

# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Custer State Park Trophy Bison Bull Harvest

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<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>April 4, 2013</b>	<b>Winner</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2013</b>	<b>Winner</b>

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS

**Season Dates:** November 25, 2013 – January 10, 2014

**Licenses:** 8 trophy bull bison licenses.

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

- 1) The unit is open within the boundaries of Custer State Park for the 47-day period beginning the last Monday in November.
- 2) Licensees must be accompanied by an authorized CSP official.

**Proposed changes from last year:**

1. Modify preference so applicants accrue an additional point for each successive year they are unsuccessful in the draw. Change reference from “permit” and “permit holder” to “license” and “licensee”.
2. Allocate two trophy bison licenses to residents in a first draw. Leftover licenses would be available in a second draw for all applicants.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Interest in trophy bison hunts continues to grow. This is a premier trophy bison hunt and draws applicants from across North America. Applicant’s odds of drawing continue to decline with increased interest. A large number of applicants have been unsuccessful in drawing in multiple years. The current preference system provides applicants who were unsuccessful in the previous year’s draw entry in the first draw, but they do not accrue additional points for successive unsuccessful years. The current single preference system should be modified to a lottery (accumulated points) system. Allocating two of the permits to South Dakota residents will give residents a better chance of being drawn for this trophy hunt while still recognizing the high demand from non-resident hunters.

Year	Applications			Licenses Issued	
	Total App’s	Non-resident	Resident	Non-resident	Resident
2012	118	113	5	7	1
2011	112	106	6	10	0
2010	90	83	7	9	1