

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Captive Game Birds Chapter 41:09:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Public Hearing	December 5, 2013	Huron
	Finalization	December 5, 2013	Huron

COMMISSION PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS

41:09:02:04. Identification marking required. Except for ~~chukar~~ partridge and quail, any game bird propagated, possessed, sold, offered for sale, or released from captivity must have one front toe or one hind toe on either foot removed back to the first joint including the nail before becoming six weeks of age. An anti-pecking device affixed to the bird before it is six weeks old and worn by the bird until it is at least 15 weeks old is acceptable in lieu of toe clipping if the anti-pecking device leaves a permanent, easily identifiable mark through the nares. Any game bird propagated under this chapter that has not been shot and that is commercially packaged by a transparent sealed vacuum/shrink-type process may have the marked appendage removed if a label is permanently affixed to the package showing the name and address of the licensee.

41:09:02:06.01. Release to the wild prohibited. A person may not release into the wild within the state of South Dakota any game birds, except ring-necked pheasants, ~~Hungarian or Chukar~~ partridge, wild turkeys, or quail, without written consent of the secretary.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Department has received requests from individuals to release other sub-species of partridge and the department has determined there is no biological reason to retain language in existing rules. The deletion of "Hungarian" and "Chukar" would make an allowance for the release of any sub-species of partridge.