



COMMISSION AGENDA

Game, Fish and Parks Commission

July 7-8, 2022

Holiday Inn Convention Center
305 N 27th Street, Spearfish, SD

General Meeting Information

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. via livestream at <https://www.sd.net/remote1/> or join via zoom by clicking on the link below. 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/93713121496?pwd=THN2OjNTNHpndEk3ZiRSb1g4RStwZz09>
or join via conference call Dial 1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 937 1312 1496 Passcode: 226616

FRIDAY - Zoom Meeting Link <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/98046248876?pwd=aklvVnpZM3hjamN2OVRtaDB5TGR0Zz09>
or join via conference call Dial 1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 980 4624 8876 Passcode: 375387

Public Input: To provide comments join the meeting in person, via zoom or conference call per the info above. To conduct the public hearing and/or open forum as efficiently as possible we ask those wishing to testify to **register by 1:00 MT pm the day of the meeting by email to Liz.Kierl@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)**.

Call meeting to order 1:00 pm MT / 2:00 pm CT

Division of Administration

Action Items

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

Information Items

5. Leadership Graduation
6. Go Outdoors South Dakota

Public Hearing – 2:00 pm MT / 3:00 pm CT

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

Open Forum – following close of public hearing

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

Petitions

7. Antelope License Allocation
8. Deer License Allocation
9. Deer and Antelope License Fees

Proposals

10. Spring Turkey
 - a. Custer State Park Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season
 - b. Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season

- c. Spring Turkey Hunting Seasons – Hunting Unit License Allocations
- 11. Fishing Regulations
 - a. Ice Shack Removal Dates
 - b. Fish Limits
 - c. Fish Importation
 - d. Hoop Nets, Traps, Setlines, and Floatlines
 - e. Paddlefish Season
 - f. Disabled Angler Assistance Program
- 12. Threatened and Endangered Species – Peregrine Falcon

Finalizations

- 13. Antelope
 - a. Application for License
 - b. Archery Antelope Hunting Season
 - c. Antelope Hunting Season
 - d. Antelope Hunting Season – Hunting Unit License Allocation
- 14. Archery & Muzzleloaders Seasons
- 15. Hunting Requirements – CWD Regulations
- 16. Fall Turkey
 - a. Fall Wild Turkey Hunting Season
 - b. Fall Turkey Hunting Seasons – Hunting Unit License Allocations
- 17. Mourning Dove Hunting
- 18. Spring Turkey Recruitment Licenses

Division of Parks & Recreation

Action Items

- 19. Angostura Concession Prospectus Authorization

Information Items

- 20. Park Fee Review Process
- 21. American Rescue Plan Act Update
- 22. Hiddenwood Park Update
- 23. Lake Oahe Boat Access Update
- 24. Fort Sisseton Festival Recap
- 25. Palisades State Park Update
- 26. Storm Damage Update
- 27. June Camping, Visitation, and & Revenue Report

Division of Wildlife

Other Action Item

- 28. Elk Raffle License

Information Items

- 29. Nest Predator Bounty Program Summary
- 30. River Otter Season & Harvest History
- 31. Wildlife Action Plan Revision
- 32. Outdoor Campus & SDSU Cooperative Positions
- 33. License Sales Update

Solicitation of Agenda Items for Commissioners

Adjourn

Next meeting information: August 31 to September 1 in Sioux Falls

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS**

A Public Hearing will be held at the Holiday Inn Spearfish-Convention Center located at 305 North 27th Street, Spearfish, SD 57783 at 2:00 pm (Mountain) on July. 7th, 2022. Individuals wishing to participate may attend in person or by teleconference. Teleconference information can be found at <https://gfp.sd.gov/commission/information/>. The public hearing is to consider adoption, amendment, and repeal of Rules pertaining to:

1. ARSD 41:06:01:12 – Mentored youth big game license – Restrictions.

Effect: The proposed change will modify where a mentored antelope license is valid.

Reason: The proposed change will decrease overall harvest of doe-fawn antelope to account for herd management objectives after recent survey results were obtained.

2. ARSD 41:06:03:19 – Carcass disposal for wildlife processing facilities.

Effect: The proposed change will address an administrative rule clean up that was overlooked during the rule-making process when the GFP Commission modified cervid carcass transportation and disposal regulations in May of 2021.

Reason: The proposed change will simplify regulations for hunters and other stakeholders, implement proactive versus reactive regulations to reduce the spread of chronic waste disease, and to provide hunters the option to transport harvested deer and elk to their choice of game facilities by regulating the disposal of carcass parts.

3. ARSD 41:06:13:05 – Turkey hunting recruitment license – Open area and eligibility.

Effect: The proposed change will establish new rules within the Spring Turkey Hunting Season chapter that provides for Mentored Youth Turkey Recruitment licenses. Furthermore, the proposed rule will establish the areas that are open and outline who is eligible for the license.

Reason: This proposed rule is part of a group of rule proposals that are meant to provide a

means of encouraging youth participation with non-governmental organizations (NGO) that promote wildlife conservation and the recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters.

4. ARSD 41:06:13:06. Number and types of licenses available -- Application process.

Effect: The proposed change will establish new rules within the Spring Turkey Hunting Season chapter that provides for Mentored Youth Turkey Recruitment licenses. Furthermore, the rule proposal will establish the number and types of licenses available.

Reason: This proposed rule is part of a group of rule proposals that are meant to provide a means of encouraging youth participation with non-governmental organizations (NGO) that promote wildlife conservation and the recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters.

5. ARSD 41:06:13:07. Criteria for selection by commission of non-governmental organization.

Effect: The proposed change will establish new rules within the Spring Turkey Hunting Season chapter that provides for Mentored Youth Turkey Recruitment licenses. Furthermore, the rule proposal will establish criteria for the commission to consider when awarding licenses to NGOs

Reason: This proposed rule is part of a group of rule proposals that are meant to provide a means of encouraging youth participation with non-governmental organizations (NGO) that promote wildlife conservation and the recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters.

6. ARSD 41:06:13:08. Application deadline.

Effect: The proposed change will establish new rules within the Spring Turkey Hunting Season chapter that provides for Mentored Youth Turkey Recruitment licenses. Furthermore, the rule proposal will establish an application deadline.

Reason: This proposed rule is part of a group of rule proposals that are meant to provide a means of encouraging youth participation with non-governmental organizations (NGO) that

promote wildlife conservation and the recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters.

7. ARSD 41:06:13:09 Selection of non-governmental organization by commission.

Effect: The proposed change will establish new rules within the Spring Turkey Hunting Season chapter that provides for Mentored Youth Turkey Recruitment licenses. Furthermore, the rule proposal will require the commission to select awardees of the licenses.

Reason: This proposed rule is part of a group of rule proposals that are meant to provide a means of encouraging youth participation with non-governmental organizations (NGO) that promote wildlife conservation and the recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters. Currently for youth hunters, an unlimited number of mentored spring and fall turkey licenses are available for those youth under the age of 16 and valid statewide wherever a spring or fall turkey season is open. A mentored youth turkey recruitment license sponsored by an NGO would be available to those youth 15 years of age and younger that do not already possess any type of spring turkey hunting license.

8. ARSD 41:06:14:01 - Fall Wild Turkey Hunting Season.

Effect: The proposed rule change modifies the number of turkey licenses available for this season.

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

9. ARSD 41:06:14:02.01 – Prairie Units (Fall Turkey).

Effect: The proposed change will revise Prairie Units for prairie fall turkey hunting.

Reason: Harvest management strategy and updated unit-specific population objectives provide the basis for the recommended changes to the respective fall turkey hunting units.

10. ARSD 41:06:22:01.01 – Archery and General Muzzleloading Deer Hunting Seasons.

Effect: Adjust administrative rules to correct and simplify deer units for archery and general muzzleloading deer hunting seasons and to exclude Custer State Park from the archery and muzzleloader deer hunting seasons.

Reason: Only those deer hunting units that offer firearm antlerless deer licenses are open for both the archery and muzzleloader deer hunting seasons and Custer State Park is closed to the statewide archery and muzzleloader deer hunting seasons. These rule modifications simplify rule by reducing cross references of specific units.

11. ARSD 41:06:23:01 - Antelope Hunting Season.

Effect: The proposed change will adjust the maximum number of one-tag "any antelope" licenses and two-tag antelope licenses.

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

12. ARSD 41:06:23:02. Open units -- Exceptions. (Antelope).

Effect: The proposed change will modify units for the antelope hunting season.

Reason: Based on updated population estimates, a modification to the units that are open for hunting is justified. The modification will also provide additional hunter opportunity.

13. ARSD 41:06:24:01 – Archery antelope hunting season established – Open area – Number and type of licenses available.

Effect: The proposed change will modify the types of antelope tags available for the archery antelope season.

Reason: The proposed change will account for herd management objectives after recent survey results were obtained.

14. ARSD: 41:06:40:05. Restrictions. (Mourning Dove).

Effect: The proposed change will allow for mourning dove hunting at Shadehill State Recreation Area in Perkins County.

Reason: Department staff have determined that mourning dove hunting can occur at Shadehill State Recreation Area to provide additional hunting opportunities.

15. ARSD 41:06:45:02. Open units. (Muzzleloading Deer).

Effect: The proposed change will simplify those deer units that are open for antlerless white-tailed deer licenses and will exclude Custer State Park from the archery and muzzleloader deer hunting seasons.

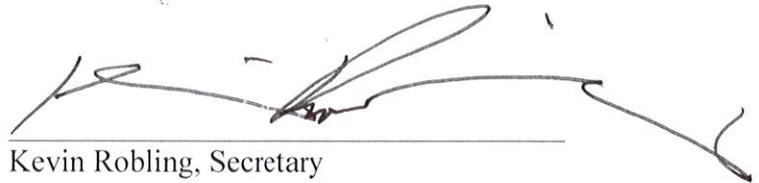
Reason: Only those deer hunting units that offer firearm antlerless deer licenses are open for both the archery and muzzleloader deer hunting seasons and Custer State Park is closed to the statewide archery and muzzleloader deer hunting seasons. These rule modifications simplify rule by reducing cross references of specific units.

Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments, and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) at the hearing. Persons unable to attend the hearing may mail data, opinions, arguments, and their views to the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, or by going to the GFP website at <http://gfp.sd.gov/forms/positions>. All persons who desire to submit written data, opinions, arguments, and their views by mail or email are encouraged to mail or transmit the same in sufficient time so that it is received by and in the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks 72 hours prior to the date of the hearing. Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) to the Commission for their consideration. All written and email comments must include the name, hometown/city, and state of the person submitting the comments.

The above rule proposals are available for review on the internet by going to <https://rules.sd.gov/> and copies of the proposed rules may be requested from the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501. Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the hearing should submit a request to the undersigned at 605.773.3718 or 605.223.7684 (Telecommunication Device for the Deaf).

Dated this 15th day of June, 2022.

(SEAL)



Kevin Robling, Secretary

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Public Comments

Antelope (Firearm and Archery)

Patrick Moore

Ellsworth Afb SD

Position: other

Comment:

The proposal for adjustments to buck only for the 2022 and 2023 seasons is justified with the decline of fawn populations this year. What does not seem justified is the restriction of mentored licenses to private land only. If the population is in decline to the point where a two year moratorium is considered being placed on doe and fawns, then access to private land should not be the ticket to a mentored opportunity. Either open a lottery style draw for all mentored applicants for the number of animals required to be hunted, or cancel the season all together. Privatizing the opportunities for youth antelope hunting for two years comes across as biased, and reserving significant opportunities for only those wealthy enough to own land. While I doubt this is the intent of the proposal, if passed, it would go a long way in breaking trust with the public who have faith in SDGFP to fairly and scientifically manage our public, natural resources.

Nickie Adams

Pierre SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

RE: Supportive information #4

I understand decreasing licenses due to population. But taking the opportunity away for a mentored hunter to hunt public land is not the right way to do this. Finding private land can be difficult in SD and would be frustrating not only for the youth, but for the parent or mentee to try and assist the mentor from a successful or good hunting experience.

Please modify the proposal to allow mentors to hunt public land.

Decrease the landowner tags, don't make it harder for youth who are the future hunters when hunter numbers are declining.

Sallie Doty

Pierre SD

Position: other

Comment:

I have hunted antelope in Haakon County for the past 4 seasons. I am grateful that I received a tag from GF &P each year-thank you! I have noticed over the past four years the decline in population, and an increase in hunters. Also, public land in Haakon County is grazed down to almost nothing. As a taxpayer this is frustrating. If landowners are going to receive state dollars to turn their land into public, then the land should be untouched and allowed to go back to natural habitat. Just north of 11 mile road outside of Philip is a piece of public that resembles the surface of the moon. There has been 0 wildlife on the piece. It looks awful and overgrazed. How are you going to increase a population if you do not take care of the habitat needed for antelope to survive?

I support the proposed changes, with a few caveats. I would like to see this proposal for the next 5 + years and not just a few. There is no reason that there should ever be leftover kid or doe tags. The population cannot support this. I think the same should apply to deer as well. Also, I would like to see the license completely removed for non-residents. I realize they do not get many of the tags, but I think it would help to tame the frustration of those in state with the new changes.

In the proposed changes video it discussed that there has been a 16% reduction in the antelope population. Bringing it back up 10% does not bring it back up to a 94% rate. A 10% increase from being down 16% brings the population to 92.4% of what it used to be. These proposed changes need to be in effect a minimum of 5 years, and then reviewed after that as needed.

Finally, I think the G, F & P would benefit from interviewing hunters that frequent the same pieces of public about what we are seeing. I was surveyed by a professor at Nebraska while archery paddlefishing this year. He asked a lot more in depth questions about what we saw, how satisfied we were, what the water conditions were like, other species we observed, etc. This gave him a lot more insight in the paddlefiserman's experience. I know people sometimes do not respond to surveys, but it may help in the future. Flying a drone over and calling it "research" does not get an accurate picture of healthy populations.

I am for the proposed changes, and I think that they are a great start.

Sallie S. Doty

Justin Allen

Pierre SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

I do not support mentor antelope tags being only valid on private land only. 400 doe/kids were kill by mentor hunters last year. I'm sure a 100 plus were killed on private land. 200-300 killed a year on public land throughout all the units is worth keeping the youth involved in the outdoors. Also once again GFP and commission will not address Over The Counter (OTC) archery tags just like archery deer. Antelope firearm tags are being reduced by 60-75 percent in NW SD but we are still going to have OTC bow licenses for residents and non residents. Why? Again firearm hunters make the sacrifice to increase game numbers but bow hunters give up nothing. Please address OTC archery tags. With this said I do support the proposed license and tag numbers for the firearm season.

Thank you for your time
Justin
Pierre, SD

Gene Cox

Mobridge SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

I am writing to voice opposition to the limitation of Mentor Tags to private land only. I realize the doe population needs less pressure, but how much pressure is from mentored hunting? The objective of mentored hunting is to get kids out into the field to keep hunting going. While it is not proposed here, has anyone considered putting the age limit back on as a requirement? How many young hunters have received a tag before their first or second birthday? In conclusion, I would urge you to reconsider closing mentored hunts on public land for antelope. Thank you.

Crystal Gaikowski

Webster SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

Hello, I seen a post on Facebook regarding proposed changes to antelope season. I think something has to be done to get numbers up I agree however how about setting an actual age for mentor license? Very young children can get tags when it's probably the parents using them. Make antelope archery unlimited on private land but a draw for public. Taking away opportunity for youth to get into the outdoors is not the way to go. My child looks forward to hunting every year. I sure hope you take public comments into consideration

Justin Broughton

Sioux Falls SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

A cap and draw should be in place for all non-resident archery antelope licenses. You cannot cap and restrict all other license types with no change to non-resident tag allocation. Respect the privileges of SD citizens, cap nonresident archery antelope licenses.

Renee Allen

Pierre SD

Position: other

Comment:

First off I oppose not allowing mentor antelope hunting on public grounds. 200-300 does killed throughout the state on public land will not make or break the comeback of antelope numbers. Secondly, I can not express my disappointment of the mismanagement of the antelope herds in western SD by GFP. No population survey for three years when GFP used to do it every year. Over abundance of tags for the last two years despite hunters saying the antelope numbers did not support the tag numbers. Over harvest and drought and now we have a population so low we are not even allowing youth/mentors hunting on public land. You can do better SD GFP.

Renee Allen
Pierre, SD

Archery and Muzzleloader Season

Roger Dekok

Mount Vernon SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

Muzzleloader Deer Season and Use of Magnified Scopes. I oppose the use of magnified scopes for muzzleloader and for that matter crossbows. Both of these are a primitive weapons season. We are not allowed to use magnification on archery equipment and magnification should not be allowed on muzzleloader or crossbows.

Justin Broughton

Sioux Falls SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

A cap and draw should be placed on all nonresident archery deer tags. Nonresident archery participation continues to increase annually at an increasing rate irrespective of the changes the department put in place several years ago. Please considering capping the tags at the 8% allocation that is currently in place for rifle tags.

Other

Russell Backus

Rapid City SD

Position: other

Comment:

Dear Commission Members:

I would like to bring to your attention a situation that greatly concerns me. As a fishing guide for over 20 years and former national walleye champion, I feel that I have the experience to address this issue.

1st – On June 4th of this year a walleye tournament sponsored by Jared Roe Memorial, was held on Angostura Lake in Fall River County near Hot Springs. The tournament permit authorized by SDGF&P for a maximum of 80 teams. The tournament violated their authorization by allowing 92 teams. The 92 teams consisted of 3 team members in each boat. Each team member was allowed to catch a state limit of 4 fish each for a state limit of 12 fish per boat. Teams could only weigh in 6 fish. Because of an extremely good bite most teams caught a state limit of 12. I am estimating that over 1100 walleyes were harvested by the tournament anglers that day. This is an extremely high exploitation rate. This was calculated by 92 boats with 3 anglers all catching their limits of 12 walleyes per boat.

-The tournament starting procedure released all 92 teams at one time. Can you imagine the safety concerns I have over this when they all tried to get to their hot spots first?

-Angostura Lake consists of approximately 4000 acre feet at full pool level. At the time of the tournament water releases caused only a 77% full pool. This reduced the lake pool to approximately 3000 acre feet of available fishing water.

2nd – Angostura Lake cannot sustain this kind of harvest and still maintain good fishing tournament anglers plus recreational anglers. Angostura normally hosts 5 or 6 other tournaments each year thus increasing harvest exploitation. Please don't get me wrong, I'm not against tournament fishing, I am concerned about how the tournaments are administered.

3rd – Recommendations – Limit all Angostura tournaments to a max of 50 two man teams not 3. This will lower the exploitation rate and still provide a great tournament. Most tournaments on Angostura are run this way

-Eliminate the tournament start releasing all teams at the same time. I recommend requiring a staggered start. This will improve safety for everyone.

-Get fishing biologists more involved, with conservations officers who approve the tournaments. This would help them decide how many tournaments should be allowed and still achieve a reasonable exploitation rate.

-Conservation officers should establish a firm cut-off date for tournament applications. This would eliminate last minute decisions to have a tournament.

Thank you for hearing my concerns. My best interests remain with both tournament and recreational anglers.

Sincerely,

Russ Backus 605-545-3949 3505 Cypress Ct; Rapid City SD 57701

Brett Koplín

Rochester MN

Position: other

Comment:

I can't believe you allow a trapping season for otters with only small numbers of these sacred creatures left

Public Comments

Antelope (Firearm and Archery)

Brian Ermer

Aberdeen SD

Position: support

Comment:

I would like to see SD residents have opportunities at more quality than quantity. This is a step in the right direction.

I also pay high tag fees to hunt out of state as well. There is no reason why our state should be different if out of state hunters want to hunt I. Our state.

Joel Murano

Aberdeen SD

Position: support

Comment:

I support the petition increasing license fees for non resident archery antelope. Our state has by far and away the most liberalized license fees for non residents. Increasing the fees to fall in line with the petition still makes them extremely affordable when compared to many western states. I also support a cap on archery antelope licenses for non residents. I have bowhunted archery antelope for 15 years and the last two the amount of pressure in the areas with high historic antelope populations is excessive. I do not oppose non residents, I frequently hunt out of state myself, but the reality is with many other states becoming more challenging to get licenses, and the ease of information online, the secret is out. South Dakota's resources are vast, and if we don't make reasonable reforms now, harder decisions that will affect resident hunters will become topics of discussion later. These reforms are necessary and reasonable.

Charles Pugsley

Mina SD

Position: support

Comment:

No comment text provided.

Jeremy Iverson

Groton SD

Position: other

Comment:

I support the sd bow hunters proposal for decreasing the quantity of non-resident tags.

4 years ago, I had double doe antelope tags and there weren't enough antelope then to warrant double doe tags. I feel restricting license now to grow the population for years to come is long overdue.

I oppose youth/mentor tags being moved to private land only, but allowed to hunt public land as well. This group should not be limited to people who only know land owners.

Thanks you,
Jeremy

Anthony Filholm

Brookings SD

Position: support

Comment:

I am in full agreement of Petition 138 that makes NR antelope archers draw for a limited amount of tags and raises the fees. Its time to support residents.

Archery and Muzzleloader Season

Brian Ermer

Aberdeen SD

Position: support

Comment:

High prices and limits for out of state provides better opportunities for our state hunters. I would like to see quality over quantity

Joel Murano

Aberdeen SD

Position: support

Comment:

I support the petitions to increase license fees for non resident archery licenses. It's a reasonable increase compared to many other states. I support limiting the amount of licenses a non resident can have to one any deer license. These are reasonable requests that make sense. Non residents comprise a large statistical aggregate of the total antelope and deer harvest in the state with archery equipment. Some areas their harvest numbers for deer and antelope are at similar levels to firearm harvest for residents. The increase in tag purchases the last few years for non residents and subsequently their harvest share is not sustainable nor fair to residents. I do not oppose non residents, rather feel that reform is needed.

Charles Pugsley

Mina SD

Position: support

Comment:

Petition to rule 41:06:22:01 should be considered. The data sure looks compelling as laid out by SD Bowhunters.

Jeremy Iverson

Groton SD

Position: support

Comment:

I support the sd bow hunters proposal for decreasing the quantity of non-resident tags.

Residents should come first in our support of wildlife in sd.

Thanks you,
Jeremy

Anthony Filholm

Brookings SD

Position: support

Comment:

I am in favor of adopting petition 139 which limits NR archery deer hunters by draw quotas. Why are we trying to raise the quality of our mule deer to then have them harvested by out of state hunters. Does not seem fair to the people of South Dakota. The cost of the license needs to increase as well for them.

Greg Stoebner

Webster SD

Position: other

Comment:

This comment is pertaining to a petition submitted by SD Bow hunter Association for Non Resident archery tags and pricing. I would be in favor of having a reasonable limit on NR Archery tags. It would make sense to follow firearm season caps at this time. I am not in favor of raising the price of the NR license. We are all Nonresidents somewhere, and I am tired of getting priced out in other states because a bordering state raised prices.

Other

Blake Kopf

Yankton SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

I oppose the changes to limiting the number of nonresident archery deer tags. We already take away one month of the year to give to residents. I hunt in South Dakota as a resident but, also go to other states to hunt and the trend seems to be trying to make it more difficult for nonresidents to come in and hunt. If you keep making it harder and harder for people to come why would they want to support any conservation or businesses in the area. Having more hunters in the field is a good thing, maybe not for the guy who wants am to never see a person while hunting, but a good thing for the sport and for conservation. A better area of change would be to move the rifle season out of the rut to preserve larger Buck numbers.

Mary Fisher

Winner SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

The regulations on limiting the number of licenses is insane. With deer over population rampant across the state it is utterly ridiculous. The new website is difficult if not impossible to navigate and I am good with technology. Hire a decent firm to redo it.

Nancy Hilding

Black Hawk, SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

I strongly oppose the Nest Predator Bounty program and have testified or written against this program repeatedly. It is a waste of government money. It is ineffective and cruel. SD has a 3 and a partial day trap check time west River and a 2 and a partial trap check time east River. SDGFP desperately needs reform of our trapping rules. Trapping is not recreation as you have to bribe people to do it -- they trap for money. It is a commercial activity

Nancy Hilding

Black Hawk SD

Position: other

Comment:

SD Law requires a biennial review of threatened & endangered species:

"34A-8-4. Biennial review of lists of endangered and threatened species--Amendments.

The Game, Fish and Parks Commission shall conduct a review of the state list of endangered and threatened species within the period ending July 3, 1979, and every two years thereafter and may amend the list by appropriate additions or deletions.

Source: SL 1977, ch 335, § 3."

To list or delist requires rule making. I see nothing on the agenda about the biennial review for summer 2022. When will it happen?

What has SD GFP done about the Lake Chub in the last two years? I petitioned to have it listed as endangered at September meeting 2 years ago & you all said you needed more time to study the fish & search for it.

So what did you discover? When is the biennial review where this can be discussed?

Nancy Hilding

Black Hawk SD

Position: other

Comment:

Nancy Hilding to SDGFP

I am writing a note at 11:16 pm MT. This is before midnight MT. The public hearing is held in Spearfish which is in MT. Thus the 72 hours before the day of the hearing, should be decided in MT.

In the past, when the hearing was in western SD, held in MT, you rejected messages posted before midnight MT but after midnight CT and moved them into next month's comment pile. This is illegal and a violation of law, and I objected to it.

I am not checking to see which month's public comment set this letter ends up in. I hope July but I am predicting September.

I suspect you just have a AI doing the comment letter sorting/division and it is on automatic pilot and it is set for CT and you don't reprogram it when the hearing moves to MT.

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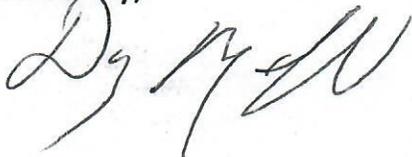
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GFP Staff and Commissioners
523 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear GFP Staff and Commissioners:

I support the Petition of the 29 – 90 Sportsman’s Club which asks you to reconsider your vote of allowing non – residents to hunt Canada Geese in Southeast South Dakota during the Early Fall Canada Geese Season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Dy M W", written in a cursive style.

May 20, 2020

Dear GFP,

I hope you're having a great day today but I'd like to tell you my opinion about the price and difficulty of hunting tags. I'm 14 years old and I've been putting in for a Perkins county rifle buck tag for 2 years. Now I understand that you have to limit the amount of tags that go out each year but here's my opinion.

I believe the price and difficulty of getting hunting tags is ruining the sport of hunting. People don't want to wait 5-8 years just to kill a mule deer or whitetail deer, and then have to wait a few years again. Tags are just getting harder and harder each year for that animal you apply for. Elk tags in South Dakota could take up to 57 years to get, and the price is kind of steep ranging from 275-850 dollars for an animal you're not guaranteed to get. You have roughly a 4-5% chance of getting the tags you apply for.

Now I know tags are in place to keep track of the population of that animal, but mule deer and whitetail deer are at an all time high for their population so I think if it's so high then why not give out a few more tags. I mean even buck tags are extremely high priced for how high the population is. The price for buck tags ranges from 175-600 dollars. So maybe consider this letter and think about my opinion a little bit.

Sincerely,
Mason Hinker



Agenda Item #2

JUNE 2022 MEETING MINUTES Game, Fish and Parks Commission

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER 1:00 PM CT/ 12 PM MT

Chairman Russell Olson called the meeting to order at 1 pm CT at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Aberdeen, SD on June 2, 2022. Commissioners Travis Bies, Stephanie Rissler, Russell Olson, Jon Locken, Julie Bartling, Robert Whitmyre, and Chuck Spring were present. Public and staff were able to listen via SDPB livestream and participate via video conference or in person with approximately 72 total participants via zoom or in person.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Chairman Olson called for conflict of interest to be disclosed. *None were present.*

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2022 MEETING

Chairman Olson called for any additions or correction to the May 5-6, 2022, regular meeting minutes. Minutes are available at <https://gfp.sd.gov/commission/archives/>. Motion by Whitmyre with second by Bartling to APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 5-6, 2022, REGULAR MEETING. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER SALARY DAYS

Chairman Olson called for additional salary days. Rissler requested salary days for attending the Spirit Mound Trust Group with Parks and Wildlife Foundation. Motion by Whitmyre with second by Bies to APPROVE THE REQUESTED SALARY DAYS. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Rissler to ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. Motion carried unanimously. Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Rissler to EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION. Motion carried unanimously. Motioned by Bies, seconded by Locken to NOMINATE WHITMYRE FOR THE OPEN VICE-CHAIR POSITION, Motion carried unanimously.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION (continued)

BUDGET

Director Petersen presented the FY2023 department budget to the Commission. Director Petersen clarified that SDGFP has 6 budget units or program areas that make up the Department's overall budget. As an informational item Director Petersen reviewed the three GFP budget units where budget setting authority resides with the Legislature; 0601 Administration, 0620 State Parks and Recreation, and 0621 State Parks and Recreation – Development/Improvement.

Director Petersen reviewed the three budget units where the budget setting authority resided with the SDGFP COMMISSION: 0610 Wildlife – Info, 0612 Wildlife Development/Improvement – Info, and 0622 Snowmobile Trails – Info. The Commission and Director Petersen discussed the budget levels that were part of the Department's original budget request and the budget levels that have been amended to include the statewide 6% salary packaged, additional targeted salary adjustments, and adjustments for captive insurance premiums on state buildings and structures. *Motioned by Rissler, seconded by Whitmyre to APPROVE FY2023 FOR THE PROGRAM UNDER THEIR CONTROL AT THE LEVELS LISTED BELOW. Motion carried unanimously.*

0610 Wildlife - Info			
<i>Division of Wildlife Operations</i>	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
Personal Services	\$ 5,362,664	\$ 17,827,007	\$ 23,189,671
Operating Expenses	\$ 14,604,821	\$ 22,872,000	\$ 37,476,821
Total	\$ 19,967,485	\$ 40,699,007	\$ 60,666,492
0612 Wildlife - Development/Improvement - Info			
<i>Division of Wildlife Capital Development</i>	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,707,675	\$ 3,086,725	\$ 4,794,400
Total	\$ 1,707,675	\$ 3,086,725	\$ 4,794,400
0622 Snowmobile Trails - Info			
<i>Snowmobile Trails Program</i>	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
Personal Services		\$ 457,770	\$ 457,770
Operating Expenses		\$ 961,729	\$ 961,729
Total		\$ 1,419,499	\$ 1,419,499

LICENSE LIST REQUEST

As an action, Director Petersen presented a license list request from RMA Specialties out of Cheyenne WY. RMA Specialties provides taxidermy supplies and requested GFP’s list of licensed SD taxidermists. Motion by Whitmyre, seconded by Bies TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST AT THE FULL FEE OF 10 CENTS PER NAME. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FORUM – 2:00 PM CT / 1:00 PM MT

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.

Rob Roeber of Redfield, SD discussed flooding at Cottonwood Lake.

Julie Johnson of Mina, SD thanked the commissioners and staff for the work done on the Mina Lake Spillway. The Mina Lake HOA is planning on holding a formal dedication in the near future.

Open forum concluded at 2:09 pm CT.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION (continued)

GO OUTDOOR SD UPDATE

Ross Scott, Wildlife Director, and Keith Fisk, Programs Manager, updated the Commission on the status of the Go Outdoors South Dakota program.

2023 ONLINE APPLICATIONS

Keith Fisk, Programs Manager, updated the Commission provided an update on the 2023 online applications.

ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Lisa Bragg, Vice-President of Southwick Associates, gave report of the Economic Impact Study.

R3 UPDATES

Shala Larson, R3 and Relevancy Manager, gave an update on R3 initiatives within the state. She shared that a HuntSAFE Instructor conference took place in April where there were many instructors present. The main concern expressed by instructors was creating incentives for the next generation of instructors to get certified and begin teaching. Larson also shared that the statewide R3 Strategic plan is finalized and will begin implementation. Youth Conservation Camp was underway the second week of June and Becoming and Outdoors woman will take place at the end of August and NeSoDak at Enemy Swim Lake.

FISHING SOUTH DAKOTA MARKETING PLAN

Nick Harrington, Communications Manager, provided an update on Fishing South Dakota, which is a campaign focused on increasing fishing license sales. Harrington stated that nonresident efforts were successful in the

spring, which were centered around fisheries features from across the state with regional fisheries supervisors. Harrington explained the current focus is on resident anglers, including showcasing educational resources and opportunities including an education program called “Fishing with Your Friends” that is currently full across the state.

PETITIONS

MUZZLELOADER DEER SEASON & USE OF MAGNIFIED SCOPES

Director Kirschenmann, Wildlife Division Director, presented the petition received from Joe Murano of Aberdeen, SD, requesting the use of magnified scopes during muzzleloader season. *Motioned by Whitmyre, seconded by Bies to DENY THE PETITION. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motioned by Bies, seconded by Bartling to ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-09 TO DENY ABOVE PETITION. Motion carried unanimously.

EARLY FALL SEPTEMBER GOOSE SEASON – RESTRICTION ON NON-RESIDENTS

Director Kirschenmann, Wildlife Division Director, presented the petition received from Charles Rokusek of Sioux Falls, SD, requesting that non-residents may not hunt early fall Canada Goose in the counties that make up the Region 3 of the Game, Fish & Parks and are in the Southeast part of South Dakota. *Motioned by Bies, seconded by Bartling to DENY THE PETITION. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motioned by Whitmyre, seconded by Locken to ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-10 TO DENY ABOVE PETITION. Motion carried unanimously.

SMALLMOUTH BASS SIZE LIMIT ON MISSOURI RIVER

Director Kirschenmann, Wildlife Division Director, presented the petition received from Travis Tschumper of Sioux Falls, SD, requesting implementing a size limit on smallmouth bass between 12-16 inches and one over 21 inches on the Missouri River (Oahe, Sharpe, Francis Case, Lewis & Clarke, and below Lewis & Clarke down to the Nebraska border.) *Motioned by Locken, seconded by Rissler to DENY THE PETITION. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Rissler to ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-11 TO DENY ABOVE PETITION. Motion carried unanimously.

DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION

ANGOSTURA CONCESSION PROSPECTUS AUTHORIZATION

Sean Blanchette, Concessions Manager with the Parks Division, provided the Commission a status update on the forthcoming prospectus for the Concession Lease opportunity at Angostura Recreation Area. The current lease is set to expire on 12/31/2022 and the Parks division is currently developing a prospectus for the opportunity. Blanchette shared those outstanding issues need to be resolved with the owners of the two timeshare cabins that exist in the Resort complex as well as an issue with the information included in the appraisal completed in the fall of 2021 that must be resolved prior to issuing a prospectus. Parks staff will return to the Commission at the July meeting to request authorization to issue the prospectus, which will still provide ample time to receive and evaluate responses and have a recommendation for the Commission for a new lease prior to expiration of the current agreement.

PROPOSALS

ANTELOPE HUNTING SEASON

Andy Lindbloom, Senior Wildlife Biologist, provided a presentation on the current antelope population status and justifications for recommendations to minimize antlerless harvest to meet population objectives sooner than later.

Chad Switzer, Program Manager, discussed the recommended change from “any antelope” licenses to “antelope” licenses for the archery and firearm seasons, thus allowing the Commission flexibility in determining tag type

for such license. Chad discussed the recommended change to modify current administrative rule for mentored antelope licenses to be valid in any open firearm hunting unit west of the Missouri River for private land only. Justification for recommendations is to minimize antlerless harvest to meet population objectives sooner than later in the primary antelope range.

Proposed changes from last year:

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

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

41:06:23:01. Antelope hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses. The antelope hunting season is open from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset each day for 16 consecutive days beginning on the Saturday closest to October 1, unless prohibited in the unit descriptions in §§

41:06:23:02. No more than 8,000 ~~4,115~~ one-tag "~~any antelope~~" antelope licenses, no more than 3,000 ~~600~~ two-tag antelope licenses, and no more than 50 "special antelope" licenses may be issued to residents for the antelope hunting season. No more than 50 "special antelope" licenses may be issued to nonresidents for the antelope hunting season. If a person applies for a "special antelope" license, the person may not apply for another antelope license until the third lottery drawing. A successful "special antelope" applicant may not apply for a leftover "special antelope" license.

41:06:23:02. Open units -- Exceptions. The following is a description of the open units: (28) Unit PRA-63A: Campbell, Potter and Walworth counties; If no license is allocated for a specific hunting unit, that unit is dissolved for the purposes of designating areas open to hunting, as they pertain to the archery antelope season, and areas open to hunting under SDCL 41-6-19.3.

Motion by Bies, seconded by Spring to APPROVE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION. Motion carried unanimously.

ARCHERY ANTELOPE HUNTING SEASON

Recommended changes from last year:

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

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

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

Motioned by Bies, seconded by Rissler to APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION. Motion carried unanimously.

[Commissioners requested minutes read buck only tags.]

ANTELOPE HUNTING SEASON – HUNTING UNIT LICENSE ALLOCATIONS

Recommendations of following page.

Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Locken to APPROVE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS. Motion carried unanimously.

ANTELOPE
2021 vs. 2022-2023 Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2021 Resident Licenses	2022-2023 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2021 Resident Tags	2022-2023 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
02A	Pennington East	100	50	-50	-50%	100	50	-50	-50%
11A	Bennett/Shannon	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
15A	Butte NW	300	50	-250	-83%	300	50	-250	-83%
15B	Butte/Lawrence	350	200	-150	-43%	350	200	-150	-43%
20A	Corson	70	70	0	0%	70	70	0	0%
21A	Custer/Pennington Central	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
24A	Dewey	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
27A	Fall River/Custer Southwest	550	400	-150	-27%	550	400	-150	-27%
31A	Haakon	100	50	-50	-50%	100	50	-50	-50%
35A	Harding West	600	150	-450	-75%	1,200	150	-1,050	-88%
35B	Harding East	500	150	-350	-70%	500	150	-350	-70%
36A	Hughes	25	15	-10	-40%	25	15	-10	-40%
38A	Hyde/Hand/Buffalo	10	10	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
39A	Jackson	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
41A	Jones	40	40	0	0%	40	40	0	0%
45A	Lyman	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
45B	Ft. Pierre National Grasslands	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
49A	Meade North	500	300	-200	-40%	500	300	-200	-40%
49B	Meade South	500	200	-300	-60%	500	200	-300	-60%
50A	Mellette/Todd	30	30	0	0%	30	30	0	0%
53A	Perkins North	150	50	-100	-67%	150	50	-100	-67%
53B	Perkins South	400	100	-300	-75%	400	100	-300	-75%
58A	Stanley	40	40	0	0%	40	40	0	0%
59A	Sully	30	20	-10	-33%	30	20	-10	-33%
60A	Tripp	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
63A	Campbell/Potter/Walworth	20	10	-10	-50%	20	10	-10	-50%
64A	Ziebach	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
PR	Special Antelope	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
TOTAL		4,765	2,385	-2,380	-50%	5,365	2,385	-2,980	-56%

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

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

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

41:06:01:12. Mentored youth big game license -- Restrictions. A resident parent or guardian may purchase no more than one mentored "any antlerless deer" license or "antlerless whitetail deer" license, and one "doe-fawn antelope" license, and one fall "any turkey" license, and one spring "male turkey" license for a designated mentored youth as provided in SDCL 41-6-81. Mentored antelope licenses are valid in any open firearm hunting unit west of the Missouri River for private land only. No youth participating in a mentored big game hunt may apply for a regular season license for that corresponding species and season.41:06:23:01.

Motioned by Rissler, seconded by Whitmyre to APPROVE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION. Motion carried unanimously.

ARCHERY & GENERAL MUZZLELOADING DEER HUNTING SEASONS

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

41:06:22:01.01. Open units. The following is a description of the open units: (1) Unit ARD-ST1: statewide, excluding Custer State Park; (2) Unit ARD-ER1: all counties east of the Missouri River; (3) Unit ARD-WR1: all counties west of the Missouri River, excluding Custer State Park; (4) Unit ARD-LM1: antlerless whitetail deer licenses will be available in hunting units that offer a deer license for antlerless deer in the lottery drawing for the Black Hills, West River, and East River deer seasons. One single tag license may be purchased for this hunting

unit; ~~all areas open to archery deer hunting; excluding the following deer hunting units referenced in chapters 41:06:19, 41:06:20, and 41:06:21: BD1, 02C, 07A, 08A, 12A, 14A, 27L, 33A, 34A, 35L, 36A, 38A, 41A, 50A, 54A, 58D, 59A, 59B, 61A, and 65A;~~ (5) Unit ARD-MP1: for those designated areas within the city limits of Custer; (6) Unit ARD-MP2: for those designated areas within the city limits of Rapid City; and (7) Unit ARD-MP3: for those designated areas within the city limits of Sioux Falls.

41:06:45:02. Open units. The following is a description of the open units: 1) Unit MZD-ST1: statewide, excluding Custer State Park; and (2) Unit MZD-LM1: antlerless whitetail deer licenses will be available in hunting units that offer a deer license for antlerless deer in the lottery drawing for the Black Hills, West River, and East River deer seasons. One single tag license may be purchased for this hunting unit. ~~One single tag license may be purchased for all areas open to muzzleloading deer hunting, excluding the following deer hunting units referenced in chapters 41:06:19, 41:06:20, and 41:06:21: BD1, 02C, 07A, 08A, 11B, 12A, 14A, 27L, 33A, 34A, 35L, 36A, 38A, 41A, 50A, 54A, 58D, 59A, 59B, 61A, and 65A.~~

No action was taken.

HUNTING REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITED METHODS

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

41:06:03:19. Carcass disposal for wildlife processing facilities. Wildlife processing facilities, as defined by §

41:06:03:10, shall dispose of all remaining cervid carcass parts obtained from outside this state with a waste management provider or permitted landfill. Game processors licensed by another state or federal entity shall dispose of carcasses as required by the conditions associated with their license.

No action was taken.

FALL WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON

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

41:06:14:01. Fall turkey hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses. The fall wild turkey hunting season is open from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily beginning on November 1 through January 31. No more than 500 ~~100~~ one-tag any turkey licenses may be issued to residents for the Black Hills fall turkey hunting season. No more than 2,500 ~~400~~ one-tag any turkey licenses and 2,000 ~~35~~ double-tag any turkey licenses may be issued to residents for the prairie fall turkey hunting season.

41:06:14:02.01. Prairie units. The following is a description of the open prairie units: (1) Unit PFT-01A: Minnehaha County. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow; (2) Unit PFT-02A: that portion of Pennington County east of the Cheyenne River; (3) ~~(2)~~ Unit PFT-06A: that portion of Brookings County east of Interstate 29. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow; (4) ~~(3)~~ Unit PFT-07A: Yankton County; (5) ~~(4)~~ Unit PFT-08A: ~~These portions of Davison and Hanson cCounties within a line beginning at the junction of 403rd Avenue and 247th Street, then east on 247th Street to its junction with 413th Avenue, then south on 413th Avenue to its junction with Interstate 90, then west on Interstate 90 to its junction with 403rd Avenue, then north on 403rd Avenue to the point of beginning.~~ A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow; (6) ~~(5)~~ Unit PFT-12A: Bon Homme County; (7) ~~(6)~~ Unit PFT-13A: Brule and Buffalo County counties; (8) Unit PFT-15A: Butte County and that portion of Lawrence County north of Interstate 90; (9) ~~(7)~~ Unit PFT-17A: Charles Mix County, excluding Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge, and Douglas County; (10) Unit PFT-18A: Aurora and Douglas counties; (11) ~~(8)~~ Unit PFT-19A: Clay County; (12) Unit PFT-21A: that portion of Custer County east of State Highway 79 and that portion of Pennington County south of Interstate 90 between State Highway 79 and the Cheyenne River; (13) ~~(9)~~ Unit PFT-23A: Deuel County: A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow; (14) Unit PFT-24A: Dewey and Ziebach counties;

(15) Unit PFT-27A; that portion of Fall River County not included in Unit BFT-BH1; (16) Unit PFT-29A: Grant County; (17) Unit PFT-30A: Gregory County; (18) Unit PFT-31A: Haakon County; (19) Unit PFT-35A: Harding County; (20) Unit PFT-41A: Jones County; (21) ~~(10)~~ Unit PFT-36A: Hughes County, excluding Farm Island Recreation Area, LaFramboise Island Nature Area, and department land from the Pierre city limits to Farm Island Recreation Area; (22) ~~(11)~~ Unit PFT-37A: Hutchinson County. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow; (23) ~~(12)~~ Unit PFT-39A: Jackson County; (24) ~~(13)~~ Unit PFT-40A: Jerauld County; (25) ~~(14)~~ Unit PFT-44A: Lincoln County; (26) Unit PFT-45A: Lyman County; (27) ~~(15)~~ Unit PFT-48A: those portions of Marshall County south and east of State Highway 25 and north of State Highway 10 and Roberts County. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow; (28) Unit PFT-49A: those portions of Meade County not included in Units BFT-BH1 and PFT-53A, and that portion of Pennington County north of Interstate 90, west of the Cheyenne River; (29) Unit PFT-50A: Mellette County; (30) Unit PFT-52A: Moody County. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow; (31) Unit PFT-53A: Perkins County and that portion of Meade County north of U.S. Highway 212; (32) Unit PFT-60A: Tripp County; (33) ~~(18)~~ Unit PFT-61A: Turner County; ~~and~~ (34) ~~(19)~~ Unit PFT-62A: Union County; and (35) Unit PFT-67A: Todd County.

No action was taken.

MOURNING DOVE HUNTING SEASON

The following are proposed draft changes that are intended to incorporate the recommended changes adopted by the Commission. 41:06:40:05. Restrictions. Mourning dove hunting restrictions are as follows: (1) Doves may be shot only in flight; and (2) All state parks and state recreation areas are closed to dove hunting except Angostura State Recreation Area excluding that portion of the area lying east of the dam and Shadehill State Recreation Area.

No action was taken.

SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON

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

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

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

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

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

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

No action was taken.

DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION *(continued)*

MAY 12TH STORM UPDATE

William Collignon, Administrator, provided an update on the May 12th storms that hit Lake Herman, Sandy Shores, and Johnson's Point. He commended both staff, the South Dakota DOT, and the many volunteers for coming together to clean up the aftermath of the storm.

PARK PROGRAMMING & SUMMER EVENTS

April Larson, Marketing Coordinator, presented an update on park programming and summer events. There are many events and educational opportunities happening in South Dakota State Parks, Recreation Areas and Trails for people and families this summer.

MINA LAKE, NEWELL LAKE, AND LAKE ALVIN DAM UPDATES

Adam Kulesa, Planning and Development Administrator, gave a short presentation was shared with the commission regarding the status of the 3 large dam/spillway replacement projects at Mina, Newell, and Lake Alvin on the morning of Friday June 3rd. Pictures and status updates were provided for each of the three projects. No questions from the commission.

SPRING CREEK (GOOD EARTH) GOLF COURSE EXTENSION UPDATE

Al Nedved, Assistant Director, briefed the Commission on the process of issuing an RFP for extended golf course operations at Spring Creek Country Club. The South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation purchased the Spring Creek Golf Course in 2015 under a ten-year contract for deed. The Department has been meeting with homeowners' groups and public stakeholders over the last two years to gain some direction of what this property could be developed for. There is not a clear direction the Department is seeing for using the property, so it has had discussions with local golf course managers to determine interest in continued golf course operations to allow more time to study future uses. The Department is drafting an RFP for a 5-1- year golf course operation opportunity. The Department has also been in communication with the existing golf course to determine the specifics of a transition from the existing operator to a new one. This is in the form of a draft settlement agreement that will specify the conditions of sale of personal property, provision of documents that will assist with prospective bidders, and the handling of intangible property. A draft agreement has been provided to the Spring Creek Country Club, and upon execution of that agreement, the Department is prepared to issue an RFP, which will be available for 60-90 days.

CAMPING, VISITATION, AND REVENUE REPORT

Al Nedved, Assistant Director, gave a report on the camping, visitation, revenue reports, as well as seasonal staffing.

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

CREP UPDATES

Mark Norton, Senior Wildlife Biologist, gave a report about the James River Watershed CREP currently has over 77,600 acres enrolled with more than 14,300 acres set to expire this year. All expiring acres are eligible for re-enrollment. Over 6,800 new acres have been enrolled since January 2021. All CREP acres are open to public hunting and fishing. The Big Sioux River Watershed CREP project continues to be developed and is currently seeking public comment through June 9th on the programmatic environmental assessment. If all goes well, the state of SD will be signing an agreement with USDA this summer to formally create the BSRW CREP and enrollment will begin this fall.

AERIAL COYOTE CONTROL

John Kanta, Terrestrial Section Chief, reported there were a total of 670 requests for service for coyote control from January through April 2022. For this same period in 2021 there were 821 requests for service. A total of

5,111 coyotes were removed January through April 2022 and 6,808 for the same period in 2021. Coyotes were removed via aerial services (APHIS Wildlife Services, Contract Pilots, Permitted Pilots and Predator Control Districts) and ground control by GFP wildlife damage specialists. Beyond the 151 less requests for service in 2022 compared to 2021, other challenges included employee turnover, high winds, and spotty snow conditions.

WALLEYE STOCKING EVALUATIONS

Benjamin Schall, Wildlife Biologist, reported in an effort to understand the factors influencing Walleye stocking success, twenty years of age-2 Walleye gill net catch data from eastern South Dakota lakes were analyzed to identify meaningful relationships. There is a 94% probability that stocking Walleye results in an average catch rate that is twice as high as if the lake was not stocked, and fry stockings would produce higher catch than small fingerling stockings 86% of the time. There was also a decline in age-2 Walleye gill net catch when abundance of Bluegill, Black Crappie, and White Crappie were high. However, there were not strong relationships between stocking date, lake size, lake type (natural lake or impoundment), spring precipitation, adult Walleye abundance, or temperature indices (growing degree days or winter severity index), and more research is needed to better understand the factors influencing Walleye recruitment in South Dakota lakes.

ELECTRONIC REQUEST FOR GOOSE DEPREDATION SERVICE SYSTEMS

Jacque Ermer, Regional Wildlife Supervisor in the northeast, provided summary of the Nest Predator Bounty Program. As of June 1, just over 31,000 tails were submitted by 1,348 participants. Youth under age 18 are still the highest participating age group (37%) followed by 51-70-year-old (26%). About \$190,000 of funds remain in the program. The program will end July 1, 2022, or sooner if the \$500,000 limit is reached. GFP will be monitoring the funds closely over next few weeks and will let the public know if the limit is close to being reached prior to July 1.

Jacque Ermer, Regional Program Manager, and Jim Noble, GIS Program Specialist, presented on The Canada Goose Depredation Hub. This is a new digital system for requesting services for Canada goose depredation. Landowners and operators can request for service through the online system from their computer, tablet, or cell phone. This system provides a new level of departmental organization which directly connects the stakeholder to GFP staff and enhances workflows and reporting needs for all affected cooperators.

LICENSE SALES UPDATE

Director Kirschenmann provided a briefing on the status of hunting and fishing license sales. It was described that license sales trends have not changed since the May meeting. Continue to watch fishing licenses sales from the resident side and Kirschenmann also reminded the commissioners that the report does not include limited draw activities such as elk and deer applications. Numbers still show good signs and will continue to provide updates as the summer progresses.

ADJOURN

Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Locked in to ADJOURN MEETING AT 10:27 AM CT. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Robling, Department Secretary



GAME, FISH & PARKS

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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Application

Type of List Requested DNR Hunting/Fishing license holders

Number of licenses in list 75057

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:

Mittara Group

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:

3623 N 19th Ave W
Newton IA 50208

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

email

Phone Number

641-840-0978

Purpose for which list will be used:

Marketing / Advertising

This list is Names and Mailing Addresses ONLY

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

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

[Signature]
Authorized Signature of Purchaser

5/19/22
Date

Date of Commission Action

Agenda Item #5

SD Game, Fish and Parks – Cohort 3 Leadership Development Program Participants			
First Name	Last Name	Division	Job Title
Aaron	McGuire	Wildlife	Wildlife Resource Biologist
Adam	Kulesa	Administration	Planning & Development Administrator
Amy	Gebhard	Wildlife	Wildlife Biologist (Fisheries)
Austin	Norton	Wildlife	Wildlife Conservation Officer
David	Parker	Wildlife	Director of The Outdoor Campus Sioux Falls
Derek	Dorr	Parks & Rec	Park Manager
Jake	Davis	Wildlife	Area Fisheries Supervisor
Jason	Jungwirth	Wildlife	Senior Biologist - Aquatic Habitat and Access
Kelly	Fettig	Administration	Education Program Assistant
Kevin	Hoffmann	Wildlife	Habitat Program Specialist
Kristina	Monroe-Lowe	Parks & Rec	District Park Supervisor
Kristina	Laska	Parks & Rec	Park Manager
Nick	Rossmann	Wildlife	Wildlife Program Manager
Nikholai	O'Hara	Wildlife	GIS Database Manager
Ryan	Park	Wildlife	Regional Program Manager (Habitat)
Silka	Kempema	Wildlife	Wildlife Biologist
Tyler	Stadel	Wildlife	Conservation Foreman
Zac	Hook	Wildlife	Resource Biologist

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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: 138
Petitioner Name: Dana Rogers
Address: 24021 TWIN ROCKS RD
HILL CITY, SD 57745
Email: DANA.ROGERS.1@HOTMAIL.COM
Phone: 605-415-8443
Rule Identification: 41:06:24:01
Decribe Change: Change to - An unlimited number of RESIDENT "buck antelope" licenses may be issued for this season. Non-Residents can apply for ONE archery "buck antelope" permit after first buying a non-resident small game license and applying (200 Maximum).
Reason for Change: According to GF&P's 2021 archery surveys, there were 3,019 single-tag archery antelope licenses issued (2,142 resident and 877 nonresident). That extrapolates to 41% of all resident archery antelope licenses! If we held to the 8% de-facto standard that firearms seasons use to allocate for non-residents, we should only be issuing 171 NR archery antelope permits. So this proposals limit of 200 NR permits is well in excess of the 8%. Of further significance is the increase in NR pressure from 2012 to 2021 where we saw an increase from 255 to 877 NR archery antelope permits sold. An increase of 344%. With the current state of our pronghorn population decline as well as the impending significant cuts to resident firearms licenses and changing every permit to a single "buck only" tag, making the change from unlimited non-resident archery permits to a set limit close to the 8% number is warranted.

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Rule Identification: 41:06:22:01
Describe Change: On behalf of the South Dakota Bowhunters Inc. Make the following change - Unlimited RESIDENT any 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 can apply for ONE any deer permit after first buying a non-resident small game license and applying for: NR ARD-ST1 (2000 Maximum) and NR ARD-LM1 (2000 Maximum)
Reason for Change: According to the SD GF&P statistics, from 2012 to 2021 Non-Resident archery permit sales have skyrocketed by 87% from 3,128 permits in 2012 to 5,851 permits in 2021. South Dakota has become a very popular destination with Non-Resident archery hunters with progressively more hunters coming each year. The increased number of non-residents has caused significant pressure and overcrowding on many public lands and they have also harvested an increasing number of mule deer. . With the numbers listed it would limit NR archers significantly, but not unfairly. According to GF&P's 2021 archery surveys, there were 21,980 INDIVIDUAL resident archery license holders and 5,465 INDIVIDUAL non-resident archery license holders (24.8% of resident total). The typical 8% de-facto allocation used by the department during the firearms seasons in the WR, REF and BH seasons would result in limiting NR archery permits to 1,758. NOTE: Resident archery individual tag success was 25% while NR archery tag success was 37%. The pressure on adult mule deer was extremely glaring according to GFP statistics. Resident bowhunters took 560 mule deer bucks while NR bowhunters killed 525 mule deer bucks. Residents AND NRs both accounted for 75 adult mule deer does in 2021. Please make these adjustments to put the non-resident archery deer permits more in line with the 8% allocation used during most firearms seasons.

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Rule Identification: 41:06:02:03
Decribe Change: Submitted on behalf of the South Dakota Bowhunters inc. (38) Nonresident deer or antelope one-tag license, \$280; to (38) Nonresident deer or antelope one-tag license, \$500.
Reason for Change: REASON: A schedule fee increase is warranted when you compare SD to other (comparable/border) states across the board for all NR permits. South Dakota has become a very popular destination with Non-Resident hunters with progressively more hunters coming each year. The increased number of non-residents has caused significant pressure, overcrowding and a negative overall impact to resident sportsmen who directly compete for access. Big Game Draw comparison: Attached via e-mail to staff and commissioners. Comparison to all SD border states and comparable states with pronghorn and mule deer to show the disparity. SD is VERY inexpensive in comparison and the ONLY state with unlimited NR archery pronghorn and mule deer opportunities in the entire state where those animals are hunted.

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Agenda Item #10a

Custer State Park Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:15

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 7-8, 2022	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	September 1, 2022	Sioux Falls
	Finalization	September 1-2, 2022	Sioux Falls

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2023 and 2024 seasons

Season Dates: April 15 – May 21, 2023
April 20 – May 19, 2024

Licenses: 100 resident one-tag “male turkey” licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. South Dakota residents only.
2. Season opens the 3rd Saturday in April and runs through the eighth day prior to Memorial Day.
3. License valid for only one male turkey.
4. No person may shoot a turkey in a tree or roost.
5. Restricted to shotguns using shotshells, muzzleloading shotguns and archery equipment only.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Change the season start date from the 2nd Saturday in April to the 3rd Saturday in April.
2. Format and style changes for maximum number of licenses and preference point unit.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Results from recent research indicates poor reproduction, primarily within the Black Hills (central and northern Hills) but is difficult to ascertain the direct cause/s due to numerous variables involved, such as predation, nutrition, weather, gobbler dominance/behavior. Based on nesting chronology and gobbling activity, the recommendation to start seasons later is to increase population performance. In addition, negative feedback from hunters regarding their hunting experience (i.e., lack of gobbling activity, difficult time finding turkeys) is a justification for this recommendation. See below for other supportive information to justify recommendation:

- Post-breeding management is the primary strategy that should be imposed for wild turkey management (i.e., start spring hunting seasons at median incubation dates).
- Median incubation dates range from May 10-16 in the Black Hills. Many hens start incubation around May 1-3rd in the southern Black Hills.
- Modeling suggests that harvesting $\leq 30\%$ of the male population allows for continued population growth and higher quality hunting.
- Research in the Black Hills indicates that annual survival of radio-collared adult males was 42% and spring harvest was the primary mortality factor in the Black Hills.
- Intensive hunting in southern Alabama caused a shortage of males and lowered female turkey productivity through infertile clutches.
- Current unpublished research in Georgia indicates dominance hierarchies in adult gobblers may be important in maintaining for turkey productivity. Disruptions in these dominance hierarchies can delay nesting and reduce nest survival in the southeast.
- Harvest management should try to not disrupt breeding of older males until they have a chance to breed which should be around median incubation dates.
- Less than 5% of younger male turkeys will breed under normal dominance hierarchies.

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

Year	Licenses	Applications	Harvest	Success	Ave. Days Hunted
2012	135	540	64	47%	2.2
2013	135	574	57	43%	2.2
2014	135	540	78	58%	2.7
2015	135	574	50	37%	2.6
2016	100	564	49	49%	2.1
2017	100	563	58	58%	1.9
2018	100	563	43	43%	2.2
2019	100	594	48	48%	2.2
2020	98	597	55	57%	2.2
2021	100	705	47	47%	2.8

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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

41:06:15:01. Spring wild turkey hunting Sseason established – Number and type of licenses available. The spring wild turkey hunting season in Custer State Park is open from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day from the ~~second~~ third Saturday of April through eight days prior to Memorial Day. No more than 200 one-tag male turkey licenses may be issued to residents.

41:06:15:02. Open unit. The following is a description of the open spring turkey hunting unit:

(1) Unit CST-CU1: Custer State Park

~~— (1) Unit CST-CU1-32: A maximum of 100 "male turkey" licenses may be issued for the season;~~

~~— (2) Unit CST-ZZ-99L: No turkey licenses may be issued. However, an applicant for this unit shall accrue a preference point as provided in § 41:06:01:09.~~

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue
 - Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented?
 - i. While the effect of the change is unknown, the objectives are to increase turkey population performance and to increase hunter satisfaction.
 - ii. Input will be solicited during the public comment period and GFP Commission public hearing.
2. Historical Considerations – Licenses are only available to South Dakota residents.
3. Biological Considerations
 - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?
 - i. Turkey populations are thriving across most of South Dakota, but not observing the reproduction level desired in the central and northern Black Hills and a few prairie units. Recommendation is to have consistency amongst season dates as much as possible.
4. Social Considerations
 - Shortened season.
5. Financial considerations – Not Applicable

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? No.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users?
 - The recommended changes would shorten length of seasons, with objectives to increase turkey population performance and to increase hunter satisfaction.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists?
 - a. 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 is expected to the Department.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Agenda Item #10b

Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:13; 41:03:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 7-8, 2022	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	September 1, 2022	Sioux Falls
	Finalization	September 1-2, 2022	Sioux Falls

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2023 and 2024 seasons (only 2023 season dates listed below)

Season Dates:	April 15 – May 31, 2023	Archery and single-season Prairie units
	April 15 – May 31, 2023	Black Hills
	April 15 – May 12, 2023	Split-season early Prairie units
	May 13 – May 31, 2023	Split-season late Prairie units

Licenses:	Black Hills:	Unlimited resident and nonresident one-tag “male turkey” licenses
	Prairie:	6,332 resident and 700 nonresident one-tag “male turkey” licenses 260 resident and 56 nonresident two-tag “male turkey” licenses
	Archery:	Unlimited resident and nonresident one-tag “male turkey” licenses

Access Permits:	Access permits valid April 15-30
	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.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Modify the season dates for all spring turkey hunting seasons to begin on the third Saturday of April and end on May 31.
2. Adjust the maximum number of licenses available in administrative rule from no more than 5,807 to 10,000 one-tag "male turkey" licenses and from no more than 600 to 2,500 two-tag “male turkey” licenses.
3. Eliminate Unit BST-BH2, which provides for a second Black Hills spring turkey licenses for resident hunters.
4. Modify the season dates for those prairie units with split season seasons.
5. Modify the valid time during the season when access permits are valid for Good Earth State Park and Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve.
6. Modify the valid time during the season when hunters can have uncased weapons within the boundary of Sica Hollow State Park.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Results from recent research indicates poor reproduction, primarily within the Black Hills (central and northern Hills) but is difficult to ascertain the direct cause/s due to numerous variables involved, such as predation, nutrition, weather, grouse dominance/behavior. Based on nesting chronology and gobbling activity, the recommendation to start seasons later is to increase population performance. In addition, negative feedback from hunters regarding their hunting experience (i.e., lack of gobbling activity, difficult time finding turkeys) is a justification for this recommendation. See below for other supportive information to justify recommendation:

- Post-breeding management is the primary strategy that should be imposed for wild turkey management (i.e., start spring hunting seasons at median incubation dates).
- Median incubation dates range from May 10-16 in the Black Hills. Many hens start incubation around May 1-3rd in the southern Black Hills.
- Modeling suggests that harvesting ≤30% of the male population allows for continued population growth and higher quality hunting.
- Research in the Black Hills indicates that annual survival of radio-collared adult males was 42% and spring harvest was the primary mortality factor in the Black Hills.
- Intensive hunting in southern Alabama caused a shortage of males and lowered female turkey productivity through infertile clutches.
- Current unpublished research in Georgia indicates dominance hierarchies in adult gobblers may be important in maintaining for turkey productivity. Disruptions in these dominance hierarchies can delay nesting and reduce nest survival in the southeast.
- Harvest management should try to not disrupt breeding of older males until they have a chance to breed which should be around median incubation dates.
- Less than 5% of younger male turkeys will breed under normal dominance hierarchies.

The alignment of all turkey seasons seems appropriate to meet the objectives of the change. Since the elimination of rifles for spring turkey hunting, archers have no disadvantage to shotgun hunters when it comes to the distance, etc. and it's difficult to justify one week only available to archery turkey hunters.

Unit BST-BH2 is currently closed via administrative rule and under the low abundance harvest strategy found within the wild turkey management plan. With a shortened season and increasing sales of unlimited archery turkey licenses, it is difficult to justify this second turkey license for South Dakota residents in the future.

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

Year	Licenses			Harvest			Success		
	BH	Prairie	Archery	BH	Prairie	Archery	BH	Prairie	Archery
2017	4,401	6,577	3,847	1,701	3,328	912	39%	45%	28%
2018	4,274	6,510	3,264	1,441	2,733	719	32%	38%	22%
2019	4,545	6,375	3,467	1,365	2,727	915	30%	39%	26%
2020	4,733	6,455	4,459	1,287	3,113	1,340	27%	44%	30%
2021	6,303	6,699	4,899	1,776	3,748	1,607	28%	51%	33%

*Includes both resident and nonresident harvest statistics.

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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

41:06:13:01. Spring wild turkey hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses available. The spring wild turkey hunting season is open from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day from the ~~first~~ third Saturday of April through May 31, ~~in Unit AST-ST1, and from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day from the second~~ third Saturday of April through May 31, ~~or as otherwise provided in § 41:06:13:02, in all other units. Units BST-BH1 is and BST-BH2 are the Black Hills units. Unit AST-ST1 is the archery unit. All other units are prairie units.~~ The number of one-tag male turkey licenses issued is unlimited for residents and nonresidents in both the Black Hills and archery spring turkey hunting seasons. No more than ~~5,807~~ 10,000 one-tag male turkey and ~~600~~ 2,500 two-tag male turkey licenses may be issued to residents for the prairie spring turkey hunting season.

41:06:13:02. Open units -- Exceptions. The following is a description of the open spring turkey hunting units:

(1) Unit BST-BH1: excluding Custer State Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, and Jewel Cave National Monument, that portion of Lawrence County south of Interstate 90; that portion of Meade County west and south of Interstate 90; those portions of Pennington and Custer Counties west of State Highway 79; that portion of Fall River County north and west of a line beginning at the junction of the South Dakota-Wyoming border and U.S. Highway 18, then east along U.S. Highway 18 to its junction with the Cheyenne River. then east along the Cheyenne River to its junction with State Highway 79; then north along State Highway 79 to its junction with the Custer County line;

~~(2) Unit BST-BH2: the same boundaries as Unit BST-BH1; Unit BST-BH2 is closed;~~

(7) Unit PST-08A: Davison and Hanson Counties; Unit PST-08A is open beginning on the third ~~second~~ Saturday of April through the Friday before the second Saturday of May ~~April 30~~;

(8) Unit PST-08B: Davison and Hanson Counties; Unit PST-08B is open beginning on second Saturday of May-4 through May 31;

(33) Unit PST-44A: Lincoln County; Unit PST-44A is open beginning on the third ~~second~~ Saturday of April through the Friday before the second Saturday of May ~~April 30~~;

(34) Unit PST-44B: Lincoln County; Unit PST-44B is open beginning on second Saturday of May-4 through May 31;

(43) Unit PST-58B: that portion of Stanley County located at the Oahe Downstream Recreation Area to include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Land which is east and southeast of Powerhouse Road. This unit is bordered by the Missouri River to the east and the emergency spillway canal to the south. Unit PST-58B-is open beginning on the third Saturday of April-5 through April 30, but only to licensed persons who use a wheelchair;

41:06:13:04. Application requirements and restrictions. The following apply to all applications for license and licenses issued under this chapter:

(1) A resident may apply for no more than one prairie unit license, one Unit BST-BH1 license, ~~one Unit BST-BH2~~, and one Unit AST-ST1 license during the first license application period. A resident may not apply for or receive more than one Unit BST-BH1 license, ~~one Unit BST-BH2~~, or one Unit AST-ST1 license;

(5) Good Earth State Park is closed to spring turkey hunting except for five turkey licensees who possess a valid spring turkey archery license and an archery turkey access permit. Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve is closed to spring turkey hunting except for 30 licensees who possess a valid spring turkey archery license and an archery turkey access permit and 20 licensees who possess a valid mentored spring turkey archery license and access permit. The access permits may be issued by lottery drawing. Each access permit is valid from the third ~~first~~ Saturday of April through April 30.

41:03:01:16. Restrictions on use of firearms, air guns, crossbows, and bows in the state park system -- Exceptions. Uncased firearms, air guns, crossbows, and bows are prohibited in the state park system with the following exceptions:

(5) From October 1 through April 30, uncased firearms, air guns, crossbows, and bows are authorized for licensed hunters in the state park system during established hunting seasons with the following restrictions:

(d) A person who possesses a valid turkey license for Unit PST-48A, as described in chapter 41:06:13, is permitted to have an uncased shotgun using shotshells, a crossbow, a bow, or a muzzleloading shotgun within the boundary of Sica Hollow State Park from the third ~~first~~ Saturday of April through May 31; and

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

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 - i. While the effect of the change is unknown, the objectives are to increase turkey population performance and to increase hunter satisfaction.
 - ii. Input will be solicited during the public comment period and GFP Commission public hearing.
2. Historical Considerations – Not Applicable
3. Biological Considerations
 - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?
 - i. Turkey populations are thriving across most of South Dakota, but not observing the reproduction level desired in the central and northern Black Hills and a few prairie units.
4. Social Considerations
 - Shortened season.
5. Financial considerations – Not Applicable

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

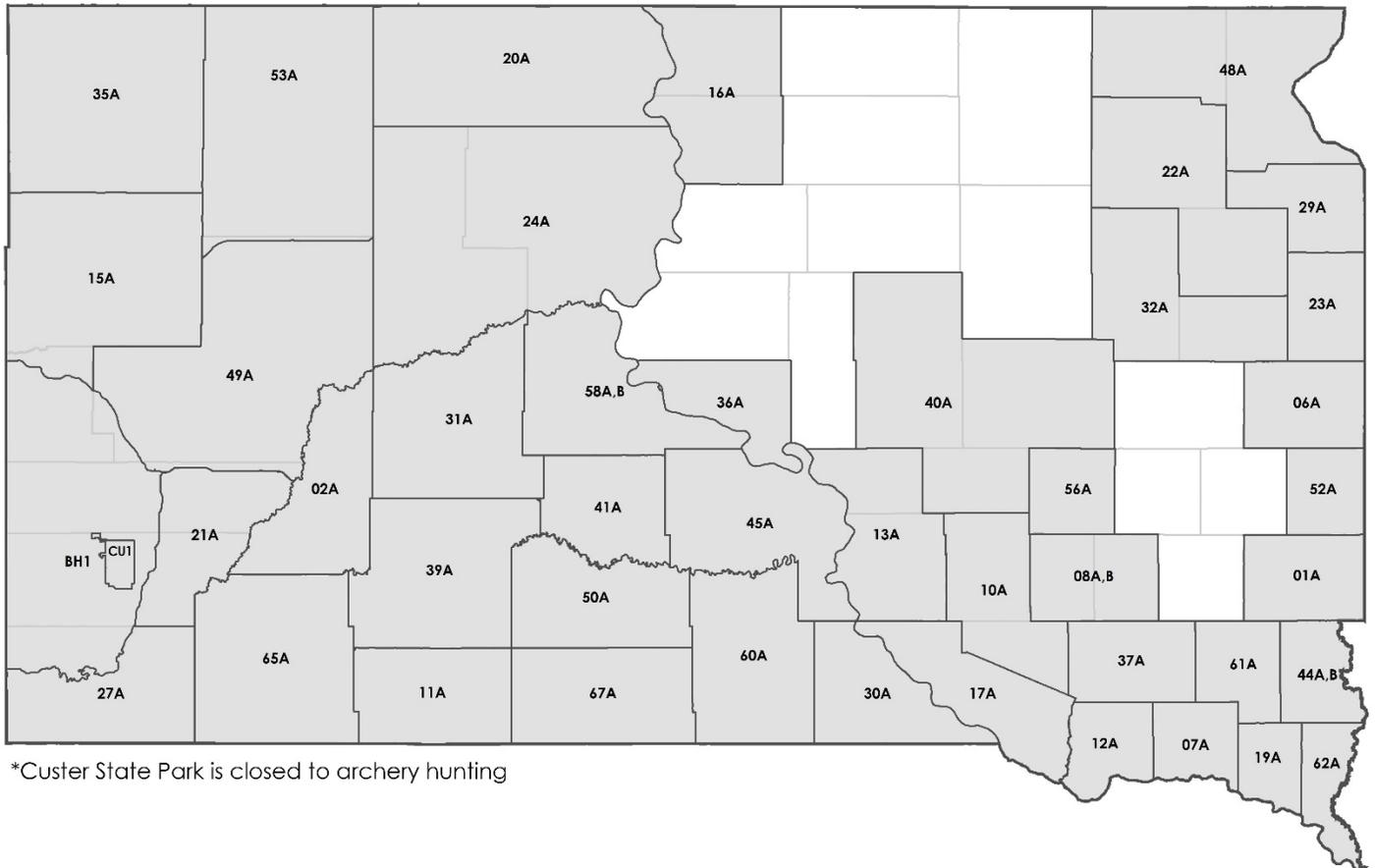
1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? No.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users?
 - The recommended changes would shorten length of seasons, with objectives to increase turkey population performance and to increase hunter satisfaction.
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 is expected to the Department.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

SPRING TURKEY UNITS



*Custer State Park is closed to archery hunting

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

Spring Turkey Hunting Seasons – Hunting Unit License Allocations

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 7-8, 2022	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	September 1, 2022	Sioux Falls
	Finalization	September 1-2, 2022	Sioux Falls

LICENSE ALLOCATION BY UNITS

See Attached Spreadsheets

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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Unit #	Unit Name	Resident		Nonresident		License Totals							
		TomT 32	2 TomT 35	TomT 32	2 TomT 35	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Licenses	NR Tags
01A	Minnehaha	80		0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
02A	Pennington	250		20	0	250	0	250	250	20	0	20	20
06A	Brookings	40		0	0	40	0	40	40	0	0	0	0
07A	Yankton	300		0	0	300	0	300	300	0	0	0	0
08A	Davison/Hanson	100		0	0	100	0	100	100	0	0	0	0
08B	Davison/Hanson	100		0	0	100	0	100	100	0	0	0	0
10A	Aurora/Douglas	50		0	0	50	0	50	50	0	0	0	0
11A	Bennett	30		3	0	30	0	30	30	3	0	3	3
12A	Bon Homme	300		0	0	300	0	300	300	0	0	0	0
13A	Brule/Buffalo	175		0	0	175	0	175	175	0	0	0	0
15A	Butte/Lawrence	350		28	0	350	0	350	350	28	0	28	28
16A	Campbell/Walworth	20		0	0	20	0	20	20	0	0	0	0
17A	Charles Mix	350		0	0	350	0	350	350	0	0	0	0
19A	Clay	120		0	0	120	0	120	120	0	0	0	0
20A	Corson	75		6	0	75	0	75	75	6	0	6	6
21A	Custer	150		12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12
22A	Day/Codington	125		0	0	125	0	125	125	0	0	0	0
23A	Deuel	150		0	0	150	0	150	150	0	0	0	0
24A	Dewey/Ziebach	150		12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12
27A	Fall River	75		6	0	75	0	75	75	6	0	6	6
29A	Grant	300		0	0	300	0	300	300	0	0	0	0
30A	Gregory	700		56	0	700	0	700	700	56	0	56	56
31A	Haakon		250	0	20	0	250	250	500	0	20	20	40
32A	Hamlin/Clark	20		0	0	20	0	20	20	0	0	0	0
35A	Harding	100		8	0	100	0	100	100	8	0	8	8
36A	Hughes	30		0	0	30	0	30	30	0	0	0	0
37A	Hutchinson	70		0	0	70	0	70	70	0	0	0	0
39A	Jackson	200		16	0	200	0	200	200	16	0	16	16
40A	Jerauld/Beadle/Hand	20		0	0	20	0	20	20	0	0	0	0
41A	Jones	75		6	0	75	0	75	75	6	0	6	6
44A	Lincoln	50		0	0	50	0	50	50	0	0	0	0
44B	Lincoln	50		0	0	50	0	50	50	0	0	0	0
45A	Lyman	150		12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12
48A	Marshall/Roberts	450		0	0	450	0	450	450	0	0	0	0
49A	Meade		350	0	28	0	350	350	700	0	28	28	56
50A	Mellette	350		28	0	350	0	350	350	28	0	28	28
52A	Moody	60		0	0	60	0	60	60	0	0	0	0
53A	Perkins		100	0	8	0	100	100	200	0	8	8	16
56A	Sanborn	10		0	0	10	0	10	10	0	0	0	0
58A	Stanley	40		4	0	40	0	40	40	4	0	4	4
58B	Stanley	2		1	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	1
60A	Tripp	400		32	0	400	0	400	400	32	0	32	32
61A	Turner	30		0	0	30	0	30	30	0	0	0	0
62A	Union	120		0	0	120	0	120	120	0	0	0	0
65A	Oglala Lakota	40		4	0	40	0	40	40	4	0	4	4
67A	Todd	75		6	0	75	0	75	75	6	0	6	6
	TOTAL	6,332	700	260	56	6,332	700	7,032	7,732	260	56	316	372
	Unit	TomT 32	2 TomT 35	TomT 32	2 TomT 35	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
						RES & NR:	6,592	756	7,348	8,104			

SPRING PRAIRIE TURKEY
2021-2022 and 2023-2024 Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2021-2022 Resident Licenses	2023-2024 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2021-2022 Resident Tags	2023-2024 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
01A	Minnehaha	80	80	0	0%	80	80	0	0%
02A	Pennington	200	250	50	25%	200	250	50	25%
06A	Brookings	20	40	20	100%	20	40	20	100%
07A	Yankton	260	300	40	15%	260	300	40	15%
08A	Davison/Hanson	80	100	20	25%	80	100	20	25%
08B	Davison/Hanson	80	100	20	25%	80	100	20	25%
10A	Aurora/Douglas	30	50	20	67%	30	50	20	67%
11A	Bennett	30	30	0	0%	30	30	0	0%
12A	Bon Homme	250	300	50	20%	250	300	50	20%
13A	Brule/Buffalo	150	175	25	17%	150	175	25	17%
15A	Butte/Lawrence	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
16A	Campbell/Walworth	10	20	10	100%	10	20	10	100%
17A	Charles Mix	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
19A	Clay	120	120	0	0%	120	120	0	0%
20A	Corson	50	75	25	50%	50	75	25	50%
21A	Custer	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
22A	Day/Codington	90	125	35	39%	90	125	35	39%
23A	Deuel	110	150	40	36%	110	150	40	36%
24A	Dewey/Ziebach	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
27A	Fall River	75	75	0	0%	75	75	0	0%
29A	Grant	260	300	40	15%	260	300	40	15%
30A	Gregory	700	700	0	0%	700	700	0	0%
31A	Haakon	200	250	50	25%	400	500	100	25%
32A	Hamlin/Clark	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
35A	Harding	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
36A	Hughes	30	30	0	0%	30	30	0	0%
37A	Hutchinson	60	70	10	17%	60	70	10	17%
39A	Jackson	150	200	50	33%	150	200	50	33%
40A	Jerauld/Beadle/Hand	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
41A	Jones	75	75	0	0%	75	75	0	0%
44A	Lincoln	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
44B	Lincoln	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
45A	Lyman	100	150	50	50%	100	150	50	50%
48A	Marshall/Roberts	440	450	10	2%	440	450	10	2%
49A	Meade	300	350	50	17%	600	700	100	17%
50A	Mellette	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
52A	Moody	60	60	0	0%	60	60	0	0%
53A	Perkins	100	100	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
56A	Sanborn	10	10	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
58A	Stanley	40	40	0	0%	40	40	0	0%
58B	Stanley	2	2	0	0%	2	2	0	0%
60A	Tripp	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
61A	Turner	20	30	10	50%	20	30	10	50%
62A	Union	120	120	0	0%	120	120	0	0%
65A	Oglala Lakota	40	40	0	0%	40	40	0	0%
67A	Todd	75	75	0	0%	75	75	0	0%
TOTAL		6,407	7,032	625	9.8%	7,007	7,732	725	10.3%

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

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
Agenda Item #11a & 11b **PROPOSAL**

GENERAL PROVISIONS AND FISH LIMITS
Chapters 41:07:01 and 41:07:03

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 7, 2022	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	September 1, 2022	Sioux Falls
	Finalization	September 1-2, 2022	Sioux Falls

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

1. Remove restrictions on when ice fishing shelters can be left overnight on public waters.
2. Remove language referencing gear specifications for the noncommercial take of smelt.
3. Remove the 15" minimum length limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Burke Lake in Gregory County and. Put in place a 15" minimum length limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Lake Mitchell in Davison County.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. Currently, no ice fishing house, fishing shanty, or other structure or shelter may remain upon the ice of any of the public waters of this state later than the last day of February of each year, unless authorized by the secretary. After this date, a shelter needs to be removed from the ice daily. Removing this deadline would allow anglers to keep shelters in place during years when suitable ice conditions still exist past the previous deadline. Additionally, it would provide flexibility for anglers when access conditions prohibit retrieval of shelters before the deadline.
2. The rules governing methods of taking smelt includes that nets legal for taking smelt are the same as those for taking bait for noncommercial purposes in 41:09:04:04. Restrictions on mesh-size or net size for minnow traps, seines, dip nets, lift nets, or cast nets used to take bait for noncommercial use were removed for 2022. Therefore, no restrictions on mesh size or net size for nets for taking smelt and the reference to restrictions needs to be removed from the rule.
3. Fish population surveys on Burke Lake in Gregory County indicated that the 15" minimum length limit was having no biological impacts on the fishery. Removing the regulation would provide additional opportunity for anglers to harvest bass. Fish population surveys on Mitchell Lake in Davison County indicated that a 15" minimum length limit would positively benefit the fishery. The regulation will protect smaller largemouth and smallmouth bass from harvest resulting in increased abundance and improved sizes of bass in a lake where severely recruitment to the fishery of young fish is limited.

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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

- 1) ~~**41:07:01:16. Ice fishing shelter removal deadlines.** No ice fishing house, fishing shanty, or other structure or shelter may remain upon the ice of any of the public waters of this state later than the last day of February of each year, unless authorized by the secretary. After this date, a shelter may be placed upon the ice of any of the public waters of this state at any time if the shelter is removed from the ice daily. Repealed.~~
- 2) **41:07:01:17. Liberalized take of silver carp, bighead carp, smelt, and lake herring.** Smelt and lake herring may be taken by hook and line, seines, lift nets, cast nets, and dip nets. ~~A net legal for taking smelt is a net as defined by § 41:09:04:04.~~ Silver carp and bighead carp that inadvertently jump into any boat or are netted from the air using a dip net may be retained. No person may transport live smelt, live silver carp, or live bighead carp away from the water in which they were taken.
- 3) **41:07:03:03. Daily, possession, and length limit restrictions on special management waters** -- Additional restrictions described. Daily limit, possession limit, length limit, and additional restrictions on special management waters are as follows:
 - (1) Catfish may be taken without limit on the Grand, Moreau, Cheyenne, Belle Fourche, Bad, White, and Little Missouri Rivers; and in the inland waters of the Missouri River and its impoundments;
 - (2) In the waters of Lake Yankton in Yankton County and ~~Burke Lake in Gregory County~~ Lake Mitchell in Davison County, the minimum length limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches;
 - (3) In New Wall Dam in Pennington County, only those largemouth and smallmouth bass less than 14 inches in length or 18 inches or greater in length may be taken, and of the largemouth and smallmouth bass taken daily no more than one may be 18 inches or greater in length;
 - (4) In the Black Hills Fish Management Area:
 - (a) The areas described in subsections (b), (c), and (d) are restricted to artificial lures only and the use or possession of worms, baitfish, salmon eggs, corn, marshmallows, insects, moldable scented bait or naturally-occurring or man-made food intended to be used as bait, within 100 feet of the water in those areas, is prohibited;
 - (b) Rapid Creek, including the Pactola Stilling Basin below Pactola Dam to the foot bridge at Placerville Camp and Upper and Lower Yates Ponds at Cheyenne Crossing, are restricted to catch and release;
 - (c) Rapid Creek in Rapid City from Jackson Boulevard upstream to Park Drive is restricted to catch and release;
 - (d) Spearfish Creek from Homestake Hydro Dam No. 2 to Maurice Dam is restricted to catch and release for rainbow trout. Other trout species may be retained within established limits; and
 - (e) Only one trout 14 inches or greater in length, regardless of species, may be taken daily from streams within the Black Hills Fish Management Area. However, in the Black Hills Fish Management Area the minimum length limit for lake trout or brook trout-lake trout (splake) cross is 24 inches or greater in length and the daily limit is one;
 - (5) All waters statewide are restricted to catch and release only for muskellunge and northern-muskellunge (tiger) cross;
 - (6) The season on paddlefish is closed, except as provided in §§ 41:07:05:02 and 41:07:06:03.01;
 - (7) In inland waters only one walleye 20 inches or greater in length may be taken daily, except as provided in subdivisions (10) and (11) of this section;
 - (8) In Lakes Francis Case and Sharpe, the minimum length limit for walleye is 15 inches, from September 1 through June 30;
 - (9) In Angostura Reservoir, Shadehill Reservoir, and from the Ft. Randall Dam downstream to the South Dakota-Nebraska state line on the Missouri River, the minimum length limit for walleye is 15 inches;
 - (10) In Belle Fourche Reservoir and all waters contiguous thereto, including the terminal drop inlet canal, only those walleye less than 15 inches in length or 18 inches or greater in

length may be taken, and of the walleye taken daily no more than one may be 18 inches or greater in length;

(11) In Twin Lakes in Minnehaha County and Horseshoe Lake in Day County, the daily limit for walleye of any species is one, 28 inches or greater in length;

(12) In Lynn and Middle Lynn Lakes in Day County, Opitz Lake in Day and Marshall Counties, Newell Lake in Butte County, and Curlew Lake in Meade County, the daily limit for walleye of any species combined is two and the minimum length limit is 15 inches;

(13) From the Ft. Randall Dam downstream to the South Dakota-Nebraska state line on the Missouri River, the daily limit for white bass is 15, possession limit 30; and

(14) In Reetz Lake in Day County, the daily limit is: one walleye 28 inches or greater in length; one yellow perch 14 inches or greater in length; one black crappie 15 inches or greater in length; and one bluegill 10 inches or greater in length, from May 1 through September 30.

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

Agenda Item #11c

IMPORTATION OF FISH Chapters 41:09:08

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 7, 2022	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	September 1, 2022	Sioux Falls
	Finalization	September 1-2, 2022	Sioux Falls

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Modify language in the rule listing importation requirements of fish to better describe current definitions of pathogens or diseases of regulatory concern (41:09:08:03.03).

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Current language in the rule on importation requirements for fish or fish reproductive products (41:09:08:03.04) needs to be modified to match language used to describe fish diseases and pathogens of concern in 41:09:08:03.03.

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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

41:09:08:03.04. Importation requirements for fish or fish reproductive products. Before the department may issue an importation permit for fish or any fish reproductive product, a current fish health certification or a fish health inspection report must be submitted to the department.

A fish health inspection may only be conducted by:

- (1) A person who is currently certified by the American Fisheries Society as a fish pathologist or a fish health inspector;
- (2) A person who is currently authorized by the department to conduct official fish health inspections and who has completed a fish health inspection training program approved by the department; or
- (3) A licensed veterinarian who has completed a fish health inspection training program approved by the department. Any fish health sample collected during a fish health inspection must be screened for regulated pathogens at a laboratory approved by the department.

Each fish health inspection and laboratory screening must be conducted according to procedures in "Suggested Procedures for the Detection and Identification of Certain Finfish and Shellfish Pathogens," or according to procedures of the "World Animal Health Organization (OIE) Aquatic Code," 19th Edition, 2016.

~~_____ The application for an importation permit must will be denied if an emergency or prohibited disease or causative pathogen is detected in wild-caught fish or at an aquaculture facility. a pathogen of regulatory concern is detected in fish or fish reproductive products that are requested to be imported.~~

~~_____ If a notifiable disease or causative pathogen is detected in wild-caught fish or at an aquaculture facility, tThe department's fish health official Aquatic Section Chief may allow the fish or fish reproductive products to be imported if the official determines the requested importation will not cause the introduction or spread of any notifiable aquatic animal pathogens pathogens of regulatory concern to areas in which they currently do not occur.~~

The fish or fish reproductive products to be imported, if obtained from man-made or natural waters and brought into a facility prior to shipping, must have been quarantined from other fish or fish reproductive products and inspected independently.

The fish or fish reproductive products to be imported, if obtained from man-made or natural waters, must have been inspected within the past twelve months. Other fish populations from this water must have been inspected within the same time period as determined by the department's fish health official.

The fish or fish reproductive products to be imported, if cultured at an aquaculture facility, must have been inspected within the past twelve months.

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

Agenda Item #11d

HOOP NETS, TRAPS, SETLINES, AND FLOATLINES Chapter 41:07:08

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 7, 2022	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	September 1, 2022	Sioux Falls
	Finalization	September 1-2, 2022	Sioux Falls

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

1. Change check times for hoop nets, traps, and setlines from 72 hours to 24 hours.
2. Modify language to allow someone besides the licensee to run hoop nets, traps, setlines and floatlines if the licensee is present.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. Modifying the check time for hoop nets, traps, and setlines would reduce bycatch and mortality of non-targeted species, such as turtles. Staff believe most users are already following this timeline. Additionally, this change would align South Dakota regulations with Nebraska.
2. By allowing someone else to help tend hoop, trap, setlines and floatlines as long the licensee is present, it would increase opportunity when using these gears and clarifies rule language for enforcement purposes. Allowing someone to assist a licensee with tending their equipment is beneficial for licensees with mobility issues.

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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

1. **41:07:08:05.02. Tending hoop nets, traps, setlines, and floatlines.** All hoop nets, traps, and setlines must be checked and emptied of fish prior to 12 o'clock midnight of the second full calendar day ~~at least once in every 72-hour period~~, while being fished. All floatlines used for fishing must be under the direct supervision of and within the unaided observation of the licensee at all times.
2. **41:07:08:05. Use of another person's hoop nets, traps, setlines, or floatlines.** A person may not use or tend the hoop nets, traps, or setlines, or floatlines of another person without the licensee present.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
Agenda Item #11e & 11f **PROPOSAL**

PADDLEFISH SEASON and PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
Chapters 41:07:05 and 41:09:12

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 7, 2022	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	September 1, 2022	Sioux Falls
	Finalization	September 1-2, 2022	Sioux Falls

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

- 1. Remove language regarding ZZ1 units (preference point only) for archery and snagging paddlefish seasons as these units are no longer available.
- 2. Add crossbows as a legal method of take for paddlefish during archery seasons.
- 3. Provide a permit to allow for assistance to be given to a disabled angler while participating in lawful fishing activities.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

- 1. The ZZ-1 units (preference point only) are no longer available for users to submit applications. Users will still be able to obtain preference points if unsuccessful in the draw and during the open period to purchase preference points (September 15 – December 15) each year.
- 2. Allowing crossbows as a legal method of take for paddlefish would allow for increased opportunities for users and standardization within the state. Allowing crossbows and modifying boundaries would also align with Nebraska border waters.
- 3. Creating a disabled angler assistance permit would allow for users who have mental or developmental disabilities to receive assistance from an unlicensed individual to perform lawful fishing activities. This would allow permitted individuals to receive assistance in snagging and landing paddlefish, for example.

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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

41:07:05:02. Paddlefish season in special management areas. Any paddlefish angler 18 years of age and older shall obtain and have in possession a valid South Dakota fishing license and a valid, nontransferable paddlefish permit and associated unlocked tag to take or attempt to take a paddlefish with a bow and arrow or crossbow or take or attempt to take paddlefish or rough fish by snagging. A Nebraska resident possessing a South Dakota nonresident paddlefish permit is exempt from the South Dakota fishing license requirement if the Nebraska resident angler possesses a valid Nebraska fishing license or is legally exempt from compliance with Nebraska license or permit requirements. Any paddlefish angler under 18 years of age shall have a valid paddlefish permit and associated unlocked tag in possession while shooting paddlefish with bow and arrow or crossbow or snagging paddlefish or rough fish.

Each paddlefish caught and kept must have the tag immediately affixed to the fish and locked in the manner and place indicated in the instructions provided with the tag. Each paddlefish caught and not kept must be immediately returned, unharmed, to the water from which it was taken. All paddlefish anglers shall cast for and hook their own fish.

No person may attempt to snag any fish after all paddlefish tags issued to the person have been locked.

(1) The snagging season for paddlefish and rough fish is open on the South Dakota-Nebraska boundary waters below Gavin's Point Dam and on the Big Sioux River from the I-29 bridge to the confluence of the Big Sioux River and the Missouri River from October 1 through October 31.

The snagging hours on the South Dakota-Nebraska Boundary waters and areas of the Big Sioux River open to paddlefish snagging are from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. central time daily. Only a legal angler with a valid paddlefish permit and associated unlocked tag may snag paddlefish and rough fish during this season.

For the South Dakota-Nebraska boundary waters the annual quota of 3,200 fish is allocated by a permit and tag issued by each state according to the following schedule: Nebraska - 1,600 permits; South Dakota - 1,550 resident and 50 nonresident permits. Permits and associated tags are available by lottery drawing after application. Any resident or nonresident permit remaining after the first lottery drawing is available on a first-come, first-served basis to any person not already holding a paddlefish permit, who applies. After September 1, a person may apply for a second permit. A person may obtain a maximum of two permits a year. ~~In addition to the 1,600 permits available in South Dakota, a person may apply for Unit SPF-ZZ1 for a preference point only and no opportunity for issuance of a permit.~~

(2) Paddlefish may be taken from sunrise to sunset from June 1 through June 30 from the Missouri River below Gavin's Point Dam with a bow and arrow, or a crossbow downstream from the Highway 81 bridge.

Except as provided in this rule, an archery paddlefish angler 18 years of age and older shall obtain and have possession of a valid South Dakota fishing license and a valid, nontransferable paddlefish permit and associated tag available from the licensing section of the department before participating in archery fishing for paddlefish. A Nebraska resident possessing a South Dakota nonresident archery paddlefish permit is exempt from the South Dakota fishing license requirement if the Nebraska resident angler possesses a valid Nebraska fishing license or is legally exempt from compliance with Nebraska license or permit requirements. Any paddlefish angler under 18 years of age shall have a valid paddlefish permit and associated tag in possession while archery fishing paddlefish.

Two hundred fifty-five archery permits and associated tags are available to residents by lottery drawing after application. Individual paddlefish archery anglers may apply for a second permit and associated tag if any are available following the initial lottery drawing. Anglers may obtain a maximum of two archery paddlefish permits and associated tags each year. An additional eight percent of the permits available to residents may be issued to nonresidents by lottery drawing after application. ~~In addition to the 255 permits available in this state, a person may apply for Unit APF-ZZ1 for a preference point only and no opportunity for issuance of a permit.~~

(3) Paddlefish and rough fish season is open on the waters of Lake Francis Case and the White River up to the Highway 47 bridge from May 1 through May 31. Paddlefish may be taken by snagging ~~or~~ bow and arrow or crossbow.

The snagging and archery hours on the waters of Lake Francis Case and the White River up to the Highway 47 bridge are from 6:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m., central time daily. Only a legal angler with a valid paddlefish permit and associated unlocked tag may shoot paddlefish with a bow and arrow or snag paddlefish and rough fish during this season.

For the waters of Lake Francis Case and the White River up to the Highway 47 bridge, the annual quota of 350 fish is allocated by a permit and tag. Permits and associated tags are available by lottery drawing after application. Any resident permit remaining after the first lottery drawing is available first-come, first-served to any applicant not already holding a paddlefish permit. After April 1, a person may apply for a second permit. A person may obtain a maximum of two permits a year. ~~In addition to the 350 permits available in this state, a person may apply for Unit SFC-ZZ1 for a preference point only and no opportunity for issuance of a permit.~~

41:09:12:08 Disabled angler assistance permit. The department may issue a disabled angler assistance permit to a person with a valid fishing license, or who is exempt from licensing requirements, who has a physical or developmental disability that prevents them from being able to perform any of the activities associated with fishing. The permit allows another person to assist the permitted individual while fishing, in accordance with existing regulations, and without the need to possess a valid fishing license. A disabled angler assistance permit may be issued on either a temporary or permanent basis, dependent on the type of disability, at the discretion of the department.

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

Agenda Item #12

Endangered and Threatened Species Chapter 41:10:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 7-8, 2022	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	September 1, 2022	Sioux Falls
	Finalization	September 1-2, 2022	Sioux Falls

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended change: Downlist the Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) from endangered to threatened on the list of state threatened and endangered bird species.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Peregrine Falcon populations rapidly declined between 1940 and 1970 (Hickey 1969) causing the species to be listed as federal endangered. Population declines were primarily attributed to the widespread use of the pesticide DDT, which accumulated in small birds eaten by peregrines and caused eggshell thinning and breakage. After successful reintroduction efforts the peregrine was federally delisted in 1999 (USFWS 1999, Cade et al. 2003) but remained on the state endangered species list in South Dakota due to its rarity in the state.

The GFP commission approved State Threatened and Endangered Species Status Review identified recovery criteria and goals to downlist and delist the peregrine from the state threatened and endangered species list. Criteria for downlisting the species from endangered to threatened stated that the peregrine population should consist of an average of two active nests for at least 5 years in a 6-year timespan, and the average productivity of the active nests must be 1.25 naturally produced young/pair across the 5-year period. A nest is considered active or occupied if there are observations of a mated pair on or near the nest or evidence of reproduction such as eggs, young or an incubating bird present.

The peregrine is considered a rare summer resident of the Black Hills and an uncommon statewide migrant. Historically there was a limited nesting distribution in western South Dakota with only two confirmed nesting records at separate locations in 1925 and 1948-1960 (Patton 1926, Pettingill and Whitney 1965). Since then, there were no documented nesting records until 2017, when surveys for peregrines in the spring and summer documented two confirmed and one potential nest locations in the northern and central Black Hills (Oakleaf 2017). Survey efforts have continued every year since 2017 resulting in the documentation of 5 nest locations. Three of these nests were documented as active during all 5 years of the surveys. The number of young fledged from 2017-2021 was calculated at 1.7 young per active pair (Oakleaf 2021, Table 1). These results indicate that the peregrine has met the criteria to downlist the species from endangered to threatened.

Table 1. Number of peregrine falcon sites occupied, successful, and young fledged in western South Dakota, 2017 - 2021.

YEAR	N OCC	N SUCCESS	YG FLEDGED
2017	3	2	6
2018 ^a	4	1	3
2019	4	1	2
2020 ^a	5	4	8
2021	4	4	12
Total	20	11	31

^a Surveys to count fledged young were not adequate for some of the occupied sites

31/18 = 1.7 fledged young per occupied site (2 of occupied sites not included in calculations)
 or 31/11 = 2.8 young per successful pair.

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DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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

41:10:02:01. List of endangered birds. Birds classified as endangered in the state are as follows

- (1) ~~Peregrine falcon, *Falco peregrinus*;~~
- (2) Whooping crane, *Grus americana*;
- (3) Eskimo curlew, *Numenius borealis*;
- (4) Least Tern, *Sternula antillarum*.

41:10:02:02. List of threatened birds. Birds classified as threatened in the state are as follows:

- (1) Osprey, *Pandion haliaetus*;
- (2) Piping plover, *Charadrius melodus*;
- (3) American dipper, *Cinclus mexicanus*;
- (4) Peregrine falcon, *Falco peregrinus*;

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

Agenda Item #13a

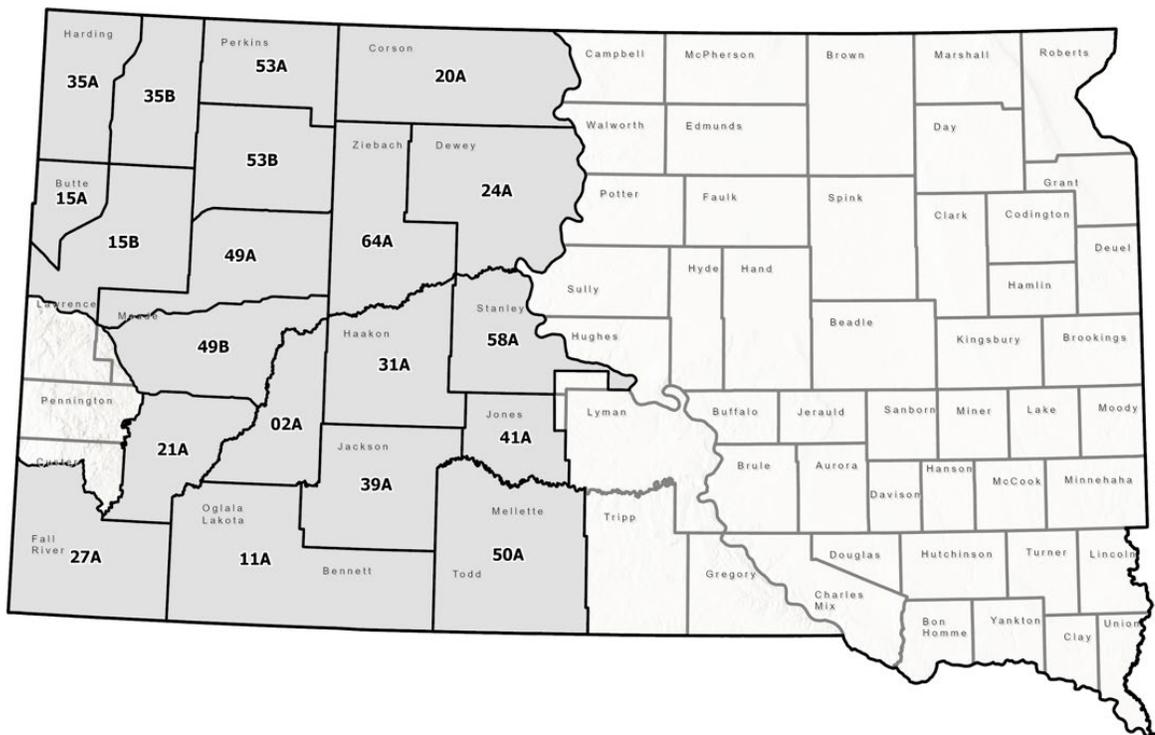
Application for License Chapter 41:06:01

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Proposed change from last year:

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



DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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

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

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

Based on harvest rates documented in 2021, proposed changes 1-3 will reduce harvest by approximately 1,400 does and 700 bucks. Changes to the Mentored antelope season are more difficult to estimate but will eliminate all doe harvest east of the Missouri River and reduce doe harvest west of the Missouri River. Harvest estimates from the 2021 Mentored antelope season were 19 buck kids, 356 adult does, and 30 doe kids. The Mentored antelope season accounted for approximately 22% of all doe/kid harvest in 2021.

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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

41:06:01:12. Mentored youth big game license -- Restrictions. A resident parent or guardian may purchase no more than one mentored "any antlerless deer" license or "antlerless whitetail deer" license, and one "doe-fawn antelope" license, and one fall "any turkey" license, and one spring "male turkey" license for a designated mentored youth as provided in SDCL 41-6-81. Mentored antelope licenses are valid in any open firearm hunting unit west of the Missouri River for private land only. No youth participating in a mentored big game hunt may apply for a regular season license for that corresponding species and season.41:06:23:01.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? No.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Yes.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers, and outdoor recreationists? Still provides opportunity for antlerless antelope licenses within the harvest management strategies identified to meet population objectives.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Yes.

FISCAL IMPACT

Minimal fiscal impact to the Department.

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

Agenda Item #13b

Archery Antelope Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:24

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2022 and 2023 hunting seasons

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

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

Licenses: Unlimited resident “buck antelope” licenses
Unlimited nonresident “buck antelope” licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

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

Proposed changes from last year:

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

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

1. Style and format change to clarify language in §41:06:24:01.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

Year	Resident Licenses	Nonresident Licenses	Bucks Harvested	Doe/Fawn Harvested	Total Harvest	Success
2017	1,569	521	529	52	581	28%
2018	1,632	570	529	56	585	27%
2019	1,781	663	533	72	605	25%
2020	2,141	720	719	92	810	28%
2021	2,142	877	642	94	736	24%

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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

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

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

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

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION

Agenda Item #13c

FINALIZATION

Antelope Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:23

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2022 and 2023 hunting seasons

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

Open Area: See the attached map

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

Requirements and Restrictions:

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

Proposed changes from last year:

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

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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

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

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

4. Modify Mentored antelope hunting season to be valid only on private land in units open to firearm hunting west of the Missouri River. This will result in the closure of Mentored antelope hunting east of the Missouri River and on all public lands and private lands leased for public hunting.

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

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

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

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

Year	Licenses	Tags	Bucks	Doe/Fawn	Total	Success
	Sold	Issued	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	
2017	5,432	5,933	2,692	1,093	3,784	64%
2018	5,539	6,078	2,845	1,000	3,845	63%
2019	5,235	6,054	2,629	1,249	3,878	64%
2020	5,279	6,101	2,415	1,272	3,687	64%
2021	5,207	6,029	2,401	1,152	3,552	59%

*Includes Landowner-Own-Land licenses.

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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

41:06:23:01. Antelope hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses. The antelope hunting season is open from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset each day for 16 consecutive days beginning on the Saturday closest to October 1, unless prohibited in the unit descriptions in §§ 41:06:23:02. No more than ~~8,000~~ ~~4,115~~ one-tag ~~"any antelope"~~ antelope licenses, no more than ~~3,000~~ ~~600~~ two-tag antelope licenses, and no more than 50 "special antelope" licenses may be issued to residents for the antelope hunting season. No more than 50 "special antelope" licenses may be issued to nonresidents for the antelope hunting season. If a person applies for a "special antelope" license, the person may not apply for another antelope license until the third lottery drawing. A successful "special antelope" applicant may not apply for a leftover "special antelope" license.

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

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

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

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

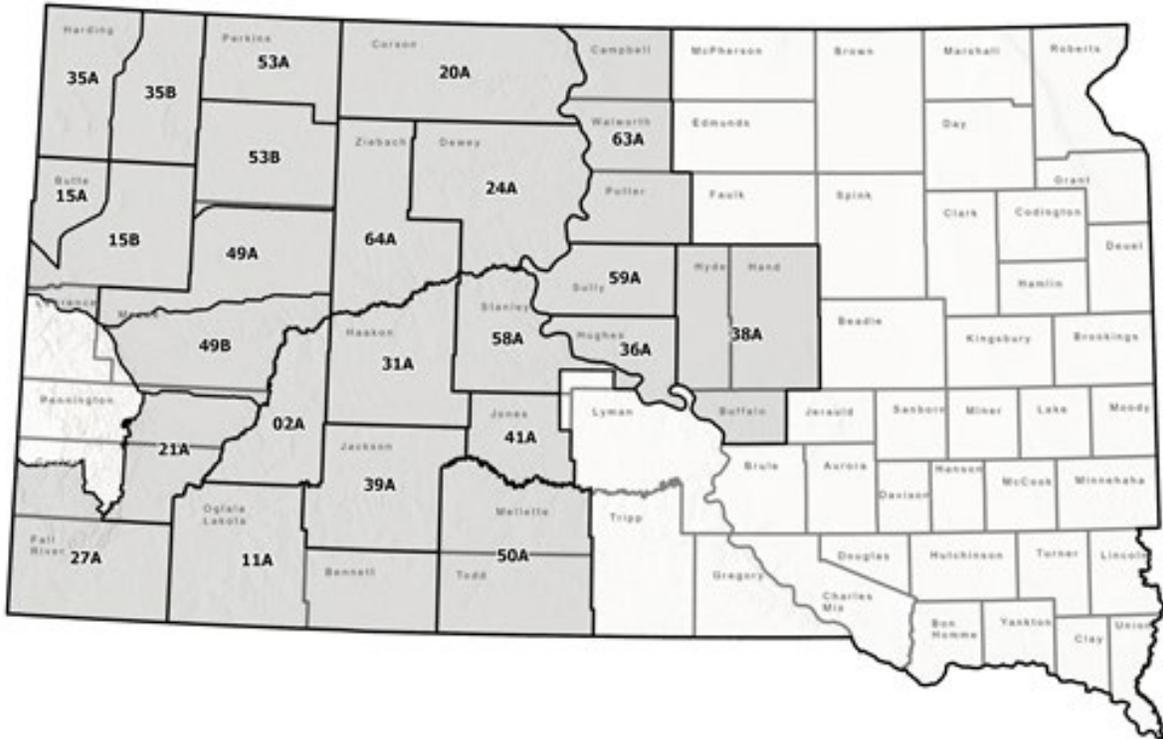
1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? No.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? No, reduction in available licenses to meet population objectives.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers,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

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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

ANTELOPE UNITS



Unit Number	Unit Name	RES	NR
		Licenses	Licenses
02A	Pennington East	50	1
11A	Bennett/Oglala Lakota	50	1
15A	Butte NW	50	1
15B	Butte/Lawrence	200	4
20A	Corson	70	2
21A	Custer/Pennington Central	100	2
24A	Dewey	50	1
27A	Fall River/Custer Southwest	400	8
31A	Haakon	50	1
35A	Harding West	150	3
35B	Harding East	150	3
36A	Hughes	15	1
38A	Hyde/Hand/Buffalo	10	1
39A	Jackson	50	1
41A	Jones	40	1
45A	Lyman	CLOSED	
45B	Ft. Pierre National Grasslands	CLOSED	
49A	Meade North	300	6
49B	Meade South	200	4
50A	Mellette/Todd	30	2
53A	Perkins North	50	1
53B	Perkins South	100	2
58A	Stanley	40	1
59A	Sully	20	1
60A	Tripp	CLOSED	
63A	Campbell/Potter/Walworth	10	1
64A	Ziebach	150	3
PR	Special Antelope	50	50

License Sales Totals

(as of June 30)

South Dakota Game Fish & Parks
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Resident	2019	2020	2021	3-yr Avg	2022	2022		+/- Licenses		+/- Revenue		% Change from 3-yr Avg
						Revenue		2021 vs 2022	3-yr Avg vs 2022	2021 vs 2022	3-yr Avg vs 2022	
Combination	36,720	41,392	42,625	40,246	41,757	\$ 2,296,635		-868	1,511	\$ (47,740)	\$ 83,123	4%
Junior Combination	4,665	6,950	5,644	5,753	0	\$ -		-5,644	-5,753	\$ (152,388)	\$ (155,331)	-100%
Senior Combination	8,495	9,432	10,259	9,395	10,297	\$ 411,880		902	1,520	\$ 36,067	\$ 36,067	10%
Small Game	1,497	1,586	1,755	1,613	3,044	\$ 100,452		1,289	1,431	\$ 42,537	\$ 47,234	89%
Youth Small Game	840	964	1,015	940	1,602	\$ 8,010		587	662	\$ 2,935	\$ 3,312	70%
1-Day Small Game	250	222	367	280	158	\$ 1,896		-209	-122	\$ (2,508)	\$ (1,460)	-44%
Migratory Bird Certificate*	12,443	13,165	13,252	12,953	8,459	\$ 42,295		-4,793	-4,494	\$ (23,965)	\$ (22,472)	-35%
Predator/Varmint	1,102	1,176	999	1,092	1,606	\$ 8,030		607	514	\$ 3,035	\$ 2,568	47%
Furbearer	2,847	2,868	3,412	3,042	3,077	\$ 92,310		-335	35	\$ (10,050)	\$ 1,040	1%
Annual Fishing	41,643	58,740	46,576	48,986	43,896	\$ 1,229,088		-2,680	-5,090	\$ (75,040)	\$ (142,529)	-10%
Senior Fishing	10,617	12,718	12,147	11,827	11,659	\$ 139,908		-488	-168	\$ (5,856)	\$ (2,020)	-1%
1-Day Fishing	2,291	3,392	3,069	2,917	2,589	\$ 20,712		-480	-328	\$ (3,840)	\$ (2,627)	-11%
RESIDENT TOTALS =	123,410	152,605	141,120	139,045	128,144	\$ 4,351,216		-12,976	-10,901	\$ (271,360)	\$ (153,095)	-7.8%

Nonresident	2019	2020	2021	3-yr Avg	2022	2022		+/- Licenses		+/- Revenue		% Change from 3-yr Avg
						Revenue		2021 vs 2022	3-yr Avg vs 2022	2021 vs 2022	3-yr Avg vs 2022	
Small Game	2,747	2,951	5,708	3,802	4,614	\$ 558,294		-1,094	812	\$ (132,374)	\$ 98,252	21%
Youth Small Game	139	149	260	183	334	\$ 3,340		74	151	\$ 740	\$ 1,513	83%
Annual Shooting Preserve	48	46	75	56	103	\$ 12,463		28	47	\$ 3,388	\$ 5,647	83%
5-day Shooting Preserve	630	780	1,026	812	1,212	\$ 92,112		186	400	\$ 14,136	\$ 30,400	49%
1-day Shooting Preserve	173	175	181	176	208	\$ 9,568		27	32	\$ 1,242	\$ 1,457	18%
Spring Light Goose	2,810	2,961	4,486	3,419	4,249	\$ 212,450		-237	830	\$ (11,850)	\$ 41,500	24%
Youth Spring Light Goose	94	122	161	126	324	\$ 8,424		163	198	\$ 4,238	\$ 5,157	158%
Migratory Bird Certificate*	286	419	678	461	524	\$ 2,620		-154	63	\$ (770)	\$ 315	14%
Predator/Varmint	3,279	2,709	3,100	3,029	2,936	\$ 117,440		-164	-93	\$ (6,560)	\$ (3,733)	-3%
Furbearer	6	6	4	5	3	\$ 825		-1	-2	\$ (275)	\$ (642)	-44%
Annual Fishing	18,278	22,228	25,346	21,951	31,491	\$ 2,109,897		6,145	9,540	\$ 411,715	\$ 639,202	43%
Family Fishing	6,011	7,469	7,545	7,008	0	\$ -		-7,545	-7,008	\$ (505,515)	\$ (469,558)	-100%
Youth Annual Fishing	781	1,113	1,136	1,010	0	\$ -		-1,136	-1,010	\$ (28,400)	\$ (25,250)	-100%
3-Day Fishing	12,045	12,914	11,268	12,076	11,073	\$ 409,701		-195	-1,003	\$ (7,215)	\$ (37,099)	-8%
1-Day Fishing	9,059	11,030	18,076	12,722	18,968	\$ 303,488		892	6,246	\$ 14,272	\$ 99,941	49%
NONRESIDENT TOTALS =	56,386	65,072	79,050	66,836	76,039	\$ 3,840,622		-3,011	9,203	\$ (243,228)	\$ 387,102	13.8%
GRAND TOTALS =	179,796	217,677	220,170	205,881	204,183	\$ 8,191,838		-15,987	-1,698	\$ (514,588)	\$ 234,007	-0.8%

	2021	2022	+/- Licenses	+/- Revenue	2022 Revenue
Resident Habitat Stamp	130,678	125,871	-4,807	\$ (48,070)	\$ 1,258,710
Nonresident Habitat Stamp	68,198	66,682	-1,516	\$ (37,900)	\$ 1,667,050
Totals =	198,876	192,553	-6,323	\$ (85,970)	\$ 2,925,760

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

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

Agenda Item #13d

Antelope Hunting Season – Hunting Unit License Allocations

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

LICENSE ALLOCATION BY UNITS

SEE ATTACHED SPREADSHEETS

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

Unit	Unit Name	% NR	Resident Licenses					Nonresident Licenses					License and Tag Totals							
			AnyA 41	Buck 42	D/K 43	AA+D/K 48	2 D/K 49	AnyA 41	Buck 42	D/K 43	AA+D/K 48	2 D/K 49	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Licenses	NR Tags
02A	Pennington East	2%		50				0	1	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	1	0	1	1
11A	Bennett/Oglala Lakota	2%		50				0	1	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	1	0	1	1
15A	Butte NW	2%		50				0	1	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	1	0	1	1
15B	Butte/Lawrence	2%		200				0	4	0	0	0	200	0	200	200	4	0	4	4
20A	Corson	2%		70				0	2	0	0	0	70	0	70	70	2	0	2	2
21A	Custer/Pennington Central	2%		100				0	2	0	0	0	100	0	100	100	2	0	2	2
24A	Dewey	2%		50				0	1	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	1	0	1	1
27A	Fall River/Custer Southwest	2%		400				0	8	0	0	0	400	0	400	400	8	0	8	8
31A	Haakon	2%		50				0	1	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	1	0	1	1
35A	Harding West	2%		150				0	3	0	0	0	150	0	150	150	3	0	3	3
35B	Harding East	2%		150				0	3	0	0	0	150	0	150	150	3	0	3	3
36A	Hughes	2%		15				0	1	0	0	0	15	0	15	15	1	0	1	1
38A	Hyde/Hand/Bufalo	2%		10				0	1	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	1	0	1	1
39A	Jackson	2%		50				0	1	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	1	0	1	1
41A	Jones	2%		40				0	1	0	0	0	40	0	40	40	1	0	1	1
45A	Lyman																			
45B	Ft. Pierre National Grasslands																			
CLOSED																				
CLOSED																				
49A	Meade North	2%		300				0	6	0	0	0	300	0	300	300	6	0	6	6
49B	Meade South	2%		200				0	4	0	0	0	200	0	200	200	4	0	4	4
50A	Mellette/Todd	4%		30				0	2	0	0	0	30	0	30	30	2	0	2	2
53A	Perkins North	2%		50				0	1	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	1	0	1	1
53B	Perkins South	2%		100				0	2	0	0	0	100	0	100	100	2	0	2	2
58A	Stanley	2%		40				0	1	0	0	0	40	0	40	40	1	0	1	1
59A	Sully	2%		20				0	1	0	0	0	20	0	20	20	1	0	1	1
60A	Tripp																			
CLOSED																				
63A	Campbell/Potter/Walworth	2%		10				0	1	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	1	0	1	1
64A	Ziebach	2%		150				0	3	0	0	0	150	0	150	150	3	0	3	3
PR	Special Antelope	N/A		50				50	0	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	50	0	50	50
TOTAL			50	2,335	0	0	0	50	52	0	0	0	2,385	0	2,385	2,335	102	0	102	102
Unit	Unit Name	% NR	AnyA 41	Buck 42	D/K 43	AA+D/K 48	2 D/K 49	AnyA 41	Buck 42	D/K 43	AA+D/K 48	2 D/K 49	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags

Archery Antelope: Unlimited, single-tag buck only license valid in any open firearm hunting unit (resident and nonresident)
Mentored Antelope: Unlimited, single-tag doe/kid license valid in any open firearm hunting unit west of the Missouri River and for private land only (resident and nonresident)

ANTELOPE
 2021 vs. 2022-2023 Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2021 Resident Licenses	2022-2023 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2021 Resident Tags	2022-2023 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
02A	Pennington East	100	50	-50	-50%	100	50	-50	-50%
11A	Bennett/Shannon	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
15A	Butte NW	300	50	-250	-83%	300	50	-250	-83%
15B	Butte/Lawrence	350	200	-150	-43%	350	200	-150	-43%
20A	Corson	70	70	0	0%	70	70	0	0%
21A	Custer/Pennington Central	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
24A	Dewey	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
27A	Fall River/Custer Southwest	550	400	-150	-27%	550	400	-150	-27%
31A	Haakon	100	50	-50	-50%	100	50	-50	-50%
35A	Harding West	600	150	-450	-75%	1,200	150	-1,050	-88%
35B	Harding East	500	150	-350	-70%	500	150	-350	-70%
36A	Hughes	25	15	-10	-40%	25	15	-10	-40%
38A	Hyde/Hand/Buffalo	10	10	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
39A	Jackson	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
41A	Jones	40	40	0	0%	40	40	0	0%
45A	Lyman	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
45B	Ft. Pierre National Grasslands	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
49A	Meade North	500	300	-200	-40%	500	300	-200	-40%
49B	Meade South	500	200	-300	-60%	500	200	-300	-60%
50A	Mellette/Todd	30	30	0	0%	30	30	0	0%
53A	Perkins North	150	50	-100	-67%	150	50	-100	-67%
53B	Perkins South	400	100	-300	-75%	400	100	-300	-75%
58A	Stanley	40	40	0	0%	40	40	0	0%
59A	Sully	30	20	-10	-33%	30	20	-10	-33%
60A	Tripp	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
63A	Campbell/Potter/Walworth	20	10	-10	-50%	20	10	-10	-50%
64A	Ziebach	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
PR	Special Antelope	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
TOTAL		4,765	2,385	-2,380	-50%	5,365	2,385	-2,980	-56%

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

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

Agenda Item #14

Archery and General Muzzleloading Deer Hunting Seasons Chapters 41:06:22 and 41:06:45

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Proposed changes from last year:

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

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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

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

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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

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

- (1) Unit ARD-ST1: statewide, excluding Custer State Park;
- (2) Unit ARD-ER1: all counties east of the Missouri River;
- (3) Unit ARD-WR1: all counties west of the Missouri River, excluding Custer State Park;
- (4) Unit ARD-LM1: antlerless whitetail deer licenses will be available in hunting units that offer a deer license for antlerless deer in the lottery drawing for the Black Hills, West River, and East River deer seasons. One single tag license may be purchased for this hunting unit; all areas open to archery deer hunting; excluding the following deer hunting units referenced in chapters 41:06:19, 41:06:20, and 41:06:21: BD1, 02C, 07A, 08A, 12A, 14A, 27L, 33A, 34A, 35L, 36A, 38A, 41A, 50A, 54A, 58D, 59A, 59B, 61A, and 65A;
- (5) Unit ARD-MP1: for those designated areas within the city limits of Custer;
- (6) Unit ARD-MP2: for those designated areas within the city limits ~~limites~~ of Rapid City; and
- (7) Unit ARD-MP3: for those designated areas within the city limits of Sioux Falls.

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

- (1) Unit MZD-ST1: statewide, excluding Custer State Park; and
- (2) Unit MZD-LM1: antlerless whitetail deer licenses will be available in hunting units that offer a deer license for antlerless deer in the lottery drawing for the Black Hills, West River, and East River deer seasons. One single tag license may be purchased for this hunting unit. One single tag license may be purchased for all areas open to muzzleloading deer hunting, excluding the following deer hunting units referenced in chapters 41:06:19, 41:06:20, and 41:06:21: BD1, 02C, 07A, 08A, 11B, 12A, 14A, 27L, 33A, 34A, 35L, 36A, 38A, 41A, 50A, 54A, 58D, 59A, 59B, 61A, and 65A.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

Agenda Item #15

Hunting Requirements and Prohibited Methods Chapter 41:06:04

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

Proposed changes from last year:

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

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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

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

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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

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

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION

Agenda Item #16a

FINALIZATAION

Fall Wild Turkey Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:14

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2022 and 2023 hunting seasons

Season Dates: November 1 – January 31

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

Requirements and Restrictions:

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

Proposed changes from last year:

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

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

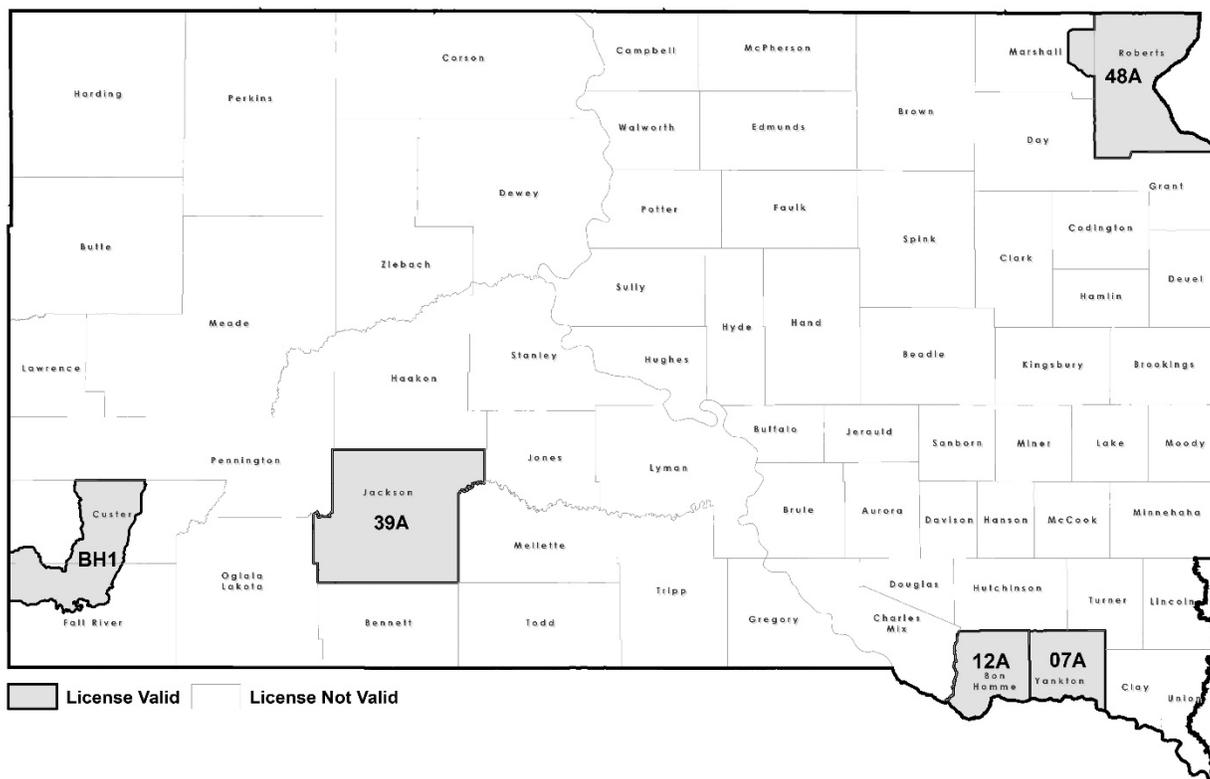
SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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

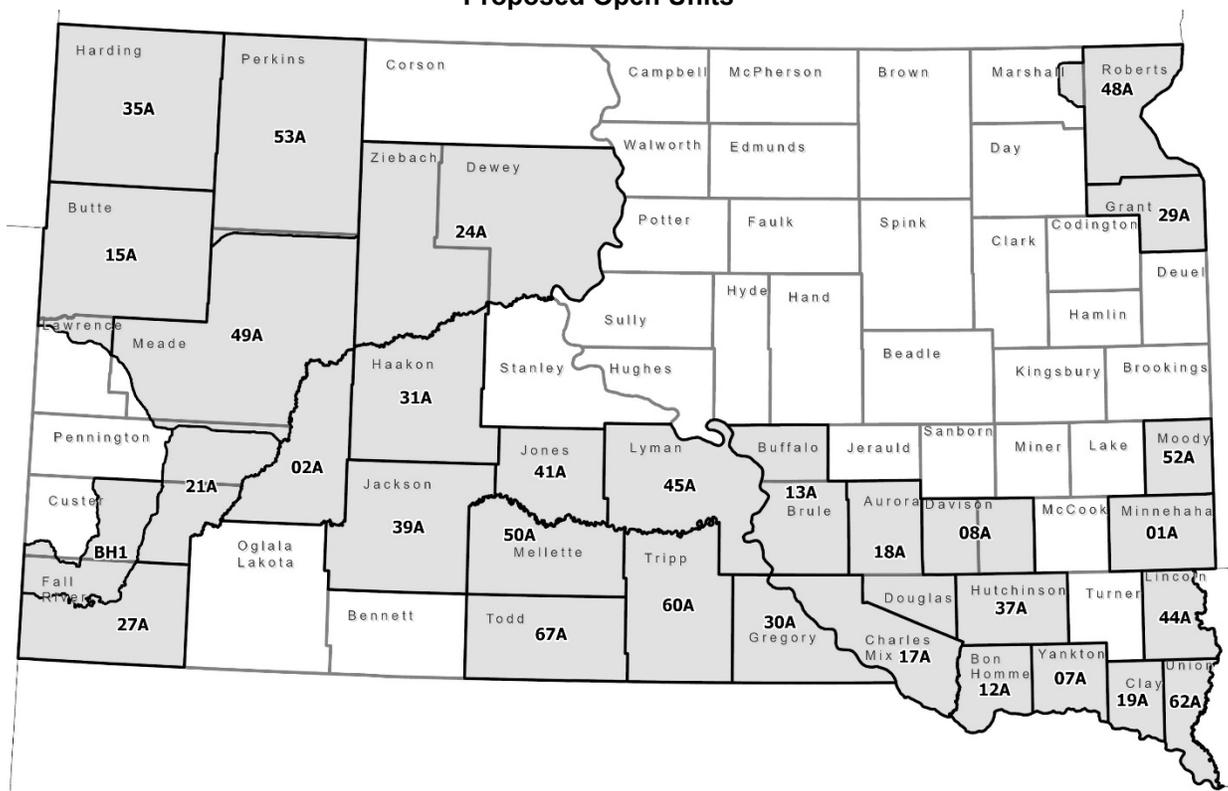
Harvest management strategy table of the Wild Turkey Action Plan and updated unit-specific population objectives provided guidance for the recommended changes to the respective fall turkey hunting units.

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

Current Open Units



Proposed Open Units



DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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

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

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

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

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

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

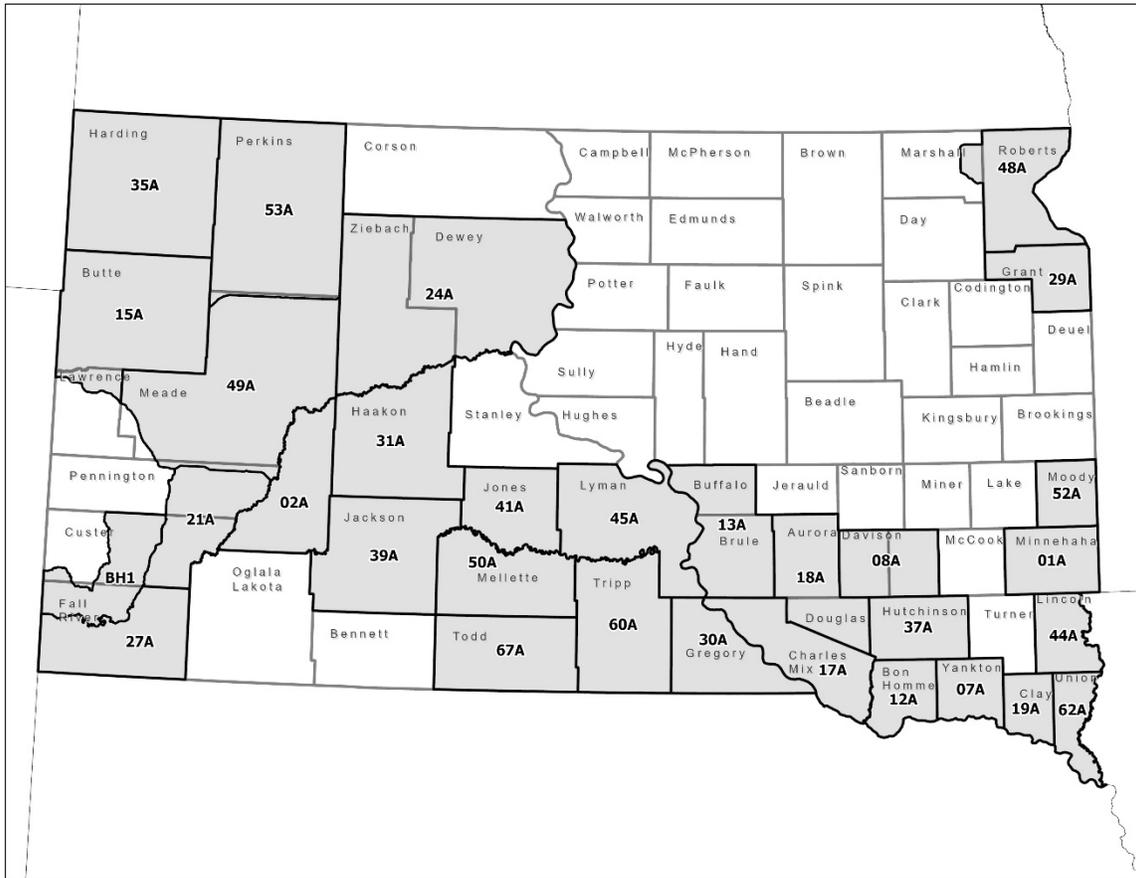
1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? No.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Yes.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.
4. Does the regulation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

FISCAL IMPACT

Minimal increase in license sales revenue.

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

FALL TURKEY UNITS



2022 & 2023 Fall Turkey Licenses

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

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

Agenda Item #16b

Fall Turkey Hunting Seasons – Hunting Unit License Allocations

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

LICENSE ALLOCATION BY UNITS

SEE ATTACHED SPREADSHEETS

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

2022-2023 Fall Turkey

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

FALL TURKEY 2020-2021 vs. 2022-2023

Unit #	Unit Name	2020-21 Resident Licenses	2022-23 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2020-21 Resident Tags	2022-23 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
01A	Minnehaha	0	25	25	#DIV/0!	0	25	25	#DIV/0!
02A	Pennington	0	50	50	#DIV/0!	0	50	50	#DIV/0!
07A	Yankton	150	175	25	17%	150	175	25	17%
08A	Davison/Hanson	0	75	75	#DIV/0!	0	75	75	#DIV/0!
12A	Bon Homme	150	175	25	17%	150	175	25	17%
13A	Brule/Buffalo	0	50	50	#DIV/0!	0	50	50	#DIV/0!
15A	Butte/Lawrence	0	50	50	#DIV/0!	0	50	50	#DIV/0!
17A	Charles Mix	0	50	50	#DIV/0!	0	50	50	#DIV/0!
18A	Aurora/Douglas	0	50	50	#DIV/0!	0	50	50	#DIV/0!
19A	Clay	0	50	50	#DIV/0!	0	50	50	#DIV/0!
21A	Custer/Pennington	0	50	50	#DIV/0!	0	50	50	#DIV/0!
24A	Dewey/Ziebach	0	50	50	#DIV/0!	0	50	50	#DIV/0!
27A	Fall River	0	25	25	#DIV/0!	0	25	25	#DIV/0!
29A	Grant	0	100	100	#DIV/0!	0	100	100	#DIV/0!
30A	Gregory	0	100	100	#DIV/0!	0	100	100	#DIV/0!
31A	Haakon	0	50	50	#DIV/0!	0	50	50	#DIV/0!
35A	Harding	0	25	25	#DIV/0!	0	25	25	#DIV/0!
37A	Hutchinson	0	25	25	#DIV/0!	0	25	25	#DIV/0!
39A	Jackson	35	50	15	43%	70	100	30	43%
41A	Jones	0	25	25	#DIV/0!	0	25	25	#DIV/0!
44A	Lincoln	0	50	50	#DIV/0!	0	50	50	#DIV/0!
45A	Lyman	0	50	50	#DIV/0!	0	50	50	#DIV/0!
48A	Marshall/Roberts	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
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53A	Perkins	0	50	50	#DIV/0!	0	50	50	#DIV/0!
60A	Tripp	0	50	50	#DIV/0!	0	50	50	#DIV/0!
62A	Union	0	50	50	#DIV/0!	0	50	50	#DIV/0!
67A	Todd	0	25	25	#DIV/0!	0	25	25	#DIV/0!
BH1	Black Hills	100	200	100	100%	100	200	100	100%
TOTAL		535	1,950	1,415	264%	570	2,000	1,430	251%

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents for the Black Hills and West River prairie units.

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

Agenda Item #17

Mourning Dove Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:40

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Proposed changes from last year:

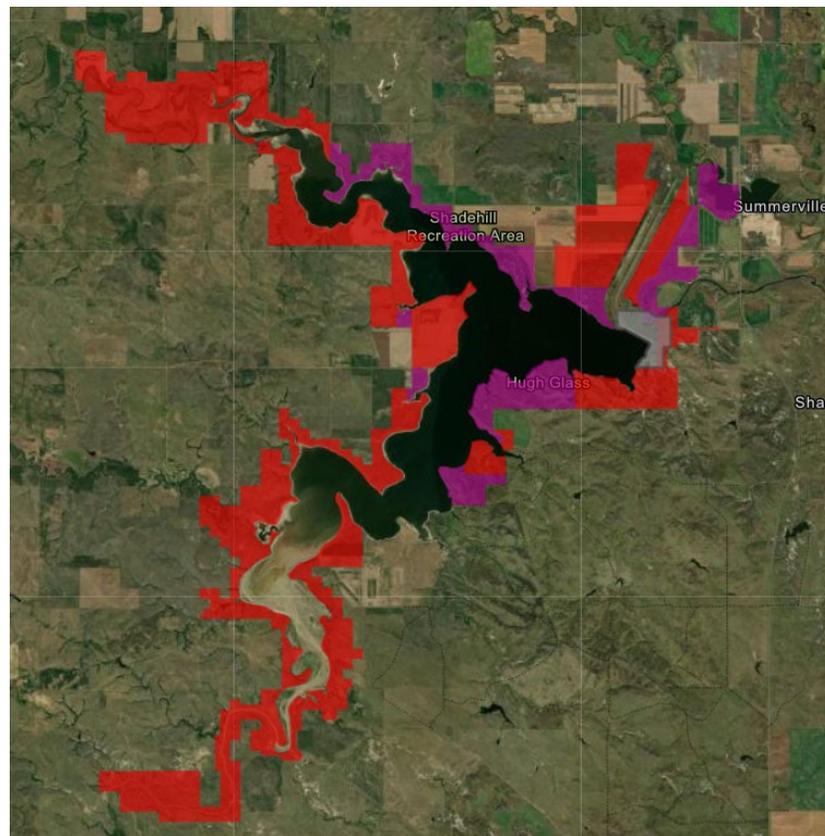
1. To allow for mourning dove hunting at Shadehill State Recreation Area in Perkins County.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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



Game Production Areas

SDGFP Parks and Recreation Areas



DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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

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

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

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? No.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Yes, by providing mourning dove hunting opportunities to a public area where this activity is currently prohibited.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Provides mourning dove hunting opportunity to an area with great habitat and access.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Yes.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

Agenda Item #18

Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:13

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 7-8, 2022	Watertown
	Public Hearing	July 7, 2022	Spearfish
	Finalization	July 7-8, 2022	Spearfish

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Proposed changes from last year:

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

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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

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

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

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue
 - Youth involvement in non-governmental organizations that promote wildlife conservation is encouraged.
2. Historical Considerations
 - Non-governmental organizations promote wildlife conservation at the grassroots level and are conservation partners with local, tribal, state, and federal wildlife agencies.
3. Biological Considerations
 - Not applicable.
4. Social Considerations
 - The intent is to encourage youth to become involved in with non-governmental organizations that promote wildlife conservation and the recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters.
5. Financial considerations
 - Not applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? No.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Yes.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers, and outdoor recreationists?
 - Yes, by encouraging youth to become members and get involved with non-governmental organizations and their respective activities related to wildlife conservation.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors?
 - Yes

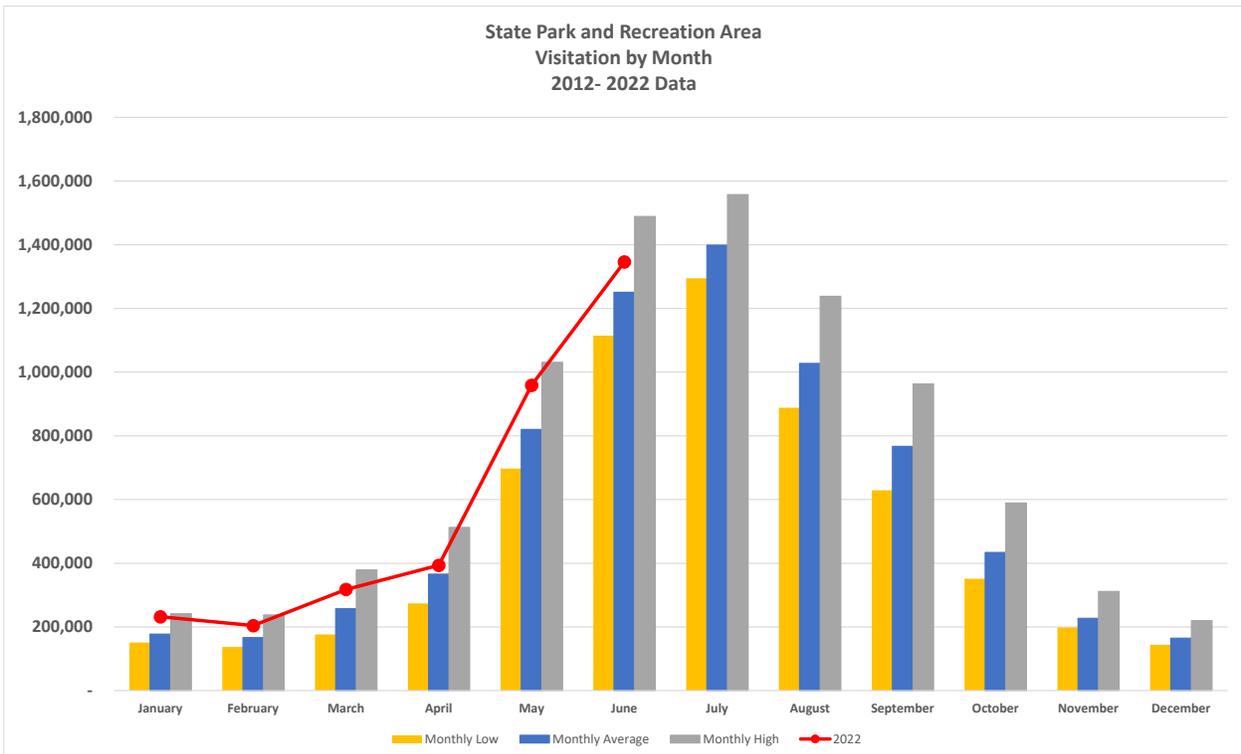
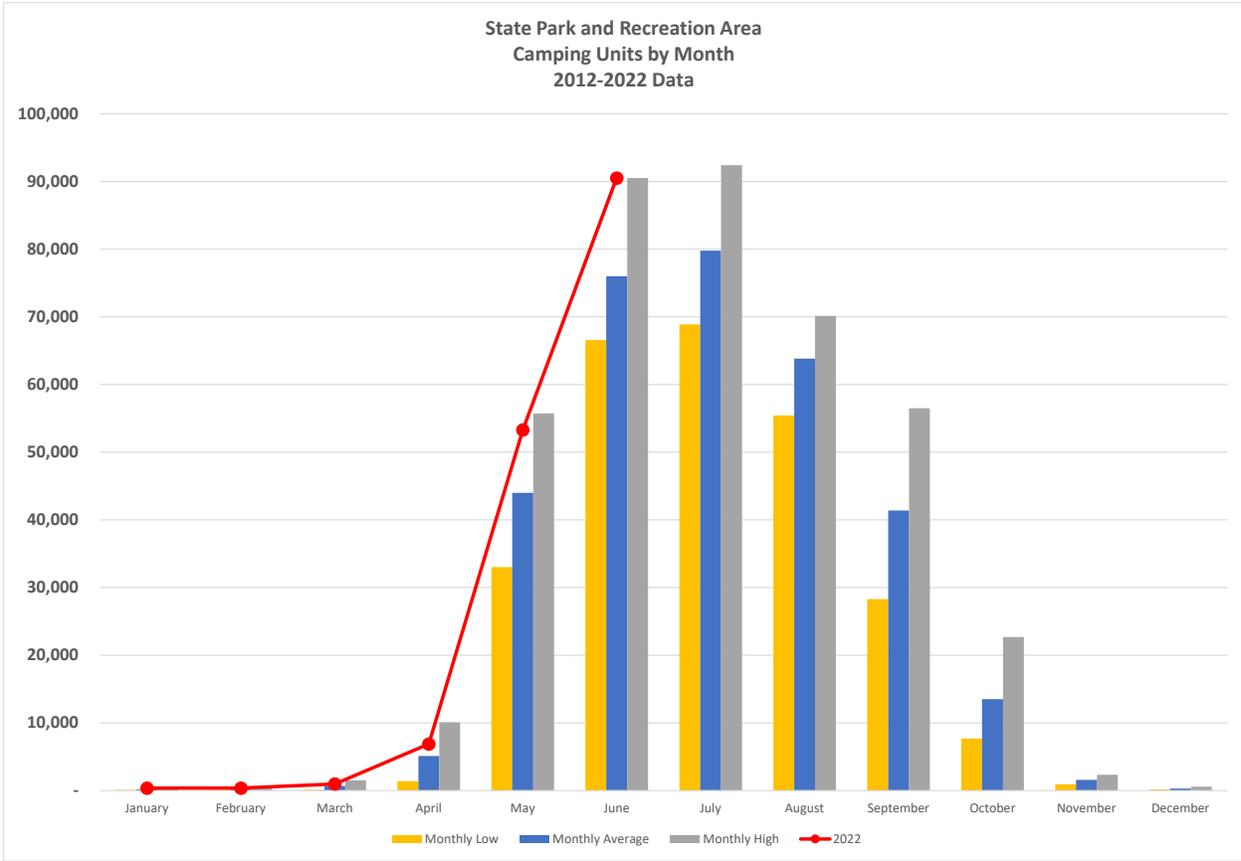
FISCAL IMPACT

Not applicable.

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

Agenda Item #27

Division of Parks and Recreation							
June YTD 2022 Visitation by District							
LOCATION	2021	2022	%	LOCATION	2021	2022	%
Pickerel Lake	21,768	22,705	4%	Lewis & Clark	574,583	468,392	-18%
Fort Sisseton	28,967	27,481	-5%	Chief White Crane	25,476	18,302	-28%
Roy Lake	73,372	73,929	1%	Pierson Ranch	37,244	41,358	11%
Sica Hollow	13,941	8,862	-36%	Springfield	83,485	78,384	-6%
DISTRICT 1	138,048	132,977	-4%	DISTRICT 9	720,788	606,436	-16%
Richmond Lake	27,508	20,964	-24%	North Point	53,947	52,602	-2%
Mina Lake	22,543	20,279	-10%	North Wheeler	11,117	13,048	17%
Fisher Grove	7,940	6,180	-22%	Pease Creek	17,098	18,464	8%
Lake Louise	16,228	14,569	-10%	Randall Creek	25,927	24,612	-5%
DISTRICT 2	74,219	61,992	-16%	Fort Randall Marina	8,114	8,014	-1%
Pelican Lake	35,671	31,612	-11%	DISTRICT 10	116,203	116,740	0%
Sandy Shore	14,854	15,368	3%	Farm Island	87,683	75,318	-14%
Lake Cochrane	9,074	8,780	-3%	West Bend	24,134	24,203	0%
Hartford Beach	77,293	64,888	-16%	LaFramboise Island	45,401	43,867	-3%
DISTRICT 3	136,892	120,648	-12%	DISTRICT 11	157,218	143,388	-9%
Oakwood Lakes	36,344	31,157	-14%	Oahe Downstream	166,260	142,757	-14%
Lake Poinsett	26,519	12,897	-51%	Cow Creek	117,134	101,595	-13%
Lake Thompson	26,595	13,088	-51%	Okobojo	25,729	29,573	15%
DISTRICT 4	89,458	57,142	-36%	Spring Creek	162,992	157,100	-4%
Lake Herman	63,668	48,686	-24%	DISTRICT 12	472,115	431,025	-9%
Walker's Point	23,119	20,374	-12%	West Whitlock	23,968	20,295	-15%
DISTRICT 5	86,787	69,060	-20%	Swan Creek	10,957	9,543	-13%
Snake Creek	79,749	79,483	0%	Indian Creek	35,393	30,874	-13%
Platte Creek	78,907	85,384	8%	Lake Hiddenwood	-	420	
Buryanek	20,121	17,976	-11%	Revheim Bay	33,448	31,475	-6%
Burke Lake	10,872	9,854	-9%	West Pollock	37,613	38,142	1%
DISTRICT 6	189,649	192,697	2%	DISTRICT 13	141,379	130,749	-8%
Palisades	61,084	47,011	-23%	Bear Butte	10,604	8,449	-20%
Big Sioux	32,346	26,235	-19%	DISTRICT 14	10,604	8,449	-20%
Beaver Creek	12,627	11,903	-6%	Shadehill	24,811	21,916	-12%
Lake Vermillion	69,017	49,889	-28%	Llewellyn Johns	2,166	1,795	-17%
DISTRICT 7	175,074	135,038	-23%	Little Moreau	11,805	2,460	-79%
Newton Hills	68,277	80,763	18%	Rocky Point	44,614	38,651	-13%
Good Earth	62,625	41,728	-33%	DISTRICT 15	83,396	64,822	-22%
Union Grove	10,000	8,168	-18%	Custer	956,608	833,773	-13%
Lake Alvin	63,811	106,303	67%	DISTRICT 16	956,608	833,773	-13%
Spirit Mound	7,642	10,830	42%	Angostura	97,320	75,998	-22%
Adams	12,850	13,392	4%	Sheps Canyon	19,938	16,055	-19%
DISTRICT 8	225,205	261,184	16%	DISTRICT 17	117,258	92,053	-21%
				TOTAL YTD	3,890,901	3,458,173	-11%
				TOTAL for Month	1,488,795	1,345,962	-10%



License Sales Totals

(as of June 30)

date updated: 1 July 2022

Resident	2019	2020	2021	3-yr Avg	2022	2022			+/- Licenses		+/- Revenue		% Change from 3-yr Avg
						Revenue	2021 vs 2022	3-yr Avg vs 2022	2021 vs 2022	3-yr Avg vs 2022			
Combination	36,720	41,392	42,625	40,246	41,757	\$ 2,296,635	-868	1,511	\$ (47,740)	\$ 83,123	4%		
Junior Combination	4,665	6,950	5,644	5,753	0	\$ -	-5,644	-5,753	\$ (152,388)	\$ (155,331)	-100%		
Senior Combination	8,495	9,432	10,259	9,395	10,297	\$ 411,880	38	902	\$ 1,520	\$ 36,067	10%		
Small Game	1,497	1,586	1,755	1,613	3,044	\$ 100,452	1,289	1,431	\$ 42,537	\$ 47,234	89%		
Youth Small Game	840	964	1,015	940	1,602	\$ 8,010	587	662	\$ 2,935	\$ 3,312	70%		
1-Day Small Game	250	222	367	280	158	\$ 1,896	-209	-122	\$ (2,508)	\$ (1,460)	-44%		
Migratory Bird Certificate*	12,443	13,165	13,252	12,953	8,459	\$ 42,295	-4,793	-4,494	\$ (23,965)	\$ (22,472)	-35%		
Predator/Varmint	1,102	1,176	999	1,092	1,606	\$ 8,030	607	514	\$ 3,035	\$ 2,568	47%		
Furbearer	2,847	2,868	3,412	3,042	3,077	\$ 92,310	-335	35	\$ (10,050)	\$ 1,040	1%		
Annual Fishing	41,643	58,740	46,576	48,986	43,896	\$ 1,229,088	-2,680	-5,090	\$ (75,040)	\$ (142,529)	-10%		
Senior Fishing	10,617	12,718	12,147	11,827	11,659	\$ 139,908	-488	-168	\$ (5,856)	\$ (2,020)	-1%		
1-Day Fishing	2,291	3,392	3,069	2,917	2,589	\$ 20,712	-480	-328	\$ (3,840)	\$ (2,627)	-11%		
RESIDENT TOTALS =	123,410	152,605	141,120	139,045	128,144	\$ 4,351,216	-12,976	-10,901	\$ (271,360)	\$ (153,095)	-7.8%		

Nonresident	2019	2020	2021	3-yr Avg	2022	2022			+/- Licenses		+/- Revenue		% Change from 3-yr Avg
						Revenue	2021 vs 2022	3-yr Avg vs 2022	2021 vs 2022	3-yr Avg vs 2022			
Small Game	2,747	2,951	5,708	3,802	4,614	\$ 558,294	-1,094	812	\$ (132,374)	\$ 98,252	21%		
Youth Small Game	139	149	260	183	334	\$ 3,340	74	151	\$ 740	\$ 1,513	83%		
Annual Shooting Preserve	48	46	75	56	103	\$ 12,463	28	47	\$ 3,388	\$ 5,647	83%		
5-day Shooting Preserve	630	780	1,026	812	1,212	\$ 92,112	186	400	\$ 14,136	\$ 30,400	49%		
1-day Shooting Preserve	173	175	181	176	208	\$ 9,568	27	32	\$ 1,242	\$ 1,457	18%		
Spring Light Goose	2,810	2,961	4,486	3,419	4,249	\$ 212,450	-237	830	\$ (11,850)	\$ 41,500	24%		
Youth Spring Light Goose	94	122	161	126	324	\$ 8,424	163	198	\$ 4,238	\$ 5,157	158%		
Migratory Bird Certificate*	286	419	678	461	524	\$ 2,620	-154	63	\$ (770)	\$ 315	14%		
Predator/Varmint	3,279	2,709	3,100	3,029	2,936	\$ 117,440	-164	-93	\$ (6,560)	\$ (3,733)	-3%		
Furbearer	6	6	4	5	3	\$ 825	-1	-2	\$ (275)	\$ (642)	-44%		
Annual Fishing	18,278	22,228	25,346	21,951	31,491	\$ 2,109,897	6,145	9,540	\$ 411,715	\$ 639,202	43%		
Family Fishing	6,011	7,469	7,545	7,008	0	\$ -	-7,545	-7,008	\$ (505,515)	\$ (469,558)	-100%		
Youth Annual Fishing	781	1,113	1,136	1,010	0	\$ -	-1,136	-1,010	\$ (28,400)	\$ (25,250)	-100%		
3-Day Fishing	12,045	12,914	11,268	12,076	11,073	\$ 409,701	-195	-1,003	\$ (7,215)	\$ (37,099)	-8%		
1-Day Fishing	9,059	11,030	18,076	12,722	18,968	\$ 303,488	892	6,246	\$ 14,272	\$ 99,941	49%		
NONRESIDENT TOTALS =	56,386	65,072	79,050	66,836	76,039	\$ 3,840,622	-3,011	9,203	\$ (243,228)	\$ 387,102	13.8%		
GRAND TOTALS =	179,796	217,677	220,170	205,881	204,183	\$ 8,191,838	-15,987	-1,698	\$ (514,588)	\$ 234,007	-0.8%		

	2021	2022	+/- Licenses	+/- Revenue	2022 Revenue
Resident Habitat Stamp	130,678	125,871	-4,807	\$ (48,070)	\$ 1,258,710
Nonresident Habitat Stamp	68,198	66,682	-1,516	\$ (37,900)	\$ 1,667,050
Totals =	198,876	192,553	-6,323	\$ (85,970)	\$ 2,925,760

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