

2024 FISHERIES PRIORITIES BLACK HILLS



DEPARTMENT MISSION

We serve and connect people and families to the outdoors through effective management of our state's parks, fisheries, and wildlife resources.

This forested region with diverse narrow valleys, high plateaus, and well-defined drainages has numerous coldwater streams but no natural lakes. However, several constructed dams have created reservoirs with considerable recreational use. The Black Hills has the second highest human population of any management area and is a major tourist destination.

As part of fisheries planning efforts, priorities for each management area are established. Management issues are identified, and priorities created for work within the management area.

IDENTIFIED ISSUES

1. Small size of yellow perch in Deerfield Reservoir does not meet angler expectations.
2. Current Rainbow Trout stocking strategies have not been evaluated.
3. Habitat quality in some streams does not meet angler expectations.
4. Effective walleye stocking strategies have not been determined.
5. Some Black Hills reservoir fisheries are negatively affected by sedimentation.

MANAGEMENT PRIORITIES

1. Deerfield Yellow Perch Population Quality
2. Rainbow Trout Stocking Evaluations
3. Stream Habitat Improvements
4. Walleye Stocking Strategies
5. Sediment Removal from Reservoirs
6. Shore and Ice Fishing Access

