GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

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

Commission Meeting Dates:	**Public Hearing**	**June 6, 2013**	**Pierre**
	Finalization	**June 6-7, 2013**	**Pierre**

COMMISSION PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS

Season Dates: November 2-15

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.

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.