

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS**

A Public Hearing will be held at the Best Western Ramkota Conference Center, 920 West Sioux Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota, on December 6, 2012, at 2:00 o'clock PM (CST), to consider adoption, amendment and repeal of Rules pertaining to:

1. ARSD 41:06:13 – Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season, and ARSD 41:03:01 – Uses of Parks and Public Lands.

Effect: The proposed amendments would establish the number of licenses/tags available which will include offering residents 105 less one-tag "male turkey" and 200 less two-tag "any turkey" licenses for the Prairie Units than authorized in 2012 for an overall decrease of 505 tags; and offering nonresidents 16 less two-tag "any turkey" licenses for the Prairie Units than authorized in 2012 for an overall decrease of 32 tags; allow 10 resident archery licensees to hunt at Blood Run Nature Area and 10 resident archery licenses to hunt at Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve utilizing "access permits" valid from April 6 through April 30 to be issued by lottery drawing; and modify spring unit boundaries for the Black Hills and Meade County (Unit 49A) to be consistent with Fall turkey unit boundaries.

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives.

The above rule proposals may be modified or amended following receipt of public comment at the hearing to include or exclude matters that are described in this Notice of Hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time until its business has been completed and may be rescheduled.

Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments, and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) at the hearing. Persons

unable to attend the hearing may mail data, opinions, arguments, and their views to the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, or transmit by email to Wildinfo@state.sd.us. All persons who desire to submit written data, opinions, arguments, and their views by mail or email are encouraged to mail or transmit the same in sufficient time so that it is received by and in the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks on or before 12:00 Noon three (3) days prior to the date of hearing. Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments, and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) to the Commission for their consideration. All written and email comments must include the name, home town/city, and state of the person submitting the comments.

Copies of the proposed rules may be requested from the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501. Persons with disabilities may contact the undersigned for assistance.

Dated this 7th day of November, 2012.



Jeffrey R. Vonk, Secretary

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