



AGENDA (revised) **Game, Fish and Parks Commission**

July 8-9, 2021

Ramkota/Event Center – 1901 9th Ave SW, Watertown, SD

Zoom and Conference Call (see below)

Livestream link <https://www.sd.net/>

This meeting will be held in person, via zoom/conference call, and livestream. To listen to the entire meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m. CT via livestream at <https://www.sd.net/>.

The open forum will begin at 2:00 p.m. CT on July 8th. To provide comments join the meeting in person, via zoom or conference call per the info below. To conduct the open forum as efficiently as possible we ask those wishing to testify to **register by 1:00 pm CT by email to Rachel.comes@state.sd.us. Testifiers should provide their full names, whom they are representing, city of residence, and which proposed topic they will be addressing.**

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

Click on the link below to the join Zoom Meeting. Depending on the application you use you may be required to enter the meeting ID and password. Remember to **enter your display name and mute your microphone**. To help keep background noise and distractions to a minimum, make sure you **mute your microphone and turn off your video** when you are not speaking.

THURSDAY

Zoom Meeting Link <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/95769308727?pwd=dUhKMxJLUWJyRjBEVjQzaWI3QTM3Zz09>
or join via conference call Dial 1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 957 6930 8727 Password: 659611

FRIDAY

Zoom Meeting Link <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/91532067971?pwd=OGcyWVoxa05ZTFp6S0RWTzNaNUJYdz09>
or join via conference call Dial 1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 915 3206 7971 Password: 347517

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

Information Items:

4. Distinguished Service Award
5. Strategic Plan Update
6. Pheasant Hunting Marketing and Season Outlook
7. Hunt for Habitat
8. Nest Predator Bounty Program
9. E-Commerce/Hard Card Update

Public Hearing 2:00 PM CT

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

Open Forum

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

Petitions

10. Spearfishing
11. Mountain Lion Season Restrictions
12. Use of Horses and Tracking Dogs on GFP Lands

Finalizations

13. Furbearer/Trapping
14. Antelope

Proposals

15. Fish Limits
16. Hoop Nets and Setlines
17. Bait Regulations
18. Private Hatchery
19. Tournaments
20. Aquatic Invasive Species
21. Blow Guns
22. Spring Turkey
23. Mountain Lion Hunting Season & Information on Population Status

Division of Parks and Recreation

Information Items:

24. Bush's Landing Ramp Project
25. Expiring Concession Contracts
26. June Parks Events (Fort Sisseton, Trail Trek)
27. Recreational Trails Program Awards
28. Lewis and Clark Recreation Area Fire
29. Revenue, Camping and Visitation Report

Division of Wildlife

Action Items:

30. Disposal GPA Resolution
31. Ducks Unlimited Addition to Renziehausen GPA
32. Ulmer Wilderness GPA addition
33. Elk Raffle License

Information Items:

34. Habitat and Access Plan
35. Elk Management Plan
36. License Sales Update

Solicitation of Agenda Items from Commissioners

Adjourn

Next meeting information: September 1-2, 2021 – Rapid City

**Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
June 3-4, 2021**

Chairman Russell Olson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CT. Commissioners Travis Bies, Jon Locken, Russell Olson, Doug Sharp, Charles Spring, Robert Whitmyre. Public and staff were able to listen via SDPB livestream and participate via video conference, conference call or in person call with approximately 50 total participants via zoom.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

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

Approval of Minutes

Olson called for any additions or corrections to the May 6-7, 2021 regular meeting minutes or a motion for approval.

Motion by Whitmyre with second by Bies TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE May 6-7, 2021 MEETING. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Commissioner Salary Days

Olson called for additional salary days. None were requested.

Budget Adjustments

Chris Petersen, administration division director, detailed the FY2022 operating budget for GFP and outlined necessary budget adjustment to cover increased cost for employee health insurance benefits. He explained the legislative budget process and timeline for FY22 implementation.

Motion by Whitmyre, second by Locken TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OPERATIONS BUDGETS, WILDLIFE CAPITOL DEVELOPMENT BUDGET AND SNOWMOBILE TRAILS BUDGET AS PRESENTED FOR FY2022. Motioned carried unanimously.

Nest Predator Bounty Program

Keith Fisk provided an update on the bounty program

OPEN FORUM

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

Justin Broughton, South Dakota Bowhunters/Pope and Young Club, Sioux Falls, SD, spoke in support of the 4 petitions put forward by SDBI related to elk license allocation, NR fee increases, and tag caps on NR archery deer and antelope seasons.

John Almont Sioux Falls, SD said he would like to discuss in person a better rate for seniors. - Not present or online

Nancy Hilding, 6300 West Elm, Black Hawk, SD 57718 or Prairie Hills Audubon Society, P.O. Box 788, Black Hawk, SD 57718 spoke regarding her concerns wanted to know if meetings will continue to be virtual so she doesn't need to travel to testify. She also noted she could not locate some of the minutes in the website archives.

Chris Burkholder, Gregory, SD wanting to get fishing and hunting license but couldn't obtain because they didn't have a photo id. Have spoken with Commissioner Bies and are inquiring what they can do to legally hunt in SD. Kotilnek followed up to let him know staff will be in contact with them to get the proper alternative documentation.

Rosie Smith, Glacial Lakes Tourism provided a brief update regarding current tourism promotion efforts noting how anxious people are to be out visiting South Dakota.

PETITIONS

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

Archery Elk Licenses

Dana Rogers, petitioner presented his petition to Increase Archery Elk tag allocation to the equivalent percentage of archery first choice applications versus firearms first choice applications. Given review of the historical application vs. tag allocation data and the much lower average success rate, we request a review and change to add an additional 10% of opportunities for archery permits.

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

Motioned by Sharp, Second by Locken TO APOPT RESOLUTION 21-11 (Appendix A) DENYING THE PETION. Motion carried unanimously.

Nonresident Archery Antelope Licenses

Dana Rogers, petitioner presented his petition to Change to an unlimited number of RESIDENT "any antelope" licenses may be issued for this season. Non- Residents can apply for ONE archery antelope permit (150 Maximum). Create a new unit PL1-41 eligible to non-residents, which would be good on private lands only for Any Antelope. No tag limit would be in effect for this unit. No person may apply for a license in PL1-41 without meeting the following conditions: 1) The applicant must have permission from an owner or lessee of private land to hunt antelope on the owner or lessee's property located within the state. 2) The applicant includes the name and telephone number of the owner or lessee of the private property granting the permission.

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

Motioned by Bies, Second by Whitmyre TO APOPT RESOLUTION 21-12 (Appendix B) DENYING THE PETION. Motion carried unanimously.

Nonresident Archery Deer Licenses

Dana Rogers, petitioner presented his petition to make the following changes – Unlimited RESIDENT any Mule Deer Buck/Any Whitetail deer licenses may be issued for units ARD-ST1, ARD-ER1, and ARD-WR1 and unlimited RESIDENT antlerless whitetail deer licenses may be issued for unit ARD-LM1. Non-Residents are eligible to apply for ONE Any Mule Deer Buck/Any Whitetail archery deer permit in unit ARD-ST1 with a license quota of 2,000 non-resident tags issued. These license would be good on public and private lands. The application deadline for this drawing should remain April 1. Create a new unit ARD-PL1 for non-resident archers which would be good on private lands only for Any Deer. No person may apply for a license in ARD-PL1 without meeting the following conditions: 1) The applicant must have permission from an owner or lessee of private land to hunt deer on the owner or lessee's property located within the state. 2) The applicant includes the name and telephone number of the owner or lessee of the private property granting the permission.

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

Motioned by Whitmyre, Second by Spring TO APOPT RESOLUTION 21-13 (Appendix C) DENYING THE PETION. Motion carried unanimously.

Big Game License Fees

Dana Rogers, petitioner presented his petition to change (39) Nonresident deer or antelope one-tag license, \$286; to (39) Nonresident deer or antelope one-tag license, \$435. Stipulate that all big game applicants MUST first purchase a small game license prior to application. (29) Nonresident small game license: (a) Sixteen years of age and older, \$115. (65) Any unit, other than elk, bighorn sheep, or mountain goat, for which no licenses have been allocated for the purpose of acquiring a preference point or any unit where a preference point is awarded for an unsuccessful application for license: (b) Nonresident, \$10. change to \$25

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

Motioned by Locken, Second by Bies TO APOPT RESOLUTION 21-14 (Appendix D) DENYING THE PETION. Motion carried unanimously.

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Lewis and Clark Resort Lease Extension

Scott Simpson, parks and recreation division director, presented a request to extend the lease at Lewis and Clark Resort. The concessionaire is looking to bring 4 bedroom lodges and additional campsites to Lewis and Clark. GFP would provide the 13 acres of land and concessionaire would provide capital of 1.2 Million dollars of investment. In doing this we request an extension to the lease for 9 years to allow the concessionaire to re-coop on his investment. This would be approximately \$10,000 of additional revenue to the department each year. This is a viable concession therefor the department is requesting and extension to this lease at the 5% for 9 years as we are currently receiving \$50,000 - \$60,000 in revenue.

Motioned by Bies, second by Locken TO APPROVE THE REQUEST AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Bush's Landing Ramp Project

Simpson provided an update on the boat ramp at Bush's Landing

Lake Vermillion Recreation Area Campground Expansion Project

Derek Door, park manager, provided a powerpoint explaining the campground expansion project at Lake Vermillion Recreation Area.

Good Earth State Park Programming Update

Jim Henning, park manager, provided an update on the programming provided at Good Earth State Park.

Revenue, Camping and Visitation Report

Al Nedved, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director, provided May's revenue, visitation and camping report. Park use and visitations continues to look strong for 2021 with increases in all three from last year.

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

WDM Plan Update

John Kanta, terrestrials chief and wildlife regional supervisors, provided an update on the wildlife damage management plan.

AIS Field Operations and Communications Update

John Lott, fisheries chief, presented an update on aquatic invasive species field operations and communications.

GPA Disposal Evaluation and Next Steps

Paul Coughlin, program manager, presented information on GPA disposal evaluation and list of property that will be presented at future meetings for commission action.

Ducks Unlimited Addition to Renziehausen GPA

Coughlin provided information on the Ducks Unlimited Addition to Renziehausen GPA consisting of 160 acres in Marshall County that would be donated to GFP. These Parcels that improve public use on and access to existing Department lands; in-holding and round-out parcels that consolidate or connect existing Department lands; and parcels that facilitate more efficient and effective wildlife habitat or recreation management and development activities on existing Department lands

Ulmer Wilderness GPA Addition

Coughlin provided information on the Ulmer Wilderness GPA Addition located 20 miles northwest of Yankton at a cost of \$45,600.

Fall Turkey Hunting Season

Kanta provided information on the fall turkey hunting season.

Bighorn Sheep Auction Tag Summary

Kanta provided information on the bighorn sheep auction tag.

License Sales Update

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

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kevin Robling, Department Secretary

Appendix A
RESOLUTION 21-11

WHEREAS, Dana Rogers of Hill City, South Dakota, submitted a Petition to the Game, Fish and Parks Commission (Commission) dated May 27, 2021, requesting that the Game, Fish and Parks Commission amend ARSD Chapter § 41:06:43:01 (Archery elk hunting season established) – to modify the allocation of licenses available for the archery elk hunting season for the reasons more fully set out in the petition (hereinafter referred to as “the Petition”); and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed and carefully considered the requirements and procedures set out in SDCL §1-26-13 and the contents of the Petition, including the reasons advanced by Petitioner in support of modifying the allocation of licenses available for the archery elk hunting season; and

WHEREAS, increasing archery elk licenses will deviate from the current elk management plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 elk hunting season is already set and the drawing is finished for the 2021 hunting season; and

WHEREAS, archery elk license allocation is a topic be further discussed through the public comment for the revised elk management action plan.

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

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

Appendix B
RESOLUTION 21-12

WHEREAS, Dana Rogers of Hill City, South Dakota, submitted a Petition to the Game, Fish and Parks Commission (Commission) dated May 27, 2021, requesting that the Game, Fish and Parks Commission amend ARSD Chapter § 41:06:24:01 (archery antelope hunting season) – to limit the number of nonresident archery antelope licenses for the reasons more fully set out in the petition (hereinafter referred to as “the Petition”); and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed and carefully considered the requirements and procedures set out in SDCL §1-26-13 and the contents of the Petition, including the reasons advanced by Petitioner in support of limiting the number of nonresident archery licenses; and

WHEREAS, the limitation of licenses may reduce nonresident archery hunter recruitment, retention, and reactivation; and

WHEREAS, the limitation of licenses will reduce nonresident hunter opportunity; and

WHEREAS, allocation of all limited-draw licenses, including antelope, will be a topic of discussion during the evaluation of the current deer license drawing process that will be conducted prior to making applications available for the 2022 hunting limited-draw seasons; and

WHEREAS, the Department will begin accepting applications shortly for resident and nonresident license under the current allocation structure.

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

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

Appendix C
RESOLUTION 21-13

WHEREAS, Dana Rogers of Hill City, South Dakota, submitted a Petition to the Game, Fish and Parks Commission (Commission) dated May 27, 2021, requesting that the Game, Fish and Parks Commission amend ARSD Chapter § 41:06:22:01 (archery deer hunting season established) – to limit the nonresident archery licenses available for the reasons more fully set out in the petition (hereinafter referred to as “the Petition”); and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed and carefully considered the requirements and procedures set out in SDCL §1-26-13 and the contents of the Petition, including the reasons advanced by Petitioner in support of limiting the number of nonresident archery licenses; and

WHEREAS, the limitation of licenses would reduce nonresident archery hunter recruitment, retention, and reactivation; and

WHEREAS, the limitation of licenses will reduce hunter opportunity; and

WHEREAS, allocation of all limited-draw licenses, including nonresident archery, will be a topic of discussion during the evaluation of the current deer license drawing process that will be conducted prior to making applications available for the 2022 deer hunting limited-draw seasons; and

WHEREAS, the Department has already begun processing nonresident archery deer applications under the current allocation structure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission does hereby deny the Petition for the reasons hereinabove stated in this Resolution, which said Resolution

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Appendix D
RESOLUTION 21-14

WHEREAS, Dana Rogers of Hill City, South Dakota, submitted a Petition to the Game, Fish and Parks Commission (Commission) dated May 27, 2021, requesting that the Game, Fish and Parks Commission amend ARSD Chapter § 41:06:02:03 (hunting license fees) – to increase the fee for nonresident licenses for the reasons more fully set out in the petition (hereinafter referred to as “the Petition”); and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed and carefully considered the requirements and procedures set out in SDCL §1-26-13 and the contents of the Petition, including the reasons advanced by the Petitioner in support of increasing the fee for nonresident licenses; and

WHEREAS, the fee increase may reduce nonresident archery hunter recruitment, retention, and reactivation; and

WHEREAS, the legislature recently passed the requirement to obtain a habitat stamp for residents and nonresidents at a fee of \$10 and \$25 respectively; and

WHEREAS, nonresidents already pay a significant amount more for licenses compared to residents; and

WHEREAS, the Department will soon begin accepting applications for the 2021 hunting season under the current pricing structure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission does hereby deny the Petition for the reasons hereinabove stated in this Resolution, which said Resolution

as adopted by the Commission shall constitute the Commission's written denial of the Petition and its reasons therefore.

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2021 RINGNECK OUTLOOK

HUNT THE GREATEST IN SOUTH DAKOTA



SOUTH DAKOTA IS ENJOYING INCREASED PHEASANT ABUNDANCE

The 2020 pheasant season was spectacular in South Dakota, with hunters harvesting over 1.1 million birds. In addition to abundant bird numbers, hunters also enjoyed an extended season open until January 31, 2021 and took advantage of this opportunity harvesting over 27,000 birds in January alone! While 2020 was incredible, 2021 is shaping up to be even better!

MORE HABITAT FOR BIRDS

Habitat is key for enjoying great bird numbers now and for years to come. The Habitat Stamp went into effect July 1, 2020 and GFP has been putting these dollars to work. Habitat projects already completed include high-diversity grass seedings, woody habitat improvements and expanding the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) to provide additional hunting access to more habitat.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OCT. 16 - JAN. 31

TRADITIONAL PHEASANT HUNTING SEASON



9.14

Birds per Hunter

1,108,420

Pheasants Harvested

121,331

Total Hunters

HELP FROM MOTHER NATURE

Favorable weather conditions over the winter months has South Dakotans seeing birds in record numbers. While early season reports are positive, peak pheasant hatch takes place in the middle of June. If Mother Nature continues to be kind through the summer months, expect even more pheasants on the landscape by the start of the season!

2021 RINGNECK OUTLOOK

HUNT THE GREATEST IN SOUTH DAKOTA

CONTROLLING PREDATORS FOR INCREASED NEST SUCCESS

In the last three years, the Nest Predator Bounty Program removed nearly 100,000 nest predators in the pheasant range and the program continued in 2021. Paying \$10 per-tail with a maximum payout of \$500,000, this program encouraged participants to continue trapping at high intensities during the primary nesting season. When predator removal is done in this manner, local duck and pheasant nest success has been positively influenced.

“Because of a mild winter, enhanced efforts on habitat management and intense predator control through the nest predator bounty program if the weather patterns hold, we should expect fantastic bird numbers for the 2021 pheasant season.”

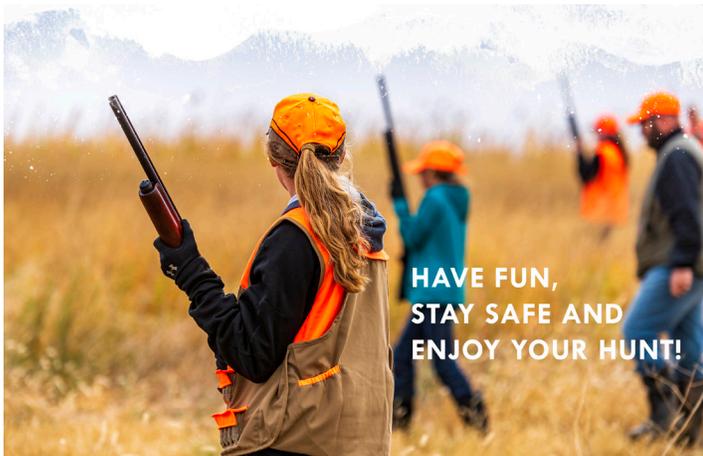
Kevin Robling, GFP Secretary

WHERE TO HUNT



Great pheasant hunting means great hunting land as well. South Dakota has incredible amounts of quality public land across the landscape. On your hunt you'll find Game Production Areas, Walk-in Areas, Waterfowl Production Areas and more. These lands are open to public hunting and ready for hunters

to enjoy. Learn more about the lands in South Dakota at gfp.sd.gov/hunting-areas or pick up your Hunting Atlas at any license agent.



PREMIERE OUTDOOR DESTINATION

- » South Dakota is one of the few places in the world where you can bag the upland bird trifecta - sharp-tailed grouse, greater prairie chicken and pheasant - all on the same hunt!
- » Excellent walleye and panfishing on the Missouri River and in the Glacial Lakes region presents the perfect opportunity to rest your legs and wet some lines!
- » Many state parks offer camping sites, camping and modern cabins and lodge opportunities to complete your outdoor adventure as well as offer fun for the whole family!

PLAN YOUR GREATEST HUNT

Are you planning your hunt in South Dakota? We've got you covered!

Do-It-Yourself Adventure

Are you looking for a DIY adventure, but aren't sure where to start? South Dakota is home to abundant pheasant hunting lands and opportunities. It can be hard to narrow down where you want to go. Check out the pheasant distribution map to see where the primary range is found across South Dakota. You can also learn more about the different types of areas to hunt in South Dakota at travelsouthdakota.com/recreation/hunting/region-breakdowns.

Full-Service Experience

South Dakota is home to numerous hunting lodges and guided hunt opportunities. If you are looking for sure fire action, this could be the type of hunt for you! Learn more about lodges and guided hunts in South Dakota at travelsouthdakota.com/recreation/hunting/lodge-hunt.



Pheasant Distribution

Primary pheasant range is in central and eastern South Dakota, though there are pockets of excellent pheasant hunting in the western part of the state.

Comes, Rachel

From: info@gfp.sd.us
Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 9:50 PM
To: brian_j_pauly@yahoo.com
Cc: Comes, Rachel
Subject: Petition for Rule Change Form

Categories: Commission

South Dakota - Game, Fish, and Parks

Petition for Rule Change

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

ID: 118

Petitioner Name: Brian Pauly

Address: 101 North 7th Avenue
Woonsocket , SD 57385

Email: brian_j_pauly@yahoo.com

Phone: 605-222-7706

Rule Identification: Current Rule: 41:07:06:03. Areas open to spearing of game fish. Game fish, except paddlefish and sturgeon, may only be taken with a spear gun, spear, crossbow, or bow and arrow from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset in the following areas during the dates listed: (1) South Dakota-Nebraska border waters from South Dakota-Nebraska state line downstream, July 1 through December 31; (2) Lake Francis Case and Lake Sharpe, May 1 through March 31; (3) Lake Oahe from Oahe Dam upstream to the North Dakota state line, May 1 through March 31; (4) On the Missouri River from the Nebraska-South Dakota border from the point where the Missouri River is completely in South Dakota upstream to Fort Randall Dam, May 1 through March 31; (5) Shadehill Reservoir, Belle Fourche Reservoir, and Angostura Reservoir, Waubay and Bitter Lakes in Day County, Swan and Dry #2 Lakes in Clark County, Albert, Henry, Thompson, and Whitewood in Kingsbury County, May 1 through March 31; (6) Pactola Reservoir, excluding salmonids, May 1 through March 31; (7) Northern pike and catfish may be taken for noncommercial purposes from all inland waters, except from Lynn, Middle Lynn, and Amsden Lakes in Day County, Lake Sinai and Twin Lake (east of U.S. Highway 81) in Brookings County, Twin Lake (west of U.S. Highway 81) in Kingsbury County, and North Island and South Island Lakes in McCook and Minnehaha Counties, waters closed to fishing under §§ 41:07:01:05 and 41:07:02:01, and from areas of the Missouri River closed to the spearing of game fish, year-round; and (8) Northern pike and catfish may be taken from all South Dakota-Minnesota boundary waters, except the Bois de Sioux River, November 15 through the last Sunday in February. Upon written request, the commission may, by resolution, temporarily open other areas to the public.

Describe Change: Rule change to open all inland waters, including the Missouri River system within SD, to game fish spearing, May 1 - March 31 annually. New rule would allow harvest via spearfishing of all legal game fish species open to angling on the same waters, except sturgeon statewide, paddlefish statewide, musky in current musky fisheries closed to spearing, walleye in managed walleye fisheries where harvest is limited to a single fish daily, and salmonids in the black hills. Except in lakes managed specifically for muskies, pike and catfish could still be open year-round as currently allowed. All border water rules regarding spearing would remain unchanged.

Reason for Change: I would like to thank the GFP and GFP Commission for amending spearfishing rules in 2017 to expand opportunity to harvest all game fish on select inland waters May through March. The rule change was opposed by many anglers with misconceptions about the realities of spearfishing. Many anglers believe spearfishing is easy and will have a negative impact on fish populations. Anyone who has spearfished understands the sport is labor intensive, challenging, and routinely less effective than angling (but unique and enjoyable in its own right). GFP data collected in 2011 and 2017 indicates fishermen targeting game fish via spearfishing account for only 1.1% of all fishermen statewide. Empirical data from GFP research indicates spearfishers have minimal impacts on fish populations and anecdotal data from GFP fisheries

managers indicates conflict between anglers and spearfishers remains low. Motivation for this petition is to expand opportunity to harvest additional game fish species while targeting northern pike through the ice on inland waters. GFP fisheries biologists agree that nearly all darkhouse spearfishers on inland waters are targeting northern pike, even on the select waters open to additional game fish harvest. Other game fish of typical concern (i.e. walleye and perch) do not generally frequent shallow and clear waters during daylight hours, so they are not typically susceptible to spearfishing through the ice. In the summer months, water clarity is typically poor on many inland waters of South Dakota, which naturally limits spearfishing opportunities. The current spearfishing rules already include a stipulation to protect spawning fish by closing the season during the month of April. Game fish spearfishing opportunities were expanded in 2017 for select inland waters. It is my understanding the select waters were opened so GFP could evaluate and monitor whether spearfishing had a negative impact on game fish populations, and whether unmanageable conflict between anglers and spearfishers occurred. In recent conversations with GFP fisheries managers, spearfishers were not responsible for significant declines in game fish populations and did not create unmanageable levels of conflict with anglers on these waters, despite spearfishing pressure being concentrated to select inland waters open for harvest of additional species. One can safely assume opening additional inland waters to spearfishing harvest of additional game fish species would only further reduce harvest impacts and conflicts with anglers by dispersing spearfishers targeting these additional game fish species. Despite the substantial evidence in favor of expanding spearfishing opportunities throughout the state, and despite the fact the GFP Strategic Plan specifically lists "enhancing fishing opportunities" as a priority, GFP has failed to move forward with any rule changes since the initial changes in 2017 to allow for additional game fish species to be harvested via spearfishing on more inland waters. The GFP and GFP Commission prides themselves on using data and science to guide decisions. I encourage your careful consideration of this petition and urge you to use data and science to guide this decision. If the rule moves forward as proposed, you will likely receive more opposition than support from the public. Most obviously, this will stem from the fact already discussed that anglers outnumber spearfishers 99 to 1. The negative feedback will be largely based on the misconceptions that spearfishing is easy, and overharvest will occur. The data and science say otherwise, and likely suggests angling by-catch, even catch-and-release angling, causes more fish mortality annually than spearfishing. I believe this rule change would be palatable to all user groups if they knew the realities of spearfishing, which may represent a GFP communication and outreach opportunity. Thank you for your consideration of this change, which would simplify the rules and expand opportunity for all licensed fishermen in South Dakota. Sincerely, Brian Pauly Woonsocket, South Dakota

Comes, Rachel

Subject: FW: [EXT] Petition rule change

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From: sdmuleskinners@aol.com

Date: Jun 28, 2021 9:02 PM

Subject: [EXT] Petition rule change

To: "Kanta, John" <John.Kanta@state.sd.us>

Cc: "Kirschenmann, Tom" <Tom.Kirschenmann@state.sd.us>,sdmuleskinners@aol.com,"Haffley, Trenton (GFP)" <Trenton.Haffley@state.sd.us>

Hello Tom & John

South Dakota Houndsmen would like to petition the Commission for a Rule Change.

How can the Dept help with the Wording.

this is what we have so far.

thanks for any help

Brad Tisdall (Pres. SDHA)

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41:06:61:06. Application requirements -- License and season restrictions -- Special conditions -- Carcass check-in procedures. The following requirements, restrictions, special conditions, and procedures apply to all applications for license and to all licenses issued under this chapter:

- (1) Only residents of the state may apply for a license;
- (2) No person may harvest more than one mountain lion in a season;
- (3) No person may harvest or attempt to harvest a mountain lion with a spotted coat (kitten) or any mountain lion accompanying another mountain lion;
- (4) No person may hunt mountain lions with the aid of traps or bait;
- (5) The use of dogs to hunt mountain lions is only allowed during those specified hunting intervals in Custer State Park that allow the use of dogs and year-round outside of the Black Hills Fire Protection District on private land with the permission of the landowner or lessee. However, a pursuit of a mountain lion by dogs that originates on private land may cross over or culminate on property owned by the Office of School and Public Lands or the United States Bureau of Land Management (to also include all property owned by the Department of Game Fish & Parks and also the land commonly known as Grasslands Managed By the Forest Service) other than the Fort Meade Recreation Area;
- (6) No person may release dogs on tracks indicating multiple mountain lions traveling together;

(7) In Custer State Park, a person using dogs shall attempt to harvest the first legal mountain lion the person has a reasonable opportunity to harvest, except under the condition in which the lion pursued shows obvious signs of lactation;

(8) Licensed hunters must accompany the dog handler when the dogs are released and must continuously participate in the hunt thereafter until the hunt is completed;

(9) A person may use any firearm, muzzleloader, or bow and arrow established by statute or administrative rule as legal implements for the taking of deer;

(10) Wind Cave National Park, Jewel Cave National Park, and Mount Rushmore National Memorial are closed to mountain lion hunting; and
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(11) All mountain lions harvested must be presented to a department representative within 24 hours of harvest for inspection.

Source: 32 SDR 45, effective September 20, 2005; 33 SDR 1, effective July 18, 2006; 34 SDR 67, effective September 10, 2007; 37 SDR 112, effective December 8, 2010; 38 SDR 101, effective December 5, 2011; 39 SDR 100, effective December 3, 2012; 41 SDR 126, effective March 2, 2015; 46 SDR 116, effective April 29, 2020.

General Authority: SDCL [41-2-18\(1\)\(2\)\(14\)\(17\)](#), [41-8-15\(1\)](#).

Law Implemented: SDCL [41-2-18\(1\)\(2\)\(14\)\(17\)](#), [41-8-15\(1\)](#).

Cross-References:

Hunting guide activities barred from certain state-owned or state-managed areas - Violations, SDCL [41-4-13](#).

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Comes, Rachel

From: info@gfp.sd.us
Sent: Sunday, June 27, 2021 8:35 PM
To: ntdykstra@midstatesd.net
Cc: Comes, Rachel
Subject: Petition for Rule Change Form

Categories: Commission

South Dakota - Game, Fish, and Parks

Petition for Rule Change

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

ID: 119

Petitioner Name: Norvil Dykstra

Address: 26360 379th Ave
Stickney, SD 57375

Email: ntdykstra@midstatesd.net

Phone: 605-680-2226

Rule Identification:

Describe Change: To be able to run tracking dogs on GFP land including GFP land adjacent to the Missouri river. Also, for horse traffic to follow tracking dogs.

Reason for Change: I can get permission to run tracking dogs on cats on private ground but when they cross over to GFP land, we can longer track them. Why can bird hunters use dogs to hunt and retrieve birds but cat hunters cannot use dogs? We have a cat issue along the Missouri River that needs to be addressed.

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

Beaver Trapping and Hunting Season Chapter 41:08:01

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2021 and 2022 hunting/trapping seasons

| Season Dates: | Area: |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Year-round | Statewide, except that portion of the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west SD Highway 79. |
| November 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022 | Portions of the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west of SD Highway 79 that are not owned by the US Forest Service. |
| January 1 – March 31, 2022 | US Forest Service land in the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west of SD Highway 79. |

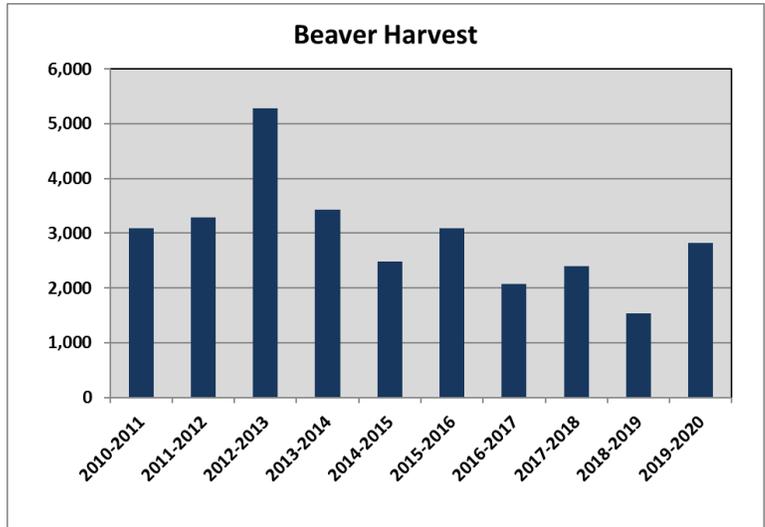
Proposed changes from last year: Modify the season dates in counties east of the Missouri River to align with western South Dakota (i.e. year-round).

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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



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

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

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

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

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

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

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

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

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

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2021 season

Requirements and Restrictions:

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

Proposed changes from last year: Maintain a harvest limit of 15 river otters but if 15 river otters are harvested on or before November 10, 2021, then an additional 5 river otters would be added to the harvest limit for the remainder of the season (i.e. harvest limit of 20 total river otters).

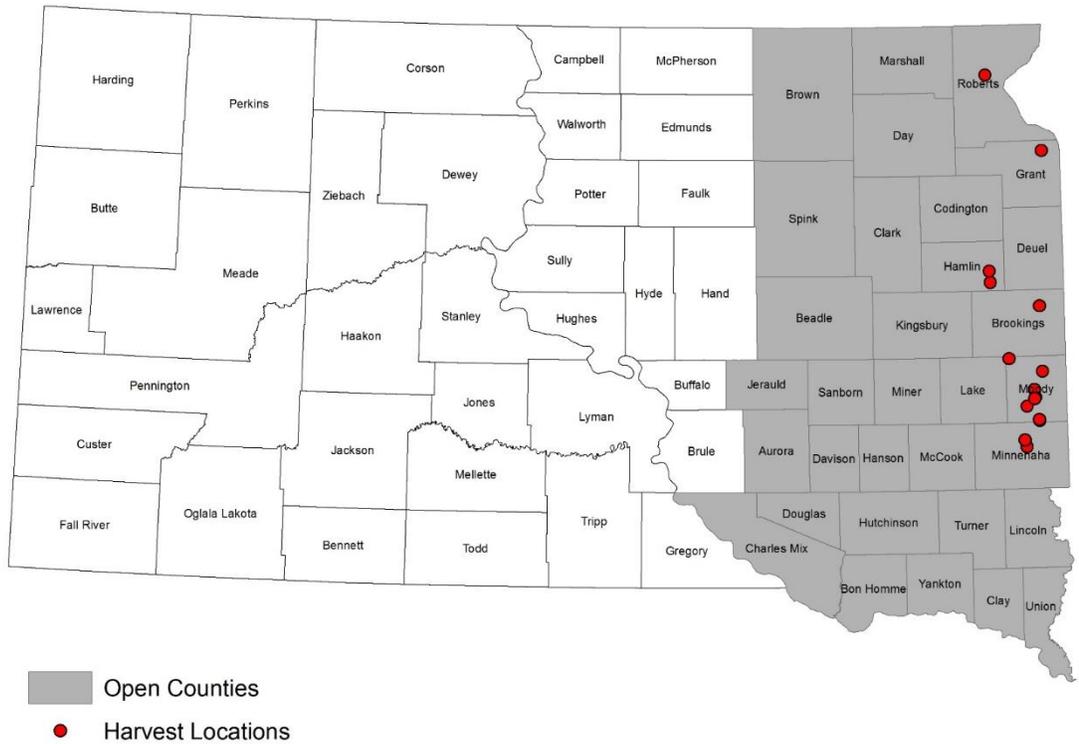
DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: Modify the harvest limit to 20 river otters for the season (November 1 – December 31, 2021).

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The inaugural river otter season ended with the harvest limit of 15 (9 males and 6 females) being reached on November 6, 2020. Harvest by county included the following: Moody (8), Hamlin (2), Minnehaha (2), and one each from Brookings, Grant, and Roberts counties. The Department will continue to monitor harvest trends and other population information.

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RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

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

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

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

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

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

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

**Trapping Prohibitions
Chapter 41:08:02**

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Current Rule:

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

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

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

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

Proposed changes from last year:

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

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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

Change #2: Simple date correction.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

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

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

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

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

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

**Antelope Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:23**

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

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2021 hunting season

Season Dates: October 2-17, 2021

Open Area: See the attached map

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

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference.
2. In addition to the regular licenses listed above, 50 resident and 50 nonresident “any antelope” licenses are available through the “Special Antelope” application.
3. Landowners not possessing a license that allows the harvest of a buck may purchase an “any antelope” or a two-tag “any antelope” + “doe/fawn antelope” license that is valid on their property only.

Recommended changes from last year:

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

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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

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The proposed change that includes resident and nonresident special antelope licenses is the result of a petition. The GFP Commission accepted the petition as a recommended change and is now accepting public comment.

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

*Includes Landowner-Own-Land licenses.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue – Not applicable
2. Historical Considerations – Unlike the deer seasons where there is an allocation of Special Buck licenses for the West and East River deer hunting seasons that are valid on private land only, this option is currently not available for the firearm antelope hunting season. There have been discussions in the past few years, both internally as a Department during the last management plan revision and from stakeholders, regarding this concept. Accepting the petition as a Commission proposal will provide an opportunity to obtain public comment on this license concept.
3. Biological Considerations – Not applicable
4. Social Considerations – Would provide another license opportunity for both resident and nonresident applicants. These additional licenses will not impact the regular antelope season license availability at this level. These licenses valid on private land only, would not add to the hunting pressure on public lands. Like special buck deer licenses, the demand for such licenses could increase in time, thus potentially increasing the commercialization of antelope hunting in South Dakota. This allocation of special antelope license will be increasing resident opportunities by 1% (4,715 to 4,765), compared to 35% (142 to 192) for nonresidents. With potential increases to the special antelope licenses in the future, it is likely that regular antelope season licenses would be decreased.
5. Financial considerations – Not applicable

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

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

FISCAL IMPACT

Minimal positive fiscal impact from petition. Using current license fees for special buck deer licenses of \$175 for residents and \$560 for nonresidents, the issuance of 50 resident and 50 nonresident licenses would equate to a revenue of \$36,750.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

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

**GENERAL PROVISIONS Chapter 41:07:01
FISH LIMITS Chapter 41:07:03
HOOP NETS AND SETLINES Chapter 41:07:08**

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| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | July 8 – 9, 2021 | Virtual |
| | Public Hearing | September 1, 2021 | Virtual |
| | Finalization | September 1 – 2, 2021 | Virtual |

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

1. Change catfish regulations on Iowa/SD border waters to allow 10 channel catfish daily, 5 flathead catfish daily with allowance for, at most, one flathead catfish 30 inches or longer in length as part of the daily limit and one blue catfish daily.
2. Standardize gear types in inland waters of the Missouri River, western tributaries, Angostura Reservoir, Belle Fourche Reservoir and Shadehill Reservoir allowing hoop nets, traps, setlines and floatlines (add definition to general provisions chapter) to be used to target catfish and rough fish according to regulations.
3. Change title of chapter 41:07:08 to Hoop nets, traps and setlines.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. The Commission was petitioned in 2020 to change harvest restrictions for flathead catfish, such that, at most, one flathead catfish 28 inches or longer could be harvested daily, as part of the daily limit, statewide. To standardize South Dakota statewide regulations with Nebraska border water regulations, staff recommended changing the original petitioned change of one flathead catfish over 28 inches or longer as part of the daily limit to one flathead catfish over 30 inches or longer as part of the daily limit. This regulation change was finalized in 2020.

As part of the initial changes, it was desired to standardize regulations on the Nebraska and Iowa border waters with South Dakota to allow for the harvest of one flathead catfish 30 inches or longer as part of the daily limit. Since that time, Iowa has been attempting to change their border water regulation on the Big Sioux River. That is likely going to occur this year. To match the Iowa border water change, this change is also needed in South Dakota.

2. Currently, with proper permitting, setlines are allowed on inland waters of the Missouri River, western tributaries, Angostura Reservoir, Belle Fourche Reservoir and Shadehill Reservoir. Hoop nets and trap nets are allowed on inland waters of the Missouri River only. There is low use of all three gear types annually. Game, Fish and Parks has been contacted by anglers desiring to use hoop nets and traps on western tributaries of the Missouri River. With the low use of these license types, staff believe there will not be many user conflicts associated with the addition of hoop nets and traps to this area. To standardize, it is suggested to allow hoop nets, traps and setlines on inland waters of the Missouri River, western tributaries, Angostura Reservoir, Belle Fourche Reservoir and Shadehill Reservoir.

Floatlines are a commonly used gear for catfish in many states. Catfish anglers utilize commercially sold floatlines or make their own out of pool noodles or plastic two-liter soda bottles. Floats along with a length of line are thrown out into the water and monitored for fish that may bite the bait. Fish are then retrieved from the floatlines.

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

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Annually, staff receive multiple inquiries into the legalities of use of floatlines and desire to utilize floatlines in South Dakota. Currently there is not a specific floatline rule in place. Adding the use of floatlines would allow another option for anglers targeting channel catfish in central and western South Dakota, where they are abundant and underutilized. Crafting rules so that floatlines fall under the same rule set as setlines would ensure little by-catch of sportfish. Floatlines would have to be attended, as with rod and reel. Use of whole baitfish would not be allowed. Floatlines would only be allowed in inland waters of the Missouri River, western tributaries, Angostura Reservoir, Belle Fourche Reservoir and Shadehill Reservoir. Allowance for 10 floatlines per person would allow for the use of 10 hooks by one individual. For comparison, an angler can get 6 setline licenses that allow 20 hooks each for a maximum of 120 hooks per licensed angler.

3. Changes to chapter title would better reflect chapter contents.

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, standardization of hoop nets, traps, setlines and the addition of floatlines for use in inland waters of the Missouri River, western tributaries, Angostura Reservoir, Belle Fourche Reservoir and Shadehill Reservoir will increase opportunity for the limited number of anglers targeting channel catfish in central and western South Dakota.

3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists?

Negligible impact

4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors?

Yes, for those looking to utilize hoop nets, traps and floatlines for take of catfish, this would enhance the quality of life.

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

**BAIT Chapter 41:09:04
PRIVATE FISH HATCHERIES Chapter 41:09:07
FISHING TOURNAMENTS Chapter 41:09:15**

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| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | July 8 – 9, 2021 | Virtual |
| | Public Hearing | September 1, 2021 | Virtual |
| | Finalization | September 1 – 2, 2021 | Virtual |

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

1. Remove requirement for monthly and annual reporting by licensed retail bait dealers.
2. Remove size restrictions on trap entrance size and mesh size restriction for noncommercial bait seines, nets, and traps.
3. Eliminate annual fish health and AIS inspection requirement for private hatcheries.
4. Change the definition of fishing tournaments so that youth events with participants under the age of 18 (currently 17) would not be considered a tournament.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. Currently retail bait license holders must keep monthly reports on bait sold and submit an annual report. Most retail bait dealers report the same amount of bait sold as purchased from wholesale bait dealers. This information is reflected in wholesale bait dealer reporting, so it is not needed from retail bait dealers as well.
2. Staff have fielded a number of inquiries into trap dimensions for noncommercial take of crayfish. There are commercially made traps that have dimensions outside those that are legal for use in South Dakota. Currently, both commercial and noncommercial trap dimensions are the same and in place to limit catch of game fish. By switching noncommercial trap dimensions, it would allow anglers to utilize commercially made traps. The smaller number of traps ran and fish caught while trapping for noncommercial use allows for easy sorting and returning of game fish to the water.
3. The vast majority of sales from private hatcheries in South Dakota are delivered to other states. With little risk to South Dakota combined with importing states requiring their own inspections, there is no need to require private hatcheries to do annual fish health and AIS inspections. This would save the private hatcheries costs associated with inspections.
4. The current fishing tournament rules state that “Junior fishing clinics or achievement contests for youths under age 17 are not considered to be fishing tournaments but are subject to special event requirements”. Due to changes in youth hunting and fishing laws, this should be changed to “...youths under age 18”.

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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?

Removing size restrictions on crayfish traps will remove a barrier to participation for those that desire to utilize specific, commercially produced traps.

3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists?

Negligible impact

4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors?

Negligible impact

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

**AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES
Chapter 41:10:04**

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| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | July 8 – 9, 2021 | Virtual |
| | Public Hearing | September 1, 2021 | Virtual |
| | Finalization | September 1 – 2, 2021 | Virtual |

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

The following changes to Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) administrative rules are recommended:

1. Create an exemption to the prohibition on possessing and transporting AIS for a shoreline property owner to transport aquatic invasive species for disposal, in a manner that minimizes possible introduction to new waters.
2. Create an exemption to prohibitions for launching a boat, dock, or boat lift into waters within the state that is not clean, drained, and dried or that is not cleaned, drained, and dried, following removal from waters for:
 - a. An owner or agent of the owner of a boat, dock, or boat lift with dreissenid mussels attached that is subsequently launched directly into the infested water from which it was removed, if the boat, dock, or boat lift was stored on the riparian property of the owner or at a marina business property, prior to launch.
 - b. An owner or agent of the owner of a boat with a shooting or observational blind constructed of aquatic macrophytes cut above the water line, attached to or in boat.
3. Repeal current administrative rules requiring decontamination of boats that have used infested waters and were in the water for three or more days or have one gallon or more of water remaining after draining.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. Codified law contains prohibitions on possessing and transporting AIS. Providing an exemption to this statute for lakeshore or riparian property owners removing AIS plants or mussels from the beach or stream bank in front of their residence allows them to continue this practice without being in violation of this statute. Requiring disposal in a location that minimizes likelihood of introduction to new waters limits the risk associated with the exemption.
2.
 - a. Zebra mussels are expected to spread to new waters throughout South Dakota. The incidence of adult mussels on day-use watercraft on infested lakes is low. Conveyances, including boat docks, lifts and watercraft stored in marinas or at private boat docks, on infested waters, are the most likely to have adult zebra mussels attached when they are pulled from the water. Conveyances owned by lakeshore property owners and watercraft stored at marinas are typically launched into the same water in the spring from which they were removed the previous fall, minimizing the risk of introducing mussels to new waters. The addition of an exemption to clean, drain, and dry requirements upon removal and for launching these conveyances directly back into the water from which removed the next spring, removes a regulatory burden without increasing the risk of new introductions of AIS.
 - b. Waterfowl hunters routinely use emergent aquatic vegetation to camouflage their watercraft or blinds used for waterfowl hunting. Having vegetation attached to these conveyances is in violation of launching, removal, and transportation restrictions for aquatic vegetation associated with cleaning, draining, and drying boats. Exempting owners of duck boats and blinds from current prohibitions allows this common practice of using vegetation as camouflage for hunting to continue. Requiring the cutting of vegetation above the water line means rhizomes or roots, which are often the source of spread, are not being transported.

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

3. Current administrative rules require boats using an infested water that retain a gallon or more of water after all plugs have been removed, drains opened, and pumps run or that have been stored for three or more days in an infested water to be decontaminated before a subsequent launch. These rules are aimed at reducing transport and introduction of veligers and newly attached, juvenile mussels, called settlers, to new waters. With the increase in the number of zebra-mussel-infested waters, the number of boats that would require a full decontamination before their next launch, and the available infrastructure to perform decontaminations, the public cannot realistically comply with these decontamination requirements.

While transport of any water by boats among waters has the potential to introduce AIS to new locations, a recent study (2018) demonstrated survival of veligers is water remaining in ballast tanks is lower than previously believed. During the study, over 95% of zebra mussel veligers remaining in watercraft ballast tanks died within 48 hours. Settlers are very susceptible to desiccation, meaning mortality of settlers on external watercraft surface is high during summer temperatures.

It is currently believed that new infestations of zebra mussels are largely due to adult mussel transport between waters. Therefore, focusing regulatory efforts on boats being clean, drained, and dried, with no adult mussels attached, is the best approach to reduce the spread of mussels and other AIS to new waters. With the volume of watercraft using infested waters increasing, cleaning, draining and drying, including draining ballast tanks of as much water as possible by running pumps, is the best approach to reducing the spread of zebra mussels and other AIS.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not Applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R#) 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. There is no change in opportunity.

3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists?

There is no impact other than the likelihood of fewer waters being infested with AIS in the future.

4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors?

Yes. Reducing the spread of AIS will positively contribute to the quality of water-based recreation in the future.

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

FISHING SEASONS AND METHODS 41:07

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| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | July 8 – 9, 2021 | Virtual |
| | Public Hearing | September 1, 2021 | Virtual |
| | Finalization | September 1 – 2, 2021 | Virtual |

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

1. Allow use of blowguns as a legal method of take for fish. (PETITION)

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. A petition was approved by the commission at the May meeting to allow for the taking of fish with a blowgun.

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, use of a blow gun to take fish would be an additional method of take for anglers that is not currently available.

3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists?

Negligible impact

4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors?

Yes, for those interested in utilizing a blow gun to take fish.

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:13

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| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | July 8-9, 2021 | Watertown |
| | Public Hearing | September 1, 2021 | Rapid City |
| | Finalization | September 1-2, 2021 | Rapid City |

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Proposal: 2022 season

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| Season Dates: | April 2 – May 31, 2022 | Archery |
| | April 9 – May 31, 2022 | Black Hills and single-season Prairie units |
| | April 9 – April 30, 2022 | Split-season early Prairie units |
| | May 1 – May 31, 2022 | Split-season late Prairie units |

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| Licenses: | Black Hills: Unlimited resident and nonresident one-tag “male turkey” licenses |
| | Prairie: 5,797 resident and 246 nonresident one-tag “male turkey” licenses 600 resident and 48 nonresident two-tag “male turkey” licenses |
| | Archery: Unlimited resident and nonresident one-tag “male turkey” licenses |

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| Access Permits: | Access permits valid April 3-30 |
| | Good Earth State Park: 5 archery turkey access permits |
| | Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve: 30 archery turkey access permits |
| | Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve: 20 mentored turkey access permits |

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Turkey hunters may apply for and receive one license in each of the Black Hills, Prairie and Archery Units in the first and second lottery drawings.
2. Turkey hunters may purchase only one Black Hills and one archery turkey license.
3. One-half of the licenses in each prairie unit are available for landowner/operator preference.
4. Prairie units adjoining the White River and Cheyenne River also include an adjacent area one mile wide on the opposite side of the river.
5. No person may shoot a turkey in a tree or roost.
6. A person may use only bow and arrow, a shotgun using shot shells or a muzzleloading shotgun to hunt turkeys during the spring turkey season.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Eliminate Unit BST-BH2, which is the second license currently available for residents within the Black Hills Fire Protection District for the month of May.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Following the guidance of the wild turkey action plan, trend data would indicate below the threshold for the “Increase” objective and the reduced hunter success for the past two seasons indicates a management category which restricts users to a single beaded turkey license and one license per person.

In 2021, 367 resident hunters purchased two licenses for the Black Hills spring turkey season. Reported success for Unit BSST-BH2 for those hunters who purchased two licenses was 23%, or a harvest of 84 male turkeys.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue – Surrogate abundance estimate and reduced hunter success are below threshold.
2. Historical Considerations – Not Applicable
3. Biological Considerations – Following the guidance of decision support table within the current wild turkey action plan.
4. Social Considerations – None.
5. Financial considerations – Minimal; see below.

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RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

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

FISCAL IMPACT

Minimal fiscal impact to the Department. Using 2021 spring license sales data, if this license was not available, 367 licenses with a license fee of \$19 would equate to a revenue loss of approximately \$7,000.

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Mountain Lion Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:61; 41:06:02

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| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | July 8-9, 2021 | Watertown |
| | Public Hearing | September 1, 2021 | Rapid City |
| | Finalization | September 1-2, 2021 | Rapid City |

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 seasons

Open Area: Statewide

Season Dates: Black Hills: December 26, 2021 – April 30, 2022
December 26, 2022 – April 30, 2023

Prairie: Year-round

Licenses: Residents: Unlimited licenses

Harvest Limit: Black Hills Fire Protection District: 60 mountain lions or 40 female mountain lions (includes Custer State Park)

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. May harvest no more than one (1) mountain lion in a season.
2. No person may hunt mountain lions with the aid of traps or bait. The use of dogs is allowed in Custer State Park during specified hunting intervals.
3. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
4. No mountain lion with a spotted coat (kitten) and no mountain lion accompanying another mountain lion may be harvested.
5. A person may use an electronic call to hunt mountain lions.
6. All firearms, muzzleloaders, and archery equipment must meet the same minimum requirements as established in rules for deer hunting.
7. The Game, Fish, and Parks Commission, by resolution, may authorize the mountain lion season to extend beyond April 30.
8. The use of dogs to hunt mountain lions is only allowed during those specified hunting intervals in Custer State Park that allow for the use of dogs and outside of the Black Hills Fire Protection District on private land with permission of the landowner or lessee. However, a pursuit of a mountain lion by dogs that originates on private land may cross over or culminate on any public lands where unleashed dogs are permitted.
9. In Custer State Park, a person using dogs shall attempt to harvest the first legal mountain lion they have a reasonable opportunity to harvest, except under the condition where the lion pursued shows obvious signs of lactation.
10. Licensed hunters must accompany the dog handler when the dogs are released and must continuously participate in the hunt thereafter until the hunt is completed.
11. Custer State Park is closed to mountain lion hunting except for 75 mountain lion licensees who possess a valid mountain lion license and a temporary access permit structured to include:
 - (a) Four hunting intervals each having 15 access permits in which hunting with dogs is not allowed.
 - (b) Five hunting intervals each having three access permits in which hunting with dogs is allowed.
 - (c) Hunting in Custer State Park shall begin with an interval that allows the use of dogs and rotate every 14 days with an interval that does not allow the use of dogs until the lion

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season closes in the Black Hills Fire Protection District. The temporary access permits are issued free-of-cost and may be issued by a random drawing.

12. All mountain lions harvested within the Black Hills must be presented to a department representative at the Rapid City Regional Office or Custer State Park Headquarters within 24 hours of harvest for inspection and pelt tagging. Any person who harvests a mountain lion outside of the Black Hills region must present the mountain lion to a department representative within 24 hours of harvest.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Rule cleanup: The mountain lion hunting season in the Black Hills Fire Protection District is open December 26 through April 30, provided that the department shall close the mountain lion hunting season in the Black Hills Fire Protection District if the harvest limit for that area is reached prior to ~~March 31~~ April 30.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

| Year | Licenses Sold * | Season Dates | BLACK HILLS HARVEST | | | PRAIRIE HARVEST | Harvest Limit | Limit Reached | Season Length(days) |
|---------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|---------|-------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| | | | Males | Females | Total | | | | |
| 2005/06 | 2,588 | Oct. 1 - Dec. 15 | 6 | 7 | 13 | 1 | 25 or 5 females | Female | 24 |
| 2006/07 | 3,295 | Nov. 1 - Dec. 31 | 7 | 8 | 15 | 1 | 25 or 8 females | Female | 19 |
| 2007/08 | 4,070 | Nov. 1 - Dec. 31 | 2 | 15 | 17 | 2 | 35 or 15 females | Female | 23 |
| 2008/09 | 2,335 | Jan. 1 - Mar. 31 | 11 | 15 | 26 | 2 | 35 or 15 females | Female | 45 |
| 2009/10 | 2,274 | Jan. 1 - Mar. 31 | 16 | 24 | 40 | 3 | 40 or 25 females | Total | 41 |
| 2010/11 | 2,591 | Jan. 1 - Mar. 31 | 20 | 27 | 47 | 5 | 45 or 30 females | Total | 52 |
| 2011/12 | 3,720 | Jan. 1 - Mar. 31 | 27 | 46 | 73 | 2 | 70 or 50 females | Total | 61 |
| 2012/13 | 4,637 | Dec. 26-Mar. 31 | 26 | 35 | 61 | 6 | 100 or 70 females | Date | 96 |
| 2013/14 | 3,856 | Dec. 26-Mar. 31 | 22 | 31 | 53 | 4 | 75 or 50 females | Date | 96 |
| 2014/15 | 3,767 | Dec. 26-Mar. 31 | 21 | 22 | 43 | 5 | 75 or 50 females | Date | 96 |
| 2015/16 | 3,681 | Dec. 26-Mar. 31 | 16 | 25 | 41 | 8 | 60 or 40 females | Date | 97 |
| 2016/17 | 3,067 | Dec. 26-Mar. 31 | 14 | 16 | 30 | 5 | 60 or 40 females | Date | 96 |
| 2017/18 | 3,384 | Dec. 26-Mar. 31 | 12 | 19 | 31 | 11 | 60 or 40 females | Date | 96 |
| 2018/19 | 3,373 | Dec. 26-Mar. 31 | 13 | 8 | 21 | 10 | 60 or 40 females | Date | 96 |
| 2019/20 | 3,483 | Dec. 26-Apr. 30 | 24 | 27 | 51 | 14 | 60 or 40 females | Date | 127 |
| 2020/21 | 3,779 | Dec. 26-Apr. 30 | 23 | 25 | 48 | 10 | 60 or 40 females | Date | 126 |

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2021-22 Custer State Park Mountain Lion Hunting Season Interval Schedule

DECEMBER

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

JANUARY

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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MARCH

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Five (5) hunting intervals with 3 access permits (dog hunting allowed).

Four (4) hunting intervals with 15 access permits (no dog hunting allowed).

2020-21 Custer State Park Mountain Lion Hunting Season Interval Schedule

DECEMBER

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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JANUARY

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MARCH

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Five (5) hunting intervals with 3 access permits (dog hunting allowed).

Four (4) hunting intervals with 15 access permits (no dog hunting allowed).

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

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

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

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

FISCAL IMPACT

No impact.

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**Division of Parks and Recreation
June YTD 2021 Camping by District**

| <i>LOCATION</i> | <i>2020</i> | <i>2021</i> | <i>%</i> | <i>LOCATION</i> | <i>2020</i> | <i>2021</i> | <i>%</i> |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| Pickereel Lake | 2,389 | 2,384 | 0% | Lewis & Clark | 18,548 | 18,363 | -1% |
| Fort Sisseton | 488 | 764 | 57% | Chief White Crane | 5,633 | 5,793 | 3% |
| Roy Lake | 2,767 | 3,393 | 23% | Pierson Ranch | 2,176 | 2,137 | -2% |
| Sica Hollow | 179 | 88 | -51% | Springfield | 558 | 614 | 10% |
| DISTRICT 1 | 5,823 | 6,629 | 14% | Sand Creek | 45 | 34 | -24% |
| Richmond Lake | 713 | 756 | 6% | Tabor | 14 | 22 | 57% |
| Mina Lake | 1,278 | 1,546 | 21% | DISTRICT 9 | 26,974 | 26,963 | 0% |
| Fisher Grove | 461 | 506 | 10% | North Point | 4,420 | 4,323 | -2% |
| Amsden | 54 | 132 | 144% | North Wheeler | 542 | 659 | 22% |
| Lake Louise | 1,022 | 894 | -13% | Pease Creek | 747 | 907 | 21% |
| DISTRICT 2 | 3,528 | 3,834 | 9% | Randall Creek | 694 | 3,365 | 385% |
| Pelican Lake | 2,514 | 2,887 | 15% | South Shore | 327 | 175 | -46% |
| Sandy Shore | 594 | 633 | 7% | South Scalp | 25 | 37 | 48% |
| Lake Cochrane | 903 | 828 | -8% | Whetstone | 429 | 382 | -11% |
| Hartford Beach | 2,975 | 2,667 | -10% | White Swan | 186 | 103 | -45% |
| DISTRICT 3 | 6,986 | 7,015 | 0% | DISTRICT 10 | 7,370 | 9,951 | 35% |
| Oakwood Lakes | 4,025 | 3,914 | -3% | Farm Island | 3,189 | 3,582 | 12% |
| Lake Poinsett | 3,537 | 3,896 | 10% | West Bend | 4,191 | 4,417 | 5% |
| Lake Thompson | 2,810 | 3,312 | 18% | DISTRICT 11 | 7,380 | 7,999 | 8% |
| DISTRICT 4 | 10,372 | 11,122 | 7% | Oahe Downstream | 5,583 | 6,378 | 14% |
| Lake Herman | 2,101 | 2,724 | 30% | Cow Creek | 1,404 | 1,708 | 22% |
| Walker's Point | 1,300 | 1,322 | 2% | Okobojo | 1,001 | 922 | -8% |
| Lake Carthage | 567 | 511 | -10% | Spring Creek | 259 | 401 | 55% |
| DISTRICT 5 | 3,968 | 4,557 | 15% | DISTRICT 12 | 8,247 | 9,409 | 14% |
| Snake Creek | 4,342 | 4,416 | 2% | West Whitlock | 2,293 | 2,659 | 16% |
| Platte Creek | 991 | 963 | -3% | East Whitlock | 59 | 61 | 3% |
| Buryanek | 1,332 | 1,487 | 12% | Swan Creek | 603 | 602 | 0% |
| Burke Lake | 42 | 41 | -2% | Indian Creek | 3,813 | 4,064 | 7% |
| DISTRICT 6 | 6,707 | 6,907 | 3% | Lake Hiddenwood | - | - | |
| Palisades | 2,372 | 2,201 | -7% | Walth Bay | 26 | 7 | -73% |
| Big Sioux | 2,467 | 3,140 | 27% | West Pollock | 822 | 753 | -8% |
| Lake Vermillion | 4,173 | 5,020 | 20% | DISTRICT 13 | 7,616 | 8,146 | 7% |
| DISTRICT 7 | 9,012 | 10,361 | 15% | Bear Butte | 414 | 452 | 9% |
| Newton Hills | 4,558 | 4,756 | 4% | DISTRICT 14 | 414 | 452 | 9% |
| Good Earth | - | - | | Shadehill | 2,374 | 2,765 | 16% |
| Union Grove | 705 | 701 | -1% | Llewellyn Johns | 167 | 226 | 35% |
| DISTRICT 8 | 5,263 | 5,457 | 4% | Rocky Point | 2,969 | 3,141 | 6% |
| | | | | DISTRICT 15 | 5,510 | 6,132 | 11% |
| | | | | Custer | 18,617 | 20,565 | 10% |
| | | | | DISTRICT 16 | 18,617 | 20,565 | 10% |
| | | | | Angostura | 8,476 | 8,838 | 4% |
| | | | | Sheps Canyon | 948 | 963 | 2% |
| | | | | DISTRICT 17 | 9,424 | 9,801 | 4% |
| | | | | TOTAL YTD | 143,211 | 155,300 | 8% |
| | | | | TOTAL for Month | 79,431 | 87,961 | 11% |

| Division of Parks and Recreation | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| June Revenue by Item | | | | | |
| | 2020 | | 2021 | | % |
| | Number | Dollar | Number | Dollar | Change |
| Annual | 18,268 | \$ 657,636 | 17,352 | \$ 624,671 | -5% |
| 2nd Annual | 3,687 | \$ 66,358 | 3,541 | \$ 63,739 | -4% |
| Combo | 8,118 | \$ 438,356 | 8,802 | \$ 475,282 | 8% |
| Transferable | 497 | \$ 39,732 | 606 | \$ 48,470 | 22% |
| Daily License | 29,337 | \$ 234,696 | 25,098 | \$ 200,783 | -14% |
| Unattended Vehicle Daily | 594 | \$ 8,916 | 369 | \$ 5,539 | -38% |
| GSM Annual Trail Pass | 1,490 | \$ 22,350 | 1,121 | \$ 16,815 | -25% |
| GSM Daily Trail Pass | 2,661 | \$ 10,644 | 3,377 | \$ 13,508 | 27% |
| Motorcoach Permit | 15 | \$ 45 | 2,020 | \$ 6,060 | 13367% |
| CSP 7 Day Pass | 27,792 | \$ 555,833 | 50,757 | \$ 1,015,141 | 83% |
| CSP 7 Day Bike Pass | 2,457 | \$ 49,140 | 3,915 | \$ 78,300 | 59% |
| Rally Bike Band | - | \$ - | | | |
| One-Day Special Event | | \$ 400 | 55 | \$ 1,100 | 175% |
| PERMITS | 94,915 | \$ 2,084,106 | 117,013 | \$ 2,549,408 | 22% |
| Camping Services | | \$ 1,882,740 | | \$ 1,533,938 | -19% |
| Picnic Reservations | | \$ 2,330 | | \$ 3,130 | 34% |
| Firewood | 11,632 | \$ 69,792 | 9,390 | \$ 56,340 | -19% |
| Gift Card | | \$ 1,640 | | \$ 820 | -50% |
| Boat Slips | | \$ 4,030 | | \$ 4,331 | 7% |
| LODGING | 11,632 | \$ 1,960,532 | 9,390 | \$ 1,598,559 | -18% |
| TOTAL | 106,547 | \$ 4,044,638 | 126,403 | \$ 4,147,967 | 3% |

| Division of Parks and Recreation | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------|
| June YTD 2021 Revenue by Item | | | | | |
| | 2020 | | 2021 | | % |
| | Number | Dollar | Number | Dollar | Change |
| Annual | 38,427 | \$ 1,383,371 | 38,159 | \$ 1,373,725 | -1% |
| 2nd Annual | 6,732 | \$ 121,175 | 7,039 | \$ 126,701 | 5% |
| Combo | 24,172 | \$ 1,305,300 | 26,506 | \$ 1,431,311 | 10% |
| Transferable | 2,019 | \$ 131,235 | 2,053 | \$ 164,268 | 25% |
| Daily License | 44,851 | \$ 358,806 | 40,330 | \$ 322,639 | -10% |
| Unattended Vehicle Daily | 780 | \$ 11,695 | 773 | \$ 11,600 | -1% |
| GSM Annual Trail Pass | 3,532 | \$ 52,980 | 2,874 | \$ 43,110 | -19% |
| GSM Daily Trail Pass | 3,310 | \$ 13,240 | 4,331 | \$ 17,324 | 31% |
| Motorcoach Permit | 812 | \$ 2,436 | 2,403 | \$ 7,210 | 196% |
| CSP 7 Day Pass | 37,820 | \$ 756,409 | 80,613 | \$ 1,612,265 | 113% |
| CSP 7 Day Bike Band | 2,941 | \$ 58,825 | 4,556 | \$ 91,110 | 55% |
| Rally Bike Band | - | \$ - | - | \$ - | |
| One-Day Special Event | | \$ 750 | | \$ 2,250 | 200% |
| PERMITS | 165,396 | \$ 4,196,222 | 209,637 | \$ 5,203,512 | 24% |
| Camping Services | | \$ 8,580,141 | | \$ 9,874,098 | 15% |
| Picnic Reservations | | \$ 4,610 | | \$ 10,169 | 121% |
| Firewood | 21,095 | \$ 126,570 | 18,007 | \$ 108,041 | -15% |
| Gift Card | | \$ 5,775 | | \$ 5,935 | 3% |
| Boat Slips | | \$ 74,000 | | \$ 209,983 | 184% |
| LODGING | 21,095 | \$ 8,791,096 | 18,007 | \$ 10,208,226 | 16% |
| TOTAL | 186,491 | \$ 12,987,318 | 227,644 | \$ 15,411,737 | 19% |

Division of Parks and Recreation
June YTD 2021 Visitation by District

| <i>LOCATION</i> | <i>2020</i> | <i>2021</i> | <i>%</i> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Pickarel Lake | 23,447 | 21,768 | -7% |
| Fort Sisseton | 27,217 | 47,226 | 74% |
| Roy Lake | 81,525 | 74,167 | -9% |
| Sica Hollow | 11,941 | 6,456 | -46% |
| <i>DISTRICT 1</i> | <i>144,130</i> | <i>149,617</i> | <i>4%</i> |
| Richmond Lake | 25,347 | 26,821 | 6% |
| Mina Lake | 25,709 | 21,822 | -15% |
| Fisher Grove | 9,123 | 7,891 | -14% |
| Lake Louise | 19,432 | 16,087 | -17% |
| <i>DISTRICT 2</i> | <i>79,611</i> | <i>72,621</i> | <i>-9%</i> |
| Pelican Lake | 33,636 | 36,491 | 8% |
| Sandy Shore | 17,100 | 14,498 | -15% |
| Lake Cochrane | 11,376 | 9,056 | -20% |
| Hartford Beach | 65,827 | 76,000 | 15% |
| <i>DISTRICT 3</i> | <i>127,939</i> | <i>136,045</i> | <i>6%</i> |
| Oakwood Lakes | 57,297 | 33,644 | -41% |
| Lake Poinsett | 35,398 | 25,451 | -28% |
| Lake Thompson | 26,884 | 26,579 | -1% |
| <i>DISTRICT 4</i> | <i>119,579</i> | <i>85,674</i> | <i>-28%</i> |
| Lake Herman | 65,145 | 63,668 | -2% |
| Walker's Point | 26,530 | 23,119 | -13% |
| <i>DISTRICT 5</i> | <i>91,675</i> | <i>86,787</i> | <i>-5%</i> |
| Snake Creek | 75,704 | 70,601 | -7% |
| Platte Creek | 82,754 | 73,569 | -11% |
| Buryanek | 19,302 | 18,773 | -3% |
| Burke Lake | 10,049 | 10,838 | 8% |
| <i>DISTRICT 6</i> | <i>187,809</i> | <i>173,781</i> | <i>-7%</i> |
| Palisades | 71,564 | 60,791 | -15% |
| Big Sioux | 29,592 | 32,179 | 9% |
| Beaver Creek | 12,613 | 12,582 | 0% |
| Lake Vermillion | 70,038 | 69,021 | -1% |
| <i>DISTRICT 7</i> | <i>183,807</i> | <i>174,573</i> | <i>-5%</i> |
| Newton Hills | 94,006 | 69,545 | -26% |
| Good Earth | 38,496 | 59,499 | 55% |
| Union Grove | 12,765 | 9,765 | -24% |
| Lake Alvin | 44,539 | 43,781 | -2% |
| Spirit Mound | 16,431 | 9,640 | -41% |
| Adams | 13,806 | 12,850 | -7% |
| <i>DISTRICT 8</i> | <i>220,043</i> | <i>205,080</i> | <i>-7%</i> |

| <i>LOCATION</i> | <i>2020</i> | <i>2021</i> | <i>%</i> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Lewis & Clark | 515,698 | 547,242 | 6% |
| Chief White Crane | 24,885 | 21,854 | -12% |
| Pierson Ranch | 44,421 | 37,393 | -16% |
| Springfield | 79,920 | 81,842 | 2% |
| <i>DISTRICT 9</i> | <i>664,924</i> | <i>688,331</i> | <i>4%</i> |
| North Point | 51,042 | 27,557 | -46% |
| North Wheeler | 7,423 | 4,134 | -44% |
| Pease Creek | 21,018 | 8,400 | -60% |
| Randall Creek | 28,235 | 16,807 | -40% |
| Fort Randall Marina | 7,707 | 3,313 | -57% |
| <i>DISTRICT 10</i> | <i>115,425</i> | <i>60,211</i> | <i>-48%</i> |
| Farm Island | 82,533 | 86,497 | 5% |
| West Bend | 25,688 | 22,832 | -11% |
| LaFramboise Island | 43,632 | 45,172 | 4% |
| <i>DISTRICT 11</i> | <i>151,853</i> | <i>154,501</i> | <i>2%</i> |
| Oahe Downstream | 179,516 | 162,084 | -10% |
| Cow Creek | 101,510 | 112,908 | 11% |
| Okobojo | 24,592 | 23,586 | -4% |
| Spring Creek | 119,359 | 155,678 | 30% |
| <i>DISTRICT 12</i> | <i>424,977</i> | <i>454,256</i> | <i>7%</i> |
| West Whitlock | 22,066 | 24,464 | 11% |
| Swan Creek | 12,981 | 12,955 | 0% |
| Indian Creek | 26,237 | 32,604 | 24% |
| Lake Hiddenwood | - | - | |
| Revheim Bay | 32,335 | 31,213 | -3% |
| West Pollock | 40,354 | 35,535 | -12% |
| <i>DISTRICT 13</i> | <i>133,973</i> | <i>136,771</i> | <i>2%</i> |
| Bear Butte | 8,876 | 10,242 | 15% |
| <i>DISTRICT 14</i> | <i>8,876</i> | <i>10,242</i> | <i>15%</i> |
| Shadehill | 18,363 | 32,317 | 76% |
| Llewellyn Johns | 1,896 | 2,170 | 14% |
| Little Moreau | 5,486 | 12,163 | 122% |
| Rocky Point | 50,902 | 44,614 | -12% |
| <i>DISTRICT 15</i> | <i>76,647</i> | <i>91,264</i> | <i>19%</i> |
| Custer | 697,407 | 955,100 | 37% |
| <i>DISTRICT 16</i> | <i>697,407</i> | <i>955,100</i> | <i>37%</i> |
| Angostura | 103,627 | 92,190 | -11% |
| Sheps Canyon | 22,798 | 18,526 | -19% |
| <i>DISTRICT 17</i> | <i>126,425</i> | <i>110,716</i> | <i>-12%</i> |
| <i>TOTAL YTD</i> | <i>3,555,100</i> | <i>3,745,570</i> | <i>5%</i> |
| <i>TOTAL for Month</i> | <i>1,397,306</i> | <i>1,479,829</i> | <i>6%</i> |

**Division of Parks and Recreation
June 2021 Visitation by District**

| <i>LOCATION</i> | <i>2020</i> | <i>2021</i> | <i>%</i> | <i>LOCATION</i> | <i>2020</i> | <i>2021</i> | <i>%</i> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Pickrel Lake | 10,982 | 10,324 | -6% | Lewis & Clark | 216,047 | 211,208 | -2% |
| Fort Sisseton | 18,968 | 38,774 | 104% | Chief White Crane | 11,179 | 10,913 | -2% |
| Roy Lake | 38,914 | 38,363 | -1% | Pierson Ranch | 23,870 | 11,985 | -50% |
| Sica Hollow | 3,641 | 2,692 | -26% | Springfield | 22,187 | 20,941 | -6% |
| <i>DISTRICT 1</i> | <i>72,505</i> | <i>90,153</i> | <i>24%</i> | <i>DISTRICT 9</i> | <i>273,283</i> | <i>255,047</i> | <i>-7%</i> |
| Richmond Lake | 8,694 | 9,174 | 6% | North Point | 23,087 | - | -100% |
| Mina Lake | 10,987 | 10,163 | -7% | North Wheeler | 3,201 | - | -100% |
| Fisher Grove | 3,048 | 2,548 | -16% | Pease Creek | 10,322 | - | -100% |
| Lake Louise | 6,711 | 5,435 | -19% | Randall Creek | 7,555 | - | -100% |
| <i>DISTRICT 2</i> | <i>29,440</i> | <i>27,320</i> | <i>-7%</i> | Fort Randall Marina | 4,420 | - | -100% |
| Pelican Lake | 12,479 | 13,477 | 8% | <i>DISTRICT 10</i> | <i>48,585</i> | <i>-</i> | <i>-100%</i> |
| Sandy Shore | 7,144 | 6,691 | -6% | Farm Island | 27,259 | 26,872 | -1% |
| Lake Cochran | 5,282 | 5,530 | 5% | West Bend | 12,810 | 13,178 | 3% |
| Hartford Beach | 23,604 | 23,604 | 0% | LaFramboise Island | 9,190 | 8,411 | -8% |
| <i>DISTRICT 3</i> | <i>48,509</i> | <i>49,302</i> | <i>2%</i> | <i>DISTRICT 11</i> | <i>49,259</i> | <i>48,461</i> | <i>-2%</i> |
| Oakwood Lakes | 38,582 | 13,402 | -65% | Oahe Downstream | 55,072 | 51,500 | -6% |
| Lake Poinsett | 13,756 | 13,245 | -4% | Cow Creek | 38,555 | 43,258 | 12% |
| Lake Thompson | 8,811 | 9,512 | 8% | Okobojo | 7,726 | 10,102 | 31% |
| <i>DISTRICT 4</i> | <i>61,149</i> | <i>36,159</i> | <i>-41%</i> | Spring Creek | 53,831 | 63,680 | 18% |
| Lake Herman | 20,856 | 19,385 | -7% | <i>DISTRICT 12</i> | <i>155,184</i> | <i>168,540</i> | <i>9%</i> |
| Walker's Point | 9,265 | 8,301 | -10% | West Whitlock | 12,495 | 13,693 | 10% |
| <i>DISTRICT 5</i> | <i>30,121</i> | <i>27,686</i> | <i>-8%</i> | Swan Creek | 5,792 | 6,680 | 15% |
| Snake Creek | 33,459 | 33,754 | 1% | Indian Creek | 16,651 | 16,127 | -3% |
| Platte Creek | 31,395 | 33,318 | 6% | Lake Hiddenwood | - | - | |
| Buryanek | 7,037 | 8,035 | 14% | Revheim Bay | 6,988 | 6,734 | -4% |
| Burke Lake | 1,884 | 2,024 | 7% | West Pollock | 14,575 | 13,692 | -6% |
| <i>DISTRICT 6</i> | <i>73,775</i> | <i>77,131</i> | <i>5%</i> | <i>DISTRICT 13</i> | <i>56,501</i> | <i>56,926</i> | <i>1%</i> |
| Palisades | 19,505 | 17,660 | -9% | Bear Butte | 3,156 | 3,391 | 7% |
| Big Sioux | 9,058 | 9,328 | 3% | <i>DISTRICT 14</i> | <i>3,156</i> | <i>3,391</i> | <i>7%</i> |
| Beaver Creek | 2,619 | 2,591 | -1% | Shadehill | 7,973 | 15,655 | 96% |
| Lake Vermillion | 29,106 | 27,009 | -7% | Llewellyn Johns | 644 | 759 | 18% |
| <i>DISTRICT 7</i> | <i>60,288</i> | <i>56,588</i> | <i>-6%</i> | Little Moreau | - | 3,670 | #DIV/0! |
| Newton Hills | 32,817 | 23,177 | -29% | Rocky Point | 21,163 | 20,798 | -2% |
| Good Earth | 1,390 | 17,155 | 1134% | <i>DISTRICT 15</i> | <i>29,780</i> | <i>40,882</i> | <i>37%</i> |
| Union Grove | 3,035 | 2,780 | -8% | Custer | 299,716 | 427,784 | 43% |
| Lake Alvin | 14,213 | 12,000 | -16% | <i>DISTRICT 16</i> | <i>299,716</i> | <i>427,784</i> | <i>43%</i> |
| Spirit Mound | 3,538 | 2,063 | -42% | Angostura | 37,806 | 46,433 | 23% |
| Adams | 3,428 | 2,391 | -30% | Sheps Canyon | 9,828 | 8,460 | -14% |
| <i>DISTRICT 8</i> | <i>58,421</i> | <i>59,566</i> | <i>2%</i> | <i>DISTRICT 17</i> | <i>47,634</i> | <i>54,893</i> | <i>15%</i> |
| | | | | <i>TOTAL</i> | <i>1,397,306</i> | <i>1,479,829</i> | <i>6%</i> |

**South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks - Wildlife Division
Land Acquisition and Disposal Report
July 2021**

Action Item - GPA Disposals

West Lake Poinsett GPA

Acres: 40 acres

Location: 4 miles southeast of Lake Norden in Hamlin County

Appraised Value: \$100,000.00

South Buffalo Lake East GPA

Acres: 60 acres

Location: 7.5 miles east of Eden in Marshall County

Appraised Value: \$48,000.00

Mondry Portion of Pickerel Lake GPA

Acres: 7.5 acres

Location: 6 miles east of Grenville in Day County

Appraised Value: \$112,500.00

Mallard Slough GPA

Acres: 80 acres

Location: 14 miles northeast of Huron in Beadle County

Appraised Value: \$56,000.00

North Sanborn GPA

Acres: 51 acres

Location: 9 miles northeast of Woonsocket in Sanborn County

Appraised Value: \$137,000.00

Schartner Ditch GPA

Acres: 10 acres

Location: 7 miles northwest of Marion in Turner County

Appraised Value: \$30,000.00

Requested Commission Action: Adopt RESOLUTION 21–17 declaring the above GPAs surplus and directing Department to proceed with disposal according to SDCL 41-2-29.1.

Action item - Donation

Ducks Unlimited Property

Location: Adjacent to Renziehausen Slough GPA in Marshall County

Description: 160 acres

Management Objective: Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting access

Acquisition Cost: Donation

Commission Acquisition Priorities: Parcels that improve public use on and access to existing Department lands; in-holding and round-out parcels that consolidate or connect existing Department lands; and parcels that facilitate more efficient and effective wildlife habitat or recreation management and development activities on existing Department lands.

Expected Closing: Fall 2021

Requested Commission Action: Adopt RESOLUTION 21–16 confirming the decision by the Department to accept the property from Ducks Unlimited and expressing appreciation to Ducks Unlimited for their generosity.

Action Item - Acquisition

Diede & Smidt additions to Ulmer Wilderness GPA

Location: Properties are located 20 miles northwest of Yankton.

Description: Project involves 12.58 (Smidt property) and a 2.5 (Deide property) acre additions to the Ulmer Wilderness GPA.

Management Objective: Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting access

Acquisition Cost: Total acquisition cost is \$45,600.00

Commission Acquisition Priorities: Parcels that improve public use on and access to existing Department lands; in-holding and round-out parcels that consolidate or connect existing Department lands; and parcels that facilitate more efficient and effective wildlife habitat or recreation management and development activities on existing Department lands.

Expected Closing: July 2021

Requested Commission Action: Adopt RESOLUTION 21–15 confirming the decision by the Department to acquire the Diede and Smidt property additions to Ulmer Wilderness GPA.

RESOLUTION 21 - 17

WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota (for the use and benefit of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks) (DEPARTMENT) owns the following Game Production Areas (GPAs) described as:

West Lake Poinsett GPA: SW1/4NE1/4 and the North 2 rods of Government Lot 6 lying West of US Hwy 81 all in Section 36 of Township 113 North, Range 53 West of the 5th P.M., Hamlin County South Dakota; and

South Buffalo Lake East GPA: SE1/4NW1/4 and W1/2SW1/4NE1/4 in Section 14 of Township 125 North, Range 53 West of the 5th P.M., Marshall County South Dakota; and

Mondry Portion of Pickerel Lake GPA: The east 7.5 acres of Lot "B" in the Webster Pickerel Lake Parks Association Platted Subdivision of Government Lot 3 in Section 34 of Township 124 North, Range 53 West of the 5th P.M., Day County South Dakota, which tract is more fully described by metes and bounds in that certain deed recorded in Book YY of Deeds on page 613 in the office of the Register of Deeds in Day County; and

Mallard Slough GPA: NE1/4NW1/4 and NW1/4NE1/4 in Section 36 of Township 113 North, Range 61 West of the 5th P.M., Beadle County South Dakota; and

North Sanborn GPA: Lot C1 in the NE1/4 of Section 12; Lot C1 in the SE1/4 of Section 1; Lot C1 of Lot 1 in the NE1/4 of Section 1; and Lot A1 of Lot C1 of Lot 1 in the NE1/4 of Section 1; all in Township 108 North, Range 62 West of the 5th P.M., Sanborn County South Dakota; and

Shartner Ditch GPA: Tract No. 2 in Lot 3 and in the NE1/4SW1/4 of Section 30 of Township 100 North, Range 55 West of the 5th P.M., Turner County, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, SDCL § 41-2-29.1 provides the DEPARTMENT shall sell real property owned by the state and held by the DEPARTMENT if such real property is no longer needed for game, fish, or parks purposes, with such sale to be conducted pursuant to the procedure more fully set out in SDCL § 41-2-29.1; and

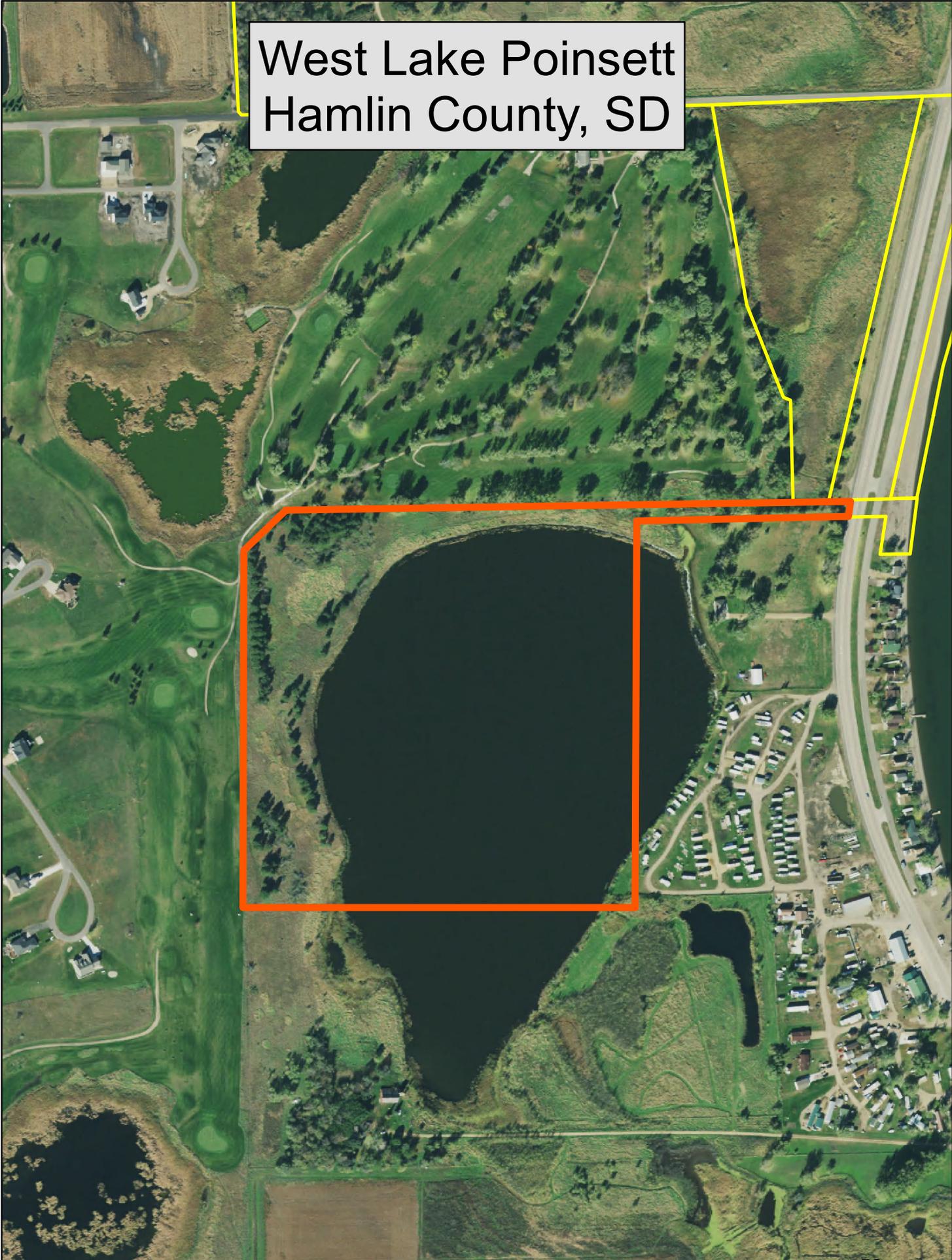
WHEREAS, these GPAs were acquired by the DEPARTMENT to provide wildlife habitat and public hunting opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT has determined the GPAs provide limited value as wildlife habitat and for public hunting opportunity; and

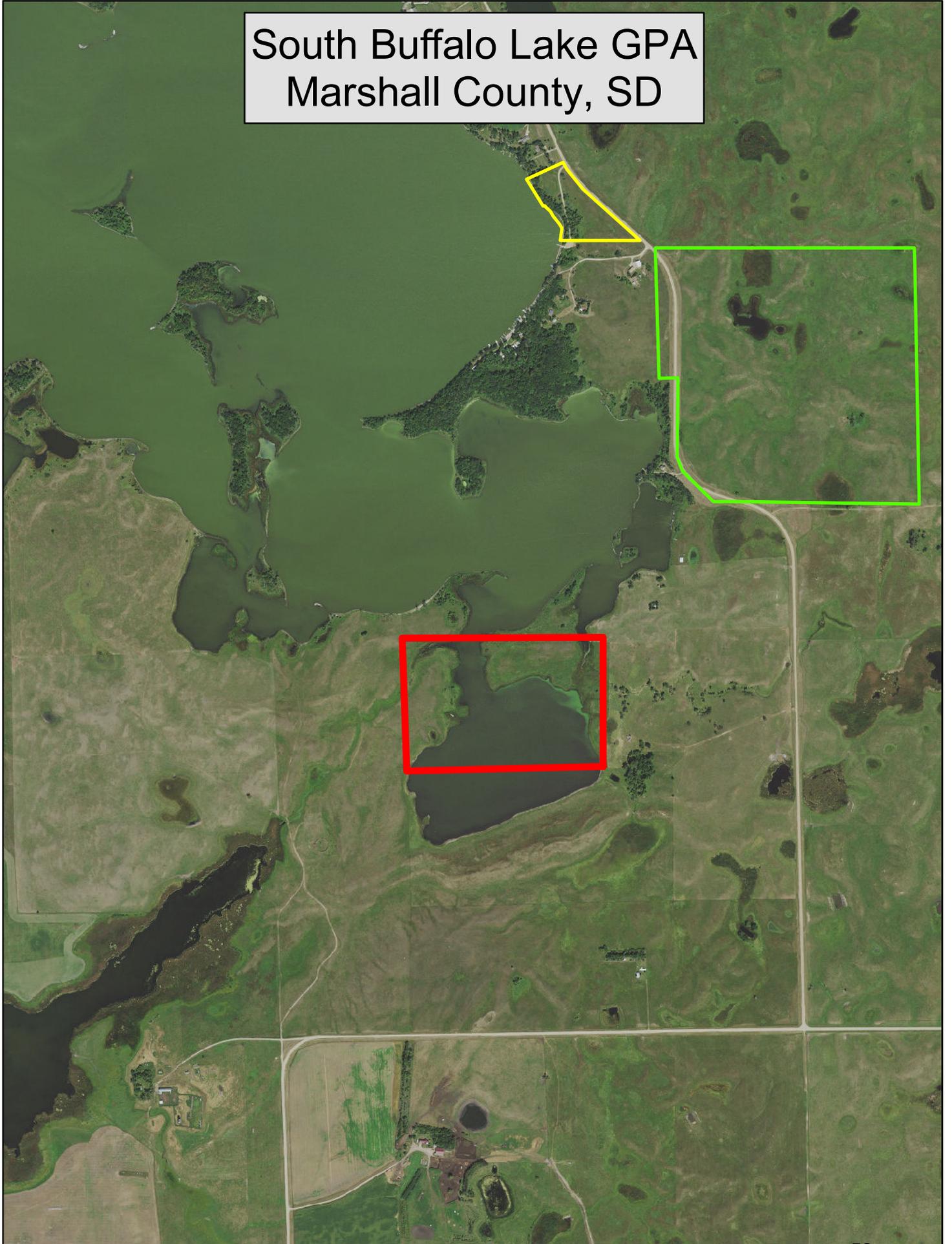
WHEREAS, the Game, Fish and Parks Commission hereby determines these GPAs no longer serve the purposes for which they were originally acquired and are no longer needed for game, fish, or park purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Game, Fish and Parks Commission hereby directs the DEPARTMENT to sell and transfer title to these GPAs according to the procedures provided for in SDCL § 41-2-29.1, and authorizes the DEPARTMENT to execute and consummate agreements relative to the sales deemed appropriate by the Department, with proceeds from the sales dedicated to future GPA acquisitions.

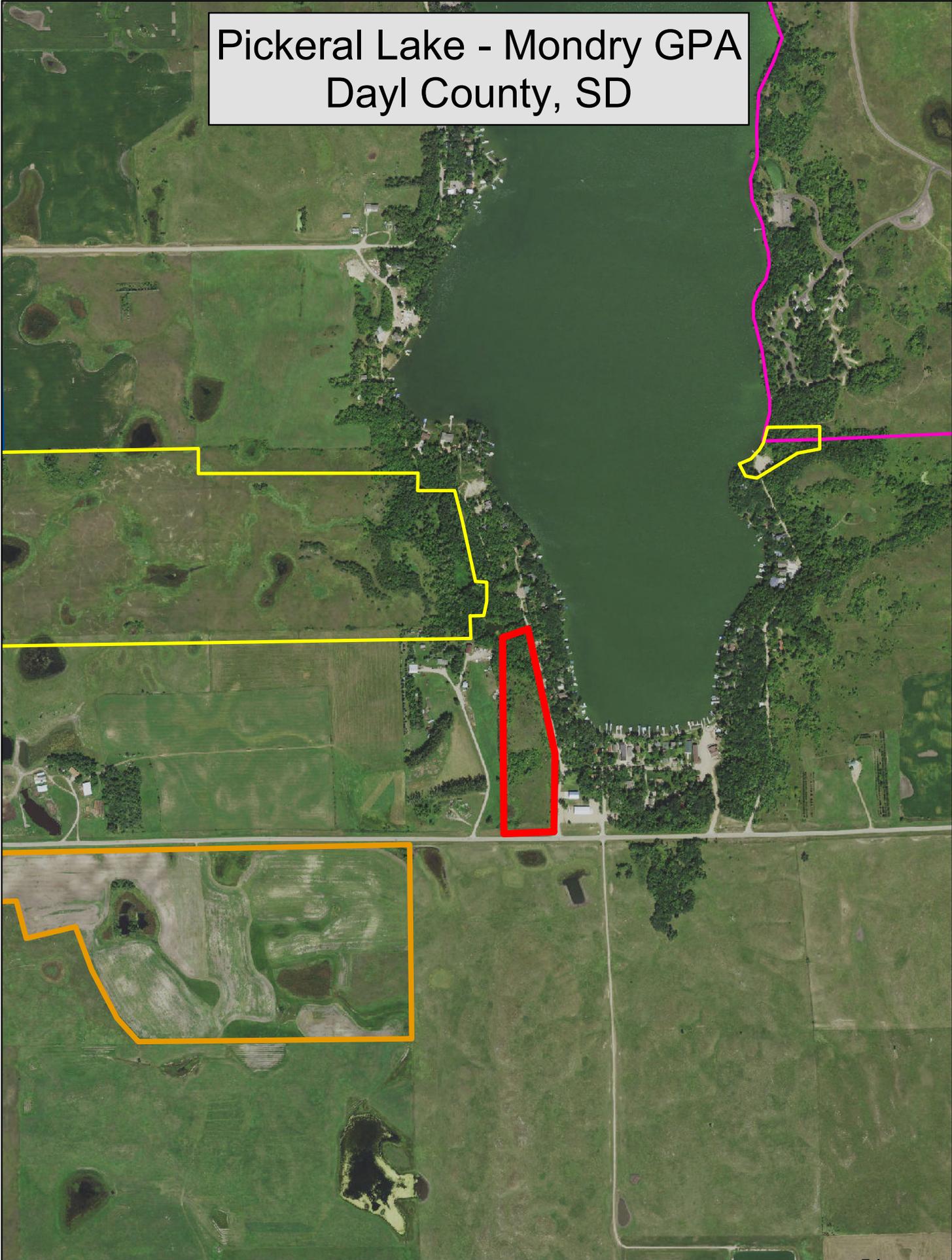
West Lake Poinsett
Hamlin County, SD



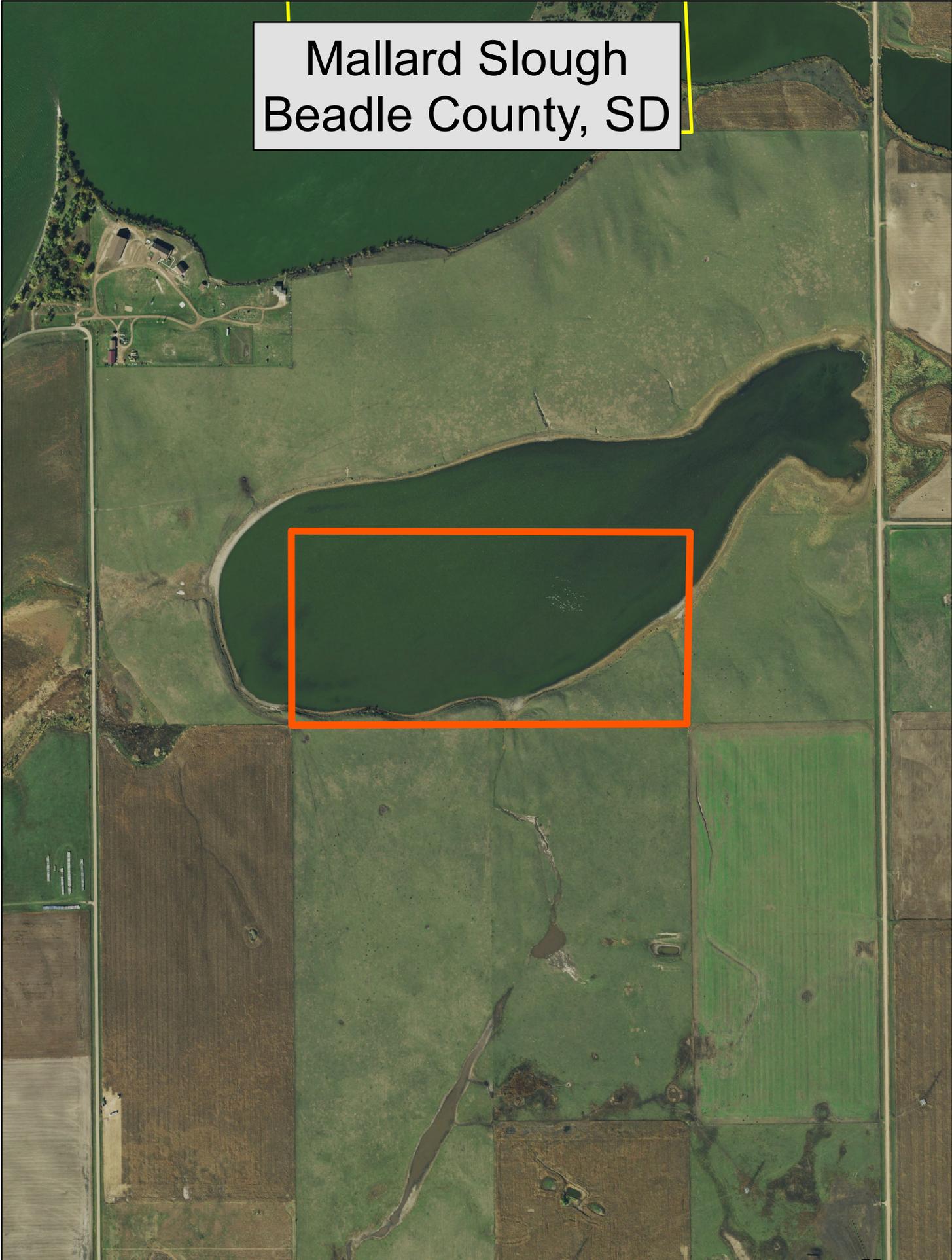
South Buffalo Lake GPA
Marshall County, SD



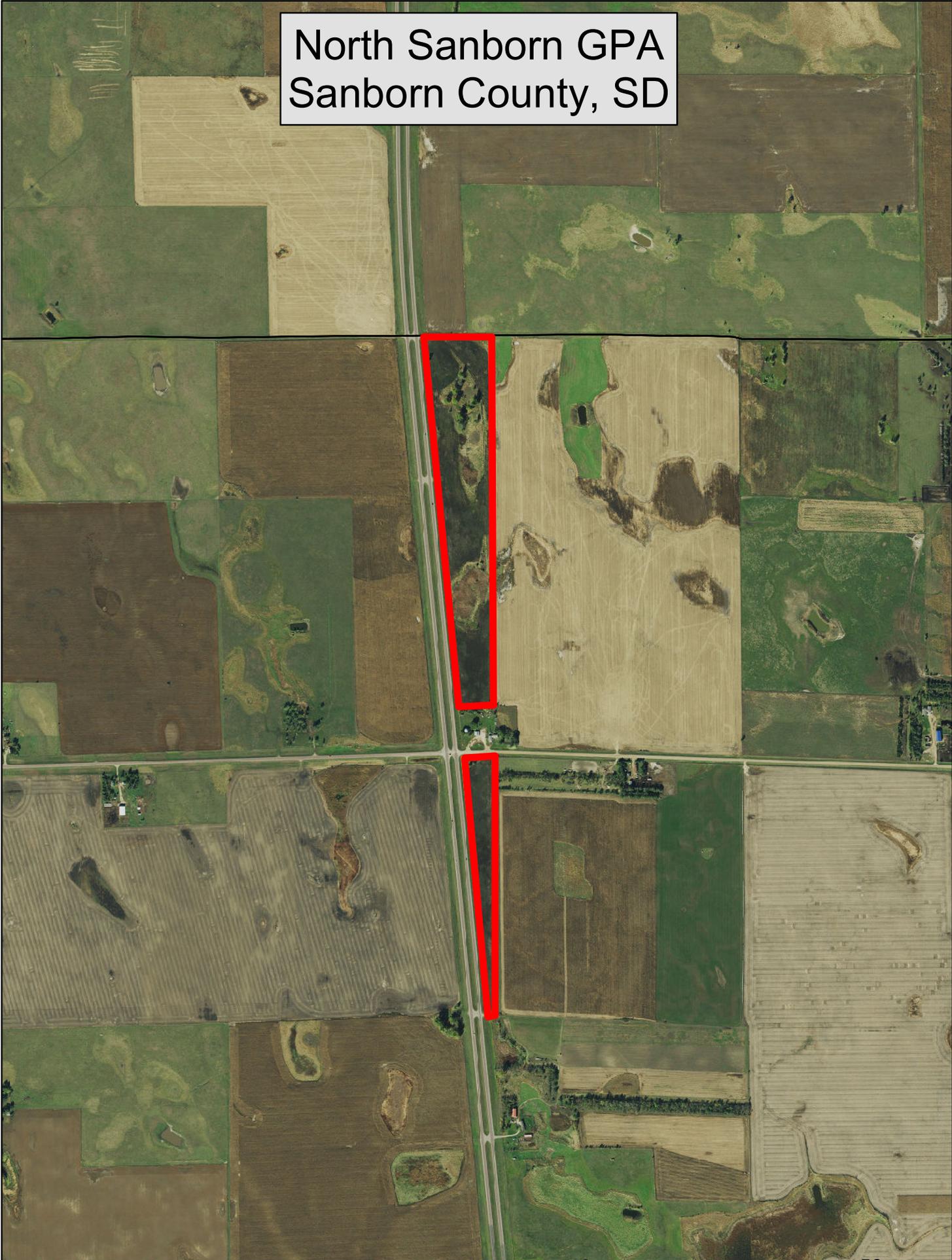
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Dayl County, SD



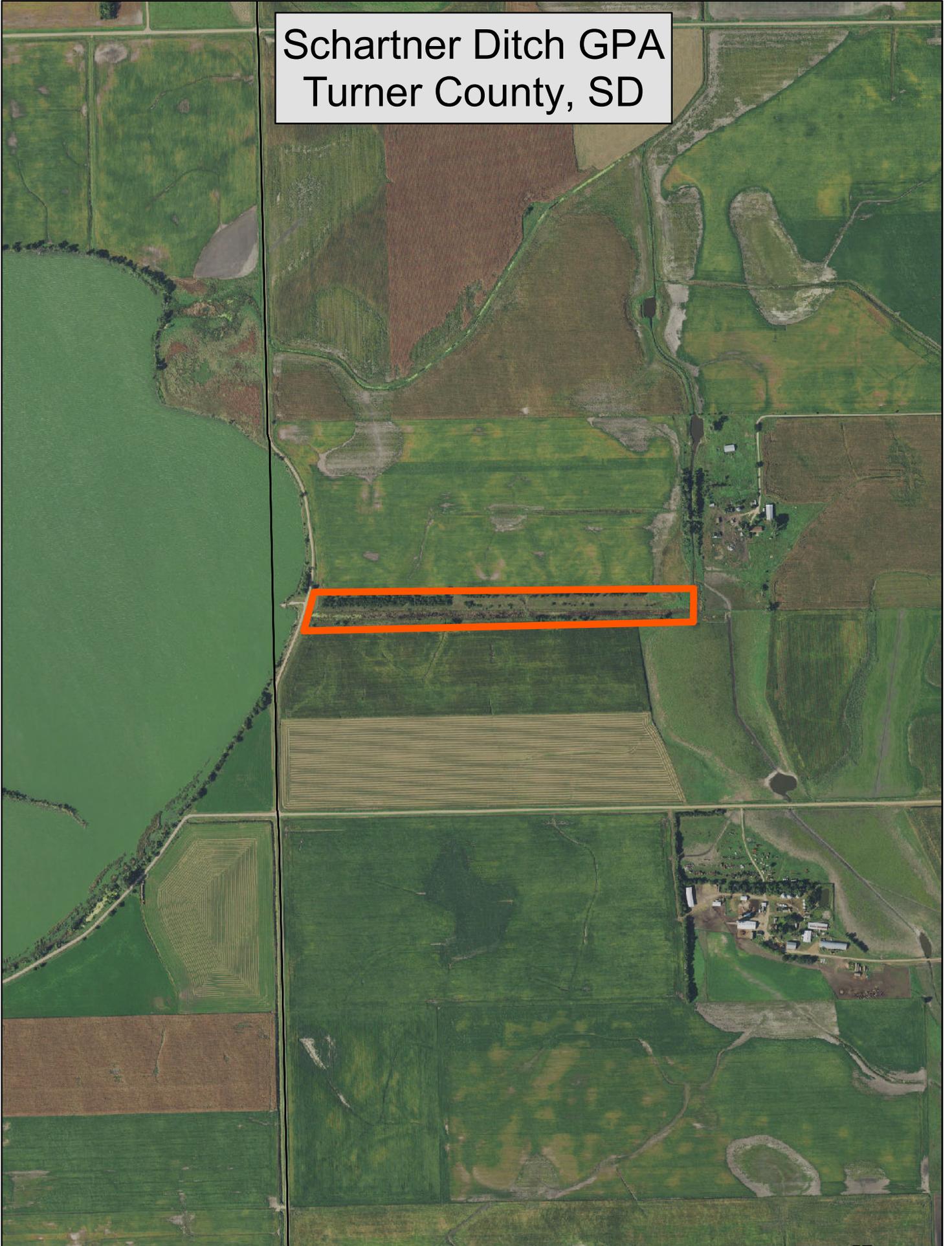
Mallard Slough
Beadle County, SD



North Sanborn GPA
Sanborn County, SD



Schartner Ditch GPA
Turner County, SD



RESOLUTION 21 - 16

WHEREAS, Ducks Unlimited owns real property (PROPERTY) described as:

The SE1/4 of Section 30 in Township 127 North, Range 59 West of the 5th P.M., Marshall County South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its wishes, Ducks Unlimited desires to gift and transfer title to the PROPERTY to the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (DEPARTMENT) for use as a Game Production Area; and

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT has evaluated and determined the PROPERTY would serve very well as a Game Production Area, offering wildlife habitat, public hunting, and other wildlife related outdoor recreational opportunities; and

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

WHEREAS, the Game, Fish and Parks Commission desires to acknowledge the Department's acceptance of this gift of property from Ducks Unlimited for use as a Game Production Area, and further acknowledge the extreme generosity of Ducks Unlimited.

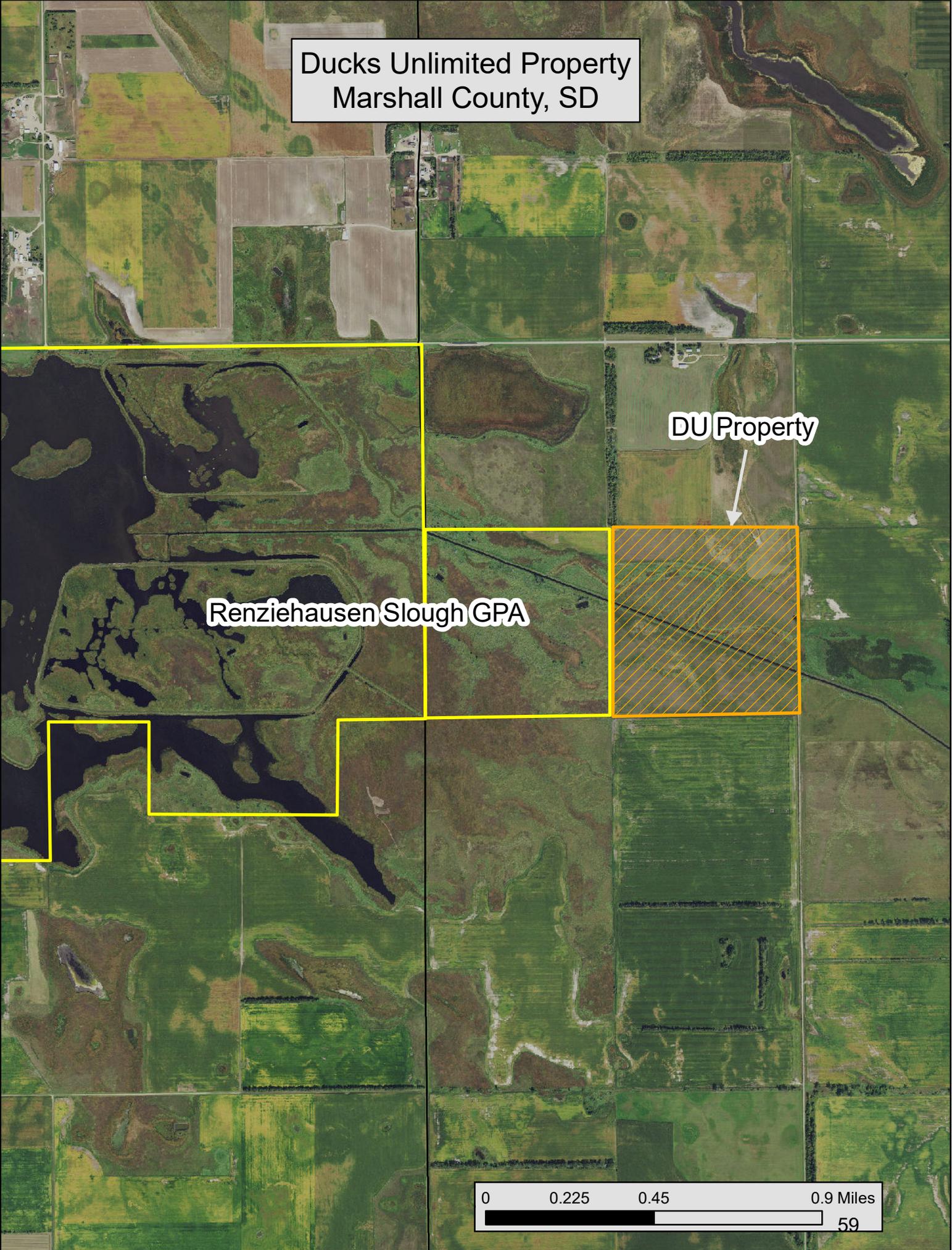
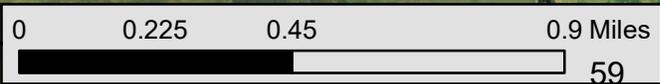
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Game, Fish and Parks Commission does hereby confirm the decision by the DEPARTMENT to accept the transfer and gift of the PROPERTY from Ducks Unlimited to be used as a Game Production Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Game, Fish and Parks Commission, on behalf of the citizens and sportspersons of South Dakota, does hereby acknowledge and express its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Ducks Unlimited for its generosity, and further acknowledge the outdoor recreation opportunities this gift will provide to South Dakotans for many years to come.

Ducks Unlimited Property
Marshall County, SD

DU Property

Renziehausen Slough GPA



RESOLUTION 21 - 15

WHEREAS, the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (DEPARTMENT) has expressed an interest in acquiring real property presently owned by Wayne R. Diede, Yankton, SD 57078, which property is described as:

That part of Lot 2 of Section 11, Township 96 North, Range 57 West of the 5th P.M., lying West of the public highway running North and South through said Lot 2, containing 2.50 acres, more or less, and located in Yankton County, South Dakota, and hereto referred to as the DIEDE PROPERTY; and

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT has expressed an interest in acquiring real property presently owned by Michael J. Smidt and Kay J. Smidt, Menno, SD 57045, which property is described as:

That part of Lot 2 of Section 11, Township 96 North, Range 57 West of the 5th P.M., lying East of the public highway running North and South through said Lot 2, containing 12.58 acres, more or less, and located in Yankton County, South Dakota, and hereto referred to as the SMIDT PROPERTY; and

WHEREAS, said properties are to be acquired by and utilized by DEPARTMENT as Game Production Areas; and

WHEREAS, SDCL 41-4-1.1 requires that before it purchases property, DEPARTMENT must notify owners of land located adjacent to the property to be acquired by publishing notice of the same once in each legal newspaper of the county in which the property to be purchased is located; and

WHEREAS, DEPARTMENT has published the required legal notice 30 days prior to the date of action by the Game, Fish and Parks Commission authorizing the intended purchases, which notice included the time and location of the meeting at which Game, Fish and Parks Commission action is expected and by giving notice of instructions for presenting oral and written comments to the Game, Fish and Parks Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Game, Fish and Parks Commission has reviewed any and all comments received relative to the intended purchases, and after consideration of the same, the Game, Fish and Parks Commission approves the purchase of said properties for use as Game Production Area;

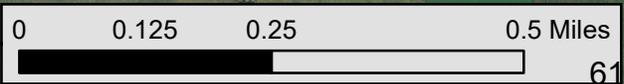
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the DEPARTMENT is authorized to complete negotiations for the purchase of the DIEDE PROPERTY and execute and consummate an agreement with Wayne R. Diede, which is acceptable to DEPARTMENT to acquire by purchase at the price of \$7,600.00 the DIEDE PROPERTY for use as a Game Production Area.

BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the DEPARTMENT is authorized to complete negotiations for the purchase of the SMIDT PROPERTY and execute and consummate an agreement with Michael J. Smidt and Kay J. Smidt, which is acceptable to DEPARTMENT to acquire by purchase at the price of \$38,000.00, the SMIDT PROPERTY for use as a Game Production Area.

Diede & Smidt Properties
Yankton County, SD

Diede & Smidt Properties

Ulmer Wilderness GPA





June 26, 2021
South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Commission
Secretary Kevin Robling
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Commission members and Secretary Robling,

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) requests consideration by the Commission and Department to allow RMEF to participate in the South Dakota Special Elk Permit Raffle program for 2021-2022 as described in Chapter 41:06:27 of your rules. The RMEF appreciates the opportunity to continue this highly successful partnership. Revenues generated since this relationship was formed in 1990 continue to benefit elk and other wildlife in South Dakota.

Please accept the enclosed information as our official application under the terms and conditions listed in Rule 41:06:27:02:03. Enclosed are:

1. Request Letter from Our Regional Director, Mason Cooper
2. RMEF's Federal Tax Exempt ID Number
3. A copy of our report to SDGFP which describes the results of the 2020-2021 South Dakota Special Elk Permit Raffle as of today June 22, 2021 Sales will continue until July 12th with Drawing occurring on July 15th.
4. South Dakota RMEF project summary through December 2020

The RMEF volunteers of the State of South Dakota recognize the positive impact that funds raised through the sale of the Special Elk Permit raffle program have on Department goals, especially in these challenging economic times. This program affords them another way to achieve their mission of protecting and enhancing habitat critical not only to the State's elk population, but to all the other species that share that environment with them.

Yours in Conservation,

Mason Cooper, RMEF South Dakota Regional Director

cc: Ray Ames, Special Elk Permit Raffle Coordinator
Tom Slowey, SD RMEF East River State Chair
Sam Silacci, SD RMEF West River State Chair
Tom Kirschenmann, SD GFP

License Sales Totals

(as of June 30)

date updated: 1 July 2021

| Resident | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 3-yr Avg | 2021 | 2021 | | +/- Licenses | | +/- Revenue | | % Change from 3-yr Avg |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|--|----------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| | | | | | | Revenue | | 2020 vs 2021 | 3-yr Avg vs 2021 | 2020 vs 2021 | 3-yr Avg vs 2021 | |
| Combination | 38,196 | 36,720 | 41,392 | 38,769 | 42,629 | \$ 2,344,595 | | 1,237 | 3,860 | \$ 68,035 | \$ 212,282 | 10% |
| Junior Combination | 4,886 | 4,665 | 6,950 | 5,500 | 5,645 | \$ 152,415 | | -1,305 | 145 | \$ (35,235) | \$ 3,906 | 3% |
| Senior Combination | 8,353 | 8,495 | 9,432 | 8,760 | 10,260 | \$ 410,400 | | 828 | 1,500 | \$ 33,120 | \$ 60,000 | 17% |
| Small Game | 1,484 | 1,497 | 1,586 | 1,522 | 1,754 | \$ 57,882 | | 168 | 232 | \$ 5,544 | \$ 7,645 | 15% |
| Youth Small Game | 825 | 840 | 964 | 876 | 1,016 | \$ 5,080 | | 52 | 140 | \$ 260 | \$ 698 | 16% |
| 1-Day Small Game | 171 | 250 | 222 | 214 | 367 | \$ 4,404 | | 145 | 153 | \$ 1,740 | \$ 1,832 | 71% |
| Migratory Bird Certificate | 13,017 | 12,443 | 13,165 | 12,875 | 13,254 | \$ 66,270 | | 89 | 379 | \$ 445 | \$ 1,895 | 3% |
| Predator/Varmint | 1,099 | 1,102 | 1,176 | 1,126 | 999 | \$ 4,995 | | -177 | -127 | \$ (885) | \$ (633) | -11% |
| Furbearer | 2,516 | 2,847 | 2,868 | 2,744 | 3,412 | \$ 102,360 | | 544 | 668 | \$ 16,320 | \$ 20,050 | 24% |
| Annual Fishing | 47,761 | 41,643 | 58,739 | 49,381 | 46,579 | \$ 1,304,212 | | -12,160 | -2,802 | \$ (340,480) | \$ (78,456) | -6% |
| Senior Fishing | 11,196 | 10,617 | 12,718 | 11,510 | 12,148 | \$ 145,776 | | -570 | 638 | \$ (6,840) | \$ 7,652 | 6% |
| 1-Day Fishing | 2,456 | 2,291 | 3,392 | 2,713 | 3,070 | \$ 24,560 | | -322 | 357 | \$ (2,576) | \$ 2,856 | 13% |
| RESIDENT TOTALS = | 131,960 | 123,410 | 152,604 | 135,991 | 141,133 | \$ 4,622,949 | | -11,471 | 5,142 | \$ (260,552) | \$ 239,727 | 3.8% |

| Nonresident | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 3-yr Avg | 2021 | 2021 | | +/- Licenses | | +/- Revenue | | % Change from 3-yr Avg |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|--|---------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| | | | | | | Revenue | | 2020 vs 2021 | 3-yr Avg vs 2021 | 2020 vs 2021 | 3-yr Avg vs 2021 | |
| Small Game | 2,283 | 2,747 | 2,951 | 2,660 | 5,709 | \$ 690,789 | | 2,758 | 3,049 | \$ 333,718 | \$ 368,889 | 115% |
| Youth Small Game | 171 | 139 | 149 | 153 | 260 | \$ 2,600 | | 111 | 107 | \$ 1,110 | \$ 1,070 | 70% |
| Annual Shooting Preserve | 71 | 48 | 46 | 55 | 76 | \$ 9,196 | | 30 | 21 | \$ 3,630 | \$ 2,541 | 38% |
| 5-day Shooting Preserve | 577 | 630 | 780 | 662 | 1,025 | \$ 77,900 | | 245 | 363 | \$ 18,620 | \$ 27,563 | 55% |
| 1-day Shooting Preserve | 216 | 173 | 175 | 188 | 181 | \$ 8,326 | | 6 | -7 | \$ 276 | \$ (322) | -4% |
| Spring Light Goose | 4,713 | 2,810 | 2,961 | 3,495 | 4,487 | \$ 224,350 | | 1,526 | 992 | \$ 76,300 | \$ 49,617 | 28% |
| Youth Spring Light Goose | 178 | 94 | 122 | 131 | 161 | \$ 4,186 | | 39 | 30 | \$ 1,014 | \$ 771 | 23% |
| Migratory Bird Certificate | 246 | 286 | 419 | 317 | 679 | \$ 3,395 | | 260 | 362 | \$ 1,300 | \$ 1,810 | 114% |
| Predator/Varmint | 3,603 | 3,279 | 2,709 | 3,197 | 3,100 | \$ 124,000 | | 391 | -97 | \$ 15,640 | \$ (3,880) | -3% |
| Furbearer | 4 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 4 | \$ 1,100 | | -2 | -1 | \$ (550) | \$ (367) | -25% |
| Annual Fishing | 22,065 | 18,278 | 22,228 | 20,857 | 25,349 | \$ 1,698,383 | | 3,121 | 4,492 | \$ 209,107 | \$ 300,964 | 22% |
| Family Fishing | 6,843 | 6,011 | 7,469 | 6,774 | 7,544 | \$ 505,448 | | 75 | 770 | \$ 5,025 | \$ 51,568 | 11% |
| Youth Annual Fishing | 983 | 781 | 1,113 | 959 | 1,135 | \$ 28,375 | | 22 | 176 | \$ 550 | \$ 4,400 | 18% |
| 3-Day Fishing | 14,392 | 12,045 | 12,914 | 13,117 | 11,273 | \$ 417,101 | | -1,641 | -1,844 | \$ (60,717) | \$ (68,228) | -14% |
| 1-Day Fishing | 9,894 | 9,059 | 11,030 | 9,994 | 18,075 | \$ 289,200 | | 7,045 | 8,081 | \$ 112,720 | \$ 129,291 | 81% |
| NONRESIDENT TOTALS = | 66,239 | 56,386 | 65,072 | 62,566 | 79,058 | \$ 4,084,349 | | 13,986 | 16,492 | \$ 717,743 | \$ 865,686 | 26.4% |
| GRAND TOTALS = | 198,199 | 179,796 | 217,676 | 198,557 | 220,191 | \$ 8,707,298 | | 2,515 | 21,634 | \$ 457,191 | \$ 1,105,413 | 10.9% |

| | 2020 | 2021 | +/- Licenses | +/- Revenue |
|---------------------------|------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Resident Habitat Stamp | 0 | 130,687 | 130,687 | \$ 1,306,870 |
| Nonresident Habitat Stamp | 0 | 68,210 | 68,210 | \$ 1,705,250 |
| Totals = | 0 | 198,897 | 198,897 | \$ 3,012,120 |