

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Fall Wild Turkey Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:14

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| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | May 5-6, 2014 | Yankton |
| | Public Hearing | June 9, 2014 | Ft. Pierre |
| | Finalization | June 9, 2014 | Ft. Pierre |

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: November 1, 2014 – January 31, 2015

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| Licenses: | BH1 | 750 resident and 60 nonresident one-tag “any turkey” licenses |
| | ER Prairie | Residents: 785 single tag “any turkey” licenses Residents: 50 two-tag “any turkey” licenses |
| | WR Prairie | Unlimited resident and nonresident single tag “any turkey” licenses for the West River Prairie Unit (WR1). |

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. One-half of the prairie licenses are available for landowner preference applicants.
2. A person may apply for both a Black Hills license and a prairie unit license in the first drawing.
3. A person is limited to a total of five (5) fall turkey licenses.
4. Hutchinson, Davison and Hanson counties, and the areas below Oahe Dam east of State Hwy1806 and north of Hwy 14-34 in Stanley County, are designated for shotgun or archery hunting only.
5. A person may not use any firearm on the south unit and the signed portion of the north unit of the Bureau of Land Management Fort Meade Recreation Area.
6. No person may shoot a turkey that is in a tree or roost.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Offer 205 more one-tag licenses and 650 less two-tag licenses for resident hunters on the East River Prairie Units.
2. Offer 750 fewer one-tag licenses for resident hunters and 60 fewer one-tag licenses for nonresident hunters for Unit BH1.
3. Change the season dates from the October 1 – January 31 to November 1 – January 31.
4. Modify Unit BH1 unit to include those portions of Custer, Fall River, Lawrence, Meade, and Pennington counties within a line beginning at the junction of U.S. Hwy. 85 and Interstate 90 at exit 17; south on U.S. Hwy. 85 to U.S. Hwy. 385; south on U.S. Hwy. 385 to S.D. Hwy. 89; south on S.D. Hwy. 89 to Pilger Mountain Road; west on Pilger Mountain Road to Dewey Road; west on Dewey Road to the WY/SD line; south on the WY/SD line to U.S. Hwy. 18; east on U.S. Hwy. 18 to the Cheyenne River; east along the Cheyenne River to S.D. Hwy. 79; north on S.D. Hwy. 79 to Interstate 90; north and west on Interstate 90 to exit 17, the point of beginning (see attached map).
5. Change the unlimited WR Prairie licenses from a two-tag license to a single tag license.
6. Close Bennett, Corson, Custer, Fall River, Haakon, Jackson, Meade, Pennington, Shannon and Ziebach counties to fall turkey hunting in the West River Prairie Unit.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

| Year | Prairie | | | | Black Hills | | | |
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| | Licenses Sold | Toms Harvested | Hens Harvested | Success | Licenses Sold | Toms Harvested | Hens Harvested | Success |
| 2009 | 5,876 | 2,335 | 2,002 | 43% | 3,646 | 658 | 711 | 38% |
| 2010 | 5,995 | 3,019 | 2,419 | 48% | 3,312 | 907 | 646 | 47% |
| 2011 | 5,649 | 2,497 | 1,838 | 41% | 3,098 | 537 | 513 | 34% |
| 2012 | 5,075 | 2,109 | 1,225 | 37% | 2,165 | 483 | 458 | 46% |
| 2013 | 4,695 | 1,167 | 670 | 22% | 1,546 | 179 | 169 | 22% |

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