

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Duck Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:16

Commission Meeting Dates:	Public Hearing	August 1, 2013	Watertown
	Finalization	August 1-2, 2013	Watertown

COMMISSION PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS

Season Dates and Open Areas:

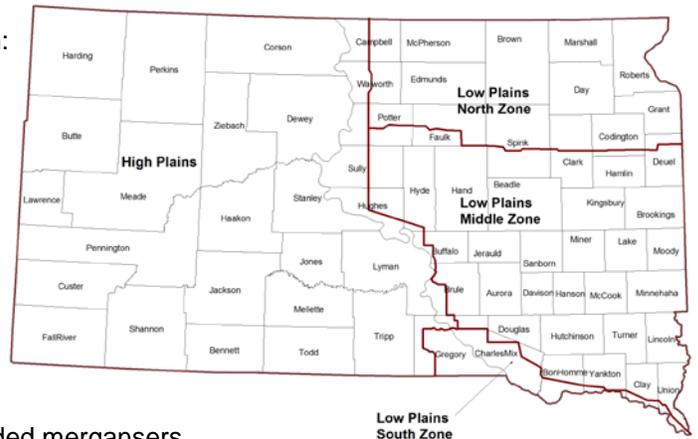
High Plains	October 12, 2013 – January 16, 2014
Low Plains North & Low Plains Middle	September 28 – December 10, 2013
Low Plains South	October 12 – December 24, 2013

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