

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Black Hills Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:56

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>January 10, 2013</b>	<b>Ft. Pierre</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>January 10-11, 2013</b>	<b>Ft. Pierre</b>

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**Season Dates:** September 1 – December 31, 2013

**Open Area:**

Unit 1: Pennington County west of Highway 79, except Mount Rushmore National Memorial

Unit 2: Custer County west of Highway 79, except Custer State Park, Wind Cave National Park, and Jewel Cave National Park

**Licenses:**

Unit 1: 1 “any bighorn sheep” license

Unit 2: 1 “any bighorn sheep” license

One (1) auction “any bighorn sheep” license valid in both Units 1 and 2



#### **Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. All licensees are required to attend an orientation meeting prior to the opening day of the season at the regional office in Rapid City.
2. Application for a license may be made by any resident hunter who has not been previously issued a bighorn sheep license in South Dakota.
3. Hunters can only apply for one of the two Black Hills Bighorn Sheep units.
4. Land operator preference is not applicable to these licenses.
5. All successful hunters must submit their bighorn sheep to a conservation officer or Department representative for inspection and permanent marking within 24 hours after the kill.

#### **Recommended changes from last year:**

1. Pending approval of auction license rules by the Interim Rules Review Committee: One “any bighorn sheep” license will be sold by auction and would be valid in Unit 1 and Unit 2.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licensed Hunters	Rams Harvested	Ewes Harvested
2008	5	5	0
2009	5	5	0
2010	5	5	0
2011	3	3	0
2012	2	2	0