

Public Comments

Furbearer/Trapping Seasons

Butch Anderson

Gettysburg SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

We're just starting to see river otters so why try and desimate the population for the enjoyment of a few trappers.

Brenda Larson

Keystone SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

Please reconsider trapping seasons of possums/ skunks / fox etc. these animals eat countless rodents and insects.

In reality our pheasant population is not going to be greatly impacted.

In fact why not begin a program of farmers raising pheasants for release. Then there are plenty for hunting. \$ derived from hunting should NEVER come at the cost of killing so many beneficial small animals.

Steven Peterson

Ramona, Sd SD

Position: support

Comment:

I fully support the proposed furbearer seasons. I also believe that additional otter tags are a great addition. This is well thought out fact based wildlife management that is based on years of GF&P research.

Adrian Laurendeau

Mitchell SD

Position: support

Comment:

No comment text provided.

Frank Moser

New Underwood SD

Position: support

Comment:

No comment text provided.

Keisha Tran

Sioux Falls SD

Position: support

Comment:

No comment text provided.

Kris Hoffman

Vermillion SD

Position: support

Comment:

No comment text provided.

Dale Halling

Bryant SD

Position: support

Comment:

No comment text provided.

Charlie Bode

Scotland SD

Position: support

Comment:

No comment text provided.

Aaron Doyscher

Volga SD

Position: support

Comment:

No comment text provided.

Todd Martel

Pierre SD

Position: support

Comment:

No comment text provided.

Nancy Bennett

Colman SD

Position: support

Comment:

No comment text provided.

John Almquist

Watertown SD

Position: support

Comment:

No comment text provided.

John Hopple

Black Hawk SD

Position: support

Comment:

The South Dakota Trappers Association supports all proposed seasons by the GFP. We strongly urge the Commissioners to disregard the inputs of those who are submitting comments based on emotion and not science as backed by the professional biologists within GFP staff.

John Hopple
SDTA President

Ray Maize

Pierre SD

Position: support

Comment:

I support the proposed GFP trapping seasons including Otter that are being voted on and finalized at July GFP commission.

Craig Parkhurst

Armour SD

Position: support

Comment:

No comment text provided.

Jay Saunders

Rapid City SD

Position: support

Comment:

I fully support the seasons being voted on, including otter. Thank you!

Susan Braunstein

Rapid City SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

i am opposed to the expansion of the beaver trapping season in East River South Dakota from six months to 12 months. Beavers are crucial for the habitat they create with their dam building. Do you have a current count of beavers?

Also, I am opposed to the increase of otter trapping from 15 to 20. Do you know there are enough otters out there to trap and not deplete the population?

Caryn Lerman

Hot Springs SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

No comment text provided.

Other

Richard Huffman

Sioux Falls SD

Position: other

Comment:

The new operator of the Lewis & Clark Marina has increase boat rental prices by double over last year, which makes them at least double the price of other marinas in the state. That sends a message to South Dakotans that Lewis & Clark and the state does not welcome families unless they are wealthy. We'll be going to Chamberlain from now on.

Dan Waldman

Aberdeen SD

Position: support

Comment:

As a resident bow hunter I 100% fully support the petitions for limiting the current unlimited archery licenses for deer and antelope. I have been out west hunting the past few years and the resident sportsman on public land is in the minority. These petitions will help with overcrowding on the public land while still allowing the landowners and guides to keep their clients on their private land. Thanks for your time.

Greg Berke

Sioux Falls SD

Position: other

Comment:

Why can't dumpsters be used for fish disposal?

Justin Broughton

Sioux Falls SD

Position: support

Comment:

I'm writing in support of all 4 petitions put forward by the South Dakota Bowhunters. These petitions are well thought out and supported by factual statistics and biology/herd health. These petitions provide improved opportunity for resident bowhunters and an improved experience for residents and non-resident bowhunters alike.

Martin Larsen

Hurley SD

Position: other

Comment:

I am commenting on your elk lottery. I would like you to maybe give out the tags to the most preference points for a given time to cut down on the years of preferences. You have some individuals with many points and and not able to draw call it unlucky but also unfair. I would like to visit with someone on this matter. Please email me with a response Thankyou Marty

Mark Swarbrick

Cottonwood, Az SD

Position: other

Comment:

With no way to pay for a metal detecting permit online, and only an option for getting one by mail, then all tourists are prevented from metal detecting. If you want to enhance tourism in your state you should bring your website into the 21st century and let this be purchased online. Unless this is changed we will not plan any more vacations through South Dakota.

Justin Allen

Pierre SD

Position: other

Comment:

Emailing in regards to the proposed antelope firearm season. Please discuss a split season in Counties with doe/kid tags. Split season were implemented for a few season around 2005-2010. The split season spreads out the hunter pressure over the 16 day season instead of 90 percent of the hunters hunting opening weekend. Right now in counties like Harding, Butte, Meade, Perkins there is so many licenses that over crowding on public land is a real issue. Hunter satisfaction has dropped with that. I had a Harding Co tag last year. In the 20 years I have hunted Harding Co during the firearm season I have never seen so many hunters. It was unreal. It was not a hunt I enjoyed. I will not be putting in for Harding Co again until license numbers drop or a split season is implemented. I'm happy to see increased licenses numbers but something needs to done to spread out the hunting pressure in high density counties. Also disappointed to see the GFP can't find enough money once again to conduct a antelope population count for the third year in a row. Seems like over harvest could occur real quick when their isn't a good handle on how many goats are really out on the landscape.