

# Public Comments

## Other

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**Rodney Lindner**

**Watertown SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

I could not Email anyone from your sites... Your site is really POOR and not effective. and my QUESTIONS IS Hi ...I still have the ANY DEER licence for this year,, I did not get a deer, Can I use this if I only want to try for the Antlerless Deer .. During the special antlerless deer season.. Season.. and NOT shoot a Buck. ??thanks MUCH, ROD LINDNER IN WATERTOWN SD you can email me sallyann@iw.net

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**David Longville**

**Eau Claire WI**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

I have been purchasing out of state fishing licenses, turkey tags and archery deer licenses for over 25 years. This past year the SDGFP has made serious changes for the purchasing of licenses for out of state residents. I can only conclude that by doing this you are trying to eliminate non-resident hunting and fishing Obviously that makes no sense for the department. But neither does forcing me to purchase my archery tag 8 months in advance.

This is ridiculous. What if something happens to me or my family?

What if something changes with my work schedule and vacation time?

I am certain you have your reasons for these changes.

But none of those benefits your non-resident licensees.

My brother lives in the hills.

And another brother lives in Colorado.

Perhaps we will start purchasing are licenses in Montana, Wyoming or Colorado instead.

This is becoming too much of a hassle.

I mean I could see planning a hunting trip to Alaska 8 months in advance. But not a trip to SD where I stay with my brother.

Very disappointed

## Waterfowl Hunting Season-Duck

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**Dan Stengle**

**Raymond SD**

**Position:** other

**Comment:**

With waterfowl license sales plummeting, it would seem to be time to open up nonresident waterfowl hunting to beyond what is now a 3-day lottery, the application for which is due in mid-July to hunt a migratory bird that is weather-dependent.

These are the same waterfowl that are hunted in North Dakota. There, a nonresident can walk into a convenience store and buy a 14-day statewide waterfowl license.

My wife and I are nonresidents who grew up in South Dakota. We hope to retire there, but for business reasons I must maintain my out-of-state residency for now. My wife and I own a quarter section in Clark County. There seems to be no resource-based reason that I cannot go to our farm and shoot some ducks without having to decide in July what three days I may get a chance to hunt on my own farm.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Dan R. Stengle

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**Jim Gruber**

**Estelline SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

just leave well enough alone... by opening the season earlier does nothing .. over the last 10 years the ducks have been arriving later every year.. usually after opening weekend it pretty much grinds to a halt til the migration starts... and by lowering the scaup to one per day pretty much wipes out diver hunting all together... so the only birds left after opener are mallards arriving from the migration which doesnt really start til november.

## Waterfowl Hunting Season-Goose

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**Maury Mcalister**

**Waubay SD**

**Position:** other

**Comment:**

Why not add 5 days to the donation period for the early canada goose hunt---the late start only covers 12 days and only 2 week ends. We donate most of our birds and the extra week end would help us plus a bonus for the people that are in need. Was the same situation this year (2019). thank you

# West River Spring Turkey-Use of Rifles

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**Martin Hunt**

**Hill City SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

Hunting of any animal should be about ethics and fair chase. How is shooting a bird with a long distance rifle ether ? I feel only shotguns or bows should be allowed.

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**Charles Anderson**

**Pierre SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

I have been hunting turkeys for 40 years and have never had a problem with rifles on the plains. This allows senior citizens to continue to hunt with our family, especially if we have mobility issues. Please allow rifles to be allowed.

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**Christian Frank**

**Custer SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

SD GF&P Commissioners:

Hunting turkeys with rifles during spring hunts is simply DANGEROUS! I applaud the SD Game Fish and Parks for addressing this issue throughout the state, and recommend the maintaining of ONE STANDARD. Although private landowners can limit access - which MAY reduce risk - the fact is these safety issues will still be present along property borders and/or roadways.

I oppose any use of rifles for turkey hunting during spring hunts.

The fact that rifle hunting only effectively allows for long range "spot" hunting and/or "road" hunting only further degrades any validity in this proposal. Hunting seasons need to maintain the proper and respectful traditions of past skilled hunters, if we are to have any chance of successfully promoting hunting as a future sport for our youth.

Thank you,

Christian Frank  
Custer, SD

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**Jason Kral**

**Yankton SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

With today's turkey decoys looking so real allowing rifles is just asking for someone to get shot or shot at. It's not worth it! Plus using rifles takes ALL the fun out of Spring turkey hunting!!!

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**John Mondloch**

**Hudson WI**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

I have hunted on ranches South of Winner for many years. The landowners all agree that the use of rifles is fine with them. We only use them in open country and not around the buildings. I hope you will allow that to continue. Please don't stop the use of rifles because of only a possibility that something might happen or bad behavior by a few.