

# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Bobcat Trapping and Hunting Season Chapter 41:08:01

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>June 6, 2013</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>June 6-7, 2013</b>	<b>Pierre</b>

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS

#### 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:

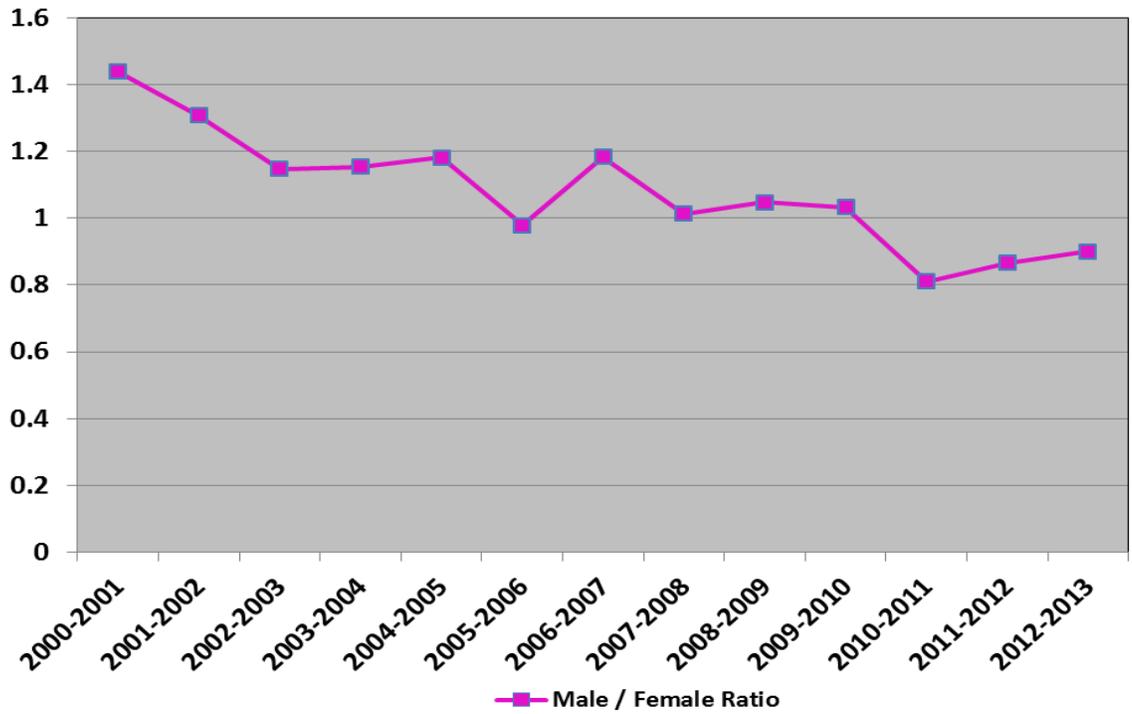
1. Shorten the west river season. The west river season will open at sunrise on December 26 and will close at sunset on February 15.
2. Change the east river season to open at sunrise on December 26 and close at sunset on the third Saturday of January.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

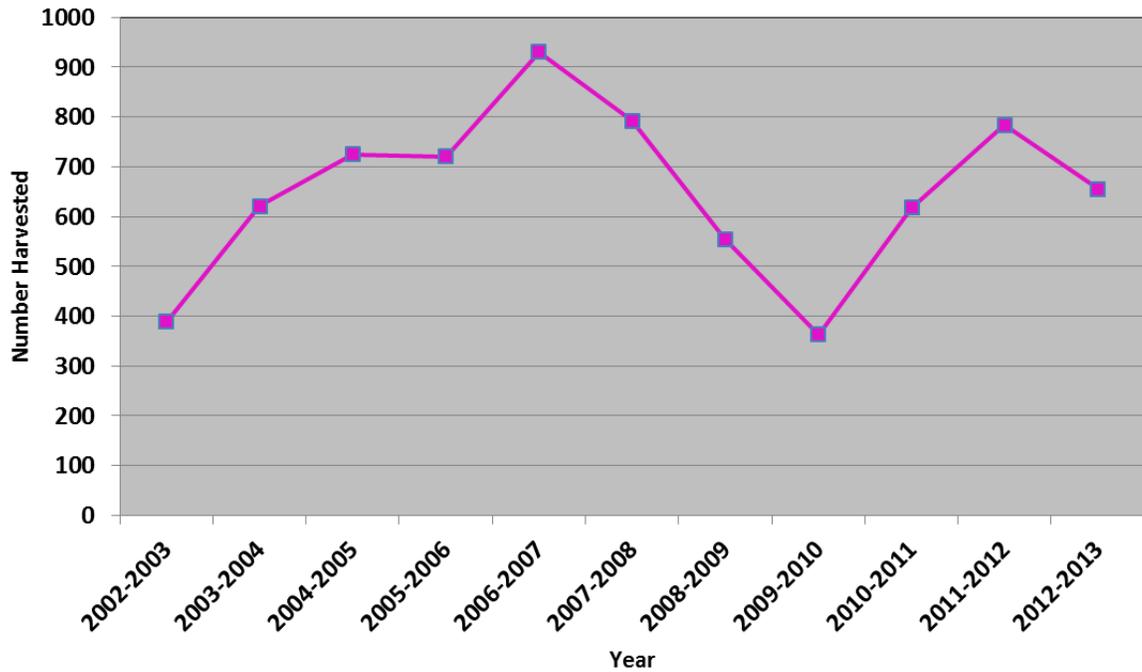
The last three consecutive years of the west river bobcat season has experienced sex ratios that have been skewed towards a higher ratio of females being harvested. Having more females than males harvested is an indicator of a moderate or heavy harvested population.

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### WR Bobcat - Male / Female Ratio



### Statewide Bobcat Harvest



## 2012 East River Bobcat Harvest

