

AGENDA
Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
January 10-11, 2013
AmericInn Conference Center
312 Island Drive, Ft. Pierre, SD

Call to order 1 PM CT

Division of Administration

Action items:

1. Approve minutes of the December 2012 meeting
<http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/commission/docs/minutes.pdf>
2. Additional Commissioner Salary Days
3. License List Requests

Information items:

4. License Sales Report
5. Department Sponsored Legislation
6. Agency Review Update

Open Forum

Public Hearing at 2 PM

Finalizations

7. Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season

Division of Parks and Recreation

Action item:

8. Public Water Swim Zone Proposals

Information items:

9. Campground Reservation System Update
10. Mountain Pine Beetle Update
11. 2012 Park Revenue and Visitation Report

Election of 2013 Officers at 4:45 PM

Division of Wildlife

Action items:

12. Special Buck Licenses Proposal
13. Public Water Safety Zone Proposals
14. Waterfowl Refuges Proposal

Information items:

15. Web-based developer's tool

16. Ice fishing access program
17. 2012 fish hatcheries report
18. East river bobcat hunting/trapping season report
19. 2012-13 Mountain Lion Hunting Season update
20. Marcotte Contract with City of Sturgis
21. Wind Cave elk movement
22. Open houses planned for 2013
23. Division of Wildlife annual report

Adjourn

Next meeting information:
March 7-8, 2013
Ft. Pierre AmericInn

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
December 6-7, 2012

Chairman Jeff Olson called the meeting to order at 1:09 PM at the Ramkota RiverCentre in Pierre, South Dakota. Commissioners Jeff Olson, Susie Knippling, Barry Jensen, John Cooper, Jim Spies, and Duane Sather were present. Secretary Jeff Vonk was present along with staff, media, and public numbering approximately thirty. Commissioner Cathy Peterson joined the meeting at 2:07 PM.

Division of Administration

Chairman Olson called for additions, corrections, or approval of the minutes for the November 1-2, 2012, meeting.

Motion by Cooper with second by Spies TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 1-2, 2012, MEETING AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Olson called for any additional Commissioner Salary days and no additional days were claimed.

Director Chris Petersen presented the following license list requests for Commission consideration and approval:

Tom Trewick requested a list of South Dakota Private Shooting Preserves to contact regarding hunting opportunities from January 1st to March 31st. Director Petersen indicated he would use discretion to charge a fee for the list should Mr. Trewick desire to use the list for reasons other than hunting opportunity for himself.

Motion by Jensen and second by Knippling TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST FROM TOM TREWICK AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

The Black Hills Puddle Jumpers Chapter of Delta Waterfowl requested a list of county specific resident migratory bird certification license holders at the reduced fee. The list would be used to promote the organization and recruit membership.

Motion by Cooper with second by Spies TO APPROVE THE LIST REQUEST FROM THE BLACK HILLS PUDDLE JUMPERS CHAPTER OF DELTA WATERFOWL AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Petersen presented a list request from the Mitchell Convention and Visitors Bureau for state specific nonresident 2012 small game license holders for a direct mailing to promote Mitchell as a premier destination for pheasant hunting. The fee for this request would be waived.

Petersen presented a list request from the Pierre Area Convention and Visitors Bureau for a list of state specific nonresident 2012 small game license and fishing license holders for a direct mailing to promote hunting and fishing in the Pierre area. The fee for this request would be waived.

Motion by Sather with second by Jensen TO APPROVE THE LIST REQUESTS FROM THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS CENTERS OF MITCHELL AND PIERRE AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Petersen provided the License Sales Report ending on December 5, 2012, and indicated that December 16th begins the 2013 sales year for over-the-counter licenses. Sales for 2012 have been and remain stable with fishing sales strong and nonresident small game sales steady with an over-all increase of sales at 6.6%.

Parks and Wildlife Foundation

Secretary Jeff Vonk introduced Jeff Scherschligt, 2012 President of the Parks and Wildlife Foundation and indicated former Commissioner Spencer Hawley began serving as the 2013 President earlier today. Vonk reminded the Commissioners that in 2007 the Commission approved a 3-year agreement with the Foundation for a Development Coordinator and last year approved a one-year extension of the agreement. Today the Department and the Foundation are requesting another one-year extension of support to retain the Development Director for the Foundation.

Scherschligt indicated the Foundation is an extension of the Department by providing support for Department projects with private dollars and thus making a successful team. The Foundation's Development Director is a good investment for the Department because it provides a return of 25% for each dollar of investment with over \$4,721,000 of support raised for Department projects during the past four years.

The Foundation's momentum continues to grow as indicated by their Resolution of Support of \$3.1 million for the Outdoor Heritage Projects presented in the Governor's budget.

Jeff Scherschligt asked for Commission approval of up to \$50,000 for continued support of the Development Director with the SD Parks and Wildlife Foundation. Commissioner Cooper indicated this is a strong partnership and is working to benefit the Department and the projects presented by the Governor. Commissioners Jensen and Sather attended the Foundation Board meeting earlier today and commented on the enthusiasm and commitment of the Foundation Board members.

Cooper presented a Resolution of Support from the Commission for the support of Outdoor Heritage Projects presented in the Governor's budget report.

Jensen made a motion TO AUTHORIZE GFP SECRETARY VONK TO SIGN AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE SD PARKS AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION FOR CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF GFP PROJECTS AND WOULD OBLIGATE THE DEPARTMENT TO A MAXIMUM OF \$50,000 FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD. Spies second the motion and the carried unanimously.

Director Petersen indicated the Department is tentatively scheduled to present the 2014 Budget to the Joint Appropriations Committee on the morning of January 10th and the next Commission meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of January 10th.

Open Forum

Dick Brown wanted to publicly thank Jeff Olson for his years of service on the Commission and presented a handmade duck decoy to Commissioner Olson.

Matt Rippentrop from Oelrichs, SD, visited about the Bighorn Sheep Auction Tag rules expressing his concern that sheep in Custer State Park could be included in future auction licenses and previous tag holder eligibility changes are in the final rule changes. The Department recommendation for the 2013 season is to allow the auction tag to only be valid in Custer County and he wants Pennington to be included in the area available to hunt with the auction tag. He questioned if this would be the absolute worst thing for the herd for just one year.

Tom Krafska representing him and the Bighorn sheep group indicated he has seen the bighorn herd deteriorate and wants Pennington County included in the area valid for the auction tag along with Custer County. This effort is to have more bighorn sheep for resident hunters with the use of the funds raised from the auction tag.

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing for the Spring Turkey Hunting Season began at 2 PM and concluded at 2:10 PM. (Minutes follow the regular meeting minutes.)

Finalizations

Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season 41:06:13; 41:03:01

Chief Tom Kirschenmann presented the proposed changes with no recommended changes. Discussion included public comment regarding the change of boundaries and the number of licenses, applicants, and landowners the boundary change would affect. Staff indicated the change makes it easier for hunters to identify the boundary as this would be consistent with other turkey and deer seasons. The discussion continued as to which season would better benefit with a boundary change the Fall or Spring Turkey Hunting Season.

1. Offer residents 105 less one-tag "male turkey" licenses and 200 less two-tag "any turkey" licenses for the Prairie Units than 2012 for an overall decrease of 505 tags. Offer nonresidents 16 less two-tag "any turkey" licenses for the Prairie Units than 2012 for an overall decrease of 32 tags.
2. Allow 10 resident archery licensees to hunt at Blood Run Nature Area and 10 resident archery licensees to hunt at Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve through the issuance of "access permits" issued via lottery drawing. Access permits valid from April 6 – April 30.

Motion by Cooper with second by Knippling TO FINALIZE THE PROPOSED SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON 41:06:13 AND 41:03:01 WITHOUT THE BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS. Motion carried unanimously.

Division of Parks and Recreation

Custer State Park Easement with The Nature Conservancy

Director Doug Hofer presented background information about the request from The Nature Conservancy for an Easement on a corner of Custer State Park. The Easement would formalize access to the property The Nature Conservancy currently owns and wishes to sell. The Nature Conservancy will include a Conservation Easement protecting the view shed of Custer State Park when it sells the property. Access to the property owned by The Nature Conservancy has been on the alignment of the proposed easement for decades. It crosses Custer State Park property for less than 200 feet to skirt a knob of a hill outside the park fence as it was easier and economical to build the road and fence around the small hill than follow the actual section line. Discussion regarding the sale of the property verses an easement ensued.

Motion by Jensen with second by Peterson TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 12-18 GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix A)

Angostura Concession Agreement

Concessionaire Manager Sean Blanchette indicated that in November the Commission granted permission to advertise the Angostura concession opportunity. Angostura Resort Management, LLC submitted a proposal that met all requirements and financial information. The agreement presented today meets current guidelines for concession agreement rules. Blanchette outlined changes and improvements included in the agreement and the additional public opportunity for cabin rentals. The trailer areas will need to meet appearance requirements, accept the lot transfer process, and accept the sewer upgrade requirements beginning in 2014. The agreement includes changes to restaurant operation requirements, marina slips, capital improvements, fees structure, trailer requirements, trailer removal, trailer age requirements, and outlines maintenance responsibilities for all parties. Director Hofer indicated the Moyle's have been good concessionaires' at Angostura in past years. Director Hofer and Sean Blanchette recommended approval of the Concession Agreement as presented.

Motion by Cooper with second by Spies TO APPROVE THE CONCESSION AGREEMENT FOR THE ANGOSTURA RECREATION AREA AS PRESENTED AND AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR HOFER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix B)

Angostura Sewer Project

Director Hofer indicated a letter of request for earnest payment from trailer owners was sent on November 7th with a due date of December 7, 2012. . A reminder letter was also sent on November 28th. Sean Blanchette indicated 43 or half of the trailer owners have submitted earnest dollars as of today, December 6. Hofer indicated there are 86 total trailer owners and should only 55 or fewer owners commit to continue with the project; a decision will need to be made whether to plan for one or two trailer areas.

This decision will be made in the next couple of weeks and prior to submitting the bonding package to the 2013 Legislature.

Blood Run State Park

Vonk and Hofer presented a PowerPoint showing the Outdoor Heritage Projects included in the Governor's budget for 2014. Three projects were identified to receive onetime general fund dollars and will greatly accelerate the projects and benefit the residents and visitors of South Dakota.

The Blood Run project is one of the three projects and upon 2013 Legislative approval will be our next state park, the first new state park designated in over 40 years. The master plan provides for several phases and with these additional dollars the Phase 1 development and the visitor center can be accelerated with completion anticipated within three years.

A new state of the art Visitors Center in Custer State Park is another project and will inform park visitors of all the opportunities they can enjoy while visiting the park.

The third project is an 18-mile trail to connect the Mickelson Trail to Mount Rushmore Memorial. The location of the extension trail has been endorsed by the Forest Service and the National Park Service and the next phase is to address the NEPA (National Environmental Protection Act) process. Partners will be needed to assist with this Outdoor Heritage Project and the NEPA process may take two years to complete. Upon completion of the study, matching funds will be needed to secure and compete for eligible federal dollars.

A PowerPoint Presentation showed all three projects and possible funding sources for each. Vonk indicated he and Hofer shared this presentation with the Tourism Board and the Parks and Wildlife Foundation Board earlier this week. The Tourism Board passed a Resolution of Support as did the Parks and Wildlife Foundation. Hofer anticipates other organizations and individuals will step up and support these projects.

Commissioner Cooper again presented and made a motion TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE OUTDOOR HERITAGE PROJECTS PROPOSED BY GOVERNOR DAUGAARD. Sather second the motion and motion carried unanimously. (Appendix C)

Custer State Park Buffalo Sale

Matt Snyder, Superintendent of Custer State Park, provided a report showing 255 buffalo and 15 burros were sold at auction on November 17, 2012, to fourteen buyers and most animals went out of state.

Division of Wildlife

Director Leif shared the process with the Interim Rules Review Committee (IRRC) regarding finalizations and that IRRC heard the bighorn sheep auction tag rule at their November meeting. IRRC then referred the bighorn sheep auction tag rules back to the previous step. Earlier this week, Secretary Vonk and Director Leif met with Chair/Senator Jean Hunhoff regarding the Bighorn Sheep Auction License and the

process needed for finalization of the rule. A letter has been drafted to the IRRC about the auction license allocation and tracking the funds derived from the auction license. The rule will be presented again at the December 19th IRRC meeting.

Bighorn Sheep Action Plan

Chad Switzer and Andy Lindbloom presented the Draft Action Plan for Management of Bighorn Sheep in South Dakota. The plan shows the current status of the existing four bighorn sheep herds, three potential areas that would support a new bighorn sheep herd, augmentation to the Hell Canyon herd, while outlining issues, concerns, and opportunities. The draft plan includes the goals, objectives, and opportunities available to the Department. The plan contains cost estimates, a timeframe to implement the plan, and measures for the success of the plan.

Discussion included utilizing existing staff and biologists and the additional funds generated from an auction tag to assist with double fencing, improving habitat, establish a herd in a new location, and to educate and work with the local domestic sheep owners.

Kanta and Lindbloom gave a PowerPoint update on the management and research of the bighorn sheep herd in South Dakota. Kanta provided history of bighorn sheep and showed a map indicating the locations of the existing bighorn sheep herds. Information included cause specific mortality, harvest, size of harvestable rams, and observations of the number different classes of rams.

Lindbloom provided preliminary research data for two projects. The Elk Mountain Research objectives were outlined and talked about disease prevalence. Last year eight ewes, one ram, and one lamb were collared and data collection has begun. Additional sheep will be collared in the coming weeks.

The Rapid City Herd Research Project objectives were shared and preliminary results of the adult ewe survival and mortality sources and included preliminary lamb survival data.

Bighorn sheep harvest strategies were outlined and the goal is to have a herd of 100 before harvest would happen. A comparison with neighboring states was provided showing herd size and number of licenses available to harvest bighorn sheep.

Kirschenmann addressed items of concern from Matt Rippentrop at the Open Forum today, indicating that the specified items were addressed in the Finalization of rules at the October Commission meeting and are currently in the rules which will go before the IRRC on December 19th. Leif indicated the Commission has the authority to determine where the auction license would be valid during the Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season setting process which begins today.

Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season

John Kanta presented season dates, open areas, licenses, requirements, restrictions, and recommended changes to the Black Hills Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season. The recommendation is to increase the number of tags in Unit 2 from 1 to 2 tags and this would allow for the additional tag to become an auction tag in Custer County pending approval from the IRRC. Discussion indicated the recommendation would limit the auction tag to Custer County and discussion included population

estimates, classification of rams, recruitment of rams to support the individual herds, and harvest success rates.

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.

Motion by Spies with second by Sather TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE BLACK HILLS BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTING SEASON AS LISTED ABOVE. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Cooper clearly stated to everyone in the room and involved that this is a "pilot program" as he has a great concern for the Rapid City herd. He stated there are no guarantees there will be another auction tag.

Bighorn Sheep Auction Tag Resolution

Chief Tom Kirschenmann indicated the Department received a letter of application from the Midwest Chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation for the bighorn sheep auction license. Kirschenmann stated the application met all requirements set in Administrative Rule and recommends Commission approval of Resolution 12-19 thus allowing the Midwest Chapter to begin preparation for the auction. The Midwest Chapter plans to auction the license at the March 2013 Annual Meeting upon IRRC approval of Finalizations at the upcoming December 19 meeting and GFP Commission finalization of the Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season at the January 2013 meeting. The auction tag will be valid for the 2013 fall hunting season upon validation of eligibility of the auction tag purchaser.

Motion by Cooper with second by Jensen TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 12-19 TO AWARD THE BIGHORN SHEEP AUCTION LICENSE TO THE WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION – MIDWEST CHAPTER AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Olson called for a recess at 5:38 PM with meeting to resume at 8:30 AM the next morning. The meeting resumed on Friday, December 7th, at 8:35 AM in the same location with Commissioners Olson, Knippling, Spies, Cooper, Peterson, and Jensen present. Commissioner Sather was absent. Secretary Vonk was present along with public, staff, and media numbering about twenty.

Executive Session

Chairman Olson declared it time for the Executive Session. The Executive Session began at 8:36 AM to discuss a Concessionaire contractual matter. Commissioners, Secretary Vonk, Director Hofer, Al Nedved, and Debra Ascher were present. The Executive Session concluded at 9:02 AM.

Wildlife Damage Management Working Group

Assistant Director Emmett Keyser presented an updated member list for the GFP Wildlife Damage Management (WDM) Program to the Commission. This group will meet on January 14, 2013, to learn about the components, efforts, and success of the WDM Program with plans to review the program again a few months later. Commissioner

Cooper asked that the Department of Ag be provided similar information to help educate them about the components and efforts of the program.

Wind Cave Elk Movement Plan

Chief of Resources for Wind Cave Greg Schroeder shared the tentative approach and plan for moving elk out of Wind Cave Park for the coming winter. In 2009, the Wind Cave Elk Management Plan was finalized with a preferred alternative for elk which included the use of jump gates. The gates were installed and have been lowered to encourage and assist elk to move out of Wind Cave Park for the summer. The gates are raised to discourage movement back into Wind Cave through the hunting season and then lowered to allow the elk to winter in Wind Cave Park. Currently, there are more than 900 elk in Wind Cave Park and secondary options include rounding up the elk to move them elsewhere; however, moving live elk is currently under a moratorium. Shooting elk in the park is another option but is not what they want to do.

Wind Cave is willing to facilitate opportunity to hunters outside of Wind Cave Park by lowering the jump gates on the west and north sides of Wind Cave Park and with the use of horses to herd some elk out of Wind Cave this winter. This effort will be evaluated to determine success and if it would happen again next year. Once the elk are moved or pushed out of Wind Cave the gates will be put up. Some of the elk may go onto private land; however, efforts will be focused on moving the elk into Custer State Park and into Unit 3.

Chief Kirschenmann indicated other activities include scheduled meetings with landowners, staff, public, and organizations about this approach to moving elk out of Wind Cave Park and improving the Black Hills elk herd.

2013 Season Setting Schedule

Tom Kirschenmann presented the schedule for setting hunting seasons and regulations. This provides information for Commissioners and the public to know when a particular season will be presented to the Commission for review. Kirschenmann identified changes to the schedule.

Returned Deer Hunting License Results

Chief Kirschenmann indicated 2,624 deer licenses were returned for a total return of 4,354 tags and a reimbursement total of \$176,670. Kirschenmann provided a table with a breakdown for some counties of the returned, removed, and reduced licenses as well as a map showing where the 3,417 deer with EHD were reported. The hunter survey conducted following the deer hunting seasons will better determine the impact EHD had on the deer herd.

Missouri River Reservoir Water Levels

Chief John Lott indicated this report expresses concerns of water levels on Lake Oahe due to the drought and that downstream users are requesting additional water for barge traffic. Lott shared a graph showing the annual water levels on Oahe. The Corp has a master plan that includes a plan for drought measures that includes storage in the reservoirs.

Lake Oahe was to have higher levels for the spawning season in 2012; however, with lack of water runoff in the southern states, the waters were only raised a foot last April. Lake Oahe will again be favored in 2013, but the long-term forecast does not show moisture in the plains this winter and there may not be much runoff this coming spring. A group of downstream legislators are calling for a release of water and an upper basin group of legislators do not want a release.

Director Hofer indicated Lake Oahe is currently 25 feet lower than July of 2011 during the flood. The CORP of Engineers acknowledged there is a drought, and the Missouri Reservoir System is to hold enough water for a 12-year drought and the CORP desires to follow the law and hold the water. Hofer shared the lowest level on Lake Oahe has been at 1567. It is unknown how full the bays are from the movement of silt due the flooding of 2011 as well as the effect on the low water ramps that were developed during the last drought. A letter has been signed by three governors (including Governor Daugaard) and Congressional members to the President of the United States indicating it will be illegal to release water from the reservoirs for barge traffic. Discussion included boat ramps, costs, bay conditions, and road repair for access.

Chris Marsh and Al Nedved gave a presentation showing the snowmobile trail information that is available online and with smart phones. The Global Information Systems (GIS) is able to provide a live interactive map allowing snowmobilers more and better information to plan their trip. Users can zoom on an area or trail and see current trail conditions and info about the last snow event. This shows businesses, federal lands, trailheads, and can be used on smart phones while using their GPS functions at the same time.

Tom Kirschenmann indicated the Wildlife Comprehensive Action Plan of 2006 is undergoing an update and there will be two open houses to garner input from the public for improvements or concerns. The meetings are at the Rapid City Outdoor Campus on December 12 and on December 13 at the Outdoor Campus in Sioux Falls. This plan assists with federal funds for habitat development dollars.

Kirschenmann presented to the Commissioners a copy of *The Ring-Necked Pheasants: Thriving in South Dakota* as is the third book in a series.

Commissioner Knippling asked about the elk study and Hofer indicated about 16 calves were reported in Custer State Park earlier this week and the Unit 3 report remains unchanged and no additional elk calves were lost to lion predation.

Motion by Jensen with second by Spies to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 10:03 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Vonk, Department Secretary

Appendix A

RESOLUTION NO. 12 - 18

Whereas, the State of South Dakota, Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, is the owner of the following described real property located in Custer County, South Dakota, to wit:

Section 36, Township 4 South, Range 6 East; and

Whereas, the Department has received a request from The Nature Conservancy, a non-profit corporation, to grant an access easement over and across the above described real property for the sole and exclusive benefit of and for the purpose of providing access to the following described real property owned by The Nature Conservancy located in Custer County, South Dakota, to wit:

Section 31: E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$
Section 30: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$
Section 29: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$
Section 32: N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the N $\frac{1}{2}$
all in Township 4 South, Range 7 East; and

Whereas, the Commission has reviewed any and all comments that may have been received relative to the granting of said easement and after consideration of the same, the Commission hereby approves the granting of said easement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution, together with a right-of-way easement substantially in the form appearing in the attachment to this Resolution, to the Office of the Commissioner of School and Public Lands with the request that the Commissioner submit the easement to the Governor for his approval and, if approved by the Governor, that the easement be signed by the Governor and attested by the Commissioner, and that said easement thereafter be filed for record in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Custer County, South Dakota.

Instrument Drafted by:
Diane B. Ray
The Nature Conservancy
1101 West River Parkway, Suite 200
Minneapolis, MN 55415

GRANT OF EASEMENT

WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota and its Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, Grantor, whose address is 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota, 57501 P.O., is the owner of the following described real estate in Custer County, South Dakota:

Section 36, Township 4 South, Range 6 East

(Grantor's Property).

WHEREAS, The Nature Conservancy, a non-profit corporation of the District of Columbia, Grantee, whose address is 4245 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1606 P.O., is the owner of the following described real estate in Custer County, South Dakota:

Section 31: E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 30: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 29: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 32: N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the N $\frac{1}{2}$

all in Township 4 South, Range 7 East

(Grantee's Property).

WHEREAS, Grantee desires to cross the Grantor's property for access to Grantee's property;

NOW, THEREFORE, Grantor, for good and valuable consideration, hereby grants and conveys to Grantee a non-exclusive perpetual easement for ingress and egress over and across the Grantor's Property in order to gain access to Grantee's Property, and for the use and maintenance of an existing road 12 feet in width (the "Road"), the location of which is shown on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Grantee shall have no right to widen, or expand the road across the Grantor's Property, nor shall Grantee have the right to relocate the Road. Grantee may, but is not obligated

to, repair, maintain or improve the Road across Grantor's Property, provided that the surface of the Road may only be covered with pervious materials such as gravel. Grantee may undertake improvements to the Road, such as grading, resurfacing with gravel, and culvert work, with the prior written permission of the Grantor. Grantor shall have no obligation to Grantee to repair, maintain, or improve the Road across the Grantors' Property.

Grantee, and its successors and assigns, agree to indemnify and hold the Grantor, its successors and assigns, harmless from any and all expenses, costs, or liability caused by or resulting from its actions or inactions in connection with its use of the Grantor's property.

The easement granted herein is appurtenant to the Grantee's Property. It shall run with that land for the benefit of the Grantee, for so long as Grantee holds an interest in the Grantee's property, and for the benefit of all subsequent owners of the Grantee's property, under the terms and conditions specified above.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2012.

ATTEST:

DENNIS DAUGAARD
Commissioner
GOVERNOR of South Dakota

JARROD JOHNSON,
of School and Public Lands

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
) SS
COUNTY OF HUGHES)

On this ____ day of _____, 2012, before me the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared DENNIS DAUGAARD, GOVERNOR of South Dakota, and known to me to be the person who executed the Deed for the purposes contained therein.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

(NOTARY SEAL)

Notary Public, South Dakota

Appendix B

Concession agreement goes here.

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Appendix C

RESOLUTION 12-20

SUPPORT FOR OUTDOOR HERITAGE PROJECTS

WHEREAS, Governor Daugaard has proposed \$4 million in general funds to assist and encourage the development of three priority Outdoor Heritage Projects within the South Dakota State Park System.

WHEREAS, the Outdoor Heritage Projects include improvements at Blood Run Nature Area, Custer State Park, and the Mickelson Trail.

WHEREAS, the completion of these projects will require partnerships with the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation, and other organizations, agencies, and contributors across South Dakota.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks Commission supports Governor Daugaard's Budget Proposal for Outdoor Heritage Projects and the role the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks will play in ensuring its success.

Appendix D

RESOLUTION 12-19

BIGHORN SHEEP AUCTION LICENSE APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission has promulgated rules to provide for a bighorn sheep license to be auctioned by a nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to big game management providing that at least three bighorn sheep licenses are made available, and;

WHEREAS, applications submitted by nonprofit conservation organizations to auction a bighorn sheep license must meet the criteria and requirements outlined in rule established by the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission, and;

WHEREAS, the Wild Sheep Foundation – Midwest Chapter has submitted a letter of application and supportive information which meets the requirements outlined by the Commission in Administrative Rule within the Black Hills Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season chapter (41:06:56);

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission accept and approve the application submitted by the Wild Sheep Foundation – Midwest Chapter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission approves the Secretary to issue one bighorn sheep auction license to the successful bidder as submitted by the Wild Sheep Foundation – Midwest Chapter to the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks.

Public Hearing Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
December 6, 2012

Chuck Schlueter began the Public Hearing at 2 PM indicating two written comments were received and he read them. Oral testimony followed.

Spring Turkey Hunting Season

Ron Schara of Ramsey, MN, wrote: "As a nonresident who has hunted turkeys in the Black Hills and Prairie for more than 40 years, I have a keen interest in the boundary changes. But who can comment based on the boundary map and recommended changes provided on the website? The exact boundary changes recommended are impossible to follow based on the information I've received. Therefore, I am opposed to the changes largely because I don't know what they are. How about a better map next time??"

Mike Authier of Vivian, SD, wrote: "I will make this short and sweet! I am very much against moving the Black Hills boundary to the Interstate as the boundary is the Black Hills not where someone decided to put a road! The property that is on the north side of the Interstate is just as much the Black Hills as anywhere else and is not fair clumping it so as to make it convenient for some people. I appreciate your time and I will be contacting all of you personally also."

Scott Kuck of Aberdeen, SD, testified expressing his concern about the Black Hills turkey seasons and that his father worked for GFP for many years. He has two cabins in the southwest part of the Black Hills and has hunted there for about thirty years. The turkeys have more hunting pressure in the Moon area as nonresident and resident hunters use this area to access the hills. He suggested specific units for the turkey season similar to deer and elk units as this will limit hunting in particular areas and manage the turkey populations better. The population in his area is half of what it was 20 years ago."

The Public Hearing concluded at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Vonk, Department Secretary

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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Application for exception to regular fee

Type of List Requested S.D. Archery License holders

Number of licenses in list _____

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list: South Dakota Bowhunters www.sdbi.net

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:
P.O. Box 351
Pierre, SD 57501

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

Email Address: dpenning@sdfuneral.com

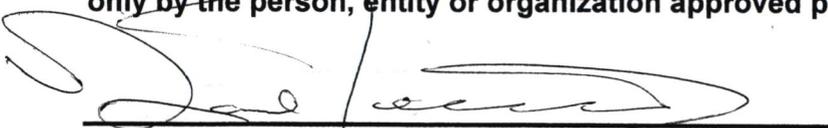
Phone Number 605 3608231 Dale Penning, Treasurer

Purpose for which list will be used:
SD Bowhunters will be having their Annual Convention
We want to mail invites to event. 2013 will be
held in Aberdeen Feb 12+13. 2014 will be in Rapid City.

This list is Names and Mailing Addresses ONLY

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Authorized Signature of Purchaser

12-12-12
Date

Date of Commission Action

GAME, FISH & PARKS

523 East Capital
Pierre, SD 57501
(605)773-4510
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*Need by ³⁶
January 25, 2013*

REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Type of List Requested Most current waterfowl license buyers
Number of Licenses in list sorted by non residents & resident

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:

Delta Waterfowl Foundation

Phone Number

(701) 222-8857

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:

1312 Basin Ave
Bismarck, ND 58504

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

Email Address: sdinius@deltawaterfowl.org

Purpose for which list will be used:

Membership Acquisition

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Sarah J. Dimius
Authorized Signature of Purchaser

1-4-13
Date

Date of Commission Action

License Sales Totals

(Calendar Year 2012 - Final Sales Report)

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date updated: 17 December 2011

	2012	2011	%
			Change
Resident Predator/Varmint	1,669	1,559	7.1%
Furbearer	4,050	3,155	28.4%
Resident Small Game	27,876	31,871	-12.5%
Resident 1-Day Small Game	1,121	1,082	3.6%
Resident Youth Small Game	5,746	5,818	-1.2%
Resident Migratory Bird Certificate	30,607	30,544	0.2%
Combination	46,183	43,437	6.3%
Junior Combination	8,178	7,498	9.1%
Resident Senior Combination	5,242	0	
Resident 1-Day Fishing	6,802	6,908	-1.5%
Resident Annual Fishing	68,304	58,055	17.7%
Senior Fishing	13,335	16,180	-17.6%
Resident Gamefish Spearing/Archery	2,036	2,064	-1.4%
Nonresident Predator/Varmint	5,374	5,044	6.5%
Nonresident Furbearer	16	87	-81.6%
Nonresident Small Game	95,298	96,971	-1.7%
Nonresident Youth Small Game	3,064	3,140	-2.4%
Nonresident Annual Shooting Preserve	483	539	-10.4%
Nonresident 5-day Shooting Preserve	9,398	8,619	9.0%
Nonresident 1-day Shooting Preserve	1,109	1,090	1.7%
Nonresident Migratory Bird Certificate	1,179	1,196	-1.4%
Nonresident Spring Light Goose	2,738	3,643	-24.8%
Nonresident Youth Spring Light Goose	106	130	-18.5%
Nonresident 1-Day Fishing	22,464	19,258	16.6%
Nonresident 3-Day Fishing	22,176	18,532	19.7%
Nonresident Annual Fishing	20,378	14,945	36.4%
Nonresident Family Fishing	8,071	6,709	20.3%
Nonresident Youth Annual Fishing	1,155	729	58.4%
Nonresident Gamefish Spearing/Archery	321	316	1.6%
TOTAL ON FILE =	414,479	389,119	6.5%

As of December 15th, hunting and fishing license sales for the 2012 licensing year are complete. Projected 2012 license sale revenue when budgets were prepared was \$26,450,845. Actual revenue from sale of 2012 licenses was \$26,388,664.

Environmental issues such as drought, disease and habitat loss impacted small game and deer populations, which in turn contributed to a decrease in the sale of both resident and nonresident small game and deer licenses. Revenue from these licenses was \$782,000 less than projected. Good fishing and improved access led to strong fishing and combination license sales. Sale of fishing licenses outpaced projections by \$697,000.

Nonresident small game licenses sales, which account for approximately 20% of the Division of Wildlife budget, were \$11,856,595, down \$243,260 from 2011 sales.

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

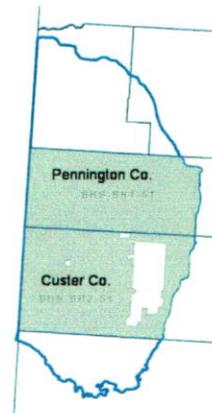
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Black Hills Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:56

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	December 6-7, 2012	Pierre
	Public Hearing	January 10, 2013	Ft. Pierre
	Finalization	January 10-11, 2013	Ft. Pierre

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. One "any bighorn sheep" license will be sold by auction pending approval of auction license rules by the Interim Rules Review Committee.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

1. Change all "any bighorn sheep" licenses to "ram bighorn sheep" licenses.

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

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

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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Public Water Zoning Chapter 41:04:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 10-11, 2013	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	March 7, 2013	Ft. Pierre
	Finalization	March 7-8, 2013	Ft. Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Repeal the current safety zone designated on Helgeson Slough in Clark County.

41:04:02:12. Clark County public water safety zones. Clark County public water safety zones are as follows:

~~(2) That portion of Helgeson Slough in sections 27 and 34 of township 115 north, range 56 west, is a "no boating zone" from March 1 to July 31, inclusive.~~

2. Repeal the current safety zones designated on portions of Rock Crandall Game Production Area on Opitz Lake and East Stink Lake in Marshall County.

41:04:02:45. Marshall County public water safety zones. Marshall County public water safety zones are as follows:

~~(3) The waters of Rock Crandall Game Production Area and contiguous waters in section 26, the north one half of section 35, and the northwest one quarter of section 36, township 125 north, range 56 west, are a "no boating zone" from March 1 to July 31, inclusive;~~

~~(4) The waters of East Stink Lake and contiguous waters east of State Highway 25 in sections 10 and 15, township 125 north, range 55 west; sections 11, 14, and 15, township 125 north, range 55 west; section 2, township 125 north, range 54 west; and section 35, township 126 north, ranges 54 west are a "no boating zone" from March 1 to July 31, inclusive.~~

Justification: Department staff has determined these respective public safety zones no longer serve the objective as when initially designated as a safety zone. Islands or shorelines associated with these safety zones were developed and used as Canada goose "feeding sites". These feeding sites are one tool used to alleviate depredation damage to crops by Canada geese and the safety zones reduced or eliminated disturbance by boaters in these areas to improve the attractiveness of these areas by local Canada geese. Due to recent land use changes and observed behavior of Canada geese, these areas no longer function as a successful management tool as a feeding site. Therefore, these safety zones can be removed on these areas and anglers will benefit from these local fisheries that have recently developed.

3. Add a new safety zone designated as follows:

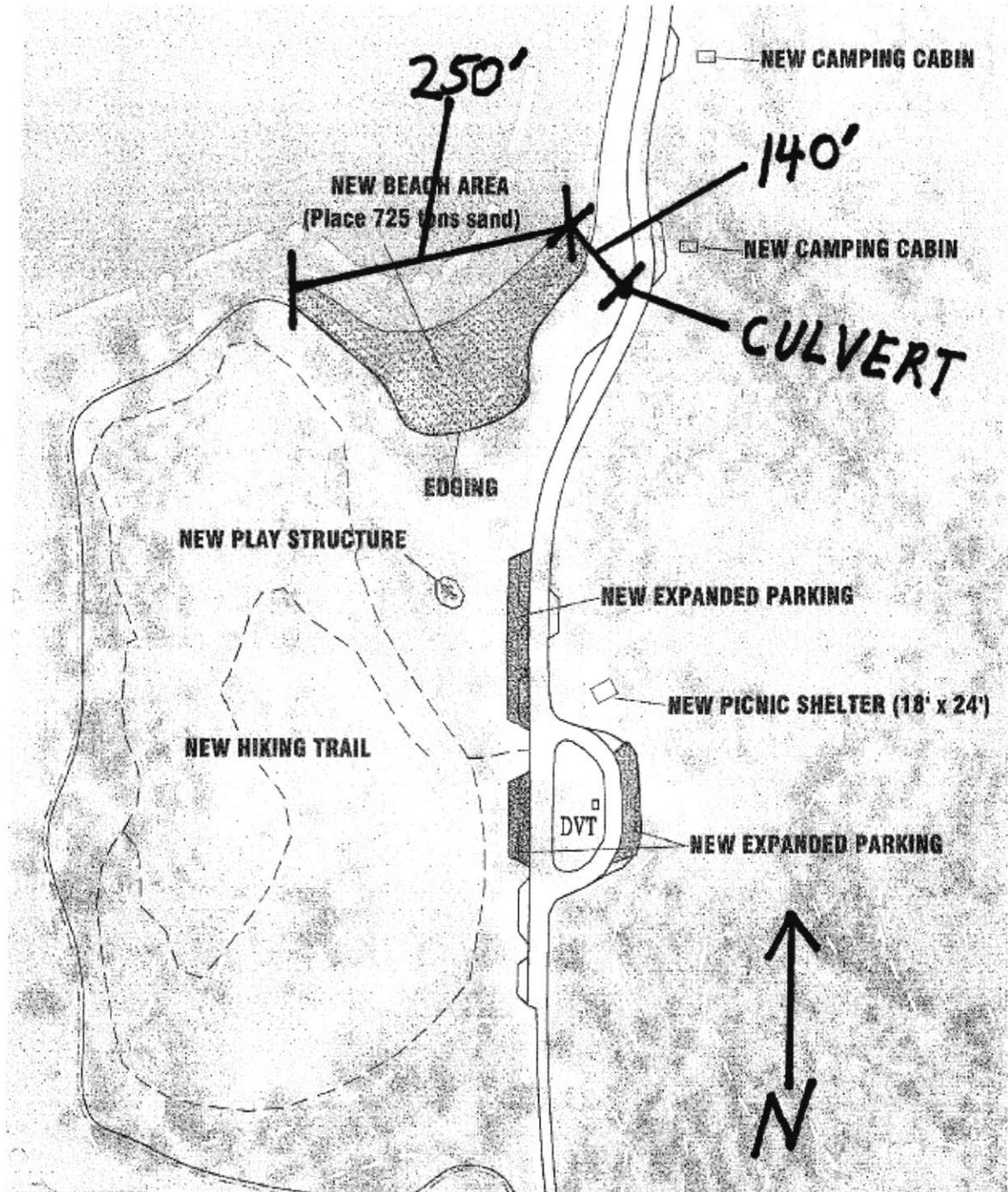
41:04:02:11. Charles Mix County public water safety zones. Charles Mix County public water safety zones are as follows:

(10) The waters of Lake Francis Case fronting on that portion of the shoreline of Platte Creek Recreation Area, from a point on the west facing culvert near the road across from the Cabin #2 pull off, extending 140 feet in a north-northwesterly direction to the water's edge, then extending 250 feet along the shoreline in a south-southwesterly direction are a "public swim zone".

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Justification: A public swimming zone currently does not exist at Platte Creek Recreation Area. Approximately 60,000 visitors come to the recreation area annually, many of which are day users who come to the park specifically to partake in swimming and beach activities. Designation of a zoned swimming beach would increase personal safety for swimmers. Boats and personal watercrafts are prohibited within a public swimming zone. The recreation area has other shoreline that is suitable to meet the needs of boaters.

Platte Creek Recreation Area



APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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4. Repeal two current safety zones designated on Clear Lake in Marshall County.

41:04:02:45. Marshall County public water safety zones. Marshall County public water safety zones are as follows:

(1) ~~Clear Lake:~~

- (a) ~~The waters fronting on the north shore starting approximately 50 feet south of the cement boat ramp at the Clear Lake Resort and running in a southeasterly direction for approximately 200 feet are a "public swimming zone";~~
- (b) ~~The waters fronting on the east shore starting approximately 150 feet north of the south edge of Clear lake Recreation Area and running northerly approximately 600 feet are a "public swimming zone";~~

Justification: Department staff has determined that these respective public safety zones no longer serve the objective as when initially designated as a safety zone. The Clear Lake Resort no longer exists as an operating business and the boat ramp has been removed. The public no longer frequents the area to swim. The Clear Lake Recreation Area has been reclassified as a Lakeside Use Area and the predominant public use is as a boat launch site. The area sees very little swimming activity.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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Custer State Park FY 12 Mountain Pine Beetle Cost Summary ¹⁰

Item	Cost (\$)
Contract Suppression Costs - <u>Treating approximately 100,000 trees</u>	\$1,580,934
Other MPB Related Costs - <u>Primarily Buffer Thinning on 667 acres</u>	\$244,413
Treatments on other State Lands - <u>Mickelson Trail - 2,734 trees</u>	\$31,263
Additional Costs - <u>Marking infested trees/Supplies and Materials</u>	\$336,265
Grand Total	\$2,192,875

- Sylvan Lake was approximately 25% of the effort this year ~ \$500,000
- FY 2005 to 2012 total cost = \$3,719,776

Custer State Park FY13 Mountain Pine Beetle Work Summary

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- Current estimate - 46,000 infested trees (park-wide)
- Treatments –
 - 50% of infested trees will be harvested and removed
 - 50% will be cut and chunked
- 5 private contractors will harvest and remove infested trees
- 3 private contractors will cut & chunk infested trees
- To date we have completed –
 - Marked 28,000 trees on 12,000 acres
 - Treated 7,500 trees

Summary of FY12 Mountain Pine Beetle work in Custer State Park

- Treated approximately 100,000 infested trees.
 - Cut and removed - 55,000
 - Cut and chunked - 45,000
- Used 14 crews and contractors
 - 9 private contractors
 - 4 Wildland Fire Suppression
 - 1 DOC inmate crew
- Thinned 667 acres
- Prepared 2,500 acres of timber sales

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JANUARY- DECEMBER 2012 REVENUE COMPARISON BY DISTRICT

	2011		2012		% Change
	# Sold	\$ Sold	# Sold	\$ Sold	
Annual	42,973	\$ 1,203,237.00	48,673	\$ 1,362,835.10	13.3%
Second Vehicle	13,529	\$ 189,402.00	14,118	\$ 197,648.00	4.4%
Combo	14,854	\$ 623,875.00	18,799	\$ 789,551.00	26.6%
Transferable	815	\$ 48,872.00	968	\$ 58,089.00	18.9%
Daily / Person (\$4)	28,700	\$ 114,801.85	31,114	\$ 124,455.18	8.4%
Daily / Vehicle (\$6)	65,625	\$ 393,751.31	76,133	\$ 456,799.92	16.0%
Unattended Vehicle Daily (\$4)	377	\$ 1,508.00	187	\$ 746.00	-50.5%
Unattended Vehicle Daily (\$10)	1,127	\$ 11,272.95	1,543	\$ 15,427.00	36.8%
Motorcoach Permit	11,926	\$ 35,778.00	14,126	\$ 42,377.00	18.4%
GSM Annual Trail Pass (\$15)	2,469	\$ 37,041.00	2,534	\$ 38,010.00	2.6%
GSM Daily Trail Pass (\$3)	16,363	\$ 49,089.00	17,329	\$ 51,987.00	5.9%
CSP Temp Daily / Person (\$6)	399	\$ 2,394.00	0	\$ -	-100.0%
CSP Temp Daily / Vehicle (\$15)	127,626	\$ 1,914,394.00	136,725	\$ 2,050,870.00	7.1%
CSP Unattended (\$15)	0	\$ -	1	\$ 15.00	
Bike Band (\$10)	15,416	\$ 154,160.00	17,901	\$ 179,010.00	
Rally Bike Band (\$10)	36,439	\$ 364,390.00	38,879	\$ 388,790.00	6.7%
One-Day Special Event	N/A	\$ 9,730.00	N/A	\$ 15,278.00	57.0%
	<u>378,639</u>	<u>\$ 5,153,696.11</u>	<u>419,028</u>	<u>\$5,771,888.20</u>	<u>12.0%</u>
Camping Services Permits		\$ 5,130,188.64		\$ 5,705,057.96	11.2%
Picnic Reservations		\$ 7,703.70		\$ 10,263.40	33.2%
Firewood	30,165	\$ 120,659.20	30,570	\$ 122,281.21	1.3%
Gift Card		\$ -		\$ 9,020.00	
		<u>\$ 5,258,551.54</u>		<u>\$ 5,846,622.57</u>	<u>11.2%</u>
Totals:		\$10,412,247.65		\$11,618,510.77	11.6%

JANUARY - DECEMBER 2012 REVENUE COMPARISON BY DISTRICT

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Dis Park	2011	2012	% Change	Dis Park	2011	2012	% Change
1 Fort Sisseton Roy Lake Sica Hollow	\$236,032.90	\$242,572.87	2.8%	10 North Point North Wheeler Pease Creek Randall Creek South Shore Whetstone Bay	\$324,610.31	\$479,486.11	47.7%
2 Richmond Lake Mina Lake Lake Louise Fisher Grove Amsden	\$199,846.85	\$219,811.87	10.0%	11 Farm Island West Bend	\$223,771.26	\$362,354.60	61.9%
3 Sandy Shore Hartford Beach Lake Cochrane Pelican South Pickerel Lake	\$423,415.05	\$449,030.00	6.0%	12 Oahe Downstream West Shore Cow Creek Okobojo Point Spring Creek East Shore	\$188,667.92	\$429,467.98	127.6%
4 Oakwood Lakes Lake Poinsett Lake Thompson	\$526,902.16	\$573,489.10	8.8%	13 West Whitlock Lake Hiddenwood East Whitlock Swan Creek Bush's Landing Indian Creek Revheim Bay Little Bend Bob's Landing Walth Bay West Pollock	\$341,657.80	\$353,460.10	3.5%
5 Lake Herman Walkers Point	\$261,577.76	\$244,497.61	-6.5%	14 GSM Trail Bear Butte	\$126,449.12	\$135,335.09	7.0%
6 Snake Creek Platte Creek Burke Lake Buryanek	\$309,750.36	\$369,159.85	19.2%	15 Shadehill Llewellyn Johns Rocky Point	\$266,794.50	\$263,486.70	-1.2%
7 Palisades Lake Vermillion Big Sioux	\$524,985.10	\$613,910.51	16.9%	16 Custer	\$4,142,483.38	\$4,402,428.99	6.3%
8 Newton Hills Lake Alvin Union Grove Adams	\$400,964.05	\$406,915.41	1.5%	17 Angostura	\$404,976.77	\$438,100.36	8.2%
9 Lewis & Clark Tabor Sand Creek Springfield Chief White Crane Pierson Ranch	\$1,455,186.36	\$1,564,098.62	7.5%	20 Pierre Office	\$54,176.00	\$70,905.00	30.9%
				TOTALS:	<u>\$10,412,247.65</u>	<u>\$11,618,510.77</u>	<u>11.6%</u>

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JANUARY - DECEMBER 2012 VISITATION COMPARISON

Dist Park	2011	2012	% Change	Dist Park	2011	2012	% Change
1 Fort Sisseton	69,184	76,966	11.2%	9 Lewis & Clark	917,588	961,455	4.8%
Roy Lake	214,947	160,586	-25.3%	Springfield	90,508	91,250	0.8%
Sica Hollow	46,762	19,062	-59.2%	Chief White Crane	117,934	119,042	0.9%
	<u>330,893</u>	<u>256,614</u>	<u>-22.4%</u>	Pierson Ranch	67,680	69,646	2.9%
					<u>1,193,710</u>	<u>1,241,393</u>	<u>4.0%</u>
2 Richmond Lake	56,593	61,044	7.9%	10 North Point	69,731	103,194	48.0%
Mina Lake	39,313	44,722	13.8%	North Wheeler	11,551	15,114	30.8%
Lake Louise	38,643	39,882	3.2%	Pease Creek	21,480	23,395	8.9%
Fisher Grove	7,560	6,634	-12.2%	Randall Creek	82,375	75,041	-8.9%
	<u>142,109</u>	<u>152,282</u>	<u>7.2%</u>	Ft. Randall Marina	5,003	7,267	45.3%
					<u>190,140</u>	<u>224,011</u>	<u>17.8%</u>
3 Sandy Shore	35,302	38,009	7.7%	11 Farm Island	68,425	150,464	119.9%
Hartford Beach	71,557	77,941	8.9%	West Bend	24,613	29,101	18.2%
Lake Cochrane	32,719	33,355	1.9%		<u>93,038</u>	<u>179,565</u>	<u>93.0%</u>
Pelican South	50,492	64,945	28.6%	12 Oahe Downstream	147,410	358,511	143.2%
Pickerel Lake	56,742	61,717	8.8%	LaFramboise Island	5,585	3,842	-31.2%
	<u>246,812</u>	<u>275,967</u>	<u>11.8%</u>	Cow Creek	222,358	341,080	53.4%
				Okobojo Point	32,185	36,362	13.0%
4 Oakwood Lakes	82,023	76,337	-6.9%	Spring Creek	138,642	129,276	-6.8%
Lake Poinsett	62,620	66,586	6.3%		<u>546,180</u>	<u>869,071</u>	<u>59.1%</u>
Lake Thompson	52,097	64,427	23.7%				
	<u>196,740</u>	<u>207,350</u>	<u>5.4%</u>				
5 Lake Herman	97,581	108,960	11.7%	13 West Whitlock	69,498	98,059	41.1%
Walkers Point	53,560	54,848	2.4%	Lake Hiddenwood	12,397	15,814	27.6%
	<u>151,141</u>	<u>163,808</u>	<u>8.4%</u>	Swan Creek	32,632	34,524	5.8%
				Indian Creek	113,623	95,484	-16.0%
6 Snake Creek	161,205	174,287	8.1%	Revheim Bay	43,821	36,883	-15.8%
Platte Creek	46,287	61,065	31.9%	West Pollock	26,796	26,570	-0.8%
Burke Lake	22,230	23,455	5.5%		<u>298,767</u>	<u>307,334</u>	<u>2.9%</u>
Buryanek	31,578	38,194	21.0%				
	<u>261,300</u>	<u>297,001</u>	<u>13.7%</u>				
7 Palisades	65,491	74,000	13.0%	14 Bear Butte	36,051	35,379	-1.9%
Lake Vermillion	109,092	128,905	18.2%		<u>36,051</u>	<u>35,379</u>	<u>-1.9%</u>
Big Sioux	63,298	76,965	21.6%	15 Shadehill	60,917	70,782	16.2%
Beaver Creek	28,508	31,847	11.7%	Llewellyn Johns	4,679	3,997	-14.6%
	<u>266,389</u>	<u>311,717</u>	<u>17.0%</u>	Little Moreau	5,961	5,987	0.4%
				Rocky Point	60,642	59,378	-2.1%
					<u>132,199</u>	<u>140,144</u>	<u>6.0%</u>
8 Newton Hills	105,340	108,665	3.2%				
Lake Alvin	42,113	43,805	4.0%	16 Custer	1,747,176	1,837,359	5.2%
Union Grove	17,584	18,583	5.7%		<u>1,747,176</u>	<u>1,837,359</u>	<u>5.2%</u>
Adams	55,659	67,269	20.9%				
Spirit Mound	14,525	15,923	9.6%	17 Angostura	182,087	182,466	0.2%
	<u>235,221</u>	<u>254,245</u>	<u>8.1%</u>		<u>182,087</u>	<u>182,466</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
				TOTALS:	6,249,953	6,935,706	11.0%

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JANUARY- DECEMBER 2012 CAMPING UNIT COMPARISON REPORT BY DISTRICT

Dist	Park	2011 Units	2012 Units	%	Dist	Park	2011 Units	2012 Units	%	
1	Fort Sisseton	1,300	1,501	15.5%	9	Lewis & Clark	36,045	37,561	4.2%	
	Roy Lake	5,927	5,760	-2.8%		Tabor	52	56	7.7%	
	Sica Hollow	172	144	-16.3%		Sand Creek	57	84	47.4%	
		<u>7,399</u>	<u>7,405</u>	0.1%		Springfield	587	1,081	84.2%	
2	Richmond Lake	1,400	1,364	-2.6%		Chief White Crane	8,939	9,587	7.2%	
	Mina Lake	2,443	2,570	5.2%		Pierson Ranch	3,856	4,207	9.1%	
	Lake Louise	1,914	2,095	9.5%			<u>49,536</u>	<u>52,576</u>	6.1%	
	Fisher Grove	57	0	-100.0%	10	North Point	1,707	7,032	312.0%	
	Amsden	275	381	38.5%		North Wheeler	181	465	156.9%	
		<u>6,089</u>	<u>6,410</u>	5.3%		Pease Creek	1035	1122	8.4%	
3	Sandy Shore	914	901	-1.4%		Randall Creek	6,638	5,733	-13.6%	
	Hartford Beach	3,082	3,660	18.8%		South Shore	159	237	49.1%	
	Lake Cochrane	1,811	1,835	1.3%		Whetstone Bay	0	289	#DIV/0!	
	Pelican South	3,888	3,738	-3.9%			<u>9,720</u>	<u>14,878</u>	53.1%	
	Pickerel Lake	5,728	5,977	4.3%	11	Farm Island	941	5,775	513.7%	
		<u>15,423</u>	<u>16,111</u>	4.5%		West Bend	6,556	6,467	-1.4%	
4	Oakwood Lakes	7,414	7,577	2.2%			<u>7,497</u>	<u>12,242</u>	63.3%	
	Lake Poinsett	5,200	6,357	22.3%	12	Oahe Downstream	2,314	11,115	380.3%	
	Lake Thompson	4,626	5,459	18.0%		Cow Creek	3329	2714	-18.5%	
		<u>17,240</u>	<u>19,393</u>	12.5%		Okobojo Point	1365	953	-30.2%	
5	Lake Herman	4,950	5,012	1.3%			<u>7,008</u>	<u>14,782</u>	110.9%	
	Walkers Point	2,636	2,807	6.5%	13	West Whitlock	5,172	4,605	-11.0%	
	Lake Carthage	704	611	-13.2%		Lake Hiddenwood	237	324	36.7%	
		<u>8,290</u>	<u>8,430</u>	1.7%		East Whitlock	73	93	27.4%	
6	Snake Creek	8,304	8,629	3.9%		Swan Creek	515	551	7.0%	
	Platte Creek	652	1,274	95.4%		Indian Creek	4,789	5,487	14.6%	
	Burke Lake	90	74	-17.8%		West Pollock	972	927	-4.6%	
	Buryanek	1,186	2,320	95.6%			<u>11,758</u>	<u>11,987</u>	1.9%	
		<u>10,232</u>	<u>12,297</u>	20.2%	14	Bear Butte Lake	837	756	-9.7%	
7	Palisades	3,704	4,005	8.1%			<u>837</u>	<u>756</u>	-9.7%	
	Lake Vermillion	5,710	7,419	29.9%	15	Shadehill	4,314	4,295	-0.4%	
	Big Sioux	4,067	4,622	13.6%		Llewellyn Johns	185	233	25.9%	
		<u>13,481</u>	<u>16,046</u>	19.0%		Rocky Point	3713	3906	5.2%	
8	Newton Hills	9,341	9,528	2.0%			<u>8,212</u>	<u>8,434</u>	3%	
	Union Grove	1,260	1,229	-2.5%	16	Custer	42,644	44,399	4.1%	
		<u>10,601</u>	<u>10,757</u>	1.5%			<u>42,644</u>	<u>44,399</u>	4.1%	
					17	Angostura	12,478	13,483	8.1%	
							<u>12,478</u>	<u>13,483</u>	8.1%	
					TOTAL FEE AREA					
					CAMPER UNITS			238,445	270,386	13.4%

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Refuges Chapter 41:05:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 10-11, 2013	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	March 7, 2013	Ft. Pierre
	Finalization	March 7-8, 2013	Ft. Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

41:05:02:68. Missouri River refuges. (16) The North Shore State Waterfowl Refuge comprises an area on Lake Sharpe enclosed by a line beginning at the Corps of Engineers take line and the south section line of section 36, township 108 north, range 73 west of the fifth principal meridian, Buffalo County; then northerly along the Corps of Engineers take line to the north section line of section 24, township 108 north, range 73 west, Buffalo County; then west along the section line to the water's edge; then southerly along the water's edge to the south section line of section 35, township 108 north, range 73 west; then east along the section line to the point of beginning.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Remove the North Shore State Waterfowl Refuge.

STAFF COMMENTS

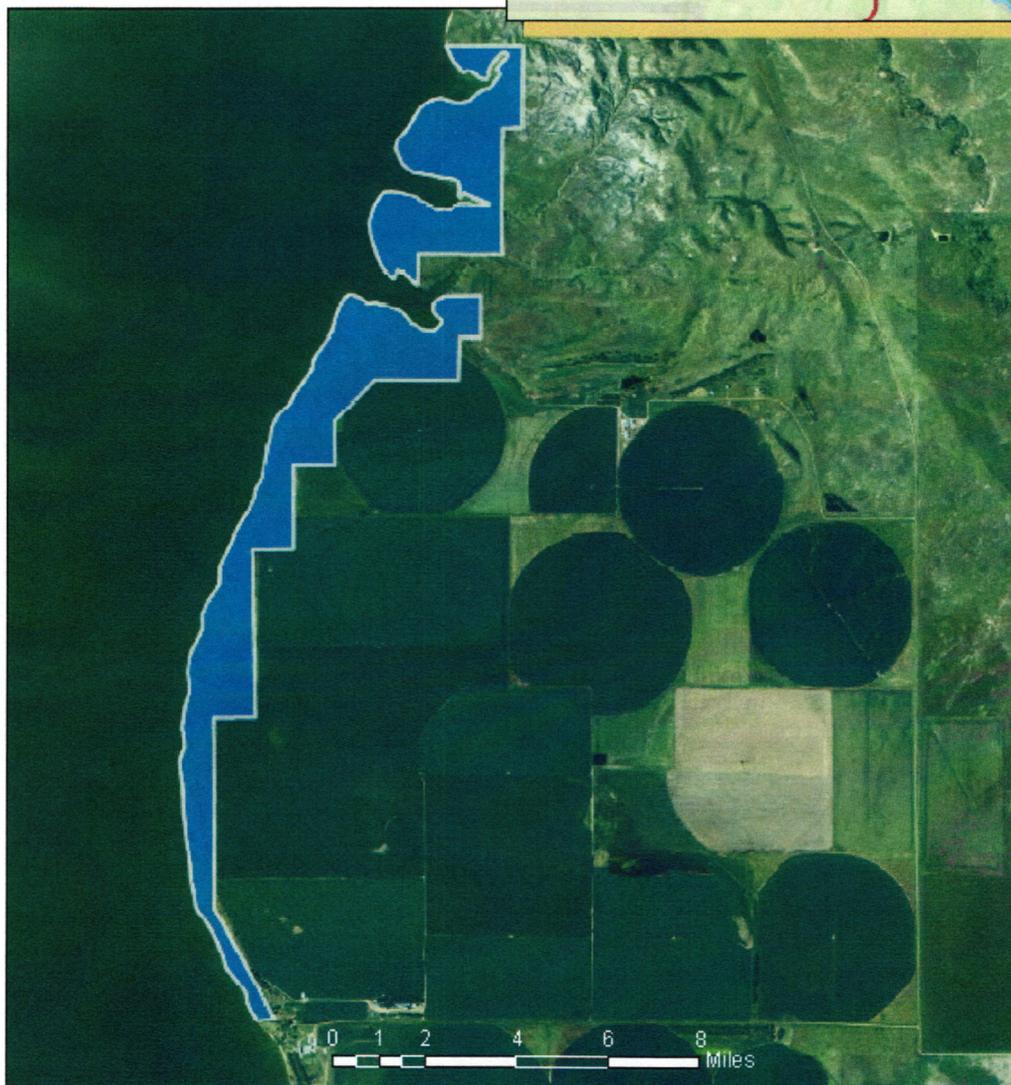
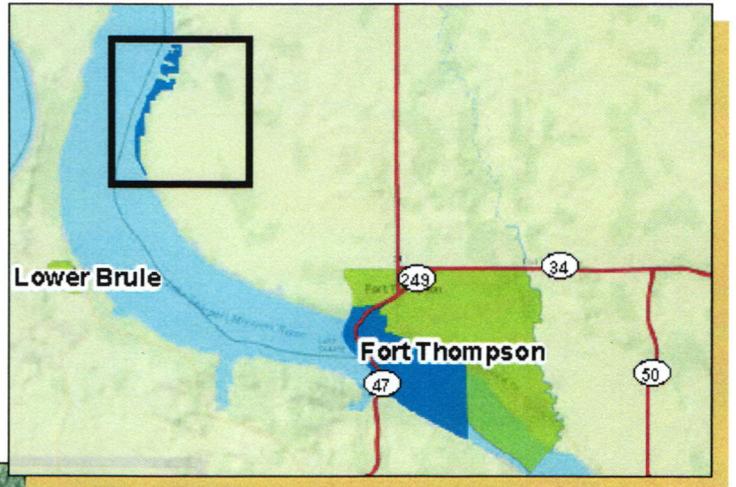
Department staff has determined the North Shore State Waterfowl Refuge along the Missouri River in Buffalo County no longer meets its objective as when initially designated as a waterfowl refuge. The North Shore State Waterfowl Refuge is the only take line waterfowl refuge on the Missouri River that does not also include a water line waterfowl refuge. Without a water line waterfowl refuge in place, hunters can already legally hunt the bays within the refuge. Therefore, a take line waterfowl refuge is not necessary. There is currently no access to the refuge, other than by boat. Therefore, by removing this take line refuge it will likely not increase the hunting pressure by pass shooters. While the use of this area is expected to be minimal, this would open up additional public hunting opportunities for waterfowl hunters. Adjacent landowner is supportive of this recommendation.

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North Shore State Waterfowl Refuge

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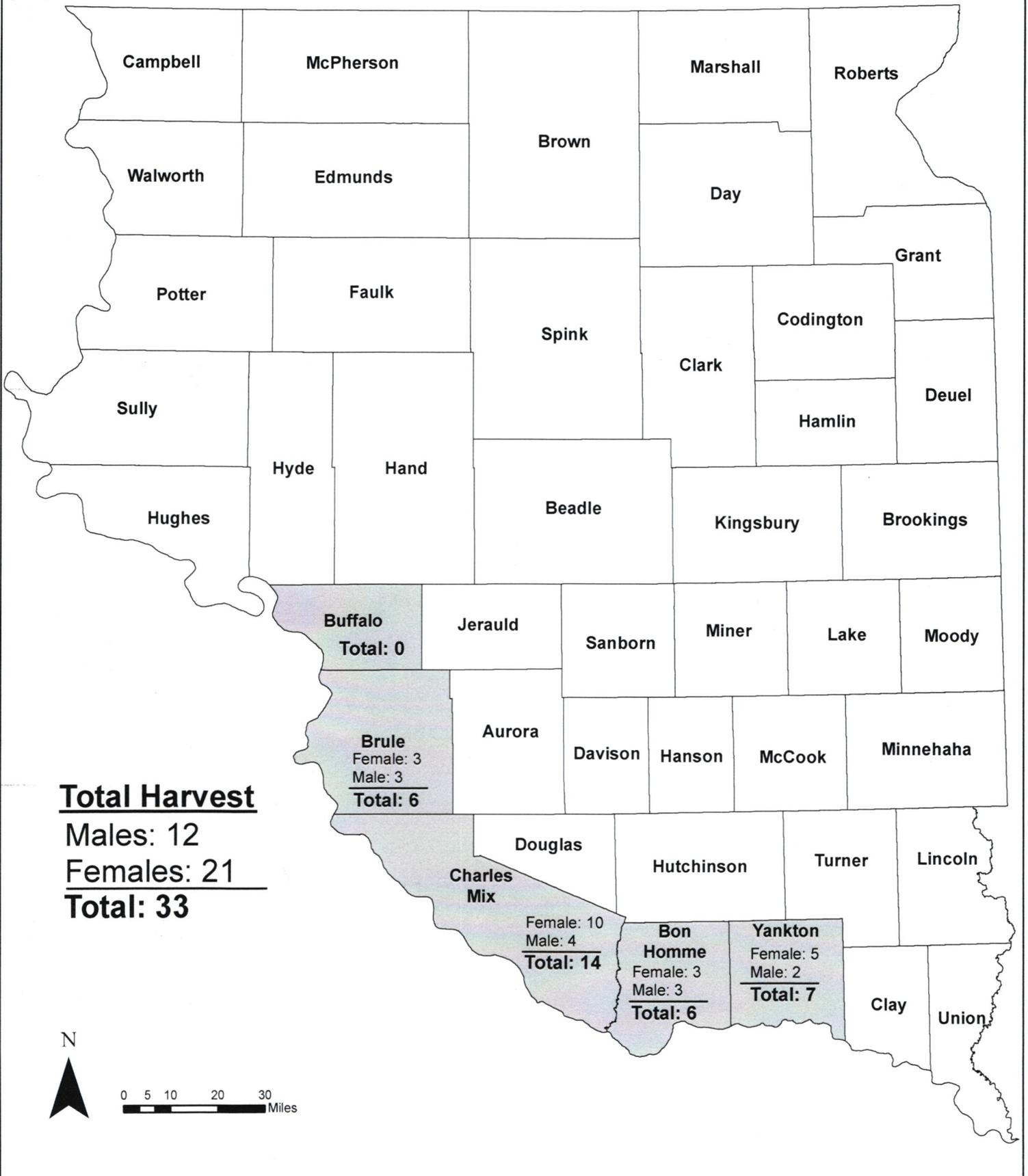
- State Refuges
- City Limits Boundaries
- Lakes and Missouri River
- County Boundaries
- State Highways
 - Interstate
 - US Highway
 - SD Highway



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2012 East River Bobcat Season

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2013 Division of Wildlife Open House Events

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

Hot Springs – Mueller Center

8 January 2013 6 pm to 9 pm

Key topic: Movement of Elk Out of Wind Cave and into Unit 3 and Custer State Park

Rapid City – Outdoor Campus – West

17 January 2013 7 pm to 9 pm

Key topic: West River Fisheries and Fishing Opportunity

Rapid City – Outdoor Campus – West

14 March 2013 7 pm to 9 pm

Key topic: Black Hills Fisheries and Fishing Opportunity

Plans are also in the works to host additional Open House Meetings later this spring and summer. Dates, times and locations will be posted on the GFP Web Page as arrangements are finalized.

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

Other Meetings of Interest:

GFP Staff Meets with Elk Unit 4 Landowners to Discuss Elk Management – Custer State Park
23 January 2013 12 Noon to 3 pm

Western Regional Advisory Panel Meeting – Outdoor Campus – West
24 January 2013 10 AM to 3 PM

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

Current plans are to hold Open House Meetings beginning in late March after the conclusion of the State High School Basketball Tournaments. Meetings will be held in Gregory, Lyman, Walworth, Potter and Charles Mix Counties. Dates, times and locations will be posted on the GFP Web Page as arrangements are finalized.

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Other Meetings of Interest:

Central Regional Advisory Panel Meeting – Ft. Pierre District GFP Office
30 January 2013 (Tentative) 9:30 AM to 3 PM

2013 Division of Wildlife Open House Events

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

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Turner County - Centerville American Legion

21 January 2013 5 PM to 7:30PM

Staff presentations begin at 5:45PM. Key topics include: Access to the Vermillion River, Step Outside Program, Deer Management and Impacts of EHD

McCook County - McCook Wildlife Club (located E. of Salem on Highway 38)

4 February 2013 5 PM to 7:30PM

Staff presentations begin at 5:45PM. Key topics include: Local Fisheries and Fishing Opportunities, Canada Goose Depredation, Deer Management and Impacts of EHD

Moody County - Community Center in Flandreau (802 W. Community Drive)

18 February 2013 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Staff Presentations begin at 6 PM. Key Topics – Deer Management/Seasons, Otters

Sanborn County – Woonsocket Community Center (Main Street)

25 February 2013 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Staff Presentations begin at 6 PM. Key Topics – Deer Management/Seasons, Coyotes, New James River Access

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

Other Meetings of Interest:

Southeast Regional Advisory Panel Meeting – Spring Meeting To Be Announced

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

Open House meetings are in the process of being scheduled for Faulk, Edmunds, Clark, Roberts, Hamlin and Deuel Counties. Dates, times and locations will be posted on the GFP Web Page as arrangements are finalized.

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Other Meetings of Interest:

Northeast Regional Advisory Panel Meeting – Brown County Sportsman's Club (SW Aberdeen)
16 January 2013 5 PM to 9 PM
