

AGENDA
Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
June 6-7, 2013
Visitor's Center on Capitol Lake
Pierre, SD 57501

Call to order 1 PM CDT

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22. Sage Grouse
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Division of Parks and Recreation

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Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
May 2-3, 2013

Chairwoman Susie Knippling called the meeting to order at 1 PM MDT in the Coolidge Room of the Creekside Lodge in Custer State Park near Custer, South Dakota. Commissioners Susie Knippling, John Cooper, Cathy Peterson, Barry Jensen, Duane Sather, and Gary Jensen were present. Jim Spies was absent and Jeff Vonk arrived at 1:50 PM. The public, staff, and media numbered approximately thirty-five.

Division of Administration

Chair Knippling called for any additions or corrections to the April 4-5, 2013, minutes or a motion for approval.

Motion by Cooper with second by Sather TO APPROVE THE APRIL 4-5, 2013, MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Knippling called for additional salary days. Cooper requested one and Knippling requested two additional salary days. Motion by Peterson with second by Gary Jensen TO APPROVE THE THREE ADDITIONAL SALARY DAYS REQUESTED BY COOPER AND KNIPPLING. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Chris Petersen presented a license list request from the Aberdeen Area Convention and Visitors Bureau for a list of 2012 nonresident small game license holders to invite hunters to visit Aberdeen during hunting seasons. This would be an exception to the fee request.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Sather TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST FROM THE ABERDEEN VISITORS BUREAU AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Petersen presented a license list request from SD Trappers Association for the 2012 resident trapping license holders. This list will be used to contact potential new members for the association and share upcoming activities. This would be at the reduced fee.

Petersen presented a list request from SD Wildlife Federation of the 2012 nonresident small game license holders to be used to survey the license holders about fees and hunting in South Dakota. This would be at the reduced fee.

Motion by Sather with second by Barry Jensen TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUESTS FROM SD TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION AND THE SD WILDLIFE FEDERATION AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Petersen presented the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Summary Report stating the salary and benefit package was adjusted according to changes made during the 2013 Legislative Session. The Report showed the request by Game, Fish, and Parks, the changes from legislation, and the FY2014 appropriation of \$77,737,716. The report included breakdowns for the Division

of Administration, Division of Parks, Snowmobile Trails, and the Division of Wildlife. The report also included a page showing the changes legislature made to the FY2013 Budget related to increases in health insurance for GFP employees and central service billings. The FY13 budget amendments increased spending authority by \$495,913 for the Division of Wildlife and require Commission approval.

Petersen stated the FY2014 Wildlife Operations, Development/Improvement, and the Snowmobile Trails Program budgets are ready for Commission approval. The FY2014 Snowmobile Trails Program budget has 9.1 FTE and \$1,511,868 of federal and other funds expenditure authority. The Wildlife Division FY2014 Operations budget has 290.0 FTE with \$43,558,912 of federal and other funds expenditure authority. The Wildlife Development/Improvement budget is for \$2,618,000. Petersen recommended approval of the FY2014 budgets.

Motion by Peterson and second by Sather TO APPROVE THE FY2013 DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OPERATIONS BUDGET AS AMENDED TO \$42,392,371, THE FY2014 SNOWMOBILE TRAILS PROGRAM BUDGET OF \$1,511,868, THE FY2014 WILDLIFE OPERATIONS BUDGET OF \$43,558,912, AND THE WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT/IMPROVEMENT BUDGET OF \$2,618,000 AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Petersen presented the April 29, 2013, License Sales Totals and shared that this time last year fishing license sales were at record levels and with the change in weather last week more than 1,000 fishing licenses were sold. This time of the year the total numbers represents about 30% of the fishing license sales for the year.

Open Forum

Kevin Forester of Sturgis provided a handout from the Black Hills Trails organization and indicated he has been in contact with Director Hofer and Superintendent Snyder after seeing the Rapid City Journal article about Sheps Canyon Recreational Complex and Trail. He indicated the Mickelson Trail is not a multiuse trail and the Centennial Trail is a backcountry trail. The Black Hills Trails group are constructing trails in the hills and work with the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. He would like all trails to meet standards for users like hikers, horseback riding, and cyclists.

Nancy Hilding, President of the Prairie Hills Audubon Society (PHAS) stated she did not find any proposed rule changes that wolves in SD would be considered a varmint and she requested that all wolves shot be reported to the Department within ten days to monitor population and genetics.

Hilding expressed her concern that HB 1146, 1147, and 1148 were killed and asked everyone to listen to the testimony from legislative committee. Hilding requested all traps have identification as 41 other states require identification on traps and she realizes the trappers do not want this. There are forms of modern technology such as trail cameras that trappers can use to protect their traps and lines. Why don't we have trap ID's? Is it because of a few people?

Hilding indicated PHAS does not support extending trap line checks from 2 to 3 days especially in East River. Trappers indicate that "most traps are checked daily" with

the exceptions of when a trapper is ill or bad weather comes in. Hilding stated that when bad weather is on the way trappers should pull their traps if they will be unable to check them.

Larry Weirkamp shared his concerns about scopes as he uses a cross bow due to medical reasons and he is over 60 years old. He wounded a bull and a doe elk using a three-dot sight on his crossbow which came with a three-power scope that picks up more light. He believes the three-dot sight is the best on the market and is a compromise and allows others like him to continue hunting particularly archery hunting. He asked the Commission to consider allowing the three-power scope on cross bows as it may increase the number of hunters and this is beneficial to the Department and not an unfair proposal.

Matt Rippentrop thanked the Commission for the opportunity to have a bighorn sheep tag at the Midwest Bighorn Sheep Convention and it sold for \$102,000. He thanked all parties that assisted with process that allowed for the tag. Rippentrop provided highlights from the Midwest Convention and the National Convention. The check was presented by Curt Babler to Governor Daugaard and Director Leif on April 30. A committee has been formed to develop recommendations for the use of the proceeds from the auction. The Midwest Bighorn Sheep group is currently working with the Ogala Sioux Tribe and will continue to build relationships with other tribes.

Russ Roberts of St. Onge referenced a report from Ted Benzon and that Wyoming Game and Fish recommends a later West River Deer Season. He implored the Commission to keep the season dates as in past years as it does not benefit the herd by taking bucks during the rut. Roberts asked about the special buck recommendations he presented last month and Vonk indicated the Department is looking into some of them.

Public Hearing Minutes

Public Hearing Officer Chuck Schlueter began the public hearing at 2:04 PM indicating there were no written or email comments received about the Off-season camping rates change the Commission will consider under Finalizations on the agenda. Schlueter invited anyone present wishing to provide testimony on the proposed changes to come forward and share those comments with the Commission. No comments were received from the public and the hearing concluded at 2:06 PM.

Finalizations

Camping Permits and Rules 41:03:04

Parks Assistant Director Bob Schneider presented the proposed changes to camping permits and rules to eliminate the \$2.00 reduced camping when comfort stations are closed during the winter. Winter camping is minimal, representing less than ¼ of 1% total annual camping, but the department does incur costs, such as snow removal, to making camping available. The additional revenue will assist in covering these winter costs. A uniform year round fee will also aid in managing the park system's new 24/7 365 day reservation service.

Eliminate the \$2.00 differential in camping fees during cold weather periods when restroom and shower facilities are closed.

Motion by Sather with second by Gary Jensen TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO CAMPING PERMITS AND RULES 41:03:04 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Wildlife Director Tony Leif requested to bring item 27 of the agenda "Status of deer populations" which is a PowerPoint Presentation forward prior to the Department recommendations to the deer hunting season proposals. Chair Knippling granted the request. (Minutes follow the agenda.)

Chair Knippling called a recess after the deer status presentation and following the recess Parks Director Doug Hofer requested agenda items 21 and 22 be moved forward as Regency President Greg Schjodt and Custer Resorts Manager Josh Schmaltz were present and would not be available on Friday morning. Knippling requested the agenda change. (Minutes follow the agenda.)

Hunting Season Proposals

Custer State Park Deer Hunting Season

Chad Switzer presented the dates, licenses, requirements, and restrictions for the Custer State Park Deer Hunting Season along with two recommended changes. The changes include a reduction of any deer licenses and increase the antlerless whitetail muzzleloader licenses.

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 Cooper with second by Sather TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CUSTER STATE PARK DEER HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

East River Deer Hunting Season

Switzer presented the dates, areas, licenses, requirements, and restrictions to the East River Deer Hunting Season along with recommendations to offer fewer licenses. Supporting information included harvest data and tag allocations by unit.

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 Peterson with second by Gary Jensen TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE EAST RIVER DEER SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

West River Deer Hunting Season

Switzer presented the West River Deer Hunting Season dates, open areas, licenses, requirements, and restrictions along with recommended changes to adjust the number of licenses. Supporting information included harvest data, license allocations by unit, and the free landowner licenses available for 2013. Discussion included season dates for 2014, effect on the breeding season for deer, sources consulted for the recommendation, and hunter success in the limited issue units on the Hill GPA, in Harding County, and in Perkins County.

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 305 (915 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 24 (72 tags) compared to 2012.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Gary Jensen TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE WEST RIVER DEER HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Black Hills Deer Hunting Season

Switzer presented the season dates, open areas, licenses, requirements, and restrictions along with recommended changes to adjust the number of license in Unit BD1. Supporting information included harvest data and license allocations by unit.

Offer residents 50 and nonresidents 4 fewer "Antlerless Whitetail" deer licenses than 2012.

Motion by Sather with second by Peterson TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE BLACK HILLS DEER HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Refuge Deer Hunting Season

Switzer presented the season dates, licenses allocations in each of the refuges, requirements, and restrictions along with recommended changes. Annual meetings are held with Refuge staff where all wildlife issues are discussed before making recommendations. Supporting information included harvest data and success rates.

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 Gary Jensen with second by Sather TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE DEER HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Archery Deer Hunting Season

Chief Tom Kirschenmann presented the dates, areas, licenses, requirements, and restrictions to the Archery Deer Hunting Season along with recommended changes. Supporting information included hunter success, harvest data, and antlerless restrictions. Kirschenmann indicated the need to change the unit identified as Blood Run to the name Good Earth State Park due to 2013 Legislation and requires opening the rule for Uses of Parks and Public Lands.

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 Cooper with second by Barry Jensen TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO ARCHERY DEER HUNTING SEASON AND USES OF PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Season

Kirschenmann presented the dates, areas, licenses, requirements, and restrictions to the General Muzzleloading Deer Hunting Season along with recommended changes. Supporting information included hunter success, harvest data, and antlerless restrictions. These changes are consistent with archery and will limit antlerless harvest.

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 Sather with second by Peterson TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE MUZZLELOADER DEER HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Youth Deer Hunting Season

Kirschenmann presented the dates, areas, licenses, requirements, and restrictions to the Youth Deer Hunting Season along with recommended changes. Supporting information included hunter success, harvest data, and antlerless restrictions. The changes are consistent with archery and muzzleloading seasons.

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 Barry Jensen with second by Cooper TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO YOUTH DEER HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Archery Antelope Hunting Season

Kirschenmann presented the dates, areas, licenses, requirements, and restrictions to the Archery Antelope Hunting Season along with supporting information that included hunter success and harvest data. No recommended changes were presented to the season. There were no antelope harvested with the five access permits.

Fall Turkey Hunting Season

Kirschenmann presented the dates, areas, licenses, requirements, and restrictions to the Fall Turkey Hunting Season along with recommended changes. Supporting information included hunter success, harvest data, and license allocations by unit.

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 Sather with second by Barry Jensen TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE FALL TURKEY HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Furbearers and Trapping Seasons

Keith Fisk presented the dates, areas, harvest, and survey data for Beaver and Muskrat Trapping and Hunting Seasons, Skunk, Opossum, Jackrabbit, Fox, Raccoon, Badger, Mink, and Weasel Seasons, with no recommended changes.

Fisk presented dates, areas, requirements, and restrictions, with supporting information of harvest and survey data for the Bobcat Trapping and Hunting Season with recommended changes. Supporting information included the West River sex ratio of harvest.

1. Shorten the west river season. The west river season will open at sunrise on December 26 and will close at sunset on February 15.
2. Change the east river season to open at sunrise on December 26 and close at sunset on the third Sunday of January.

Motion by Peterson with second by Cooper TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE BOBCAT TRAPPING AND HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

August Management Take

Kirschenmann presented the dates, areas, daily and bag limits, licenses, requirements, and restrictions to the August Management Take Goose Hunting Season along with recommended changes to provide additional harvest and hunting opportunity.

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.
4. Allow unplugged shotguns.
5. Modify the shooting hours to end one-half hour after sunset.

Motion by Cooper with second by Barry Jensen TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO GOOSE HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Archery Accompaniment

Andy Alban presented recommended changes to Archery Restrictions and following discussion a change was made to clarify the recommendation.

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 PROPOSE CHANGES TO ARCHERY ACCOMPANIMENT WITH CHANGES TO RECOMMENDATION. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Knippling called for a recess at 5:15 PM with meeting to resume at 8 AM the next morning. The meeting resumed at 8 AM on Friday, May 3, 2013, in the same location with Commissioners Knippling, Cooper, Sather, Barry Jensen, Cathy Peterson, and Gary Jensen present. Secretary Vonk was present along with staff, media, and public numbering approximately thirty.

Division of Parks and Recreation

Motor Vehicles on Public Land and Park and Trail Use Pass

Assistant Parks Director Bob Schneider presented the recommended changes due to 2013 Legislation HB 1220 directing the Division of Parks and Recreation and the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission to promulgate rules to permit the use of golf carts in state parks and recreations areas. HB 1220 required golf carts operating in parks to have rearview mirror, headlights, brake lights, proof of insurance, and a valid driver's license by the person operating the golf cart and allowed for a park entrance license requirement. The rule as proposed would allow operation of unlicensed golf carts only in designated campgrounds in Custer State Park and only on park roads posted 35 miles per hour or less in other parks. Schneider indicated that removing the park

entrance license exemption for mopeds will result in a uniform requirement for park entrance licenses on all motorized vehicles allowed on state park roads.

1. Amend 41:03:03:02 to define the location of a park entrance license on a motor vehicle including golf carts, motorcycles, and mopeds.
2. Add 41:03:02:13 do 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.

Motion by Sather with second by Gary Jensen TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO MOTOR VEHICLES ON PUBLIC LANDS AND PARK TRAIL USE PASS AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Custer State Park Resort Master Plan

Parks Director Doug Hofer introduced the visiting former Custer State Park Superintendents Noem and Miller and current Superintendent Matt Snyder. Hofer provided history and background for the last twenty years. Custer Resorts Management and CSP staff began a year ago developing a Master Plan for the future of Custer State Park Resort Concessions and presented a plan document to the Commission. Hofer shared potential funding sources and the intention to seek public input. Hofer indicated the plan is a guide with no definitive timeline at present.

Matt Snyder outlined the infrastructure improvements with cost estimates that the Department identified in the Master Plan. Custer Resorts Manager Josh Schmaltz stated the resort company's goal is for Custer State Park to remain a premier state park and to rival all state parks nationwide. Schmaltz presented the Custer Resorts proposed improvements and projects each resort area in the Master Plan.

Custer State Park Visitor's Center

Hofer indicated the two options under consideration for the new Visitor's Center in Custer State Park are located west of the Pavilion or in the meadow between the Creekside Lodge and the Campground. The State Engineer's office advertised for proposals from architect/engineers and received eight proposals and four will be interviewed by the building committee in the coming weeks. The Visitor's Center will have a theater that will accommodate a minimum of 120 people or a couple of busloads of visitors at a time and plenty of parking. The 2013 Legislature provided a portion of the funding for the Outdoor Heritage Projects which includes the Visitor's Center in Custer State Park with two years of spending authority.

Cedar Shore Resort Sale

Director Hofer updated the Commission that the agreements approved by the Commission in March were executed and on April 15 Regency Hotels exercised their purchase option at Cedar Shores. All is moving forward for the final plan and design with a goal to complete the stabilization of the marina next winter.

Greg Schjodt of Regency Hotels indicated they were excited to acquire Cedar Shores and Al's Oasis in April and retained the existing staff. Immediate improvements will be to update the lodge inside and outside. Summer reservations look good, the campgrounds need work as well as the cabins. The marina is in need of dock repair

and additional equipment. Schjodt shared the possibilities for future improvements are exciting and the intention is to make this a "Destination Facility".

Good Earth State Park Land Acquisition

Parks Director Hofer indicated that is likely the state will be awarded the Forrest Legacy grant for the acquisition of the forested acres at Good Earth State park later this spring or summer. The Blood Run project now known as Good Earth State Park was listed ninth on the nationwide project list and grant dollars for the project should become available in June. The funds will be used to purchase the remaining 230 acres from The Conservation Fund to complete the Nelson acquisition. This will be an action item at the next Commission meeting.

Mountain Pine Beetle Update

Matt Snyder Custer State Park Superintendent provided an update on the battle with mountain pine beetles in the park. The efforts and methods are working and another 3,000 trees were removed in the Sylvan Lake area. Logging continues near the northwest boundary. The Forest Service has logging going on at the west boundary of the park and that will help buffer the beetle movement in that area. Areas around the resorts will be sprayed again this year and crews are working to remove and clean up piles. This winter 200 slash piles were burned after the recent snow and there are about 150 piles ready to burn along the Needles Highway which will probably not happen until next winter.

Park Revenue and Visitation Report

Director Hofer indicated visitation and camping are down just as fishing is due to cold, snowy weather in April; however, reservations are higher than this time last year, park entrance license sales are tracking with 2012, and revenue is up over last year due to an increase in camping reservations.

Division of Wildlife

Sturgis Remnant Highway Lot Property Disposal

Chief Tom Kirschenmann presented Resolution 13-05 and photos of the acre of property owned by GFP adjacent to the City of Sturgis. This property has been appraised at \$40,000 and is no longer needed for GFP purposes and requests Commission permission to sell the property.

Motion by Peterson with second by Barry Jensen TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 13-05 AS PRESENTED (Appendix A). Motion carried unanimously.

Status of Deer Populations

Andy Lindbloom gave a PowerPoint Presentation showing the status of deer populations, types of seasons, survey data, herd composition, sex ratios, recruitment, numbers of tags, and the combined harvest since 1975.

Lindbloom indicated future projects include a survey of landowners, aerial surveys, and research projects. The challenges include loss of habitat, shelterbelts, and

wetlands. Weather, predators, and losses due to EHD affected the herd and were considered in the management objectives and recommended changes to the 2013 season.

Elk Research and Status of Custer State Park Elk Herd

Chad Lehman provided a PowerPoint indicating the elk research project is in the third year and gave the objectives, methods, results, pregnancy rates, and mortality of cows and calves by year.

Lehman indicated fourteen elk were moved out of Wind Cave in December and an additional 389 were moved by helicopter in March into Custer State Park. It appears the elk remain in the area adjacent to Wind Cave and 26 of the elk have collars allowing staff to track their movement. Discussion included calf predation, lion harvest, pregnancy rates, and cow/calf survival compared to other states.

Chair Knippling left the meeting at 9:11 AM and Vice Chairman Cooper assumed control of the meeting.

Game Production Area Property Taxes

Kirschenmann presented a list by county of the 2012 taxes the Division of Wildlife pays on Game Production Areas (GPA) of \$1,211,514.40 and showed the number acres, cost per acre, and tax paid. A chart showed GPA taxes paid from 2001 through 2012. The acres are classified as agriculture lands.

Rapid Creek Stream Habitat Improvement Project

John Carreiro gave a PowerPoint Presentation with history of Pactola and the fishing opportunity and uses the reservoir provides. The tailwater fishery is popular for trout fishing, he explained how flows and discharges affect the stream. There has been a decline in the fishery and outlined the improvement area, limiting factors, and the objectives of the project.

Jake Davis shared about research projects in the Rapid Creek Basin Area that include the mark and recapture project, habitat and survival and evaluation, the invertebrate assessment. He provided history, decline and data information, catch rates, and juvenile trout recruitment and survival. He shared research techniques, the evaluation process of the stream structure, and rehabilitation efforts.

Spring Spawning Update

Chief John Lott indicated spring spawning of walleye is slow due to cool weather and provided the 2013 spawning goals that included 83 million walleye eggs. As weather conditions improve it will assist with efforts to collect eggs. The yellow perch and northern spawning efforts were successful. The trap and transfer goals were shared as well.

Fish Hatchery Operation Update

Lott shared a PowerPoint showing the old water heater and the newly installed water heater at the Bluedog Hatchery. This computerized water heater will allow fish to be raised intensively thru the winter and be ready for spring stocking efforts.

National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP)

Jason Kool gave a PowerPoint Presentation with history and background of the program, equipment, GFP involvement, and the 2013 State Tournament event and results.

Human Dimensions Specialist Longmire presented information about an upcoming landowner survey in response to the request from Russ Roberts to verify hunter information on the special buck applications. Longmire indicated an independent contractor will randomly call and survey East and West River landowners to confirm if "Mr. Hunter" contacted the landowner to secure permission to hunt his property for buck deer. The survey results will be available late summer or early fall.

Director Hofer shared that the Lewis and Clark Marina and Restaurant has a cook for the season and is open for business.

Secretary Vonk indicated dates have been set for the Wildlife Management Institute public meetings for the Division of Wildlife Big Game Review process. A press release will go out next week with the dates and locations of the meetings in Brookings, Pierre, and Rapid City in mid-May. Commissioners will be contacted by WMI to schedule phone interviews or personal interviews on the afternoons of the public meetings.

Motion by Sather with second by Barry Jensen to adjourn the meeting and meeting adjourned at 10:24 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Vonk, Department Secretary

Appendix A

RESOLUTION 13 - 05

Whereas, the State of South Dakota (for the use and benefit of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks) owns property described as:

Lot A of Lot H1 of the S1/2NE1/4 of Section 16, Township 5 North, Range 5 East of the B.H.M., Meade County South Dakota (GFP PROPERTY);
and

Whereas, SDCL § 41-2-29.1 provides that the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks shall sell real property owned by the state and held by the Department if such real property is no longer needed for game, fish, or parks purposes, with such sale to be conducted pursuant to the procedure more fully set out in SDCL § 41-2-29.1; and

Whereas, the 1.01 acre GFP PROPERTY was originally acquired in 1954 as a part of the Marcotte Game Production Area, was conveyed to the South Dakota Highway Department for interstate highway purposes in 1964, and later abandoned by the South Dakota Transportation Commission in 2012 as it was no longer needed for highway purposes, thereby returning the property to the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks – Wildlife Division; and

Whereas, the GFP PROPERTY is a small, isolated tract, separated from the remaining Marcotte GPA and provides no wildlife habitat management or public use opportunities for South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks – Wildlife Division; and

Whereas, the GFP Commission hereby determines that GFP PROPERTY no longer serves the purposes for which it was originally acquired and is no longer needed for Game, Fish, and Parks purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the GFP Commission hereby directs the Department to sell and transfer title to the GFP PROPERTY according to the procedures provided in SDCL § 41-2-29.1, and that the Department is authorized to execute and consummate an agreement relative to the sale deemed appropriate by the Department.

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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Type of List Requested All Successful Any Elk Applicants (Archery, Rifle)

Number of Licenses in list unknown

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:
Dakota Plains Taxidermy (Dale Hauser)

Phone Number
605-778-6381

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:
133 W. Main St.
P.O. Box 342
Kimball, SD 57355

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

Email Address: dptaxidermy@hotmail.com

Purpose for which list will be used:
to mail out brochures to promote taxidermy business
with the successful applicants

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.

Dale Hauser 6-3-13
Authorized Signature of Purchaser Date

Date of Commission Action

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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Type of List Requested Small Game Hunting Resident & Non Resident

Number of Licenses in list

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:
Patricia Myers, William-Neil Assoc. for Cabela's Inc

Phone Number
308-255-1660

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:
One Cabela Drive Suite 2110
Sidney, NE 69162

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

Email Address: pmyers@william-neil.com

Purpose for which list will be used:
Send Cabela's Inc Catalog and post card for SD Pheasant Opener

This list is Names and Mailing Addresses ONLY

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Patricia Myers

May 20, 2013

Authorized Signature of Purchaser

Date

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 Fax (605)773-6245
 Mary.Healy@state.sd.us

4c

REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Application for exception to regular fee

Type of List Requested ^{1.} Resident & ^{2.} nonresident ^{3.} Small game and hunting preserve license holders

Number of licenses in list All available (most recent year)

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:

Pheasants Forever, Inc.

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:

1783 Buerkle Circle

White Bear Lake, MN 55110

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

Please email Andrew Vavra at avavra@pheasantsforever.org

Email Address:

Phone Number

651-209-4947

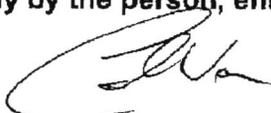
Purpose for which list will be used:

We will be mailing offers to become Pheasants Forever members while also educating people about the importance of the Farm Bill.

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. The fee for a Game, Fish & Parks Commission approved exception is \$100, otherwise the fee is \$100 per thousand names 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.



Authorized Signature of Purchaser

5/16/13

Date

Date of Commission Action

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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Type of List Requested: SD Hunting, and Fishing license holders (Resident and NonResident)

Number of Licenses in list: Minimum of 100,000

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:
Paul Gilbert, Marketing Manager, Mills Fleet Farm

Phone Number
(920) 731-8121

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:
1300 South Lynndale Drive
Appleton, WI 55914

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

Email Address: paul.gilbert@millsfleetfarm.com

Purpose for which list will be used:

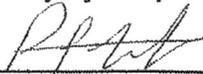
The list will be used to market sporting goods products and services via direct mail.

Offers presented to consumers will align with their hunting and fishing activities.

This list is Names and Mailing Addresses ONLY

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Authorized Signature of Purchaser

6/4/13
Date

Date of Commission Action

License Sales Totals

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(as of May 29)

date updated: 29 May 2013

| | 2012 | 2013 | % Change |
|--|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Resident Predator/Varmint | 1,118 | 1,065 | -4.7% |
| Furbearer | 2,715 | 2,717 | 0.1% |
| Combination | 34,992 | 33,453 | -4.4% |
| Junior Combination | 4,368 | 4,109 | -5.9% |
| Senior Combination | 4,272 | 5,109 | 19.6% |
| Resident Small Game | 2,211 | 1,970 | -10.9% |
| Resident 1-Day Small Game | 215 | 151 | -29.8% |
| Resident Youth Small Game | 683 | 819 | 19.9% |
| Resident Migratory Bird Certificate | 15,110 | 16,319 | 8.0% |
| Resident 1-Day Fishing | 1,822 | 1,281 | -29.7% |
| Resident Annual Fishing | 45,706 | 36,565 | -20.0% |
| Senior Fishing | 9,923 | 7,968 | -19.7% |
| Resident Gamefish Spearing/Archery | 1,461 | 1,904 | 30.3% |
| Nonresident Predator/Varmint | 1,866 | 1,792 | -4.0% |
| Nonresident Furbearer | 7 | 4 | -42.9% |
| Nonresident Small Game | 3,156 | 2,941 | -6.8% |
| Nonresident Youth Small Game | 224 | 200 | -10.7% |
| Nonresident Annual Shooting Preserve | 141 | 88 | -37.6% |
| Nonresident 5-day Shooting Preserve | 471 | 488 | 3.6% |
| Nonresident 1-day Shooting Preserve | 182 | 175 | -3.8% |
| Nonresident Spring Light Goose | 2,738 | 4,207 | 53.7% |
| Nonresident Youth Spring Light Goose | 106 | 132 | 24.5% |
| Nonresident Migratory Bird Certificate | 109 | 150 | 37.6% |
| Nonresident 1-Day Fishing | 5,090 | 3,879 | -23.8% |
| Nonresident 3-Day Fishing | 4,579 | 4,639 | 1.3% |
| Nonresident Annual Fishing | 10,946 | 10,757 | -1.7% |
| Nonresident Family Fishing | 4,439 | 4,111 | -7.4% |
| Nonresident Youth Annual Fishing | 338 | 369 | 9.2% |
| Nonresident Gamefish Spearing/Archery | 109 | 351 | 222.0% |
| TOTAL ON FILE = | 159,097 | 147,713 | -7.2% |

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

Motor Vehicles on Public Lands and Park and Trail Use Pass Chapter 41:03:02 and 41:03:03

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | May 2-3, 2013 | Custer State Park |
| | Public Hearing | June 6-7, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Finalization | June 6-7, 2013 | Pierre |

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Requirements and Restrictions

These rules regulate the operation of motor vehicles on department lands and require park entrance licenses on motor vehicles operating in park areas that require a park entrance license fee. **Add a section 41:03:02:13**

41:03:02:13. Restrictions on Motor Vehicles – Exceptions. No person shall operate, nor allow another person to operate, a motor vehicle as defined in title 32 on roads or parking areas within the state park system unless the vehicle displays a valid license plate pursuant to SDCL chapters 32-5 and 32-20, with the following exceptions:

1. Golf carts having properly functioning headlights, brake lights, and rearview mirror, and for which the operator can provide proof of insurance coverage by one of the methods provided by SDCL 32-35-113; and
2. Combustion engine powered mopeds and scooters having a maximum engine displacement of 50cc, a properly functioning headlight, brake light, horn, and rear view mirror, and for which the operator can provide proof of insurance coverage by one of the methods provided by SDCL 32-35-113.

In addition, any operator of any motor vehicle, including golf carts, mopeds, and scooters, must be a licensed driver pursuant to SDCL chapters 32-12 and 32-20.

A golf cart that does not display a valid license plate may operate on designated roads and parking lots within state parks and recreation areas with the following exceptions,

- 1) Custer State Park except within designated campgrounds; and
- 2) Roads with posted speed limits of more than 35 miles per hour.

Amend ARSD 41:03:03:02 as follows:

41:03:03:02. Display of park entrance license. A park entrance license must be affixed to the lower right-hand corner of the motor vehicle windshield by applying the adhesive backing of the license directly to the inside of the windshield. A park entrance license may not be transferred from one motor vehicle to another. Unless otherwise directed by a department representative, the operator of a motorcycle, moped, scooter, or golf cart must have the park entrance license affixed by applying the adhesive backing of the license directly to the ~~motorcycle~~ motor vehicle or have the motor vehicle license or serial number visibly recorded with permanent marker on the face of the park entrance license and available for inspection at all times while in a park area requiring a park entrance license fee.

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When the motor vehicle is not in operation, the transferable park entrance license must be conspicuously hung on the rearview mirror of the motor vehicle. When the motor vehicle is in operation in a park, the transferable park license must be placed where it is visible on the dash of the motor vehicle. **As an alternative to the above, the operator of a motorcycle, moped, scooter, or golf cart must make the transferrable park entrance license available to park staff for inspection upon request.**

Repeal ARSD 41:03:03:03.01 (6):

41:03:03:03.01. Park entrance license exemptions. Park entrance license exemptions are as follows

~~(6) A park entrance license is not required for any moped powered by a combustion engine with a maximum piston or rotor displacement of 50 cubic centimeters.~~

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended change from proposal: In 41:03:03:02, add all-terrain vehicle 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.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

During the 2013 legislative session, HB 1220 was passed and signed into law. The statute directs the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission to promulgate rules to permit the use of golf carts with in state parks and recreation areas. The statute in its entirety states:

"The Game, Fish, and Parks Commission shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to permit the use of golf carts on roads within state parks and state recreation areas that are designated by the commission to be used by golf carts. The rules shall require that the golf cart is insured as a motor vehicle by one of the methods provided by § 32-35-113, has a rearview mirror, and has functioning headlights, and brake lights. The commission may also, by a rule, require the golf cart to display a valid park entrance license. Any person operating a golf cart on any such designated road shall hold a valid driver license."

Under current state statute, gasoline engine powered golf carts can be licensed and operated on public roads, including state parks and recreation areas. HB 1220 will allow any licensed driver to operate any type of golf cart on roads designated by the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission within state park and recreation areas if it is insured, has required safety equipment and possess a valid park entrance license.

Also proposed is elimination of the current park entrance license exemption for mopeds. Statute allows unlicensed mopeds (gasoline powered scooters having a maximum engine displacement of 50 c.c.) to operate on public roads. Eliminating the moped exemption will result in a uniform requirement that a park entrance license will be required for "all" motor vehicles legally operated on state park and recreation area roads where the park entrance license is required.

APPROVE _____

MODIFY _____

REJECT _____

NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

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

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | May 2-3, 2013 | Custer State Park |
| | Public Hearing | June 6, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Finalization | June 6-7, 2013 | Pierre |

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Season Dates: November 2-15, 2013

Licenses: 10 "Any Whitetail Deer" licenses
20 "Antlerless Whitetail Deer" muzzleloader licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Season open from the first Saturday in November for 14 consecutive days.
2. Hunters must attend a briefing prior to the hunt.
3. 41:06:41:02. Number and type of licenses available.
 - (1) CUD-CU1: 10 "one-tag any whitetail deer" licenses
 - (2) CUD-CU2: 20 "one-tag antlerless whitetail deer" muzzleloader licenses
 - (3) CUD ZZ1: no deer licenses may be issued. However, an applicant for this unit shall accrue a preference point as provided in § 41:06:01:09.
4. Applicants successful in drawing an "any" tag type are ineligible for the license again for 10 years.

Recommended changes from last year:

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

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

All 12 hunters reported and 11 of 12 were successful. One any deer hunter did not harvest a deer. For the any deer season one mature mule deer was harvested and for the any white-tail season mature white-tailed bucks were killed. Most comments were very positive and the hunters enjoyed their experiences. Staff recommends providing licenses for antlerless white-tail deer once again. This decision is based on improved fawn recruitment as surveys indicate the white-tail fawn:doe ratio was 0.93 in 2012 which increased from 0.53 in 2011. Unfortunately, mule deer observations were rare during surveys last year and observations of fewer mature mule deer bucks initiated a recommendation of not providing 2 any deer licenses this year. Wildlife viewing is also important for Custer State Park and fewer mature mule deer bucks being viewed in CSP is a concern.

| Year | License Type | Applicants | WT Bucks Harvested | WT Does Harvested | MD Bucks Harvested | MD Does Harvested | All Deer Harvested | Success |
|------|---------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------|
| 2011 | Any WT | 1,831* | 9 | | 1 | | 10 | 100% |
| | Any Deer | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | 100% |
| | Antlerless WT | | | 23 | | | 23 | 82% |
| 2012 | Any WT | 1,825* | 10 | | | | 10 | 100% |
| | Any Deer | | | | 1 | | 1 | 50% |

*Number of applicants is for all seasons combined.

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

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**East River Deer Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:21**

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| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | May 2-3, 2013 | Custer State Park |
| | Public Hearing | June 6, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Finalization | June 6-7, 2013 | Pierre |

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Season Dates: November 23 – December 8, 2013

December 28, 2013 – January 5, 2014 for antlerless deer tags only

Open Area: See the attached map

Licenses: 18,695 one-tag, 11,770 two-tag, and 2,800 three-tag licenses (total of 50,635 tags)

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference.
2. In addition to these licenses, 687 “any deer” licenses are available through the “Special Buck” application as approved at the March GFP Commission meeting.
3. Landowners not possessing a license that allows the harvest of a buck may purchase an “any deer” or a two-tag “any deer + antlerless deer” license that is valid on their property only.
4. Initially, all licenses are available only to residents. Nonresidents may apply for licenses remaining after the second lottery drawing.
5. A portion of southeastern Minnehaha County is closed to hunting with firearms other than muzzleloaders and shotguns using slugs.
6. Only unfilled “any antlerless deer” and “antlerless whitetail deer” tags are valid for 9 days beginning on the Saturday after Christmas.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. 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.

| Year | “Any Deer” Tags | “Antlerless Deer” Tags | Total Tags |
|------|-----------------|------------------------|------------|
| 2012 | 22,040 | 36,545 | 58,585 |
| 2013 | 21,465 | 29,170 | 50,635 |

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

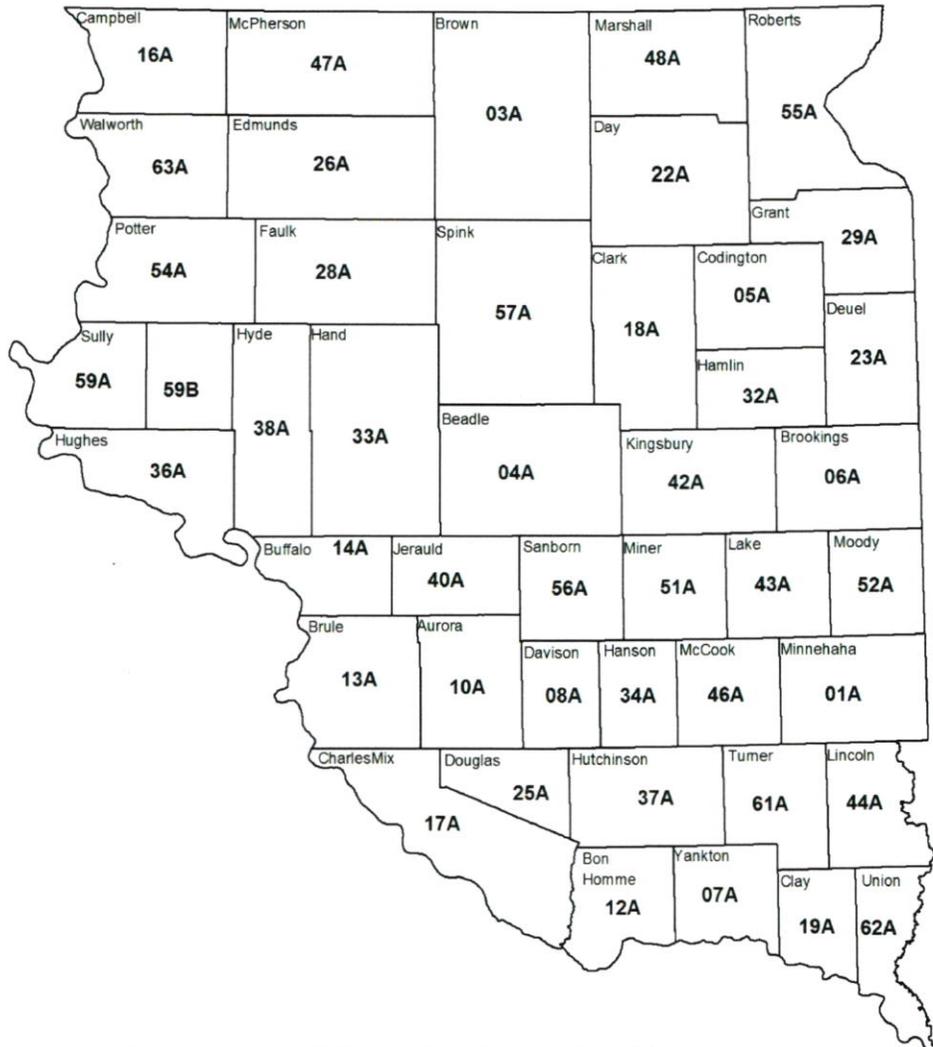
Table includes harvest data from East River Deer, East River Special Buck and East River Landowner-Own Land licenses.

| Year | Licenses Sold | WT Bucks Harvested | WT Does Harvested | MD Bucks Harvested | MD Does Harvested | All Deer Harvested | Success |
|------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------|
| 2008 | 48,980 | 16,951 | 20,239 | 646 | 642 | 38,478 | 50% |
| 2009 | 48,330 | 13,733 | 17,741 | 511 | 735 | 32,717 | 42% |
| 2010 | 49,046 | 17,300 | 21,595 | 496 | 539 | 39,929 | 49% |
| 2011 | 47,539 | 14,970 | 19,401 | 502 | 513 | 35,386 | 44% |
| 2012 | 39,284 | 14,563 | 14,037 | 372 | 332 | 29,304 | 48% |

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

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EAST RIVER DEER UNITS



License and Tag Numbers by Unit

| Unit | Licenses | Tags | Unit | Licenses | Tags | Unit | Licenses | Tags |
|------|----------|-------|------|----------|-------|------|----------|-------|
| 01A | 950 | 950 | 22A | 1,300 | 1,300 | 44A | 350 | 350 |
| 03A | 2,300 | 3,300 | 23A | 600 | 600 | 46A | 600 | 600 |
| 04A | 1,050 | 1,400 | 25A | 350 | 350 | 47A | 800 | 1,600 |
| 05A | 350 | 350 | 26A | 1,300 | 2,600 | 48A | 800 | 800 |
| 06A | 800 | 800 | 28A | 1,100 | 3,300 | 51A | 950 | 950 |
| 07A | 300 | 300 | 29A | 400 | 400 | 52A | 550 | 550 |
| 08A | 700 | 700 | 32A | 600 | 600 | 54A | 1,050 | 2,100 |
| 10A | 750 | 1,300 | 33A | 1,050 | 2,050 | 55A | 500 | 500 |
| 12A | 100 | 100 | 34A | 450 | 450 | 56A | 850 | 850 |
| 13A | 1,350 | 2,700 | 36A | 525 | 975 | 57A | 1,300 | 2,100 |
| 14A | 400 | 800 | 37A | 50 | 50 | 59A | 750 | 1,450 |
| 16A | 720 | 1,420 | 38A | 920 | 2,740 | 59B | 550 | 1,650 |
| 17A | 600 | 600 | 40A | 700 | 1,100 | 61A | 200 | 200 |
| 18A | 1,100 | 1,600 | 42A | 1,200 | 1,400 | 62A | 400 | 400 |
| 19A | 300 | 300 | 43A | 550 | 550 | 63A | 750 | 1,450 |

East River Deer - 2013

| Unit # | Unit Name | Resident Licenses | | | | | | | | | | | | License Totals | | | | |
|--------|-------------|-------------------|-------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|------|------|-------------|--------|---------|--------|----------------|--------|-------|----------|--------|
| | | AnyD | AtID | AD+2AntID | 3AntID | AD+AtID | 2 AtID | AnyW | AtIW | AnyW+2AntIW | 3 AtIW | AW+AtIW | 2 AtIW | RES | RES | RES | RES | RES |
| | | 01 | 03 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 11 | 13 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 1-tag | 2-tag | 3-tag | Licenses | Tags |
| 01A | Minnehaha | 550 | 400 | | | | | | | | | | 950 | 0 | 0 | 950 | 950 | |
| 03A | Brown | 300 | 1,000 | | | 1,000 | | | | | | | 1,300 | 1,000 | 0 | 2,300 | 3,300 | |
| 04A | Beadle | 500 | 200 | | | 250 | 100 | | | | | | 700 | 350 | 0 | 1,050 | 1,400 | |
| 05A | Codington | 350 | | | | | | | | | | | 350 | 0 | 0 | 350 | 350 | |
| 06A | Brookings | 550 | 250 | | | | | | | | | | 800 | 0 | 0 | 800 | 800 | |
| 07A | Yankton | 300 | | | | | | | | | | | 300 | 0 | 0 | 300 | 300 | |
| 08A | Davison | 350 | 350 | | | | | | | | | | 700 | 0 | 0 | 700 | 700 | |
| 10A | Aurora | 50 | | | | | | | 150 | | | | 200 | 550 | 0 | 750 | 1,300 | |
| 12A | Bon Homme | 100 | | | | | | | | | | | 100 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | |
| 13A | Brule | | | | | 350 | | | | | | | 0 | 1,350 | 0 | 1,350 | 2,700 | |
| 14A | Buffalo | | | | | 100 | | | | | | | 0 | 400 | 0 | 400 | 800 | |
| 16A | Campbell | 20 | | | | | 100 | | | | | | 20 | 700 | 0 | 720 | 1,420 | |
| 17A | Charles Mix | 150 | | | | | | 450 | | | | | 600 | 0 | 0 | 600 | 600 | |
| 18A | Clark | 600 | | | | | 500 | | | | | | 600 | 500 | 0 | 1,100 | 1,600 | |
| 19A | Clay | 300 | | | | | | | | | | | 300 | 0 | 0 | 300 | 300 | |
| 22A | Day | 600 | 700 | | | | | | | | | | 1,300 | 0 | 0 | 1,300 | 1,300 | |
| 23A | Deuel | 400 | 200 | | | | | | | | | | 600 | 0 | 0 | 600 | 600 | |
| 25A | Douglas | | | | | | | 350 | | | | | 350 | 0 | 0 | 350 | 350 | |
| 26A | Edmunds | | | | | 700 | 600 | | | | | | 0 | 1,300 | 0 | 1,300 | 2,600 | |
| 28A | Faulk | | | 600 | 500 | | | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 1,100 | 1,100 | 3,300 | |
| 29A | Grant | 400 | | | | | | | | | | | 400 | 0 | 0 | 400 | 400 | |
| 32A | Hamlin | 600 | | | | | | | | | | | 600 | 0 | 0 | 600 | 600 | |
| 33A | Hand | 50 | | | | | | | | | | | 50 | 1,000 | 0 | 1,050 | 2,050 | |
| 34A | Hanson | 250 | 200 | | | | | | | | | | 450 | 0 | 0 | 450 | 450 | |
| 36A | Hughes | 75 | | | | 100 | 150 | | | | | | 75 | 450 | 0 | 525 | 975 | |
| 37A | Hutchinson | 50 | | | | | | | | | | | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 50 | |
| 38A | Hyde | | | | | 20 | | | | 500 | 400 | | 0 | 20 | 900 | 920 | 2,740 | |
| 40A | Jerauld | 50 | | | | | | | 250 | | | | 300 | 400 | 0 | 700 | 1,100 | |
| 42A | Kingsbury | 650 | 350 | | | | 200 | | | | | | 1,000 | 200 | 0 | 1,200 | 1,400 | |
| 43A | Lake | 350 | 200 | | | | | | | | | | 550 | 0 | 0 | 550 | 550 | |
| 44A | Lincoln | 350 | | | | | | | | | | | 350 | 0 | 0 | 350 | 350 | |
| 46A | McCook | 400 | 200 | | | | | | | | | | 600 | 0 | 0 | 600 | 600 | |
| 47A | McPherson | | | | | 500 | 300 | | | | | | 0 | 800 | 0 | 800 | 1,600 | |
| 48A | Marshall | 500 | 300 | | | | | | | | | | 800 | 0 | 0 | 800 | 800 | |
| 51A | Miner | 450 | 500 | | | | | | | | | | 950 | 0 | 0 | 950 | 950 | |
| 52A | Moody | 350 | 200 | | | | | | | | | | 550 | 0 | 0 | 550 | 550 | |
| 54A | Potter | | | | | 150 | 200 | | | | | | 0 | 1,050 | 0 | 1,050 | 2,100 | |
| 55A | Roberts | 400 | 100 | | | | | | | | | | 500 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 500 | |
| 56A | Sanborn | 350 | 500 | | | | | | | | | | 850 | 0 | 0 | 850 | 850 | |
| 57A | Spink | 300 | 200 | | | 800 | | | | | | | 500 | 800 | 0 | 1,300 | 2,100 | |
| 59A | Sully West | 150 | 150 | | | | | | | 250 | | | 300 | 200 | 250 | 750 | 1,450 | |
| 59B | Sully East | | | 350 | 200 | | | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 550 | 550 | 1,650 | |
| 61A | Turner | 200 | | | | | | | | | | | 200 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 200 | |
| 62A | Union | 400 | | | | | | | | | | | 400 | 0 | 0 | 400 | 400 | |
| 63A | Walworth | 50 | | | | | 100 | | | | | | 50 | 700 | 0 | 750 | 1,450 | |
| | TOTAL | 11,495 | 6,000 | 950 | 700 | 3,970 | 2,250 | 800 | 400 | 750 | 400 | 3,500 | 2,050 | 18,695 | 11,770 | 2,800 | 33,265 | 50,635 |
| Unit # | Unit Name | AnyD | AtID | AD+2AntID | 3AntID | AD+AtID | 2 AtID | AnyW | AtIW | AnyW+2AntIW | 3 AtIW | AW+AtIW | 2 AtIW | RES | RES | RES | RES | RES |
| | | 01 | 03 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 11 | 13 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 1-tag | 2-tag | 3-tag | Licenses | Tags |

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EAST RIVER DEER
2012--2013 Comparison

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| Unit # | Unit Name | 2012 Resident Licenses | 2013 Resident Licenses | # Change | % Change | 2012 Resident Tags | 2013 Resident Tags | # Change | % Change |
|--------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 01A | Minnehaha | 950 | 950 | 0 | 0% | 950 | 950 | 0 | 0% |
| 03A | Brown | 2,300 | 2,300 | 0 | 0% | 3,300 | 3,300 | 0 | 0% |
| 04A | Beadle | 1,050 | 1,050 | 0 | 0% | 1,500 | 1,400 | -100 | -7% |
| 05A | Codington | 350 | 350 | 0 | 0% | 350 | 350 | 0 | 0% |
| 06A | Brookings | 800 | 800 | 0 | 0% | 800 | 800 | 0 | 0% |
| 07A | Yankton | 800 | 300 | -500 | -63% | 800 | 300 | -500 | -63% |
| 08A | Davison | 700 | 700 | 0 | 0% | 700 | 700 | 0 | 0% |
| 10A | Aurora | 750 | 750 | 0 | 0% | 1,300 | 1,300 | 0 | 0% |
| 12A | Bon Homme | 700 | 100 | -600 | -86% | 800 | 100 | -700 | -88% |
| 13A | Brule | 1,650 | 1,350 | -300 | -18% | 4,450 | 2,700 | -1,750 | -39% |
| 14A | Buffalo | 400 | 400 | 0 | 0% | 800 | 800 | 0 | 0% |
| 16A | Campbell | 720 | 720 | 0 | 0% | 1,420 | 1,420 | 0 | 0% |
| 17A | Charles Mix | 1,050 | 600 | -450 | -43% | 2,100 | 600 | -1,500 | -71% |
| 18A | Clark | 1,300 | 1,100 | -200 | -15% | 2,000 | 1,600 | -400 | -20% |
| 19A | Clay | 700 | 300 | -400 | -57% | 700 | 300 | -400 | -57% |
| 22A | Day | 1,300 | 1,300 | 0 | 0% | 1,300 | 1,300 | 0 | 0% |
| 23A | Deuel | 600 | 600 | 0 | 0% | 600 | 600 | 0 | 0% |
| 25A | Douglas | 500 | 350 | -150 | -30% | 1,000 | 350 | -650 | -65% |
| 26A | Edmunds | 1,300 | 1,300 | 0 | 0% | 2,600 | 2,600 | 0 | 0% |
| 28A | Faulk | 1,100 | 1,100 | 0 | 0% | 3,300 | 3,300 | 0 | 0% |
| 29A | Grant | 400 | 400 | 0 | 0% | 400 | 400 | 0 | 0% |
| 32A | Hamlin | 600 | 600 | 0 | 0% | 600 | 600 | 0 | 0% |
| 33A | Hand | 850 | 1,050 | 200 | 24% | 1,650 | 2,050 | 400 | 24% |
| 34A | Hanson | 600 | 450 | -150 | -25% | 600 | 450 | -150 | -25% |
| 36A | Hughes | 475 | 525 | 50 | 11% | 875 | 975 | 100 | 11% |
| 37A | Hutchinson | 800 | 50 | -750 | -94% | 800 | 50 | -750 | -94% |
| 38A | Hyde | 870 | 920 | 50 | 6% | 2,590 | 2,740 | 150 | 6% |
| 40A | Jerauld | 650 | 700 | 50 | 8% | 1,050 | 1,100 | 50 | 5% |
| 42A | Kingsbury | 1,200 | 1,200 | 0 | 0% | 1,400 | 1,400 | 0 | 0% |
| 43A | Lake | 550 | 550 | 0 | 0% | 550 | 550 | 0 | 0% |
| 44A | Lincoln | 400 | 350 | -50 | -13% | 400 | 350 | -50 | -13% |
| 46A | McCook | 600 | 600 | 0 | 0% | 600 | 600 | 0 | 0% |
| 47A | McPherson | 1,000 | 800 | -200 | -20% | 2,000 | 1,600 | -400 | -20% |
| 48A | Marshall | 900 | 800 | -100 | -11% | 900 | 800 | -100 | -11% |
| 51A | Miner | 850 | 950 | 100 | 12% | 850 | 950 | 100 | 12% |
| 52A | Moody | 550 | 550 | 0 | 0% | 550 | 550 | 0 | 0% |
| 54A | Potter | 1,050 | 1,050 | 0 | 0% | 2,100 | 2,100 | 0 | 0% |
| 55A | Roberts | 500 | 500 | 0 | 0% | 500 | 500 | 0 | 0% |
| 56A | Sanborn | 750 | 850 | 100 | 13% | 900 | 850 | -50 | -6% |
| 57A | Spink | 1,300 | 1,300 | 0 | 0% | 2,300 | 2,100 | -200 | -9% |
| 59A | Sully West | 750 | 750 | 0 | 0% | 1,950 | 1,450 | -500 | -26% |
| 59B | Sully East | 550 | 550 | 0 | 0% | 1,650 | 1,650 | 0 | 0% |
| 61A | Turner | 400 | 200 | -200 | -50% | 400 | 200 | -200 | -50% |
| 62A | Union | 750 | 400 | -350 | -47% | 750 | 400 | -350 | -47% |
| 63A | Walworth | 750 | 750 | 0 | 0% | 1,450 | 1,450 | 0 | 0% |
| TOTAL | | 37,115 | 33,265 | -3,850 | -10% | 58,585 | 50,635 | -7,950 | -14% |

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

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**West River Deer Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:20**

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | May 2-3, 2013 | Custer State Park |
| | Public Hearing | June 6, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Finalization | June 6-7, 2013 | Pierre |

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Season Dates: Units 30A (Gregory) and 50A (Mellette) Nov. 2-5 and Nov. 18-24, 2013
 Units 24A (Dewey), 64A (Ziebach), 20A (Corson) Nov. 2-24, 2013
 All other units November 16 -- December 1, 2013
 Antlerless Tags Only: December 28, 2013 – January 5, 2014

Open Area: See the attached map

Licenses: Residents: 2,865 one-tag, 15,475 two-tag, and 3,645 three-tag licenses
 Nonresidents: 232 one-tag, 1,240 two-tag, and 292 three-tag licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

- 500 resident and 500 nonresident "any deer" licenses are available through the "Special Buck" application.
- One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference applicants.
- Landowners may also purchase an "any deer" or "any deer + any antlerless deer" license that is valid only on their property as long they do not hold a regular West River deer license that allows the harvest of a buck.
- Only persons using a wheelchair may apply for the licenses in Stanley County (Unit 58D) designated as a special "Hunters with Disabilities" unit.
- Only unfilled "any antlerless deer" and "antlerless whitetail deer" tags are valid for 9 days beginning on the Saturday after Christmas.

Recommended changes from last year:

- 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 305 (915 tags) compared to 2012.
- 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 24 (72 tags) compared to 2012.

| Year | Resident "Any Deer" Tags | Resident "Antlerless Deer" Tags | Resident Total Tags |
|------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2012 | 18,215 | 27,900 | 46,115 |
| 2013 | 17,750 | 27,000 | 44,750 |

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

- Adjust resident license numbers by increasing three-tag licenses by 100 (300 tags).
- Adjust nonresident license numbers by increasing three-tag licenses by 8 (24 tags).
- 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).

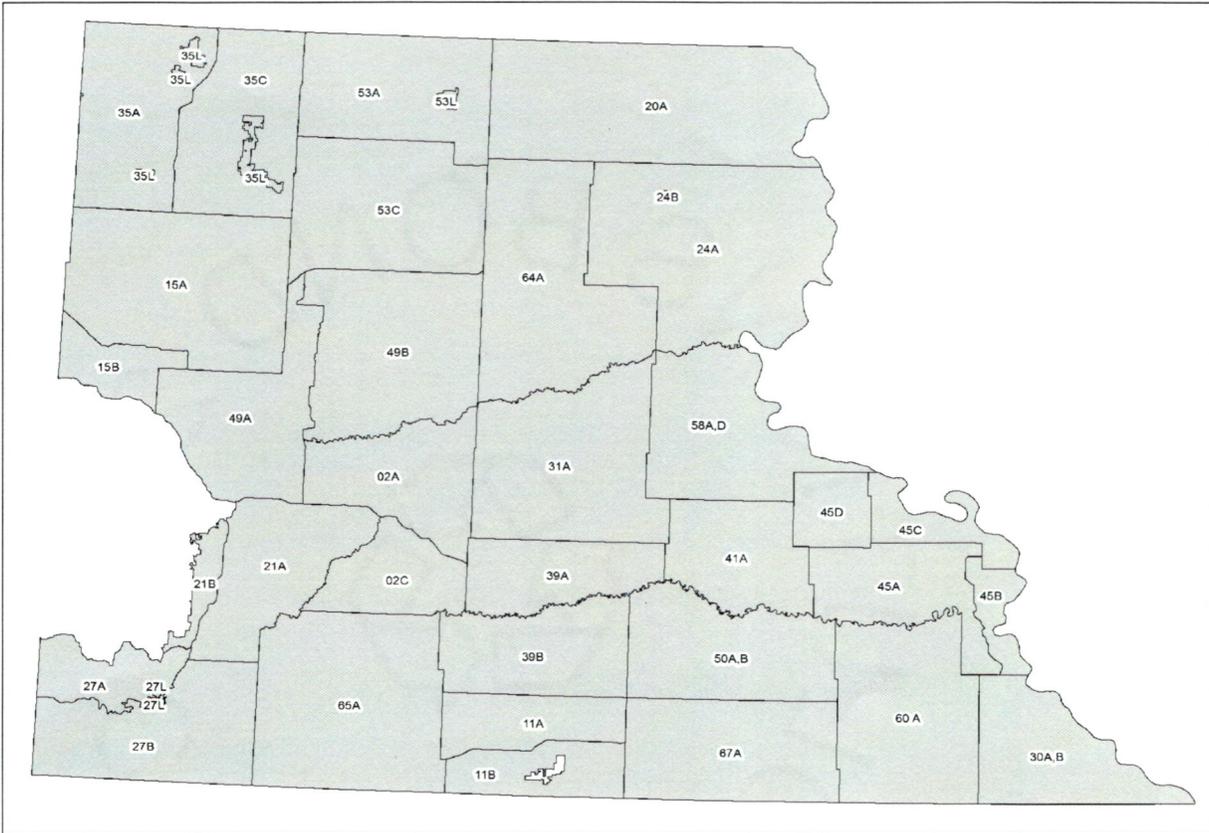
SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

| Year | Licenses Sold | WT Bucks Harvested | WT Does Harvested | MD Bucks Harvested | MD Does Harvested | All Deer Harvested | Success |
|------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------|
| 2008 | 30,597 | 8,621 | 8,081 | 7,560 | 6,256 | 30,518 | 54% |
| 2009 | 31,390 | 10,319 | 10,036 | 7,224 | 7,281 | 34,862 | 49% |
| 2010 | 31,914 | 11,009 | 11,665 | 5,759 | 5,537 | 33,970 | 49% |
| 2011 | 29,895 | 11,139 | 12,301 | 4,456 | 3,901 | 31,797 | 48% |
| 2012 | 25,654 | 8,978 | 9,146 | 3,950 | 2,466 | 24,541 | 49% |

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

WEST RIVER DEER UNITS

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West River Deer License & Tag Numbers

| Unit | Resident | | Nonresident | | Unit | Resident | | Nonresident | |
|------|----------|-------|-------------|------|------|----------|-------|-------------|------|
| | Licenses | Tags | Licenses | Tags | | Licenses | Tags | Licenses | Tags |
| 02A | 900 | 1,800 | 72 | 144 | 39A | 350 | 500 | 28 | 40 |
| 02C | 250 | 250 | 20 | 20 | 39B | 450 | 900 | 36 | 72 |
| 11A | 300 | 600 | 24 | 48 | 41A | 700 | 1,650 | 56 | 132 |
| 11B | 250 | 500 | 20 | 40 | 45A | 800 | 2,100 | 64 | 168 |
| 15A | 950 | 1,800 | 76 | 144 | 45B | 325 | 875 | 26 | 70 |
| 15B | 900 | 1,800 | 72 | 144 | 45C | 50 | 120 | 5 | 12 |
| 20A | 550 | 1,100 | 44 | 88 | 45D | 100 | 160 | 9 | 14 |
| 21A | 350 | 350 | 28 | 28 | 49A | 900 | 1,800 | 72 | 144 |
| 21B | 100 | 100 | 8 | 8 | 49B | 1,500 | 3,000 | 120 | 240 |
| 24A | 500 | 1,000 | 40 | 80 | 50A | 500 | 1,350 | 40 | 108 |
| 24B | 20 | 40 | 2 | 4 | 50B | 800 | 2,050 | 64 | 164 |
| 27A | 150 | 150 | 12 | 12 | 53A | 850 | 1,700 | 68 | 136 |
| 27B | 750 | 1,300 | 60 | 104 | 53C | 1,000 | 2,000 | 80 | 160 |
| 27L | 15 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 53L | 15 | 30 | 2 | 4 |
| 30A | 1,150 | 2,500 | 92 | 200 | 58A | 650 | 900 | 52 | 72 |
| 30B | 1,150 | 2,500 | 92 | 200 | 58D | 10 | 10 | 2 | 2 |
| 31A | 850 | 1,700 | 68 | 136 | 60A | 2,000 | 4,600 | 160 | 368 |
| 35A | 350 | 500 | 28 | 40 | 64A | 650 | 1,300 | 52 | 104 |
| 35C | 400 | 700 | 32 | 56 | 65A | 100 | 150 | 8 | 12 |
| 35L | 100 | 100 | 8 | 8 | 67A | 350 | 1,050 | 28 | 84 |

WEST RIVER DEER
2012--2013 Comparison

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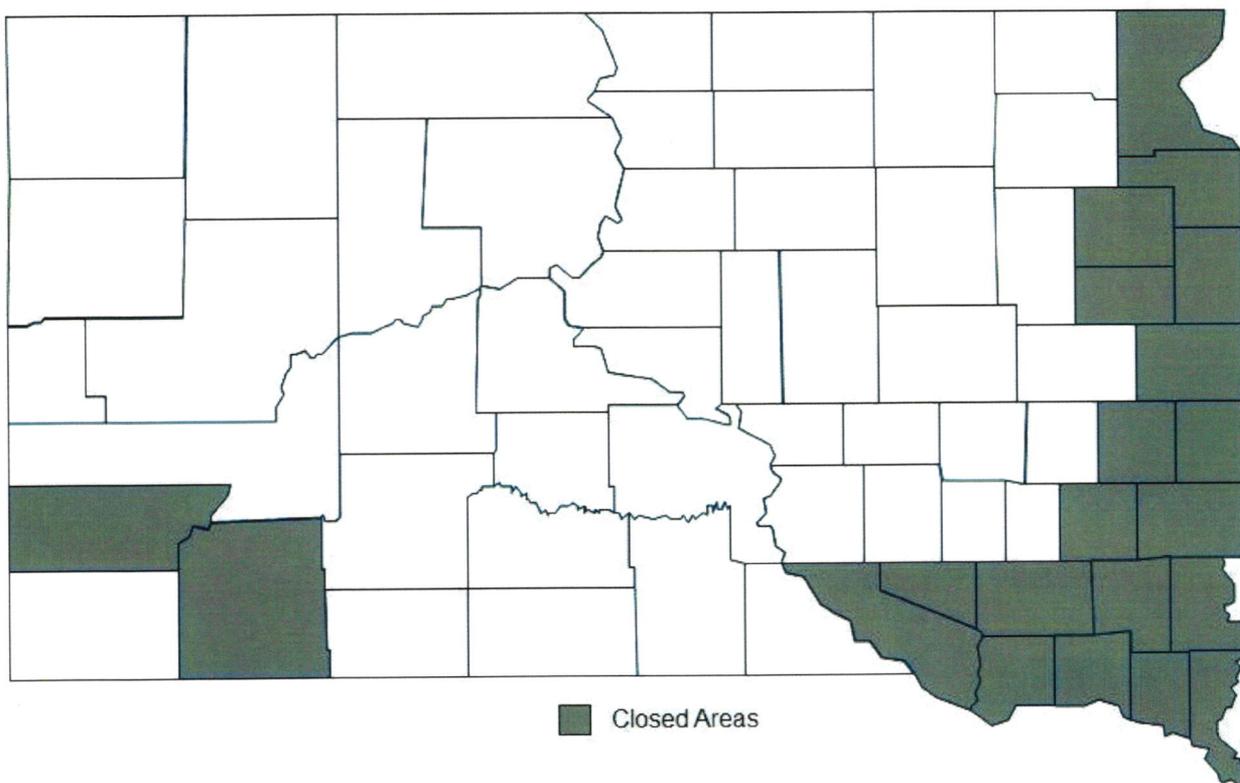
| Unit # | Unit Name | 2012 Resident Licenses | 2013 Resident Licenses | # Change | % Change | 2012 Resident Tags | 2013 Resident Tags | # Change | % Change |
|--------------|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------|
| 02A | Pennington | 900 | 900 | 0 | 0% | 1,800 | 1,800 | 0 | 0% |
| 02C | Pennington | 400 | 250 | -150 | -38% | 400 | 250 | -150 | -38% |
| 11A | Bennett | 350 | 300 | -50 | -14% | 700 | 600 | -100 | -14% |
| 11B | Bennett | 340 | 250 | -90 | -26% | 900 | 500 | -400 | -44% |
| 15A | Butte | 1,100 | 950 | -150 | -14% | 1,900 | 1,800 | -100 | -5% |
| 15B | Butte | 850 | 900 | 50 | 6% | 1,700 | 1,800 | 100 | 6% |
| 20A | Corson | 550 | 550 | 0 | 0% | 1,100 | 1,100 | 0 | 0% |
| 21A | Custer | 400 | 350 | -50 | -13% | 400 | 350 | -50 | -13% |
| 21B | Custer | 150 | 100 | -50 | -33% | 150 | 100 | -50 | -33% |
| 24A | Dewey | 500 | 500 | 0 | 0% | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 | 0% |
| 24B | Little Moreau | 20 | 20 | 0 | 0% | 40 | 40 | 0 | 0% |
| 27A | Fall River | 150 | 150 | 0 | 0% | 150 | 150 | 0 | 0% |
| 27B | Fall River | 750 | 750 | 0 | 0% | 1,300 | 1,300 | 0 | 0% |
| 27L | Fall River | 15 | 15 | 0 | 0% | 15 | 15 | 0 | 0% |
| 30A | Gregory | 1,150 | 1,150 | 0 | 0% | 2,500 | 2,500 | 0 | 0% |
| 30B | Gregory | 1,150 | 1,150 | 0 | 0% | 2,500 | 2,500 | 0 | 0% |
| 31A | Haakon | 850 | 850 | 0 | 0% | 1,700 | 1,700 | 0 | 0% |
| 35A | Harding | 400 | 350 | -50 | -13% | 550 | 500 | -50 | -9% |
| 35C | Harding | 450 | 400 | -50 | -11% | 750 | 700 | -50 | -7% |
| 35L | Harding | 100 | 100 | 0 | 0% | 100 | 100 | 0 | 0% |
| 39A | Jackson | 400 | 350 | -50 | -13% | 800 | 500 | -300 | -38% |
| 39B | Jackson | 350 | 450 | 100 | 29% | 800 | 900 | 100 | 13% |
| 41A | Jones | 700 | 700 | 0 | 0% | 1,600 | 1,650 | 50 | 3% |
| 45A | Lyman | 800 | 800 | 0 | 0% | 2,000 | 2,100 | 100 | 5% |
| 45B | Lyman | 350 | 325 | -25 | -7% | 900 | 875 | -25 | -3% |
| 45C | Lyman | 50 | 50 | 0 | 0% | 120 | 120 | 0 | 0% |
| 45D | Lyman | 100 | 100 | 0 | 0% | 200 | 160 | -40 | -20% |
| 49A | Meade | 950 | 900 | -50 | -5% | 1,900 | 1,800 | -100 | -5% |
| 49B | Meade | 1,500 | 1,500 | 0 | 0% | 3,400 | 3,000 | -400 | -12% |
| 50A | Mellette | 500 | 500 | 0 | 0% | 1,250 | 1,350 | 100 | 8% |
| 50B | Mellette | 800 | 800 | 0 | 0% | 1,950 | 2,050 | 100 | 5% |
| 53A | Perkins | 850 | 850 | 0 | 0% | 1,700 | 1,700 | 0 | 0% |
| 53C | Perkins | 1,100 | 1,000 | -100 | -9% | 2,200 | 2,000 | -200 | -9% |
| 53L | Perkins | 15 | 15 | 0 | 0% | 30 | 30 | 0 | 0% |
| 58A | Stanley | 700 | 650 | -50 | -7% | 950 | 900 | -50 | -5% |
| 58D | Stanley | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0% | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0% |
| 60A | Tripp | 1,900 | 2,000 | 100 | 5% | 4,300 | 4,600 | 300 | 7% |
| 64A | Ziebach | 650 | 650 | 0 | 0% | 1,300 | 1,300 | 0 | 0% |
| 65A | Shannon | 100 | 100 | 0 | 0% | 150 | 150 | 0 | 0% |
| 67A | Todd | 300 | 350 | 50 | 17% | 900 | 1,050 | 150 | 17% |
| TOTAL | | 22,700 | 22,085 | -615 | -3% | 46,115 | 45,050 | -1,065 | -2% |

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents.

Landowner Free Antlerless Deer License

1. Landowner free antlerless deer licenses authorized by SDCL 41-6-19.8 may be issued to any qualifying farmer or rancher for use in the West River, East River, Youth, Archery, and Muzzleloader deer hunting units where at least one antlerless deer tag is available after the second lottery drawing from the previous year East River and West River deer seasons. However, no such free antlerless license is valid in counties where antlerless archery or a muzzleloader license is restricted.
2. A maximum of two (2) free antlerless deer licenses per ranch/farm unit.
3. Licenses are valid on private land owned/leased and operated in the area as described below.

2013 Landowner Free Antlerless Deer Map



GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION

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Black Hills Deer Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:19

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal May 2-3, 2013 Custer State Park
 Public Hearing June 6, 2013 Pierre
 Finalization June 6-7, 2013 Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Season Dates: November 1-30, 2013

Open Area: Black Hills

Licenses: 200 resident and 16 nonresident "Any" deer licenses
 3,000 resident and 240 nonresident "Any Whitetail" deer licenses
 100 resident and 8 nonresident "Antlerless Whitetail" deer licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

- 1. One-half of the resident licenses allocated for each unit are available for landowner preference.

Recommended changes from last year:

- 1. Offer residents 50 and nonresidents 4 fewer "Antlerless Whitetail" deer licenses than 2012.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

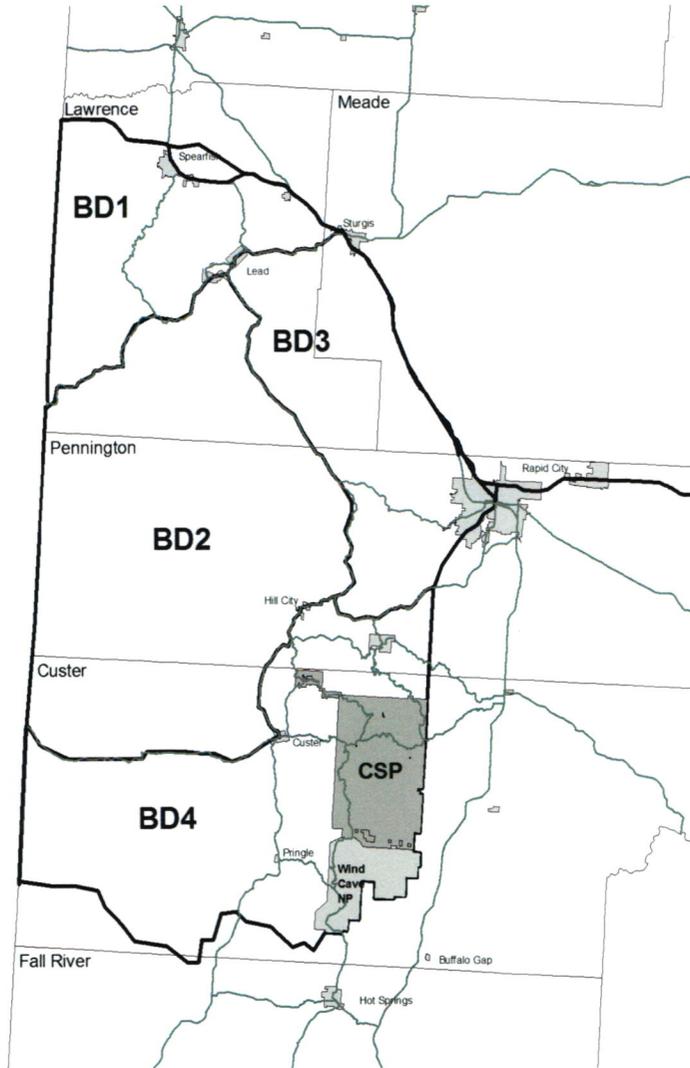
SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

| Year | Resident Licenses | Nonresident Licenses | WT Bucks Harvested | WT Does Harvested | MD Bucks Harvested | MD Does Harvested | All Deer Harvested | Hunter Success |
|------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 2008 | 8,451 | 722 | 2,620 | 1,824 | 138 | 56 | 4,639 | 51% |
| 2009 | 7,218 | 613 | 2,450 | 1,122 | 134 | 74 | 3,781 | 48% |
| 2010 | 4,938 | 389 | 2,203 | 599 | 101 | 16 | 3,017 | 57% |
| 2011 | 4,137 | 329 | 2,011 | 401 | 107 | 10 | 2,530 | 57% |
| 2012 | 3,337 | 243 | 2,008 | 289 | 88 | 6 | 2,391 | 67% |

APPROVE MODIFY REJECT NO ACTION

BLACK HILLS DEER UNITS

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BH1 – All of the area in BD1, BD2, BD3 and BD4

Black Hills Deer Licenses - 2013

| | Resident Licenses | | Nonresident Licenses | |
|-----|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | "Any Deer" | "Any Whitetail" | "Any Deer" | "Any Whitetail" |
| BH1 | 200 | 3,000 | 16 | 240 |
| | "Anterless Deer" | "Anterless Whitetail" | "Anterless Deer" | "Anterless Whitetail" |
| BD1 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 8 |
| BD2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BD3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BD4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Black Hills Deer - 2013

| Unit | Resident Licenses | | | Nonresident Licenses | | | License Totals | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------|---------------|----------------------|--------|---------------|----------------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|-------|-----|------|
| | Any D | Any WT | Atl Whitetail | Any D | Any WT | Atl Whitetail | RES | RES | RES | RES | NR | NR | NR | NR |
| | 01 | 11 | 13 | 01 | 11 | 13 | 1-tag | 2-tag | Lic | Tags | 1-tag | 2-tag | Lic | Tags |
| BD1 | | | 100 | | | 8 | 100 | | 100 | 100 | 8 | | 8 | 8 |
| BD2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BD3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BD4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BH1 | 200 | 3,000 | | 16 | 240 | | 3,200 | | 3,200 | 3,200 | 256 | | 256 | 256 |
| TOTAL | 200 | 3,000 | 100 | 16 | 240 | 8 | 3,300 | | 3,300 | 3,300 | 264 | | 264 | 264 |
| Unit | Any D | Any WT | Atl Whitetail | Any D | Any WT | Atl Whitetail | RES | RES | RES | RES | NR | NR | NR | NR |
| | 01 | 11 | 13 | 01 | 11 | 13 | 1-tag | 2-tag | Lic | Tags | 1-tag | 2-tag | Lic | Tags |
| RES and NR: | | | | | | | 3,564 | | 3,564 | 3,564 | | | | |

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BLACK HILLS DEER
2012--2013 Comparison

| Resident Licenses | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|---------------|--------------|----------|-----------|----------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Unit | Any Deer | | | | Any Whitetail | | | | Antlerless Whitetail | | | |
| | Year | | Change | | Year | | Change | | Year | | Chage | |
| | 2012 | 2013 | # | % | 2012 | 2013 | # | % | 2012 | 2013 | # | % |
| BD1 | | | | | | | | | 150 | 100 | -50 | -33% |
| BD2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BD3 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BD4 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BH1 | 200 | 200 | 0 | 0% | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0 | 0% | | | | |
| TOTAL | 200 | 200 | 0 | 0% | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0 | 0% | 150 | 100 | -50 | -33% |

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents.

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

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**National Wildlife Refuge Deer Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:36**

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | May 2-3, 2013 | Custer State Park |
| | Public Hearing | June 6, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Finalization | June 6-7, 2013 | Pierre |

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Season Dates:

| | |
|---------------|---|
| Sand Lake NWR | November 9-13, November 14-18, November 19-24, Nov. 25—December 1, December 2-8, and December 28, 2013-January 5, 2014. |
| Lacreek NWR | October 16-22 and November 27 – December 3. |
| Waubay NWR* | November 15-19, November 20-24, and November 25 – December 8. |

* includes Waubay State Game Refuge

Licenses:

| | |
|---------------|---|
| Sand Lake NWR | Resident: 80 “any deer” and 40 “any antlerless deer” licenses Nonresident: 8 “any deer” and 4 “any antlerless deer” licenses |
| Lacreek NWR | Residents: 30 “any whitetail deer” and 20 “antlerless whitetail deer + antlerless whitetail deer” licenses Nonresidents: 4 “any whitetail deer” and 2 “antlerless whitetail deer + antlerless whitetail deer” licenses |
| Waubay NWR | Residents: 45 “any deer” licenses Nonresidents: 6 “any deer” licenses |

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. The first season on Sand Lake NWR, both seasons on Lacreek NWR and the first 2 seasons on Waubay NWR are restricted to muzzleloaders.
2. Applicants may apply for only one refuge unit (season) in the first application period.
3. Licenses remaining after the first application period may be purchased by any resident or nonresident on a first-come, first serve basis.

Recommended changes from last year:

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**.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Table includes harvest data from Sand Lake, Lacreek and Waubay National Wildlife Refuges.

| Year | Licenses | Success | Bucks Harvested | Does Harvested | Total Harvest |
|------|----------|---------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 2008 | 508 | 33% | 114 | 123 | 237 |
| 2009 | 384 | 45% | 93 | 79 | 172 |
| 2010 | 384 | 23% | 89 | 73 | 162 |
| 2011 | 329 | 37% | 55 | 67 | 122 |
| 2012 | 248 | 38% | 64 | 31 | 95 |

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

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

12

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

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | May 2-3, 2013 | Custer State Park |
| | Public Hearing | June 6, 20123 | Pierre |
| | Finalization | June 6-7, 2013 | Pierre |

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Season Dates: September 28, 2013 – January 15, 2014

Open Area: “Any Deer” Licenses: Statewide, East River, West River
“Any Antlerless Deer” Licenses: Unit 1 and Unit 2

Licenses: Unlimited resident “any deer” licenses
Unlimited resident single and double tag “any antlerless deer” licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. A person may purchase no more than five (5) archery deer licenses regardless of type.
2. Resident and nonresident hunters may purchase one (1) statewide “any deer” license or one (1) East River “any deer” license and one (1) West River “any deer” license.
3. Residents and nonresidents may purchase “any antlerless deer” licenses.
4. Individuals may purchase one “any antlerless deer” license for Unit 1.
 - a. The Unit 1 “any antlerless deer” licenses are not valid in the Black Hills Fire Protection District and the counties of Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Clay, Codington, Douglas, Grant, Hutchinson, Lincoln, Turner, Union and Yankton.
5. Individuals may purchase up to five (5) single and double tag “any antlerless deer” licenses for Unit 2:
 - a. The Unit 2 single and double tag “any antlerless deer” licenses are not valid in those areas closed in Unit 1 and the counties of Brookings, Deuel, Hamlin, Lake, McCook, Minnehaha, Moody, and Roberts.
6. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
7. From Jan 1-15, only “any antlerless deer” licenses are valid.
8. Sand Lake NWR is open Oct 19 – Jan 15, except during the Sand Lake NWR firearm deer season.
9. Waubay Lake State Game Refuge and Waubay National Wildlife Refuge in Day County are open through Dec 31, except during refuge deer seasons.
10. Lacreek NWR is open through Dec 31, except during the Lacreek NWR firearm deer seasons.
11. Licensees must obtain an access permit from the Department issued by lottery drawing before hunting Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve and Good Earth State Park.

Recommended changes from last year:

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.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

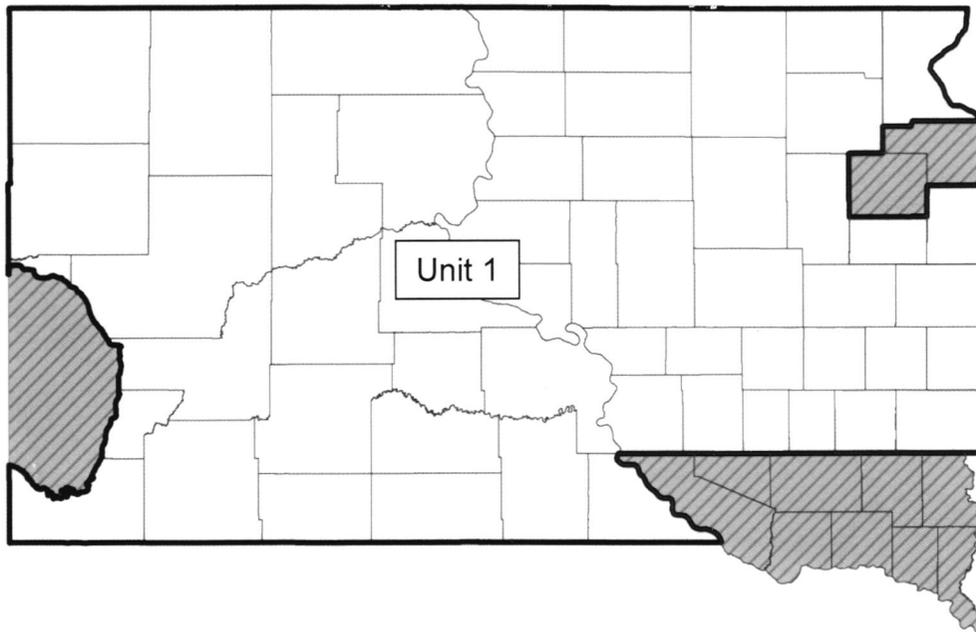
| Year | “Any Deer” Licenses | “Antlerless” Licenses (Tags) | Hunter Success | WT Bucks Harvested | WT Does Harvested | MD Buck Harvested | MD Does Harvested | Deer Harvested |
|------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 2008 | 17,410 | 7,229 (11,182) | 33% | 4,079 | 4,211 | 589 | 450 | 9,329 |
| 2009 | 18,648 | 7,918 (10,070) | 33% | 4,411 | 4,191 | 506 | 286 | 9,393 |
| 2010 | 19,967 | 8,349 (10,534) | 33% | 4,698 | 4,429 | 475 | 328 | 9,930 |
| 2011 | 20,210 | 7,857 (10,958) | 27% | 4,216 | 3,534 | 459 | 193 | 8,401 |
| 2012 | 20,528 | 7,700 (9,630) | 27% | 4,221 | 3,363 | 354 | 135 | 8,074 |

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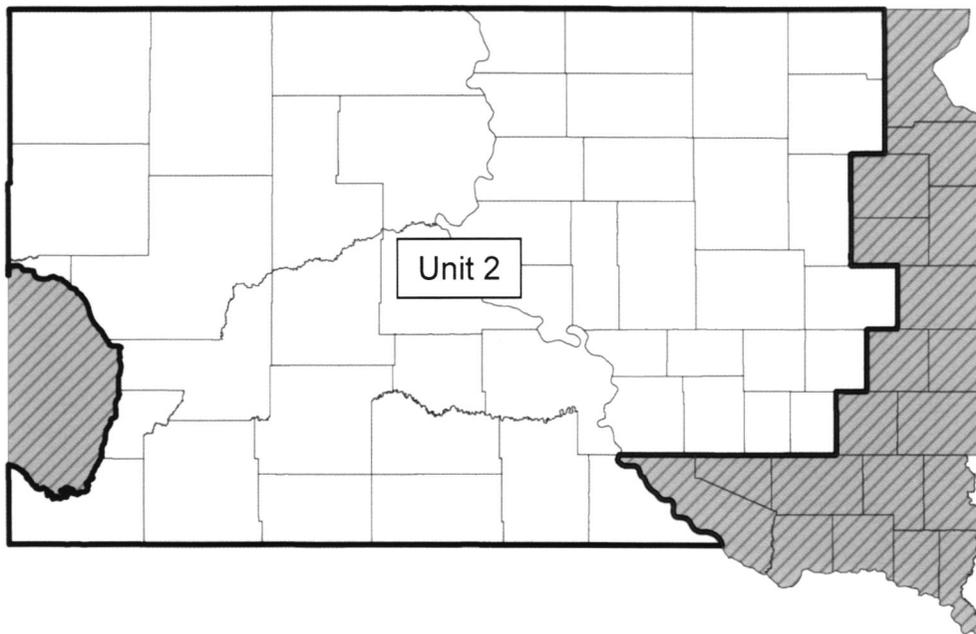
Archery Deer Hunting Season 2013 “Antlerless License” Restrictions

1. The Unit 1 single-tag “any antlerless deer” license is valid in all areas except the shaded areas.
 2. The Unit 2 single-tag and double-tag “any antlerless deer” licenses are valid in all areas except the shaded areas.
 3. Archery antlerless deer licenses are not valid on Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Brown County.
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Archery Antlerless Unit 1 (shaded areas closed)



Archery Antlerless Unit 2 (shaded areas closed)



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

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**General Muzzleloading Deer Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:45**

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | May 2-3, 2013 | Custer State Park |
| | Public Hearing | June 6, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Finalization | June 6-7, 2013 | Pierre |

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Season Dates: December 1, 2013 – January 15, 2014

Open Area: "Any Deer" Licenses: Statewide
"Any Antlerless Deer" Licenses: Unit 1 and Unit 2

Licenses: 1,000 "any deer" licenses
Unlimited single and double "any antlerless deer" licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. A hunter may possess no more than five (5) general muzzleloading deer licenses regardless of type.
2. Only residents are eligible to apply for "any deer" tags. Residents and nonresidents may purchase "any antlerless deer" licenses.
3. Individuals may purchase one "any antlerless deer" license for Unit 1.
 - a. The Unit 1 "any antlerless deer" licenses are not valid in the Black Hills Fire Protection District and the counties of Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Clay, Codington, Douglas, Grant, Hutchinson, Lincoln, Turner, Union and Yankton.
4. Individuals may purchase up to five (5) single and double tag "any antlerless deer" licenses for Unit 2:
 - a. The Unit 2 single and double tag "any antlerless deer" licenses are not valid in those areas closed in Unit 1 and the counties of Brookings, Deuel, Hamlin, Lake, McCook, Minnehaha, Moody, and Roberts.
5. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
6. From Jan 1-15, only "any antlerless deer" are valid.
7. Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge, Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, Waubay State Game Refuge, Farm Island State Recreation Area, LaFramboise Island Nature Area, and the Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management South unit and the signed portion of the North unit are closed to general muzzleloading deer hunting.

Recommended changes from last year:

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.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

| Year | 1 st Choice Applications | "Any Deer" Licenses | "Antlerless" Licenses (Tags) | Hunter Success | WT Bucks Harvested | WT Does Harvested | MD Buck Harvested | MD Does Harvested | Deer Harvested |
|------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 2008 | 5,080 | 1,018 | 4,838 (7,655) | 44% | 625 | 2,520 | 179 | 518 | 3,842 |
| 2009 | 5,184 | 1,015 | 4,752 (6,534) | 35% | 499 | 1,758 | 78 | 305 | 2,641 |
| 2010 | 5,516 | 1,013 | 4,870 (6,737) | 39% | 563 | 2,037 | 106 | 328 | 2,988 |
| 2011 | 5,404 | 1,018 | 5,012 (6,712) | 26% | 308 | 1,113 | 83 | 216 | 1,720 |
| 2012 | 6,062 | 986 | 5,144 (6,703) | 30% | 439 | 1,229 | 117 | 216 | 2,001 |

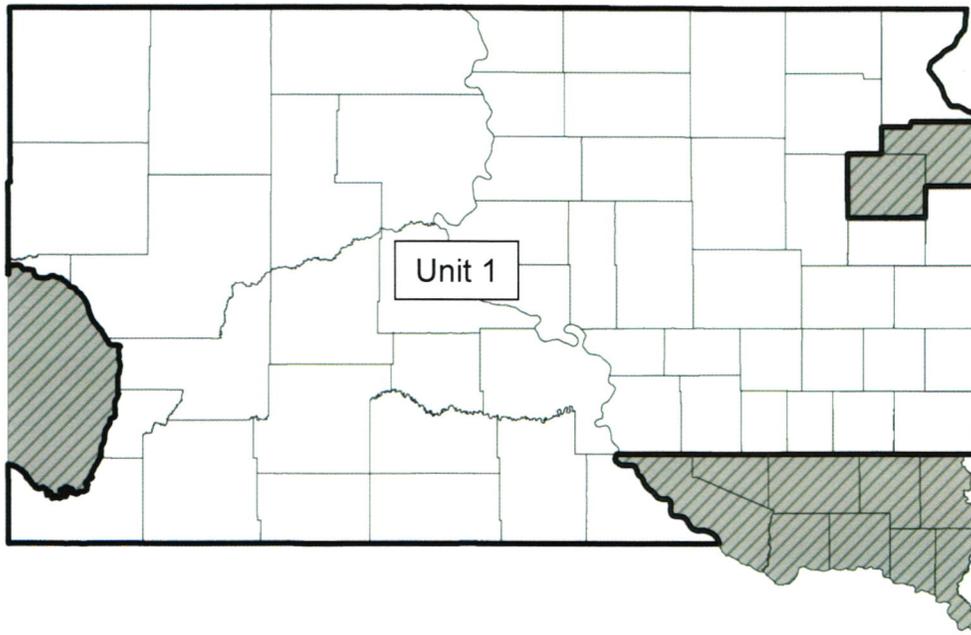
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Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Season 2013 "Antlerless License" Restrictions

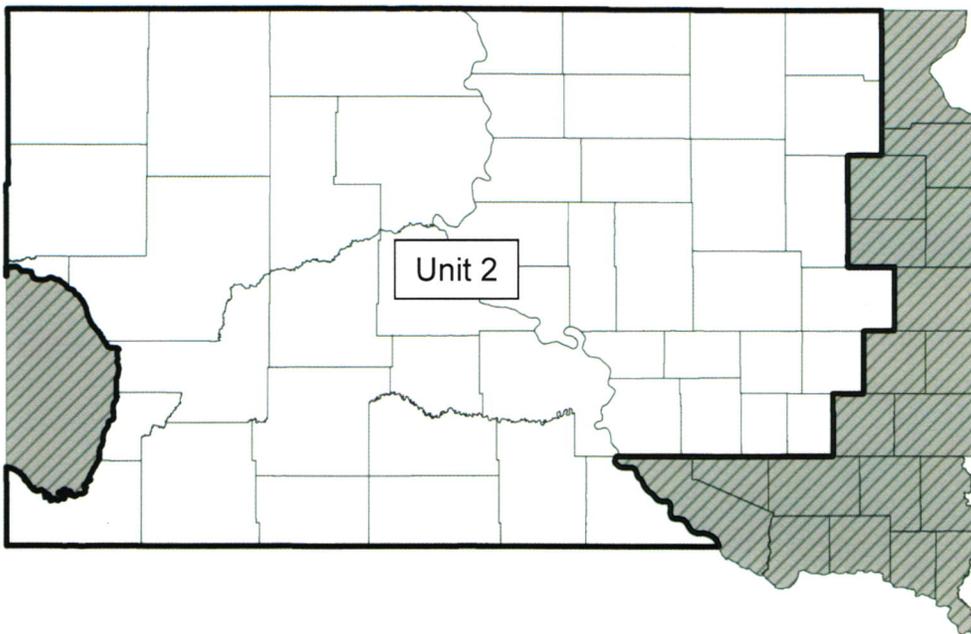
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1. The Unit 1 single-tag "any antlerless deer" license is valid in all areas except the shaded areas.
2. The Unit 2 single-tag and double-tag "any antlerless deer" licenses are valid in all areas except the shaded areas.

Muzzleloader Antlerless Unit 1 (shaded areas closed)



Muzzleloader Antlerless Unit 2 (shaded areas closed)



Youth Deer Hunting Season 2013 "Antlerless License" Restrictions

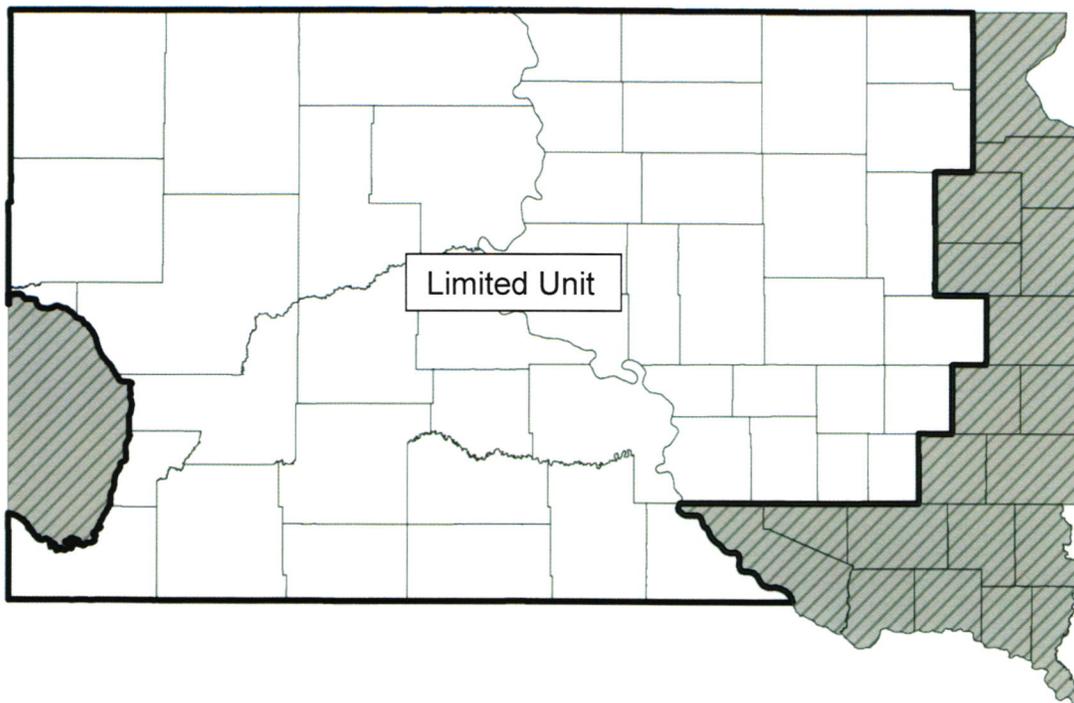
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Youth deer hunters may purchase up to two (2) youth deer licenses, with only one (1) youth deer license valid statewide (all counties open). Limited youth deer licenses are valid in all areas except the shaded areas on the Limited Unit Map.

Statewide Unit Map (all counties open)

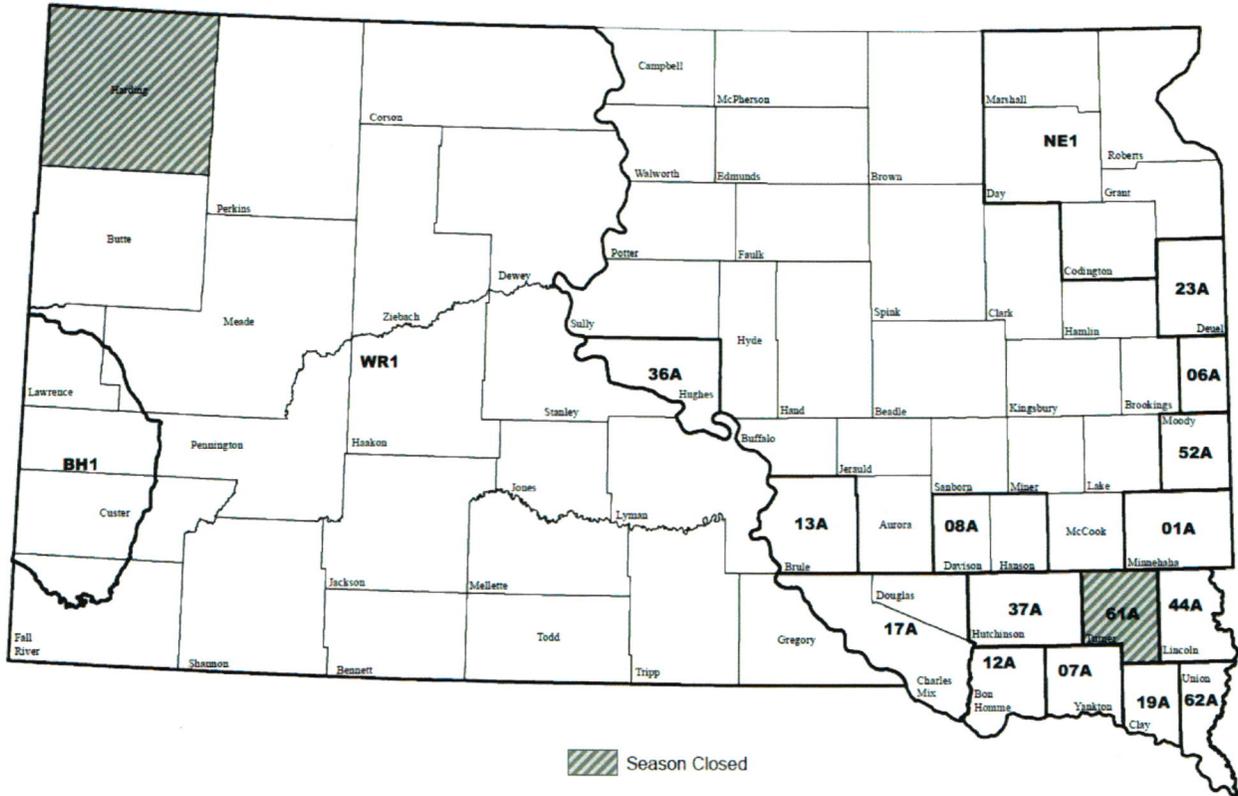


Limited Unit Map (shaded areas closed)



FALL TURKEY UNITS

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Fall Turkey Licenses - 2013 (All tags are for "any turkey")

| Unit | 1-tag | 2-tag | Unit | 1-tag | 2-tag |
|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| 01A | 60 | | 23A | 50 | |
| 06A | 40 | | 36A | 50 | |
| 07A | 130 | | 37A | 30 | |
| 08A | | 50 | 44A | 50 | |
| 12A | | 180 | 52A | 20 | |
| 13A | 150 | | 62A | | 70 |
| 17A | | 350 | NE1 | 1,000 | |
| 19A | | 50 | BH1 | 1,500 | |

West River Prairie Unit (WR1)—Unlimited resident and nonresident 2-tag "any turkey" licenses

Fall Turkey - 2013

| Unit # | Unit Name | Resident | | Nonresident | | License Totals | | | | | | | |
|--------|---------------------|------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| | | AnyT 31 | 2 AnyT 37 | AnyT 31 | 2 AnyT 37 | RES 1-tag | RES 2-tag | RES Licenses | RES Tags | NR 1-tag | NR 2-tag | NR Lic | NR Tags |
| 01A | Minnehaha | 60 | | | | 60 | | 60 | 60 | | | | |
| 06A | Brookings | 40 | | | | 40 | | 40 | 40 | | | | |
| 07A | Yankton | 130 | | | | 130 | | 130 | 130 | | | | |
| 08A | Davison/Hanson | | 50 | | | | 50 | 50 | 100 | | | | |
| 12A | Bon Homme | | 180 | | | | 180 | 180 | 360 | | | | |
| 13A | Brule | 150 | | | | 150 | | 150 | 150 | | | | |
| 17A | Charles Mix/Douglas | | 350 | | | | 350 | 350 | 700 | | | | |
| 19A | Clay | | 50 | | | | 50 | 50 | 100 | | | | |
| 23A | Deuel | 50 | | | | 50 | | 50 | 50 | | | | |
| 36A | Hughes | 50 | | | | 50 | | 50 | 50 | | | | |
| 37A | Hutchinson | 30 | | | | 30 | | 30 | 30 | | | | |
| 44A | Lincoln | 50 | | | | 50 | | 50 | 50 | | | | |
| 52A | Moody | 20 | | | | 20 | | 20 | 20 | | | | |
| 62A | Union | | 70 | | | | 70 | 70 | 140 | | | | |
| NE1 | Northeast | 1,000 | | | | 1,000 | | 1,000 | 1,000 | | | | |
| BH1 | Black Hills | 1,500 | | 120 | | 1,500 | | 1,500 | 1,500 | 120 | | 120 | 120 |
| | TOTAL | 3,080 | 700 | 120 | | 3,080 | 700 | 3,780 | 4,480 | 120 | | 120 | 120 |
| Unit # | Unit Name | AnyT 31 | 2 AnyT 37 | AnyT 31 | 2 AnyT 37 | RES 1-tag | RES 2-tag | RES Licenses | RES Tags | NR 1-tag | NR 2-tag | NR Lic | NR Tags |
| | | | | RES & NR: | | 3,200 | 700 | 3,900 | 4,600 | | | | |

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FALL TURKEY
2012--2013 Comparison

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| Unit # | Unit Name | 2012 Resident Licenses | 2013 Resident Licenses | # Change | % Change | 2012 Resident Tags | 2013 Resident Tags | # Change | % Change |
|--------|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 01A | Minnehaha | 60 | 60 | 0 | 0% | 60 | 60 | 0 | 0% |
| 06A | Brookings | 40 | 40 | 0 | 0% | 40 | 40 | 0 | 0% |
| 07A | Yankton | 130 | 130 | 0 | 0% | 130 | 130 | 0 | 0% |
| 08A | Davison/Hanson | 50 | 50 | 0 | 0% | 100 | 100 | 0 | 0% |
| 12A | Bon Homme | 180 | 180 | 0 | 0% | 360 | 360 | 0 | 0% |
| 13A | Brule | 150 | 150 | 0 | 0% | 150 | 150 | 0 | 0% |
| 17A | Charles Mix/Douglas | 350 | 350 | 0 | 0% | 700 | 700 | 0 | 0% |
| 19A | Clay | 50 | 50 | 0 | 0% | 100 | 100 | 0 | 0% |
| 23A | Deuel | 50 | 50 | 0 | 0% | 50 | 50 | 0 | 0% |
| 36A | Hughes | 50 | 50 | 0 | 0% | 50 | 50 | 0 | 0% |
| 37A | Hutchinson | 30 | 30 | 0 | 0% | 30 | 30 | 0 | 0% |
| 44A | Lincoln | 70 | 50 | -20 | -29% | 70 | 50 | -20 | -29% |
| 52A | Moody | 20 | 20 | 0 | 0% | 20 | 20 | 0 | 0% |
| 62A | Union | 60 | 70 | 10 | 17% | 120 | 140 | 20 | 17% |
| NE1 | Northeast | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 | 0% | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 | 0% |
| BH1 | Black Hills | 2,000 | 1,500 | -500 | -25% | 2,000 | 1,500 | -500 | -25% |
| | TOTAL | 4,290 | 3,780 | -510 | -12% | 4,980 | 4,480 | -500 | -10% |

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents for the Black Hills.
Unlimited resident and nonresident 2-tag "any turkey" licenses for the West River Prairie Unit.

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION

16

Bobcat Trapping and Hunting Season
Chapter 41:08:01

| | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | May 2-3, 2013 | Custer State Park |
| | Public Hearing | June 6, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Finalization | June 6-7, 2013 | Pierre |

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Season Dates:

December 26, 2013 – February 15, 2014

December 26, 2013 – January 19, 2014

Area:

All counties west of the Missouri River.

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.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Shorten the west river season. The west river season will open at sunrise on December 26 and will close at sunset on February 15.
2. Change the east river season to open at sunrise on December 26 and close at sunset on the third Sunday of January.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

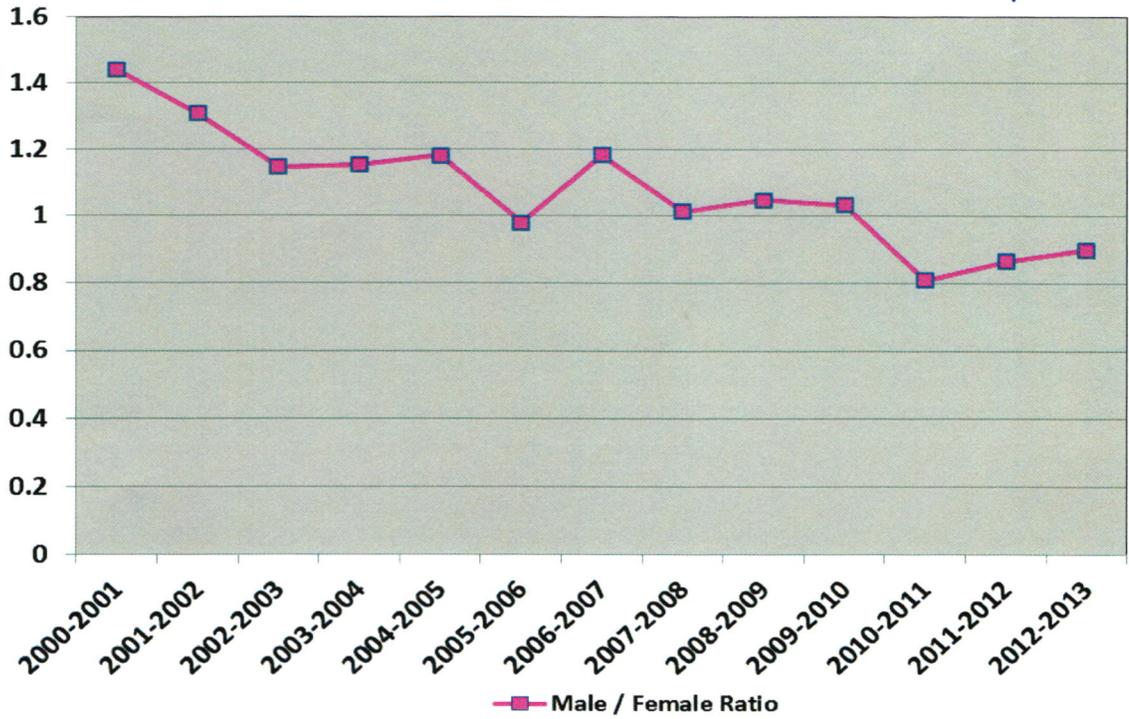
SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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.

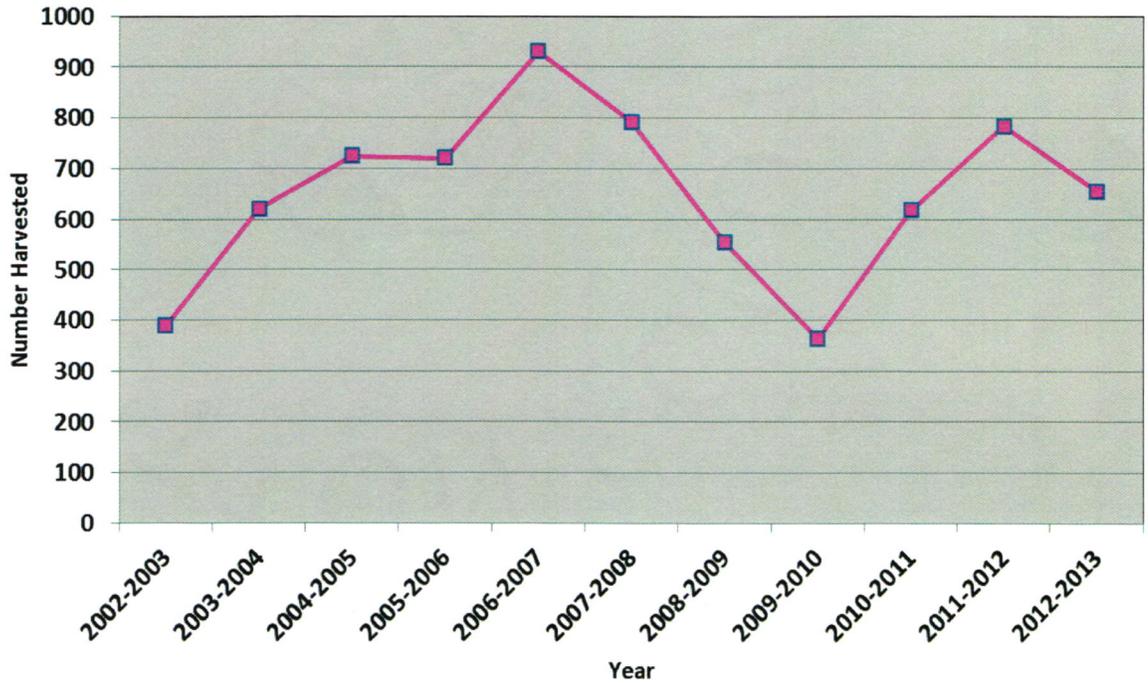
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WR Bobcat - Male / Female Ratio

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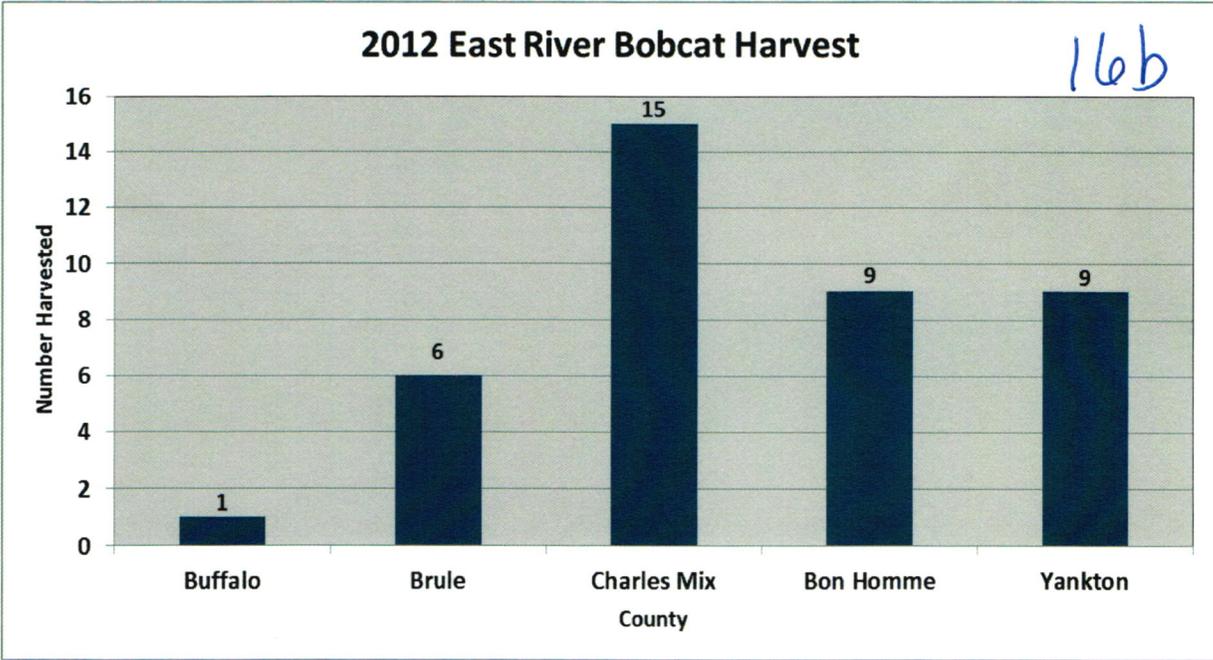
Statewide Bobcat Harvest



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2012 East River Bobcat Harvest

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

17

**Goose Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:16**

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | May 2-3, 2013 | Custer State Park |
| | Public Hearing | June 6, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Finalization | June 6-7, 2013 | Pierre |

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Season Dates: August 3-31, 2013

Open Area: Brookings, Brown, Clark, Codington, Day, Deuel, Hamlin, Hanson, Grant, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, Marshall, McCook, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Pennington, Roberts, Spink and Union counties.

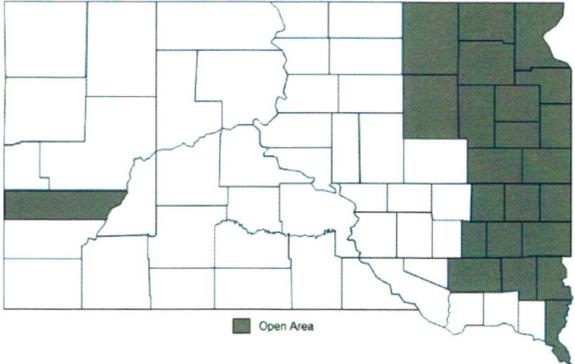
Daily Bag Limit: 15 Canada geese

Possession Limit: None

Licenses: Residents only

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Annual small game or combination license and state migratory bird certification. Federal waterfowl stamp is not required.
2. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour sunset.
3. Unplugged shotguns allowed.
4. All other restrictions are the same as during the Early Fall and Regular Canada Goose Season.



Recommended changes from last year:

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.
4. Allow unplugged shotguns.
5. Modify the shooting hours to end one-half hour after sunset.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Resident Canada goose numbers have shown an increasing trend since the early 1990's in South Dakota and are monitored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's annual May Breeding Waterfowl Survey. Though the 2013 survey has not been conducted, this survey showed a spring population index of 270,000 Canada geese in South Dakota during 2012. The most recent 3-year average (2010-2012) is 220,000 birds. This is significantly higher than the management plan goal of 80,000-90,000.

These large numbers of resident Canada geese are causing significant crop depredation in eastern South Dakota. Landowner tolerance to goose depredation has decreased over the years due to economic issues such as higher commodity prices and increased crop production costs. Although most of our depredation problems with resident Canada geese are agricultural in nature, we are also experiencing urban goose problems, in particular, Rapid City and Sioux Falls.

| Year | Number Hunters | Ave. Days Hunted | Average Season Bag | Harvest |
|------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|---------|
| 2010 | 3,538 | 2.99 | 8.21 | 29,047 |
| 2011 | 3,211 | 2.74 | 9.44 | 30,300 |
| 2012 | 3,581 | 3.08 | 10.26 | 36,757 |

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

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION

18

ARCHERY RESTRICTIONS
CHAPTER 41:06:05

| | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | May 2-3, 2013 | Custer State Park |
| | Public Hearing | June 6, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Finalization | June 6-7, 2013 | Pierre |

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

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

Recommended changes:

41:06:05:03. Possession of firearm while archery hunting prohibited -- Accompaniment restrictions --

Exception. No person who is licensed in a season restricted to archery only may: ~~(1) Possess a firearm in the field while hunting big game with bow and arrow except if the person is carrying a pistol and possesses a valid concealed pistol permit as provided in SDCL chapter 23-7;~~

~~— (2) Be accompanied in the field by a person possessing a firearm, except if the person is carrying a pistol and possesses a valid concealed pistol permit as provided in SDCL chapter 23-7; or~~

~~— (3) Be accompanied in the field by a person carrying a bow and arrow if the person does not possess an archery big game license that is valid for the same geographic area and time of year as the licensee.~~

41:06:05:03.01. Non-licensee armed accompaniment prohibited -- Exception.

No person accompanying a licensee who is hunting big game in the field with bow and arrow under an archery only license may:

- 1) Possess a bow and arrow (or crossbow) if the person does not possess an archery big game license that is valid for the same geographic area and time of year as the licensed archery hunter or;
- 2) Possess a firearm, including a muzzleloading firearm, except if the person is carrying a pistol and possesses a valid concealed pistol permit as provided in SDCL chapter 23-7.

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: NONE

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Currently, a person hunting under an archery only license cannot be accompanied in the field by another person carrying a firearm or bow and arrow unless that individual has an archery big game license valid for the same geographic area and time of year as the licensee. An exception exists for those persons carrying a pistol and possessing a valid concealed pistol permit. The licensed archery big game hunter is held as the responsible party if other armed individuals accompany him/her and do not have the same type of license. The proposed amendment would place the responsibility for adherence to the rule on the armed unlicensed individual who accompanies the archery big game hunter.

APPROVE MODIFY REJECT NO ACTION

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

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**Custer State Park Antelope Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:25**

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | June 6-7, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Public Hearing | July 8, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Finalization | July 8-9, 2013 | Pierre |

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: October 15 - 23, 2013

Licenses: 3 "any" antelope licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Any legal weapon allowed; rifle restrictions would follow state antelope regulation guidelines.
2. Starts Tuesday after Native American Day for 9 days in October.
3. Hunting would not be allowed within 440 yards (1/4 mile) around any numbered CSP road.

Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The spring survey of 2013 indicated the pronghorn antelope population has increased slightly from 161 to 174. The fawn:doe ratio remains stable as surveys indicate from 2011 to 2012 a ratio of 0.82 to 0.83, respectively. The buck:doe ratio was estimated at 0.53 or 53 bucks per 100 does in 2013 which was a slight increase over the previous year. The spring survey indicated the population is below the 250 population threshold and therefore the doe/kid season will remain closed. The spring survey indicated there are at least 92 bucks in the CSP herd. The potential harvest of 3 bucks during the 2012 season will not decrease the viewability of large bucks in CSP. Additionally, the 440 yard road restriction on all CSP numbered roads, as well as the short season (9 days) will mitigate the concern of reducing viewing opportunities and buck quality along CSP roadways. This past season all hunters reported and all harvested buck pronghorn.

| Year | Licensed Hunters | Applicants | Success Rate | Pronghorn Harvested | Recreation Days |
|------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 2012 | 3 | 916 (296 pref only) | 100% | 3 bucks | 4 |
| 2011 | 3 | 900 (270 pref only) | 100% | 3 bucks | 4 |
| 2010 | 13 | 970 (190 pref only) | 100% | 3 bucks, 7 does, 1 fawn | 17 |
| 2009 | 13 | 967 (137 pref only) | 92% | 3 bucks, 8 does | 19 |
| 2008 | 0 | No Season | | | |

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

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

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

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | June 6-7, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Public Hearing | July 8, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Finalization | July 8-9, 2013 | Pierre |

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

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.

Recommended 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.

| Year | Buck Tags | Doe Tags | Total Tags |
|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| 2012 | 3,000 | 1,585 | 4,585 |
| 2013 | 3,065 | 665 | 3,730 |

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% |

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

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 | 40 | | | | | | 40 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 40 |
| 21A | Custer/Pennington Central | | | 125 | | | | 0 | 125 | 0 | 125 | 250 |
| 24A | Dewey | 40 | | | | | | 40 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 40 |
| 27A | Fall River/Custer Southwest | 300 | | 200 | 100 | | | 300 | 300 | 0 | 600 | 900 |
| 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 | 30 | | | | | | 30 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 30 |
| 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 | 20 | | | | | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 50 |
| 60A | Tripp | 50 | | | | | | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 50 |
| 63A | Walworth/Potter | 20 | 10 | | | | | 30 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 30 |
| 64A | Ziebach | 100 | | | | | | 100 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 |
| TOTAL | | 2,660 | 60 | 405 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 2,720 | 505 | 0 | 3,225 | 3,730 |
| 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 | 40 | 0 | 0% | 40 | 40 | 0 | 0% |
| 21A | Custer/Pennington Central | 125 | 125 | 0 | 0% | 250 | 250 | 0 | 0% |
| 24A | Dewey | 40 | 40 | 0 | 0% | 40 | 40 | 0 | 0% |
| 27A | Fall River/Custer Southwest | 750 | 600 | -150 | -20% | 1,300 | 900 | -400 | -31% |
| 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 | 30 | 0 | 0% | 30 | 30 | 0 | 0% |
| 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 | 50 | 0 | 0% | 50 | 50 | 0 | 0% |
| 60A | Tripp | 50 | 50 | 0 | 0% | 100 | 50 | -50 | -50% |
| 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 | 3,730 | -855 | -19% |

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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Early Fall Canada Goose and Waterfowl Hunting Seasons

Chapters 41:06:50 and 41:06:16

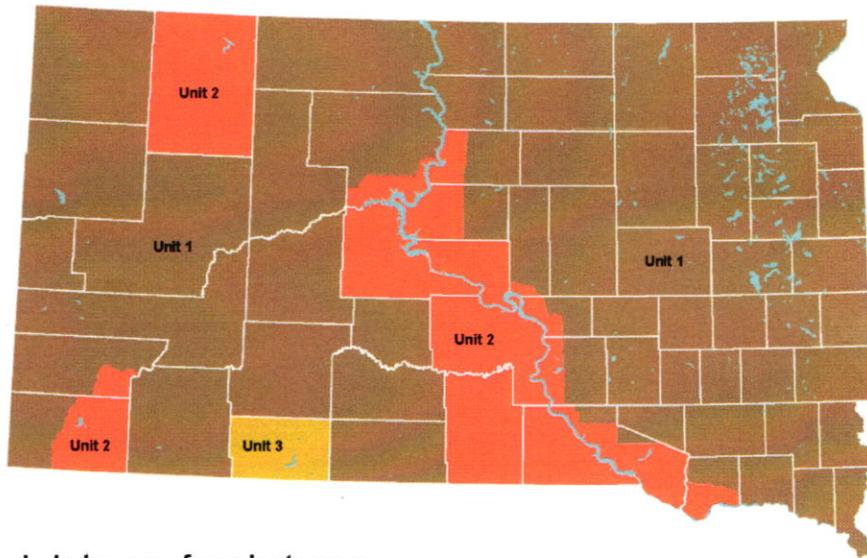
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| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | June 6-7, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Public Hearing | July 8, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Finalization | July 8-9, 2013 | Pierre |

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| <u>Season Dates:</u> | September 1 - 30, 2013 | <u>Open Area:</u> | Unit 1 (see map below) |
| <u>Daily Limit:</u> | 15 Canada Geese | <u>Possession Limit:</u> | 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.



Recommended 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.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

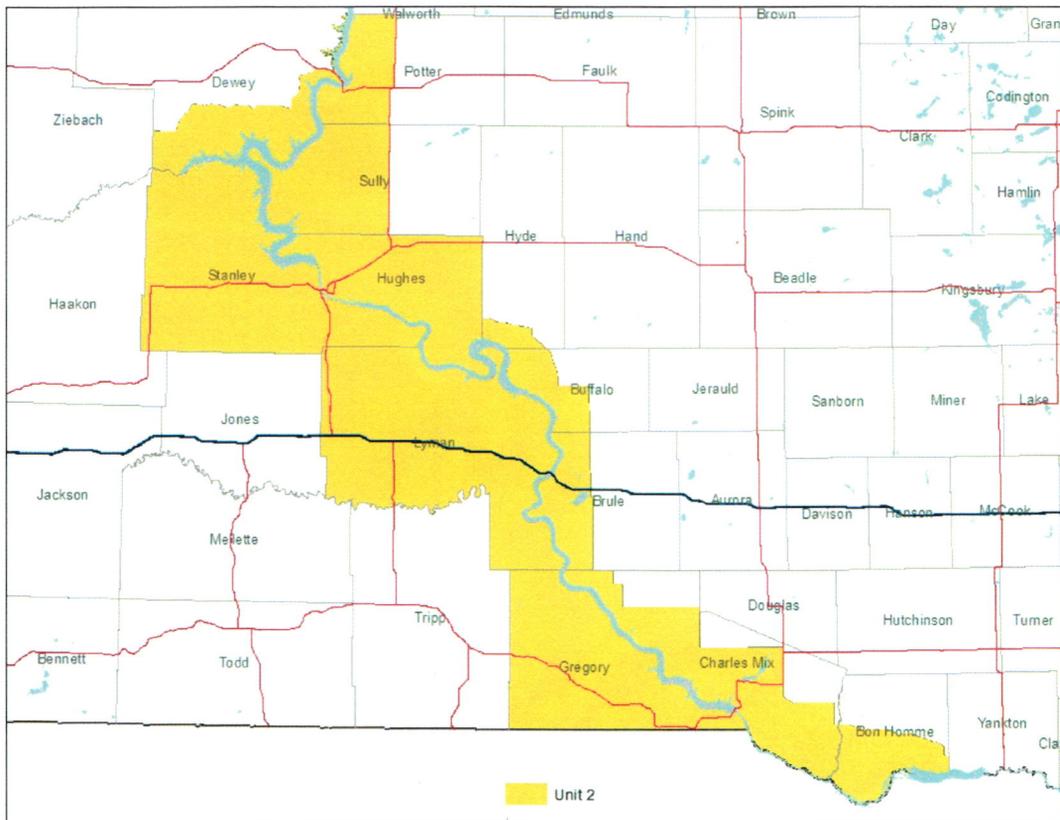
Department staff has received public input seeking later season goose hunting opportunities in Tripp County and a portion of Charles Mix County. Additional input from public meetings reveal support for this proposed change to these goose hunting unit boundaries.

| 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 |

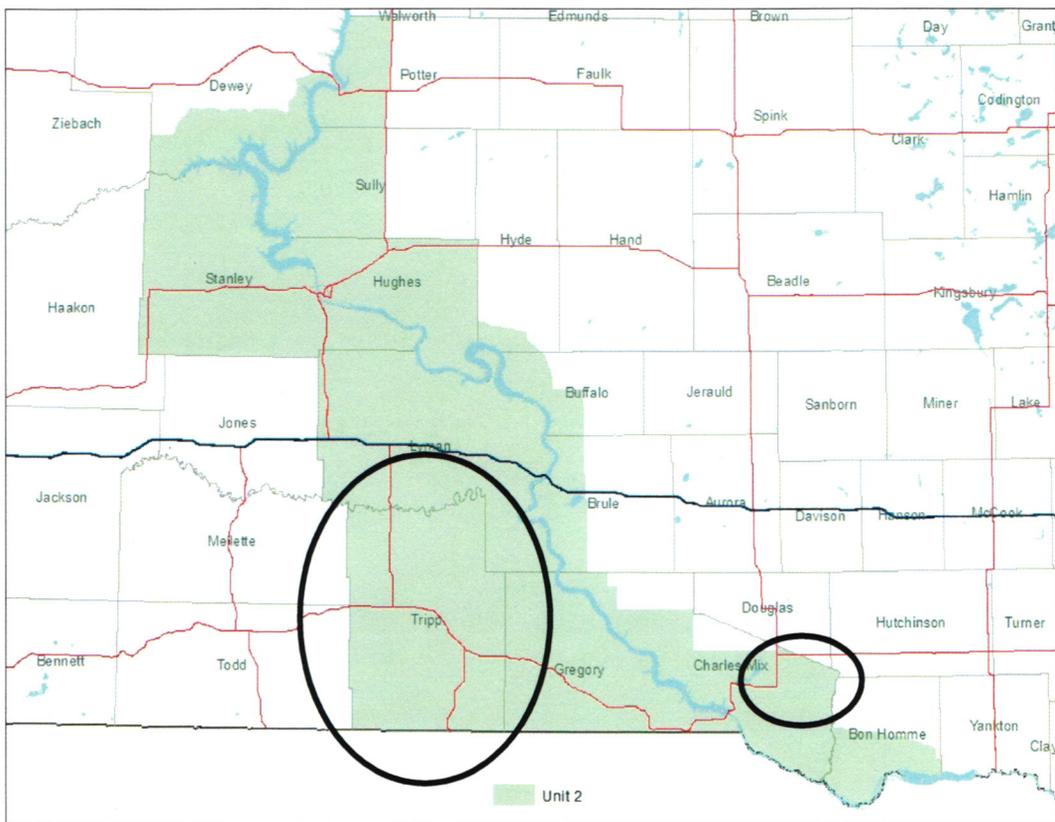
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Current Unit Boundaries



Proposed Unit Boundaries



| | | | |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| APPROVE _____ | MODIFY _____ | REJECT _____ | NO ACTION _____ |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

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Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:49

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | June 6-7, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Public Hearing | July 8, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Finalization | July 8-9, 2013 | Pierre |

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: September 21-22, 2013

Open Area: Statewide

Daily Limit: Same as for regular duck and goose seasons

Possession Limit: Same as for regular duck and goose seasons

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Residents and nonresidents who have not reached the age of 16 by the first day of the season may hunt in the youth waterfowl hunting season.
2. Each youth hunter must be accompanied by an adult while hunting.
The youth hunter must be properly licensed to hunt waterfowl in the state, unless participating under a Mentored Hunt scenario as described in "Mentored Youth Hunting".
3. All other hunting restrictions will be the same as during the regular waterfowl seasons.

Recommended change from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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Sage Grouse Hunting Season

Chapters 41:06:10

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| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal June 6-7, 2013 Public Hearing July 8, 2013 Finalization July 8-9, 2013 | Pierre Pierre Pierre |
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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: Closed
Open Area: Closed

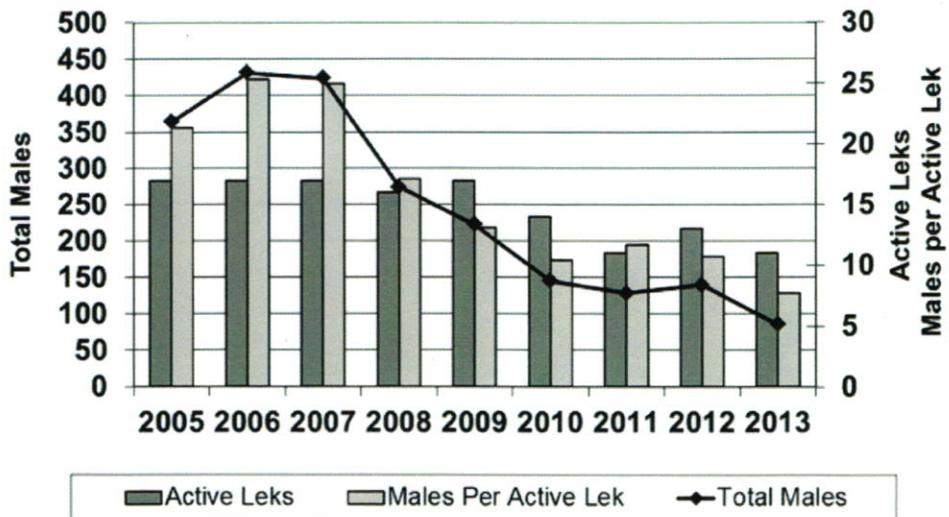
Recommended changes from last year:
 1. Close season.

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.



APPROVE _____
 MODIFY _____
 REJECT _____
 NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

23

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 8-9, 2013 | Pierre |

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

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.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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

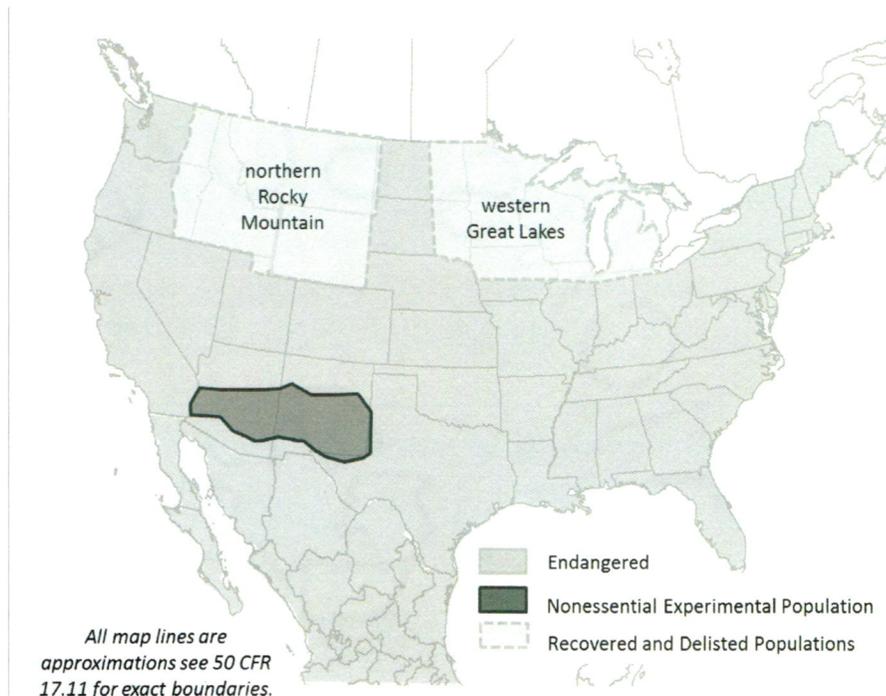
Section 1. That subdivision (21) of § 41-1-1 be amended to read as follows:

- (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.



APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

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JANUARY- MAY 2013 REVENUE COMPARISON BY PRODUCT

| | 2012 | | 2013 | | % Change |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------|
| | # Sold | \$ Sold | # Sold | \$ Sold | |
| Annual | 14,042 | \$ 393,170.00 | 13,067 | \$ 391,997.00 | -0.3% |
| Second Vehicle | 3,765 | \$52,703.00 | 2,787 | \$ 41,798.00 | -20.7% |
| Combo | 7,957 | \$334,195.00 | 10,048 | \$ 452,163.00 | 35.3% |
| Transferable | 565 | \$33,875.76 | 736 | \$ 47,818.00 | 41.2% |
| Daily / Person (\$4) | 3,222 | \$12,887.75 | 2,085 | \$ 8,338.71 | -35.3% |
| Daily / Vehicle (\$6) | 8,090 | \$48,540.90 | 5,101 | \$ 30,607.50 | -36.9% |
| Unattended Vehicle Daily (\$4) | 174 | \$694.00 | 107 | \$ 426.00 | -38.6% |
| Unattended Vehicle Daily (\$10) | 317 | \$3,168.00 | 48 | \$ 480.00 | -84.8% |
| Motorcoach Permit | 160 | \$480.00 | 247 | \$ 741.00 | 54.4% |
| GSM Annual Trail Pass (\$15) | 500 | \$7,500.00 | 689 | \$ 10,338.00 | 37.8% |
| GSM Daily Trail Pass (\$3) | 1,212 | \$3,636.00 | 884 | \$ 2,652.00 | -27.1% |
| CSP Temp Daily / Person (\$6) | 0 | \$0.00 | 4,709 | \$ 28,253.42 | #DIV/0! |
| CSP Temp Daily / Vehicle (\$15) | 9,201 | \$138,015.00 | 10,101 | \$ 151,515.00 | 9.8% |
| Bike Band (\$10) | 473 | \$4,730.00 | 523 | \$ 5,230.00 | |
| One-Day Special Event | N/A | \$3,010.00 | N/A | \$ 1,560.00 | -48.2% |
| 2012 Online PEL orders | 0 | \$79,779.00 | | | |
| | <u>49,676</u> | <u>\$ 1,116,384.41</u> | <u>51,130</u> | <u>\$ 1,173,917.63</u> | <u>5.2%</u> |
| Camping Services Permits | | \$3,442,450.70 | | \$ 3,697,515.22 | 7.4% |
| Picnic Reservations | | \$4,739.20 | | \$ 3,285.00 | -30.7% |
| Firewood | 5,622 | \$22,486.30 | 3,621 | \$ 14,483.06 | -35.6% |
| | | <u>\$3,469,676.20</u> | | <u>\$ 3,715,283.28</u> | <u>7.1%</u> |
| Totals: | | \$ 4,586,060.61 | | \$ 4,889,200.91 | 6.6% |
| | | | | \$0.00 | |

JANUARY - MAY 2013 REVENUE COMPARISON BY DISTRICT

| Dis Park | 2012 | 2013 | % Change | Dis Park | 2012 | 2013 | % Change |
|--|--------------|--------------|---------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Fort Sisseton Roy Lake Sica Hollow | \$81,849.30 | \$79,442.80 | -2.9% | 10 North Point North Wheeler Pease Creek Randall Creek South Shore Whetstone Bay | \$231,849.99 | \$267,006.47 | 15.2% |
| 2 Richmond Lake Mina Lake Lake Louise Fisher Grove Amsden | \$100,729.80 | \$106,939.16 | 6.2% | 11 Farm Island West Bend | \$178,610.40 | \$207,482.70 | 16.2% |
| 3 Sandy Shore Hartford Beach Lake Cochrane Pelican South Pickerel Lake | \$226,657.20 | \$240,397.12 | 6.1% | 12 Oahe Downstream West Shore Cow Creek Okobojo Point Spring Creek East Shore | \$162,385.50 | \$197,863.52 | 21.8% |
| 4 Oakwood Lakes Lake Poinsett Lake Thompson | \$292,028.20 | \$313,926.12 | 7.5% | 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 | \$156,985.40 | \$146,964.04 | -6.4% |
| 5 Lake Herman Walkers Point | \$132,532.11 | \$129,601.18 | -2.2% | 14 GSM Trail Bear Butte | \$76,463.60 | \$76,674.60 | 0.3% |
| 6 Snake Creek Platte Creek Burke Lake Buryanek | \$200,772.20 | \$198,626.91 | -1.1% | 15 Shadehill Llewellyn Johns Rocky Point | \$57,612.70 | \$107,321.99 | |
| 7 Palisades Lake Vermillion Big Sioux | \$267,317.70 | \$273,534.42 | 2.3% | 16 Custer | \$1,111,204.30 | \$1,201,394.70 | 8.1% |
| 8 Newton Hills Lake Alvin Union Grove Adams | \$179,533.16 | \$178,530.56 | -0.6% | 17 Angostura | \$208,108.35 | \$214,057.76 | 2.9% |
| 9 Lewis & Clark Tabor Sand Creek Springfield Chief White Crane Pierson Ranch | \$813,582.70 | \$795,782.86 | -2.2% | 20 Pierre Office | \$107,838.00 | \$153,654.00 | 42.5% |
| | | | | TOTALS: | \$4,586,060.61 | \$4,889,200.91 | 6.6% |

JANUARY- MAY 2013 CAMPING UNIT COMPARISON REPORT BY DISTRICT

| Dist/ Park | 2012 Units | 2013 Units | % | Dist Park | 2012 Units | 2013 Units | % |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1 Fort Sisseton | 132 | 85 | -35.6% | 9 Lewis & Clark | 5,007 | 3,839 | -23.3% |
| Roy Lake | 635 | 509 | -19.8% | Tabor | 17 | 14 | -17.6% |
| Sica Hollow | 18 | 8 | -55.6% | Sand Creek | 27 | 8 | -70.4% |
| | <u>785</u> | <u>602</u> | <u>-23.3%</u> | Springfield | 145 | 200 | 37.9% |
| 2 Richmond Lake | 187 | 190 | 1.6% | Chief White Crane | 1,455 | 1,282 | -11.9% |
| Mina Lake | 334 | 338 | 1.2% | Pierson Ranch | 659 | 524 | -20.5% |
| Lake Louise | 318 | 264 | -17.0% | | <u>7,310</u> | <u>5,867</u> | <u>-19.7%</u> |
| Fisher Grove | 0 | 0 | | 10 North Point | 821 | 933 | 13.6% |
| Amsden | 0 | 45 | #DIV/0! | North Wheeler | 82 | 60 | -26.8% |
| | <u>839</u> | <u>837</u> | <u>-0.2%</u> | Pease Creek | 236 | 159 | -32.6% |
| 3 Sandy Shore | 88 | 73 | -17.0% | Randall Creek | 957 | 923 | -3.6% |
| Hartford Beach | 691 | 495 | -28.4% | South Shore | 61 | 30 | -50.8% |
| Lake Cochrane | 182 | 122 | -33.0% | Whetstone Bay | 71 | 93 | 31.0% |
| Pelican South | 562 | 501 | -10.9% | | <u>2,228</u> | <u>2,198</u> | <u>-1.3%</u> |
| Pickereel Lake | 682 | 573 | -16.0% | 11 Farm Island | 778 | 899 | 15.6% |
| | <u>2,205</u> | <u>1,764</u> | <u>-20.0%</u> | West Bend | 1,423 | 1,194 | -16.1% |
| 4 Oakwood Lakes | 1,154 | 1,014 | -12.1% | | <u>2,201</u> | <u>2,093</u> | <u>-4.9%</u> |
| Lake Poinsett | 966 | 715 | -26.0% | 12 Oahe Downstream | 1,352 | 1,393 | 3.0% |
| Lake Thompson | 805 | 799 | -0.7% | Cow Creek | 368 | 355 | -3.5% |
| | <u>2,925</u> | <u>2,528</u> | <u>-13.6%</u> | Okobojo Point | 178 | 130 | -27.0% |
| 5 Lake Herman | 630 | 668 | 6.0% | | <u>1,898</u> | <u>1,878</u> | <u>-1.1%</u> |
| Walkers Point | 487 | 307 | -37.0% | 13 West Whitlock | 525 | 562 | 7.0% |
| Lake Carthage | 124 | 0 | -100.0% | Lake Hiddenwood | 38 | 10 | -73.7% |
| | <u>1,241</u> | <u>975</u> | <u>-21.4%</u> | East Whitlock | 21 | 26 | 23.8% |
| 6 Snake Creek | 1,699 | 1,467 | -13.7% | Swan Creek | 145 | 77 | -46.9% |
| Platte Creek | 332 | 316 | -4.8% | Indian Creek | 781 | 716 | -8.3% |
| Burke Lake | 34 | 36 | 5.9% | West Pollock | 211 | 124 | -41.2% |
| Buryanek | 529 | 524 | -0.9% | | <u>1,721</u> | <u>1,515</u> | <u>-12.0%</u> |
| | <u>2,594</u> | <u>2,343</u> | <u>-9.7%</u> | 14 Bear Butte Lake | 118 | 32 | -72.9% |
| 7 Palisades | 747 | 731 | -2.1% | | <u>118</u> | <u>32</u> | <u>-72.9%</u> |
| Lake Vermillion | 1,161 | 1,132 | -2.5% | 15 Shadehill | 507 | 470 | -7.3% |
| Big Sioux | 919 | 779 | -15.2% | Llewellyn Johns | 61 | 62 | 1.6% |
| | <u>2,827</u> | <u>2,642</u> | <u>-6.5%</u> | Rocky Point | 665 | 665 | 0.0% |
| 8 Newton Hills | 1,735 | 1,507 | -13.1% | | <u>1,233</u> | <u>1,197</u> | <u>-3%</u> |
| Union Grove | 222 | 233 | 5.0% | 16 Custer | 3,998 | 4,249 | 6.3% |
| | <u>1,957</u> | <u>1,740</u> | <u>-11.1%</u> | | <u>3,998</u> | <u>4,249</u> | <u>6.3%</u> |
| | | | | 17 Angostura | 2,015 | 1,818 | -9.8% |
| | | | | Sheps Canyon | 0 | 92 | |
| | | | | | <u>2,015</u> | <u>1,910</u> | <u>-5.2%</u> |
| | | | | TOTAL FEE AREA | | | |
| | | | | CAMPER UNITS | 38,095 | 34,370 | -9.8% |

**SOUTH DAKOTA
PRIVATE SHOOTING PRESERVES**

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| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>NOT RENEWED</u> | <u>RENEWED</u> | <u>NEW</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|
| 2004-05 | 13 | 186 | 37 | 223 |
| 2005-06 | 52 | 172 | 26 | 198 |
| 2006-07 | 15 | 183 | 32 | 215 |
| 2007-08 | 18 | 197 | 26 | 223 |
| 2008-09 | 9 | 208 | 21 | 229 |
| 2009-10 | 17 | 204 | 16 | 220 |
| 2010-11 | 30 | 192 | 18 | 207 |
| 2011-12 | 23 | 189 | 8 | 197 |
| 2012-13 | 12 | 185 | 18 | 203 |
| 2013-14 | 12 | 189 | 17 | 206 |

**PRIVATE SHOOTING PRESERVE PHEASANT HARVEST
AND RELEASE RECORDS 2003-2012**

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u># OF PSP'S</u> | <u>SPECIES</u> | <u>BIRDS RELEASED</u> | <u>TOTAL BIRDS HARVESTED</u> | <u>RELEASED BIRDS HARVESTED</u> | <u>WILD BIRDS HARVESTED</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2003-04 | 201 | Pheasants | 269,173 | 183,395 | 143,387 (78%) | 40,008 (22%) |
| 2004-05 | 222 | Pheasants | 305,053 | 193,294 | 154,227 (80%) | 39,067 (20%) |
| 2005-06 | 198 | Pheasants | 326,601 | 222,894 | 166,281 (75%) | 56,613 (25%) |
| 2006-07 | 215 | Pheasants | 394,061 | 247,165 | 200,729 (81%) | 46,436 (19%) |
| 2007-08 | 223 | Pheasants | 439,454 | 278,242 | 214,066 (77%) | 63,152 (23%) |
| 2008-09 | 229 | Pheasants | 394,184 | 262,709 | 198,895 (76%) | 63,914 (24%) |
| 2009-10 | 220 | Pheasants | 375,273 | 227,138 | 177,638 (78%) | 50,180 (22%) |
| 2010-11 | 207 | Pheasants | 356,727 | 242,705 | 185,094 (76%) | 57,611 (24%) |
| 2011-12 | 197 | Pheasants | 386,563 | 243,196 | 200,337 (82%) | 43,744 (18%) |
| 2012-13 | 203 | Pheasants | 403,380 | 237,965 | 202,991 (85%) | 36,630 (15%) |

**PRIVATE SHOOTING PRESERVE OTHER GAME BIRD HARVEST
AND RELEASE RECORDS 2012**

| <u>SPECIES</u> | <u>BIRDS RELEASED</u> | <u>TOTAL HARVESTED</u> | <u>PERCENTAGE</u> |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Chukar Partridge | 14,054 | 3,887 | 28% |
| Gray Partridge | 3,817 | 1,316 | 34% |
| Bobwhite Quail | 792 | 347 | 44% |
| Turkey | 15 | 12 | 80% |

THE IMPACT OF ADMISTRATIVE RULE 41:09:01:03.01. DAILY BAG LIMIT

41:09:01:03.01. Daily bag limit -- Shooting hours. The maximum daily bag limit for pheasants on shooting preserves is 20 cocks from the beginning of the hunting preserve season through the end of the statewide pheasant season as described in § 41:06:08:01. From the end of the statewide pheasant season through the end of the private shooting preserve season, the maximum daily bag limit is 15 cocks. The maximum daily bag limit for wild turkeys is 2 birds

Of the 203 private shooting preserves permitted in 2012-13:

- 17 preserves took advantage of the additional opportunity and harvested 16 or more pheasants on a single day.
- Records reflect that those 17 preserve averaged 55.6 man/days where 16 or more birds were harvested on a single day.

PRIVATE SHOOTING PRESERVES BY SIZE 2013-14

| <u>Acreage</u> | <u>Number</u> |
|----------------|---------------|
| 160 | 12 |
| 161 - 320 | 23 |
| 321 - 640 | 51 |
| 641 - 960 | 36 |
| 961 - 1279 | 25 |
| 1280 – 1919 | 34 |
| 1920 – 2559 | 18 |
| 2560 | 7 |

206 shooting preserves involving 175 operators
Total Land In Shooting Preserves: 199,379, acres
Average Preserve Size: 968 Acres