

AGENDA
Game, Fish, and Parks Commission

March 1-2, 2012
Holiday Inn Express, 110 East Stanley, Ft. Pierre, SD

Call to order 1 PM CT

Division of Administration

Action items:

1. Approve minutes of the January 12-13 meeting
<http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/commission/docs/minutes-Draft.pdf>
2. Approval of minutes of the January 27, Special Teleconference meeting
<http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/commission/01-24-2011-SpecialMeeting-minutes.pdf>
3. Additional Commissioner Salary Days
4. License List Requests

Information items:

5. License Sales Report
6. Appointment to Parks and Wildlife Foundation Board
7. 2012 Legislative update

Habitat Partner of the Year Award

Open Forum

Public Hearing 2 PM

Finalizations

8. Public Water Markings and Zones
9. Motorboat and Watercraft
10. Special Buck Hunting Licenses
11. Paddlefish Snagging

Hunting Season Proposals:

12. CSP Bison Hunting Season
13. CSP Deer Hunting Season
14. Elk Hunting Seasons
15. Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season
16. Mountain Goat Hunting Season
17. Grouse Hunting Season
18. Pheasant Hunting Seasons
19. Partridge Hunting Season
20. Quail Hunting Season
21. Cottontail Hunting Season
22. Squirrel Hunting Season
23. Crow & Crane Hunting Season
24. Snipe & Dove Hunting Season
25. Hunting Season Dates

Division of Parks and Recreation

Action items:

26. Unattended Vehicle Park Entrance License Proposal
27. 2012 Snowmobile Budget Amendment

Information items:

28. Mountain Pine Beetle update
29. Flood Restoration update
30. Blood Run update
31. Cedar Shore Resort

Division of Wildlife

Action items:

32. 2012 Wildlife Budget Amendment
33. Buffalo Gap GPA-Conger Ranch Exchange

Information items:

34. Mountain lion hunting season update
35. Elk Population update
36. Bighorn Sheep Population update
37. Forest Service Cooperative Fisheries Projects
38. East meets West Education Event Report
39. Upcoming Open House Events

Governance Meeting Discussion

Adjourn

Next meeting information:

April 4-5 at Days Inn
Brookings, SD

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
January 12-13, 2012

Chairman Jeff Olson called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM at the Holiday Inn Express conference room in Fort Pierre, South Dakota. Commissioners present were Jeff Olson, Susie Knippling, Mike Authier, Jim McMahon, John Cooper, Jim Spies, and Barry Jensen. Cathy Peterson was absent. Secretary Jeff Vonk was present along with public, staff, and media numbering approximately forty five.

Division of Administration

Chairman Olson called for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the December 2011 meeting and no changes were provided.

Motion by Cooper with second by Spies TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2011 MEETING AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Olson called for additional Commissioners salary days and Knippling and McMahon requested four days each for the WAFWA conference last week and Cooper requested two days for the Access Committee meeting.

Motion by Jensen with second by Authier TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONERS SALARY DAYS AS REQUESTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Chris Petersen presented a license list request from Tom Slowey of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for a list of the 2011 elk applicants to mail chances for the 2012 CSP elk tag and other prizes to raise funds for GFP projects. The fee for this would be waived.

Motion by Jensen with second by Cooper TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST FROM TOM SLOWEY AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Petersen presented a license list request from Charles Ross for a list of preserve license holders to be used for marketing purposes. This would be at full fee.

Motion by McMahon with second by Authier TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST FROM CHARLES ROSS AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Petersen presented the Final License Sales Report for 2011. The report showed an overall decrease of 1% indicating stable sales for 2011. The nonresident small game licenses were down 5% representing a \$500-\$600,000

loss of income for the Wildlife Division and considering the pheasant forecast and economic conditions a greater loss could have been seen.

Director Petersen indicated the current licensing system would be under major renovation during the next 30-60 days. The renovation will update the system to operate for the next ten years. There should be little if any noticeable changes on the website and includes combining the over-the-counter sales and big game or limited issue license data systems. Discussion included the current system is not outsourced but rather in-house, and the down-time and server issues have been addressed with public users already seeing the enhancements.

Secretary Vonk outlined the GFP bills for the 2012 Legislative session beginning with HB 1018 known as a "Red Tape bill" of obsolete codes. The HB 1019 - Snowmobile license bill- is designed to coordinate with the current license renewal system for other vehicles allowing snowmobile licenses to go to an annual license to accommodate the renewal process. HB 1020 - Marcotte Tract sale bill is for the surplus property near Sturgis allowing for negotiations with City of Sturgis to purchase the surplus property. SB 10 - Boating Under the Influence bill - gives authority to a conservation officer to administer a compete blood test following probable cause.

Open Forum

Jim Twamley of South Dakota Bowhunters invited Commissioners to hospitality night and the convention in Spearfish on February 25.

Marvin Jobgen of Dakota Safaris near Wall SD would like to propose an increase of 250 nonresident private land buck tags licenses allowing for repeat customers.

Phillip Wilson of Dakota Trophy near Wasta, SD, stated his support for additional special buck licenses and believes this would decrease the number of nonresident applicants for the regular draw.

Randy Kemink shared that West Whitlock refuge is doing well. He reminded the Commission of a suggestion to extend the January doe season by allowing hunting on adjoining counties. He shared that college students and service men come home for holidays; therefore, he would like to see the pheasant season extended a week.

Bill Antonides, President of the South Dakota Wildlife Federation visited about the mountain lion season and recognizes there is no landowner preference when purchasing a license but landowners are allowed preference when protecting their property. He is concerned about landowner/operators following rules when taking a lion when not protecting their property. He is very concerned about this issue and believes there should be documentation for the landowner preference. These cases and other violations should not be tried in the media or with legislators; and officers should be supported when doing their job.

Division of Parks and Recreation

Director Hofer asked to present the Lewis and Clark public water change recommendation with the Public Water recommendation the Wildlife Division will present later on the agenda.

Hofer indicated that last month the Commission was briefed regarding the possible change in ownership of Cedar Shore Resort. The Lyman County Commission did not agree to the terms of a lease modification which would have relinquished their role in the management of the Cedar Shore lease. Staff will facilitate the effort between Ramkota and Lyman County regarding the necessary transfer and assignment of the sublease.

Dave Sweet of Ramkota shared an update of the negotiations for the Cedar Shores sale as well as the lease changes necessary to complete the transactions. Lyman County wants to dissolve all of their interests in the current lease which includes the ownership and maintenance of the County road leading to the resort. Hofer indicated that high water does threaten the road which could pose a significant problem and he will research whether a viable fix exists. Hofer plans to be back in March with an action item should the sale be finalized.

The final 2011 Visitation and Revenue Report was presented by Director Hofer indicating fees were adjusted allowing for anticipated increase revenue of about 6%. Flooding caused fewer reservations and a few park closures thus creating a loss of projected revenue of about one million dollars. Publicity regarding the flooding, cool weather, and lower bike rally participation led to a decrease of revenue for Custer State Park. Visitation state wide was down 8.8%.

Discussion included how amazing the income in the parks and over-the-counter license sales remained as good as they did for 2011. Tree survival in the parks and on the islands in the waterways, soil displacement, and the dunes that were developed were included in the discussion. It is anticipated that the hiking and biking trails will return just in a different version.

Director Hofer indicated that a Request for Proposal for the State Park System's Point-of-Sale/Reservation System has been developed and advertised. The current system has been sold to a new company. The new company has put the Parks Division "on notice" that the current software will not be serviced beyond the current contract period. It appears there will be competition for a new contract and Hofer provided a rough schedule for the process. Changes made to the RFP included a preference for an in-state call center that operates 24/7 with more operators.

Division of Wildlife

Public Water Marking and Zones

Assistant Director Emmett presented the recommended changes for Public Water Markings and Zones indicating the changes on Richmond, Mina,

and Lake Mitchell would allow for a "no wake zone" during certain times when the water is high and when the waters recede, the "no wake zone" would be lifted; this process would be much more efficient to manage. There is a suggested change to the boundaries on Lake Mitchell for the "no wake zone". Changes to Rollings GPA and Family Park would allow electric motors on those bodies of water.

Parks Assistant Director Bob Schneider presented the change to Canary Beach on Lewis and Clark Lake making it into a boating beach with a "no-wake zone" instead of a swimming beach.

1. Create a "no wake zone" on Richmond Lake (Brown County) during certain periods of high water.
2. Create a "no wake zone" on Mina Lake (Edmunds County) during certain periods of high water.
3. Create a "no wake zone" on Lake Mitchell (Davison County) during certain periods of high water.
4. Amend the boundaries of the existing "no wake zone" on the west end of Lake Mitchell (Davison County).
5. Create an "electric motors zone" on the waters of Rollings Game Production Area (Lincoln County).
6. Amend existing zoning on the waters of Family Park (Minnehaha County) from a "no motors zone" to an "electric motors zone".
7. Amend existing zoning on the waters of Lewis and Clark Lake (Yankton County) adjacent to Canary Beach from a "public swimming zone" to a "no wake zone".

Motion by Knippling with second by McMahon TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO PUBLIC WATER ZONING AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Motorboats and Watercraft

Keyser presented recommended changes to Motorboats and Watercraft establishing that the required fire extinguishers carried on boats need to be in working order, and to amend provisions for emergency lights on emergency and law enforcement boats.

1. Add a provision to 41:04:05:03 that would clarify that Coast Guard approved fire extinguishers carried on boats must be in working order.
2. Amend 41:04:05:16 to revise the provisions for emergency signals on law enforcement boats

Motion by Authier with second by Knippling TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO MOTORBOATS AND WATERCRAFT AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Olson called for a recess at 2:39 PM and meeting resumed at 3:05 PM.

Kirschenmann indicated that Refuges are on the schedule for this month and the Department has no recommended changes for Commission consideration.

Special Buck

Kirschenmann indicated special buck season falls within the regular season and is on private land not on walk-in-areas and outlined the current requirements for the special buck license. The application requires the name and permission from the landowner along with other information. The 2011 harvest numbers are not available at this time and the 2010 harvest information was provided. The Wildlife Division presented no recommended changes to the current rules.

Discussion included concerns and requests from the open forum comments and management issues as the special licenses are spread out statewide and not a unit specific harvest as in the regular season. The special buck harvest effect on the herd is minimal because of the large area the licenses are spread out in. Biologists and managers are still looking closely at the herd in the specific units. This has been a mild winter and harvest surveys have not been tallied; however, there could be reductions in the antlerless licenses. The fees were last adjusted in 2002.

Motion by Authier with second by McMahon TO PROPOSE INCREASING THE WEST RIVER SPECIAL BUCK NONRESIDENT LICENSES TO 600 AND THE WEST RIVER RESIDENT SPECIAL BUCK LICENSES TO 600 AND INCREASE THE FEE FOR THE WEST RIVER NONRESIDENT SPECIAL BUCK LICENSES TO \$600.00 EACH. Roll call vote: Authier-yes; Cooper-yes; Jensen-yes; Knippling-no; McMahon-yes; Spies-yes; and Olson-yes. Motion carried six yes votes and one no vote.

Mountain Lion

Director Leif and Tom Kirschenmann presented changes to the mountain lion rules as requested by the Commission in December.

The Commission directed the Department to bring forward a rule change for consideration that would allow an individual to retain a mountain lion harvested or killed outside the Black Hills Fire Protection District. These alternative changes to administrative rule would provide a means of addressing the Commission's request and would allow additional lion hunting opportunity to SD residents by affording all licensed persons, not just landowners, to hunt a lion outside the Black Hills. This will not change the Department's focus of mountain lion management (South Dakota Mountain Lion Management Plan 2010-2015) which has been and remains in the Black Hills region of the state.

Currently landowners that possess a lion license may kill and retain a lion provided it was harvested on land they own or lease. A lion killed under state law (SDCL 41-6-29.2) due to threatening a person or an individual protecting property has been retained as property of the State of SD. Lions killed under the provisions of this statute may not be retained if desired because state law

specifies the conditions in which a big game animal can be taken and possessed. Mountain lions are classified as a big game species (SDCL 41-1-1(4)) and in order for a person to take and possess such an animal it must have been lawfully taken (person must be properly licensed in accordance with SDCL 41-8-6). The alternatives, if adopted as rule changes, would allow a licensed person (whether the lion is taken in the act of hunting or exercising the provisions of SDCL 41-6-29.2) to retain a lion outside the area of the Black Hills Fire Protection District once the harvest quota or March 31 date is reached for that area.

Motion by Cooper with second by Authier TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE MOUNTAIN LION SEASON AS PRESENTED. Roll call vote: Authier-yes; Cooper-yes; Jensen-yes; Knippling-yes; McMahon-no; Spies-no; and Olson-no. Yes votes were four and no votes were three, motion failed the required five votes to carry.

Information items:

A PowerPoint presentation on the impacts of flooding of the Missouri River was presented by Senior Biologist Mark Fincel. The information included the future of the fishing on Lake Oahe, rainbow smelt, entrainment, numbers and process to determine the information, predation, safety, smelt count on Oahe, and population estimates. Fincel indicated gizzard shad will be stocked in Lake Oahe next year and outlined the process to do this. All other prey fish are above average in numbers and any stockings will supplement the prey resource. Future scenarios were presented and current conditions will be monitored so adjustments and recommendations can be considered.

Discussion included the political climate, water levels on the river system, pools of water, and relationship with the CORP.

A mountain lion hunting season update presented by Tom Kirschenmann indicated current harvest is at 16 with 10 females and 6 males. The Custer State Park season has gone well with an increase of hunters wanting to participate for the different time intervals and one lion has been harvested in the park.

Discussion included mortality outside of hunting, collared lions, snow conditions, license sales, and age of the lions harvested.

Eastern South Dakota Bobcat Populations was a PowerPoint presentation by Kevin Robling beginning with bobcat history. Robling outlined the objectives and location of a study including 41 bobcats fitted with collars and shared information about bobcat habitat, topography, population, survival rates and mortality, harvest numbers, techniques use to harvest bobcats, adjacent states harvest information, fur prices, and demographics of bobcat populations. Public meetings were held with about 100 people attending.

Chairman Olson called for a recess at 5:00 PM with meeting to resume at 8:30 AM the next morning. Meeting resumed at 8:28 AM on Friday morning, January 13, 2012, with Commissioners Olson, Knippling, Authier, McMahon,

Cooper, Spies, and Jensen. Commissioner Peterson was absent. GFP staff and public numbered about twenty.

Paul Coughlin presented a potential land exchange for a new shooting range in Fall River County. Possibilities were examined and it was determined we did not want to develop a range on current properties held by the Department. A local landowner presented a proposal for a range near the Buffalo Gap GPA and staff spent considerable time checking out the area, visiting with neighbors, and searching for a location with highway access. Appraisals have been completed and an exchange agreement has been drafted which includes a grazing and fencing agreement.

GFP staff reached out to local people to ensure they understand that the Buffalo Gap GPA will no longer be available for public hunting or shooting range activities. The local shooting club has agreed to monitor the proposed shooting range and can host events while keeping the new range open for public use. Coughlin indicated he might have a resolution for consideration at the March meeting.

Cooper asked about the Saltsman property presented at the December meeting and Coughlin indicated an evaluation of the restrictions is ongoing and Vonk indicated he will work with the Parks and Wildlife Foundation towards a recommendation as there is no urgency on this issue.

Hunting season recap began with Kirschenmann sharing about weather conditions and events for the 2011 hunting seasons. The Regional Supervisors updated the Commission regarding the different hunting seasons, depredation issues, law enforcement, access, and trapping in their respective regions. Discussion included loss of habitat due to loss of CRP acres, the tiling or draining of wetlands, converted sloughs, and tree belts that are being removed.

The Division of Wildlife Annual Report was handed out by Director Tony Leif along with the Law Enforcement Annual Report indicating both reports are produced internally and very cost effective with a professional quality. These reports will be posted on the GFP Website.

Director Leif gave an update on public information and communications strategies used by the Department including the internet, Facebook, and email notifications of open houses or meetings in a specific location or region about specific concerns. He believes the email notices for meetings generate additional participation from the public.

Director Leif thanked Mike Authier for his years of service on the GFP Commission.

Knipling and McMahon provide a brief summary of the WAFWA conference.

Motion by Knippling with second by Authier TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. Meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Vonk, Department Secretary

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Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission Special Teleconference
January 27, 2012

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Chairman Olson called the special teleconference meeting to order at 11:05 AM Central Time or 10:05 AM Mountain Time. Three locations were provided for the public to listen to the proceedings at The Outdoor Campus in Sioux Falls and Rapid City and the Game, Fish, and Parks office at 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota.

Commissioners answering roll call were: Chairman Jeff Olson, Susie Knippling, Mike Authier, Jim McMahon, John Cooper, Jim Spies, and Barry Jensen making a quorum. Present at the Pierre location were Secretary Jeff Vonk, Wildlife Director Tony Leif, Parks Director of Operations Bob Schneider, GFP Attorney Richard Neill, Fisheries Chief John Lott, Geno Adams, Chuck Schlueter, and Debra Ascher. Jason Sorenson, Chris Longhenry and Gary Brundige participated by phone to answer questions.

Chairman Olson asked Director Leif to introduce the paddlefish recommendation and Leif indicated the change made last November to establish a paddlefish snagging season on Lake Francis Case in May did not address the intended "no length" restriction. Leif stated the need to address the slot size limit for Lake Francis Case paddlefish season today is to allow time for a public hearing at the March meeting and implementation before the May season begins. Leif asked Geno Adams to present the recommendation and supporting information for the change.

Adams expressed his appreciation for the commissioner's time to participate in this teleconference to consider the recommendation to remove the length limit for the snagging of paddlefish on Lake Francis Case as the paddlefish population is a different type of population than at Gavin's Point Dam. The paddlefish in Lake Francis Case has no natural reproduction due to changes in habitat and water flow from the development of the dams on the Missouri River and the population is entirely due to the stocking of paddlefish. Paddlefish have been stocked in Lake Francis Case since 1970 and annually beginning in the 1990's making for a fishable population for anglers; however, the current length restrictions would severely limit the harvest. Therefore, there is no need for the 35-45 inch protected slot on Lake Francis Case. This recommendation would not affect the regulations on Gavin's Point Dam.

Discussion included mortality of snagged paddlefish, the hook restrictions, snagging locations, healing of snags on paddlefish, stocking, and future paddlefish opportunities.

Modify 41:07:05:03 Paddlefish snagging, processing, and transportation restrictions so there is no restriction on the sizes of paddlefish that may be taken during the May snagging season on Lake Francis Case but size restrictions remain in effect for the October snagging season below Gavin's Point Dam.

Motion by Cooper with second by Spies TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE LAKE FRANCIS CASE PADDLEFISH SNAGGING SEASON AS PRESENTED. Roll call vote: Authier-yes; Cooper-yes; Jensen-yes; Knipling-yes; McMahon-yes; Spies-yes; and Olson-yes. Motion carried with seven yes votes.

Secretary Vonk updated the commission on the mountain lion harvest currently taking place in the Black Hills indicating only one lion has been harvested in Custer State Park. This may change as the season progresses as different hunters participating in the mini seasons yet to take place and additional snow events that may assist hunters. More information will be shared at the March meeting.

Commissioner Jensen asked about the current Legislative session with Vonk indicating his surprise with the large number of bills that could affect the Department.

Motion by Authier with second by Jensen to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Vonk, Department Secretary

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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Type of List Requested Wholesale Bait Dealers + Hatchery Dealers

Number of Licenses in list _____

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list: Dakota Wholesale Bait, Inc

Phone Number 605-693-4422

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:
21927 471st Ave
Brookings, SD 57006

How would you like your list sent to you: (email) or disk

Email Address: dakotawhsebait@live.com

Purpose for which list will be used:
To be able to contact fellow wholesale bait and
Hatchery owners for meetings and share information

This list is Names and Mailing Addresses ONLY

The sale of lists by the Department of Game, Fish & Parks is authorized by SDCL 1-27-1 and ARSD 41:06:02:04, 05 and 06. A fee of \$100 per thousand names will be assessed for the sale of this list, or a minimum of \$100 whichever is greater.

Unless requested and approved as part of this request, the license list will not include anyone under eighteen years of age. Names are for one-time use only and are to be used only by the person, entity or organization approved per this request.

Diana Farming 2-21-12
Authorized Signature of Purchaser Date

Date of Commission Action

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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Application for exception to regular fee

Type of List Requested Hunters and fishermen/women obtaining SD hunting/fishing licenses but hunt/fish in other areas of the state concentrating on Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota and Canada

Number of licenses in list 4000/fishing and 4000/hunting

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:
Pierre Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:
800 W. Dakota Ave., Pierre, SD 57501

How would you like your list sent to you: (email or disk)
email

Email Address: lries@pierre.org

Phone Number
605-224-7361

Purpose for which list will be used:
We will be sending out a direct mail piece to the list of people to promote hunting/fishing in the Pierre area. It is my understanding that you will not charge the Pierre Area Convention & Visitors Bureau for the names. Thank you.

This list is Names and Mailing Addresses ONLY

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Lois Ries

2/23/2012

Authorized Signature of Purchaser

Date

License Sales Totals

(as of Feb 22)

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date updated: 22 Feb 2012

	2011	2012	% Change
Resident Predator/Varmint	588	661	12.4%
Resident Small Game	2,471	1,314	-46.8%
Combination	11,977	14,959	24.9%
Junior Combination	583	833	42.9%
Senior Combination	0	1,989	
Resident Youth Small Game	265	310	17.0%
Furbearer	1,274	2,079	63.2%
Resident 1-Day Fishing	236	276	16.9%
Resident Annual Fishing	5,274	7,041	33.5%
Senior Fishing	3,191	2,290	-28.2%
Resident Migratory Bird Certificate	6,612	8,326	25.9%
Nonresident Predator/Varmint	424	485	14.4%
Nonresident Small Game	2,942	2,929	-0.4%
Nonresident Youth Small Game	190	201	5.8%
Nonresident Spring Light Goose	85	107	25.9%
Nonresident Youth Spring Light Goose	3	0	-100.0%
Nonresident 1-Day Fishing	624	988	58.3%
Nonresident 3-Day Fishing	535	992	85.4%
Nonresident Annual Fishing	1,177	2,351	99.7%
Nonresident Family Fishing	538	987	83.5%
Nonresident Migratory Bird Certificate	17	14	-17.6%
Nonresident Annual Shooting Preserve	110	102	-7.3%
Resident 1-Day Small Game	158	207	31.0%
Nonresident 5-day Shooting Preserve	323	324	0.3%
Nonresident 1-day Shooting Preserve	118	106	-10.2%
Nonresident Furbearer	24	6	-75.0%
Resident Gamefish Spearing/Archery	796	754	-5.3%
Nonresident Gamefish Spearing/Archery	109	67	-38.5%
Nonresident Youth Annual Fishing	25	60	140.0%
TOTAL ON FILE =	40,669	50,758	24.8%

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION

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PUBLIC WATER ZONING
41:04:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 12-13, 2012	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	March 1, 2012	Ft. Pierre
	Finalization	March 1-2, 2012	Ft. Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Add and amend public water safety zones in Brown, Edmunds, Davison, Lincoln, Minnehaha and Yankton counties.

Requirements and Restrictions:

"No motors zone," an area in which boats such as canoes, sailboats, and other craft without motors may operate.

"No boating zone," an area in which boats of all types are prohibited. Department personnel or other persons specifically authorized by the secretary are exempt from this restriction while in the performance of their duties.

"No motors over 8 h.p. zone," an area in which boats with motors no more than 8 horsepower may operate. Boats in these areas must travel at speeds under 10 miles per hour.

"No motors over 25 h.p. zone," an area in which boats with motors of no more than 25 horsepower may operate.

"No wake zone," an area in which boats may not create a wake by their passage. For the purposes of this article, a wake is defined as any type of wave action caused by the passage of a boat. At no time may the boat be operated at a speed greater than five miles per hour.

"Public swimming zone," an area in which public swimming and bathing are allowed. In these areas boats of any nature including sailboards, fishing, and other incompatible activities are prohibited.

"Public water ski zone," an area in which water skiing, including slalom course and ski jumps, is specifically allowed. In such areas, other activities such as boating, fishing, and swimming are prohibited.

"No swimming zone," an area in which public swimming and bathing are not allowed.

"No motor vehicle zone," an area in which the use of any motor vehicle is prohibited.

"Electric motors zone," an area which is closed to the use of all motors except any electric-powered motor.

Proposed changes:

1. Create a "no wake zone" on Richmond Lake (Brown County) during certain periods of high water.
2. Create a "no wake zone" on Mina Lake (Edmunds County) during certain periods of high water.
3. Create a "no wake zone" on Lake Mitchell (Davison County) during certain periods of high water.
4. Amend the boundaries of the existing "no wake zone" on the west end of Lake Mitchell (Davison County).
5. Create an "electric motors zone" on the waters of Rollings Game Production Area (Lincoln County).
6. Amend existing zoning on the waters of Family Park (Minnehaha County) from a "no motors zone" to an "electric motors zone".
7. Amend existing zoning on the waters of Lewis and Clark Lake (Yankton County) adjacent to Canary Beach from a "public swimming zone" to a "no wake zone".

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Changes from proposal: NONE

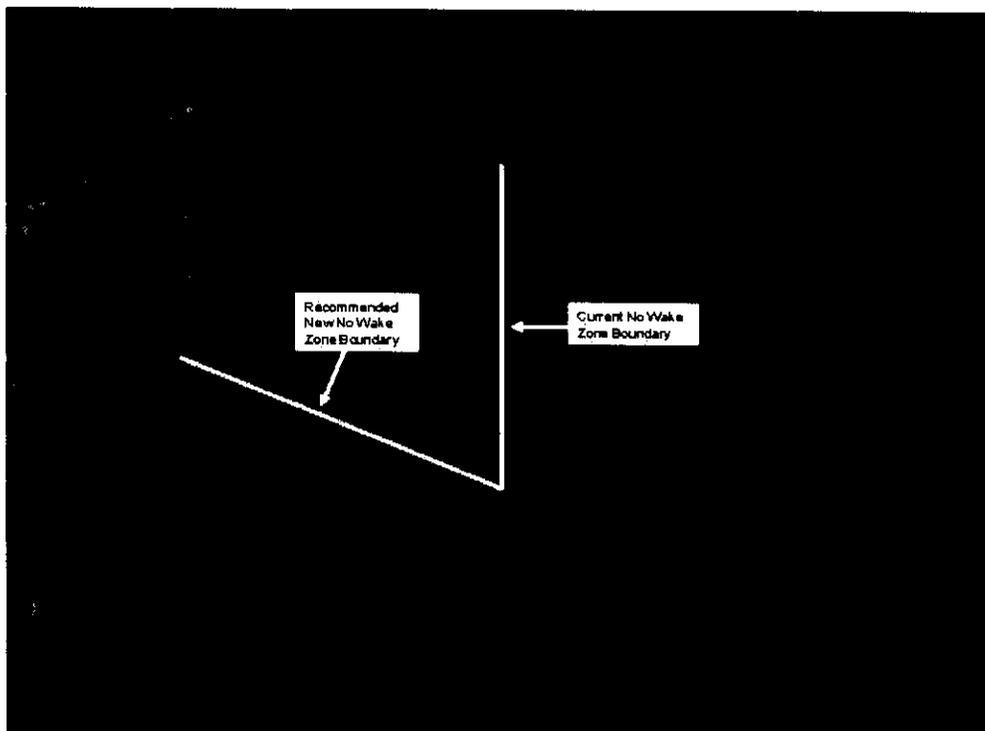
GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

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The Department recommends creating a "no wake zone" on Richmond Lake (Brown County) and Mina Lake (Edmunds County) during any time at which the water level reaches the height of eighteen inches or more over the level of the top of the spillway. Over the last two years, significant rainfall events have occurred in northeastern South Dakota. These events can cause the water levels in impoundments such as Richmond and Mina to quickly rise well above outlet elevations, resulting in public and private property damage. Unrestricted motorboat usage during these periods causes additional and unnecessary damage to infrastructure, while also posing a risk to boaters due to submerged and partially submerged docks and other debris. The Department, working in conjunction with the Governor's Office and the respective lake associations, has implemented a "no wake zone" on these waters in recent years to address these public health and welfare issues. This rule proposal would provide a more efficient response to these requests for assistance from property owners and lake users, while also serving as a long-term solution to the periodic and temporary flooding issues.

For similar reasons, the Department recommends creating a "no wake zone" on Lake Mitchell (Davison County) during any time at which the water level in Lake Mitchell reaches the height of twelve inches or more over the level of the top of the spillway. Conversely, the "no wake zone" would automatically be rescinded at such time when the water level of the lake drops to the level of six inches over the level of the top of the spillway. These measurements comport with existing City of Mitchell ordinances.

Additionally, the Department recommends amending the "no wake zone" on the west end of Lake Mitchell (Davison County). Residents living along the man-made channel on the west end of Lake Mitchell have requested the "no wake zone" be reduced in size. The Department has consulted with the City of Mitchell and the Lake Mitchell Improvement Committee on the proposed change. The existing "no wake zone" covers a considerable amount of surface area. When initially enacted, the west end of Lake Mitchell had a considerable amount of emergent vegetation and the area served as a refuge for fish and fishermen. Additionally, there were concerns for shoreline erosion caused by increased wave action. Since that time, a portion of the lake was dredged and riprap was placed in various areas along the shoreline. The proposed change would still address shoreline erosion issues, while reducing the transit time for persons traveling through this area. The proposed zoning would extend from the lake point located in the southwest quarter of section 32 (T103N/R60W) and extending across the lake to a point on the shoreline 100 feet north of the entrance to the man-made channel connecting Lake Mitchell and Firesteel Creek.



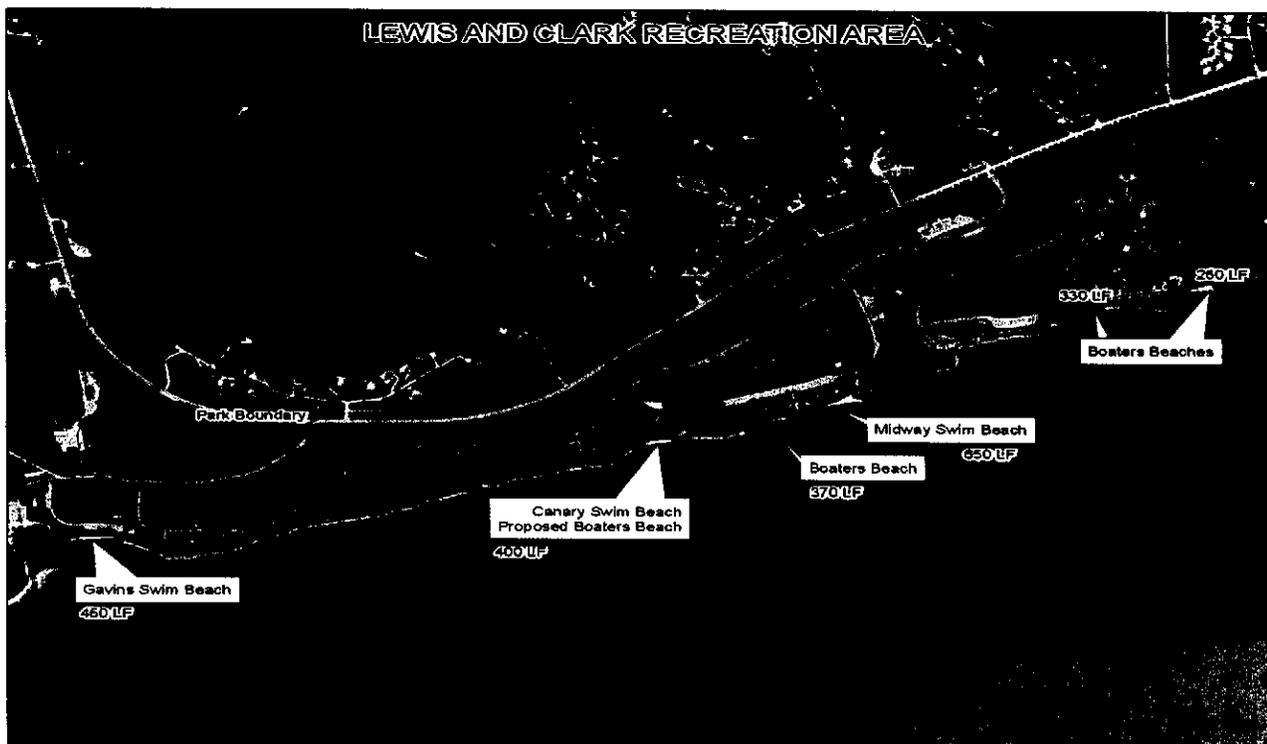
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The Department also recommends enacting an "electric motors zone" on the waters of Rollings Game Production Area (Lincoln County). This area is located near the town of Hudson and contains several small ponds where aggregate materials were formerly excavated. Those ponds were connected by manmade channels to form one body of water that is approximately 7.5 acres in size. There are twelve shorefishing access points, a gravel boat launch and access trail around the entire shoreline. Additionally, the Department plans to install two floating fishing piers later this year. The proposed electric-only zoning was recommended by area residents who wanted to maintain a quiet and peaceful atmosphere given the relatively small size of the water body.

Additionally, the Department recommends amending the existing zoning on the waters of Family Park (Minnehaha County) from a "no motors zone" to an "electric motors zone" to allow for additional usage of the area by small watercraft utilizing electric trolling motors. This man-made body of water continues to receive considerable use from the general public. It is managed in conjunction with the City of Sioux Falls and both agencies have received numerous requests for additional allowances. The proposal would not affect the existing "no swimming zone".

Finally, the Department recommends converting the "public swimming zone" adjacent to Canary Beach at Lewis and Clark Recreation Area (Yankton County) to a "no wake zone". This change is proposed to better match the demands of park users. With the increased number of campers bringing boats and personal watercraft to the park, the demand for boater beaches has increased. Canary Beach is adjacent to the Gavin's campground and has seen a decline in day use swimming activity, while the demand from boaters has increased. By designating the waters adjacent to Canary Beach as a no wake zone, the park will reduce pressure on the other boating beaches that are heavily used on summer weekends. The park has two other "public swimming zones" located in the Midway and Gavins day use areas. Both of these areas have change houses and shower facilities, while Canary Beach does not. The proposed zoning would include the waters fronting the shoreline of Lewis and Clark Lake starting at the vault toilet near the intersection of the bicycle path that divides West Midway and Gavins sections, extending in a westerly direction 400 feet and extending 125 feet in a southerly direction.



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FINALIZATION

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MOTORBOATS AND WATERCRAFT
41:04:05

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 12-13, 2012	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	March 1, 2012	Ft. Pierre
	Finalization	March 1-2, 2012	Ft. Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

1. Add a provision to 41:04:05:03 that would clarify that Coast Guard approved fire extinguishers carried on boats must be in working order.
2. Amend 41:04:05:16 to revise the provisions for emergency signals on law enforcement boats.

Proposed changes:

41:04:05:03. Fire extinguishers required -- Exception. Fire extinguishers that are of working order and carrying the stamp of approval of the U.S. Coast Guard are required on boats operated on public waters, as follows:

- (1) Class A and Class 1 motorboats shall carry at least one fire extinguisher of B-I type or larger;
- (2) Class 2 motorboats shall carry at least two fire extinguishers of B-I type or larger;
- (3) Class 3 motorboats shall carry at least one B-II type and one B-I type or three B-I type fire extinguishers.

Motorboats less than 26 feet long and not carrying passengers for hire are exempt from the requirements of this section if the construction of the boat will not permit the entrapment of explosive or flammable gases or vapors.

41:04:05:16. Emergency signals -- Boats to stop. Only an authorized emergency rescue or law enforcement craft boats may display flashing blue or red lights or sound a siren. Upon giving the either signal, the emergency and enforcement boats have the right-of-way and all other boats must immediately stop.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Changes from proposal: NONE

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Existing administrative rule (41:04:05:03) requires USCG-approved fire extinguisher(s) be carried upon motorboats. However, the rule does not stipulate that the fire extinguishers be maintained in a working order. Fire extinguishers that are not serviceable or those that have been discharged present an inherent safety risk to the boating public. The proposed rule would require fire extinguishers to be in working order.

Current language in 41:04:05:16 addresses authorized emergency rescue or law enforcement craft displaying flashing blue emergency lights. Numerous emergency rescue or law enforcement craft in this state display blue, red, or a combination of both blue and red emergency lights. The proposed language would provide for the inclusion of existing emergency rescue or law enforcement boats that display red emergency lights. Additionally, the proposed changes would align this rule with state statute (SDCL 32-33-18) that requires either a visual or audible signal to be given prior to stopping a traditional motor vehicle.

APPROVE MODIFY REJECT NO ACTION

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FINALIZATION

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Paddlefish
Chapter 41:07:05

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 27, 2012	Pierre
	Public Hearing	March 1, 2012	Pierre
	Finalization	March 1-2, 2012	Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

1. **Modify 41:07:05:03** "Paddlefish snagging, processing, and transportation restrictions" as noted below.

Recommended changes:

41:07:05:03. Paddlefish snagging, processing, and transportation restrictions. Any paddlefish taken below Gavin's Point Dam, by snagging, which measures between 35 inches and 45 inches, inclusive, from the eye to the notch in the fork of the tail must be immediately released to the water from which it was caught. A person may not attempt to snag rough fish or paddlefish after reaching the limit on paddlefish. A gaff hook or other penetrating device may not be used as an aid while landing snagged paddlefish.

Only the snout in front of the eyes, gills, and entrails of a paddlefish may be removed for transportation. The head, skin, and tail must remain attached. Final processing may only be completed once the angler has reached their domicile or immediately prior to consumption.

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

ARSD 41:07:05:02 was modified by the Commission at their November 2011 meeting, establishing a paddlefish snagging season on Lake Francis Case during the month of May. The intent of the rule change included having no length restrictions on paddlefish that could be harvested. Upon preparation of the rules sheet for the May 2012 Francis Case paddlefish snagging season, it was discovered that length restrictions on sizes of paddlefish that could be harvested during the October paddlefish snagging season below Gavin's Point Dam would also apply to the newly created May season for Lake Francis Case.

According to **ARSD 41:07:05:03**, all paddlefish between 35 inches and 45 inches, inclusive, from the eye to the notch in the fork of the tail must be immediately released to the water from which caught. An examination of paddlefish length distributions in the Francis Case population in 2008 and 2009 revealed that very few paddlefish would be available to harvest if the length restriction was in place.

While protecting paddlefish between 35 and 45 inches in length is to the benefit of the population below Gavin's Point Dam, the population in Lake Francis Case functions much differently. Natural production is lacking in Lake Francis Case, with the majority of the fish in the population resulting from annual stockings of juvenile paddlefish. This is considered a put-grow-and-take fishery, with the objective of stocking being maintenance of a fishable population and return of fish to anglers. The inclusion of length restrictions on paddlefish for this fishery would severely limit harvest potential.

APPROVE **MODIFY** **REJECT** **NO ACTION**

CSP Bison Hunting Season

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No recommended changes

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PROPOSAL**

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**Custer State Park Deer Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:41**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 1-2, 2012	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	April 4, 2012	Brookings
	Finalization	April 4-5, 2012	Brookings

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: November 3-16, 2012

Licenses: 10 "any whitetail", 2 "any deer"

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Season open from the first Saturday in November for 14 consecutive days.
2. Hunters must attend a briefing prior to the hunt.
3. 41:06:41:02. Number and type of licenses available.
 - (1) CUD-CU1: 10 "one-tag any whitetail deer licenses";
 - (2) CUD-CU2: 2 "any deer licenses";
 - (3) CUD ZZ1: no deer licenses may be issued. However, an applicant for this unit shall accrue a preference point as provided in § 41:06:01:09.
3. Applicants successful in drawing an "any" tag type are ineligible for the license again for 10 years.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Eliminate the 35 one-tag antlerless white-tail deer licenses.
2. Delete the last sentence of 41:06:41:01 as this is covered in covered in 41:06:07:10.

41:06:41:01. Custer State Park deer hunting season established -- Open area. The Custer Park deer hunting season is open for 14 consecutive days beginning on the first Saturday of November. ~~Except for an area within 300 feet of any Custer State Park paved public access roadway, the area within the boundaries of Custer State Park is open to deer hunting during this season.~~

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Forty-six of 47 hunters reported. For the white-tail doe season 6 of 34 reported hunters did not hunt; however, for the 28 hunters that hunted, 23 killed antlerless deer (82%). During the antlerless season, some hunters were not successful ($n = 5$, 18%). Overall, roughly half the number of antlerless deer were harvested compared to the previous year (44 antlerless deer in 2010). For the any deer seasons both mature mule deer and white-tailed bucks were killed. Department staff recommend reducing the license numbers for antlerless white-tail deer. The reduction is based on poor fawn recruitment as surveys indicate the white-tail fawn:doe ratio has decreased from 0.83 in 2008 down to 0.53 in 2011. This is a 30% reduction in fawn recruitment from previous years and fewer antlerless licenses will allow population recovery. Transects also indicate the number of deer counted is down 25% from the previous year. Wildlife viewing is also important for Custer State Park and fewer white-tailed deer being viewed in CSP is a concern by Park officials.

Year	Tag Type	Applicants*	Licensed Hunters	Success Rate	Recreation Days
2010	Any W-T	1334	10	80%	47
	Any Deer		2	100%	22
	W-T antlerless		35 ^a	73%	97
2011	Any W-T	1831	10	100%	48
	Any Deer		2	100%	5
	W-T antlerless		35 ^b	82%	49

*Number of applicants is for all seasons combined.

^atwo-tag antlerless white-tail licenses.

^bone-tag antlerless white-tail licenses.

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

**GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL**

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**Custer State Park Early Archery Elk Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:28**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 1-2, 2012	Ft. Pierre Brookings Brookings
	Public Hearing	April 4-5, 2012	
	Finalization	April 4-5, 2012	

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: September 1-30, 2012

Licenses: 3 "Any Elk" licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Season opens the first of September and closes the last day of September.
2. Hunters must attend a mandatory briefing.
3. 24 hour inspection of harvested elk.

Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

In 2011, all 3 hunters reported and one hunter killed a bull elk. The harvest success for 2012 was 33%. Comments were primarily related to few elk being seen by hunters and that they thought the population was way down. Hunter effort remains relatively high.

Year	Licensed Hunters	Applicants	Success Rate	Elk Harvested	Recreation Days
2007	8	2956 (652 pref only)	25%	2 bulls	82
2008	8	3084 (785 pref only)	25%	2 bulls	104
2009	8	3134 (1112 pref only)	25%	2 bulls	115
2010	5	3031 (1401 pref only)	0%	None	68
2011	3	2000 (2391 pref only)	33%	1 bull	56

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

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PROPOSAL

14b

Special Custer State Park Antlerless Elk Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:47

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal March 1-2, 2012 Ft. Pierre
Public Hearing April 4, 2012 Brookings
Finalization April 4-5, 2012 Brookings

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: Closed

Licenses: 0 licenses

Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

In 2011 the antlerless elk season was closed. Our winter herd estimate for 2012 was 140 elk and fall calf/cow data indicate calf recruitment was only 13%. Staff recommends keeping the season closed to allow the maximum number of reproductive cows to remain in the herd. Research continues to investigate factors contributing to poor reproduction and recruitment of area herds.

Year	Licenses	Applicants	Success Rate	HRD
2006	100	4,105	73%	291
2007	60	4,339	57%	185
2008	40	4,383	59%	108
2009	20	4,546	95%	50
2010	5	4,420	80%	13
2011	Closed			

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

14c

Custer State Park Late Archery Elk Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:48

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 1-2, 2012	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	April 4-5, 2012	Brookings
	Finalization	April 4-5, 2012	Brookings

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: Closed

Licenses: 0 licenses

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Reduce any elk licenses from 15 to 0. The late archery elk season would be closed.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

In 2011, all 15 hunters reported and 2 hunters that received a license did not hunt. Hunters were not successful for a harvest success rate of 0%. An estimated 84 days of recreation with an average of 6.5 days of recreation/hunter was lower than last year. Most comments focused on not seeing many elk and they indicated that made the hunt less enjoyable. Winter surveys indicate fewer elk being available in CSP compared with last year. Mature branch antlered bulls are also on a decline and this season recommendation mirrors current availability of mature bulls available in the population. Late season archery hunters are more likely to harvest cow elk and this closure will ensure adequate numbers of elk being available in CSP and meet current management objectives.

Year	Licenses	Applicants	Success Rate	HRD
2007	50	2,333	5%	370
2008	50	2,532	14%	338
2009	50	2,791	13%	312
2010	30	2,852	0%	200
2011	15	2,842	0%	84

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

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PROPOSAL

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Custer State Park Elk Hunting Season (Any Elk)
Chapter 41:06:27

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 1-2, 2012	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	April 4, 2012	Brookings
	Finalization	April 4-5, 2012	Brookings

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: September 15 – September 30, 2012

Licenses: 4 resident "Any Elk" licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

- 1) The unit is open within the boundaries of Custer State Park for the 16-day period beginning the third Saturday of September.
- 2) Hunters must attend a mandatory briefing.
- 3) 24 hour inspection of harvested elk.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Reduce any elk licenses from 11 to 4. The license allocation of 4 includes 1 license made available through a special raffle conducted by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

In 2011, all hunters reported and 10 of 11 hunters harvested elk and all elk harvested were bulls. The success rate increased over last year and was 91%. Comments mostly focused on very few elk were seen and that the population density is very low. Winter surveys indicate fewer elk being available in CSP compared with last year. Mature branch antlered bulls are also on a decline and this season recommendation mirrors current availability of mature bulls available in the population.

Year	Licenses	Applicants	Success Rate	HRD
2006	41	11,709	95%	140
2007	41	12,768	93%	167
2008	36	12,572	97%	137
2009	36	13,063	86%	194
2010	21	13,065	80%	99
2011	11	12,060	91%	60

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

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PROPOSAL**

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**Archery Elk Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:43**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 1-2, 2012	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	April 4, 2012	Brookings
	Finalization	April 4-5, 2012	Brookings

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: Black Hills Units: September 1-30, 2012

Open Area: See attached map

Licenses: 82 "any elk" and 25 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 107 licenses)

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. No person may possess more than one (1) elk license of any type in a year.
2. No more than two persons may submit applications together.
3. Except for landowner/operator preference applicants, no person who receives a license in the first drawing for this season shall be eligible to apply for an archery elk license in first drawings for the next 9 years.
4. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference application. One member of each qualifying landowner/operator household may apply every year.
5. Each elk harvested must be inspected by a Conservation Officer or designee within 24 hours after kill.
6. Each unsuccessful hunter must mail the report card to the Department of Game, Fish and Parks within 10 days after the close of the season.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 89 "any elk" and 37 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 126 licenses) to 82 "any elk" and 25 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 107 licenses).
2. Adjust the boundary of Unit 7 to include the area located within a line beginning at I-90 and Pleasant Valley Rd, then east and south on Pleasant Valley Rd. to Tilford Rd. then west on Tilford Rd. to I-90.
3. Eliminate the archery season for Unit 30A.

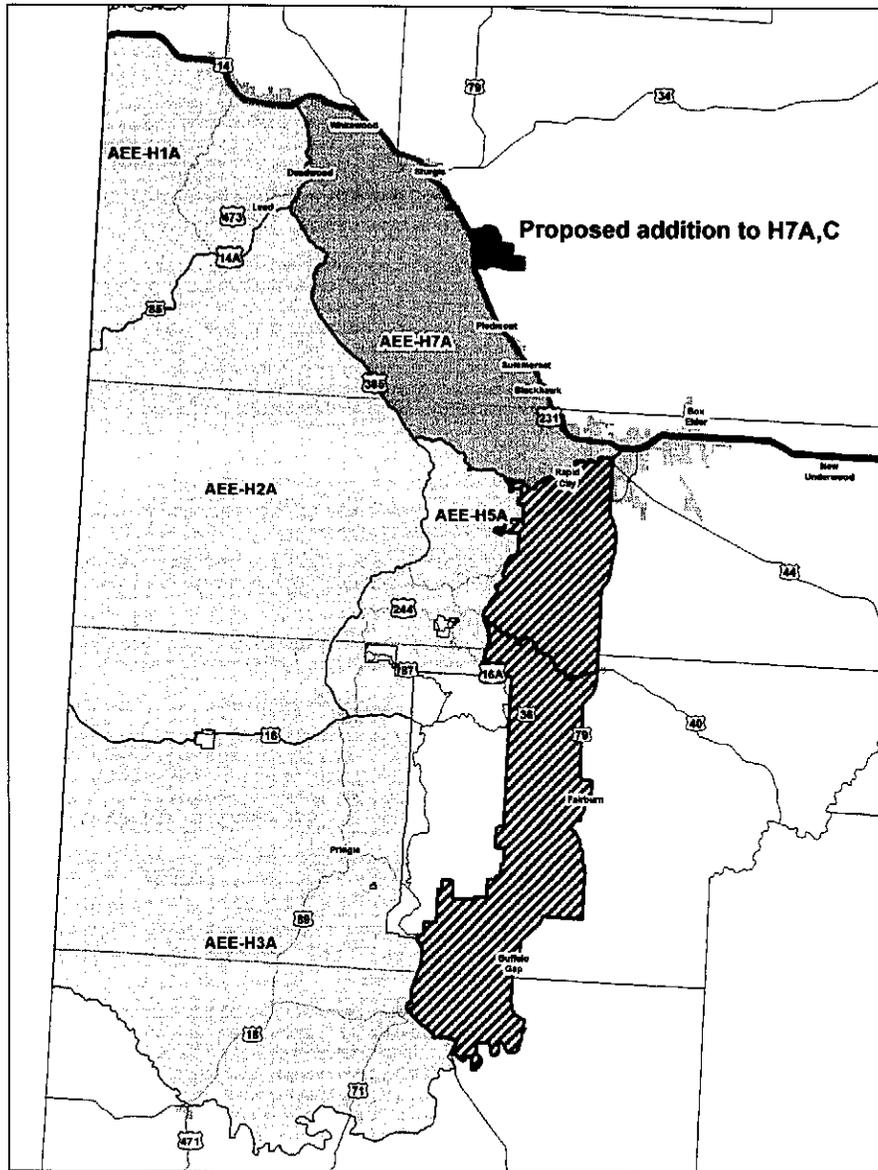
SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licensed Hunters	Hunter Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
2007	237	27%	43	22
2008	198	28%	45	7
2009	185	33%	47	7
2010	144	27%	33	5
2011	126	26%	25	8

2011 Unit	"Any Elk"					"Antlerless Elk"				
	Appl.1st Choice	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested	Appl.1st Choice	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
H1	591	25	9%	2	0	5	20	25%	0	5
H2	2,413	40	39%	16	0	13	10	14%	0	1
H3	344	15	38%	5	1	1	5	0%	0	0
H4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H5	22	2	50%	1	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H7	69	5	33%	2	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
30A	26	2	0%	0	0	2	2	0%	0	0

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

BLACK HILLS ARCHERY ELK UNITS



Unit	2011			2012		
	"Any" Elk Tags	"Antlerless" Elk Tags	Total Tags	"Any" Elk Tags	"Antlerless" Elk Tags	Total Tags
H1	25	20	45	20	10	30
H2	40	10	50	40	10	50
H3	15	5	20	15	5	20
H4	0	0	0	0	0	0
H5	2	0	2	2	0	2
H7	5	0	5	5	0	5
H9	0	0	0	0	0	0
30A	2	2	4	0	0	0
ALL	89	37	126	82	25	107

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PROPOSAL**

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**Black Hills Elk Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:26**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 1-2, 2012	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	April 4, 2012	Brookings
	Finalization	April 4-5, 2012	Brookings

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: "Any elk" licenses October 1-31, 2012
 "Antlerless elk" licenses October 16-31 and December 1-15, 2012

Open Area: See attached map

Licenses: 395 "any elk" and 260 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 655 licenses)

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. No person may possess more than one (1) elk license of any type in a year.
2. No more than two persons may submit applications together.
3. Except for landowner/operator preference applicants, no person who receives a license in the first drawing for this season shall be eligible to apply for a Black Hills elk license in first drawings for the next 9 years.
4. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference. One member of each qualifying landowner/operator household may apply every year.
5. Each elk harvested must be inspected by a Conservation Officer or designee within 24 hours after kill.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 470 "any elk" and 395 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 865 licenses) to 395 "any elk" and 260 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 655 licenses).
2. Adjust the boundary of Unit 7 to include the area located within a line beginning at I-90 and Pleasant Valley Rd, then east and south on Pleasant Valley Rd. to Tilford Rd. then west on Tilford Rd. to I-90.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

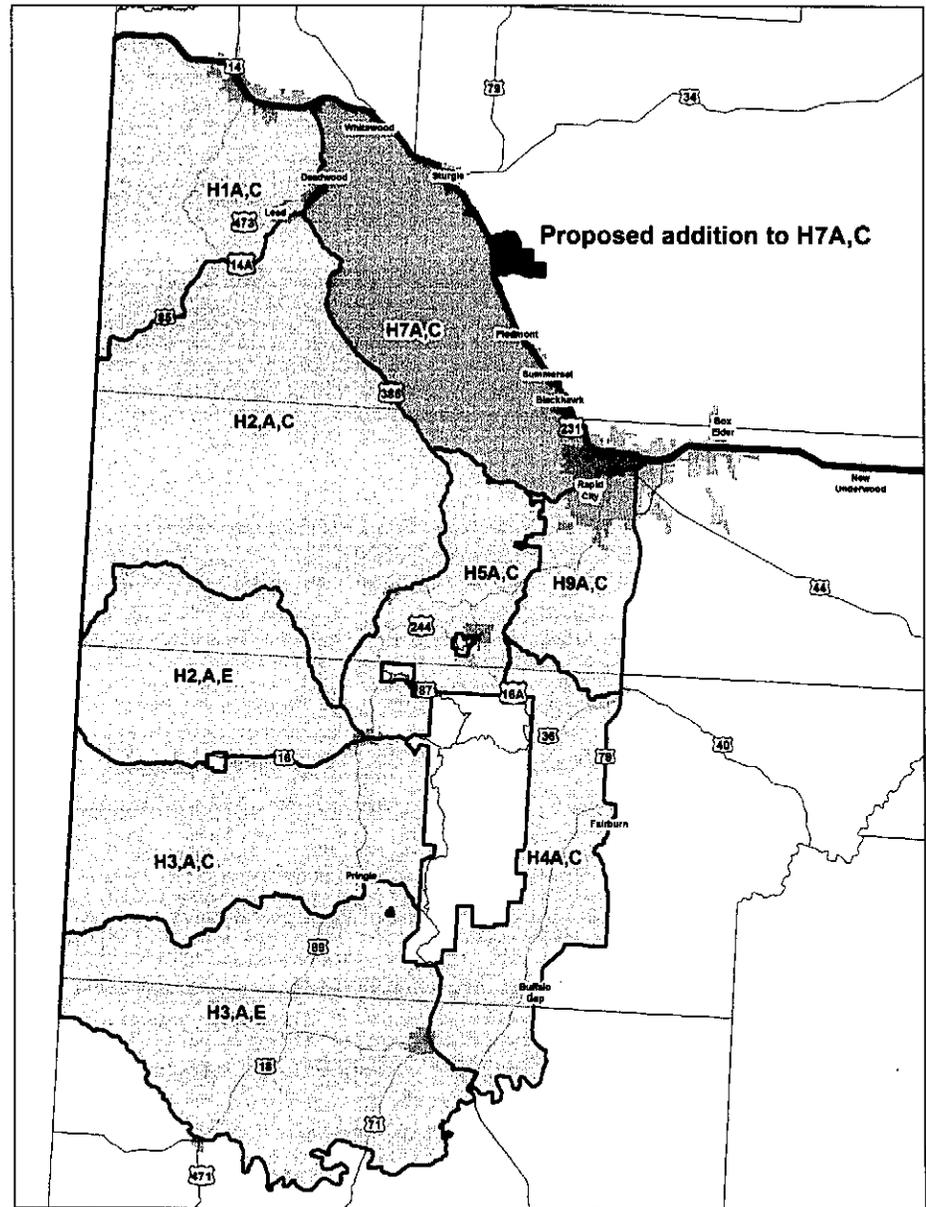
	Licensed	Hunter	Bulls	Cows
Year	Hunters	Success	Harvested	Harvested
2007	2,075	52%	560	509
2008	1,675	52%	475	402
2009	1,366	58%	404	388
2010	1,059	53%	303	257
2011	866	55%	298	179

2011	"Any Elk"					"Antlerless Elk"				
Unit	Appl.1st Choice	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested	Appl.1st Choice	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
H1	1,334	100	52%	48	3	42	100	33%	3	30
H2	7,522	200	81%	151	10	264	134	60%	0	45
H3	1,407	125	67%	74	9	70	134	31%	5	36
H4	69	20	27%	4	1	6	20	31%	2	5
H5	59	10	29%	3	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H7	230	10	78%	8	0	2	5	25%	0	1
H9	25	5	0%	0	0	1	5	25%	0	1

APPROVE MODIFY REJECT NO ACTION

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BLACK HILLS ELK UNITS



Unit	2011			2012		
	"Any" Elk Tags	"Antlerless" Elk Tags	Total Tags	"Any" Elk Tags	"Antlerless" Elk Tags	Total Tags
H1	100	100	200	75	75	150
H2	200	130	330	200	100	300
H3	125	135	260	100	80	180
H4	20	20	40	0	0	0
H5	10	0	10	10	0	10
H7	10	5	15	10	5	15
H9	5	5	10	0	0	0
ALL	470	395	865	395	260	655

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**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL**

**Prairie Elk Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:59**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 1-2, 2012	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	April 4, 2012	Brookings
	Finalization	April 4-5, 2012	Brookings

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates:	Unit 09A	September 15 – October 31, 2012 and December 1-15, 2012
	Unit 11A	July 15 – August 31, 2012
	Unit 11B	September 1 – October 14, 2012
	Unit 11C	October 20 – December 31, 2012
	Unit 15A	September 8 – October 31, 2011 and December 1-31, 2012
	Unit 27A	September 1 – October 31, 2012
	Unit 30A	September 29 – October 28 and December 1-31, 2012

Open Area:	Unit 09A	Portions of Butte and Lawrence County
	Unit 11A&B&C	Bennett County and portions of Mellette County
	Unit 15A	Portions of Butte County
	Unit 27A	Portions of Fall River County
	Unit 30A	Portions of Gregory County and portions of Boyd Co., NE

Licenses:	Unit 09A	10 "any elk" and 10 "antlerless elk" licenses
	Unit 11A&B&C	15 "any elk" and 20 "antlerless elk" licenses
	Unit 15A	10 "any elk" and 16 "antlerless elk" licenses
	Unit 27A	10 "any elk" and 5 "antlerless elk" licenses
	Unit 30A	2 "any elk" and 2 "antlerless elk" licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. No person may possess more than one (1) elk license of any type in a year.
2. No more than two persons may submit applications together.
3. Except for landowner/operator preference applicants, no person who receives a license in the first drawing for this season shall be eligible to apply for a prairie elk license in first drawings for the next 9 years.
4. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference. One member of each qualifying landowner/operator household may apply every year.
5. Each elk harvested must be inspected by a Conservation Officer or designee within 24 hours after kill.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 49 "any elk" and 79 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 128 licenses) to 47 "any elk" and 53 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 100 licenses).
2. Add Unit 27 (Fall River County) to include that portion of Fall River County south of the Cheyenne River and west of Highway 385. Season dates: September 1 – October 31.
3. Adjust the season dates for Unit 09A from September 1-October 31 to a split season of September 15-October 31 and December 1-15.
4. Adjust the season dates for Unit 30A. Currently written in administrative rule as "beginning on August 15 and remains open to the Friday closest to November 12, inclusive, and from the Monday closest to November 22 to December 31, inclusive". Change dates for 2012 season to September 29 – October 28 and from December 1-31. This will coincide with the changes made by Nebraska for this shared elk unit.

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

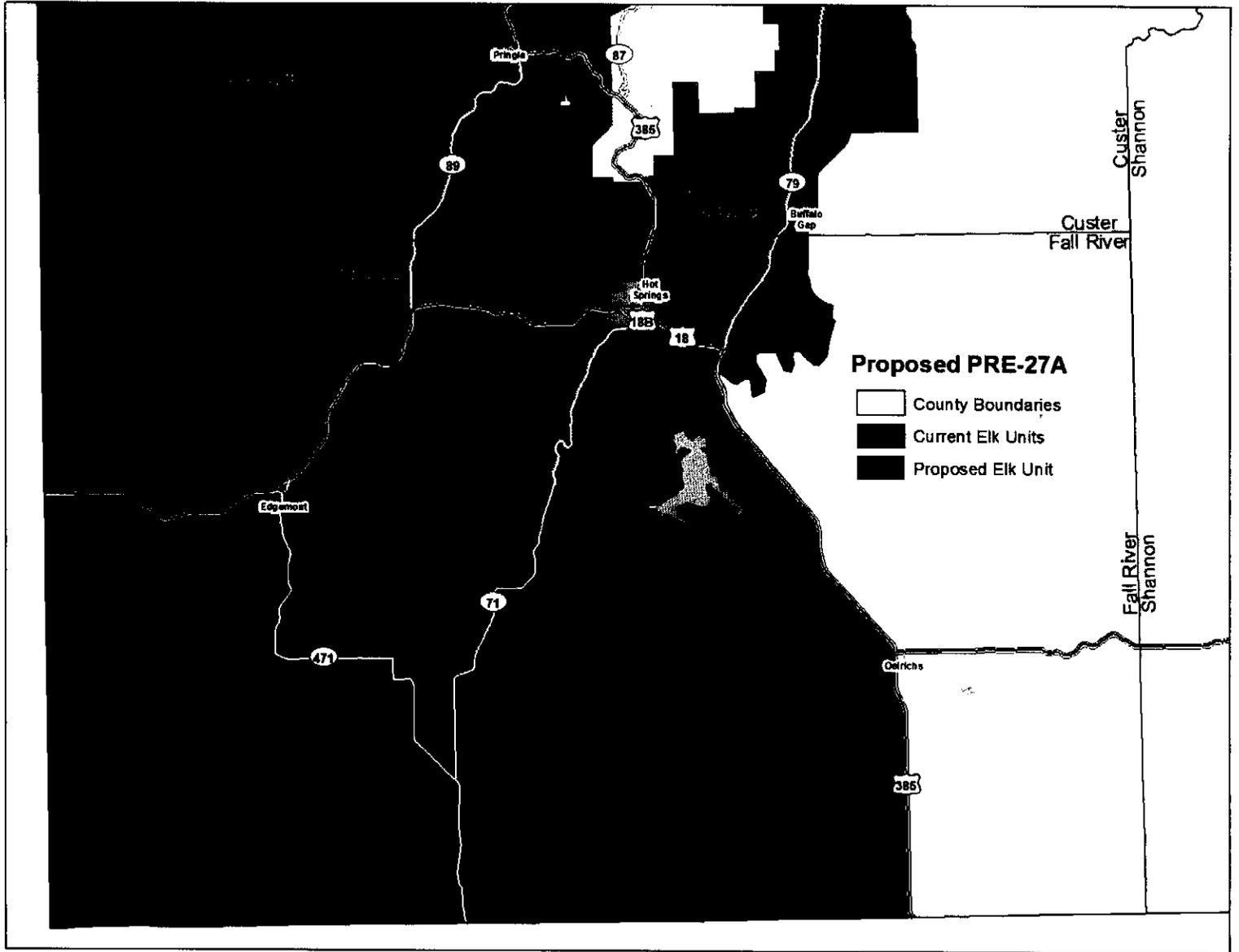
Year	Licensed Hunters	Hunter Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
2007	76	51%	21	18
2008	76	48%	17	18
2009	133	39%	26	22
2010	134	41%	24	31
2011	128	28%	19	17

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2011 Unit	"Any Elk"				"Antlerless Elk"			
	Licensed hunters	Harvest success	Bulls harvested	Cows harvested	Licensed hunters	Harvest success	Bulls harvested	Cows harvested
09A	15	40%	5	2	15	0%	0	0
11A/B/C	19	58%	11	0	36	22%	0	8
15A	10	50%	4	1	20	27%	0	5
30A	2	0%	0	0	6	0%	0	0

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

14K



Elk

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2011

Black Hills Elk			
Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	
H1A	100		
H1C		100	
H2A	200		
H2C		70	
H2E		60	
H3A	125		
H3C		15	
H3E		120	
H4A	20		
H4C		20	
H5A	10		
H7A	10		
H7C		5	
H9A	5		
H9C		5	
TOTAL	470	395	865
Unit	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	

2012

Black Hills Elk			
Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	
H1A	75		
H1C		75	
H2A	200		
H2C		50	
H2E		50	
H3A	100		
H3C			
H3E		80	
H4A			
H4C			
H5A	10		
H7A	10		
H7C		5	
H9A			
H9C			
TOTAL	395	260	655
Unit	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	

2011

Archery Elk			
Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	
H1A	25	20	
H2A	40	10	
H3A	15	5	
H4A			
H5A	2		
H7A	5		
H9A			
30A	2	2	
TOTAL	89	37	126
Unit	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	

2012

Archery Elk			
Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	
H1A	20	10	
H2A	40	10	
H3A	15	5	
H4A			
H5A	2		
H7A	5		
H9A			
30A			
TOTAL	82	25	107
Unit	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	

2011

Prairie Elk			
Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	
9A	15	15	
11A		20	
11B	14	10	
11C	8	8	
15A	10	20	
27A	NA	NA	
30A	2	6	
TOTAL	49	79	128
Unit	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	

2012

Prairie Elk			
Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	
9A	10	10	
11A		10	
11B	10	5	
11C	5	5	
15A	10	16	
27A	10	5	
30A	2	2	
TOTAL	47	53	100
Unit	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	

**GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL**

150

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

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 1-2, 2012	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	April 4, 2012	Brookings
	Finalization	April 4-5, 2012	Brookings

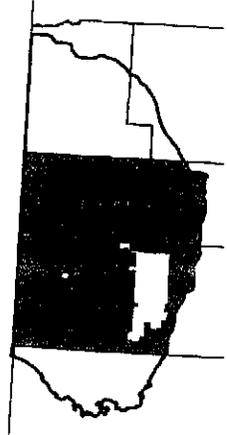
DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: September 1 – December 31, 2012

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

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. All licensees are required to attend an orientation meeting on the day preceding 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 who are eligible for bighorn sheep license may apply for both a Black Hills Bighorn Sheep License and a Custer State Park Bighorn Sheep License.
4. Hunters can only apply for one of the two Black Hills Bighorn Sheep units.
5. Land operator preference is not applicable to these licenses.
6. 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 change from last year:

1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 2 "any bighorn sheep" to 1 "any bighorn sheep" in Unit 1.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Bighorn sheep sub herds in Unit 1 have been experiencing poor lamb recruitment for the last several years. Preliminary data from ongoing research through SDSU suggests that the majority of lamb recruitment is being lost primarily due to pneumonia (46% of total mortality) and predation (28% of total mortality). This in turn has significantly reduced the recruitment of rams into the population, resulting in fewer Class I and II rams. Furthermore, the number of mature rams in the population has declined and overall there are fewer rams available for harvest. A reduction of licenses is needed to ensure a sufficient number of mature rams are available for hunting opportunities and to ensure adequate reproduction for the next few years. Continued loss of lamb recruitment in future years could result in further license reductions.

Year	Licensed hunters	Rams harvested	Ewes harvested
2007	4	4	0
2008	5	5	0
2009	5	5	0
2010	5	5	0
2011	3	3	0

APPROVE MODIFY REJECT NO ACTION

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

15b

Custer State Park Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:30

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 1-2, 2012	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	April 4, 2012	Brookings
	Finalization	April 4-5, 2012	Brookings

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: Closed

Licenses: 0 licenses

Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The herd size in Custer State Park is too small and hunting is not recommended. Due to the pneumonia die off in 2004-05, population surveys indicated a low population of approximately 25 bighorns in Custer State Park. Surveys indicate 4 lambs have survived through January 15th, 2012. The lambs appear to be in good physical condition not exhibiting any pneumonia symptoms. The small herd still provides some viewing by tourists and we hope to supplement the herd in the near future.

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL**

17

**Grouse Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:09**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 1-2, 2012	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	April 4, 2012	Brookings
	Finalization	April 4-5, 2012	Brookings

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: September 15, 2012 – January 6, 2013 (114 days)

Open Area: Statewide

Daily Limit: 3 (any combination of sharp-tailed grouse, prairie chickens and ruffed grouse)

Possession Limit: 15 (any combination)

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.
2. Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge is open Oct 20 – Jan 6 and the shooting hours are the same as for pheasant.

Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Grouse Harvested
2006	7,836	6,135	40,889
2007	6,164	4,663	34,042
2008	7,044	5,383	47,481
2009	6,377	4,571	38,680
2010	7,879	5,386	56,888

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

18a

Youth Pheasant Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:55

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 1-2, 2012	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	April 4, 2012	Brookings
	Finalization	April 4-5, 2012	Brookings

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

- Season Dates:** October 6-10, 2012
- Open Area:** Statewide except road rights-of-way
- Daily Limit:** 3 cock pheasants
- Possession Limit:** 15 cock pheasants

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Shooting hours are 10:00 am (central time) to sunset.
2. Properly licensed resident and nonresident youth are eligible.
3. To be eligible, youth must be at least 12 years of age by December 31 and no older than 17.
4. Youth hunters must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and the accompanying adult may not carry a firearm or actively participate in shooting pheasants.

Recommended changes from last year: None.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

18 b

Resident Pheasant Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:58

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 1-2, 2012	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	April 4, 2012	Brookings
	Finalization	April 4-5, 2012	Brookings

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: October 13-15, 2012

Open area: Lands open to public hunting that include U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Waterfowl Production Areas, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property adjacent to the Missouri River, U.S. Forest Service National Grasslands property, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation property, State School and Public Land, Department owned, managed or leased property otherwise open to hunting, and Department managed or leased property designated as Walk-In Area. Also includes public road rights-of-way as defined in state law which are contiguous to and a part of those public lands as identified above. U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuges are not open.

Daily limit: 3 cock pheasants

Possession limit: 9 cock pheasants

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Shooting hours are 12:00 noon (central time) to sunset.
2. Only residents of the state are eligible to hunt during this season.

Recommended changes from last year: None.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL**

18C

**Pheasant Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:08**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 1-2, 2012	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	April 4, 2012	Brookings
	Finalization	April 4-5, 2012	Brookings

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: October 20, 2012 – January 6, 2013 (79 days)

Open Area: Statewide

Daily Limit: 3 cock pheasants

Possession Limit: 15 cock pheasants

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Shooting hours are 12:00 noon (central time) to sunset from Oct 20 - 26 and 10:00 a.m. (central time) to sunset after Oct 27 – Jan 6.
2. Renziehausen GPA and State Game Bird Refuge in Brown and Marshall Counties, Gerken State Game Bird Refuge in Faulk County, White Lake State Game Bird Refuge in Marshall County, and Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Brown County are open December 10 - January 6.

Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Pheasants Harvested
2006	79,955	98,213	1,846,000
2007	77,900	103,230	2,122,000
2008	75,978	100,254	1,936,228
2009	69,949	97,350	1,648,191
2010	72,465	100,189	1,831,576

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

20

Quail Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:11

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal March 1-2, 2012 Ft. Pierre
Public Hearing April 4, 2012 Brookings
Finalization April 4-5, 2012 Brookings

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: October 20, 2012 – January 6, 2013 (79 days)

Open Area: Statewide

Daily Limit: 5 quail

Possession Limit: 15 quail

Requirements and Restrictions:

- 1) Shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.

Recommended change from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Quail Harvested
2006	364	554	1,810
2007	780	449	965
2008	480	520	1,775
2009	276	555	1,160
2010	187	105	424

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

23a

Crow Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:39

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 1-2, 2012	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	April 4, 2012	Brookings
	Finalization	April 4-5, 2012	Brookings

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: September 1 – October 31, 2012 and March 1 – April 30, 2013

Open Area: Statewide

Daily Limit: Unlimited

Possession Limit: Unlimited

Recommended changes from last year: None.

APPROVE **MODIFY** **REJECT** **NO ACTION**

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

23b

Sandhill Crane Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:18

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 1-2, 2012	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	April 4, 2012	Brookings
	Finalization	April 4-5, 2012	Brookings

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: September 22 – November 18, 2012

Open Area: That portion of South Dakota west of US Highway 281

Daily Limit: 3 Sandhill cranes

Possession Limit: 6 Sandhill cranes

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
2. Nontoxic shot rules apply to Sandhill crane hunting.

Recommended change from last year: None.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

24a

Common Snipe Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:17

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 1-2, 2012	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	April 4, 2012	Brookings
	Finalization	April 4-5, 2012	Brookings

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: September 1 – October 31, 2012

Open Area: Statewide

Daily Limit: 5 snipe

Possession Limit: 15 snipe

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.
2. Nontoxic shot rules apply to snipe hunting.

Recommended changes from last year: None.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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Mourning Dove Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:40

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 1-2, 2012	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	April 4, 2012	Brookings
	Finalization	April 4-5, 2012	Brookings

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: September 1 – November 9, 2012

Open Area: Statewide

Daily Limit: 15 mourning doves

Possession Limit: 30 mourning doves

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
2. Doves may only be shot while in flight.
3. All areas within 50 yards of public roadways are closed to dove hunting.
4. Persons younger than 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible adult while dove hunting.
5. That portion of Angostura State Recreation Area lying west of the dam is open to dove hunting.
6. All other state parks and state recreation areas are closed to dove hunting.

Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Doves Harvested
2006	8,919	134	152,543
2007	7,722	439	135,868
2008	7,346	373	132,152
2009	6,892	285	121,519
2010	6,035	258	97,628

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

2012-2013 Season Table

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Hunting Season	September	October	November	December	January	February	Notes
Grouse ¹			September 15 - January 6				¹ Includes sharp-tailed grouse, prairie chickens and ruffed grouse
Sage Grouse ²		September 26 - September 27					
Partridge		September 15 - January 6					
Pheasant			October 20 - January 6				
Youth only		October 6-10					² Public land only
Residents only ²		October 13-15					
Quail			October 20 - January 6				
Cottontail Rabbit			September 1 - February 28				³ Special permit required
Tree Squirrel			September 1 - February 28				
Crow	September 1 - October 31						⁴ Includes snows, blues and Ross's geese
Common Snipe	September 1 - October 31						
Mourning Dove	September 1 - November 9						
Youth only							
Low Plains North							⁵ Season will close before Mar 31 if the harvest limit is reached
Low Plains Middle							
Low Plains South							
High Plains							
Unit 1							
Unit 2							⁶ Does not include Custer State Park
Bennett Co.							
Light Geese ⁴							
White-fronted Geese							⁷ Portions of these season dates are antlerless only
Sandhill Crane		September 22 - November 18					
Tundra Swan							
Fall Turkey			October 1 - January 31				
Mountain Lion ⁵					January 1 - March 31		⁸ Antlerless deer only (TBD)
Antelope - Archery	Aug 18 - Sept 29	Oct 14-31					⁹ Units in Gregory, Mellette, Ziebach, Dewey, and Corson counties have special season dates
Antelope - Rifle ⁶		September 29 - October 14					
Archery ⁷			September 22 - January 15				
Muzzleloader ⁷			September 8 - January 15				
Youth ⁸			Nov 1-30				
Black Hills ⁶			Nov 10 - 25 ⁹				
West River ⁹	Sept 29-Oct 14 ⁶		Nov 17 - Dec 2				¹⁰ Antlerless elk season is Oct. 16 - 31
East River		Nov 17 - Dec 2					
Elk - Black Hills	Archery: Sept 1-30	Rifle: Oct 1-31 ¹⁰		Dec 1-15	Antlerless only		

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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

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**Park Licenses
Chapter 41:03:03**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 1-2, 2012	Fort Pierre
	Public Hearing	April 4, 2012	Brookings
	Finalization	April 4-5, 2012	Brookings

PARKS & RECREATION DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

Modify 41:03:03:06 Park entrance license fees

Requirements and Restrictions:

Requires operators of motor vehicles to have a park entrance license (PEL) when entering a state park, recreation area, and certain lakeside use areas.

Recommended changes:

Modify 41:03:03:06 (5)

(5) If a vehicle does not have a valid park entrance license displayed as required in 41:03:03:02, the operator or the registered owner of the vehicle must pay \$10.00 for a daily park entrance license for each day the vehicle is in the park, except at Custer State Park where the fee is \$15.00. The operator or registered owner may apply \$7 the entire amount of the cost of this daily park entrance license toward the purchase of an annual park entrance license.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The daily park entrance license fee is \$4.00 for each person or \$6.00 per vehicle except at Custer State Park where the temporary park entrance license is \$15.00 per vehicle or \$10.00 per motorcycle for a visit of one to seven consecutive days. While a \$10.00 charge for vehicles not displaying the required entrance license is an adequate incentive to encourage park visitors to purchase the required \$4.00 or \$6.00 daily park entrance license, it provides inadequate incentive for Custer State Park visitors to purchase the required \$15.00 per vehicle or \$10.00 per motorcycle park entrance license.

Allowing visitors the option to apply 100% rather than a portion of the charge towards purchase of an annual park entrance license would help achieve the Division's goal of selling more annual Park Entrance Licenses. Annual license holders are likely to utilize the park system more often.

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Region 1 – Western South Dakota
Contact: Regional Supervisor Mike Kintigh
Phone: (605)394-6837

Rapid City - February 28th, 7 pm to 9 pm at the Outdoor Campus, Primary Topic:
Fisheries Management – Western South Dakota

The open house format for these meetings allows the public to come and go at their leisure.

Region 2 – Central South Dakota
Contact: Regional Supervisor Cliff Stone
Phone: (605)734-4532

Armour – March 13th, Armour Fire Hall, Primary Topic: East River Bobcat Season

Highmore – March 15th, Highmore Fire Hall

Pierre/Ft. Pierre – March 20th, Location TBD

White River – March 22nd, Location TBD

Mound City – March 27th, Location TBD

Open Houses are scheduled from 4 pm to 7 pm and include a short presentation by staff that begins at 5:30 pm. The open house format for these meetings allows the public to come and go at their leisure.

Region 3 – Southeast South Dakota
Contact: Regional Supervisor Arden Petersen
Phone: (605)362-2706

Brookings - March 12th, Days Inn (6 pm - 8:30 pm, presentation from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm)

Elk Point - March 26th, City Hall (6 pm - 8:30 pm, presentation from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm)

Huron - April 3rd, Beadle County Sportsman's Clubhouse (5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, presentation at 6 pm)

Sioux Falls - April 9th, Outdoor Campus

Madison - April 30th, Izaak Walton League Clubhouse

The open house format for these meetings allows the public to come and go at their leisure.

Region 4 – Northeast South Dakota
Contact: Regional Supervisor Doug Alvine
Phone: (605)882-5201

Grant County
Milbank – April 16th, Milbank Visitor's Center

Brown County, TBD

Day County, TBD

Codington County, TBD

Faulk County, TBD

Open Houses are scheduled from 4 pm until 7 pm and may include staff presentations on special topics of local interest. The open house format allows the public to come and go at their leisure.
