	100	100	8	0	0	0	0	8	8			
39B	Jackson	275															250	250	0	250	250	20	0	0	0	0	20	20			
41A	Jones	150															375	375	0	375	375	30	0	0	0	0	30	30			
45A	Lyman	100															450	450	0	450	450	36	0	0	0	0	36	36			
45B	Lyman	100															550	100	0	650	750	44	8	0	0	0	52	60			
45C	Lyman	30															150	250	0	150	250	4	8	0	0	0	12	20			
45D	Lyman	20															50	70	0	50	70	3	2	0	0	0	5	7			
45E	Lyman	20															50	70	0	50	70	3	2	0	0	0	5	7			
46A	Meads	700															1,100	450	0	1,150	1,600	88	16	0	0	0	104	120			
46B	Meads	400															1,300	1,500	0	1,300	1,500	88	16	0	0	0	104	120			
50A	Mellette	200															850	850	0	850	850	68	0	0	0	0	68	68			
53A	Perkins	200															2,000	500	0	7,000	1,200	16	40	0	0	0	56	96			
53C	Perkins	400															1,000	1,600	0	1,000	1,600	32	48	0	0	0	80	128			
58A	Stanley	100															200	200	0	200	200	16	0	0	0	0	16	16			
58D	Stanley	5															8	8	0	8	8	2	0	0	0	0	2	2			
60A	Tripp	200															1,300	2,200	0	1,300	2,200	32	72	0	0	0	104	176			
64A	Ziebach	300															500	500	0	500	500	40	0	0	0	0	40	40			
65A	Ziebach	150															150	150	0	150	150	12	0	0	0	0	12	12			
67A	Ziebach	150															150	150	0	150	150	12	0	0	0	0	12	12			
TOTAL	TOTAL	7,135	3	200	710	100	4,200	150	250	8	350	57	8	12	20	338	66	12,308	5,220	460	17,928	23,848	989	418	32	1,439	1,921				
		AV/D	AND	AD+AND	AW/W	3 AW/W	AW/W+AW/W	3 AW/W	AW/W	AW/W	AW/W	AW/W	AW/W	AW/W	AW/W	AW/W	RES	RES	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR			
		01	03	08	11	13-Private	18	17-Private	13-Private	17-Private	13-Private	17-Private	17-Private	17-Private	17-Private	18	1-tag	2-tag	3-tag	Licenses	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	3-tag	Licenses	Tags					
																	13,297	5,638	432	19,367	25,869										

2019-2020 BLA... HILLS DEER

Unit	Resident Licenses			Nonresident Licenses			License Totals							
	Any Deer	Any WT	Antlerless WT	Any Deer	Any WT	Antlerless WT	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR
	01	11	13	01	11	13	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags
BD1			1,000	0	0	80	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	80	0	80	80
BD2			100	0	0	8	100	0	100	100	8	0	8	8
BH1	200	3,500		16	280	0	3,700	0	3,700	3,700	296	0	296	296
TOTAL	200	3,500	1,100	16	280	88	4,800	0	4,800	4,800	384	0	384	384
Unit	Any Deer	Any WT	Antlerless WT	Any Deer	Any WT	Antlerless WT	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR
	01	11	13	01	11	13	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags
RES and NR:							5,184	0	5,184	5,184				

Unit	Resident Licenses			Nonresident Licenses			License Totals							
	Any D 01	Any Atl D 03	2 Any Atl D 09	Any D 01	Any Atl D 03	2 Any Atl D 09	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Lic	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
Lacreek Refuge														
RFD-LC1	10	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	10	10	1	0	1	1
RFD-LC2	10	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	10	10	1	0	1	1
Sand Lake Refuge														
RFD-SL1	20	0	0	2	0	0	20	0	20	20	2	0	2	2
RFD-SL2	20	0	0	2	0	0	20	0	20	20	2	0	2	2
RFD-SL3	20	0	0	2	0	0	20	0	20	20	2	0	2	2
RFD-SL4	0	25	0	0	2	0	25	0	25	25	2	0	2	2
RFD-SL5	20	0	0	2	0	0	20	0	20	20	2	0	2	2
Waubay Refuge														
RFD-WA1	10	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	10	10	1	0	1	1
RFD-WA2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RFD-WA3	10	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	10	10	1	0	1	1
TOTAL	120	25	0	12	2	0	145	0	145	145	14	0	14	14
Unit	Any D 01	Any Atl D 03	2 Any Atl D 09	Any D 01	Any Atl D 03	2 Any Atl D 09	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Lic	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
	RES and NR:						159	0	159	159				

2019-2020 CUSTER STATE PARK DEER

Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Deer	Any Whitetail	Antlerless Whitetail
	01	11	13
CUD-1	5	33	0
CUD-2	0	0	50
TOTAL	5	33	50

CUSTER STATE PARK DEER
2017-18 vs. 2019-2020 Comparison

Unit	2017-2018 Resident Licenses	2019-2020 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2017-2018 Resident Tags	2019-2020 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
CUD-1	34	38	4	12%	34	38	4	12%
CUD-2	30	50	20	67%	30	50	20	67%
TOTAL	64	88	24	38%	64	88	24	38%

2019-2020 MUZZLELOADER DEER

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

2017-2018 VS. 2019-2020 Comparison

	Resident	
	Any Deer Licenses	Any Deer Tags
2017-2018 Statewide	1,000	1,000
2019-2020 Statewide	1,000	1,000

2019-2020 ACCESS PERMITS

Designated Area	Number of Access Permits		
	Any Deer	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	Total
Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve	5	30	35
Good Earth State Park	5	0	5

2017-2018 vs. 2019-2020 Comparison

Designated Area	Number of Access Permits		
	Any Deer	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	Total
2017-2018 Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve	5	25	30
2019-2020 Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve	5	30	35
2017-2018 Good Earth State Park	5	0	5
2019-2020 Good Earth State Park	5	0	5

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

West River Deer Season- Special Buck

Chapter 41:06:02; 41:06:20

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	February 28-March 1, 2019	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 2-3, 2019	CSP
	Finalization	May 2-3, 2019	CSP

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Proposed changes:

Beginning with the 2020 West River Deer season:

1. Establish Resident special Any Whitetail Deer license and fee of \$169.
2. Establish Nonresident special Any Whitetail Deer license and fee of \$554.
3. Special Any Whitetail Deer licenses to be allocated at the greater of 4% of the total resident West River deer licenses that include a "Any Whitetail Deer" tag from the previous year OR 500 for each for residents and nonresident hunters.
4. If a person successfully draws a special Any Whitetail Deer license the licensee will not be able to apply for a West River deer license in the initial and second drawings.
5. If a person successfully draws a West River deer license they may not apply for a leftover special Any Whitetail Deer license.
6. Applicant must have permission from an owner or lessee of private land before applying.
7. Applicant for special Any Whitetail Buck must also include the name and telephone number of the owner or lessee providing permission.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Per discussions with representatives of The Landowner and Outfitter Alliance, it was requested the department bring forward a recommendation of providing additional hunting licenses under the special buck structure to assure there would be available licenses as experienced in previous years by hunters drawing desired licenses and their ability to pick up leftover licenses. Acknowledging concerns expressed about more licenses available to harvest mule deer, it was agreed upon to bring forward whitetail only licenses for both residents and nonresidents.

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

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Beaver Trapping and Hunting Season Chapter 41:08:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal April 4-5, 2019 Public Hearing May 2, 2019 Finalization May 2-3, 2019	Rapid City Custer State Park Custer State Park
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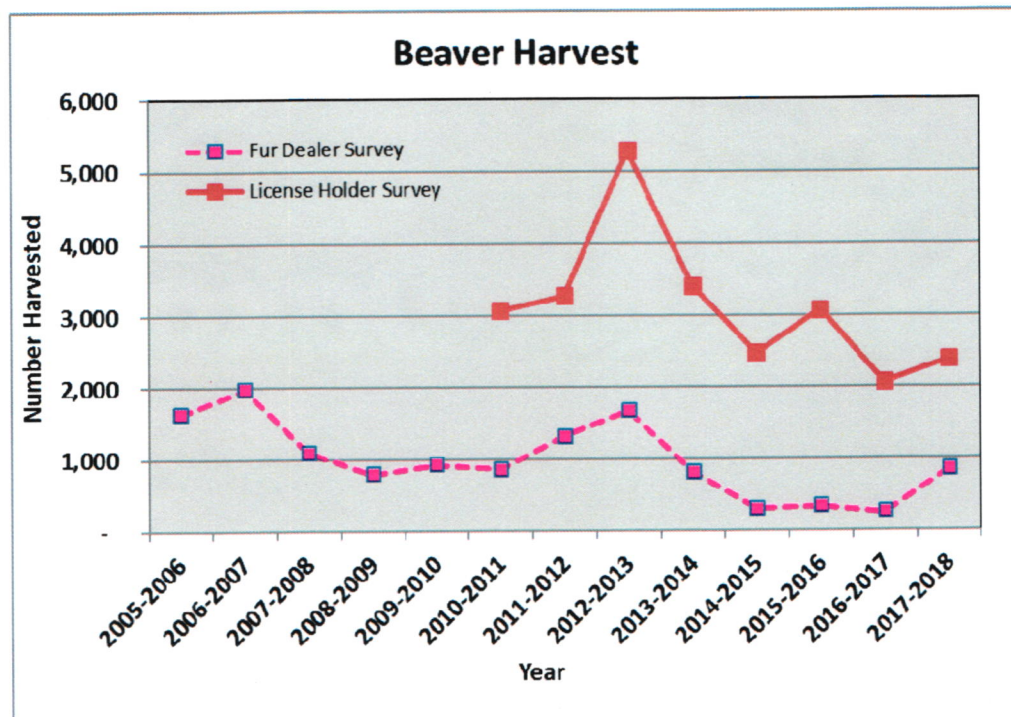
DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2019 and 2020 hunting/trapping seasons

Season Dates:	Area:
Year-round	Counties west of the Missouri River, except that portion of the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west SD Highway 79.
November 2, 2019 – April 30, 2020	All counties east of the Missouri River and portions of the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west of SD Highway 79 that are not owned by the US Forest Service.
January 1 – March 31, 2020	US Forest Service land in the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west of SD Highway 79.

Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION



*New harvest survey methodology used since 2010-11.

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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Skunk, Opossum, Jackrabbit, Fox, Raccoon and Badger Season Chapter 41:08:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 2, 2019	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 2-3, 2019	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

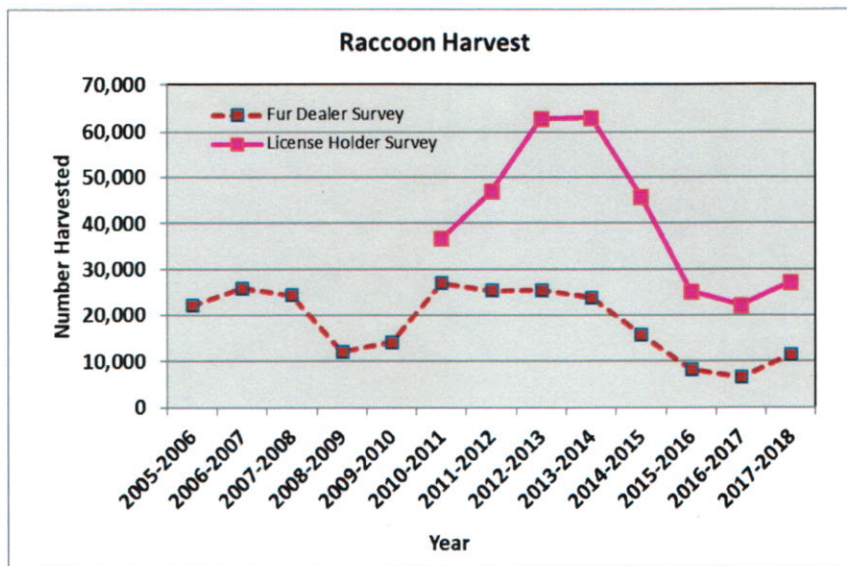
Duration of Recommendation: 2019 and 2020 hunting/trapping seasons

Season Dates: Year-round

Open Area: Statewide

Recommended changes from last year: None

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION



Harvest Year	Red Fox	Badger	Skunk	Opossum	Jackrabbit
2005-2006	1,128	1,589	251	149	1,309
2006-2007	1,325	1,911	328	326	1,312
2007-2008	906	1,160	747	68	2,556
2008-2009	631	686	208	8	2,853
2009-2010	525	616	504	16	3,764
2010-2011*	1,618	1,647	9,459	2,797	4,252
2011-2012*	1,776	1,634	17,085	3,349	4,333
2012-2013*	2,695	3,149	24,752	4,313	3,921
2013-2014*	2,245	2,139	15,168	5,065	1,197
2014-2015*	1,753	1,516	10,731	2,588	1,643
2015-2016*	1,530	1,531	8,321	2,236	2,143
2016-2017*	954	1,183	6,778	4,293	3,314
2017-2018*	1,861	1,865	7,718	4,814	1,847

*New harvest survey methodology used since 2010-11.

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

Mink, Weasel and Muskrat Trapping Season
Chapter 41:08:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 2, 2019	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 2-3, 2019	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2019 and 2020 hunting/trapping seasons

Mink and Weasel

Season Dates: November 2, 2019 – January 31, 2020

Open Area: Statewide

Muskrat

Season Dates: **Area:**

Year-round

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

November 2, 2019 – April 30, 2020

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

Requirements and Restrictions:

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

Recommended changes from last year: None.

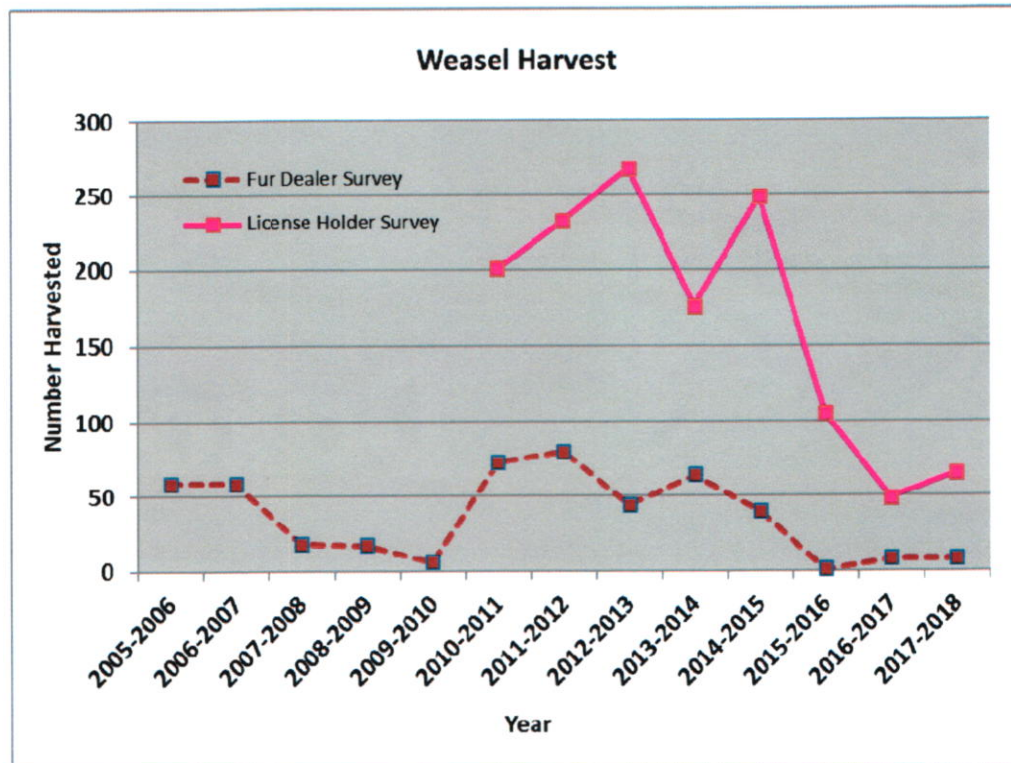
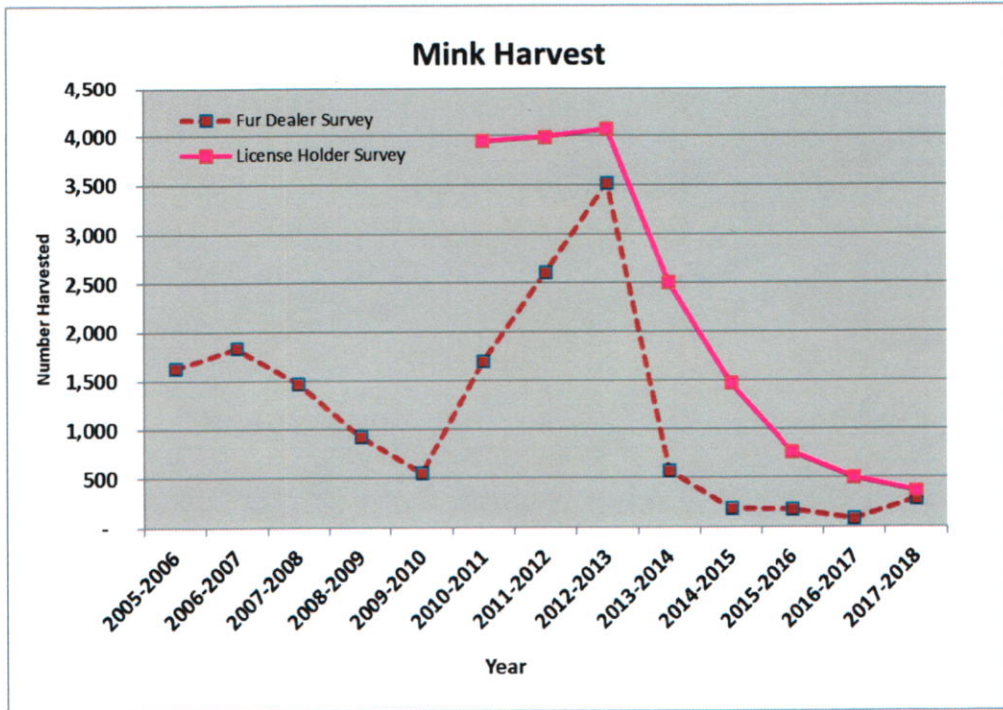
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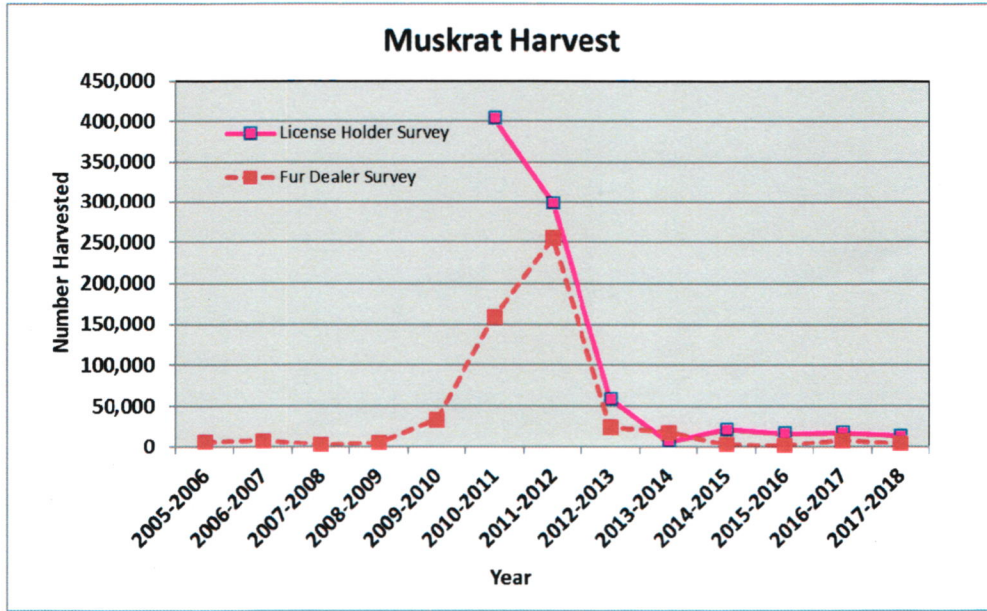
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**GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL**

Muskrat Hunting Season
Chapter 41:08:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 2, 2019	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 2-3, 2019	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2020 and 2021 hunting/trapping seasons

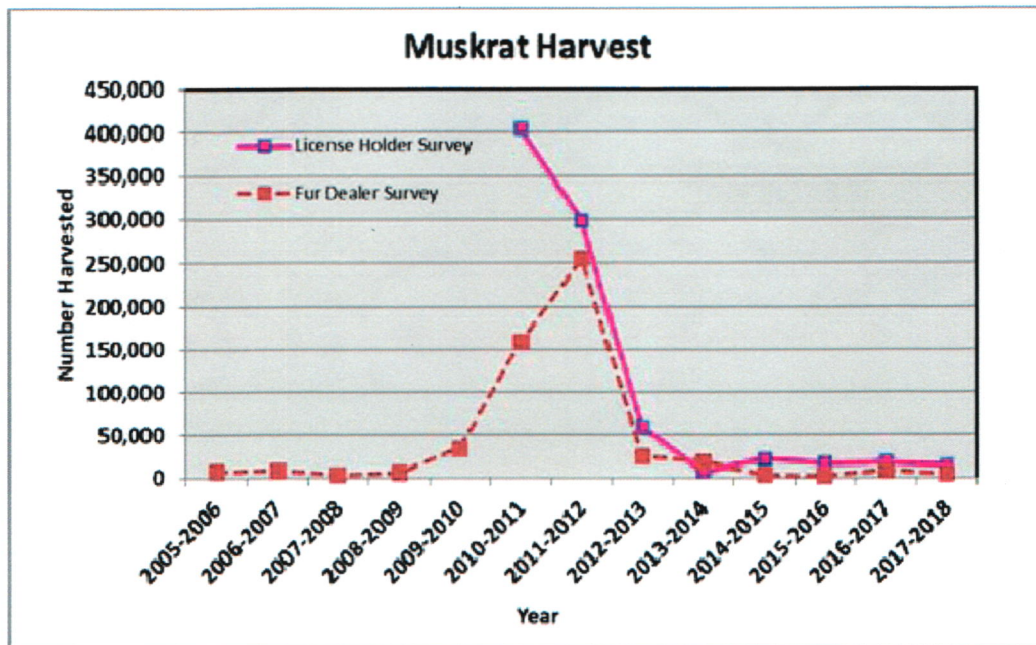
Season Dates: April 1, 2020 – August 31, 2020

Area: Statewide

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

Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION



*New harvest survey methodology used since 2010-11.

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Public Waters
Chapters 41:04:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 2, 2019	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 2-3, 2019	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes

1. Create a "no wake zone" for the waters of Compton's Cove in Stanley County.
2. Modify the "no boating zone" dates on Putney Slough Game Production Area in Brown County from October 15 – December 31 to October 20 – December 31.
3. Remove the year round "no boating zone" on Long Lake in Codington County.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Compton Cove in Stanley County: The request for the "no wake zone" was brought forward by local residents asking the department to provide the same protection as currently exists in Marian Gardens found just to the south of Compton's Cove.

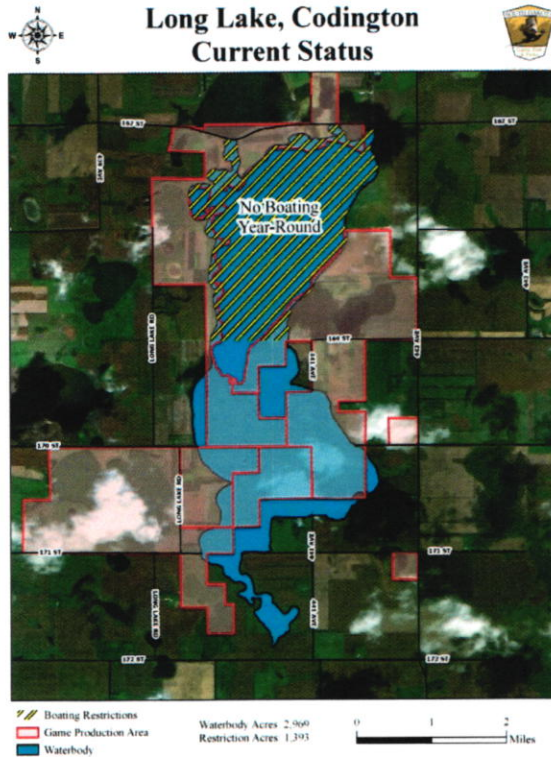


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Putney Slough in Brown County: Making this change will simplify regulations and allow more recreational opportunities for the public.



Long Lake in Codrington County: This will allow more recreational opportunity, specifically fishing, as the north end of the lake has the most 'fishable' water. The lake is routinely stocked with walleye on a bi-annual schedule. The lake also has a strong population of yellow perch. This area has become a popular fishery close to the city of Watertown. If this area is opened to boating, GFP will develop a modern boat ramp on the NW side of the lake for better public access.



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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

Custer State Park Trophy Bison Bull Harvest
Chapter 41:06:42

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City
	Finalization	May 2-3, 2019	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

41:06:42:01. Season established.

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

Recommended changes from last year:

1. None

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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

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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

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

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City
	Finalization	May 2-3, 2019	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

41:06:60:01. Season established.

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

Recommended changes from last year:

1. None

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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

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