



Issue ARCHERY ANTELOPE

Position SUPPORT

Name DENNIS CLEMENS City, State FRANKFORT SD Create Date 12/12/2022 3:40:44 PM

Comment Attachment:

I have been archery hunting antelope in western SD on public land for around 20 years. When I first started going out west there were plenty of antelope and very few archery hunters. There has been progressively more archery hunters every year and the past few years it is hard to find antelope to hunt on public land . they are being pressured from the start of archery season through rifle season. There are out of state plates everywhere you go. They are flocking to SD because it is the first state they come to with antelope and unlimited tags. Our antelope numbers are as low as I have seen them and cannot rebound with this continued pressure.

Name TODD CRAIG City, State RAPID CITY SD Create Date 12/22/2022 4:21:23 PM

Comment Attachment:

Thank you for taking action on the over abundance of NR hunters.

Name DANA RPGERS City, State HILL CITY SD Create Date 01/03/2023 3:53:38 PM

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I support the limitation of Non-Resident Archery Antelope BUT the numbers in this proposal don't go nearly far enough. SD has an 8% cap on firearms deer permits issued to NR Deer rifle permits. It's even lower for NR rifle antelope. If that 8% cap/draw was used during archery antelope it SHOULD be less than 200 total NR archery antelope permits. 450 for public land and unlimited for private land doesn't do near enough to address this pressure and over harvest by NRs. PLEASE adjust the numbers from 450 to 200 at a MINIMUM. Making it 200 total NR archery permits would be best. Thank you! We really need more protections and management for our SD pronghorn and keep the resident sportsmen at the forefront.

Name DAN WALDMAN City, State ABERDEEN SD Create Date 01/08/2023 2:51:38 PM

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Name SAM KEZAR City, State LENNOX SD Create Date 12/21/2022 9:48:10 AM

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Name MARK PETERSON City, State ABERDEEN SD Create Date 12/12/2022 7:52:15 AM

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Name ANDREW MILLER City, State BROWNS VALLEY MN Create Date 12/13/2022 4:12:52 PM

Comment Attachment:

Strongly oppose any change!!!

Name NATHAN LINE City, State SAULT STE. MARIE MI Create Date 12/16/2022 7:38:01 PM

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Archery antelope hunters have a low success rate overall. I've spent a substantial amount of time in the field during the season in the past and have never seen anyone pursuing antelope with archery gear. This is in an area where numerous herds are visible. I oppose the restrictions proposed.

Name JOSEPH OGDEN City, State BOONE IA Create Date 12/20/2022 8:25:27 PM

Comment Attachment:

I oppose the petition to limit nonresident antelope tags for public ground hunting in the state. As South Dakota GFP said in a prior document on the matter, there was no wish to industrialize the taking of fish and game in their state. By only limiting the public land tags in the state, and not limiting the private Land tags, this will only lead to more commercialization of the hunting in the state, by forcing more and more hunters who want to go on a yearly basis to either fight for tags or pay a guide. I do understand that this in a multi-faceted, complex subject. However by not restricting resident tags, or private land tags, this does not seem like this (or the deer restriction) is being done in the best interest to the population goals of the species, but instead to push out hunters who pay a significantly higher amount to access the resources that South Dakota has to offer.

I did hunt the 2022 season for antelope and had the privilege to have a successful hunt. I would like for my children to have the same opportunities as I had. Thank you.

Name LES DUNCAN City, State PARKER SD Create Date 12/22/2022 11:42:32 AM

Comment Attachment:

too many youtube heros and money hungry business owners making profits on SD wildlife.



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Name DURK STARK City, State BUFFALO SD Create Date 01/02/2023 2:23:56 PM

Comment Attachment:

As a guide and outfitter, reducing non-resident archery antelope tags to 450 for the state would significantly impact the ability of guides to bring in clients.. if tags were broken up between state land and private this would allow outfitters to manage herds appropriately on their private lands.. Does also need to be managed and why are hunters no longer able to harvest a doe?

Name AMDY ELLIOTT City, State WATFORD CITY ND Create Date 01/03/2023 7:03:57 AM

Comment Attachment:

Name ANTHONY FILHOLM City, State BROOKINGS SD Create Date 01/03/2023 9:43:27 PM

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You have not addressed the overcrowding by Non residents. Your own language says its a start. You need to cut the numbers more. You can make up for any fiscal shortfalls by raising the Private land only tags to be more like the "Special" tags with the increased rates. Some of the extra revenue generated by this could supplement payment to walk in participant landowners. When you get the numbers closer to the 8% like rifle tags, you will have got somewhere more amenable. Thanks for your time.

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Name MARK MILLER City, State BLACK HAWK SD Create Date 12/12/2022 7:24:20 PM

Comment Attachment:

I think the archery deer season needs to be done by county like the rifle season are and only have 1,000 state wide tags

Name RORY NELSON City, State SALEM SD Create Date 12/13/2022 7:50:56 AM

Comment Attachment:

Good on you guys for NOT restricting RESIDENTS. them out of state guys have their own state to hunt. A lot of us rely on the harvested meat each year. Never take away from your own states people.

Name TINA HARNOIS City, State PIERRE SD Create Date 12/13/2022 11:54:24 AM

Comment Attachment:

I am happy to see changes to the current archery system and is a good start. I would also like to see the consequence for non-resident trespassing on public land looked at as well. Here is the reason to my thought:
If a non-resident pays to hunt private land (which will be unlimited in the future and many pay \$3000 - \$5000) why would they be concerned with a LITTLE fine \$122 for trespassing for that BIG buck on public hunting land that is butted up to the private land they are hunting???
1st Losing any future right to hunt in SD is a start, since most money is no option.
2nd Landowners need to police the paid hunters and be responsible as well.
3rd Many have guides helping them with the service so there should be NO excuses!
Thank you for allowing me to voice my views and concerns.



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Name ERIC ANDERSON City, State SPEARFISH SD Create Date 12/16/2022 4:47:10 PM

Comment Attachment:

I support the proposed management plan. The time has come to place some controls on the use of public lands by archery tag holders. This will allow a better, more quality experience for both residents and non-residents. The licensing system still guarantees a tag to anyone who is hunting private land and to landowners who wish to host hunters. This is a win/win for all involved.

Name RONALD KOLBECK City, State SALEM SD Create Date 12/17/2022 7:24:37 PM

Comment Attachment:

I am generally supportive of the proposed changes to address the rapidly increasing number of nonresident archery hunters. I would still like to see an increase in nonresident license fees to reflect the value of these licenses and help offset the potential reduced revenue from limiting the number of licenses. I was also surprised that the current proposals does not appear to directly address the high level of pressure on the mule deer populations. I do believe that resident and nonresident hunters alike would be supportive of added restrictions that would provide long-term benefits for the successful management of the mule deer.

Name DAVID MEYER City, State HERMOSA SD Create Date 12/20/2022 8:33:42 AM

Comment Attachment:

Born in 1973, I grew up hunting in Western SD getting my first deer license at 12 years old. Back then the tags were any-deer and over the counter, I doubt there were limits either. I hunted every year until I moved away at the age of 22. I moved back in 2016 and the devastation of the mule deer herds is undeniable. Having the memories of what it was like vs what it is now is so disheartening. When I left in the early 2000s the herds were very large and abundant, not only in the prairie but in the hills. On any given outing in the prairie, it was normal to see 5-10 different groups of 15-20 mule deer or more. In the hills it was normal to see 3-5 different large groups. Today there are so few its very alarming. Sure, there are some small areas in the prairie that hold mule deer still, but nothing like it was, not even close. It's so bad in the hills, I seriously doubt it can be fixed. Please do everything you can to bring the mule deer populations back. Charge us all more money for tags, residents, and non-residents. Make a ruling for archers and wounded deer to help limit the number of idiots that are shooting 80+ yard shots, wounding deer and not retrieving them. Cut the number of mule deer tags drastically and remove them completely from the mentor tags. So many mule deer does are killed by youngsters.

Name TODD CRAIG City, State RAPID CITY SD Create Date 12/22/2022 4:27:40 PM

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Thank you for helping or deer herds!

I feel NR hunters were becoming a problem, with the growing social media presence NR hunters coming to our state to kill for content.

I believe we need to go to an electronic type of deer harvest reporting, to better understand where and when people are hunting, and what they are killing. It would provide the GFP with much better information to make sound scientific decisions.



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Name DANA RPGERS City, State HILL CITY SD Create Date 01/03/2023 3:58:43 PM

Comment Attachment:

I fully support the limitation of Non-Resident bowhunters coming into SD. It's long overdue and our Mule Deer are in need of much better protection and management. The proposal for 2,200 PUBLIC Land NR archery permits and NO limit on Private land NR Archery permits is the issue I have that I hope is addressed. If the 8% allocation of firearms permits (Law) is adhered to then the actual total number of NR archery permits should be around 1,700 over the entire state. The 2,200 is WAY above that and only applies to Public lands. It applies ZERO limitys to private land and the assurance and enforcement of these laws is extremely dubious with the low numbres of COs. Please reconsider those numbers and at minimum change it to 2,000 or fewer public land licenses and better yet, make that the total numbres available statewide for NRs.

Name JASON RUMPCA City, State PIERRE SD Create Date 01/05/2023 7:59:37 PM

Comment Attachment:

I support restrictions on non-resident archery deer licenses. We need to do what we can to cultivate more mature bucks, and this should help that effort in multiple ways.

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Name GWEN MILLER City, State VOLIN SD Create Date 12/13/2022 10:55:05 AM

Comment Attachment:

If anyone has extra deer meat I would like to put my name in for the deer meat

Name SAM KEZAR City, State LENNOX SD Create Date 12/21/2022 9:50:58 AM

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Name BRYAN LUKE City, State MARION SD Create Date 12/27/2022 4:35:20 PM

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I would like to request that Unit 61A be open for archery antlerless hunting.



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Name J. HANCUCH City, State PRINCETON MN Create Date 12/11/2022 8:20:35 AM

Comment Attachment:

Dear SDGFP:

Although a MN resident, I have thoroughly enjoyed deer hunting in South Dakota since 1998. During that time I have seen the non resident hunting restrictions continue to significantly increase, greatly reducing the opportunities for archery, rifle and black powder deer hunting for non residents. I have had to accept the lottery/preference point process for East and West River rifle tags but I am now very concerned that if you impose a lottery limit of 2,200 non resident archery tags on SD Public land, that too will greatly restrict and potentially eliminate deer hunting opportunities for non residents. Please re consider.

Sincerely,
J. Hancuch
Princeton, MN

Name LONNY KRACHT City, State STURGIS SD Create Date 12/11/2022 8:47:53 PM

Comment Attachment:

The part I oppose is the ability to get a East River and a West River archery tag. Each hunter should only be allowed to have one statewide tag. Hunters that live along the Missouri River can have two any deer tags and hunt close to home. A hunter that has a place to archery hunt east river and west river can get and harvest two any deer. A hunter that only hunts west river or east river because they don't have a place to hunt on the other side of the river can only harvest one any deer. This treats hunters differently depending on where they live. It is unfair to a hunter that only hunts one side of the state or can only afford to hunt one side of the state. One statewide archery deer tag for each archery hunter treats each hunter the same and not differently.

Name MARK PETERSON City, State ABERDEEN SD Create Date 12/12/2022 7:52:35 AM

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Name ZACH GUTTORMSON City, State PRINCETON MN Create Date 12/12/2022 9:31:08 AM

Comment Attachment:

Limiting the number of nonresident any deer licenses is not a smart move. Many people enjoy the beautiful state of South Dakota because of the outdoor recreation opportunities it provides. I could talk about the amount of revenue nonresident hunters bring into your state, but you already know its a staple for your small towns and communities.

The largest issue I see with this recommended change is that it won't increase your deer herd health/size. Nonresident archery hunters come to South Dakota to harvest trophy deer.

Manage your deer heard with your residents, don't do it by limiting nonresident hunters.

Thanks for your consideration

Name ANTHONY GUTZMER City, State UNDERWOOD MN Create Date 12/12/2022 2:12:51 PM

Comment Attachment:

Good afternoon. I strongly oppose this position to limit the non-resident archery licenses to 2200. I realize the concern is to limit public land hunting. However, isn't that what the license fees go to support is indeed public land use? Are there statistics to support limiting licenses to only non-residents? What will be the long term impact of limiting hunting opportunities for the next generation? What about the towns that rely on this revenue? Have there been studies on how much income non-resident archery hunters create to the state in licenses, gas, food, gear and other taxes paid to the state?

More and more youth are not actively engaged in hunting and this could be a long term mistake by removing the ability to generate revenue to support public land options long term. Not only will deer habitat suffer, so will pheasant, antelope, turkey, etc. due to lack of GFP's ability to generate income. Then what? You won't draw funds without habitat, and without habitat there is no product to create revenue. It's a cycle that would be a mistake in order to support.

Not all private land connects to public land and I find this argument that public land hunters are the issue to be incorrect. Are there areas within the state that maybe reduced tags for non-residents could be managed better? Possibly, but a statewide change of this magnitude is the incorrect choice for now and for the future.

Without these out of state revenues from a now significantly reduced field of people partaking in hunting, I am unsure of how long public land hunting opportunities can be sustained. I think that this limitation would be short sighted in limiting non-resident archery licenses and ultimately impacting the states ability to provide suitable opportunities and habit to residents and non-residents alike long term.

I ask you to reconsider and oppose this proposal.

Thank you!

Name JAMIE MCVAY City, State STURGIS SD Create Date 12/12/2022 10:05:38 PM

Comment Attachment:

I personally welcome the NR hunters. They are good for the local economy. Staying in hotels, VRBO's, Airbnbs, ?local grocery stores, bars, restaurants. Etc. I have a bigger problem with landowner tags, especially the elk ones. If you are issued a landowner tag you should hunt your land only. ???



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Name ANDREW MILLER City, State BROWNS VALLEY MN Create Date 12/13/2022 4:08:19 PM

Comment Attachment:

Strongly oppose any change to nonresident archery license allocation. As a former South Dakota law enforcement officer I so hope there are no changes!!! I'd miss visiting my ex colleagues and hunting with them!!!

Name GRANT HAMAKER City, State EDGEMONT SD Create Date 12/15/2022 4:08:17 PM

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I belive the season is way to long. Deer can get a break. There alway be pushed around. I have seen this first hand. They get totally push out even into Wyoming. Plus are Muley popular has come back. It's nice to see them. But I believe we need to raise the tag numbers just quit yet. The whitetail population has dropped alot like 80%. I would like to thank you fir that great job.

Name BRANDON ERICSON City, State CHATFIELD SD Create Date 12/15/2022 5:19:20 PM

Comment Attachment:

As a non resident that spends a lot of money in your state, it saddens me to see the proposal to limit the amount of non resident that want to come and recreate in your state and archery deer hunt. I think efforts would be better spent on opening access on more land for outdoorsman and women to recreate on

Name CHRIS HOYE City, State ST. AUGUSTA MN Create Date 12/15/2022 7:15:39 PM

Comment Attachment:

Seems like an overreaction to drastically reduce archery statewide permits to 2200. What is the justification? Any scientific reasoning or just anecdotal feelings? This seems like a blanket approach to very specific deer management needs. Is it not the responsibility of SD gfp to take into account regional deer management needs? What about the outfitters, landowner leases, guides, etc. in regions with high and healthy deer numbers? Do you want to reduce their income and way of life because you believe NR archery hunters are the reason for high mortality across the entire state? Seems like an overreaction and if more effort could be put into making a specialized plan, the State of South Dakota, it's resources, and like minded archery hunters would be much better off .

Name JOSH PETERSON City, State CLARKFIELD MN Create Date 12/15/2022 8:49:26 PM

Comment Attachment:

Public land belongs to all people not just residents of SD. These proposed changes only seek to discourage all Americans from seeking the opportunity to use the land available to us all.

Name PATRICK MULQUEENY City, State CHASKA MN Create Date 12/15/2022 9:08:23 PM

Comment Attachment:

The proposal is too restrictive and really seems to target an over reduction of non resident licenses.

Name CORY WALSER City, State NEW ULM SD Create Date 12/16/2022 8:31:02 AM

Comment Attachment:

I'm a Nr bow hunter, I hunt have bow hunted east river public land for 3 years straight have not used my tag on a small buck yet I have not even shot a buck yet nor have I seen another hunter in the hunting of November I do so I don't understand why tags should be limited



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Name AUSTIN EARLEY City, State BROOKINGS SD Create Date 12/22/2022 2:10:07 PM

Comment Attachment:

I wonder if the next petition will finally be the one titled (enough is enough) ? It's way past time, way over due, to put on the voting register in SD. It's time (for the people) to take our game and fish back from the governor's office. Obviously your jobs are to push the SD residents out of there heritage and life styles to the highest bidder's. Know wonder you commissioner's have all the kids smoking dope and playing video games.. You have already sold out many SD residents and you keep pushing for more.. Are you all from Washington DC, New York, and California ?? Where do you people really come from? You have defeated a lot of SD residents that have just given up hunting and fishing because of your horrible decisions.. the rest of us will not go quietly.. Where do you people really get the dam nerve..

Name LES DUNCAN City, State PARKER SD Create Date 12/22/2022 2:13:45 PM

Comment Attachment:

Entirely too many nonresident tags. Stick 2200 pins on a map of SD and see what's left. Stop selling SD game.

Name DURK STARK City, State BUFFALO SD Create Date 01/02/2023 2:28:53 PM

Comment Attachment:

Why are whitetails and muledeer managed under the same tag? Thats lol putting elk and turkeys under the same system? 2 different species should require 2 management programs. Each species reacts differently to weather, CWD and EHD.. also predators.. current system makes no sense biologically..

Name PHIL LENTZ City, State SIOUX FALLS SD Create Date 01/02/2023 4:21:53 PM

Comment Attachment:

We seriously need to limit more than 2200 public land and unlimited private land sales way more. Your clearly thinking with getting cash and not about your residents.

You should limit the NR public to 1500 max and put a limit on NR private land as well. Its absurd that this is set up this way. If you won't limit the tags at least make them really high in price and make the state some money instead of all the guides your protecting. Jeesh

Name ANDY ELLIOTT City, State WATFORD CITY ND Create Date 01/03/2023 7:05:02 AM

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Name NOAH VIS City, State SIOUX FALLS SD Create Date 01/03/2023 10:48:27 AM

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Name SETH VIS City, State SIOUX FALLS SD Create Date 01/03/2023 12:05:50 PM

Comment Attachment:

I agree with cutting the number of public land tags down. I disagree with starting nonresident archery on September 1st. Residents should be able to get a crack at their own deer before some out of stater.

Name ANTHONY FILHOLM City, State BROOKINGS SD Create Date 01/03/2023 9:48:54 PM

Comment Attachment:

Need to make the numbers of NR's lower. Try to get closer to the 8% that the rifle seasons have. Change the "unlimited private: to "special limited Private" and increase the rates. Use some of the revenue to make payments to non commercialized landowners who participate in walk in access programs. You do realize that allowing the creation of more sanctuaries only leads to more big cat problems?

Issue DRAFT AIS MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Name LARRY DARR City, State GARY SD Create Date 12/13/2022 11:11:16 AM

Comment Attachment:

There's no way to stop the zebra mussel infestation into SD. People just don't clean their boats and motors properly. Here's an example: Guy come from another state to fish for 2-3 days. Fishes 2-3 lakes. No way they cleaned out their boat sufficiently to kill any zebra mussels. Looking at the map of zebra mussel spread all over the country, it's obvious that people are transferring them in or on their boats , motors and trailers.

Name TONY CARPENTER City, State N SIOUX CITY SD Create Date 12/13/2022 12:01:29 PM

Comment Attachment:

I would like to see the facilities at the boat launch areas to be able to rinse off the boats right away when taking the boat out of the water. If it is easily accessible it will be utilized. At a minimum the infested lakes should have this ability.



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Name PEGGY DETMERS City, State RAPID CITY SD Create Date 12/13/2022 12:08:47 PM

Comment Attachment:

I do support aggressive means to stop invasive species.

On carp - in a "Cook the First Fish You Catch" competition, my carp won the taste test, and all I used was butter salt and baked it, even compared to much more artistically prepared gamefish. If we could know the contamination levels of carp, compared with game fish, we could create a big demand for carp consumption combined with unlimited take.

On invasive reptiles like red ear sliders(RES) - I have spotted RES in Canyon Lake in Rapid City, and the Information Center Pond in Hill City. GF&P could loan basking turtle traps to the public to assist in their removal at the same time the sampling of the native species of turtles could also be conducted.

On our native muscle eating turtle, Graptemys pseudogeographica - since it is listed as S3 within its range here in SD, perhaps its numbers may be brought up by employing a head starting program via captive breeding/release program into its current and historic ranges.

Name GLEN LARSON City, State WATERTOWN SD Create Date 12/13/2022 12:49:33 PM

Comment Attachment:

Marina Bay, Lake Kampeska. This is the first year I've seen the Zebra Mussels in the bay, it's real bad.

1. How do these breed, like fish do, or do they need male/ female, or each mussels populate alone?
- . 2 is Marina Bay is small enough for GFP to find out what would kill off the mussels?
3. I live on Marina bay, the only positive side of the Zebra Mussel is the Water in the bay is completely clear now, you can see the bottom even deep water. But anything in the water, including ramps, boats, ladders, anything below the water line is covered with mussels, except wood.
4. Marina Bay might be a decent place to try a passive way for control?

Name SCOTT FOSDICK City, State MONCKSCORNER SC Create Date 12/13/2022 5:43:23 PM

Comment Attachment:

Well ladies and gentleman I am not a biologist or the like but I am a person that craves the outdoors I've witnessed the problem in the last 3 to4 years I don't see it going away No offense to anyone but to what degree are we pursuing the solution. My fix would be ,employ the best people whose expertise is the problem .find out what is the fix .Start immediately to fix We as a people need water can't be latharchic in response .I would be smart and on it if I could help I'm available I'm 63 soon to be retired if y'all might need me

Name ERIC ANDERSON City, State SPEARFISH SD Create Date 12/16/2022 4:44:34 PM

Comment Attachment:

I support the current AIS management plan but do have some comments. Slowing the spread is the only real plausible outcome with zebra mussels in particular found in many areas of the state. While I have appreciated the presence of more inspections at water bodies, the inspections need to be more thorough. A simple glance at the boat is all I have ever gotten. A physical check for water at the least should be done to each and every boat. Specific inspections should take place near high risk waters and probably transport areas. While I understand WY runs a totally different system, their inspections are thorough and legitimate in all regards. I do understand recruitment of inspectors and the execution of the inspections are both challenging. But to be bluntly honest, the majority of the inspections I have been through in the state were pointless as nothing was even looked at. Strengthening this weak area would be a big step in slowing the spread.



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Name JIM RISTAU City, State CHAMBERLAIN SD Create Date 12/13/2022 10:41:21 AM

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I support the plan, but it does not provide any vision for positive outcomes, after a body of water is deemed infested. Zebra mussel shells consist of calcium carbonate, and the living bodies contain many valuable nutrients that could be used as an organic source of fertilizer. Aquatic plants filter nutrients as well, making excellent organic material as a food source as a dietary supplement for livestock feed. The SD GFP could lead an effort to conduct an evaluation of how to best make use of these unfortunate invaders, that are not going away. Much like the pheasant was introduced to the prairies of SD, and thrived in the environment they were in, these invasives are also thriving because of the environment they are in. Nature will find ways to clean the water, despite man's best efforts. Maybe we would be better served to make the best of the new resource, rather than spend a fortune delaying the inevitable. Why not harvest and sell the nutrients to farmers, and clean up the water at the same time!

Name DONNA WULFF City, State BRECKENRIDGE MN Create Date 12/13/2022 10:53:15 AM

Comment Attachment:

Out of state charges per license are exorbitant. Our boat is already registered in mn. We are safer than residents. Need to do something about the guides who jump from lake to lake!

Name JIM GRUBER City, State ESTELLINE SD Create Date 12/13/2022 11:07:28 AM

Comment Attachment:

AIS is a problem,, yes.. but inspection stations and writing tickets is not going to do anything to help the cause... write a ticket to one angry angler and before you know it he could do more damage in one night than ever thought.... spend all the money on research and science.. thats they only answer. 95 percent of all water users are already doing what they can..

Name BONNIE CHARRON City, State WAUBAY SD Create Date 12/13/2022 12:02:02 PM

Comment Attachment:

AIS needs to be enforced, we need to make sure everyone is abiding by all the rules. Road inspections need to increase and fines given out to those who do not obey the rules. The time for looking the other way is over.



Issue DRAFT AIS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Position OTHER

Name DEB EISENBEISZ City, State LAKE NORDEN SD Create Date 12/13/2022 3:50:41 PM

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Work with Lake Associations, Lake townships, fishing guides businesses, County governments in lake counties.

DO NOT MAKE A LAKE ASSOCIATION PAY for signs and other things with their membership donations.

How are ice anglers to prevent AIS spread.?

Upgrade AIS signage everywhere, we have to change old habits for more than zebra mussels.

The orange AIS sign my Lake Association has to pay for is poorly designed by GFP. Unfortunately it's wordy and lacking good photos or art.

Learn from other states who are far ahead of ours in promoting AIS Awareness even their signage is superior.

Attached is a good sign with impressive photos.

Thank you for this chance to give input.

Name LARRY SMITH City, State RAPID CITY SD Create Date 12/13/2022 5:57:53 PM

Comment Attachment:

For the Aquatic Invasive Species Strategic Management Plan, the following may help:

Signage at bait/marine product businesses, boat and boat repair businesses

On signage: specify typical watercraft locations to check: Jet ski motors, Wake boat ballast tanks, live wells, bait storage

Name BRYAN PIETIG City, State LAKE PRESTON SD Create Date 12/14/2022 10:02:35 AM

Comment Attachment:

My advice on invasive species management would be go big or go home. As you have seen with other states, even intensive regulation and patrol cannot stop the spread. My input would be to not spend a lot of money, time, and regulation on things that wont really stop the spread because at this point it will be impossible to really stop zebra muscless. The other harsh reality is that in most cases with zebra muscless, they dont really destroy or wreck the fisheries, but simply change them. I agree with stopping the spread but filtering the water simply improves clarity and changes fish behavior and patterns rather than kill them or inhibit reproduction. Some of the best fisheries in other states have been infested for years. Interstate checkpoints like Montana I believe would be a start because we know they come from across the border, as well as heavily patrol and watch the waters/ramps that already have invasive species.



Issue DRAFT AIS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Position OTHER

Name TOM GRADY City, State SIOUX FALLS SD Create Date 12/14/2022 12:26:10 PM

Comment Attachment:

This draft does not mention anything other than educating boaters to slow the spread of AIS. Funding there is only mention of funding to protect Western South Dakota Waters. Does the Eastern waters not need protection. The developed lakes on the Eastern side of the state generate alot of property tax dollars for local governments and school systems. Your report has exaggerated numbers, the number of inspections on Enemy Swim are reported about 10 times more than what actually happened. Your report says they partnered with DOT to use the electronic signs for AIS messaging, tell me the specific dates these signs were used in 2022. The use of rack cards, how many were printed in 2022 and what is the year end count. They were available but were poorly distributed. This plan is heavy on education, with very little efforts on verifying if the message is being learned. The plan has no mention on how the GFP is going to slow or stop the spread of AIS. This plan needs to have a more specific action plan on GFP.

Name RON SCHREIBER City, State WAUBAY SD Create Date 12/17/2022 10:20:59 AM

Comment Attachment:

It appears that GFP is continuing the "plan" that's been in place for the past 3-5 years. Put out information and hope people do the right thing. Little or no objective steps to take control of the situation. Your use of the term "Rapid Response" is insulting and misleading. If a house were on fire your response would be to let the house burn, and post a notice to the neighbors that a house is on fire and tell them "good luck". Is this hands off approach really what other states are doing?

Name BRET BROWN City, State SIOUX FALLS SD Create Date 12/19/2022 9:37:47 AM

Comment Attachment:

I am sorry to say that the fight against the microscopic invasive species is probably a lost cause. I feel that all that can be done now is to keep the information train rolling, but we can't afford to sterilize every boat from invasive areas before they hit another body of water. I only fish the Missouri River system from Pierre to Pickstown and a couple of trips to Bigstone in the fall with my grandkids. Three years ago I had never caught a zebra mussel, now I catch rocks because they are covered in them. Nearly every stick we pull up has them attached now. How do you fight something that even when you pull the drain plug and go a week without putting the boat in the water, the invasive species can live for 30 days without water? I'm actually at a loss for ideas about the mussels. I'm all in favor of cleaning trailers and boats for weeds, and even ok with throwing minnows on shore as long as people put them in the rocks. Even that has become an issue due to lazy people just dropping them on the ramp and other areas where we clean fish and get the boats ready to travel. Bugs, and birds flying everywhere to get the bait, and worse is my dog finding them, filling up on them and vomiting them up later so I can clean up someone's bait up again. More education there is needed including signs on the docks and fishing areas helping people to make good decisions. Efforts should be focused on insuring that the Bighead Carp are kept out of the river system for as long as possible though, and the bait laws will help with that. My only ideas that wouldn't bankrupt the state is to install invasive specie signs on the interstates from all directions and main roads that out of state people would use to help educate them. Also maybe it would help if the invasive species information was printed on all the licenses paper and online. Also I believe that the boat checks would do more good on the way to the river instead of away from the river. I feel like the damage is done by the time an eastbound boat is getting checked by Mitchell. Good luck and keep up the good work, South Dakota truly doe have the best GFP! Thank you



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Position OTHER

Name ELLI HAERTER City, State HOSMER SD Create Date 12/19/2022 11:00:19 PM

Comment Attachment:

This aquatic invasive species draft plan mentioned a lot of targeted work with recreations boaters and fishermen/women of this state, but I am wondering how you plan to address bait dealers who can sometimes be spotted emptying their tankers into different bodies of water-- specifically when thinking about the micro-form of quagga mussels and zebra mussels. How do we know they know the rules and are following them?

Name CORY NEUHARTH City, State BELLE FOURCHE SD Create Date 12/20/2022 3:11:27 PM

Comment Attachment: Comments_to_DRAFT_AIS_Management_Plan_for_the_South_Dakota_Game_Fish__12.19.22_ca37d4749.docx

Name STEVE CHARRON City, State HURON SD Create Date 12/21/2022 10:30:15 AM

Comment Attachment:

Slow the spread-After interviewing 100s of watercraft people and boating friends the slow the spread is the number one reason why people say "we are going to get it anyway why bother" Slow the spread brought about the attitude when it was first introduced and continues to hinder the attempt to stop the spread. You dont say slow the poaching you dont say slow the taking of too many fish. Education is the key according to the way I read the proposal. Clean Drain Dry-Pull your plugs! All good thoughts if the person knows what to Clean what to Drain and what to Dry. What about lowering the motor so the water from the last lake drains out? Again Ive sat for hours at a boat inspection station and boaters dont have any idea. The education piece is not working. The millions of emails you are sending are not working. I really havent seen one until the one Im responding to.Until you start checking boats and issuing citations we will continue to spread AIS. The Hiway Patrol doesnt say we are going to send out 5 million emails. We will include drunk driving and a little on seat belts. We will also go to 35 gas stations and run ads on speeding and reckless driving. Our studies show 96% compliance! Problem solved. No more stings for drunk drivers we will use one speed gun in Eastern SD but will use 2 in western SD because they have more tourists we need to protect. Intern hiring: If you arent starting to advertise soon after the first of the year you are missing the boat. Include in your budget more money and go hire. I had legislators literally ask me in Pierre how much money do you need? I had 2 water districts offer to buy 6 cleaning stations. The resources are out there. The weeds on the move into our state are also a huge threat. Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

Name MARK SCHULZE City, State GRENVILLE SD Create Date 12/25/2022 7:31:39 PM

Comment Attachment:

The draft plan seems to be lacking in specific actions to mitigate the spread of AIS in Northeastern South Dakota. The plan resembles all previous efforts which have failed to use SDGFP's full resources to limit lake access points and provide testing and cameras as a means for prevention.

Name PAUL LEPISTO City, State PIERRE SD Create Date 12/28/2022 11:49:45 AM

Comment Attachment: SD_IWLA_Comments_on_Draft_AIS_Plan_12-28-22_e7e17cb3a.docx



Issue DRAFT AIS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Position OPPOSE

Name JON HAVERLY City, State SIOUX FALLS SD Create Date 12/13/2022 10:28:59 AM

Comment Attachment:

If the proposal were printed, it would be a waste of paper. The proposal can be distilled down to, "We are going to put up some signs."

There is no plan on supporting research into eradicating the problem species which is really the only long-term solution. Signs and education will only insignificantly slow the spreads.

Name BRIAN PAULY City, State WOONSOCKET SD Create Date 12/13/2022 10:46:25 AM

Comment Attachment:

In order for goals and objectives to be measurable they must be quantifiable. The goals and objectives within the AIS strategic plan do not contain quantifiable values, so it'll be entirely subjective whether or not they have been met. This makes sense from an internal management standpoint, as it becomes very easy to hide failures/shortcomings. As a member of the public, this shows me nothing more than this entire strategic plan is a waste of GFP resources/efforts. If it's not quantifiable, then is it really achievable? Goal writing 101, goals should be quantifiable and measurable.

There is also no mention of costs or funding sources associated with any of these goals or objectives. What is the estimated cost, where will funding come from, what was spent on similar efforts in the past, etc.? What does that cost actually translate to in terms of managing a resource? What I'm getting at with that last sentence is, does the cost of AIS efforts actually translate to an improvement in recreational resources for user groups? Zebra mussels have been in Lake Sharpe for a number of years now, but fishing pressure remains strong and reservations at West Bend campgrounds have not slowed dramatically due to swimming conditions, so have zebra mussels actually harmed the resource to the point where it's justified for GFP to spend millions of dollars each year on zebra mussel mitigation, and are those efforts causing an improvement? If it's still a net loss (if zebra mussels are still expanding their range, if zebra mussels still exist in infested waters, if zebra mussels are not being eradicated), then what are those dollars actually paying for, and is it a sustainable long-term solution?

The public doesn't know because GFP's goals are not quantifiable, and GFP hasn't placed an estimated price point or funding source on any of these goals. As far as I'm concerned the plan could currently state that GFP's goal is to paint every zebra mussel in the state orange, and there's nothing in the strategic plan to tell the public whether that's obtainable, cost-effective, or logical.

Hire a fourth grade teacher to help assist with goal writing, then bring the document back to the public when it actually contains all parts of a complete goal. What you currently have is a document that allows upper level management to fluff their pillows, and nothing more.

Name KELLAN CLARK City, State OACOMA SD Create Date 12/13/2022 12:29:24 PM

Comment Attachment:

I notice that in your AIS plan, that not one mention of where this problem came from (out of state). If the problem,(AIS) is not addressed, it will continue to be one. But knowing the GFP of SD, it is more important to get out of state money, than it is to be concerned about the wildlife that we have in the South Dakota! All boats coming into SD, should be forced into a boat inspection, receive a inspection sticker, then made to come back to inspection before they leave the state. And they should have to pay for all removal of any invasive species, they may have.

Name JERRY GOODING City, State PIERRE SD Create Date 12/13/2022 5:57:23 PM

Comment Attachment:

Opposition to disposal of minnows / minnow bucket water before leaving launch area.



Issue DRAFT AIS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Position OPPOSE

Name JOHN FIKSDAL City, State SIOUX FALLS SD Create Date 12/20/2022 3:29:40 PM

Comment Attachment:

This plan is disappointing. Weak and toothless. Action must be taken NOW, and waiting until after the Legislative session ensures that no additional funding for increased enforcement or compliance will be sought in a timely fashion. Communication/education is well-and-good, but as a lake-dweller at a now Zebra-infested lake, I can assure you that fishermen are NOT taking efforts or the problem seriously. Anyone transporting infested species, whether plant or animal, should face enforcement and consequences.

Name DAN LOVELAND City, State SIOUX FALLS SD Create Date 12/21/2022 4:04:24 PM

Comment Attachment: SDLS_Comment_on_AIS_Strategic_Plan_12.21.22_b47bb280c.pdf

The proposed AIS Strategic Plan brings nothing new to the fight against the spread of AIS in South Dakota. It's all show and no substance. SD Lakes & Streams Assn expected more.

Name DAVE CHARRON City, State WEBSTER SD Create Date 12/22/2022 3:23:14 PM

Comment Attachment:

Very poor attempt at fooling the people of SD into thinking the GFP is doing something about AIS. Assemble stakeholders who want to protect and preserve the waters of the state and move forward with positive actions! Time is not on our side so quit wasting it!

Name STEVE CHARRON City, State HURON SD Create Date 12/29/2022 8:32:32 AM

Comment Attachment:

Education seems to be the answer this plan is relying on. While educating water users is an important element I believe until we start a more vigorous inspection process with fine consequences we are just losing ground. After last years legislative session we had the offer from the public to donate 6 cleaning stations to stations to GFP. People that have studied the situation can see why we are rapidly heading for complete devastation from mussels and weeds.

Name ANDY ELLIOTT City, State WATFORD CITY ND Create Date 01/03/2023 7:03:00 AM

Comment Attachment:

Issue OTHER

Position SUPPORT

Name MARK JONES City, State TACOMA WA Create Date 12/24/2022 11:48:04 PM

Comment Attachment:

Hello I've reached out to each commissioner via email, in the hope of getting a change to the non resident muzzleloader season. I would like you all to consider a draw allowing for non residents to participate in a buck season during the muzzy season. My wife and I would enjoy visiting and hunting antlered deer in your state. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mark and Mary Jones



Issue OTHER

Position OTHER

Name MARK NIELSEN City, State YANKTON SD Create Date 12/11/2022 3:44:38 PM

Comment Attachment:

why dont you try and make the big game app. process a little less difacult for less coputor frendly

Name STEVEN STAUFACKER City, State RAPID CITY SD Create Date 12/13/2022 11:49:46 AM

Comment Attachment:

While I understand the need for additional rules regarding the invasive species of all types I'm not sure more rules are going to do much good. I think in most cases the horse is already out of the barn so to speak. There are so many places these organisms & plants can get a foothold before anyone even knows they are present. I'm not sure what the answer is but adding more fee's for stickers on watercraft etc is not something I support. I quit going to Wy for that reason. Last time I knew the fee for out of state invasive species was \$35 in Wy. That's more than my boat license in SD. Thank you

Name ROBERT WUTTKE City, State GETTYSBURG SD Create Date 12/13/2022 2:49:54 PM

Comment Attachment:

I am pretty sure there are zebra mussel in Lake Oahu but if there are not, a stringent inspection program is necessary Immediately. Every boat entering the Lake Oahu area must be inspected. This must be 24-7. Boats travel up and down that river daily. I think South Dakota is very slack compared to Montana.

Name AIMIE HALLBERG City, State BATTLE LAKE MN Create Date 01/03/2023 12:47:26 PM

Comment Attachment:

I would like to request that South Dakota consider giving discounts to out-of state military veterans for park passes. MN does not require a residency, nor does national parks. Thank you for your consideration.

Position OPPOSE

Name JOSEPH DOPP City, State KIMBERLING MO Create Date 12/13/2022 9:40:59 PM
CITY

Comment Attachment:

The propositions for archery antelope and deer are the worst possible options you could consider. If you all are of the opinion that too many are being killed, that should be taken up with the resident tags. Speaking personally, I payed your state \$600 in tags last year and was up for another \$600 if I would have been drawn. What kind of thank you is that? If you want to control the amount killed take a look at the lazy ass resident gun hunters that blast one from the truck and forget about it if it runs over a hill and then proceed to shoot another. Anyone willing to pay you all for an out of state tag, along with the travel costs and costs of staying for most likely a week or more at a time, is much more likely to also be morally dedicated to finding the first one they shoot. Please rethink your decision. Sincerely, Someone who has paid for over \$2500 in tags in my life so far.

Name GRANT HAMAKER City, State EDGEMONT SD Create Date 12/15/2022 4:16:54 PM

Comment Attachment:

I have seen mule deer population drop in the last 5 year and whitetail rise. But this year seen whitetail drop 80% or so. Mule deer are looking good. Yes good not great I would like to see population increase more. I walked 12vt to 8 miles a day for 10 days. Seen 10 whitetail deer. Trust me I have liveherev49 years. What I'm saying is that deer population whitetail is down mule deer coming up. Thank you for that.

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- ✓ Remove drain plug and open all water draining devices
- ✓ Trash unused bait



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There were 36,381 archery deer licenses issued in 2021 (30,530 resident, 5,851 nonresident). All were single any-deer tags for the Statewide, East River, or West River units, or single antlerless whitetail tags for the LM1 (Limited Statewide) unit.

All license holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed using Survey123 software, and 12,982 responded for a 50% return rate.

The 2021 Archery Deer season ran from September 1, 2021, through January 1, 2022. Respondents reported hunting an average of 11.87 days, which projects to a total of 325,791 recreation days for the season.

The projected harvest for the archery season was 9,635 deer (6,100 whitetail bucks, 2,261 whitetail does, 1,112 mule deer bucks, and 163 mule deer does). The hunter success rate for the season was 31%. The five deer management units with the highest reported harvest by residents were the Black Hills, Brown, Minnehaha, Codington, and Brookings, and by nonresidents were the Black Hills, West Harding, Brown, Gregory, and Butte.

Satisfaction was also measured (1=very dissatisfied to 7=very satisfied) and the average response for the season was 5.16 for residents and 5.54 for nonresidents.

Summary comparison of the 2012-2021 Archery Deer seasons

YEAR	Licenses Sold		Harvest				Tag Success	Avg Days Hunted	Average Satisfctn	
			Bucks		Does					
	Res	Nonres	WT	Mule	WT	Mule	Total			
2012	25,100	3,128	4,086	379	3,264	137	7,866	26%	11.78	4.86
2013	24,315	3,036	3,875	424	2,585	141	7,025	24%	11.11	4.76
2014	21,647	2,840	3,948	562	1,459	83	6,052	25%	10.80	4.97
2015	23,507	3,180	5,042	632	1,593	73	7,340	28%	11.24	5.14
2016	24,531	3,474	4,780	824	1,987	89	7,680	27%	10.80	5.06
2017	25,512	3,800	4,750	961	1,775	136	7,622	26%	10.94	5.24
2018	26,660	4,449	4,930	1,115	1,902	141	8,088	26%	10.59	5.23
2019	25,970	4,325	5,436	910	2,210	140	8,696	29%	10.57	5.25
2020	29,551	4,692	6,253	1,234	2,807	150	10,445	31%	11.14	5.25
2021	30,530	5,851	6,100	1,112	2,261	163	9,635	26%	11.87	5.23

2021 Archery Deer Harvest Projections

Unit-Type		Residency	Licenses Available	Licenses Sold	License Holders	Response Rate	Hunter Success	Tag Success	Harvest Projections												Avg Days Hunted	Avg Satisf	
									Whitetail						Mule Deer								Total Deer
									Bucks			Does			Bucks			Does					
Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Harvest	CI (95%)										
ER1-01	Resident	Unlimited	9,518	9,518	51%	29%	29%	2,352	52	272	21	42	0	2	2	2,743	+/-91						
	Nonresident	Unlimited	815	815	53%	37%	37%	265	6	15	0	11	0	0	0	298	+/-26						
WR1-01	Resident	Unlimited	7,051	7,051	50%	20%	20%	819	26	170	9	350	11	41	9	1,433	+/-71						
	Nonresident	Unlimited	1,543	1,543	50%	37%	37%	316	6	27	0	192	0	25	0	567	+/-39						
ST1-01	Resident	Unlimited	8,760	8,760	50%	22%	22%	1,446	47	215	13	168	6	32	0	1,929	+/-82						
	Nonresident	Unlimited	3,046	3,046	52%	37%	37%	652	18	73	6	321	10	50	2	1,132	+/-52						
LM1-13	Resident	Unlimited	5,201	5,201	54%	27%	27%	0	76	1,246	64	0	0	0	0	1,386	+/-62						
	Nonresident	Unlimited	447	447	50%	33%	33%	0	18	117	12	0	0	0	0	148	+/-20						
Totals	Resident	Unlimited	30,530	21,980	50.0%	30%	25%	4,617	201	1,903	106	560	17	75	11	7,491	+/-306						
	Nonresident	Unlimited	5,851	5,465	51.7%	38%	37%	1,233	48	233	18	525	10	75	2	2,144	+/-136						
Grand Totals			36,381	27,445	50.3%	31%	26%	5,850	250	2,136	125	1,085	27	150	13	9,635	+/-442						

2021 Archery Deer Harvest Distribution by Management Unit

Last Revised:
31-Mar-22

Unit	Projected Harvest										Total	
	Whitetail				Mule Deer							
	Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		Does		Estimate	%
	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn		
01A (Minnehaha)	284	12	106	12	4	0	0	0	0	419	4.3%	
02A (NE Penn/SE Meade)	37	0	20	0	37	0	0	0	0	95	1.0%	
02C (SE Pennington)	14	4	6	0	42	0	2	0	0	68	0.7%	
03A (Brown)	274	10	106	8	0	0	0	0	0	398	4.1%	
04A (Beadle)	129	2	77	2	0	0	0	0	0	210	2.2%	
05A (Codington)	189	4	67	4	0	0	0	0	0	265	2.7%	
06A (Brookings)	198	8	82	4	0	0	0	0	0	292	3.0%	
07A (Yankton)	137	6	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	209	2.2%	
08A (Davison)	101	2	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	116	1.2%	
10A (Aurora)	73	0	33	0	2	0	0	0	0	107	1.1%	
11A (N Bennett)	15	0	0	0	6	0	2	0	0	23	0.2%	
11B (S Bennett)	25	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0.3%	
12A (Bon Homme)	69	2	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	93	1.0%	
13A (Brule)	44	4	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	64	0.7%	
13L (Brule GPA/Corps)	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	0.0%	
14A (Buffalo)	8	0	0	0	12	0	6	0	0	27	0.3%	
15A (Butte)	80	6	26	0	60	2	12	0	0	188	1.9%	
15B (SW Butte/Lawrence)	97	4	37	2	2	0	0	0	0	142	1.5%	
16A (Campbell)	12	4	4	0	13	2	2	0	0	37	0.4%	
17A (Charles Mix)	106	12	18	2	6	0	0	0	0	145	1.5%	
18A (Clark)	123	6	53	6	0	0	0	0	0	188	2.0%	
19A (Clay)	76	2	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	1.0%	
20A (Corson)	24	2	4	0	29	0	2	0	0	62	0.6%	
21A (E Custer/S Penn)	41	2	20	0	36	0	4	0	0	104	1.1%	
21B (C Custer/C Penn)	31	2	20	0	6	0	4	0	0	64	0.7%	
22A (Day)	137	8	33	6	0	0	0	0	0	184	1.9%	
23A (Deuel)	78	4	35	6	0	0	0	0	0	123	1.3%	
24A (Dewey)	18	0	2	0	14	0	0	0	0	35	0.4%	
24B (Little Moreau)	8	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0.1%	
25A (Douglas)	25	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	31	0.3%	
26A (Edmunds)	83	2	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	1.2%	
27A (NW FRiver/SW Cust)	10	0	6	0	21	0	0	4	0	41	0.4%	
27B (Fall River)	25	2	18	0	45	2	11	0	0	103	1.1%	
27L (Hill Ranch Area)	4	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	12	0.1%	
28A (Faulk)	52	0	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	74	0.8%	
29A (Grant)	143	8	47	2	0	0	0	0	0	200	2.1%	
30A,B (Gregory)	143	0	53	4	2	0	0	0	0	202	2.1%	
31A (Haakon)	47	2	22	2	37	2	2	0	0	115	1.2%	
32A (Hamlin)	129	8	63	4	2	0	0	0	0	206	2.1%	
33A (Hand)	68	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	72	0.8%	
34A (Hanson)	61	0	6	0	2	0	2	0	0	71	0.7%	
35A (W Harding)	43	2	20	0	122	0	21	0	0	208	2.2%	
35C (E Harding)	17	0	6	0	48	2	4	0	0	76	0.8%	
35L (Custer Nat Forest)	6	2	0	0	62	2	6	2	0	81	0.8%	
36A (Hughes)	53	4	4	0	12	0	2	0	0	76	0.8%	
37A (Hutchinson)	67	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	0.7%	
38A (Hyde)	33	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	0.4%	
39A (N Jackson)	20	0	2	0	29	2	4	0	0	58	0.6%	
39B (S Jackson)	19	0	4	0	8	0	2	0	0	33	0.3%	
40A (Jerauld)	13	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0.3%	
41A (Jones)	23	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	38	0.4%	
42A (Kingsbury)	116	2	35	2	0	0	0	0	0	154	1.6%	
43A (Lake)	121	6	63	6	0	0	0	0	0	196	2.0%	
44A (Lincoln)	141	19	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	233	2.4%	
45A (W Lyman)	45	2	4	0	6	0	0	0	0	57	0.6%	
45B (E Lyman)	35	2	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	43	0.4%	
45C (NE Lyman/SE Stanley)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.0%	
45D (Ft Pr Nat GrsInd)	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	0.1%	
46A (McCook)	83	2	37	2	0	0	0	0	0	123	1.3%	
47A (McPherson)	60	0	18	2	0	0	0	0	0	80	0.8%	
48A (Marshall)	98	2	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	129	1.3%	
49A (W Meade)	80	0	49	0	23	2	0	0	0	154	1.6%	
49B (NE Meade)	21	0	10	0	21	0	0	0	0	52	0.5%	
50A,B (Mellette)	23	0	2	0	13	0	0	0	0	38	0.4%	
51A (Miner)	64	4	24	0	0	0	0	2	0	94	1.0%	
52A (Moody)	80	4	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	129	1.3%	
53A (N Perkins)	25	0	4	0	50	2	19	0	0	99	1.0%	
53C (S Perkins)	12	4	10	0	31	0	4	0	0	62	0.6%	
54A (Potter)	19	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	21	0.2%	
55A (Roberts)	140	8	45	2	0	0	0	0	0	195	2.0%	
56A (Sanborn)	76	4	22	0	0	0	2	0	0	104	1.1%	
57A (Spink)	82	2	47	0	2	0	0	0	0	133	1.4%	
58A (Stanley)	33	0	12	6	40	0	2	0	0	94	1.0%	
59A (W Sully)	19	4	2	0	33	0	8	0	0	66	0.7%	
59B (E Sully)	6	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	12	0.1%	
60A (Tripp)	66	0	31	4	0	0	0	0	0	100	1.0%	
61A (Turner)	55	2	16	4	0	0	0	0	0	78	0.8%	
62A (Union)	142	10	47	4	0	0	0	0	0	204	2.1%	
63A (Walthworth)	39	0	8	0	15	0	0	0	0	62	0.6%	
64A (Ziebach)	16	0	4	0	19	0	4	0	0	43	0.4%	
65A (Oglala Lakota)	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	6	0.1%	
67A (Todd)	11	0	6	2	2	0	0	0	0	21	0.2%	
BH (Black Hills)	622	25	263	18	121	8	21	4	0	1,083	11.2%	
TOTALS	5,851	252	2,134	124	1,084	27	150	13	0	9,635		

Use these figures for approximations only!

2021 Resident Archery Deer Harvest Distribution

Last Revised:
31-Mar-22

Unit	Projected Harvest									
	Whitetail				Mule Deer				Total	
	Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does			
Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Estimate	%	
01A (Minnehaha)	280	12	106	12	2	0	0	0	413	5.5%
02A (NE Penn/SE Meade)	25	0	20	0	13	0	0	0	59	0.8%
02C (SE Pennington)	8	4	4	0	21	0	2	0	40	0.5%
03A (Brown)	189	2	90	6	0	0	0	0	286	3.8%
04A (Beadle)	119	2	77	2	0	0	0	0	200	2.7%
05A (Codington)	163	4	67	4	0	0	0	0	239	3.2%
06A (Brookings)	180	8	82	4	0	0	0	0	274	3.7%
07A (Yankton)	127	6	65	0	0	0	0	0	199	2.7%
08A (Davison)	95	2	12	0	0	0	0	0	110	1.5%
10A (Aurora)	53	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	82	1.1%
11A (N Bennett)	11	0	0	0	6	0	2	0	19	0.3%
11B (S Bennett)	17	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	19	0.3%
12A (Bon Homme)	53	2	20	2	0	0	0	0	77	1.0%
13A (Brule)	30	2	8	0	4	0	0	0	44	0.6%
13L (Brule GPA Corps)	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0.1%
14A (Buffalo)	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	6	0.1%
15A (Butte)	42	4	20	0	30	2	4	0	103	1.4%
15B (SW Butte/Lawrence)	61	4	29	2	0	0	0	0	96	1.3%
16A (Campbell)	6	4	4	0	9	2	2	0	27	0.4%
17A (Charles Mix)	74	8	18	2	0	0	0	0	103	1.4%
18A (Clark)	93	4	45	2	0	0	0	0	144	1.9%
19A (Clay)	72	2	22	0	0	0	0	0	97	1.3%
20A (Corson)	8	2	2	0	13	0	0	0	25	0.3%
21A (E Custer/S Penn)	25	2	14	0	24	0	2	0	67	0.9%
21B (C Custer/C Penn)	23	0	18	0	6	0	4	0	52	0.7%
22A (Day)	100	6	29	6	0	0	0	0	140	1.9%
23A (Deuel)	70	4	35	6	0	0	0	0	115	1.5%
24A (Dewey)	6	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	13	0.2%
24B (Little Moreau)	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	11	0.1%
25A (Douglas)	23	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	29	0.4%
26A (Edmunds)	64	2	31	0	0	0	0	0	96	1.3%
27A (NW FRiver/SW Cust)	4	0	6	0	11	0	0	4	25	0.3%
27B (Fall River)	21	2	18	0	36	2	9	0	89	1.2%
27L (Hill Ranch Area)	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.1%
28A (Faulk)	38	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	59	0.8%
29A (Grant)	123	8	43	2	0	0	0	0	176	2.4%
30A,B (Gregory)	61	0	35	2	2	0	0	0	100	1.3%
31A (Haakon)	23	0	20	0	19	2	0	0	65	0.9%
32A (Hamlin)	121	6	55	4	2	0	0	0	188	2.5%
33A (Hand)	42	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	47	0.6%
34A (Hanson)	53	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	59	0.8%
35A (W Harding)	15	2	10	0	15	0	11	0	53	0.7%
35C (E Harding)	11	0	4	0	19	0	2	0	36	0.5%
35L (Custer Nat Forest)	6	0	0	0	26	0	2	2	36	0.5%
36A (Hughes)	49	4	4	0	6	0	2	0	66	0.9%
37A (Hutchinson)	61	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	66	0.9%
38A (Hyde)	15	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	17	0.2%
39A (N Jackson)	4	0	0	0	19	0	2	0	26	0.3%
39B (S Jackson)	11	0	4	0	6	0	0	0	21	0.3%
40A (Jerauld)	13	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	23	0.3%
41A (Jones)	17	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	30	0.4%
42A (Kingsbury)	102	2	35	2	0	0	0	0	140	1.9%
43A (Lake)	117	6	63	6	0	0	0	0	192	2.6%
44A (Lincoln)	129	19	73	0	0	0	0	0	221	3.0%
45A (W Lyman)	23	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	30	0.4%
45B (E Lyman)	17	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	21	0.3%
45C (NE Lyman/SE Stanley)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0%
45D (Ft Pr Nat Grslnd)	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0.1%
46A (McCook)	83	2	37	2	0	0	0	0	123	1.6%
47A (McPherson)	36	0	18	2	0	0	0	0	56	0.8%
48A (Marshall)	74	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	95	1.3%
49A (W Meade)	68	0	37	0	13	2	0	0	119	1.6%
49B (NE Meade)	17	0	8	0	11	0	0	0	36	0.5%
50A,B (Melleite)	19	0	2	0	9	0	0	0	30	0.4%
51A (Miner)	64	4	22	0	0	0	0	2	92	1.2%
52A (Moody)	78	4	41	0	0	0	0	0	123	1.6%
53A (N Perkins)	11	0	4	0	19	0	9	0	43	0.6%
53C (S Perkins)	4	4	10	0	13	0	0	0	31	0.4%
54A (Potter)	11	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	13	0.2%
55A (Roberts)	108	2	43	2	0	0	0	0	155	2.1%
56A (Sanborn)	70	4	20	0	0	0	0	0	94	1.3%
57A (Spink)	66	2	35	0	0	0	0	0	102	1.4%
58A (Stanley)	23	0	12	6	30	0	0	0	72	1.0%
59A (W Sully)	13	0	2	0	17	0	2	0	34	0.5%
59B (E Sully)	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	8	0.1%
60A (Tripp)	32	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	56	0.8%
61A (Turner)	55	2	16	4	0	0	0	0	78	1.0%
62A (Union)	117	8	41	4	0	0	0	0	170	2.3%
63A (Walworth)	19	0	6	0	13	0	0	0	38	0.5%
64A (Ziebach)	8	0	4	0	11	0	0	0	23	0.3%
65A (Oglala Lakota)	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0.0%
67A (Todd)	11	0	6	2	2	0	0	0	21	0.3%
BH (Black Hills)	513	25	210	16	94	6	19	2	886	11.8%
TOTALS	4,617	203	1,901	106	559	17	75	11	7,490	

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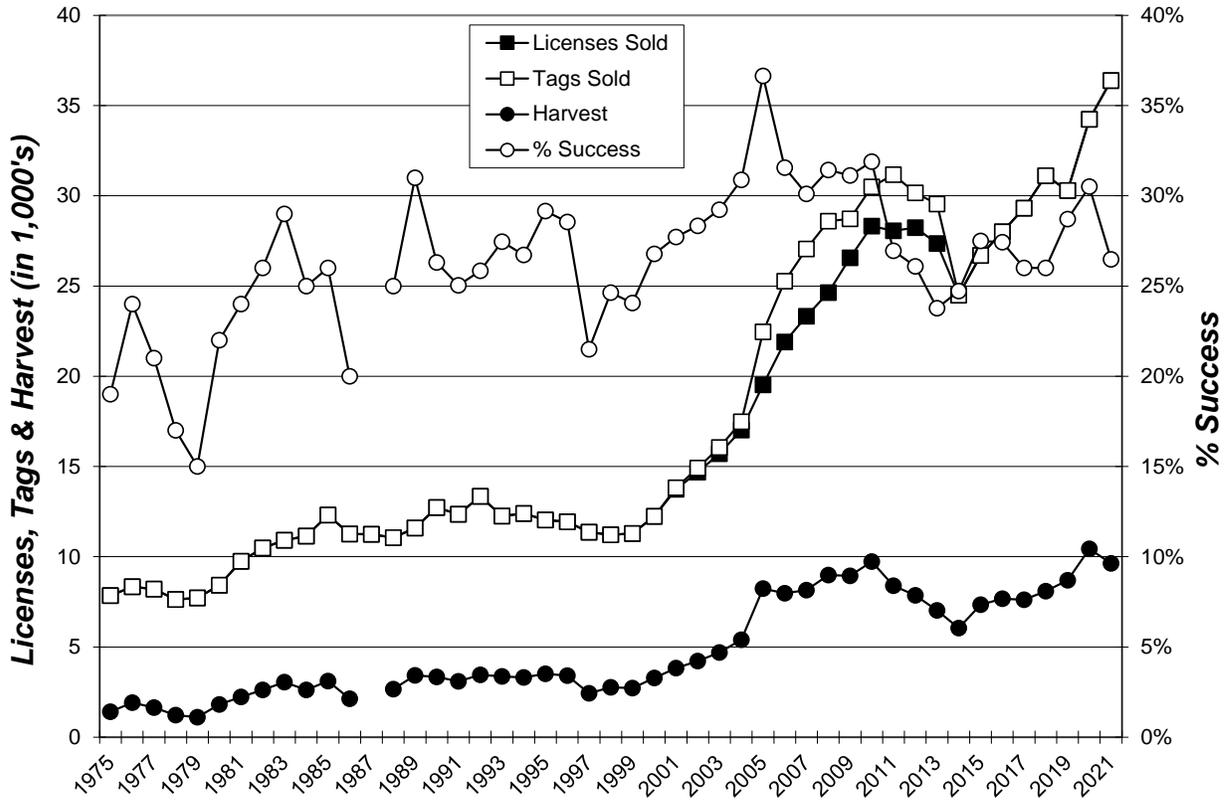
2021 Nonresident Archery Deer Harvest Distribution

Last Revised:
31-Mar-22

Unit	Projected Harvest								Total	
	Whitetail				Mule Deer					
	Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		Estimate	%
Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn			
01A (Minnehaha)	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	6	0.3%
02A (NE Penn/SE Meade)	12	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	36	1.7%
02C (SE Pennington)	6	0	2	0	20	0	0	0	28	1.3%
03A (Brown)	86	8	16	2	0	0	0	0	112	5.2%
04A (Beadle)	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0.5%
05A (Codington)	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	1.2%
06A (Brookings)	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0.8%
07A (Yankton)	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0.5%
08A (Davison)	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.3%
10A (Aurora)	20	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	26	1.2%
11A (N Bennett)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.2%
11B (S Bennett)	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	10	0.5%
12A (Bon Homme)	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0.7%
13A (Brule)	14	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	20	0.9%
13L (Brule GPA Corps)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
14A (Buffalo)	6	0	0	0	8	0	6	0	20	0.9%
15A (Butte)	38	2	6	0	30	0	8	0	84	3.9%
15B (SW Butte/Lawrence)	36	0	8	0	2	0	0	0	46	2.1%
16A (Campbell)	6	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	10	0.5%
17A (Charles Mix)	32	4	0	0	6	0	0	0	42	2.0%
18A (Clark)	30	2	8	4	0	0	0	0	44	2.1%
19A (Clay)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.2%
20A (Corson)	16	0	2	0	16	0	2	0	36	1.7%
21A (E Custer/S Penn)	16	0	6	0	12	0	2	0	36	1.7%
21B (C Custer/C Penn)	8	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	12	0.6%
22A (Day)	38	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	44	2.0%
23A (Deuel)	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0.4%
24A (Dewey)	12	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	22	1.0%
24B (Little Moreau)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%
25A (Douglas)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%
26A (Edmunds)	20	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	24	1.1%
27A (NW FRiver/SW Cust)	6	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	16	0.7%
27B (Fall River)	4	0	0	0	8	0	2	0	14	0.7%
27L (Hill Ranch Area)	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	6	0.3%
28A (Faulk)	14	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	16	0.7%
29A (Grant)	20	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	24	1.1%
30A,B (Gregory)	82	0	18	2	0	0	0	0	102	4.8%
31A (Haakon)	24	2	2	2	18	0	2	0	50	2.3%
32A (Hamlin)	8	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	18	0.8%
33A (Hand)	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	1.2%
34A (Hanson)	8	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	12	0.6%
35A (W Harding)	28	0	10	0	107	0	10	0	155	7.2%
35C (E Harding)	6	0	2	0	28	2	2	0	40	1.9%
35L (Custer Nat Forest)	0	2	0	0	36	2	4	0	44	2.1%
36A (Hughes)	4	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	10	0.5%
37A (Hutchinson)	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.3%
38A (Hyde)	18	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	20	0.9%
39A (N Jackson)	16	0	2	0	10	2	2	0	32	1.5%
39B (S Jackson)	8	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	12	0.6%
40A (Jerauld)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%
41A (Jones)	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	8	0.4%
42A (Kingsbury)	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0.7%
43A (Lake)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.2%
44A (Lincoln)	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0.6%
45A (W Lyman)	22	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	28	1.3%
45B (E Lyman)	18	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	22	1.0%
45C (NE Lyman/SE Stanley)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%
45D (Ft Pr Nat Grsind)	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0.2%
46A (McCook)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
47A (McPherson)	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	1.1%
48A (Marshall)	24	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	34	1.6%
49A (W Meade)	12	0	12	0	10	0	0	0	34	1.6%
49B (NE Meade)	4	0	2	0	10	0	0	0	16	0.8%
50A,B (Mellelte)	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	8	0.4%
51A (Miner)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%
52A (Moody)	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.3%
53A (N Perkins)	14	0	0	0	30	2	10	0	56	2.6%
53C (S Perkins)	8	0	0	0	18	0	4	0	30	1.4%
54A (Potter)	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0.4%
55A (Roberts)	32	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	40	1.9%
56A (Sanborn)	6	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	10	0.5%
57A (Spink)	16	0	12	0	2	0	0	0	30	1.4%
58A (Stanley)	10	0	0	0	10	0	2	0	22	1.0%
59A (W Sully)	6	4	0	0	16	0	6	0	32	1.5%
59B (E Sully)	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0.2%
60A (Tripp)	34	0	6	4	0	0	0	0	44	2.1%
61A (Turner)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
62A (Union)	26	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	34	1.6%
63A (Walworth)	20	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	24	1.1%
64A (Ziebach)	8	0	0	0	8	0	4	0	20	0.9%
65A (Oglala Lakota)	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0.2%
67A (Todd)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
BH (Black Hills)	110	0	53	2	26	2	2	2	196	9.2%
TOTALS	1,233	48	233	18	525	10	75	2	2,144	

Use these figures for approximations only!

Archery Deer 1975-2021



Comments to DRAFT AIS Management Plan for the South Dakota Game Fish & Parks

DRAFT plan reviewed by Cory Neuharth: BLM/South Dakota Field Office

Invasive Species Coordinator

- Executive Summary page: I would consider changing your acronym Best Practices (BPs), to read, “Best Management Practices” (BMPs). This would consider you are taking a management approach to the strategy and tactics to combat AIS in South Dakota. The term “BMPs” is one more commonly used throughout the country in areas of natural resources. This possible change should be considered throughout the entire AIS Management plan.

- *Continued Response 3. After the conclusion of the initial boating season of infestation, Rapid Response Team members will meet to develop an action plan for slowing the spread of zebra mussels to other waters. Pg.22*
 - Would this statement not be better worded to say, “*slowing the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species to other waters.*” By referencing ONLY zebra mussels in that sentence it makes it seem like zebra mussels is the only AIS of concern to spread too other waters.

- It may be beneficial to find a segment in the AIS plan to mention or discuss how AIS can be transported via firefighting equipment as well. We know that large, and small fires occur frequently throughout the Black Hills National Forest. When larger fires occur, support may be brought in to use aurally or by ground equipment. Even local equipment that has gone to another state, or forest to support them could potentially bring back AIS within their internal tanks of fire engines, water tenders, portable tanks, helicopter buckets. This is where working with the city, county, state or federal partners in becoming aware of this would be beneficial as well.



December 21, 2022

SD Game Fish and Parks Commission
523 E Capital Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Draft Aquatic Invasive Species Strategic Plan

The proposed SD Game Fish and Parks Aquatic Invasive Species Strategic Plan brings nothing new to the fight against the spread of AIS in South Dakota. It's all show and no substance. South Dakota Lakes and Streams Association expected more.

Sincerely,
SOUTH DAKOTA LAKES AND STREAMS ASSN

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Loveland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dan" and last name "Loveland" clearly distinguishable.

Dan Loveland, President





The Izaak Walton League of America

Defenders of Soil, Air, Woods, Waters, and Wildlife

December 28, 2022

Re: SD IWLA Comments on Draft AIS Strategic Plan

South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

The South Dakota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America (Division) appreciates this opportunity to comment on the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks' Draft Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Strategic Plan. The plan will attempt to implement the most effective efforts to reduce the spread of invasive plant and animal species.

The Division is extremely disappointed with each announcement of another AIS discovery into previously uninfected waters in South Dakota. We agree the primary goal of this plan should be to provide every surface water user the information needed to fully understand the serious threat posed by AIS and how the three simple steps, Clean, Drain, and Dry, will prevent the spread of AIS.

We support continued research and efforts to evaluate the economic and environmental impacts of AIS to the state. We urge a thorough evaluation of how AIS, especially zebra mussels, affect fish growth rates, reproduction, and recruitment. We ask GFP to coordinate AIS management efforts with all surface water stakeholders and engage other state and federal agencies on AIS management and communication efforts.

The Division supports the development of an annual Operational and Communication plan. The draft states that the Operational Plan will contain specific actions and the number and location of inspection and decontamination sites. A "Communications Toolkit" will be distributed, the information in it may vary to allow for updated practices.

The draft plan outlines the four elements to AIS management: prevention, containment, mitigation, and eradication.

- We believe prevention is the most critical factor in stopping the spread of AIS.
- Enforcement of regulations is critically important to keep AIS from entering or spreading in the state.
- The Division supports an annual review of all AIS regulations to evaluate their effectiveness and make any needed changes.
- Inspection and decontamination stations in high traffic areas will improve education and outreach.

The size of the state, the amount of surface water, and the number of boat ramps and access facilities make this effort challenging. Sampling, monitoring, and increased public involvement are key to preventing the spread and containing existing AIS

populations. Removal of an AIS population is expensive and often impossible. Few viable and feasible options are available once a population is established.

The Division recommends the following:

- GFP hire qualified individuals for all AIS positions, whether they be full-time, temporary, or contract employees.
- That State agencies develop a funding mechanism, based on what neighboring states have done, to raise operational funds to combat the spread of AIS.
- Require an AIS stamp for resident and nonresident watercraft, water intakes, and other equipment used to withdraw surface water from multiple locations within the state.
- Coordination with other state, and federal agencies, surface water managers, and other stakeholders on AIS management and strategies.
- Establish the time a watercraft and/or other equipment must remain out of the water after being in an infested water body before it can be used in a non-infested water unless the watercraft and/or equipment has been fully decontaminated at a licensed or approved cleaning station.

The South Dakota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America thanks you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Aquatic Invasive Species Strategic Plan. We ask to be kept informed on this important topic as the plan moves forward.

Sincerely,



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