

AGENDA
Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
July 8, 2013
Ramkota RiverCentre
920 West Sioux Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

10 AM Governance Session

Call to order 1 PM CDT

Division of Administration

Action items:

1. Approve minutes of the June 2013 meeting
<http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/commission/archive/2013/june/minutes.pdf>
2. Additional Commissioner Salary Days
3. License List Requests

Information item:

4. License Sales Report

Open Forum

Public Hearing at 2 PM

Finalizations

5. Antelope Hunting Season
6. Early Fall Canada Goose Hunting Season
7. Sage Grouse Hunting Season
8. Harvested wolf inspection requirement
9. Bobcat Trapping and Hunting Season

Hunting Season Proposals

10. Waterfowl Hunting Seasons
11. Depredation Hunts and Resolutions

Division of Parks and Recreation

Information items:

12. Good Earth State Park Dedication
13. Major Project Building Committee Reports
14. June Park Revenue and Visitation Reports

Division of Wildlife

Action item:

15. Renzienhausen Slough SGR

Information items:

16. Antelope Population Update
17. Rocky Mountain Elk Annual Report
18. Wildlife Diversity Update
19. Education Events

Adjourn

Next meeting is August 1-2, 2013, Watertown Event Center

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
June 6-7, 2013

Chair Susie Knippling called the meeting to order at 1 PM CDT in the Visitor's Center on Capitol Lake, Pierre, SD. Commissioners Susie Knippling, John Cooper, Duane Sather, Jim Spies, Cathy Peterson, Gary Jensen, and Barry Jensen were present. Secretary Jeff Vonk was present along with media, staff, and public numbering about fifty.

Division of Administration

Chair Knippling called for any additions or corrections to the May 2-3, 2013, meeting minutes or a motion for approval.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Cooper TO APPROVE THE MAY 2-3, 2013, MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Knippling called for additional Commissioner Salary days and Peterson requested two days for the Big Game Review and the Bonn Homme County Open House.

Motion by Cooper with second by Spies TO APPROVE THE TWO ADDITIONAL SALARY DAYS REQUESTED BY PETERSON. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Chris Petersen presented the following license list requests for Commission action:

Cabela's Inc. requested a list of the 2013 resident and nonresident small game license holders for a promotional mailing announcing the pheasant opener. This is a full fee request.

Motion by Spies with second by Sather TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST FROM CABELA'S AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Pheasants Forever, Inc. requested a list of resident, nonresident, and hunting preserve small game license holders to promote the Pheasants Forever organization and to educate and share the importance of the Farm Bill. This is a reduced fee request.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second from Barry Jensen TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST FROM PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC. AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Mills Fleet Farm of Appleton, WI, requested a list of resident and nonresident fishing and hunting license holders to be used to market their sporting goods products and services by direct mail. This is a full fee request.

Motion by Spies with second by Barry Jensen TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST FROM MILLS FLEET FARM AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Scheels Sports requested a list of 500 Rapid City and 500 Sioux Falls resident archery hunting license holders to market their stores. This is a full fee request.

Motion by Spies with second by Cooper TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST FROM SCHEELS SPORTS AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Petersen presented the May 29, 2013, License Sales Report indicating fishing license sales were gaining ground and could reach the 2012 record levels during the next month.

Petersen presented a flow chart of current and proposed email notifications that are sent through the GFP licensing system after a big game draw is conducted. Petersen explained the email notification process and the error that occurred earlier this month on the bighorn sheep draw. Petersen described the new checks and processes that are being implemented to avoid email errors in the future.

Secretary Jeff Vonk stated the Governor will be announcing today that the moratorium on Game, Fish, and Parks acquiring game production lands has been lifted. GFP will begin working with willing sellers to acquire property to be managed as habitat for wildlife and the recreating public. There will be a minor change in the process with no changes to Commission authority. County Commissions will be notified of the pending transaction sixty days prior to GFP Commission approval. For transactions of eighty acres or more, a GFP representative will offer to meet with the County Commission. GFP will continue to pay full property taxes on all Game Production Areas in their respective county. The public notification in local newspapers, on the GFP website, and on the GFP Commission agendas will remain the same.

Open Forum

Chair Knippling opened the microphone to the attending public asking anyone wishing to address the Commission on matters not listed under Finalizations were welcome to come forward.

Steve Clements representing the South Dakota Sheep Growers Predator Management Committee expressed disappointment that the ADC program was not a part of the Wildlife Review process and he wondered if the Commission received the letter he emailed earlier this year. He expressed his concern for the additional costs for an ADC contract pilot and other administrative fees. He asked about the additional \$1 fee to licenses in rule 41-6-70.1 and funding from 40-36-11. Clements expressed his desire to have experienced trappers for the ADC program. Director Leif explained how the bill passed in the 1999 legislative session created the 2-1 match for ADC funding.

Mike McKernan from the South Dakota Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation thanked the Commission and GFP for the cooperation and working partnership.

The Public Hearing began at 2 PM on the items listed under Finalizations and concluded at 2:48 PM. (Minutes follow the minutes of the regular meeting.) Chair Knippling called for a fifteen-minute recess after the public hearing.

Finalizations

Golf Cart Use on Park Roads 41:03:02 and 41:03:03

Assistant Parks Director Bob Schneider presented the proposed changes to Motor Vehicles on Public Lands and Park and Trail Use Pass to allow golf carts, without motor vehicle licenses, to operate on roads within state parks and recreation areas; and to eliminate the park entrance license (PEL) exemption for mopeds and scooters. Schneider indicated most park users will purchase the PEL for golf carts, mopeds, and scooters as a second license which can be purchased for half price. Schneider presented an amendment to the proposal to include all-terrain vehicles (ATV) to the list of vehicles that are not required have the PEL affixed directly to the vehicle.

Add to 41:03:03.02 the inclusion of all-terrain vehicles to the list of vehicle types that the operator may have the vehicle license or serial number visibly recorded on the park entrance license (PEL) and available for inspection, as an alternative to affixing the PEL directly to the vehicle.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Spies TO AMEND PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARK AND TRAIL USE PASS AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Amend 41:03:03.02 to define the placement/location of a park entrance license on a motor vehicle including golf carts, motorcycles, mopeds, and all-terrain vehicles.
2. Add 41:03:02.13 to define Exceptions to Restrictions on Motor Vehicles to meet the criteria defined in HB 1220.
3. Repeal 41:03:03.03.01(6) Park entrance license exemptions (mopeds).

Motion by Sather with second by Gary Jensen TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO MOTOR VEHICLES ON PUBLIC LANDS 41:03:02 AND PARK AND TRAIL USE PASS 41:03:03 AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Custer State Park Deer Hunting Season 41:06:41

Chad Switzer presented the proposed changes to the Custer State Park Deer Hunting Season with no recommended changes to the proposal.

1. Reduce number of "Any Deer" licenses from 2 to zero.
2. Increase number of "Antlerless Whitetail Deer" muzzleloader licenses from zero to 20.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Sather TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO CUSTER STATE PARK DEER HUNTING SEASON 41:06:41 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

East River Deer Hunting Season 41:06:21

Switzer presented the proposed changes to the East River Deer Hunting Season with no recommended changes to proposal.

Offer 1,050 less one-tag licenses, 1,500 less two-tag licenses, and 1,300 less three-tag licenses (overall decrease of 7,950 tags) than 2012.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Sather TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO EAST RIVER DEER HUNTING SEASON 41:06:21 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

West River Deer Hunting Season 41:06:20

Switzer presented the proposed changes to West River Deer Hunting Season with recommended changes to the proposal. A desire for increased harvest is the reason to adjust the number of tags in Tripp County; and the management goals and objectives for mule deer led to the adjustment of tags in Corson and Dewey County to increase the herd.

1. Adjust resident license numbers by increasing three-tag licenses by 100 (300 tags).
2. Adjust nonresident license numbers by increasing three-tag licenses by 8 (24 tags).
3. Retain same number of licenses, but change license type for Corson and Dewey counties from 09 (two antlerless deer tags) to 19 (two antlerless whitetail deer tags).

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Peterson TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE WEST RIVER DEER HUNTING SEASON AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Adjust resident license numbers by increasing one-tag licenses by 240, decreasing two-tag licenses by 1,260 (2,520 tags), and increasing three-tag licenses by 405 (1215 tags) compared to 2012.
2. Adjust nonresident license numbers by increasing one-tag licenses by 20, decreasing two-tag licenses by 102 (204 tags), and increasing three-tag licenses by 32 (96 tags) compared to 2012.
3. Retain same number of licenses, but change license type for Corson and Dewey counties from 09 (two antlerless deer tags) to 19 (two antlerless whitetail deer tags).

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Sather TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO WEST RIVER DEER HUNTING SEASON 41:06:20 AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Black Hills Deer Hunting Season 41:06:19

Chad Switzer presented the proposed changes with no recommended changes to proposal.

Offer residents 50 and nonresidents 4 fewer "antlerless whitetail" deer licenses in Unit 1 than in 2012.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Peterson TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO BLACK HILLS DEER HUNTING SEASON 41:06:19 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Refuge Deer Hunting Season 41:06:36

Switzer presented the proposed changes with no recommended changes to proposal.

1. Adjust the start date for Unit RFD-SL1 from the Saturday before East River deer hunting season to the second Saturday of November. Start dates for all other Sand Lake units would adjust accordingly.
2. Only unfilled Sand Lake "Antlerless Deer" licenses are valid during the 9-day season starting on the first Saturday after Christmas.
3. During any Refuge Deer seasons that are restricted to muzzleloaders, make an allowance for optics that do not employ magnification as defined in 41:06:04:14 Muzzleloading Restrictions.

Motion by Spies with second by Cooper TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE DEER HUNTING SEASON 41:06:36 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Archery Deer Hunting Season 41:06:22 and Uses of Parks and Public Lands 41:03:01

Chief Tom Kirschenmann presented the proposed changes to the Archery Deer Hunting Season with no recommended changes to proposal.

1. Only unfilled "Any Antlerless Deer" licenses are valid from January 1-15th.
2. Add Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Clay, Codington, Douglas, Grant, Hutchinson, Lincoln, Turner, Union and Yankton counties to the area where antlerless deer licenses are not valid.
3. Change the name of "Blood Run Nature Area" to "Good Earth State Park".
4. Reduce number of "Any Antlerless Deer" archery access permits for Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve from 45 to zero and Good Earth State Park from 5 to zero.
5. Increase the number of "Any Deer" archery access permits from 5 to 10 for Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve.

Motion by Peterson with second by Cooper TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO ARCHERY DEER HUNTING SEASON 41:06:22 AND USES OF PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS 41:03:01 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Season 41:06:45

Kirschenmann presented the proposed changes indicating there are no recommended changes to proposal.

1. Only unfilled "any antlerless deer" licenses are valid from January 1-15th.
2. Add Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Clay, Codington, Douglas, Grant, Hutchinson, Lincoln, Turner, Union and Yankton counties to the area where antlerless deer licenses are not valid.

Motion by Cooper with second by Gary Jensen TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO THE MUZZLELOADER DEER HUNTING SEASON 41:06:45 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Youth Deer Hunting Season 41:06:44

Chief Kirschenmann presented the proposed changes to Youth Deer Hunting Season with no recommended changes to proposal. The counties where youth hunters are limited to one license were areas with low numbers of deer due to EHD last year.

1. Add Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Clay, Douglas, Hutchinson, and Union counties to those areas where only one license is valid.
2. Remove the youth deer restriction for Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge, and Waubay National Wildlife Refuge.

This would make an allowance for the USFWS Refuge System to allow access for youth deer hunting at their discretion.

Motion by Peterson with second by Cooper TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO YOUTH DEER HUNTING SEASON 41:06:44 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Fall Turkey Hunting Season 41:06:14

Kirschenmann presented the proposed changes with no recommended changes to the proposal.

1. Offer 20 fewer one-tag licenses and 10 more two-tag licenses for resident hunters on the East River Prairie Units.
2. Offer 500 fewer one-tag licenses for resident hunters and 40 fewer one-tag licenses for nonresident hunters for the Black Hills Unit.
3. Repeal 41:06:14:04. Licenses valid for unit specified. In those units adjoining the Cheyenne River or White River a license is valid in the adjacent unit within one mile of the common river boundary.

Motion by Cooper and second by Gary Jensen TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO THE FALL TURKEY HUNTING SEASON 41:06:14 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Bobcat Trapping and Hunting Seasons 41:06:16

Chief Tom Kirschenmann and Keith Fisk presented the proposed changes to the bobcat seasons with no recommended changes to proposal. Discussion included types of harvest, season dates and number of days, public comments, sex ratio, value of pelts, a possible quota of harvest, and management goals. Fisk indicated this is managed for recreational opportunity including hunting, trapping, and snaring of bobcats. SDSU is in the first year of a three-year research project to determine the bobcat population.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Gary Jensen TO AMEND THE WEST RIVER SEASON DATES TO RUN FROM DECEMBER 26 UNTIL MARCH 1 INCLUSIVE. Roll call vote: Cooper-no; Barry Jensen-yes; Gary Jensen-yes; Peterson-yes; Sather-yes; Spies-yes; Knipling-no. Motion carried with five yes votes and two no votes.

Discussion continued regarding a change to the current proposal by adding a quota; and Chair Knipling deferred action until the next morning allowing staff to obtain additional information requested from Commissioners about season quotas and number of bobcats taken by individual sportsmen.

Friday morning Keith Fisk reported nine people took ten or more bobcats in the last season and a quota of ten should not have much impact on the west river population. The 12-year average harvest take is 625 with 780 taken in 2012 and 650 taken in 2011. Discussion continued and included staff review, public input, and the rule making process.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Cooper TO APPROVE BOBCAT TRAPPING AND HUNTING SEASON AS AMENDED. Roll call vote: Cooper-no; Barry

Jensen-no; Gary Jensen-no; Peterson-no; Sather-no; Spies-no; Knippling-no. Motion failed.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Cooper TO PROPOSE THE EAST RIVER SEASON DATES TO BE DECEMBER 26 UNTIL THE THIRD SUNDAY OF JANUARY; THE WEST RIVER SEASON DATES BE DECEMBER 26 UNTIL MARCH 1 INCLUSIVE; AND A WEST RIVER HARVEST QUOTA OF 600. Motion carried unanimously.

August Management Take Goose Season 41:06:16

Chief Kirschenmann presented the proposed changes to the August Management Take of geese. This season started as a way to assist with urban and airport issues and the Department has no recommended changes to the proposal. Discussion included public comment and ethics.

Motion by Cooper with second by Spies TO REMOVE THE ALLOWANCE FOR UNPLUGGED SHOTGUNS AND THE MODIFICATION OF SHOOTING HOURS TO ONE-HALF HOUR AFTER SUNSET. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Modify the season dates to the first Saturday of August to August 31.
2. Increase the daily bag limit from 8 to 15.
3. Add those portions west of the Cheyenne River in Pennington County to the open area.

Motion by Cooper with second by Peterson TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO GOOSE HUNTING SEASON AUGUST MANAGEMENT TAKE 41:06:16 AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Archery Accompaniment 41:06:05

Assistant Division Director Emmett Keyser presented the proposed changes to Archery Restrictions with no recommended changes. Discussion included shotguns and firearms with similar restrictions.

1. Amend 41:06:05:03 to limit the scope of the rule to the possession of firearms by an archery hunter.
2. Create a new rule, 41:06:05:03.01, to address non-licensee armed accompaniment in the field and to place the responsibility for adherence on the unlicensed hunter.

Motion by Cooper with second by Sather TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO ARCHERY RESTRICTIONS 41:06:05 AS PROPOSED. Roll call vote: Cooper-yes; Barry Jensen-yes; Gary Jensen-yes; Peterson-yes; Sather-yes; Spies-no; Knippling-no. Motion carried with five yes votes and two no votes.

Hunting Season Proposals

Antelope Hunting Seasons

Director Leif requested the Antelope Population Survey Report be presented before the recommended changes to the Antelope Hunting Season and Knippling allowed the request (see report later in the minutes).

Chad Switzer presented the dates, licenses, requirements, and restrictions for the Custer State Park Antelope Hunting Season. The antelope population in the park has increased slightly and the management goal is to increase viewability to the visiting public. There are no recommended changes to the season.

Switzer presented the season dates, open areas, requirements, restrictions, and license information since 2008 for the Firearm Antelope Hunting Season. The recommended changes are to offer fewer licenses and offer no licenses on the Fort Pierre National Grasslands and in unit 45A in Lyman County.

1. Offer resident hunters 165 less one-tag licenses (165 tags) and 345 less two-tag licenses (690 tags) than 2012.
2. Units 45A (Lyman) and 45B (Ft. Pierre National Grasslands) will be issued zero firearm licenses. Therefore, Units 45A and 45B will also be closed to archery antelope hunting.

Motion by Peterson with second by Spies TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO FIREARMS ANTELOPE HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Early Fall Canada Goose and Waterfowl Hunting Seasons

Chad Switzer presented the season dates, open area, daily and possession limit, requirements, and restrictions with recommend changes to move the start date to September 1st following the August Management Take and amend a boundary line. Supportive information included hunter numbers, harvest, average days hunted, and average bag per hunter.

1. Change the opening date from the first Saturday in September to September 1.
2. Amend 41:06:16:07 to modify the boundaries of Units 1 and 2 near the Missouri River to remove portions from Unit 1 (area open to Early Fall Canada Goose Hunting Season) and include in Unit 2. This modification would include all of Tripp County and that portion of Charles Mix County east of U.S. Highway 281 and north of S.D. Highway 46.

Motion by Cooper with second by Gary Jensen TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO EARLY FALL CANADA GOOSE AND WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASONS AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season

Switzer presented the season dates, open area, daily and possession limit, requirements, and restrictions with no recommend changes.

Sage Grouse Hunting Season

Kirschenmann provided background and update information on the sage grouse population and decline of male grouse observed in the spring lek survey. The recommendation is to close the two-day season in Harding and Butte Counties. The US Fish and Wildlife Service will determine in September of 2015 on the listing of sage grouse on the endangered species list. Many agencies have habitat management on the forefront and GFP is in the process of updating the sage grouse management plan.

Close the Sage Grouse Hunting Season.

Motion by Spies with second by Barry Jensen TO PROPOSE THE CLOSING OF THE SAGE GROUSE HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Harvested Wolf Inspection Requirement

Tom Kirschenmann presented a recommendation to establish a requirement that harvested wolves be reported within 24 hours and submitted for inspection within 48 hours to verify species and acquire biological information. Gray wolves are under state management east of the Missouri River and GFP has no intention to manage for a wolf population in South Dakota. The 2013 SD Legislature added wolves to the predator varmint list.

Establish in administrative rule a mandatory inspection of harvested wolves.

Motion by Cooper with second by Jensen TO PROPOSE MANDATORY INSPECTION OF HARVESTED WOLVES. Motion carried unanimously.

Division of Parks and Recreation

Good Earth State Park Land Acquisition and Resolution

Director Doug Hofer provided background for the purchase of the Blood Run parcels in 2011 and the partnership with The Conservation Fund, the SD Parks and Wildlife Foundation, and GFP. The SD 2013 Legislature changed the name for the newest state park to Good Earth State Park at Blood Run. GFP has received notice from the federal government that \$1.2 million Forest Legacy Grant Funds has been awarded to the Blood Run project for the forested acres. The SD Parks and Wildlife Foundation raised an additional \$1.2 million to complete the purchase of the 254 acres of Blood Run currently held by The Conservation Fund.

Hofer presented Resolution 13-06 requesting authority to complete the acquisition of 254 acres at Blood Run from The Conservation Fund when the Forest Legacy dollars become available in the next few months. The Parks and Wildlife Foundation funds are available to complete the transaction.

Motion by Peterson with second by Spies TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 13-06 AS PRESENTED (Appendix A). Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Knippling called a recess at 5 PM with meeting to resume at 8:30 the next morning. Meeting resumed at 8:30 AM on Friday, June 7, in the same location with all Commissioners present. Secretary Vonk was present along with thirty media, staff, and public.

Park Improvement projects

Assistant Director Al Nedved provided a PowerPoint showing Capital Development projects that include fish cleaning stations, comfort stations, shoreline stabilization projects, the Fisher Grove campground relocation, the Sylvan Lake

wastewater treatment facility, and \$3.5 million in road projects as part of the more than 400 projects for this summer.

Nedved indicated flooding occurred at Lake Alvin, Newton Hills, Union Grove, and Roughlock Falls in the past few weeks.

Mt. Rushmore Connector Trail

Director Hofer stated the Mount Rushmore 18-mile extension is a big project from Hill City to Mount Rushmore costing \$8 million and federal grants are available to assist with funding. A partnership with the US Forest Service, SD Parks and Wildlife Foundation, the Mount Rushmore Society, the US Department of Ag Forest Service, and GFP are working together make this project happen following an Environmental Impact Study (EIS). Hofer provided a history and background of the Mickelson Trail which was named the seventh best recreational trail in the world by Austin-Lehman Adventures. The 2013 SD Legislature provided \$500,000 for the EIS, the Mount Rushmore Society pledged \$1 million, the SD Parks and Wildlife Foundation pledged \$100,000, and the GFP Recreational Trail Funds will provide \$400,000 toward the EIS that could take two years to complete.

Park Revenue and Visitation Reports

Director Hofer provided the May 2013 Revenue And Visitation Report indicating revenue is up 6% from May of last year and park entrance license sales are down 2.6%. Camping reservations are ahead of last year with the next 100 days being the busiest time for camping. Memorial weekend saw campgrounds full and reservations for Labor Day weekend are now open.

Division of Wildlife

Sportsmen Against Hunger and Resolution

Chief Tom Kirschenmann presented a handout of the Sportsmen Against Hunger (SAH) 2013 Donation and Expenditure Summary showing the number species of animals donated and expenditures for the program. Kirschenmann presented Resolution 13-07 requesting Commission authority to enter into and Memorandum of Agreement with SAH for an eighth year.

Motion by Peterson and second by Barry Jensen TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 13-07 AS PRESENTED (Appendix B). Motion carried unanimously.

Antelope Population Survey

Switzer and Lindbloom provided this report prior to the antelope recommendations. Switzer indicated Custer State Park population count is similar to last year.

Andy Lindbloom shared that aerial survey counts are conducted in May and June with a preliminary count of 24,000 adult antelope compared to 22,000 in 2012. Hunter success was 53% with approximately 2,600 antelope harvested last year.

Spring Canada Goose Take

Keith Fisk presented a PowerPoint on the Spring Goose Program indicating the population is approximately 270,000 resident geese which is above management goals. Approximately \$4.3 million has been spent on goose depredation. GFP is seeing low landowner tolerance and lots of water with lots of geese. Fisk outlined staffing and preventative efforts for goose depredation complaints. The landowner kill permits are working this year. Two different approaches were used in a special permit in the available in Region 3 and 4, these approaches will be evaluated for future opportunity and impact of the different approaches.

2013-14 Private Shooting Preserves

Janelle Blaha stated the 2012-13 Shooting Preserve Season was another successful year with 203 preserves releasing 403,380 birds and 237,965 birds harvested. The coming season will have 206 shooting preserves with 175 operators on 199,379 acres.

Emmett Keyser indicated two operators received notice of warnings and he provided an overview of the process when preserves are not compliant in their operations.

2013 Fish Spawning Report

Mark Finsel gave a PowerPoint indicating the Lake Oahe spawning had a slow start. The statewide walleye egg take fell short of the goal for 2013 with 60.6 million eggs collected. Only 13.8 million eggs came from Lake Oahe and the northeast filled the balance of take for 2013.

Walleye Tagging Study

Finsel indicated the Walleye Tagging Study on Lake Oahe is a cooperative effort with SDSU, ND Game and Fish, and GFP to learn more about the annual exploitation and mortality of walleye. Population and movement of walleye, and how state regulations effect the walleye population in Lake Oahe. More than 9,300 walleyes have been tagged at ten different locations to-date. Some tags have a reward and all anglers reporting tags will receive a Certificate of Appreciation. There is signage at boat ramps on Lake Oahe informing the public of the project. The numbered tag includes a phone number to report the tag location.

Gizzard Shad Trap/Transfer Project

Gizzard shad were released last year in Lake Oahe with localized success and so far 1,678 have been stocked this year with three additional sites in North Dakota. Anglers have reported seeing schooling shad and shad in walleye diets.

Rainbow smelt eggs should have survived this spring, indicating better numbers than last year, and smelt are present in Oahe, nothing like 2009-2010. Some people were catching smelt and smelt have been seen in walleye diets.

Fisheries Strategic Plan

Chief John Lott indicated Regional Fisheries and Aquatics staff are working on a statewide Fisheries Strategic Plan to include all types of waters located in South Dakota. This includes an inventory of waters and species, development of a statewide

data management system, establishment of a survey prioritization and review process, generation of a comprehensive fishing access needs assessment, development of standardized non-game surveys, updating the state fish health plan, and increasing reliability of egg resources.

The plan includes communications, human dimensions, and law enforcement as support programs, and public input will be solicited prior to finalizing the plan.

Shooting Range Projects

Chief Scott Simpson gave a PowerPoint presentation on shooting range projects across South Dakota that GFP administers a grant program to assist shooting clubs.

The Fall River County Shooting Complex near Hot Springs requested assistance at the October 2012 meeting. The Division of Wildlife budgeted for the project and approximately \$130,000 has been spent on the project. Simpson provided use and design details on the facility.

The Oahe Downstream range improvement includes relocation and expansion to have thirteen rifle stations, three pistol stations, and a shotgun shooting area for up to six people with their own space. The old shooting area will be closed and will need to meet US Corp specifications to close the range. The new range should be available late in 2014.

The Outdoor Campus air gun and archery projects in Sioux Falls and Rapid City are similar to a complex in Nebraska. The complex will have ten lanes to shoot air rifles and will include archery lanes that can be used for air guns as well. This is a concept plan and he is working with the city and engineers to make these facilities happen. Funding of \$200,000 has been budget for each project and private funds will be needed to complete the projects.

The Mobridge Shooting Range improvements include berm work, a shelter with an additional ten lanes for twenty lanes in all, update the benches, improve the access road, and expand the parking lot. Pittman Robertson funding of \$66,000 has been budgeted for the project.

Knippling shared the Outdoor Expo in Huron, Kids Fishing Day in Pierre, and Fort Sisseton Festival are this weekend. The Western Association meeting in July in Omaha and the July 8 meeting will include a Governance session at 10 AM in Pierre.

Motion by Sather with second by Cooper to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 11:59 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Vonk, Department Secretary

Appendix A

RESOLUTION NO. 13-06

Whereas, the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) has entered into an agreement to acquire real property from The Conservation Fund, a Maryland non-profit corporation, of Arlington, Virginia, which property is located in Lincoln County, South Dakota, described as:

Parcel I: Government Lots 2, 3, and 4 in the West Half (W1/2) of Section 13, Township 100 North, Range 49 West of the 5th P.M., Lincoln County, South Dakota, according to the Government Survey thereof, together with the East Half (E1/2) of the vacated highway adjacent to the West line thereof.

Parcel II: The East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (E 1/2 SE1/4 NE1/4) of Section 14, Township 100 North, Range 49 West of the 5th P.m., Lincoln County, South Dakota, together with the West Half (W1/2) of the vacated highway adjacent to East Line thereof.

Parcel III: The North Half of the South Half (N1/2 S1/2) of Section 14, Township 100 North Range 49 West of the 5th P.M., Lincoln County, South Dakota, together with the West Half (W1/2) of the vacated highway adjacent to East Line thereof, Except the West 3687.95 Feet thereof, and Except Lommen's Tract A, being a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE1/4 SE1/4) of Section 14, Township 100 North, Range 49 West of the 5th P.M., Lincoln County, South Dakota, according the recorded plat thereof, together with the West Half (W1/2) of the vacated highway adjacent to East Line thereof contained therein.

Parcel IV: The Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4 SE1/4) of Section 14, Township 100 North, Range 49 West of the 5th P.M., Lincoln County, South Dakota, together with the West Half (W1/2) of the vacated highway adjacent to East Line thereof.

Parcel V: Lommen's Tract A, being a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE1/4 SE1/4) of Section 14, Township 100 North, Range 49 West of the 5th P.M., Lincoln County, South Dakota, according the recorded plat thereof, together with the West Half (W1/2) of the vacated highway adjacent to East Line thereof.

Parcel VI: Government Lot 1 in the North Half (N1/2) of Section 24, Township 100 North, Range 49 West of the 5th P.M., Lincoln County, South Dakota, according to the Government Survey thereof, together with the East Half (E1/2) of the vacated highway adjacent to the West line thereof; and

Whereas, said property consists of approximately 254 acres and is to be acquired by and utilized by the Division of Parks and Recreation for the purpose of a State Park (Good Earth State Park at Blood Run); and

Whereas, SDCL 41-4-1.1 requires that before GFP acquires and purchases property GFP must notify owners of land located adjacent to the property sought to be acquired by publishing notice of the same once in each legal newspaper of the county in which the property to be purchased is located; and

Whereas, GFP has published the required legal notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of action by the Commission authorizing the intended purchase, which notice included the time and location of the meeting at which the Commission's action is expected and by giving notice of instructions for presenting oral and written comments to the Commission; and

Whereas, the Commission has reviewed any and all comments that may have been received relative to the intended purchase and after consideration of the same, the Commission approves of the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that GFP is authorized to complete its purchase of the above described real property from The Conservation Fund, a Maryland non-profit corporation, of Arlington, Virginia, to be utilized for the purpose of a State Park (Good Earth State Park at Blood Run).

Appendix B

RESOLUTION 13 – 07

WHEREAS, in a continued effort to meet harvest objectives of deer and resident Canada geese in South Dakota, the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks Department (Department) recommends that the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks Commission (Commission) and Department enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (a true and correct copy of which is attached to this Resolution) for an eighth year with an incorporated non-profit organization entitled Sportsmen Against Hunger, Inc. (a South Dakota corporation referred to as SDSAH) for the joint and mutual purpose of managing the antlerless deer and Canada goose population and providing assistance in facilitating payment towards expenses incurred in processing, packaging, and freezing of antlerless deer and Canada goose meat donated by hunters for distribution to needy persons and families free of charge; and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department desire to participate in this worthwhile program in conjunction and alliance with SDSAH.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in an effort to assist in the management of antlerless deer and resident Canada goose populations in South Dakota, the Commission endorses the Department's participation in this program with SDSAH for an eighth year and hereby authorizes the Department, acting by and through Anthony P. Leif, Wildlife Division Director, to execute the Memorandum of Agreement in substantially the same form as is attached to this Resolution. In providing this endorsement, the Commission recognizes the Department's participation in this program will involve providing partial financial assistance utilizing Division of Wildlife license revenue and implementing a voluntary check-off on license applications whereby applicants could elect to financially participate therein by donating money towards the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department negotiate with and participate with SDSAH in efforts of the Commission and the Department to assist in the management of antlerless deer and resident Canada geese and the efforts of SDSAH to encourage and facilitate delivery of harvested antlerless deer and Canada geese by hunters to meat processors in South Dakota for donation, processing of the donated deer and goose meat, and distribution of the processed meat to needy families through charitable food distributors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department shall, from time to time, report to the Commission and furnish information and results of the program as the same relates to over-all success of the program, data, statistics, and information regarding harvest of antlerless deer and Canada geese, donations of antlerless deer and Canada geese for the stated purpose, monetary donations received from the license application check-off, and expenses incurred therein. The Commission shall during the eighth year of the program fund the Department's agreed contribution to the project (if required and deemed necessary), make budget adjustments thereto, and make recommendations to the Department relative to administration of the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that prior to the conclusion of the eighth year of the program the Department shall report to the Commission which report shall include a review of the over-all success of the program and any recommendations that the Department might have as to continuation of the program.

Public Hearing Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
June 6, 2013

Public Hearing Officer Chuck Schlueter began the Public Hearing at 2 PM at the Visitor's Center on Capitol Lake in Pierre, South Dakota. Schlueter indicated items listed under Finalizations on the agenda numbered 6-18 were open for public comment with written comments read prior to oral testimony from the attending public. Individuals wishing to provide oral testimony are to approach the microphone, state their name, provide their name and city on the sign-in sheet, and keep comments to three minutes.

Golf cart use on park roads

No written or oral testimony was received.

Custer State Park Deer Hunting Seasons

No written or oral testimony was received.

East River Deer Hunting Season

Andrew Huebert of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: "In response to this I would like to say that you really need to rethink the deer tag numbers. We lost a lot more deer than you think and you need to limit tag numbers more. I am an avid deer hunter and I know from managing the deer heard on my property that to get your numbers up an have a healthy heard you need to limit what you take. Don't think about the money end of things. Think about a healthy deer population. Because right now if I were to send in for every tag I could I cloud get 20 tags just for myself and that is crazy. Think about it more you need to manage things because I know I am. Because I will only get 4 deer tags this year because I will do my part in helping you need to do the same."

Daniel Schaal of Brookings, SD, emailed: "Our family farm that I am a part owner of is in McCook County. I hunt for deer every year exclusively on our land, the farm is just under 160 acres so I do not qualify for a landowner license. I much preferred the old method where both "any deer" and "antlerless only" converted to "antlerless only" licenses for the second season after Christmas. I usually draw an "any deer" tag every other year when I have a preference point and on the off years I get my second choice (antlerless deer) and earn the preference point. I harvest a deer in about 40% of the years and have never gotten a buck. The current system makes me choose between requesting an "antlerless deer" license so I can hunt in the second season to increase my chances of getting a deer or requesting an "any deer" license to give me some chance of harvesting a buck someday. If the new method is designed to protect the deer herd during the current blue tongue crisis I understand that, but I hope we revert to the old system when the blue tongue crisis is over."

Tom Jensen of Harrisburg, SD, emailed: "In regards to East river deer recommendation for 48A (Marshall County)...strongly support this recommendation as deer numbers are still quite obviously below even an aggressive management objective. Please vote to pass this proposal."

Dave Vavruska of Tyndall, SD, emailed: "I really haven't seen the numbers but I heard 100 Buck tags are all that would be available in Bon Homme County. My thought

is this why even have a season at all and let everything build back up and the Bucks could mature into bigger and better animals for next year. If there is a season it should be left wide open for Bon Homme residents no preference to anyone not even the farm owner operator. The farmer already gets a Landowner preference and then yet give him half of the 100 tags only leaves 50 for everyone else. No youth tags as well they too must suffer and understand why the cutting back in numbers is being done as we have to. I enjoy hunting as well and do not own land and it is getting harder to obtain land but I deal with it. I know the reason giving the farmer half the tags because they supposedly feed them they are already getting landowner preference so why more tags towards them. I feel we need give the animals a break and not have a season or open to everyone with no special preference. "

CJ Kraemer of Aberdeen, SD, emailed: "I would like to comment on the deer season. I hunt in McPherson County. A lot of the farmers told me there were not a lot of deer on their land. To me it does not make a lot of sense to extend the doe season only in January. If we are short on deer, why extend the season. For many years we didn't extend the season and we got along just fine."

Ken Cordingley of Aberdeen, SD, emailed: "Twenty plus members of Whitetails Unlimited strongly feel that the starting dates of West River and East River Deer seasons should be left at the normal starting dates of the 2nd & 3rd Saturdays of November! We can see no benefit in moving them each a week later, and as for running East River Season until the 8th of Dec., we feel this would create more stress on the deer heading into the winter ! As for the benefit of being able to take advantage of the hunting over Thanksgiving holiday, we have always been able to do that anyway! We respectfully request of the commission that they reconsider and start West River on the 2nd Sat. of Nov. and East River on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. Counting the members, their spouses, children , and other relatives that hunt deer , we number 58 hunters!"

Jeff Flood of North Mankato, MN, emailed: "I would like to see you consider Mule Deer License again for Brule County. I know you increased the Any Deer License numbers when you discontinued the Mule Deer License. The problem as a Non-Resident Hunter is all the Any Deer License are already sold before we can even apply! If you offered Mule Deer Only License we could again enjoy Firearms Deer Hunting for Mule Deer in Brule County."

Daniel Zach of Rosholt, SD, emailed: "I just received your email stating that you are holding a meeting to propose the East river deer season. Last year you cut the number of tags in Roberts County. Many people complained that we are no longer seeing deer in our area. I think that you made the right choice and would encourage and beg you to leave the number of tags for Roberts County at this lower number. I have seen a few more deer this spring, but it appears they have had a rough winter. Every deer I've seen this spring is very thin and they all seem to be the same size; small. Please keep the number of tags low, we cannot maintain a deer herd that satisfies all of the hunters if we continue shooting off all our does."

No oral testimony was received.

West River Deer Hunting Season

Gene and Sue Chytka of Burke, SD, wrote: "We understand at your May 2-3, 2013, Game, Fish & Parks Commission meeting that you are going to set the WRD

Hunting Seasons. We would like you to consider letting the landowner or outfitter sell the tags so we can know how many deer we can take off our property and the hunters will know in advance if they have a tag or not.

Also please consider having the antlerless season immediately after the regular gun season. The reason for this request is because the bucks have already started dropping their antlers by December 15 and there are too many bucks being harvested because of the late antlerless season. If you would talk to the landowners you would find they would rather have the antlerless season right after the gun season.

We know there were areas in Gregory Co that had a large die off of deer last year. In our area (12 miles north of Burke, SD) we did not see this problem. We had a larger die off in 2011 and no one seemed too concerned. Once again-no one has come to talk to us or any of the landowners around us. If you reduce the licenses in all of Gregory Co (which will include our area) this will be a deterrent to us as landowners. We have lost crops and hay in our area due to the large number of deer this winter. Once again, this goes back to letting the landowner have control for the licenses for his land."

No oral testimony was received.

Black Hills Deer Hunting Season

Hugh Toenjes of Custer, SD, emailed: "I was not able to attend the public meeting at the State Park on May 4 th. 2013.I would like to express my thoughts and suggestions at this time. I am an avid hunter who has spent many yrs. hunting both big game and waterfowl from Minnesota to the wilderness of northern Canada. I have confronted grizzlies, been surrounded by a pack of wolves, charged by angry moose and spent many days interacting with big game who had never seen a human! I have just had my 72nd. birthday and am quite disappointed that because of the "broken" "point" system associated with big game hunting in the Black Hills of SD. ,where I have now made my home for the last 10 yrs., I am not allowed to hunt in the county where I live. I am also disabled which means that I need to hunt from my vehicle and not on foot! For the last 3 yrs. I have had to load my gear and travel many 100's of miles to another county where there is enough cover on public land where I can use a vehicle to hunt from. This in my opinion is "discrimination" against a senior citizen and the disabled! My suggestion is that any senior over 70 yrs. of age and disabled should have first pick of where he wants to hunt and not be required to put in for a draw! I am your eyes and ears in the Black Hills! Over the past several year I have been instrumental in providing information for the conviction of poachers! If I have to hunt out away from the Black Hills I can no longer provide that kind of service to wildlife law enforcement! Also I suggest that a solution to limiting the number of tags for any species is to not allow a hunter to "aggregate" his hunting methods. In other words the hunters will have to choose which season to hunt- they should not be able hunt archery, regular rifle, and muzzle loading - but only choose ONE of the three! These are my recommendations for future hunting regulations. I hope someone in the department of wildlife will listen to what I have to say because this is the voice of someone who has 60yrs, of hunting and wilderness experience behind him!"

No oral testimony was received.

Refuge Deer Hunting Season

Tom Jensen of Harrisburg emailed: "Adjust the start date for Unit RFD-SL1 from the Saturday before East River deer hunting season to the second Saturday of November. Start dates for all other Sand Lake units would adjust accordingly. I read this as meaning the open date is November 9th, and I strongly support this proposal as it better fits with the way the dates in November work out in 2013. Great proposal, please vote to pass this proposal!"

No oral testimony was received.

Archery Deer Hunting Season

Matthew Sailor of Pierre, SD, wrote: "First, I ask that you seriously consider opening archery deer season on September 1. If landowners are opposed to this change in regulation, much like pheasant season, SDGFP could open Archery Deer Season early, in this case September 1, on (1)state-owned ground only and/or (2)place access restrictions on public ground that is privately owned (WIA, CREP, etc...). I am not lobbying for a longer archery deer season, only a shift in season start and close dates. Access is permitted for archery antelope hunters and upland bird hunters in August and early September, respectively, so many of these areas are already open to the public hunting making the "landowner argument" null...

Please consider these important factors before making a final decision on the start date for the Archery Deer Season. South Dakota has the potential to be a top destination for western bow hunters. The growing trend in archery hunting is to open seasons earlier because of the trophy potential it provides and the because of the undesirable conditions associated with late season archery hunting. Poll any western bowhunter where their dream archery hunt would be and they would spout-off about early season mule deer hunting in WY, CO, UT, NV, and the like, while not even throwing SD into the conversation; and it all boils down to opportunity not the quality or quantity of game present between the states. Even closer to home, many bow hunters are traveling across SD to take advantage of the September 1 opener in ND and WY where they provide a unique opportunity to harvest a whitetail deer in velvet. This state is losing money to its neighbors because of the "social issues" mentioned by Mr. Lindbloom. Any earlier archery deer opener would help boost struggling rural economies and put SD back on the map nationally for its trophy deer hunting potential. Please seriously consider these slight alterations to the archery deer season and represent the majority of the public who have entrusted you to uphold our hunting privileges. I know this is a reoccurring issue that has been brought before the commission before and there is a reason; South Dakotans are tired of missing out.

In closing, there are countless ways to protect landowners' rights and provide further archery opportunities for all sportsmen. I ask you to explore additional avenues before proceeding and please do not sacrifice my sporting opportunities for a small vocal contingent of landowners that offer their land for public hunting solely for additional income. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Please let me know if you would like to further discuss this topic; I would be happy to elaborate why I feel a shift in the archery deer season start date would greatly benefit our state."

No oral testimony was received.

Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Season

No written or oral testimony was received.

Youth Deer Hunting Season

Matthew Sailor of Pierre, SD, wrote: "...youth season should have no bearing on when archery deer season opens. Based on the current regulations youth deer season is already the longest season in South Dakota. South Dakota youth have nearly 4 months to hunt antlerless deer which is more than enough time and opportunity to bag their animals. Further, many youth are now archery hunting and are extremely passionate about this growing sport; they would benefit from an earlier archery season as well."

Jason Quam of emailed: "Have you considered a "youth antelope" season with rules similar to the "youth deer" season? I would think this would be a great opportunity to get some younger hunters afield in pursuit of a doe antelope. As a father of a soon to be 12 year old hunter, I would certainly like to see this available."

No oral testimony was received.

Fall Turkey Hunting Season

Rick Hultunen of Howard, SD, emailed: "Having hunted in the Black Hills since 1970 I would like to make a request as to why the Fall Black Hills turkey season even goes on? I have personally hunted BH spring turkey for over 25 years and can say that the population in the Custer area is at an all-time low. The fall season runs 4 months and also allows the shooting of any turkey. It also allows people to purchase multiple tags. Knowing many people who purchase this tag the vast majority of birds being killed are hens and are also shot with a rifle which makes a decent percentage of killed birds not fit to consume. The past two years have been terrible for gobbler numbers. I also know of many non-residents who used to come in the spring who are not coming anymore. This year alone I talked with a group of 14 Minn. hunters who will not be coming back. These non-residents spend a large sum of money in the Black Hills for spring turkey hunting. They come at a time of the year when it is a boost the Black Hills communities. A few years back the fall season was eliminated and immediately the gobbler numbers rose. I'm not saying to eliminate the fall season, maybe make it a month long or allow shotguns only. In the 1970's it was the month of Oct. only, in my view 4 months is way too long. The spring season is a great time to be in the Black Hills and to hear the gobblers sounding off and calling them in close is like elk hunting. It would be nice to have that back like it used to be 5 plus years ago. Turkey populations can rebound fast, but with the killing of a large number of hens in the fall it makes it difficult. Thank You."

Gary Colbath of Rapid City, SD, emailed: "I am an avid turkey hunter and have been guiding as well for the last 8 years. I hunt in the Hills, on the prairie and during the archery season. I guide during each of these seasons in the spring as well. Additionally, I have hunted annually with friends from a cabin in the Moon area since the early 90's. I am writing to urge the GFP to CLOSE the fall Black Hills season, at least in the H2 area of the central hills. I spent several days scouting and 21 days actually hunting this past spring and covered lots of ground in the

process. There are decent bird numbers on the fringe areas of the hills particularly around Rapid City and many of the communities within the hills where there is shelter, food and protected zones. However, in many of the traditional hills areas I hunt, where birds are truly wild, the populations are way down, some to the point of non-existent. The higher hills around Moon, Six-mile road, Gillette Canyon, all the way down to Jewel Cave are particularly bleak. I believe this is the result of bad winters, fires, increased hunting pressure, and the gratuitous killing of turkeys in the fall by deer and elk hunters or those hunting with them. There are areas I hunt from Hill City to Moon where I used to see birds and multiple broods of young birds regularly but have seen rapidly declining numbers in the last few years. Our primary area around Moon and south along Custer Limestone is all but void of birds at this point. Something must be done to help these populations recover.

I also would like to see an end to rifle hunting in the hills. This allows people who I consider "non-turkey hunters" in the fall, primarily hunting deer or elk to shoot turkeys while in the field even though they aren't really hunting turkeys. In the spring, it creates dangerous situations and contributes to a higher harvest again by non-turkey hunters. I am only one guy and this year I had 3 actual occasions where someone shot at a turkey from over 100 yds that me and a hunter were working and had close. During one incident, I had called a bird in to about 40 yards and the hunter with me was waiting for a clear shot when another guy shot the bird right in front of us from a distance of almost 200 yards. He crossed the field to retrieve the bird and was shocked to see us. He said he never saw us and "was having trouble getting close to birds" so he switched to a rifle after opening weekend. He had missed two earlier rifle shots at different birds as well. Rifles may have a place in turkey hunting, like on the prairie, but not in the hills, for a number of reasons.

My friends, business partners, and family seriously promote and participate in turkey hunting in western South Dakota and love the sport. Our population seems pretty fragile in the Hills and needs some help if the bountiful days of old are going to return. Please take the needed steps within the agency to make this happen, these birds are the only spring hunting we have and are a great resource for the state and its sportsman.

I have lots of friends and fellow guides that could provide a wealth of information similar to my comments if anyone at the Commission is interested."

Adam Grulay of Sioux Falls, SD emailed: "If you want to sell more turkey tags in the fall then make the season date start either the first day of antelope season or Oct 1st whichever comes first. This is only an issue when antelope season opens in September."

No oral testimony was received.

Bobcat Trapping and Hunting Season

Evan Anderson of Pennington County emailed: "I am writing this in regard to my concern about our current regulations on bobcat trapping and hunting. With bobcats being more and more valuable every year, I'm concerned that our population is going to become very low and may be impacted severely by overharvesting.

In the 2012-2013 trapping season I only pursued one bobcat because of a low population of bobcats in my area. I trapped mainly coyotes from Wasta north to the Belle Fourche River along the Cheyenne River and Elk Creek. I also ran a line on the Big Cheyenne catching a total of around 150 coyotes. I probably could have trapped 10-15 bobcats, but because of my desire to have a higher population in the future, I chose not to. During my trapping season I caught five bobcats, four accidentals and one intentional, releasing some and selling three. I received a total of \$2300 for my cats. I truly fear for our bobcat population with the elevated prices.

My hope is that someone in our game and fish department will put some serious thought into one or more of my ideas on how to retain our local bobcat population listed below:

- An overall quota on bobcats, so when the number is reached the season would be closed
- An individual limit (maybe five bobcats per license holder)
- County quotas (more structure, but possibly the best results having to tag bobcats currently regardless)

With this issue, time is of the essence. I cover a very large area trapping, and the bobcats are already scarce. Please seriously consider this letter because any change at all could be a step in the right direction. Thank you for taking the time to read this. I look forward to many more successful trapping seasons in the future.

Joshua Delger of Interior, SD, emailed: "There currently is a definite concern for the status of bobcat in this state. I believe the best resolution would be to put some sort of limit on take. The average person harvesting cats only takes a few (less than 5, maybe 2-3?). It's the guys that are taking 20+ cats that are capable of doing damage. Shortening the season could help, but shortening seasons usually results in the "tragedy of the commons" type situations. Cat density are very low in comparison to something like a coyote, and should require a little more regulated management. Right now, they are not managed. I think a 10 cat limit would be reasonable."

Lesel Reuwsard of Black Hawk, SD, and a trapper testified during Open Forum that if the season was going to be shortened he wanted it at the beginning of the season not the end. He questioned the population management objective, if there is one, and when would it be revisited. He stated he worked sixteen-hour days, seven days a week to harvest his forty bobcats. He questions if the proposal is to reduce the number of female cats taken or the number of harvesters, and stated it is hard to distinguish the sex of bobcats. He wants a later season and not shorten the West River season by two weeks.

Anna Hermanson, President of the SD Trappers Association stated the Association recommends the season dates of December 28 until March 1. As more male cats will be caught shifting the male/female ratio and reduce overall harvest numbers, while pelts will be "more prime" and valuable.

Hermanson has a Masters' Degree and presented her analysis of the Bobcat Harvest report which included significant factors and factors that do not statistically contribute to the number of harvested bobcats. Male/female ratio and percent of juvenile impact was included in the packet. Hermanson suggested a later season and not shorten the season. The study did not indicate the population and why not, and she would like to see a population estimate model.

Larry Bowden, President of the Western SD fur Harvesters Association, indicated the association opposes the proposed changes. Bowden read the handout he provided the Commission indicating the harvest of more females than males is biased toward classifying more bobcats as female. The classifying of juveniles error rate is higher as well. The later season would see more males moving in the breeding season, better pelt quality, and bigger toms all during the harsher winter conditions.

Brad Tisdall, a Houndsmen Coordinator WSDFH, council member, and opposes the proposal and read his handout. Tisdall indicated a shorter season would not help sustain the bobcat population, taking away the first two weeks will hurt the houndsmen and callers, not the trappers. He supports a management plan for a sustainable population and a per license limit of bobcat. Tisdall asked the proposal be rejected.

Kris Weinberger of Rapid City testified that he strongly agrees something needs to be done and oppose season date change, keep full season term and limit number of take, or limit the source of where 85% of take comes from. Minimal number are shot, leave the dates alone, regulate the number, or separate hunting and trapping season. He supports a limit of five per person.

August Management Take Goose Hunting Season

Cody Warner of Brookings, SD, emailed: "I took a look at the upcoming commission meeting and noticed a proposal to start the August season on the 3rd. If the overall goal of the season is to harvest as many birds as possible, this is a big mistake. Most small grain will not be harvested and geese will be in small groups many may not be able to fly. Give these geese a chance to congregate and allow hunters to do their best work. Hopefully the GFP realizes this and pushes the season back."

Neil Haase of Webster, SD emailed: "I have followed with interest efforts to reduce the nesting population of Canada geese.

As a landowner in the heart of the nesting population I wholeheartedly agree with the fact that reduction is necessary. I would like to inject some of my findings from the last August seasons. First: August is normally a hot month in South Dakota.

Secondly spoilage is rapid with foliage attached to the edible meat due to the warm temperatures. The opportunity to hunt geese brings hunters from other parts of the state. Transporting these goose parts with foliage attached is not the best way to use the edible portion of the goose. If the rules could be relaxed to allow transport of breasted geese, in coolers and on ice to preserve the edible quality of the meat it would enhance the success of the effort. I am suggesting this only for the August season when the temperature is the warmest.

I totally understand the plumage requirement for sex and species. With Canada geese there is no sex consideration. As to species the size of the goose breast should be enough to determine that it is not a duck breast. During August other species are not

found in abundance or would be obvious in their shape and texture. I offer this in an effort to enhance the success of the early reduction season which I agree is necessary.”

Dennis Fischer of Webster, SD, emailed: “When the commission meets to establish the dates and regulations for the upcoming season I would like them to consider opening the entire goose problem zone to non-residents. You have some counties that have enough of a problem to be open in August, and in some instances this past March, but yet when September comes they are closed to non-residents. I would like to see you put all sportsman on an even playing field. Living in the northeast corner I realize the majority of non-residents will still come here because they have come in the past and have established relationships and the like. But I feel the entire goose problem zone should be open to non-residents or closed, no preferential treatment.”

Scott Simon of Watertown, SD wrote: “This letter is being written to voice concern and opposition to the proposed early Canadian Goose season that is currently under discussion within South Dakota departments. I understand that the Game and Fish is under pressure from certain farmers in regards to what is considered to be an over population of Canadian Geese in our area. Claims of crop damage seem to be taking the limelight, and dollars seem to be driving the issue...

I understand that wildlife can have great impacts on production in certain areas, but these are few and far between. Certainly NOT WORTHY of implementing a season on the entire area. The Game and Fish needs to look at these areas on an individual basis! Any farmers that are seeking help from the S.D. Game, Fish, and Parks, need to be willing to make their so called “problem area” open to public hunting as a walk in area, and surrender all hunting rights of their property to the public until the problem is resolved. If this criteria is not met, the complaint should be disregarded altogether! ...

I don't envy the task at hand of the Game and Fish to satisfy the general public, but that is not the responsibility of your department. Your job is to preserve wildlife in this state for this, and future generations to enjoy. Big dollars should not win out to heritage. With climates changing, farming practices impacting habitat, and the almighty dollar driving decisions, all wildlife is under the gun. Common sense needs to be applied to lead to good decisions and problem areas should not be generalized. Specific problem areas need specific solutions, plain and simple.

Thank you for allowing me to table my input. I sure hope something can be done to eliminate this early goose season on a unit basis and address those few problem areas with open hunting to the general public whose license fees pays for the wages you make and for promotion of wildlife habitat. Wealthy farmers should not be making policy, but should instead be promoting for the general good of wildlife and be thankful for all blessings they have and the resources they have to be prosperous.

Richard Madsen of Pierre or Wolsey, SD, provided oral testimony as he is an avid hunter and waterfowl hunter. His goose decoys have been repainted many times and his duck decoys introduce young hunters to duck hunting. In the 1960's, he worked for Forrest biologist and grew up on family farm and believes it is essential the Commission consider the opportunity or problems we have and believes that Canadian geese are a trophy species. Several issues are on his heart one of which is of most important aspect of hunting of is ethics and making sure the next generation understands the need to care for the hunting resource and learn hunting ethics. This is

critical to him. The season for Canada geese lasts longer than the August Management Take and the hunting hours should not be changed as kids should be taught to not hunt after sundown. He has problem with unplugged shotguns, it is not ethical to hunt waterfowl with unplugged guns and asked to change the proposal. If a hunter asked to hunt waterfowl often times they are welcomed to do so. Often when hunting in the regular season, he will take kids with him. He requested to change the requirement to not allow an unplugged gun, more consistency in reduction season and regular season, and use ethics in all season setting.

Archery Accompaniment

No written or oral testimony was received.

The Public Hearing concluded at 2:48 PM.

Respectively submitted,

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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Type of List Requested West River and East River Hunters Deer

Number of Licenses In list - 1000 West River- 3,500 East River

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:
Rhonda Else - Lee's Meats & Sausage, Inc.

Phone Number - 605-368-2161

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:

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

Disk

Email Address:

Purpose for which list will be used:

Mailing out our Wild Game Processing Flyer. We would like

To mail out 1000 flyers to West River hunters and 3,500

Flyers to East River hunters in the Sioux Falls and surround-
ing areas. Zip Codes are: 57101, 57103 through 57110, 57117,

57118, 57186, 57188, 57189, 57192 through 57198, 57003,

57005, 57013, 57015, 57018, 57020, 57021, 57022, 57032, 57033

57035, 57039, 57055, 57064, 57068, 57077. We would like to avoid duplicate mailing if a
hunter gets a West River & East River license. Let me know if more zip codes are
needed. Thank You.

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.

Rhonda Else
Authorized Signature of Purchaser

6-10-13
Date

License Sales Totals

(as of July 1)

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date updated: 1 July 2013

	2012	2013	% Change
Resident Predator/Varmint	1,248	1,183	-5.2%
Furbearer	2,761	2,801	1.4%
Combination	39,615	39,081	-1.3%
Junior Combination	5,735	5,772	0.6%
Senior Combination	4,629	5,703	23.2%
Resident Youth Small Game	734	870	18.5%
Resident Small Game	2,368	2,102	-11.2%
Resident 1-Day Small Game	217	151	-30.4%
Resident Migratory Bird Certificate	15,953	17,288	8.4%
Resident 1-Day Fishing	3,275	2,738	-16.4%
Resident Annual Fishing	59,592	54,019	-9.4%
Senior Fishing	11,967	10,719	-10.4%
Resident Gamefish Spearing/Archery	1,736	2,249	29.6%
Nonresident Predator/Varmint	3,890	3,594	-7.6%
Nonresident Furbearer	10	5	-50.0%
Nonresident Small Game	3,388	3,106	-8.3%
Nonresident Youth Small Game	261	218	-16.5%
Nonresident Annual Shooting Preserve	145	91	-37.2%
Nonresident 5-day Shooting Preserve	479	496	3.5%
Nonresident 1-day Shooting Preserve	185	179	-3.2%
Nonresident Youth Spring Light Goose	106	132	24.5%
Nonresident Spring Light Goose	2,738	4,207	53.7%
Nonresident Migratory Bird Certificate	145	182	25.5%
Nonresident 1-Day Fishing	10,147	9,329	-8.1%
Nonresident 3-Day Fishing	10,699	11,573	8.2%
Nonresident Annual Fishing	16,526	17,660	6.9%
Nonresident Family Fishing	6,418	6,488	1.1%
Nonresident Youth Annual Fishing	749	859	14.7%
Nonresident Gamefish Spearing/Archery	159	399	150.9%
TOTAL ON FILE =	205,875	203,194	-1.3%

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

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**Antelope Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:23**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	June 6-7, 2013	Pierre
	Public Hearing	July 8, 2013	Pierre
	Finalization	July 8, 2013	Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Season Dates: September 28 – October 13, 2013

Open Area: See the attached map

Licenses: Total of 3,225 licenses (3,730 tags)
Residents Only: 2,720 one-tag and 505 two-tag licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference.
2. Landowners not possessing a license that allows the harvest of a buck may purchase an “any antelope” or a two-tag “any antelope” + “doe/fawn antelope” license that is valid on their property only.
3. Open to residents only.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Offer resident hunters 165 less one-tag licenses (165 tags) and 345 less two-tag licenses (690 tags) than 2012.
2. Units 45A (Lyman) and 45B (Ft. Pierre National Grasslands) will be issued zero firearm licenses. Therefore, Units 45A and 45B will also be closed to archery antelope hunting.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

1. Offer resident hunters 100 more one-tag licenses (100 tags) and 100 less two-tag licenses (200 tags) than proposed.

Year	Buck Tags	Doe Tags	Total Tags
2012	3,000	1,585	4,585
2013	2,975	655	3,630

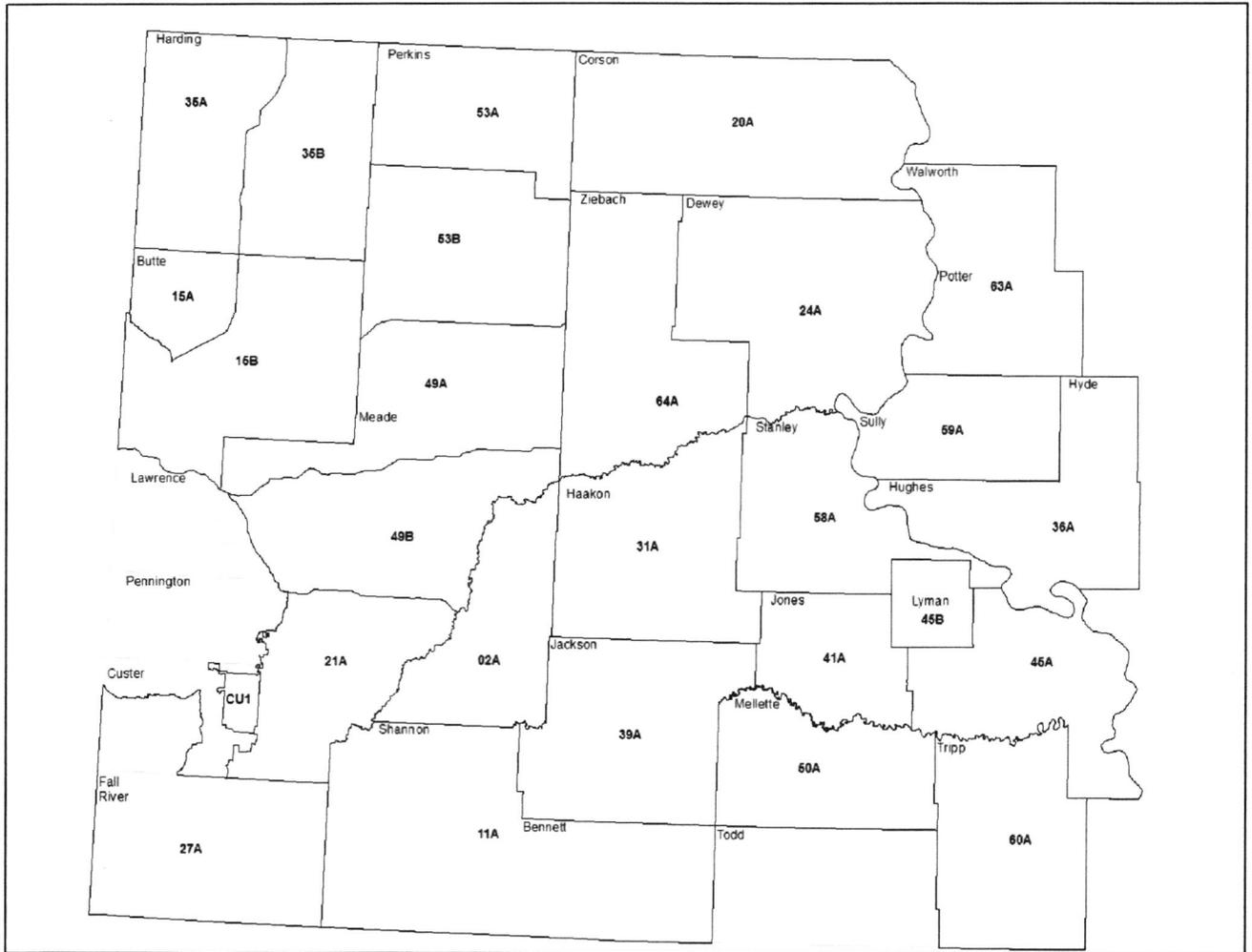
SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licenses Sold	Tags Issued	Bucks Harvested	Doe/Fawn Harvested	Total Harvested	Success
2008	12,833	33,835	7,542	8,024	17,056	50%
2009	12,451	32,334	5,640	8,460	14,100	44%
2010	9,379	18,319	3,932	5,017	8,949	49%
2011	6,209	8,898	2,523	1,971	4,493	50%
2012	3,965	4,936	1,695	942	2,637	53%

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ANTELOPE UNITS

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License and Tag Numbers by Unit

Unit	Resident		Unit	Resident	
	Licenses	Tags		Licenses	Tags
02A	150	150	41A	30	30
11A	80	160	45A	0	0
15A	150	150	45B	0	0
15B	200	200	49A	400	400
20A	50	50	49B	300	300
21A	125	250	50A	60	60
24A	50	50	53A	50	50
27A	600	800	53B	100	100
31A	150	150	58A	90	90
35A	200	200	59A	40	40
35B	150	150	60A	30	30
36A	40	40	63A	30	30
39A	50	50	64A	100	100

2013 Antelope

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident Licenses						License Totals				
		AnyA 41	D/K 43	AA+D/K 48	2 D/K 49	AA+2DK 44	3 D/K 45	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES 3-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags
02A	Pennington East	150						150	0	0	150	150
11A	Bennett/Shannon			80				0	80	0	80	160
15A	Butte NW	150						150	0	0	150	150
15B	Butte/Lawrence	200						200	0	0	200	200
20A	Corson	50						50	0	0	50	50
21A	Custer/Pennington Central			125				0	125	0	125	250
24A	Dewey	50						50	0	0	50	50
27A	Fall River/Custer Southwest	400			200			400	200	0	600	800
31A	Haakon	150						150	0	0	150	150
35A	Harding West	200						200	0	0	200	200
35B	Harding East	150						150	0	0	150	150
36A	Hughes/Hyde	40						40	0	0	40	40
39A	Jackson	50						50	0	0	50	50
41A	Jones	30						30	0	0	30	30
45A	Lyman							0	0	0	0	0
45B	Ft. Pierre National Grasslands							0	0	0	0	0
49A	Meade North	400						400	0	0	400	400
49B	Meade South	300						300	0	0	300	300
50A	Mellette	60						60	0	0	60	60
53A	Perkins North	50						50	0	0	50	50
53B	Perkins South	100						100	0	0	100	100
58A	Stanley	60	30					90	0	0	90	90
59A	Sully	30	10					40	0	0	40	40
60A	Tripp	30						30	0	0	30	30
63A	Walworth/Potter	20	10					30	0	0	30	30
64A	Ziebach	100						100	0	0	100	100
TOTAL		2,770	50	205	200	0	0	2,820	405	0	3,225	3,630
Unit #	Unit Name	AnyA 41	D/K 43	AA+D/K 48	2 D/K 49	AA+2DK 44	3 D/K 45	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES 3-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags

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ANTELOPE
2012--2013 Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2012 Resident Licenses	2013 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2012 Resident Tags	2013 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
02A	Pennington East	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
11A	Bennett/Shannon	125	80	-45	-36%	250	160	-90	-36%
15A	Butte NW	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
15B	Butte/Lawrence	300	200	-100	-33%	300	200	-100	-33%
20A	Corson	40	50	10	25%	40	50	10	25%
21A	Custer/Pennington Central	125	125	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
24A	Dewey	40	50	10	25%	40	50	10	25%
27A	Fall River/Custer Southwest	750	600	-150	-20%	1,300	800	-500	-38%
31A	Haakon	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
35A	Harding West	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
35B	Harding East	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
36A	Hughes/Hyde	30	40	10	33%	30	40	10	33%
39A	Jackson	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
41A	Jones	60	30	-30	-50%	60	30	-30	-50%
45A	Lyman	40	0	-40	-100%	40	0	-40	-100%
45B	Ft. Pierre National Grasslands	15	0	-15	-100%	15	0	-15	-100%
49A	Meade North	450	400	-50	-11%	450	400	-50	-11%
49B	Meade South	350	300	-50	-14%	350	300	-50	-14%
50A	Mellette	90	60	-30	-33%	90	60	-30	-33%
53A	Perkins North	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
53B	Perkins South	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
58A	Stanley	90	90	0	0%	90	90	0	0%
59A	Sully	50	40	-10	-20%	50	40	-10	-20%
60A	Tripp	50	30	-20	-40%	100	30	-70	-70%
63A	Walworth/Potter	30	30	0	0%	30	30	0	0%
64A	Ziebach	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
TOTAL		3,735	3,225	-510	-14%	4,585	3,630	-955	-21%

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FINALIZATION

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Early Fall Canada Goose and Waterfowl Hunting Seasons
Chapters 41:06:50 and 41:06:16

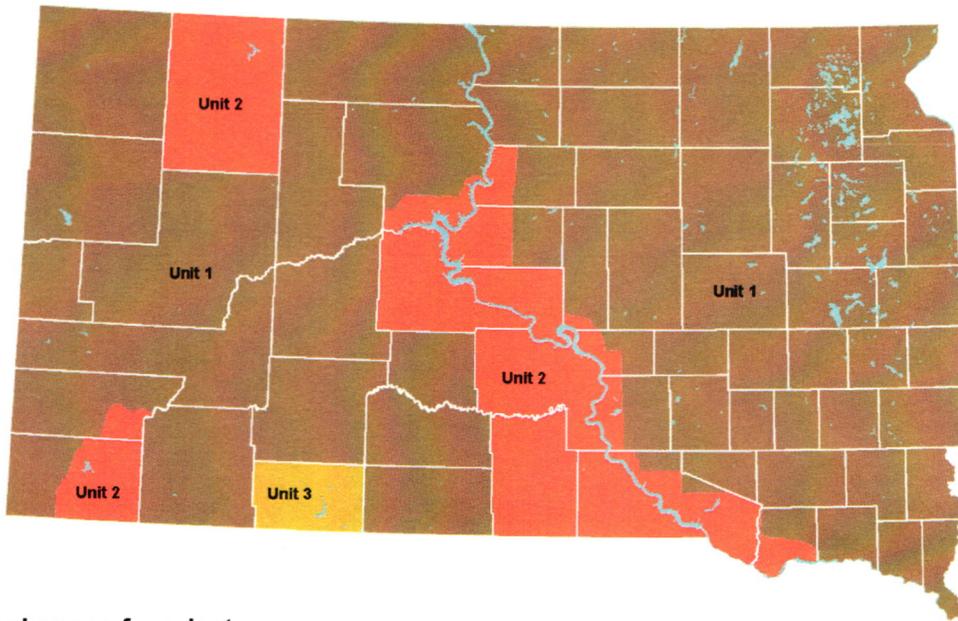
Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	June 6-7, 2013	Pierre
	Public Hearing	July 8, 2013	Pierre
	Finalization	July 8, 2013	Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Season Dates: September 1 - 30, 2013 **Open Area:** Unit 1 (see map below)
Daily Limit: 15 Canada Geese **Possession Limit:** 30 Canada Geese

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
2. Nonresidents may not hunt in the counties of Beadle, Brookings, Hanson, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, McCook, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Sanborn, Turner and Union.



Proposed changes from last year:

1. Change the opening date from the first Saturday in September to September 1.
2. Amend 41:06:16:07 to modify the boundaries of Units 1 and 2 near the Missouri River to remove portions from Unit 1 (area open to Early Fall Canada Goose Hunting Season) and include in Unit 2. This modification would include all of Tripp County and that portion of Charles Mix County east of U.S. Highway 281 and north of S.D. Highway 46. See attached map.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

1. Increase the possession limit for geese from two times (2x) the daily limit to three times (3x) the daily limit as recently approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
2. Amend 41:06:07 to include the current proposed unit boundary change and to correct an error in current administrative rule pertaining to Custer and Fall River counties in the Unit 1 description.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

The dark goose season is open statewide as specifically provided for in this section and the special Canada goose hunting units in § 41:06:16:08:

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(1) Unit 1: the counties of Campbell, Marshall, Roberts, Day, Clark, Codington, Grant, Hamlin, Deuel, Walworth, that portion of Dewey County north of Bureau of Indian Affairs Road 8, Bureau of Indian Affairs Road 9, and the section of U.S. Highway 212 east of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Road 8 junction, that portion of Potter County east of U.S. Highway 83, that portion of Sully County east of U.S. Highway 83, portions of Hyde, Buffalo, Brule, Charles Mix, and Bon Homme counties north and east of a line beginning at the Hughes-Hyde county line on State Highway 34, east to Lees Boulevard, southeast to the State Highway 34, east 7 miles to 350th Avenue, south to Interstate 90 on 350th Avenue, south and east on State Highway 50 to Geddes, east on 285th Street to U.S. Highway 281, south on U.S. Highway 281 to State Highway 50, east and south to State Highway 50 to the Bon Homme-Yankton county boundary, McPherson, Edmunds, Kingsbury, Brookings, Lake, Moody, Miner, Faulk, Hand, Jerauld, Douglas, Hutchinson, Turner, Lincoln, Union, Clay, Yankton, Aurora, Beadle, Davison, Hanson, Sanborn, Spink, Brown, Harding, Butte, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, Shannon, Jackson, Mellette, Todd, Jones, Haakon, Corson, Ziebach, Tripp, McCook, and Minnehaha. the counties of Aurora, Beadle, Brookings, Brown, Butte, Campbell, Clark, Clay, Codington, Corson, Davison, Day, Deuel, Douglas, Edmunds, Faulk, Grant, Haakon, Hamlin, Hand, Hanson, Harding, Hutchinson, Jackson, Jerauld, Jones, Kingsbury, Lake, Lawrence, Lincoln, McCook, McPherson, Marshall, Meade, Mellette, Minnehaha, Moody, Miner, Pennington, Roberts, Sanborn, Shannon, Spink, Todd, Turner, Union, Walworth, Yankton, and Ziebach, that portion of Dewey County north of Bureau of Indian Affairs Road 8, Bureau of Indian Affairs Road 9, and the section of U.S. Highway 212 east of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Road 8 junction, that portion of Potter County east of U.S. Highway 83, that portion of Sully County east of U.S. Highway 83, portions of Hyde, Buffalo, Brule, Charles Mix, and Bon Homme counties north and east of a line beginning at the Hughes-Hyde county line on State Highway 34, east to Lees Boulevard, southeast to the State Highway 34, east 7 miles to 350th Avenue, south to Interstate 90 on 350th Avenue, south and east on State Highway 50 to Geddes, east on 285th Street to U.S. Highway 281, north on U.S. Highway 281 to the Charles Mix-Douglas county boundary, that portion of Bon Homme County north of State Highway 50, that portion of Fall River County west of State Highway 71 and U.S. Highway 385, and that portion of Custer County west of State Highway 79 and north of French Creek. The season is open for 107 consecutive days, less the number of days set aside for the Early Fall Canada Goose season as established in chapter 41:06:50 beginning October 1;

(2) Unit 2: the counties of Perkins, Gregory, Charles Mix, Brule, Bon Homme, Buffalo, Lyman, Stanley, Hughes, that portion of Hyde County south of U.S. Highway 34, that portion of Sully County west of U.S. Highway 83, that portion of Potter County west of U.S. Highway 83, those portions of Hyde, Buffalo, Brule, Charles Mix, and Bon Homme counties south and west of a line beginning at the Hughes-Hyde county line on State Highway 34, east to Lees Boulevard, southeast to State Highway 34, east 7 miles to 350th Avenue, south to Interstate 90 on 350th Avenue, south and east on State Highway 50 to Geddes, east on 285th Street to U.S. Highway 281, south on U.S. Highway 281 to State Highway 50, east and south on State Highway 50 to the Bon Homme-Yankton county boundary, that portion of Fall River County east of State Highway 71 and U.S. Highway 385, that portion of Custer County east of State Highway 79 and south of French Creek, and that portion of Dewey County south of Bureau of Indian Affairs Road 8, Bureau of Indian Affairs Road 9, and the section of U.S. Highway 212 east of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Road 8 junction. those portions of the state not described in Unit 1 and Unit 3. The season is open for 105 consecutive days beginning on the Saturday closest to November 1;

(3) Unit 3: Bennett County. The season is open for nine consecutive days beginning on the second Saturday of January.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Department staff has received public input seeking later season goose hunting opportunities in Tripp County and a portion of Charles Mix County. Additional input from public meetings and an online

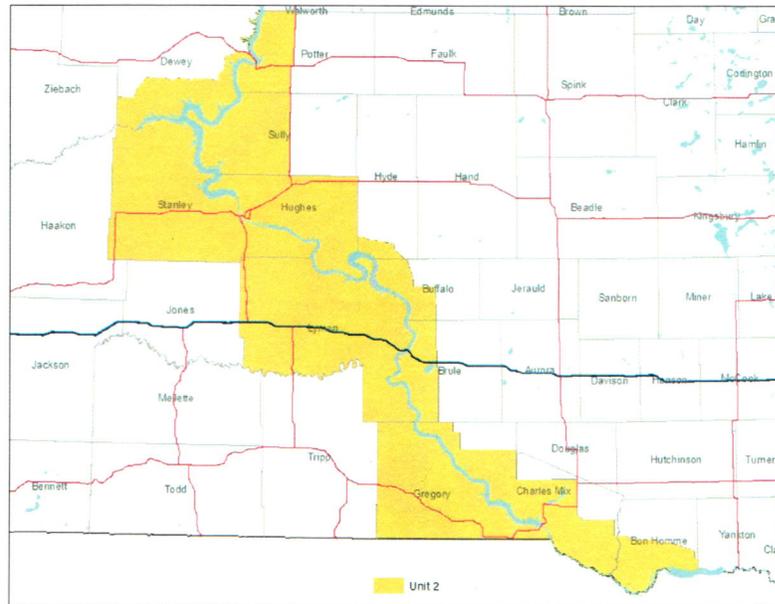
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survey to migratory bird certification holders in these areas revealed support for this proposed change to these goose hunting unit boundaries.

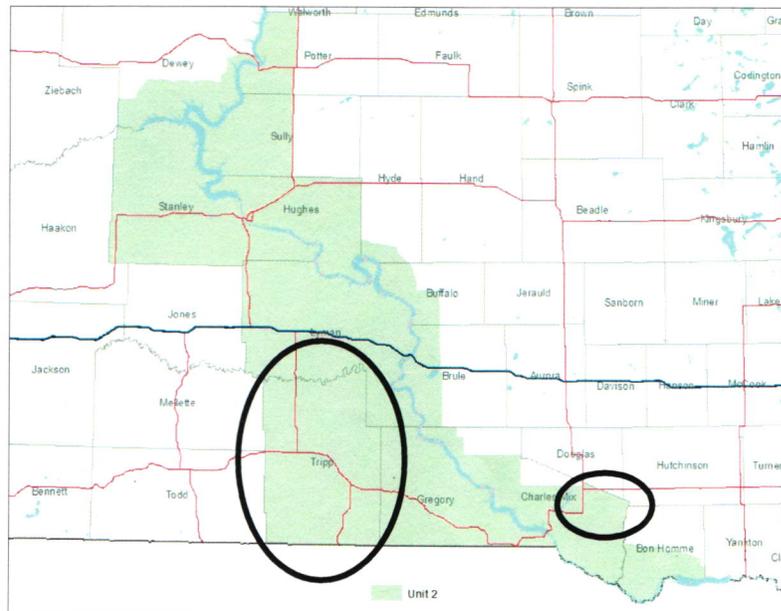
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Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Total Hunters	Geese Harvested	Ave. Days Hunted	Ave. Season Bag
2008	5,052	223	5,275	27,924	Unknown	5.29
2009	5,805	352	6,157	39,275	Unknown	6.38
2010	5,444	323	5,767	44,183	Unknown	7.66
2011	5,098	318	5,416	50,361	3.41	9.30
2012	3,189	447	3,636	28,788	3.32	7.92

Current Unit Boundaries



Proposed Unit Boundaries



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

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**Sage Grouse Hunting Season
Chapters 41:06:10**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	June 6-7, 2013	Pierre
	Public Hearing	July 8, 2013	Pierre
	Finalization	July 8, 2013	Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Season Dates: Closed
Open Area: Closed

Proposed changes from last year:
1. Close season.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

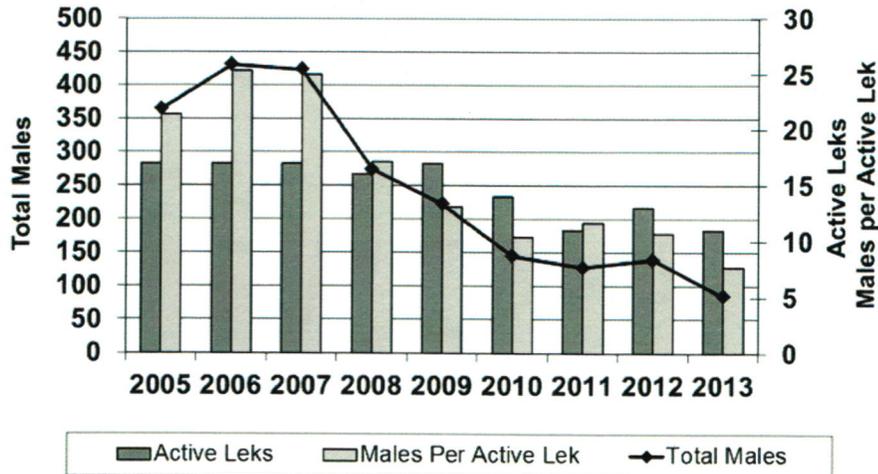
Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

As a result of a continual decline in the number of male sage grouse observed during the spring lek survey, a season closure is recommended after evaluating biological data and harvest strategies.

Year	Number Hunters	Sage Grouse Harvest
2003	36	12
2004	53	25
2005	40	26
2006	46	15
2007	25	10
2008	24	17
2009	20	7
2010	26	12
2011	27	11
2012	35	9

Sage Grouse Lek Survey Results, 2005-2013.



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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION

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Hunting Requirements and Prohibited Methods
Chapter 41:06:04

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	June 6-7, 2013	Pierre
	Public Hearing	July 8, 2013	Pierre
	Finalization	July 8, 2013	Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Establish the following administrative rule:

1:06:04:19. Mandatory inspection of harvested wolf. Any person who harvests a wolf pursuant to § 41-6 shall notify a conservation officer within 24 hours after the kill and submit the animal for inspection by a conservation officer or other designated department representative no later than 48 hours following the kill.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The following was enacted during the 2013 South Dakota Legislative Session:

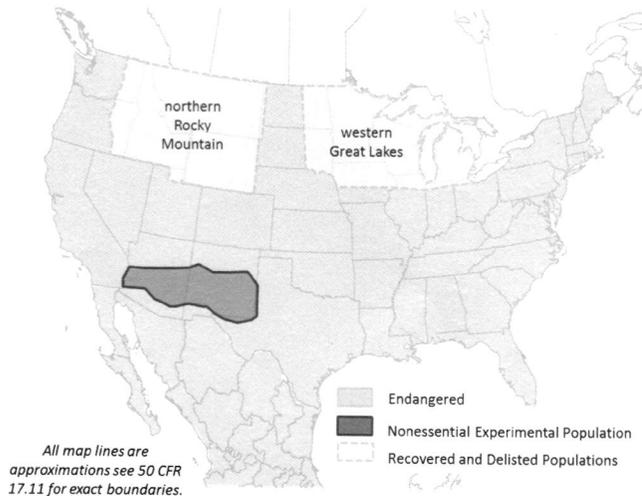
Section 1. That subdivision (21) of § 41-1-1 be amended to read as follows:

- (21) "Predator/varmint," coyote, wolf, gray fox, red fox, skunk, gopher, ground squirrel, chipmunk, jackrabbit, marmot, porcupine, crow, and prairie dog;

Section 2. That chapter 41-6 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

Wolves may only be hunted, taken, or killed in any area of the state in which the State of South Dakota has preeminent authority over the management of wolves.

Currently, the management of gray wolves associated with the Western Great Lakes population (East River in South Dakota) is under the control of the respective states. The gray wolf is currently protected west of the Missouri River in South Dakota under the Endangered Species Act.



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Bobcat Trapping and Hunting Season
Chapter 41:08:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	June 6-7, 2013	Pierre
	Public Hearing	July 8, 2013	Pierre
	Finalization	July 8, 2013	Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Season Dates:	Area:
December 26, 2013 – March 1, 2014	All counties west of the Missouri River.
December 26, 2013 – January 19, 2014	Buffalo, Brule, Charles Mix, Bon Homme, and Yankton counties.

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Trappers or hunters who participate in the bobcat season east river are limited to one bobcat per trapper or hunter.
2. A bobcat taken must be presented to a conservation officer or wildlife damage specialist for registration and tagging of the pelt within 5 days of harvest. Additionally, once the season has closed, an individual has 24 hours to notify a conservation officer or wildlife damage specialist of any untagged bobcats harvested during the season. The pelt must be removed from the carcass and the carcass must be surrendered to the conservation officer or wildlife damage specialist. After the pelt has been tagged, it shall be returned to the hunter or trapper. Upon request, the carcass may be returned to the hunter or trapper after the carcass has been inspected and the lower jaw has been removed. A person may only possess, purchase or sell raw bobcat pelts that are tagged through the eyeholes with the tag provided by the department.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Change the west river season dates from December 14 through February 15, to December 26 through March 1.
2. Implement a harvest limit of 600 bobcats west of the Missouri River. If the harvest limit is reached prior to March 1, the season will close.
3. Change the east river season dates from December 14 through January 5, to December 26 through the third Sunday of January (January 18 for the 2013/2014 season).

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

1. Open the west river season at sunrise on December 26 and close it at sunset on February 15.
2. Do not adopt a bobcat harvest limit for the west river season.

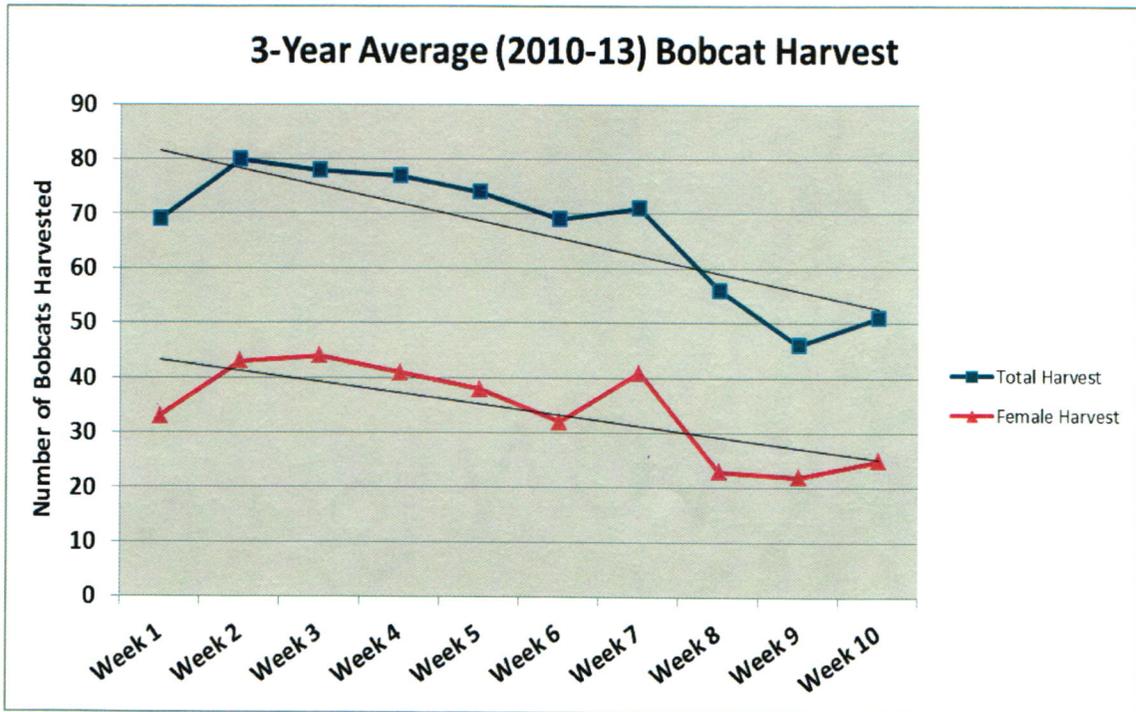
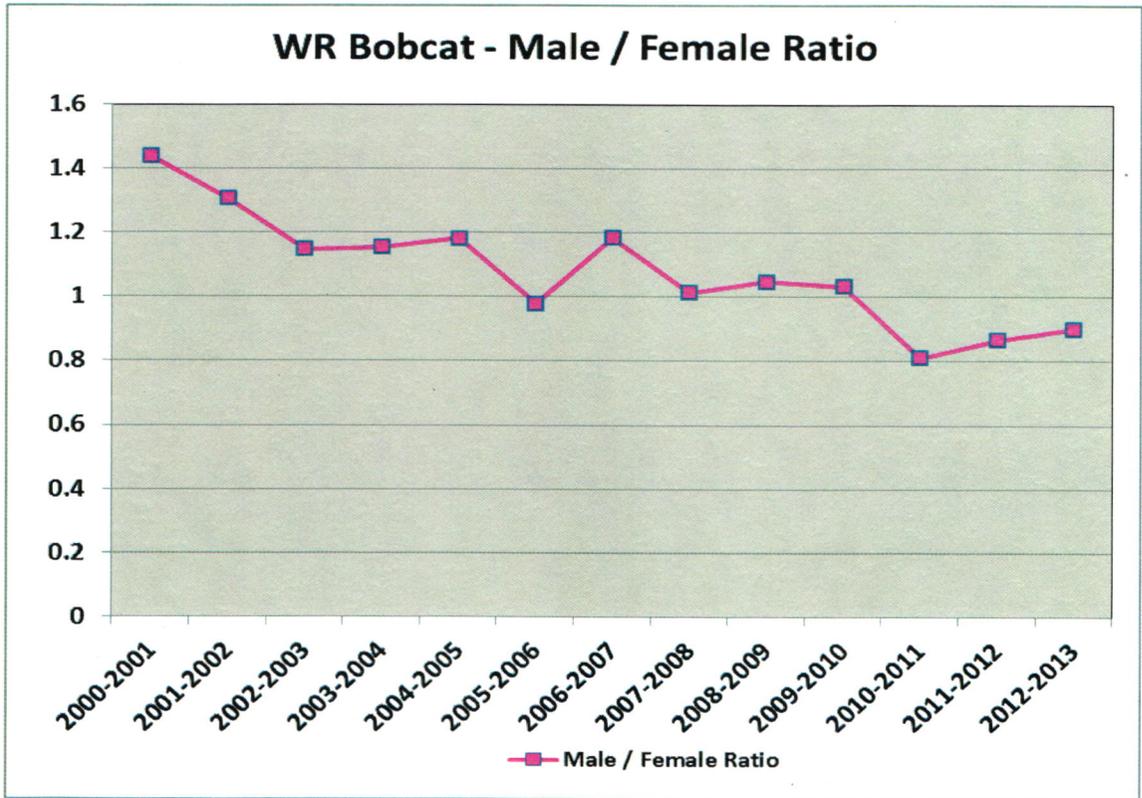
SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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The last three consecutive years of the west river bobcat season has experienced sex ratios that have been skewed towards a higher ratio of females being harvested. Having more females than males harvested is an indicator of a moderate or heavy harvested population.

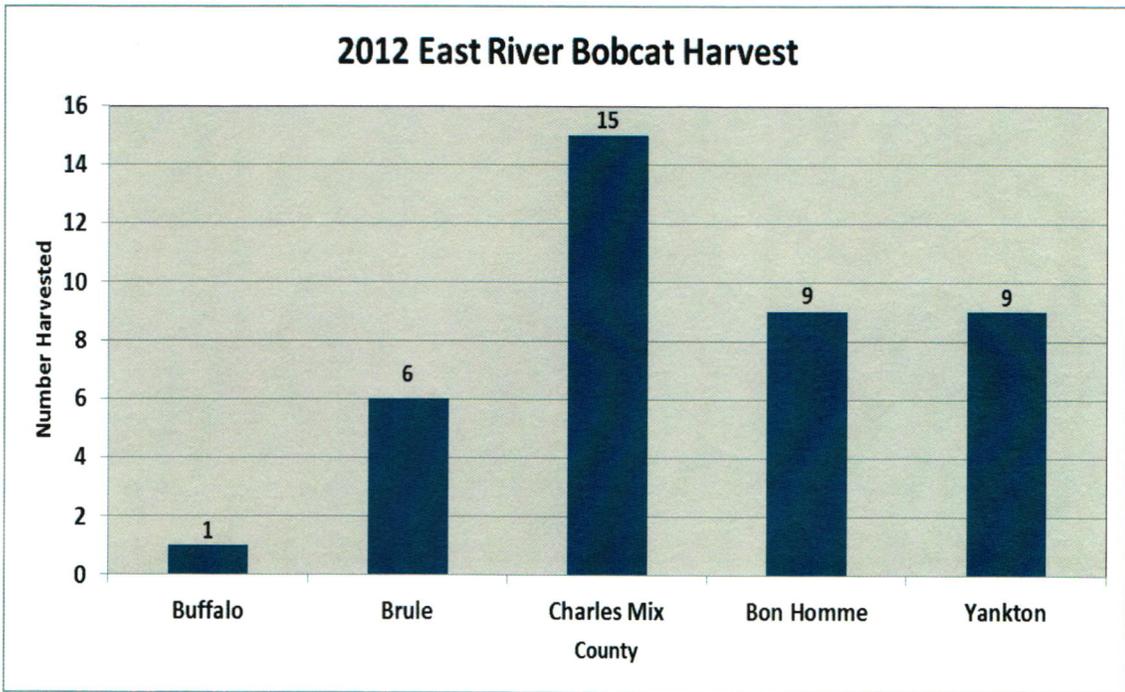
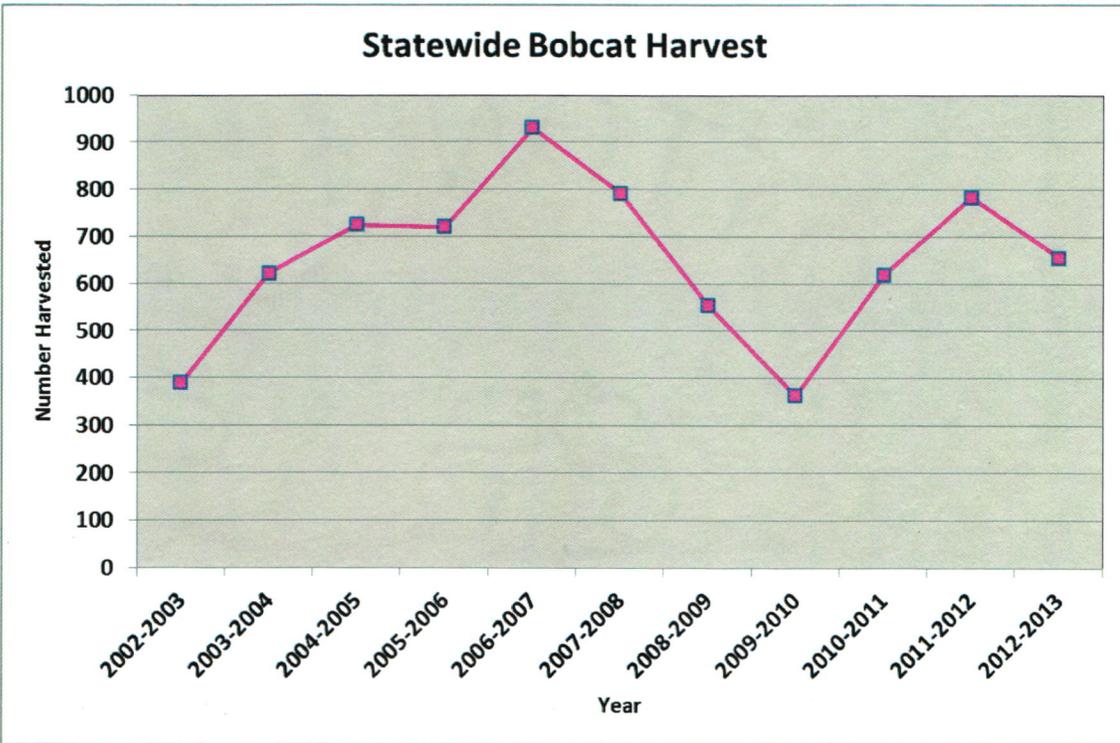
The average harvest for the past 11 years is 647 bobcats for the west river season.

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Duck Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:16

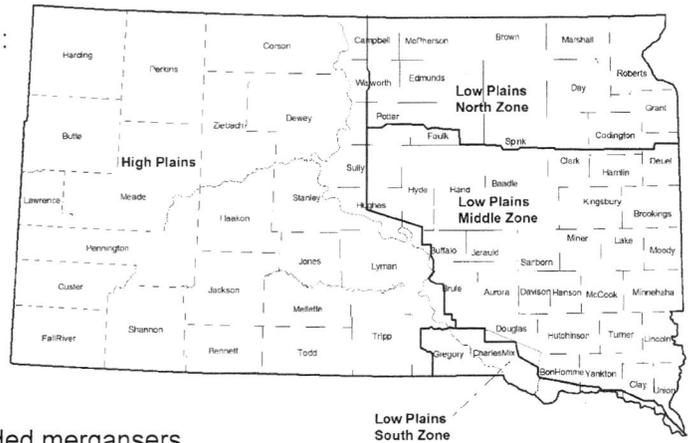
Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal July 8, 2013 Public Hearing August 1, 2013 Finalization August 1-2, 2013	Pierre Watertown Watertown
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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates and Open Areas:

High Plains	October 12, 2013 – January 16, 2014
Low Plains North & Low Plains Middle	September 28 – December 10, 2013
Low Plains South	October 12 – December 24, 2013

Duck Hunting Zones



Daily Duck Limit: 6

The duck limit may be comprised of no more than:

- 5 mallards (which may include no more than 2 hens)
- 3 wood ducks
- 2 redheads
- 2 pintails
- 1 canvasback

Daily Coot Limit: 15

Daily Merganser Limit: 5

The daily bag may contain no more than two hooded mergansers.

Possession Limits: Three times the daily bag limits.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Increase the scaup daily limit from 4 to 6.
2. Increase the possession limit for ducks, coots, and mergansers from two times (2x) the daily limit to three times (3x) the daily limit as recently approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Ducks Harvested
2008	13,376	4,058	219,125
2009	13,873	4,010	252,882
2010	14,038	4,123	262,302
2011	13,394	4,132	264,740
2012	12,797	3,961	233,608

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

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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Goose Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:16

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 8, 2013	Pierre
	Public Hearing	August 1, 2013	Watertown
	Finalization	August 1-2, 2013	Watertown

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

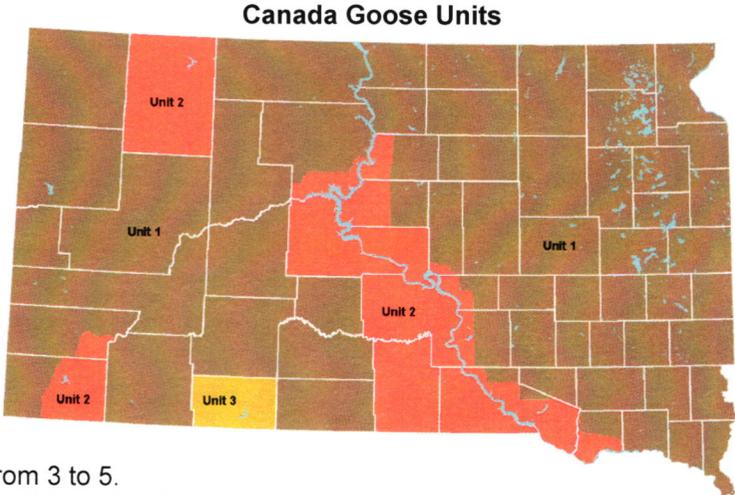
Light Geese
Statewide: September 28 – December 22, 2013

White-fronted Geese
Statewide: September 28 – December 8, 2013

Canada Geese (and Brant)
Unit 1: October 1 – December 16, 2013
Unit 2: November 2, 2013 – February 14, 2014
Unit 3: January 11-19, 2014

Daily Limits:
Canada geese: 5
Light geese: 20
White-fronted goose: 2

Possession Limits:
Light geese: Unlimited
All other geese: Three times the daily limit.



- Recommended changes from last year:**
1. Increase the Canada goose daily bag limit from 3 to 5.
 2. Increase the white-fronted goose daily bag limit from 1 to 2.
 3. Modify the white-fronted goose season from 86 to 72 consecutive days beginning the last Saturday of September.
 4. Increase the possession limit for geese from two times (2x) the daily limit to three times (3x) the daily limit as recently approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Canada goose daily bag limit increase is contingent upon approval from the Central Flyway Council and USFWS.

Federal framework establishes a season structure for white-fronted geese that includes either a daily bag limit of 1 with a maximum of 86 days or a daily bag limit of 2 with a maximum of 72 days. Department staff have received comments from hunters and this recommended change would provide additional harvest opportunity for hunters and retains a season length that still overlaps with the peak migration of white-fronted geese through South Dakota.

Year	Canada Geese			Light Geese (fall season only)			White-fronted Geese		
	Res Hunters	NR Hunters	Geese Harvested	Res Hunters	NR Hunters	Geese Harvested	Res Hunters	NR Hunters	Geese Harvested
2008	13,463	2,483	103,449	5,165	849	63,477	903	343	1,767
2009	12,927	1,986	104,453	4,298	733	55,823	902	240	1,534
2010	13,552	2,198	129,628	4,031	551	36,259	985	261	891
2011	13,376	2,167	107,537	3,614	883	42,657	973	288	1,010
2012	13,715	2,277	98,872	4,113	726	55,171	1,685	440	3,485

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

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

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Depredation Permits
Chapter 41:06:46

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 8, 2013	Pierre
	Public Hearing	August 1, 2013	Watertown
	Finalization	August 1-2, 2013	Watertown

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Between December 1 and March 31, the Department may issue up to 600 permits.
2. Hunters that register for the pool from December 1-31 will be randomly ordered to determine the order in which they are contacted if a pool hunt is needed in a county where they are willing to hunt. After December 31, additional hunters will be registered in the pool in the order that they enroll.
3. The Department may issue up to 200 landowner/operator depredation permits in addition to the depredation permits.
4. The maximum number of landowner/operator depredation permits that may be issued if four permits per household.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. No person may register for more than 10 counties.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

In recent years, it has been difficult for GFP to find registered individuals that are willing to respond to GFP's request for a depredation hunt in an adequate timeframe, primarily because of weather conditions or the distance needed to travel. By limiting the number of counties to a maximum of 10 counties per individual, GFP anticipates that individuals that entered themselves for depredation hunts will participate at a higher level when called upon.

2013 Depredation Hunt Summary

	Number of Tags Issued	Number of Animals Harvested
Turkey	147	53
Deer	195	132

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

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Elk Depredation Permits
Chapter 41:06:52

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 8, 2013	Pierre
	Public Hearing	August 1, 2013	Watertown
	Finalization	August 1-2, 2013	Watertown

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. The commission by resolution shall specify the number and type of elk depredation permits that may be issued.
2. For any hunt conducted in a geographic area lying outside of an established elk hunting unit, the hunt may be conducted within any time period determined by the department.
3. For any hunt conducted in a geographic area lying within an established elk hunting unit, the hunt may be conducted anytime except during the regular elk season.
4. Landowners are eligible for 1 permit for each ranch unit if they are qualified for landowner preference and if they have not received an elk license for the current elk season.
5. Any elk depredation permit holders would not lose any preference points they accumulated over the years; landowners who participate in a hunt would not lose their eligibility to apply for a license for the subsequent elk season.

Recommended changes from last year: None.

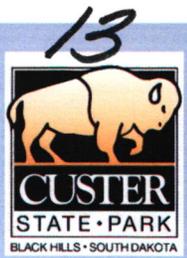
SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

No elk depredation hunts were conducted during the winter of 2012-13.

<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVE	<input type="checkbox"/> MODIFY	<input type="checkbox"/> REJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> NO ACTION
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New Visitor Center @



ARC International will serve as your prime consultant with expertise in project guidance; architecture, interior design, LEED/sustainable design and orchestration of the overall creative development. Our past experiences have uniquely prepared us for the New Visitors' Center development. We are extremely familiar with Custer State Park (Game Lodge, Blue Bell, Sylvan Auditorium and Creekside Lodge), the Game, Fish & Parks (Outdoor Campus and other region facilities) and multiple interpretive/exhibit facilities. We are well acquainted with the natural resources and experiences that are available for visitors to Custer State Park. We relish the opportunity to use our creative skills to display the opportunities to all the CSP visitors.

Donovan Broberg
Principal Architect
Ryan Turnquist
Design Technician
Jeanne Apelseth
Photography/Graphics



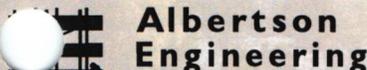
Wyss Associates will provide landscape architecture, site planning and oversee the development of sustainable site features. Wyss and ARC have partnered on several projects that have significant landscape features including 2004 CSP Creekside Master Plan, 2008 Game Lodge Area Site Development, the recently completed Outdoor Campus and the 200 acre Terra Sancta development. Wyss recently provided analysis and recommendations to CSP/GF&P for the siting of the Visitor Center Project.

Pat Wyss
Landscape Architect
Mark Jobman
Landscape Architect



Skyline Engineering will provide mechanical/ electrical engineering including HVAC, plumbing, power, lighting, specialty/ site lighting and communications/ technology integration. Skyline Engineering will lead the development of sustainable design related to energy conservation/ efficiency of the facility. Skyline supported ARC International in providing mechanical and electrical engineering on all facets of the Custer State Park Resort upgrades in 2007-09. They have often teamed with ARC in delivering effective and innovative solutions.

Gary Kuhl
Mechanical Engineer



Albertson Engineering will provide structural engineering. Albertson's provides nearly 90% of ARC's projects structural design solutions including the Outdoor Campus West and Custer State Park Resort improvement projects.

Ted Schultz
Civil Engineer



CETEC Engineering will provide survey and civil engineering related to the site development. Early analysis will include flood studies of the various sites along Grace Coolidge Creek. CETEC has been involved with designing/ upgrading utility infrastructure systems throughout Custer State Park.



Split Rock Studios is an incredibly gifted, creative and experienced team of people dedicated to delivering great experiential and interactive exhibits and interpretive displays. Split Rock Studios has provided many projects for CSP and GF&P including the existing displays at Peter Norbeck Visitor Center, the Outdoor Campus West and the Outdoor Campus in Sioux Falls. ARC/ Wyss have worked with Split Rock Studios on several occasions including the recently completed Interpretive Displays at Outdoor Campus West in Rapid City. The collaborative teamwork has led to some very exciting/interactive exhibits.

Doug Lee
Media Productions



Doug Lee is a Director of Photography, Director and Still Photographer with over 25 years in the industry. Doug is owner of Doug Lee Pictures, a production company/creative agency, specializing in high-end digital cinema video production, slow-motion image capture, photography and stock video and photos. Doug Lee Pictures is passionate about making images. Their work includes commercials, feature films, documentaries, and corporate image videos. They supply talented and experienced crew, editors, grip trucks, cranes, jibs and dollies. Everything from preproduction to the finished edit.

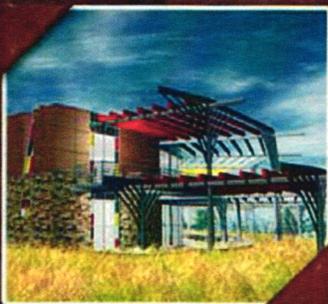
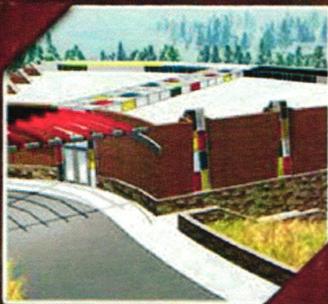
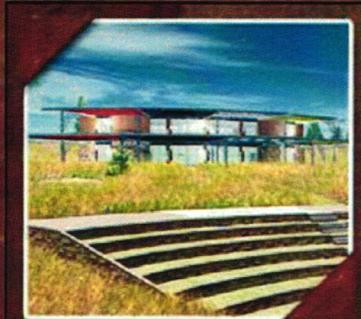


Bradley Block currently serves as the Chief of Interpretation at Jewel Cave National Monument coordinating the overall interpretive and educational programming. Prior to this employment, he spent nearly twelve years as the Chief of Interpretation at Custer State Park. He understands and appreciates the resource management practices of the park and is able to translate these actions to the public using a variety of interpretive techniques. He is an avid recreationist who has hiked most of the trails in the park, and has initiated several interpretive events during his tenure.

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CONFLUENCE

SPLIT ROCK STUDIOS



Good Earth State Park at Blood Run New Visitors Center and Facilities

Team members were chosen for their experience at Blood Run, and the attentiveness they bring to preserving the site's history.



PROJECT DIRECTOR
J. Mike Coleman, PE & LS

CIVIL ENGINEERING
Task Manager
Todd Yerdon, PE

Access Roads & Parking
Jason Kjenstad, PE

Utilities
Todd Yerdon, PE

Site Drainage
Todd Yerdon, PE

ARCHITECTURE
Task Manager
Dave Thomas, AIA, LEED AP

Project Architect
Dave Thomas, AIA, LEED AP

Architect
Jim Adrian, RA, CDT, LEED AP

Site Planning
Anna Grimes, PE, LEED AP

Planning
Doug Bisson, AICP

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AND INTERPRETIVE DESIGN
Task Manager
Confluence: Jon Jacobson, ASLA, PLA

Landscape Architecture
Confluence: Jon Jacobson, ASLA, PLA
Confluence: Chad Kucker, ASLA, PLA, LEED AP

AV/Audio
Jared Reiter, PE, NCQLP, LEED AP

Interpretive Design
Split Rock Studios: Lead - Colin Cook, Gary Peck, Chris Lee, Jane Wilson and Matt Cox

ARCHAEOLOGICAL
Alan Stanfill

ENVIRONMENTAL
Rebecca Baker

PUBLIC INVOLVMENT
Theresa McClure

CONTINUOUS RESEARCH

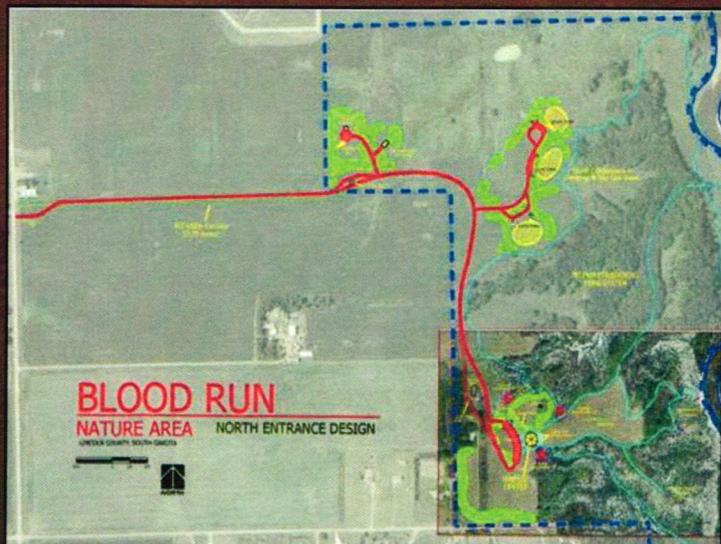
Archive Research
Ethnobotany
Ethnohistory
Archaeology

INTERPRETATION TOOLS

iPod Walking Tours
Interpretive Displays
Research Programs
Audio Clips with Tribal Speaking

ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISORY BOARD CONSENT

For making these decisions, the board can consist of:
SD Game, Fish and Parks
Tribal Member
Public Stakeholder



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JANUARY- JUNE 2013 REVENUE COMPARISON BY PRODUCT

	2012		2013		% Change
	# Sold	\$ Sold	# Sold	\$ Sold	
Annual	30,582	\$ 856,290.00	27,787	\$ 833,616.00	-2.6%
Second Vehicle	8,375	\$ 117,253.00	6,658	\$ 99,870.00	-14.8%
Combo	12,898	\$ 541,717.00	15,420	\$ 693,914.00	28.1%
Transferable	812	\$ 48,713.76	1,004	\$ 65,248.00	33.9%
Daily / Person (\$4)	13,782	\$ 55,129.46	19,317	\$ 77,269.28	40.2%
Daily / Vehicle (\$6)	25,267	\$ 151,602.48	20,667	\$ 124,003.70	-18.2%
Unattended Vehicle Daily (\$4)	179	\$ 714.00	0	\$ -	-100.0%
Unattended Vehicle Daily (\$10)	630	\$ 6,302.00	275	\$ 2,747.00	-56.4%
Motorcoach Permit	1,433	\$ 4,300.00	1,874	\$ 5,622.00	30.7%
GSM Annual Trail Pass (\$15)	973	\$ 14,595.00	1,184	\$ 17,764.00	21.7%
GSM Daily Trail Pass (\$3)	6,107	\$ 18,321.00	6,138	\$ 18,414.00	0.5%
CSP Temp Daily / Vehicle (\$15)	32,223	\$ 483,345.00	40,318	\$ 604,770.00	25.1%
Bike Band (\$10)	3,592	\$ 35,920.00	4,390	\$ 43,900.00	22.2%
One-Day Special Event	N/A	\$ 6,310.00	N/A	\$ 2,680.00	-57.5%
2012 online PEL Sales	N/A	\$ 93,359.00		\$ -	
		<u>\$ 2,433,871.70</u>	<u>145,033</u>	<u>\$ 2,589,817.98</u>	<u>6.4%</u>
Camping Services Permits		\$ 4,267,226.40		\$ 4,434,968.22	3.9%
Picnic Reservations		\$ 7,167.80		\$ 7,330.00	2.3%
Gift Card		\$ -		\$ 11,982.00	
Firewood		\$ 57,421.20		\$ 45,622.26	-20.5%
		<u>\$ 4,331,815.40</u>		<u>\$ 4,499,902.48</u>	<u>3.9%</u>
Totals:		\$ 6,765,687.10		\$ 7,089,720.46	4.8%

JANUARY - JUNE 2013 REVENUE COMPARISON BY DISTRICT

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%

Dis Park	2012	2013	% Change	Dis Park	2012	2013	% Change
1 Fort Sisseton Roy Lake Sica Hollow	\$ 170,326.16	\$ 142,751.62	-16.2%	10 North Point North Wheeler Pease Creek Randall Creek South Shore Whetstone Bay	\$ 344,627.76	\$ 363,734.80	5.5%
2 Richmond Lake Mina Lake Lake Louise Fisher Grove Amsden	\$ 134,692.20	\$ 134,395.44	-0.2%	11 Farm Island West Bend	\$ 253,785.80	\$ 278,291.34	9.7%
3 Sandy Shore Hartford Beach Lake Cochrane Pelican South Pickerel Lake	\$ 320,946.80	\$ 310,316.36	-3.3%	12 Oahe Downstream West Shore Cow Creek Okobojo Point Spring Creek East Shore	\$ 265,802.38	\$ 295,391.32	11.1%
4 Oakwood Lakes Lake Poinsett Lake Thompson	\$ 416,872.40	\$ 418,024.60	0.3%	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	\$ 257,744.70	\$ 237,933.94	-7.7%
5 Lake Herman Walkers Point	\$ 181,464.21	\$ 171,534.36	-5.5%	14 GSM Trail Bear Butte	\$ 61,050.98	\$ 58,722.24	-3.8%
6 Snake Creek Platte Creek Burke Lake Buryanek	\$ 273,258.90	\$ 269,828.70	-1.3%	15 Shadehill Llewellyn Johns Rocky Point	\$ 171,960.40	\$ 210,580.34	22.5%
7 Palisades Lake Vermillion Big Sioux	\$ 381,634.80	\$ 392,698.30	2.9%	16 Custer	\$ 1,750,996.60	\$ 2,013,815.21	15.0%
8 Newton Hills Lake Alvin Union Grove Adams	\$ 254,119.26	\$ 249,406.32	-1.9%	17 Angostura Sheps Canyon	\$ 317,900.35	\$ 314,261.15	-1.1%
9 Lewis & Clark Tabor Sand Creek Springfield Chief White Crane Pierson Ranch	\$ 1,084,881.40	\$ 1,057,686.42	-2.5%	20 Pierre Office	\$ 123,622.00	\$ 170,348.00	37.8%
				TOTALS:	\$ 6,765,687.10	\$ 7,089,720.46	4.8%

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

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Refuges
Chapter 41:05:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 8, 2013	Pierre
	Public Hearing	August 1, 2013	Watertown
	Finalization	August 1-2, 2013	Watertown

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Current Rule:

41:05:02:06. Brown County refuges. The refuge in Brown County is: the Renziehausen Slough State Game Bird Refuge. This refuge comprises all of sections 25 and 26 all in township 127 north, range 60 west of the fifth principal meridian, except for a shooting and retrieving zone 50 yards wide on the north, west, and south sides of section 26, 50 feet wide on the south and north sides of section 25, and 50 yards wide on the east side of section 25, as posted.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Modify the Renziehausen Slough State Game Bird Refuge as follows (see map):

41:05:02:06. Brown County refuges. The refuge in Brown County is: the Renziehausen Slough State Game Bird Refuge. This refuge comprises all of sections 25 and 26, less the North Half of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter, North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, North Half of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, North Half of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, and North Half of the South Half of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 26, all in township 127 north, range 60 west of the fifth principal meridian, except for a shooting and retrieving zone 50 yards wide on the north, west, and south sides of section 26, 50 feet wide on the south and north sides of section 25, and 50 yards wide on the east side of section 25, as posted.

STAFF COMMENTS

The Department has been contacted by Kent Perkins who owns a portion of the land included in the Renziehausen Slough State Game Bird Refuge. Mr. Perkins has requested that this land be withdrawn from the refuge.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

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June 10, 2013

Susie Knippling, Chairwoman
SD Game Fish and Parks Commission
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

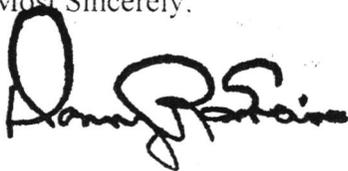
Dear Ms. Knippling:

This letter is sent on behalf of Kent Perkins, who is the owner of land in Section 26, Township 127N, Range 60W, Brown County, South Dakota. This is land that is presently included in the Renzienhausen Slough State Game Refuge pursuant to administrative regulation.

Mr. Perkins has requested that I initiate the proceedings with the Commission to have this real estate withdrawn from the State Game Bird Refuge. Therefore, this letter serves as that request, and I would appreciate it if you could please schedule for the next meeting, a hearing or whatever steps need to be taken in order to have the rules changed in order to remove this real estate from the refuge.

If you have any questions concerning this, please let me know.

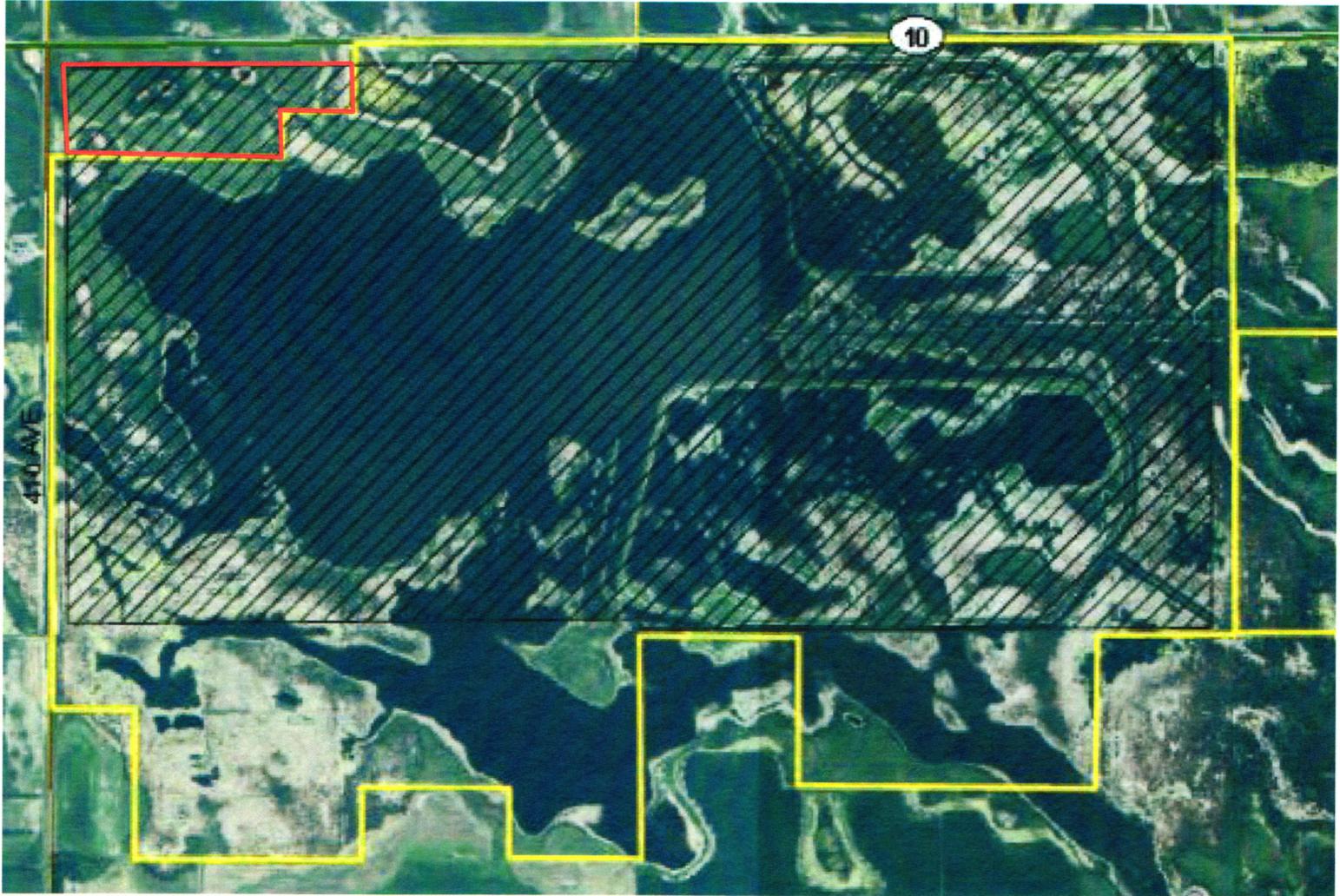
Most Sincerely,



Danny R. Smeins
DRS:bsa

Cc: Kent Perkins

Renziehausen Slough State Game Bird Refuge 156



-  Game Production Area
-  Area requested to be withdrawn (Kent Perkins, Landowner)
-  State Game Bird Refuge



June 21, 2013

**South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Commission
Secretary Jeff Vonk
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501**

Dear Commission members and Secretary Vonk,

As evidenced by the attached summary of the 2012-2013 South Dakota Special Elk Tag, changing the tag to a Black Hills wide hunting opportunity has improved support of the raffle significantly. Thank you again for making this change so that the program can continue to be successful. RMEF would hope to continue to be a part of this relationship, benefiting elk and other wildlife in South Dakota, and we appreciate being considered for the special elk tag for the 2014 season. We understand that if selected the raffle must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of 41:06:27 of the Administrative Rules.

Throughout the 2012-2013 banquet season the 18 South Dakota chapters promoted the "Special Elk" Black Hills tag and most showed increased sales. If RMEF is awarded the 2013-2014 tag we anticipate even better results as people become more aware of the uniqueness of the tag and we improve our marketing. Thank you to the Commission for allowing us to conduct the elk tag drawing at the Black Hills big game banquet this year, and a special thank you to Commissioner Gary Jensen for participating in the drawing.

On July 17, 2013 RMEF volunteers and staff will meet with representatives of the various organizations with interest in the "Preservation of elk, other wildlife, their habitat, and our hunting heritage" for the 2013 Project Advisory Committee meeting. We would like to invite members of the Commission to attend this open meeting where the dollars raised through the RMEF banquet system and the sale of the State elk tag are put "on the ground" in South Dakota.



This year the fundraising efforts in South Dakota will again provide approximately \$80,000 for project proposals in the Black Hills.

We would like to express our gratitude also to South Dakota Game Fish and Parks representatives, Chad Lehman, Mike Kintigh, Tyrel Schmelz, Tim Bradeen and WCNP Biology Science Tech, Duane Weber who joined forty RMEF volunteers for an evening presentation during the recent 2013 summer rendezvous. In addition to learning about ongoing elk and elk habitat programs in the Black Hills, volunteers rolled up their sleeves and repaired two more guzzlers on USFS land and removed over a half mile of fence on the Spring Valley project in Pleasant Valley.

For this core group of volunteers raising funds is only part of carrying out the RMEF mission in the State and we thank you for allowing us to be part of the future of elk in South Dakota.

Sincerely,

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CSP Year Raffle Results

YEARLY TOTALS	2013 \$10-3/\$25	2012 \$10-3/\$25	2011 \$10-3/\$25	2010 \$10-3/\$25
Total # Mailing	12659	14750	14037	14700
Total Mail Purchase	678	489	709	839
Total Mail Tickets Sold	2316	1603	2293	2667
Total Dollars Collected	\$ 32,330	\$21,143.00	\$ 27,270	\$ 32,481.00
Total Expenses	5377.14	\$3,597.79	4,871.70	\$ 4,324.70
Net Revenue	\$ 26,953	\$ 17,545	\$ 22,398	\$ 28,156
Expense Ratio	17%	17%	18%	13%
Chapter Sales				
Yankton	\$ 2,220	\$ 2,433	\$ 1,530	\$ 1,525
Rapid City	\$ 1,515	\$ 725	\$ 1,025	\$ 1,035
Sioux Falls	\$ 600	\$ 550	\$ 335	\$ 1,190
Mitchell	\$ 1,005	\$ 750	\$ 495	\$ 385
Huron	\$ 665	\$ 360	\$ 470	\$ 640
Winner	\$ 335	\$ 140	\$ 355	\$ 410
Spearfish	\$ 535	\$ 225	\$ 250	\$ 636
Brandon	\$ 185	\$ 305	\$ -	\$ 80
Platte	\$ 225	\$ 280	\$ 280	\$ 575
Madison	\$ 550	\$ 195	\$ 635	\$ 635
Aberdeen	\$ 440	\$ 775	\$ 495	\$ 715
Chamberlain	\$ 350	\$ 250	\$ 160	\$ 395
Custer-Hot Springs	\$ 200	\$ 85	\$ 665	\$ -
Pierre	\$ -	\$ 60	\$ 250	\$ 245
Brookings	\$ 455	\$ -	\$ 220	\$ 325
Watertown	\$ 725	\$ 525	\$ 290	\$ 515
Morbridge	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150
Lead-Deadwood	\$ 390	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 530
Chapter Sales	\$ 10,395	\$ 7,658	\$ 7,855	\$ 9,986
Mail-ins	\$ 19,435	\$ 13,485	\$ 19,210	\$ 22,435
Internet / Underwriting	\$ 2,500		\$ 205	\$ 60

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CSP Year Raffle Results

2009 \$10-3/\$25	2008 \$10-3/\$25	2007 \$20-3/\$50	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
15004	12639	5199	21000	22708	24745	unknown	15860
547	692	569	993	832	unknown	unknown	unknown
1730	2143	1117	2121	3596	4300	5311	5865
\$ 25,030	\$ 30,620	\$ 19,130	\$ 38,305	\$ 30,432	\$ 37,540	\$ 46,086	\$ 46,815
\$ 5,907	\$ 6,536	\$ 3,395	\$ 22,780	\$ 17,615	\$ 9,709	\$ 9,175	\$ 7,605
\$ 19,123	\$ 24,084	\$ 15,735	\$ 15,525	\$ 12,817	\$ 27,831	\$ 36,911	\$ 39,210
24%	21%	18%	59%	58%	26%	20%	16%
\$ 2,015	\$ 1,455	\$ 2,520	\$ 1,745	\$ 1,650	\$ 2,480	\$ 3,555	\$ 4,135
\$ 1,955	\$ 3,885	\$ 2,950	\$ 620	\$ 2,307	\$ 2,565	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,075
\$ 170	\$ 965	\$ 1,540	\$ 870	\$ 675	\$ 645	\$ 1,655	\$ 1,161
\$ 525	\$ 805	\$ 740	\$ 930	\$ 995	\$ 1,120	\$ 964	\$ 965
\$ 610	\$ 725	\$ 780	\$ 710	\$ 575	\$ 530	\$ 840	\$ 970
\$ 325	\$ 275	\$ 290	\$ 540	\$ 345	\$ 480	\$ 855	\$ 965
\$ 300	\$ 590	\$ 490	\$ 720	\$ 215	\$ 610	\$ 805	\$ 785
\$ 390	\$ 220	\$ -	\$ 2,450	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 605	\$ 290	\$ 380	\$ 520	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 255	\$ 240
\$ 505	\$ 600	\$ 450	\$ 720	\$ 215	\$ 200	\$ 680	\$ -
\$ 955	\$ 440	\$ 430	\$ 110	\$ 555	\$ 405	\$ 200	\$ 310
\$ 470	\$ 450	\$ 440	\$ 330	\$ 55	\$ 640	\$ 583	\$ 135
\$ -	\$ 225	\$ -	\$ 220	\$ 370	\$ 200	\$ 255	\$ 490
\$ 245	\$ 25	\$ -	\$ 110	\$ 215	\$ 80	\$ 230	\$ 110
\$ 580	\$ 790	\$ 610	\$ 570	\$ 805	\$ 875	\$ 1,385	\$ 415
\$ 620	\$ 410	\$ 60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 290	\$ 125
\$ -	\$ 155	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 245
\$ -	\$ 215	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 10,270	\$ 12,520	\$ 11,700	\$ 11,165	\$ 9,477	\$ 11,330	\$ 15,302	\$ 13,126
\$ 14,760	\$ 18,050	\$ 7,210	\$ 27,140	\$ 20,985	\$ 26,210	\$ 30,784	\$ 33,689
\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 220	\$ -				