

Public Comments

Other

Dana Andersen

Brookings SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

Writing in opposition to the Nest Predator Bounty Program.

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

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

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

107,400 Raccoon

16,091 Striped Skunk

10,934 Opossum

1,142 Red Fox

1,107 Badger

Gross and unnecessary.

Jennifer Swanson

Sioux Falls SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

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

Dennis Carda

Waubay SD

Position: other

Comment:

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

Susan Minnaert

Madison SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

This is inhumane!!

Waterfowl Seasons

Trevor Harms

Madison SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

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