

AGENDA
Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
May 1-2, 2014
Sylvan Lake Resort Lodge
US Hwy 16A, Custer, SD 57730

Call to order 1 PM MDT

Division of Administration

Action items:

1. Approve minutes of the April 2014 meeting
<http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/commission/archive/2014/April/minutes.pdf>
2. Additional Commissioner Salary Days
3. License List Requests

Information item:

4. License Sales Report

Open Forum

2 PM Public Hearing - Finalizations

5. License Applications: Preference point-only

Proposals

6. Custer State Park Deer Hunting Season
7. East River Deer Hunting Season
8. West River Deer Hunting Season
9. Black Hills Deer Hunting Season
10. Archery Deer Hunting Season
11. Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Season
12. Youth Deer Hunting Season
13. Refuge Deer Hunting Season
14. Archery Antelope Hunting Season
15. Trapping Regulations
16. August Management Take Goose
17. Archery Equipment

Division of Parks and Recreation

Action items:

18. Custer State Park Resort dormitory addition
19. Oahe Downstream Resort lease amendment

Information items:

20. Custer State Park Visitor Center
21. April Revenue Report

4:30 PM Executive Session

Division of Wildlife

Action items:

22. Land acquisition - Moody County - Van Hecke
23. Land acquisition - Clark County - Lynbye GPA inholding

Information items:

24. Land acquisition updates
25. WMI Big Game Action Pplan update
26. Deer population update
27. Sheps Canyon Recreation Complex update
28. Oahe Downstream Shooting Range project
29. Fish spawning and stocking update
30. Upland game harvest and population report
31. Sportsmen Against Hunger
32. Miscellaneous updates

Adjourn

Next meeting information:

June 4 Governance Meeting - Yankton
June 5-6, Lewis and Clark Recreation Area near Yankton, SD

Division of Administration

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
April 3-4, 2014

Chairman John Cooper called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM at the Cedar Shores Resort near Oacoma, South Dakota. Commissioners John Cooper, Cathy Peterson, Paul Dennert, Gary Jensen, and Scott Phillips were present and answered roll call. Answering roll call by teleconference was Jim Spies. Barry Jensen and Duane Sather did not answer roll call. A quorum was declared. Secretary Vonk was present along with approximately fifty public, staff, and media.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Cooper indicated that he reviewed the minutes of the March 6-7 meeting and called for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion by Peterson with second by Spies TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6-7, 2014, GFP COMMISSION MEETING AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Additional Commissioner Salary Days

Cooper asked Commissioners for additional salary days and Gary Jensen and Scott Phillips each requested one.

Motion by Peterson with second by Spies TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL SALARY DAYS AS REQUESTED. Motion carried by unanimously roll call vote.

License List Requests

Director Chris Petersen indicated there were no license list requests for Commission consideration.

License Sales Report

Director Petersen presented the over-the-counter sales report as of March 27th indicating that fishing license sales remain strong.

Open Forum

Chairman Cooper read a letter from Caleb Gilkerson requesting the Commission to open waters above the Hwy 14/34 bridge in Pierre to the Oahe Dam for the week of August 11-17, 2014 for spearing game fish.

Cooper asked Chief Scott Simpson to serve as Public Hearing Officer and to accept comments from the attending public regarding this issue. Simpson indicated the Department received twenty comments with eleven in support of opening area and nine opposing. The written and email comments were provided to the Commissioners prior to the meeting and are reflected in Addendum A.

Oral testimony began with Chris McCarty of Pierre, SD, stating he manages Steamboats, Inc., is a scuba instructor, and participates in the spearfishing tournament. Last year he oversaw the tournament and everyone had a great time and the tournament was well received. Anglers and divers were informed prior to the tournament that the area would be larger and more congested.

Caleb Gilkerson, of Pierre, SD, stated this is his second request as he made this request last year and that the tournament has been held for many years. The tournament promotes the Pierre area and brings in as many as a 1,000 divers. The spearfishing divers have a "diver down flag" and divers can see boats before the boaters can see or hear the diver. This provides an opportunity for divers to hone and improve their skills to assist with other events where divers are needed. Safety is very important when diving and when spearfishing. The tournament is a great tool to network with Oahe Marina activities and the divers and families enjoy the event. Gilkerson requested approval for the Special Use permit for this event.

Cooper asked about the tournament and why the request for a full week if the tournament is actually two days; Saturday and Sunday of August 16 and 17. Gilkerson indicated that as with any fishing tournament anglers like to fish prior to the tournament.

Steve Rounds of Pierre, SD, owner of Oahe Marina Resort provided background of his business and how the tournament assists his business. The waters on the Missouri River are one of the top three fresh flowing waters for diving in the country. His cabins are booked by out-of-state divers and this is a great opportunity to share and to show off what we have below the dam. This is a no brainer and will bring fifty, 2-4 person teams into South Dakota to buy fishing licenses and park entrance licenses. He talked about the dangers of moving the tournament below the bridge where the public is recreating, as the fishermen moved further south, except for the evening bite. Rounds asked to please open the tailrace for the divers as this is great opportunity and an economic boost for him as he plans a fund raiser on the weekend.

Request for fish spearing exemption

Director Leif presented background and information on the two issues before the Commission: 1) Exception to allow spearing of game fish in the tail waters; and 2) the Special-use permit (tournament) request which has been received by GFP staff.

Director Leif indicated the Commission will decide about the special request to allow spear fishermen to take walleye and small mouth bass in the area north of the Hwy 14/34 bridge to the Oahe Dam. Currently, spear fishermen may take rough fish, catfish, and northern pike in this area.

Cliff Stone, Region 2 Supervisor, shared a copy of the letter Director Leif sent to Gilkerson last year to allow the exception. Stone showed the minimum size of a diver flag and shared laws governing boaters and divers. Stone indicated current rule defines the area open for the spearing of game fish and indicates the Commission "may open other areas to the public." This request is to open the area from Hwy 34/14 bridge to the Oahe Dam which currently is closed to divers for the taking of game fish.

Regional Supervisor Stone showed a map of the area for boats to travel and placed pins to show areas of divers. Stone mentioned the water released out of the dam and the prediction of water that could occur in August may be slightly increased this fall. Last year the biggest issue was user conflicts.

Leif provided clarification of possible Commission action. Discussion included the sandbar by Marion's Gardens and the public use in this area. Last year the tournament was open to the taking of game fish and that congestion is the biggest concern for this request. Leif indicated the Department recommendation is to deny the request and indicated the Special Use Permit for the tournament upon meeting criteria for the event would be approved when it reaches his desk.

Motion by Phillips with second by Jensen TO DENY THE REQUEST BY CALEB GILKERSON TO OPEN WATERS FROM THE HWY14/34 BRIDGE TO OAHE DAM NEAR PIERRE TO THE TAKING OF GAME FISH IN AUGUST. Roll call vote: Dennert-no; Gary Jensen-yes; Peterson-no; Phillips-yes; Spies-yes; Cooper-yes. Motion failed the required five votes to carry.

Motion by Dennert with second by Peterson TO APPROVE THE REQUEST BY CALEB GILKERSON TO OPEN THE WATERS FROM THE HWY 14/34 BRIDGE TO OAHE DAM NEAR PIERRE TO THE TAKING OF GAME FISH IN AUGUST. Roll call vote: Dennert-yes; Gary Jensen-no; Phillips-no; Peterson-yes; Spies-no; Cooper-no. Motion failed the required five votes to carry.

Cooper stated even the Commission were split on the issue and the rule would remain the same; therefore, the participants in the August tournament would not be allowed to take game fish for the tournament.

Open Forum Continued:

Gary English of Rapid City, SD, indicated he manages the Rapid City Airport and talked about the increasing number of Canada geese at the airport. This is a safety concern for the airport and public. He shared facts released by the federal government about the problem. He stated that the problem continues and currently about 5,000 birds are in the area and outlined logistics showing the city, the Ag fields where the geese feed, and the airport. There is a very real safety concern. He is thankful for the GFP permits and would like a special goose season for the area around the airport during the spring season to push the geese out of the area.

English also commented on the west river deer antlerless season and feels as a taxidermist that many of the late antlerless deer harvested are bucks that have shed their antlers. He believes that larger bucks shed their antlers earlier than younger bucks.

Russ Roberts of St. Onge, SD, talked about SD deer management and shared a plan he developed and he would be happy to share it individually with anyone. Roberts provided suggestions such as similar start dates, same application, real time management of the deer herd, one buck only license per hunter per year, application process or drawing, nonresident archery application and quota, archery season, special buck season, landowner licenses, and preference point system.

Vonk stated this is an issue that staff has been discussing the past few months and has been tasked to look at it. The plan is come to the Commission with time for an open discussion at the July meeting on this topic. Vonk indicated the Wildlife Federation has expressed similar sentiments.

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing began at 2:53 PM and ended at 3:04 PM. (Minutes follow the minutes of the regular meeting.) Chairman Cooper called for a recess at 3:04 PM and meeting resumed at 3:21 PM.

FINALIZATIONS

Custer State Park Any Elk Hunting Season 41:06:27

Chad Switzer presented the proposed changes to adjust the number of any elk licenses in Custer State Park. Switzer shared information about efforts to move elk from Wind Cave National Park into Custer State Park and onto Forest Service land. The Department recommends adjusting the current three licenses to five as a result of the additional elk from Wind Cave.

Motion by Spies with second by Peterson TO AMEND THE PROPOSED NUMBER OF ANY ELK LICENSES IN CUSTER STATE PARK TO FIVE. Motion carried with unanimous roll call vote.

Adjust the number of licenses available from 3 "any elk" to 5 "any elk" licenses.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Dennert TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO CUSTER STATE PARK ELK HUNTING SEASON (ANY ELK) 41:06:27 TO INCREASE LICENSES TO FIVE AS AMENDED. Motion carried with unanimous roll call vote.

Custer State Park Early Archery Elk Hunting Season 41:06:28

Chad Switzer presented the proposed changes and recommended increasing the number of licenses to four due to the movement of elk from Wind Cave.

Motion by Spies with second by Peterson TO AMEND THE PROPOSAL TO ADJUST THE NUMBER OF LICENSES TO FOUR FOR THE CUSTER STATE PARK EARLY ARCHERY ELK HUNTING SEASON. Motion carried unanimously with roll call vote.

Adjust the number of licenses available from 2 "any elk" to 4 "any elk" licenses.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Phillips TO FINALIZE THE CUSTER STATE PARK EARLY ARCHERY ELK HUNTING SEASON 41:06:28 AS AMENDED. Motion carried with unanimous roll call vote.

Archery Elk Hunting Season 41:06:43

Switzer presented the proposed changes to the Archery Elk Hunting Season with no recommended changes. Switzer stated that recommendations are determined by looking at what habitat can sustain, landowner tolerance, harvest quota, success rates, and the objectives of the management plan. Discussion ensued on the antlerless harvest, winter mortality, and calf recruitment.

Motion by Spies with second by Gary Jensen TO AMEND THE PROPOSAL TO KEEP THE NUMBER OF LICENSES AT 92 "ANY ELK" AND 15 "ANTLERLESS ELK." Motion carried with unanimous roll call vote.

1. No change to licenses. Keep the number of license available at 92 "any elk" and 15 "antlerless elk" licenses (a total of 107 licenses).
2. Modify Unit 7 boundary as indicated on map.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Spies TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO ARCHERY ELK HUNTING SEASON 41:06:43 AS AMENDED. Motion carried with unanimous roll call vote.

Black Hills Elk Hunting Season 41:06:26

Chad Switzer presented the proposed changes to the Black Hills Elk Hunting Season with no recommended changes to proposal. Discussion included room for adjustment to number of licenses, current management goals, and number of landowners in Unit 2. Andy Lindbloom indicated the current management goal of elk in the Black Hills is 6,000 until the elk management plan is completed.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Spies TO AMEND THE PROPOSAL TO ADJUST THE NUMBER OF "ANTLERLESS ELK" LICENES TO 250. Motion carried with unanimous roll call vote.

1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 445 "any elk" and 175 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 620 licenses) to 420 "any elk" and 250 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 670 licenses).
2. Modify Unit 7 boundary as indicated on map.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Dennert TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO THE BLACK HILLS ELK HUNTING SEASON 41:06:26 AS AMENDED. Motion carried with unanimous roll call vote.

Prairie Elk Hunting Season 41:06:59

Switzer presented the proposed changes to the Prairie Elk Hunting Season with no recommended changes to proposal.

1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 45 "any elk" and 51 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 96 licenses) to 57 "any elk" and 36 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 93 licenses).
2. Modify Unit 9 boundary as indicated on map.
3. Adjust the season dates for Unit 9 from September 15 – October 31 and December 1-15 to September 15 – October 31 and December 1-31.

Motion by Peterson with second by Spies TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO PRAIRIE ELK HUNTING SEASON 41:06:59 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried with unanimous roll call vote.

Sandhill Crane Hunting Season 41:06:18

Chief Tom Kirschenmann presented the proposed change to the Sandhill Crane Hunting Season indicating there were no recommended changes to proposal.

Increase the possession limit for sandhill cranes from two times (2x) the daily limit to three times (3x) the daily limit as approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Motion by Dennert with second by Gary Jensen TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO THE SANDHILL CRANE HUNTING SEASON 41:06:18 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried with unanimous roll call vote.

Mourning Dove Hunting Season 41:06:40

Kirschenmann presented the proposed changes to the Mourning Dove Hunting Season with no recommended changes to proposal.

Increase the possession limit for mourning doves from two times (2x) the daily limit to three times (3x) times the daily limit as approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Motion by Peterson with second by Phillips TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO THE MOURNING DOVE HUNTING SEASON 41:06:40 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried with unanimous roll call vote.

Archery Deer Season 41:06:22

Chief Kirschenmann presented the proposed changes to the Archery Deer Hunting Season dates and indicated the Department recommends retaining the current season structure for the archery deer season. The Department is developing a statewide deer management plan to start in 2015. The process to develop the plan is similar to the process used to develop the elk management plan. Discussion included the public comment, youth deer season, and the mule deer population.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Dennert TO REJECT THE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE DATES OF THE ARCHERY DEER HUNTING SEASON. Motion carried with unanimous roll call vote.

PROPOSALS

Preference point-only license applications

Chief Tom Kirschenmann indicated the Department recommends creating a new administrative rule to allow big game applicants to apply for a preference-only license and removed the preference-only language from the individual big game season rules as the rules are opened during the year. There is a recommendation to modify the application fee language for unsold big game licenses.

1. Modify application for unsold big game licenses-future eligibility.
2. Add new rule: Purchase and accrual of preference points.

Motion by Peterson with second by Dennert TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO APPLICATION FOR LICENSES - PREFERENCE POINT AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously with roll call vote.

Nonresident Waterfowl

Director Leif stated the 2014 Legislature made changes to the nonresident waterfowl regulations by giving the responsibility to the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission to promulgate allocations and number of nonresident waterfowl licenses. Leif indicated there would be no changes to nonresident waterfowl licenses in 2014 and a working group will assist the Department when making recommendations to the Commission for the 2015 season.

Chief Kirschenmann presented the current dates, units, and restrictions indicating there are no recommended changes. The Department will look at the number of licenses, distribution, and wants a Commissioner to participate in the working group.

Special Canada Goose Hunting Season

Kirschenmann presented the season dates, open areas, licenses, requirements, and restrictions. The Department had no recommended changes to this unique opportunity in Bennett County.

Tundra Swan Hunting Season

Chief Kirschenmann presented the season dates, open area, licenses, requirements, and restrictions with no recommended changes to the season.

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Good Earth State Park Improvements

Parks Director Doug Hofer provided background on the development of the Good Earth State Park Visitor Center and included history and features of the area. Hofer shared funding sources, development of the master plan and Phase 1 Development, floor plans for the Visitor Center, and the schedule.

Parks and Recreation Revenue Report

Director Hofer presented the revenue report which reflects an increase in revenue of 25% over the first three months of 2013. It is early in the year so while this is a good sign, it is too early to determine how much of this increase is due to growth in use or simply campers making reservations earlier in the year than was the case last year. About half of the increase is attributable to the camping fee increases that were adopted by the Commission last fall and went into effect the beginning of the year.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Peterson TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LEGAL MATTERS. Motion carried with unanimous roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session began at 4:05 PM with a roll call vote indicating Commissioners Cooper, Peterson, Dennert, Gary Jensen, Phillips were present. Commissioner Spies and Sather were present on the phone. Secretary Vonk, Parks

Director Doug Hofer, Attorney Richard Neill, and Recording Secretary Debra Ascher were present. Executive session ended at 4:26 PM.

Motion by Spies with second by Peterson TO END THE EXECUTIVE SESSION. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Chairman Cooper called a recess at 4:48 PM with meeting to resume at 8 AM the next morning in the same location.

Cedar Shore Resort and Marina Bank Stabilization Project and Tour

Parks Director Doug Hofer and Capital Development Assistant Director Al Nedved showed a few slides about the bank stabilization project at Cedar Shores Resort and Marina. Information included the funding sources that include bonds that will be repaid with resort franchise fees, Coast Guard funds, FEMA grant dollars, and additional cash from the franchise fees paid by the resort. Commissioners then went outside to see the project area.

The meeting resumed at 8:01 AM on Friday, April 4, 2014, at the Cedar Shores Resort near Oacoma, South Dakota. Roll call indicated Commissioners Cooper, Peterson, Gary Jensen, Phillips, and Dennert were present in the room. Commissioner Spies was present by telephone. Secretary Vonk was present along with about twenty five public, staff, and media.

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

Request for fish spearing exemption

See comments and action under Open Forum above.

Adopt statewide and management area fisheries management plans

Chief John Lott shared updates have been provided over the last year regarding the management plans and that the management plans were provided to the Commissioners following last month's meeting. Lott requested the Commission adopt The Statewide and Management Area Fisheries Management Plan.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Peterson TO ADOPT THE STATEWIDE AND MANAGEMENT AREA FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Habitat Partner of the Year

Director Leif indicated partnerships are "key" to the success of the Wildlife Division. Leif shared the regional winners of the Habitat Partners awards and presented the Habitat Partner of the Year award to Dale and Linda Oschner of Huron. Oschner's provide native grass and pastureland for wildlife and balances management for cows, birds, wildlife, and water. His operations include providing stable banks and vegetation for wildlife and uses rotation that benefits birds and water quality. He recognizes

changes on the landscape in the agriculture area, is a member of the Regional Advisory Panel, and provides opportunity for hunters and young sportsmen.

Land acquisition updates

Paul Coughlin provided maps and stated a notice has been published indicating the Department is accepting public comment about two land acquisitions that will be presented for Commission approval at the May Commission meeting.

Coughlin appraisals and negotiations have been completed to 1) purchase 160 acres in Moody County to be used for a Game Production Area; and 2) to purchase a 5 acre in-holding on the Lynbye Game Production Area in Clark County.

WMI Big Game Action plan update

Wildlife Director Tony Leif indicated there are seven items on the WMI Big Game Action plan update and each presenter would share about the process and results/changes for their topic. Chad Switzer shared about biometric and statistical assistance; Andy Lindbloom reported on establishing a draft deer data analysis unit; Switzer report on draft management options of deer populations; Emmett Keyser reported on the leadership and career development program; Scott Simpson shared about the use of social media; Tom Kirschenmann talked about use of management plans to guide the rule making process; and Cindy Longmire shared about enhancing the use of human dimensions in management plans.

Review of elk license preference system

Chief Scott Simpson gave a PowerPoint Presentation showing how the draw of the elk licenses preference works in the different tiers or levels for the draw, and how the chances for one person with preference points are considered in each level.

Elk depredation assistance programs

Keith Fisk gave a PowerPoint that outlined the different types of conflicts with elk and landowners; programs available to assist landowners; the history of expenditures; and future plans in the program.

Kirschenmann indicated the Department is developing an Elk Management Plan that will include elk depredation. The plan will be the guiding document for managing elk into the future and will be presented to the Commission for adoption sometime in 2015.

Wind Cave elk movement

Switzer indicated elk were moved out of Wind Cave on March 13-14 into Custer State Park (CSP) and onto other federal lands. Approximately 120 elk were moved into Unit 3 and 27 mature bulls and twelve cows and calves were moved into CSP. This will meet Wind Cave and GFP management objectives. Helicopters helped move the elk further into the CSP nearer to the wildlife road loop and dispersed the elk further away from Wind Cave. This was a cooperative effort with Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Wind Cave National Park, and Game, Fish, and Parks.

Mountain lion hunting season summary

Andy Lindbloom indicated the mountain lion season ended on March 31 with 53 lions harvested; 22 males and 31 females. Nine lions were harvested in Custer State Park with eight taken with the use of hounds. There were 1,000 fewer licenses sold at the end of March this year compared to the end of March 2013.

Salmon program update

Mark Fincel gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the history of salmon in South Dakota indicating there is consideration to bring Atlantic salmon into Lake Oahe. Fincel shared the benefits and potential as well as drawbacks and objectives. Discussion included other states involvement, effect on walleye growth rates, and nonresidents desire to fish for the salmon.

Shooting Preserve investigation report

Andy Alban and Scott Mikkelson had a Power Point Presentation about the Investigator Program and specifically the investigation of 56 deer taken illegally in 2011 that involved 19 defendants that resulted in \$241,000 of state and federal fines with additional consequences. The investigation involved the Fish and Wildlife Service; tribal authorities; Game, Fish, and Parks; and four states.

Use of Drones

Emmett Keyser showed a video of a drone with a camera. A handout showed the statue that prohibits the use of drones in South Dakota.

Bobcat recommendation

Director Leif indicated additional biological DNA study is underway and the bobcat recommendation will be delayed until the August meeting.

Spawning activities

Chief John Lott indicated spawning activities will soon start and it is hoped to collect 114 million walleye eggs and 30 million perch eggs. There will be two crews working on lakes in northeast South Dakota and two crews on the southeast lakes. Testing for winterkill will affect what the stocking needs are. Trap and transfer activities will continue this year as will the muskie netting project using the larger nets.

Federal Aid dollars

Scott Simpson gave a handout showing the past ten years of federal funds the Department has received. The Sport Fish Restoration and Wildlife Restoration funds are allocated to states from the federal government based on land size and number of anglers and hunters. These dollars are used on specific projects up to 75% of the project cost and the additional 25% is the responsibility of the department or a sponsor such as a sportsmen's organization. Leif indicated wildlife restoration dollars are used on projects and land acquisitions and must be spent within two years.

Bighorn Sheep Auction License

Chief Kirschenmann was complimented on his presentation at the Midwest Wild Sheep Conference in Minneapolis on March 21 by Spies. Kirschenmann attended the

conference and on March 22 the South Dakota Bighorn sheep license sold for \$80,000; the North Dakota license sold for \$70,000, and the Wyoming license went for \$74,000. He is waiting to receive the funds after which the application from the nonresident winner will be processed.

Governance

Chairman Cooper asked Commissioners for availability on the afternoon of June 4th for a Governance meeting at Lewis and Clark prior to the regular meeting of the Commission on June 5 and 6. Consensus indicated it would work and more information would be forthcoming.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Peterson TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 12:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Vonk, Department Secretary

Addendum A

Open Forum Spearfishing Written Comments

Joanne Hegg emailed: "close the fishing season to ALL out of staters, at least until their season is open so we, here in SOUTH DAKOTA can fish while the lakes are NOT so dam full with people from every other state. Could you really start to think of your fellow South Dakotans??? Especially because we need to have SOME quality time, at the lakes in our own backyards!!! If you do have a spearing license make sure they spear ONLY CARP!!! Help us Living here in SD for a change."

Dennis Pfimmer of Pierre, SD, emailed: "I support the request for a Spearfishing Tournament. I disagree that the water should be open to other Spear fishers during the Tournament. The only problem that I'm aware of from last year's tournament was caused by divers, who were not in the tournament. Divers in the tournament are coached and cautioned about the rules and are less likely to have negative encounters with anglers."

Dean Fitzler of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: "fine with me."

Ryan Weekly emailed: "... Leave as is CLOSED!"

Andy Vandel of Pierre, SD, emailed: "I support the request to open the upper end of Lake Sharp to spearfishing for one week in August."

Lowell Noeske of Pierre, SD, emailed: "I think this is a good idea. Opening that stretch of water for an even longer but controlled time period would be good."

Chad Carda of Pierre, SD, emailed: "Recommend approval."

Eric Eneboe emailed: "...I encourage you to vote yes on this and thank you for the opportunity to comment."

Justin Nagel of Fort Pierre, SD emailed: "I am opposed to the opening the area north of the highway bridge to the Oahe dam because this area has heavy boat traffic, and the current is the strongest here. Inexperienced diver could end up well away from their dive area and other boaters would not know it. PLEASE DO NOT OPEN THIS HEAVILY TRAFFICED AREA TO DIVERS/SPEARFISHERMEN."

Aaron Miler of Pierre, SD, emailed: "I am opposed to the GF&P Commission temporarily opening the area of Lake Sharp from the U.S. Highway 14 bridge at Pierre to the Oahe dam to the spearing of game fish..."

Dennis Ulvestad emailed: "Am against spear fishing during that time. What time would the next request be for, May-June? No need to increase the use of a public resource for private gain by some tournament, we have enough of that alre3ady with the open water tournaments."

Chuck Byrum of Highmore, SD, stopped by the office and shared that he is adamantly against spearfishing for walleyes in general and definitely against a spearfishing tournament allowing for expanded opportunities for spearfishing for walleye.

Chuck Clayton emailed: "There are plenty of waters open to spearfishing now. We don't need any more..."

Mark Frickson emailed: "Plain and simple, no if they want to spear game fish move to Minn...."

Dan Miller of Pierre, SD, emailed: "You've got to be kidding me!!! Not again!!!! The regulations book clearly makes this a no no... Now they want a whole week?"

Chris McCarty emailed: "It has come to my attention that the GF&P law enforcement is opposed to the spearfishing tournament that the commission is voting on Thursday April 3rd. The reason stated for the opposition is because of safety reasons due to increased recreational boaters in the area at that time of year... Thank you for taking time to read my support for this year's spearfishing tournament.

Troy Wiebe emailed: "I encourage you to support local businesses such as Steamboat, Inc. in being able to host spearfishing tournaments... The Commission needs to approve the spearfishing tournament since it is a legal sport in our state with set rules, safety guidelines, and licenses..."

William Schiefen emailed: "I would start out by thanking you for allowing spearfishing tournament in the past. As a future spearfishing enthusiast I would like you to seriously consider allowing this year's tournament... I think it is very important that you allow us to continue with the new tradition knowing that we take every precaution possible. Thank you for listening to my concern and hope that you will vote for keeping this growing tradition alive."

Mark Haugan of Pierre, SD, emailed: "Just a quick note supporting the continuation of the spearfishing tournament in the Lake Sharpe tailrace this summer..."

Ryon Berry of Phillip, SD, emailed: "...I am expressing my support for approving the tournament and hope it is considered in making your decision..."

Richard Pibal emailed: "I am writing in support of the Spearfishing Tournament..."

Public Hearing Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
April 3, 2014

Chief Scott Simpson serving as Public Hearing Officer began the Public Hearing at 2:52 PM at the Cedar Shores Resort in Oacoma, South Dakota. Simpson indicated public comments for items 6-13 of the Agenda would be accepted at this time. Persons wishing to comment were to approach the microphone, provide their name, city, and state on the sign-in form, and introduce themselves when providing comments to the Commission. Written and email comments were provided to the Commission prior to the hearing and will be reflected in the Public Hearing Minutes.

Custer State Park Elk Hunting Season (Any Elk)
No oral or written testimony was received.

Custer State Park Early Archery Elk Hunting Season
No oral or written testimony was received.

Archery Elk Hunting Season

Susie Knippling provided testimony that she has concerns and does not want the antlerless tags increased; the increase should be changed to additional 25 any elk and leave the doe population.

Black Hills Elk Hunting Season

Susie Knippling stated she does not want antlerless tags increased; if there are enough elk out there to increase the tags then the increase of tags should be 25 "any" elk tags. The winter was bad enough and believes fewer elk were bred. She does not want increased elk tags and this would be same for the deer in the Black Hills.

Jesse McMillian of Hot Springs, SD, emailed: "I would like to see the elk population grow and see the age structure of the bulls harvested higher, average 7 plus. Please keep the tag numbers down until the BH reaches 7000-8000 elk."

Mike and Angela Jarding and Paul and Penny Svenkeson of Hot Springs, SD, emailed: "We believe that the Black Hills can maintain a herd of 7,000 to 8,000 elk and suggest that you manage for a higher population of mature aged bulls. We ranch in Unit 3, south of Pringle, and we want more elk on our property and are working hard towards providing habitat for elk."

Carson Smith of Hot Springs, SD, emailed: "Please keep the tags low in the elk unit 3 so the population will grow. Also please set your goals higher so when hunters get a bull tag we have an opportunity to harvest a mature bull, six plus year old bulls."

Joe Jarding of Rapid City, SD, emailed: "Please consider the environmental capabilities of Elk Unit 3. This area can withstand a greater number of elk and maintain a healthy herd. The numbers of elk which were harvested in the past have exceeded what should have been a proper reduction. To wait 10 plus years and draw a tag and not have a greater number of trophy bull elk to hunt, has been the case in this unit. 60% of bull elk harvested in the past have been three years or younger. This unit has the capabilities of producing an abundance of trophy animals with the right management."

Les Wolff of Lead, SD, emailed: "I am against the increase in antlerless elk licensing. We do not get bull numbers up, or for that matter our elk population back by killing the factory. Cows and young bulls are a necessary part of regaining our herd and our trophy bulls."

Prairie Elk Hunting Season

No oral or written testimony was received.

Sandhill Crane Hunting Season

No oral or written testimony was received.

Mourning Dove Hunting Season

No oral or written testimony was received.

Archery Deer Hunting Season Dates

Oral testimony:

Chris Hesla, Executive Director of SD Wildlife Federation stated: "The Federation believes a management plan should be in place before season dates are changed and asked the Commission to defeat this proposal at this time. It is not that they do not support the change just that this is not the time to do it."

Written testimony was provided to Commission and public testimony included:

Gale Paulson of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: "I would again strongly urge you to end all deer season on /December 31 instead of extending them into January. I see no good reason to have the deer season go into January."

Barry Tschumper of Watertown, SD, emailed: "My concern for an earlier archery date is would this be a buck only 2 week early hunt because I think if we were to hunt doe's at that time are the yearlings weaned out as to not have to rely on the doe to take care of them."

Corey Hokanson of Huron, SD, emailed: "I think archery dates should remain the same as last year so the youth could have the first chance at hunting during the youth deer season."

Tom Braun of Hot Springs, SD, emailed: "No early opening of archery deer, and no easing of equipment regs."

Robert Lester of Pierre, SD, emailed: "I would be against this for two reasons. 1. The archery season weather would be just that much hotter. 2. I love to hunt in January, it's kind of a slow month for outdoor activity."

Matt Rippentrop of Oelrichs, SD, emailed: "The early archery season that is proposed will be detrimental to South Dakota's mule deer population, because they are on their summer range during early September and become much easier to pattern at this time With the mule deer numbers so low across western South Dakota right now ew should not want to find another way to decrease their population even further. Please consider not approving the early archery season. This idea could possibly work for whitetail only and removing the January archery season is a great idea."

Joe Henderson of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: "I strongly support the proposed date changes for an archery season that will have it open and close approximately 2 weeks earlier."

Alan Freng of Pierre, SD, emailed: "I am writing to you in regards to the proposed change of starting the archery deer season two weeks early. Frankly, I think this is an awful idea. I moved to Pierre in late fall of 2007 but really did not start archery hunting here until 2008. I am not fortunate enough to be a land owner and therefore I hunt exclusively on public land; primarily on the river system from West Bend all the way up to Sutton Bay."

Troy Hanson of Pollock, SD, emailed: "I would like to show my support for and earlier start date for archery deer. My concerns are probably the same as all the other bowhunters, mainly you have a very small window to hunt patternable deer before pheasant season opens."

Jason West of Pierre, SD, emailed: "I just wanted to express my concern for the archery deer opener dates being moved up. I feel the season dates being moved up is a terrible idea and shouldn't be considered as an option. If anything the date should be shortened in December and not opened until October."

Dennis Ulvestad of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: "I am against changing the archery deer season to an earlier start/end. I look forward to the January "quiet" time after most other seasons have closed and the outdoors have had a chance to settle down once again."

Jim Gruber of Estelline, SD, emailed: "I really do not understand the logic in such a proposal...as avid bowhunter and landowner, I find it hard to believe there is any reason to open the season any earlier, but to close it on December 31st sounds a little bogus to me. There are not many of us out at that time of year but those of us who do appreciate the snow and cold, it is our time to hunt. While this may not appeal to all but to some it is the best time of the year to be out and we do not road hunt with bows."

Ronald Bonnemann of Fargo, ND, emailed: "I am a nonresident land owner with 680 acres of land in prime deer and pheasant hunting territory in McPherson County near Eureka. I do not want to see you move up the archery season. There is little deer movement during the day in early September, and I like getting out in late season after most other hunters have quit for the year, it is very peaceful out in the field that time of year. The South Dakota bow hunters association does not speak for me. If they would like an earlier season because of other hunters hunting public land, open up public land for a limited hunt early, just like you do for pheasant hunting, but leave my late season hunting privilege alone. Remember when you change something to make it better for someone you are taking something away from someone else"

Brian Kidman of Harrisburg, SD, emailed: "Please leave archery deer season as is or extend to end of January. Reason is that deer bunch up and move around in January making it actually easier to find and take does with a bow. That enables better doe control in regards to managing herds."

Curtis Kline of Aberdeen, SD, emailed: "I would like to see the archery deer season in South Dakota open sooner than the traditional late September start date that has been in effect for several years."

Daniel Kasuske of Milbank, SD, wrote: "I strongly support the proposed season changes for archery deer from the fourth Saturday of September to the second Saturday of September and to end the season December 31st instead of January 15th."

Dave Grevlos of Brandon, SD, emailed: "I am in favor of the proposed archery deer season change to beginning the second Saturday in September. Simply, it is a great time of year to be in the field."

Aaron Roeber of Rapid City, SD, emailed: "I would like to comment on the proposed season change to the Archery deer season. I would be in favor of the new season changes. I would enjoy the opportunity to hunt earlier in the season to possibly get a deer in velvet."

Thomas J. Dice of Mitchell, SD, emailed: "As a 40 year plus archery hunter I want to congratulate you on the suggested change. Makes good sense to me! Competition for private land is much different today than it was years ago due to the popularity of bow hunting and extending into January isn't often of much help. Those wishing to harvest a doe should have had plenty of opportunities. The long season for archery has been and continues to be a real part of my quality of life. The opportunity to be outside watching game and enjoying the SD fall means a lot to me."

Steven Frank of Huron, SD, emailed: "I am for the Archery Deer Season change proposals, start archery deer the 2nd Saturday of September."

Kevin Bruzelius of Pierre, SD, emailed: "I like the extended archery time frame proposal, for the purpose of those who also mentor or have young children who also hunt; the extended period would let archery hunters under these conditions have a little more time to make it out hunting, before and after, they take time with their kids hunting."

Brady Retterath of Mobridge, SD, emailed: "I am for the earlier bow season start because it gives a guy more of an opportunity to spend more time in the walk in and public land provided by the state before pheasant season opens. It seems like a person starts bow hunting and able to pattern the deer and then pheasant season opens a couple weeks later and then people are stomping all over the public making it very difficult to bow hunt."

Lloyd Griswold of Phillip, SD, emailed: "I would agree with the change to start earlier and end on December 31 for the archery deer season."

Anthony Galbraith of Spearfish, SD, emailed: "I think that it is becoming more and more important for the future of hunting that we get youth involved in the outdoors and away from tvs and video games. I think if the season starts the second week of September it will give the youth more time in the outdoors in stands and blinds without being too cold for them to join their family member in the field."

Sam Kezar of Lennox, SD, emailed: "I support the moving of the archery deer season up to the second weekend in September. I would like to see it moved to September 1. Has this ever been considered? The earlier dates will allow archery hunters more time on public ground to hunt without completion from the other game hunters. Plus, if September 1, there will be opportunities for the harvest of bucks in velvet."

Gary G. Colbath of Rapid City, SD, emailed: "I am an avid bowhunter and have held bow licenses in the state for more than 20 years. I would urge you to adopt the season change proposals to the archery deer season which would start the season two

weeks earlier and eliminate the January portion of the season at the end of the hunting year. This is far less stressful on the deer (early hunting rather than later) allows for better management, and in certain cases would provide an opportunity to shoot a velvet buck."

Scott Guffey of Rapid City, SD, emailed: "I support the archery deer season date change, except for the Black Hills. I would recommend making the archery deer season start date for the Black Hills October 1. During September in the Black Hills you have archery elk hunters and some of them have waited over 20 years to draw this coveted tag. An earlier archery deer season start date would create more hunting traffic in the Black Hills during September and potential conflicts between elk and deer archery hunters."

John Duffy of Brookings, SD, emailed: "I think the start date change is an excellent idea and my friends and I have wanted something like this for a very long time. Actually, I think the archery season should even begin earlier on September 1st like many other western states."

Andy Carlson of Brookings, SD, emailed: "I am fully supportive in moving the start of the archery deer season in South Dakota to an earlier date in September. I would even favor a Sept 1 start, as common with many other western states."

Eric Witt of Brookings, SD, emailed: "I am in full support of the proposed change to move the archery deer season start date to the second weekend of September and eliminating the last two weeks in January."

Andy Vandel of Pierre, SD, emailed: "I am in support for adjusting the archery deer season. I feel this will give archery hunters more opportunity for a quality hunt."

John Header of Rapid City, SD, emailed: "I approve of the change - not because of the earlier start but to eliminate the January portion of the season. I know of 2 buck deer that had shed their antlers and were killed in that time period. Hate to kill potential trophy deer."

Lennard Hopper of Spearfish, SD, emailed: "I just began bowhunting last year. My season was severely compromised by the large accumulation of snow my area had in October. ...I think moving the season up would provide a better opportunity for bowhunters to get out and hunt deer in their more natural patterns without the risk of early weather complicating an already challenging venture...I would strongly support the move."

Elmer Hamburger of Seneca, SD, emailed: "I would support opening archery two weeks earlier and closing earlier. It gives more time to hunt when the weather is nice and the deer aren't affected by the harvest or other hunting."

Ryon Berry of Phillip, SD, emailed: "I support changing the archery deer season to the proposed earlier dates."

Mark Frickson of Milbank, SD, emailed: "I think the early start and end as is proposed would be better. It makes it better as to the pheasant hunters not making some places so spooky."

Mark Peterson of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: "I like the proposal for second Saturday in September, but I still think it should be open to January 15."

Tom Jensen of Harrisburg, SD, emailed: "I strongly support the proposed date changes for an archery season that will have it open and close approx. 2 weeks earlier. This allows hunters to begin chasing deer earlier when they are fully developed but less

stressed, and prevents unnecessary late season pressure when deer are beginning to become stressed by weather, some bucks are shedding antlers already, and deer are overall difficult to pursue after multiple gun seasons. I see this proposal as a good change and would fully recommend approval."

Ben Hoffmann of Brookings, SD, emailed: "I think this is a great idea on changing the date earlier and ending sooner. The deer already have enough stress in the late season to have hunting pressure that late in the season."

James R. Heuer of Arlington, SD, emailed: "I support the proposed season changes to the archery deer season."

Jon Olson of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: "I support the petition to change dates of archery deer season."

Cyrus Mahmoodi of Clark County, SD, emailed: "I believe adjusting the archery deer season to an earlier start and end is a good idea."

Mike Jarding of Hot Springs, SD, emailed: "I am not in favor of the early archery season. I do appreciate looking into different options to the archery seasons, but I believe shooting deer earlier will only hurt the deer population that is already alarmingly low..."

Ronald Arbach emailed: "I believe the season should stay the same. The deer are very strong to their pattern and habit early in the season which would make it easier to harvest the bigger bucks. I think we should leave some big bucks for the rifle season. I've noticed that most of the bigger bucks are taken early by out of state archery hunters. I've been archery hunting since 1973."

Ryan J Gruber emailed: "Please leave the season the way it is. Late season bow hunting is a time we cherish. Finally there's a relative peace in the woods! Please don't change these dates!"

Dennis Clemens of Redfield, SD, emailed: "I would like to say I am in favor of starting the archery deer season earlier. This would give hunters a chance to hunt deer and antelope in the same trip and I believe produce more revenue for the state."

Scott T. Kuck of Aberdeen, SD, emailed: "I am strongly in favor of moving the archery deer season to the 2nd Saturday in September and ending on December 31st. I am in favor for the many reasons which have been adequately stated by others. More importantly, it will allow me to continue to introduce my two young daughters to the great sport of archery hunting and to do so when the weather is not bitterly cold and the hunting pressure from other seasons has not yet started."

Josh Ranek of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: "I think this proposal would be beneficial for youth especially. I have three kids: 8, 6, and 3 and they love to come out and sit in tree stands/blinds with me. However, once the weather turns cold, they are less likely to come along. The additional two weeks in September would give us more time together as a family."

Richard Pearson of Webster, SD, emailed: "I'm in favor of the earlier archery deer season. More quality time before other seasons interfere."

Kyle Villa, of Pierre, SD, emailed: "I am for opening archery deer season two weeks earlier. Surrounding states to the north and west, open two weeks earlier than that. I cannot think of a downside to this change. Having the better opportunity of harvesting a buck in velvet may boost our nonresident license sales which is good for everyone."

Dale Penning of Harrisburg, SD, emailed: "Please consider the proposed changes to the Archery Deer Season. Starting the 2nd Saturday in September and ending December 31. This would allow some Archery hunting on Public land before the pheasant hunters start, allowing an Archery Antelope and Mule Deer combo hunt, and take the pressure off the herds in the late season, when they are herding up. It also would eliminate the taking of a buck after he has shed his antlers."

C. Hunter Roberts, of Pierre, SD, emailed: "I support the new archery deer season proposal. I think it will provide more quality deer hunting opportunities for people on both public and private lands...I also like the proposal to end the season early, but would be much more supportive of a proposal to close all doe seasons by the first of the year...."

Ryan Filehs emailed: "I would like you to consider moving the opening date of archery deer season to September 1st. This consistent date would allow hunters to pursue both pronghorns and deer in an early season hunt...it is proposed to move the start date to the third weekend of September. This does very little for hunters for the state of South Dakota. If you want to increase participation and tag sales, which I know is important to the SDGF&P; a significant move in the start date is required. This is why I feel September 1st start date is the best move for both hunters and the GF&P's pocket."

Doug Boer of Madison, SD, emailed: "I would also be in favor of this proposal for 2 reasons one is the same mentioned regarding hunting public land, every year I have one stand on public property, as soon as the duck hunters and dove hunters hit the area the deer I see all season are pretty much gone. This would give us longer to enjoy the public land. Other than that many states already have archery seasons that start in early September. I would very much like this change for our bow hunters. I believe are still "hunters". It's pretty hard to take a deer out of the pickup window! If you want to cater to any group of hunters this is the group."

Dana R. Rogers of Box Elder, SD, emailed: "I am absolutely for this initiative and it will be very well received by the bowhunters of South Dakota. Eliminating the January season for all weapons is also long overdue in my opinion...Please approve the change but we do need to consider limiting number of NR in the future to protect our resource for the majority of our residents just al all other states in the west do."

Terry Goehring of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: "I think this season should be left as is and not change the current season structure."

Nicholas Renemans of Pierre, SD, emailed: "I would completely support the proposal to move the deer archery season up from where it is now. As an archery hunter I find it more challenging to hunt once grouse season has opened. I also think it would bring more archery hunters to SD from other states at the opportunity to hunt that early."

Aaron Rogers of Huron, SD, emailed: "It would be nice to have the same earlier season dates like some of our surrounding states. It would also give us a chance at a velvet buck. It would also take pressure off our deer herds when the weather turns bad and they need to worry about feed and shelter."

Justin Allen of Pierre, SD, emailed: "I'm 100% against the bow season starting any earlier than it currently does...I fail to see why we need to make it easier to kill deer by opening the season earlier when deer are easiest to pattern."

Joe Arbach of Hoven, SD, emailed: "...I don't think starting archery season earlier will benefit residents."

Bryce Baker of Ft. Pierre, SD, emailed: "...I am in favor of starting the season earlier to give us some better opportunities ahead of the shotguns and dogs hitting the fields. I also question the need to move the end up to the end of the year..."

John Gutenkauf of Pierre, SD, emailed: "I am in favor of moving the start of the archery season to September 1st. That would allow archery hunters more time to hunt before pheasant season begins. One pheasant season begins, deer are more nervous and tend to move more after dark."

Dennis Schmig of Stockholm, SD, emailed: "I am against starting the season any earlier than it is now. These guys are already losing too many wounded deer that they are unable to track due to lack of potential snow cover and standing crops. By going to January 15, if we have depredation problems, they can help out in that department. You have let that group have way too much influence on deer hunting."

The public hearing concluded at 3:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Vonk, Department Secretary

License Sales Totals

(as of April 28)

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date updated: 28 April 2014

	2013	2014	% Change
Resident Predator/Varmint	913	870	-4.7%
Furbearer	2,594	2,343	-9.7%
Resident Small Game	1,837	1,523	-17.1%
Resident 1-Day Small Game	151	128	-15.2%
Resident Youth Small Game	763	746	-2.2%
Combination	26,467	26,607	0.5%
Senior Combination	4,177	4,583	9.7%
Junior Combination	2,269	2,779	22.5%
Resident 1-Day Fishing	594	871	46.6%
Resident Annual Fishing	19,068	22,769	19.4%
Senior Fishing	4,683	5,537	18.2%
Resident Gamefish Spearing/Archery	1,618	1,827	12.9%
Resident Migratory Bird Certificate	14,796	14,238	-3.8%
Nonresident Predator/Varmint	887	741	-16.5%
Nonresident Furbearer	4	5	25.0%
Nonresident Small Game	2,893	2,185	-24.5%
Nonresident Youth Small Game	192	145	-24.5%
Nonresident Annual Shooting Preserve	87	56	-35.6%
Nonresident 5-day Shooting Preserve	485	503	3.7%
Nonresident 1-day Shooting Preserve	175	161	-8.0%
Nonresident Spring Light Goose	4,215	4,572	8.5%
Nonresident Youth Spring Light Goose	131	165	26.0%
Nonresident Migratory Bird Certificate	145	256	76.6%
Nonresident 1-Day Fishing	1,795	2,783	55.0%
Nonresident 3-Day Fishing	2,431	3,651	50.2%
Nonresident Annual Fishing	6,151	9,019	46.6%
Nonresident Family Fishing	2,401	3,113	29.7%
Nonresident Youth Annual Fishing	214	361	68.7%
Nonresident Gamefish Spearing/Archery	305	398	30.5%
TOTAL ON FILE =	102,441	112,935	10.2%

Finalizations

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**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION**

**Application for License
Chapter 41:06:01**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 3-4, 2014	Oacoma
	Public Hearing	May 1, 2014	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 1-2, 2014	Custer State Park

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

41:06:01:09. Application for unsold big game licenses -- Future eligibility. In deer, antelope, and turkey season units where resident and nonresident licenses are limited in number and licenses remain unsold following a second lottery drawing, a person who does not have a license in a season may apply for up to five leftover licenses in that season and a person who already has a license in a season may apply for up to four additional licenses in that season. After the third drawing, a person may apply for an unlimited number of leftover licenses on a first-come first-serve basis. Nonresidents are not eligible for East River deer, East River spring turkey, or East River fall turkey licenses except for licenses unsold after the second lottery drawing. Purchase of a deer, antelope, or turkey license under this section does not affect the eligibility of the applicant in future lotteries.

If licenses remain unsold after the initial lottery drawing for Black Hills Elk Hunting Season, Prairie Elk Hunting Season, and Archery Elk Hunting Season, a person who does not already have an elk license may apply for a license in a second or subsequent lottery drawing if the person submits the nonrefundable application fee and the applicable license fee with the application. Purchase and receipt of a first-choice elk license during the first lottery drawing counts as a successful application and affects eligibility in future first lottery drawings for the same season. Purchase and receipt of an elk license in the second lottery drawing, or purchase and receipt of an elk license in subsequent drawings, does not affect eligibility or preference in future lottery drawings for these seasons.

~~A person who submits an application for any elk or bighorn sheep hunting unit for which no licenses have been allocated shall accrue a preference point respective to the season being applied for. The person shall submit the applicable nonrefundable application fee.~~

~~A person who submits an application for a big game hunting unit, other than for elk, bighorn sheep, or mountain goat, for which no licenses have been allocated or are available shall accrue a preference point respective to the season being applied for. The person shall submit the applicable fee as described in § 41:06:02:03.~~

41:06:01:16. Purchase and accrual of preference points. In lieu of applying for a license for any hunting season with a limited license allocation, a person who is eligible to apply for the license may apply for a preference-only unit.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Within GFP administrative rules section 41:06 Hunting Seasons and Methods, chapters with seasons that offer a limited number of licenses include language allowing eligible persons the ability to apply for preference points. The Department will recommend removing preference-only unit descriptions within these season chapters, as they are open, in an effort to remove unnecessary duplicative rule language. The net result would provide one rule to provide the allowance of applying for a preference-only unit to accrue preference points.

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

Proposals

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal May 1-2, 2014 Public Hearing June 5, 2014 Finalization June 5-6, 2014	Custer State Park Yankton Yankton
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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: November 1-14, 2014

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.
4. Applicants successful in drawing an "any" tag type are ineligible for the license again for 10 years.

Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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%
2013	Any WT	1,474*	7				7	70%
	Antlerless WT			17			17	87%

*Number of applicants is for all seasons combined.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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East River Deer Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:21

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 1-2, 2014	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 5, 2014	Yankton
	Finalization	June 5-6, 2014	Yankton

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: November 22 – December 7, 2014

December 27, 2014 – January 4, 2015 for antlerless deer tags only

Open Area: See the attached map

Licenses: 21,975 one-tag, 4,050 two-tag, and 0 three-tag licenses (total of 30,075 tags)

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference.
2. In addition to these licenses, 656 “any deer” licenses are available through the “Special Buck” application as approved at the March GFP Commission meeting.
3. Landowners not possessing a license that allows the harvest of a buck may purchase an “any deer” or a two-tag “any deer + antlerless deer” license that is valid on their property only.
4. Initially, all licenses are available only to residents. Nonresidents may apply for licenses remaining after the second lottery drawing.
5. A portion of southeastern Minnehaha County is closed to hunting with firearms other than muzzleloaders and shotguns using slugs.
6. Only unfilled “any antlerless deer” and “antlerless whitetail deer” tags are valid for 9 days beginning on the Saturday after Christmas.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Offer 3,180 more one-tag licenses, 7,620 less two-tag licenses (15,240 tags), and 2,800 less three-tag licenses (8,400 tags) compared to 2013.
2. Repeal Unit ERD-ZZ1.
3. Repeal Unit ESD-ZZ1.

Year	“Any Deer” Tags	“Antlerless Deer” Tags	Total Tags
2013	21,465	29,170	50,635
2014	19,375	10,700	30,075

Any Deer Licenses (-9%)
Antlerless Deer Tags (-59%)

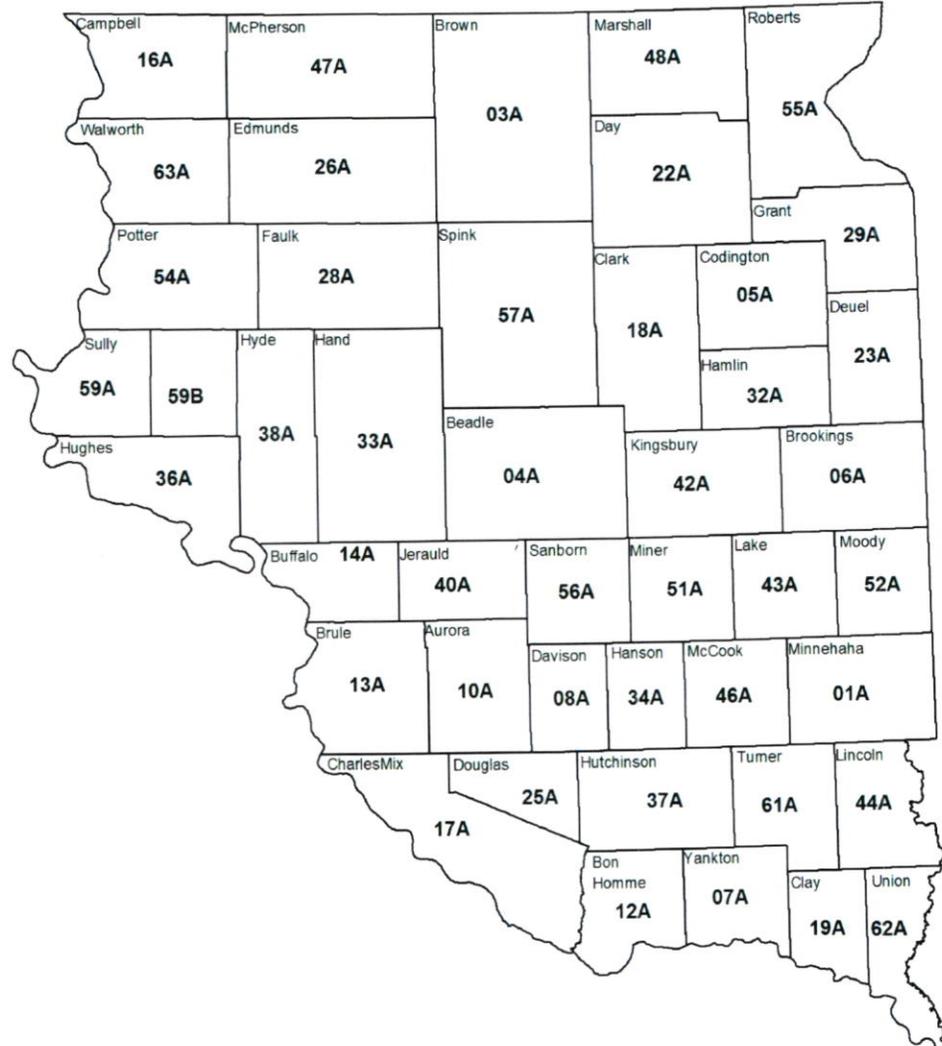
SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Table includes harvest data from East River Deer, East River Special Buck and East River Landowner-Own Land licenses.

Year	Licenses Sold	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Success
2009	48,330	13,733	17,741	511	735	32,717	42%
2010	49,046	17,300	21,595	496	539	39,929	49%
2011	47,539	14,970	19,401	502	513	35,386	44%
2012	39,284	13,522	14,153	383	337	28,394	46%
2013	32,990	8,914	9,857	189	249	19,210	38%

APPROVE _____
 MODIFY _____
 REJECT _____
 NO ACTION _____

EAST RIVER DEER UNITS



2014 – License and Tag Numbers by Unit

Unit	Licenses	Tags	Unit	Licenses	Tags	Unit	Licenses	Tags
01A	550	550	22A	600	600	44A	200	200
03A	1,500	1,500	23A	400	400	46A	350	350
04A	900	900	25A	250	250	47A	800	800
05A	250	250	26A	1,200	1,700	48A	500	500
06A	500	500	28A	1,300	2,600	51A	700	700
07A	100	100	29A	300	300	52A	300	300
08A	300	300	32A	600	600	54A	1,050	1,050
10A	700	900	33A	1,020	1,020	55A	400	400
12A	50	50	34A	300	300	56A	650	650
13A	1,350	1,350	36A	525	625	57A	1,300	1,300
14A	400	400	37A	20	20	59A	550	950
16A	720	720	38A	920	1,820	59B	470	920
17A	450	450	40A	650	850	61A	100	100
18A	600	600	42A	750	750	62A	200	200
19A	150	150	43A	350	350	63A	750	750

EAST RIVER DEER -- 2014

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Unit #	Unit Name	Resident Licenses												License Totals				
		AnyD	AtID	AD+2AntiD	3AntiD	AD+AtID	2 AtID	AnyW	AtIW	AnyW+2AntiW	3 AtIW	AW+AtIW	2 AtIW	RES	RES	RES	RES	RES
		01	03	06	07	08	09	11	13	16	17	18	19	1-tag	2-tag	3-tag	Licenses	Tags
01A	Minnehaha	550											550	0	0	550	550	
03A	Brown	1,000	500										1,500	0	0	1,500	1,500	
04A	Beadie	600	300										900	0	0	900	900	
05A	Codington	250											250	0	0	250	250	
06A	Brookings	500											500	0	0	500	500	
07A	Yankton	100											100	0	0	100	100	
08A	Davison	300											300	0	0	300	300	
10A	Aurora	50						200	250				500	200	0	700	900	
12A	Bon Homme							50					50	0	0	50	50	
13A	Brule	300						700	350				1,350	0	0	1,350	1,350	
14A	Buffalo	100						250	50				400	0	0	400	400	
16A	Campbell	20						400	300				720	0	0	720	720	
17A	Charles Mix	150						300					450	0	0	450	450	
18A	Clark	600											600	0	0	600	600	
19A	Clay	150											150	0	0	150	150	
22A	Day	600											600	0	0	600	600	
23A	Deuel	400											400	0	0	400	400	
25A	Douglas							250					250	0	0	250	250	
26A	Edmunds	700						500					700	500	0	1,200	1,700	
28A	Faulk					600	700						0	1,300	0	1,300	2,600	
29A	Grant	300											300	0	0	300	300	
32A	Hamlin	600											600	0	0	600	600	
33A	Hand	20						500	500				1,020	0	0	1,020	1,020	
34A	Hanson	300											300	0	0	300	300	
36A	Hughes	175						250					425	100	0	525	625	
37A	Hutchinson							20					20	0	0	20	20	
38A	Hyde	20											20	900	0	920	1,820	
40A	Jerauld	50						150	250				450	200	0	650	850	
42A	Kingsbury	550	200										750	0	0	750	750	
43A	Lake	350											350	0	0	350	350	
44A	Lincoln	200											200	0	0	200	200	
46A	McCook	350											350	0	0	350	350	
47A	McPherson	500	300										800	0	0	800	800	
48A	Marshall	500											500	0	0	500	500	
51A	Miner	400	300										700	0	0	700	700	
52A	Moody	300											300	0	0	300	300	
54A	Potter	150						500	400				1,050	0	0	1,050	1,050	
55A	Roberts	400											400	0	0	400	400	
56A	Sanborn	350	300										650	0	0	650	650	
57A	Spink	900	400										1,300	0	0	1,300	1,300	
59A	Sully West	150											150	400	0	550	950	
59B	Sully East	20											20	450	0	470	920	
61A	Turner	100											100	0	0	100	100	
62A	Union	200											200	0	0	200	200	
63A	Walworth	50						400	300				750	0	0	750	750	
	TOTAL	13,305	2,300	0	0	600	1,200	3,970	2,400	0	0	1,500	750	21,975	4,050	0	26,025	30,075
Unit #	Unit Name	AnyD	AtID	AD+2AntiD	3AntiD	AD+AtID	2 AtID	AnyW	AtIW	AnyW+2AntiW	3 AtIW	AW+AtIW	2 AtIW	RES	RES	RES	RES	RES
		01	03	06	07	08	09	11	13	16	17	18	19	1-tag	2-tag	3-tag	Licenses	Tags

EAST RIVER DEER
2013--2014 Comparison

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Unit #	Unit Name	2013 Resident Licenses	2014 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2013 Resident Tags	2014 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
01A	Minnehaha	950	550	-400	-42%	950	550	-400	-42%
03A	Brown	2,300	1,500	-800	-35%	3,300	1,500	-1,800	-55%
04A	Beadle	1,050	900	-150	-14%	1,400	900	-500	-36%
05A	Codington	350	250	-100	-29%	350	250	-100	-29%
06A	Brookings	800	500	-300	-38%	800	500	-300	-38%
07A	Yankton	300	100	-200	-67%	300	100	-200	-67%
08A	Davison	700	300	-400	-57%	700	300	-400	-57%
10A	Aurora	750	700	-50	-7%	1,300	900	-400	-31%
12A	Bon Homme	100	50	-50	-50%	100	50	-50	-50%
13A	Brule	1,350	1,350	0	0%	2,700	1,350	-1,350	-50%
14A	Buffalo	400	400	0	0%	800	400	-400	-50%
16A	Campbell	720	720	0	0%	1,420	720	-700	-49%
17A	Charles Mix	600	450	-150	-25%	600	450	-150	-25%
18A	Clark	1,100	600	-500	-45%	1,600	600	-1,000	-63%
19A	Clay	300	150	-150	-50%	300	150	-150	-50%
22A	Day	1,300	600	-700	-54%	1,300	600	-700	-54%
23A	Deuel	600	400	-200	-33%	600	400	-200	-33%
25A	Douglas	350	250	-100	-29%	350	250	-100	-29%
26A	Edmunds	1,300	1,200	-100	-8%	2,600	1,700	-900	-35%
28A	Faulk	1,100	1,300	200	18%	3,300	2,600	-700	-21%
29A	Grant	400	300	-100	-25%	400	300	-100	-25%
32A	Hamlin	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
33A	Hand	1,050	1,020	-30	-3%	2,050	1,020	-1,030	-50%
34A	Hanson	450	300	-150	-33%	450	300	-150	-33%
36A	Hughes	525	525	0	0%	975	625	-350	-36%
37A	Hutchinson	50	20	-30	-60%	50	20	-30	-60%
38A	Hyde	920	920	0	0%	2,740	1,820	-920	-34%
40A	Jerauld	700	650	-50	-7%	1,100	850	-250	-23%
42A	Kingsbury	1,200	750	-450	-38%	1,400	750	-650	-46%
43A	Lake	550	350	-200	-36%	550	350	-200	-36%
44A	Lincoln	350	200	-150	-43%	350	200	-150	-43%
46A	McCook	600	350	-250	-42%	600	350	-250	-42%
47A	McPherson	800	800	0	0%	1,600	800	-800	-50%
48A	Marshall	800	500	-300	-38%	800	500	-300	-38%
51A	Miner	950	700	-250	-26%	950	700	-250	-26%
52A	Moody	550	300	-250	-45%	550	300	-250	-45%
54A	Potter	1,050	1,050	0	0%	2,100	1,050	-1,050	-50%
55A	Roberts	500	400	-100	-20%	500	400	-100	-20%
56A	Sanborn	850	650	-200	-24%	850	650	-200	-24%
57A	Spink	1,300	1,300	0	0%	2,100	1,300	-800	-38%
59A	Sully West	750	550	-200	-27%	1,450	950	-500	-34%
59B	Sully East	550	470	-80	-15%	1,650	920	-730	-44%
61A	Turner	200	100	-100	-50%	200	100	-100	-50%
62A	Union	400	200	-200	-50%	400	200	-200	-50%
63A	Walworth	750	750	0	0%	1,450	750	-700	-48%
	TOTAL	33,265	26,025	-7,240	-22%	50,635	30,075	-20,560	-41%

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West River Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:20

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 1-2, 2014	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 5, 2014	Yankton
	Finalization	June 5-6, 2014	Yankton

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates:

Units 30A (Gregory) and 50A (Mellette):	November 1-4 and November 17-23, 2014
Units 24A (Dewey), 64A (Ziebach), 20A (Corson):	November 1-23, 2014
All Other Units:	November 15-30, 2014
Antlerless Tags Only:	December 27, 2014 – January 4, 2015

Open Area: See the attached map

Licenses: Residents: 16,990 one-tag, 1,620 two-tag, and 0 three-tag licenses
Nonresidents: 1,339 one-tag, 130 two-tag, and 0 three-tag licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. 500 resident and 500 nonresident “any deer” licenses are available through the “Special Buck” application.
2. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference applicants.
3. Landowners may also purchase an “any deer” or “any deer + any antlerless deer” license that is valid only on their property as long they do not hold a regular West River deer license that allows the harvest of a buck.
4. Only persons using a wheelchair may apply for the licenses in Stanley County (Unit 58D) designated as a special “Hunters with Disabilities Unit.”
5. Only unfilled “any antlerless deer” and “antlerless whitetail deer” tags are valid for 9 days beginning on the Saturday after Christmas.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Adjust resident license numbers by increasing one-tag licenses by 13,825, decreasing two-tag licenses by 13,855 (27,710 tags), and decreasing three-tag licenses by 3,745 (11,235 tags) compared to 2013.
2. Adjust nonresident license numbers by increasing one-tag licenses by 1,107, decreasing two-tag licenses by 1,110 (2,220 tags), and decreasing three-tag licenses by 300 (900 tags) compared to 2013.
3. Eliminate 53L (limited access unit) and include with 53A (Perkins North).
4. Eliminate Unit WRD-ZZ1.
5. Eliminate Unit WSD-ZZ1.

Year	Resident “Any Deer” Tags	Resident “Antlerless Deer” Tags	Resident Total Tags
2013	17,750	27,000	45,050
2014	16,075	3,855	19,930

Any Deer Tags (-9%)
Antlerless Deer Tags (-86%)

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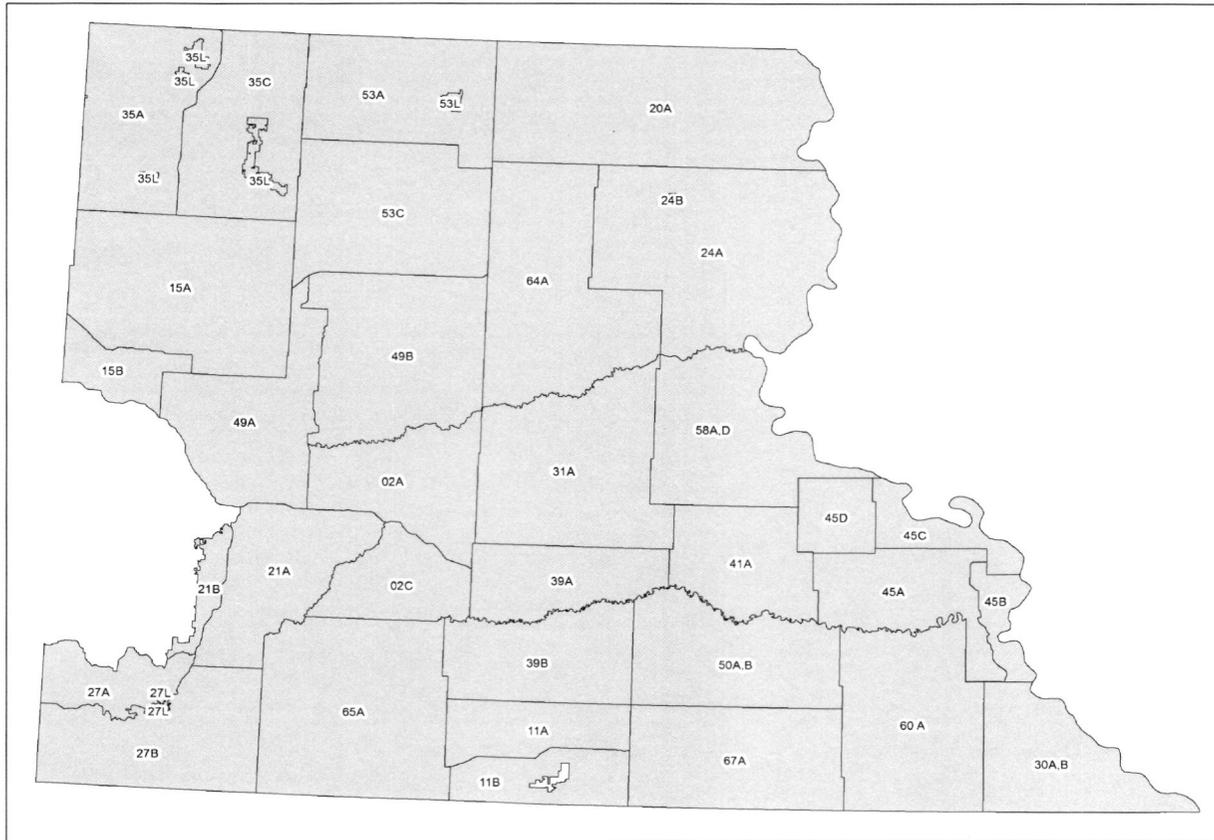
SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Table includes harvest data from West River Deer, West River Special Buck and West River Landowner-Own Land licenses.

Year	Licenses	WT Bucks	WT Does	MD Bucks	MD Does	All Deer	Success
	Sold	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	
2009	31,390	10,319	10,036	7,224	7,281	34,862	49%
2010	31,914	11,009	11,665	5,759	5,537	33,970	49%
2011	29,895	11,139	12,301	4,456	3,901	31,797	48%
2012	25,654	8,606	8,946	3,650	2,391	23,594	47%
2013	22,838	7,000	5,632	2,729	1,567	16,927	36%

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WEST RIVER DEER UNITS



West River Deer License & Tag Numbers

Unit	Resident		Nonresident		Unit	Resident		Nonresident	
	Licenses	Tags	Licenses	Tags		Licenses	Tags	Licenses	Tags
02A	700	900	56	72	39A	350	350	28	28
02C	150	150	12	12	39B	300	300	24	24
11A	250	250	20	20	41A	700	700	56	56
11B	200	200	16	16	45A	800	1,400	64	112
15A	800	1,500	64	120	45B	300	300	24	24
15B	750	850	60	68	45C	50	70	5	7
20A	400	400	32	32	45D	90	90	8	8
21A	350	350	28	28	49A	850	850	68	68
21B	100	100	8	8	49B	1,100	1,100	88	88
24A	450	450	36	36	50A	450	450	36	36
24B	20	20	2	2	50B	600	600	48	48
27A	100	100	8	8	53A	650	650	52	52
27B	400	400	32	32	53C	1,100	1,100	88	88
27L	15	15	2	2	53L	0	0	0	0
30A	800	800	64	64	58A	550	550	44	44
30B	800	800	64	64	58D	10	10	2	2
31A	900	900	72	72	60A	1,800	1,800	144	144
35A	300	300	24	24	64A	500	500	40	40
35C	300	300	24	24	65A	75	75	6	6
35L	100	100	8	8	67A	150	150	12	12

WEST RIVER DEER
2013--2014 Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2013 Resident Licenses	2014 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2013 Resident Tags	2014 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
02A	Pennington	900	700	-200	-22%	1,800	900	-900	-50%
02C	Pennington	250	150	-100	-40%	250	150	-100	-40%
11A	Bennett	300	250	-50	-17%	600	250	-350	-58%
11B	Bennett	250	200	-50	-20%	500	200	-300	-60%
15A	Butte	950	800	-150	-16%	1,800	1,500	-300	-17%
15B	Butte	900	750	-150	-17%	1,800	850	-950	-53%
20A	Corson	550	400	-150	-27%	1,100	400	-700	-64%
21A	Custer	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
21B	Custer	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
24A	Dewey	500	450	-50	-10%	1,000	450	-550	-55%
24B	Little Moreau	20	20	0	0%	40	20	-20	-50%
27A	Fall River	150	100	-50	-33%	150	100	-50	-33%
27B	Fall River	750	400	-350	-47%	1,300	400	-900	-69%
27L	Fall River	15	15	0	0%	15	15	0	0%
30A	Gregory	1,150	800	-350	-30%	2,500	800	-1,700	-68%
30B	Gregory	1,150	800	-350	-30%	2,500	800	-1,700	-68%
31A	Haakon	850	900	50	6%	1,700	900	-800	-47%
35A	Harding	350	300	-50	-14%	500	300	-200	-40%
35C	Harding	400	300	-100	-25%	700	300	-400	-57%
35L	Harding	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
39A	Jackson	350	350	0	0%	500	350	-150	-30%
39B	Jackson	450	300	-150	-33%	900	300	-600	-67%
41A	Jones	700	700	0	0%	1,650	700	-950	-58%
45A	Lyman	800	800	0	0%	2,100	1,400	-700	-33%
45B	Lyman	325	300	-25	-8%	875	300	-575	-66%
45C	Lyman	50	50	0	0%	120	70	-50	-42%
45D	Lyman	100	90	-10	-10%	160	90	-70	-44%
49A	Meade	900	850	-50	-6%	1,800	850	-950	-53%
49B	Meade	1,500	1,100	-400	-27%	3,000	1,100	-1,900	-63%
50A	Mellette	500	450	-50	-10%	1,350	450	-900	-67%
50B	Mellette	800	600	-200	-25%	2,050	600	-1,450	-71%
53A	Perkins	850	650	-200	-24%	1,700	650	-1,050	-62%
53C	Perkins	1,000	1,100	100	10%	2,000	1,100	-900	-45%
53L	Perkins	15	0	-15	-100%	30	0	-30	-100%
58A	Stanley	650	550	-100	-15%	900	550	-350	-39%
58D	Stanley	10	10	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
60A	Tripp	2,000	1,800	-200	-10%	4,600	1,800	-2,800	-61%
64A	Ziebach	650	500	-150	-23%	1,300	500	-800	-62%
65A	Shannon	100	75	-25	-25%	150	75	-75	-50%
67A	Todd	350	150	-200	-57%	1,050	150	-900	-86%
TOTAL		22,085	18,310	-3,775	-17%	45,050	19,930	-25,120	-56%

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents.

**GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
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**Application for License
Chapter 41:06:01**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 1-2, 2014	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 5, 2014	Yankton
	Finalization	June 5-6, 2014	Yankton

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Establish an administrative rule that requires all deer hunters possessing an archery, muzzleloader, youth or mentor deer license to obtain a free access permit to hunt on the Hill Ranch Game Production Area (Unit 27L), Custer National Forest (Unit 35L), and Little Moreau Game Production Area (24B).

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The issuance of these free access permits will allow the Department to collect improved hunter use and harvest data from these unlimited deer licenses.

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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Black Hills Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:19

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 1-2, 2014	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 5, 2014	Yankton
	Finalization	June 5-6, 2014	Yankton

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: November 1-30, 2014

Open Area: Black Hills

Licenses: 200 resident and 16 nonresident "Any" deer licenses
3,000 resident and 240 nonresident "Any Whitetail" deer licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. One-half of the resident licenses allocated for each unit are available for landowner preference.

Recommended changes from last year:

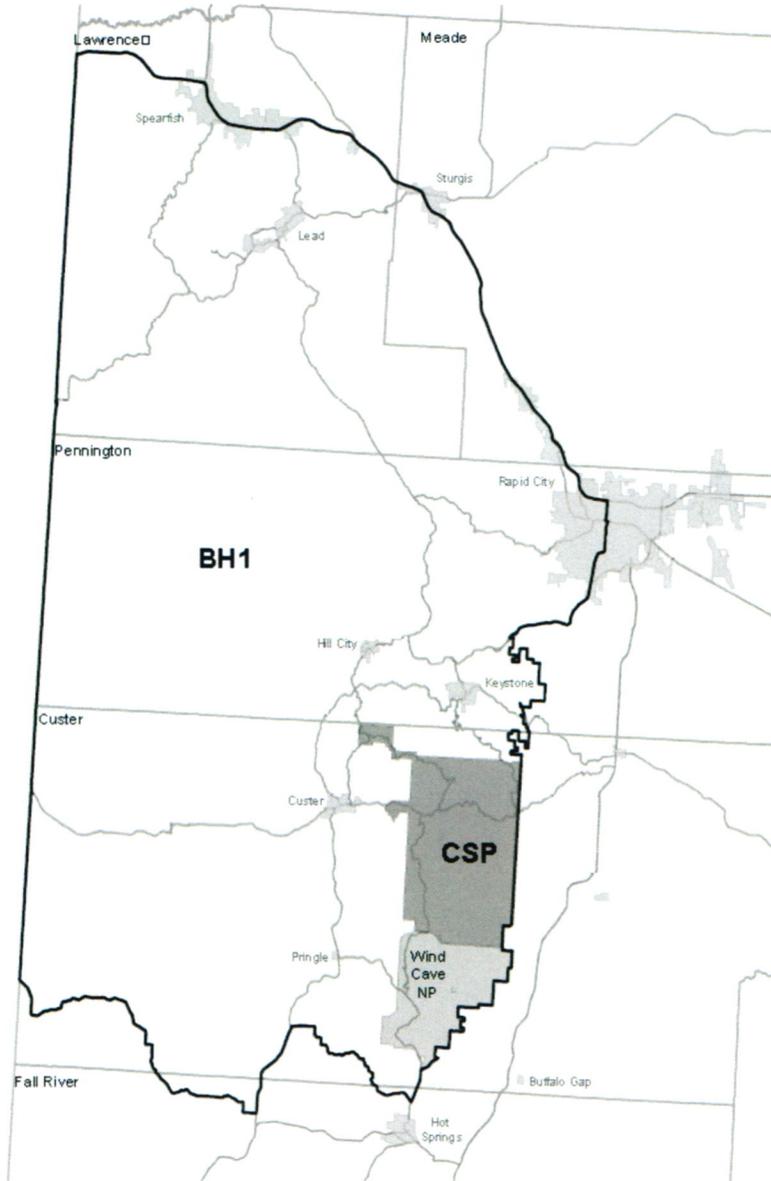
1. Offer no "Antlerless Whitetail" deer licenses. In 2013, 100 resident and 8 nonresident "Antlerless Whitetail" deer licenses were offered in Unit BHD-BD1.
2. Repeal Unit BHD-ZZ1.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Licenses	Nonresident Licenses	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Hunter Success
2009	7,218	613	2,450	1,122	134	74	3,781	48%
2010	4,938	389	2,203	599	101	16	3,017	57%
2011	4,137	329	2,011	401	107	10	2,530	57%
2012	3,337	243	2,008	289	88	6	2,391	67%
2013	3,330	261	1,912	318	62	2	2,294	64%

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BLACK HILLS DEER UNITS



Black Hills Deer Licenses - 2014

Unit	Resident Licenses		Nonresident Licenses	
	"Any Deer"	"Any Whitetail"	"Any Deer"	"Any Whitetail"
BH1	200	3,000	16	240

Black Hills Deer - 2014

Unit	Resident Licenses			Nonresident Licenses			License Totals							
	Any D	Any WT	Atl Whitetail	Any D	Any WT	Atl Whitetail	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR
	01	11	13	01	11	13	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags
BD1														
BD2														
BD3														
BD4														
BH1	200	3,000		16	240		3,200		3,200	3,200	256		256	256
TOTAL	200	3,000		16	240		3,200		3,200	3,200	256		256	256
Unit	Any D	Any WT	Atl Whitetail	Any D	Any WT	Atl Whitetail	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR
	01	11	13	01	11	13	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags
RES and NR:							3,456		3,456	3,456				

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BLACK HILLS DEER
2013--2014 Comparison

Resident Licenses												
Unit	Any Deer				Any Whitetail				Antlerless Whitetail			
	Year		Change		Year		Change		Year		Chage	
	2013	2014	#	%	2013	2014	#	%	2013	2014	#	%
BD1									100	0	-100	-100%
BD2												
BD3												
BD4												
BH1	200	200	0	0%	3,000	3,000	0	0%				
TOTAL	200	200	0	0%	3,000	3,000	0	0%	100	0	-100	-100%

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents.

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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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Archery Deer Hunting Season 41:06:22			
Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 1-2, 2014	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 5, 2014	Yankton
	Finalization	June 5-6, 2014	Yankton

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

- Season Dates:** September 27, 2014 – January 15, 2015
- Open Area:** “Any Deer” Licenses: Statewide, East River, West River
 “Antlerless Whitetail Deer” Licenses: Unit ARD-LM1
- Licenses:** Unlimited “any deer” licenses
 Unlimited single tag “antlerless whitetail deer” licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Resident and nonresident hunters may purchase one (1) statewide “any deer” license or one (1) East River “any deer” license and one (1) West River “any deer” license.
2. Residents and nonresidents may purchase one (1) “antlerless whitetail deer” license.
3. Individuals may purchase one “antlerless whitetail deer” license for Unit ARD-LM1 (see map).
4. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
5. From Jan 1-15, only “antlerless whitetail deer” licenses are valid.
6. Sand Lake NWR is open Oct 18 – Dec 31, except during the Sand Lake NWR firearm deer season.
7. Waubay Lake State Game Refuge and Waubay National Wildlife Refuge in Day County are open through Dec 31, except during refuge deer seasons.
8. Lacreek NWR is open through Dec 31, except during the Lacreek NWR firearm deer seasons.
9. Licensees must obtain an access permit from the Department issued by lottery drawing before hunting Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve and Good Earth State Park.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Change unlimited “Any Antlerless Deer” licenses to unlimited “Antlerless Whitetail Deer” licenses.
2. For Unit ARD-LM1, “Antlerless Whitetail Deer” licenses are not valid in the following deer management units: BH1, 01A, 02C, 05A, 06A, 07A, 08A, 11A, 11B, 12A, 17A, 18A, 19A, 20A, 21A, 21B, 27A, 27B, 27L, 22A, 23A, 25A, 29A, 32A, 34A, 35A, 35C, 35L, 37A, 39B, 43A, 44A, 45D, 49A, 49B, 46A, 48A, 52A, 53A, 55A, 61A, 62A, 64A, 65A, and 67A.
3. Remove from the list of “restricted areas” that portion of Union County north of the Missouri River, west of Interstate 29, south of Union County Road 23, and east of the west boundary of the Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve.
4. Reduce the number of “Any Deer” archery access permits from 10 to 5 for the Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve.
5. Repeal Unit ARD-LM2.
6. No person may apply for and receive more than 3 archery deer licenses, of which only one can be an “antlerless whitetail deer” license.
7. Change the end date from January 15 to December 31 for Sand Lake NWR.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

	"Any Deer"	"Antlerless"	Hunter	WT Bucks	WT Does	MD Bucks	MD Does	Deer
Year	Licenses	Licenses (Tags)	Success	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested
2009	18,648	7,918 (11,182)	33%	4,411	4,191	506	286	9,393
2010	19,967	8,349 (10,070)	33%	4,968	4,429	475	328	9,930
2011	20,210	7,857 (10,958)	27%	4,216	3,534	459	193	8,401
2012	20,528	7,700 (9,630)	27%	4,221	3,363	354	135	8,074
2013	20,956	6,395 (8,590)	25%	4,040	2,633	445	158	7,277

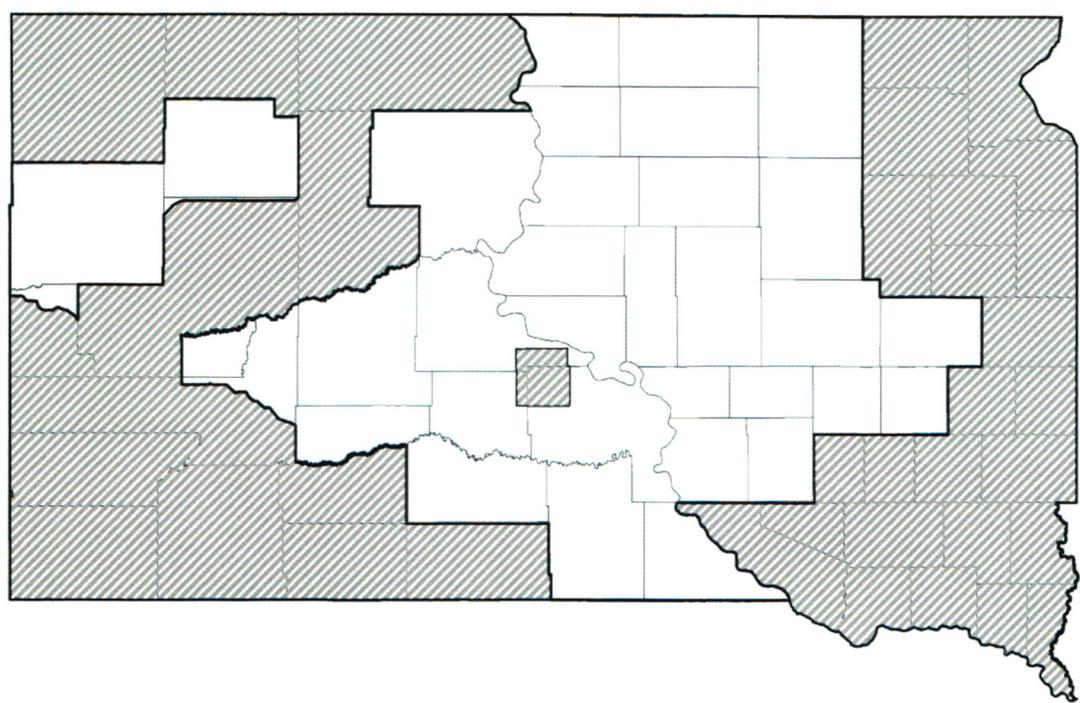
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Archery Deer Hunting Season 2014 "Antlerless License" Restrictions

1. The Unit ARD-LM1 single-tag "antlerless whitetail deer" license is valid in all areas except the shaded areas.
2. Archery antlerless deer licenses are not valid on Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Brown County.

Archery Deer Antlerless

ARD-LM1



GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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General Muzzleloading Deer Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:45

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 1-2, 2014	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 5, 2014	Yankton
	Finalization	June 5-6, 2014	Yankton

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: December 1, 2014 – January 15, 2015

Open Area: “Any Deer” Licenses: Statewide
 “Antlerless Whitetail Deer” Licenses: Unit MZD-LM1

Licenses: 1,000 “any deer” licenses
 Unlimited single tag “antlerless whitetail deer” licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Only residents are eligible to apply for “any deer” tags. Residents and nonresidents may purchase “antlerless whitetail deer” licenses.
2. Individuals may purchase one “antlerless whitetail deer” license for Unit MZD-LM1 (see map).
3. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
4. From Jan 1-15, only “antlerless whitetail deer” are valid.
5. Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge, Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, Waubay State Game Refuge, Farm Island State Recreation Area, LaFramboise Island Nature Area, and the Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management South unit and the signed portion of the North unit are closed to general muzzleloading deer hunting.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Change unlimited “Any Antlerless Deer” licenses to unlimited “Antlerless Whitetail Deer” licenses.
2. For Unit MZD-LM1, “Antlerless Whitetail Deer” licenses are not valid in the following deer management units: BH1, 01A, 02C, 05A, 06A, 07A, 08A, 11A, 11B, 12A, 17A, 18A, 19A, 20A, 21A, 21B, 27A, 27B, 27L, 22A, 23A, 25A, 29A, 32A, 34A, 35A, 35C, 35L, 37A, 39B, 43A, 44A, 45D, 49A, 49B, 46A, 48A, 52A, 53A, 55A, 61A, 62A, 64A, 65A, and 67A.
3. Repeal Unit MZD-LM2.
4. Repeal Unit MZD-ZZ1.
4. No person may apply for and receive more than 2 muzzleloader deer licenses, of which only one can be an “antlerless whitetail deer” license.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	1 st Choice Applications	“Any Deer” Licenses	“Antlerless” Licenses (Tags)	Hunter Success	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Buck Harvested	MD Does Harvested	Deer Harvested
2009	5,184	1,015	4,752 (6,534)	35%	499	1,758	78	305	2,641
2010	5,516	1,013	4,870 (6,737)	39%	563	2,037	106	328	2,988
2011	5,404	1,018	5,012 (6,712)	26%	308	1,113	83	216	1,720
2012	6,062	986	4,158 (5,717)	29%	433	1,218	115	211	1,977
2013	5,866	1,019	3,617 (4,717)	23%	315	825	63	142	1,346

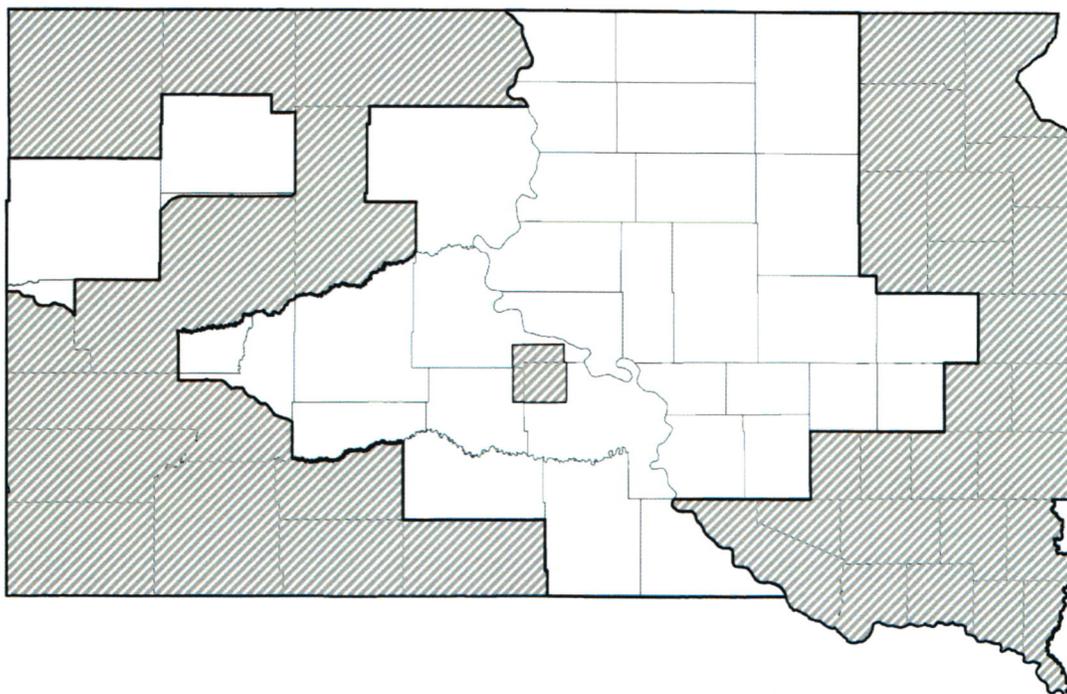
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Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Season 2014 "Antlerless License" Restrictions

1. The Unit MZD-LM1 single-tag "antlerless whitetail deer" license is valid in all areas except the shaded areas.

Muzzleloader Deer Antlerless

MZD-LM1



GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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Youth Deer Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:44

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 1-2, 2014	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 5, 2014	Yankton
	Finalization	June 5-6, 2014	Yankton

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: September 13, 2014 – January 15, 2015

Open Area: Statewide

Licenses: Single tag “any antlerless deer” license

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Both residents and nonresidents that have not reached the age of 18 years old on June 30 may purchase a youth deer license.
2. Allow a resident parent and/or guardian to purchase a Youth Deer license.
3. Each hunter must be accompanied by an adult while hunting.
4. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
5. Receipt of a license does not affect eligibility for other seasons.
6. Hunters may purchase up to one (1) youth deer license valid statewide.
7. Waubay State Game Refuge, Farm Island State Recreation Area, LaFramboise Island Nature Area, and the Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management South unit and the signed portion of the North unit are closed to youth deer hunting.

Recommended change from last year:

1. Repeal Unit YOD-LM2.
2. Limit youth deer hunters to one single tag “any antlerless deer” license.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licenses	Hunter	WT Bucks	WT Does	MD Bucks	MD Does	Deer
	Sold	Success	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested
2009	6,847	51%	423	2,480	76	522	3,501
2010	7,261	53%	442	2,851	47	491	3,831
2011	7,033	44%	345	2,353	44	321	3,063
2012	6,110	50%	321	2,387	33	305	3,046
2013	5,548	45%	343	1,798	35	331	2,507

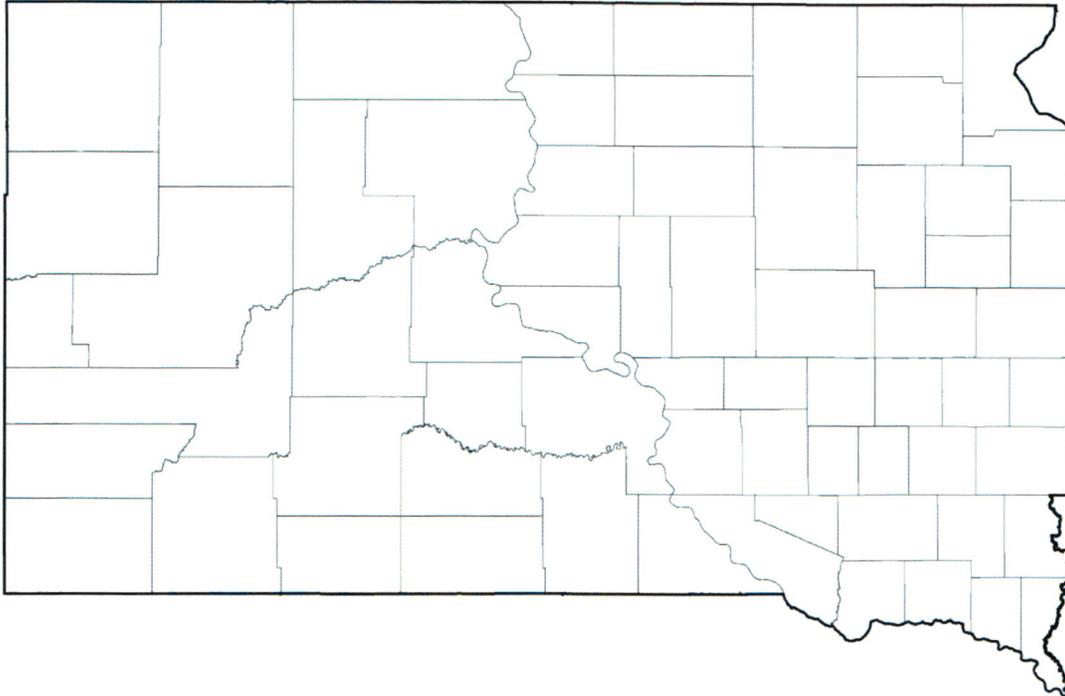
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Youth Deer Hunting Season 2014 "Antlerless License" Restrictions

1. The Unit YOD-ST1 single-tag "any antlerless deer" license is valid statewide.
2. Youth deer hunters may purchase one (1) youth deer license.

Youth Deer Antlerless

YOD-ST1



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**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL**

**National Wildlife Refuge Deer Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:36**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 1-2, 2014	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 5, 2014	Yankton
	Finalization	June 5-6, 2014	Yankton

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates:

Sand Lake NWR	November 8-12, November 13-17, November 18-23, November 24-30 (CLOSED), December 1-7, and December 27, 2014 - January 4, 2015.
Lacreek NWR	October 15-21 and November 26 – December 2.
Waubay NWR*	November 15-22, November 23-30, and December 1-7. * includes Waubay State Game Refuge

Licenses:

Sand Lake NWR	Resident: 80 "any deer" and 40 "any antlerless deer" licenses Nonresident: 8 "any deer" and 4 "any antlerless deer" licenses
Lacreek NWR	Residents: 30 "any deer" licenses Nonresidents: 4 "any deer" licenses
Waubay NWR	Residents: 30 "any deer" licenses Nonresidents: 3 "any deer" licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. The first season on Sand Lake NWR, both seasons on Lacreek NWR and the first 2 seasons on Waubay NWR are restricted to muzzleloaders.
2. Applicants may apply for only one refuge unit (season) in the first application period.
3. Licenses remaining after the first application period may be purchased by any resident or nonresident on a first-come, first serve basis.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Offer 15 less resident "any deer" licenses and 3 less nonresident "any deer" licenses for Waubay NWR.
2. Convert "any whitetail deer" licenses to "any deer" licenses and offer no antlerless deer licenses for Lacreek NWR.
3. Repeal Unit RFD-ZZ1.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

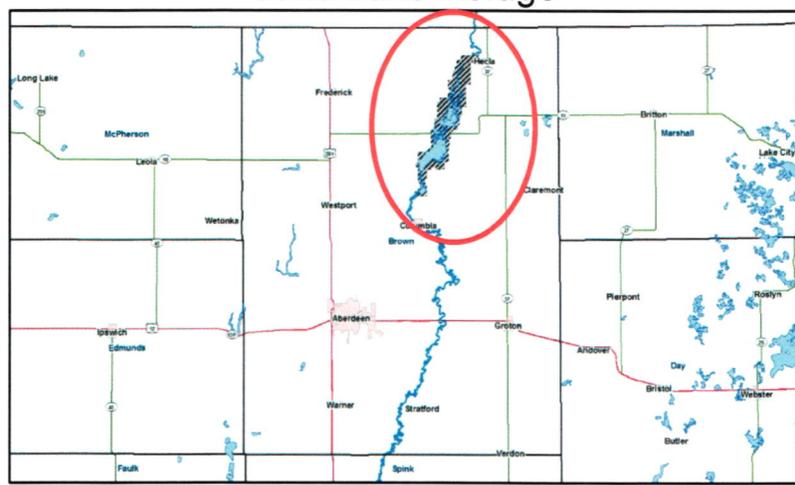
Table includes harvest data from Sand Lake, Lacreek and Waubay National Wildlife Refuges.

Year	Licenses	Success	Bucks Harvested	Does Harvested	Total Harvest
2009	384	45%	93	79	172
2010	384	23%	89	73	162
2011	329	37%	55	67	122
2012	248	38%	64	31	95
2013	213	37%	63	23	85

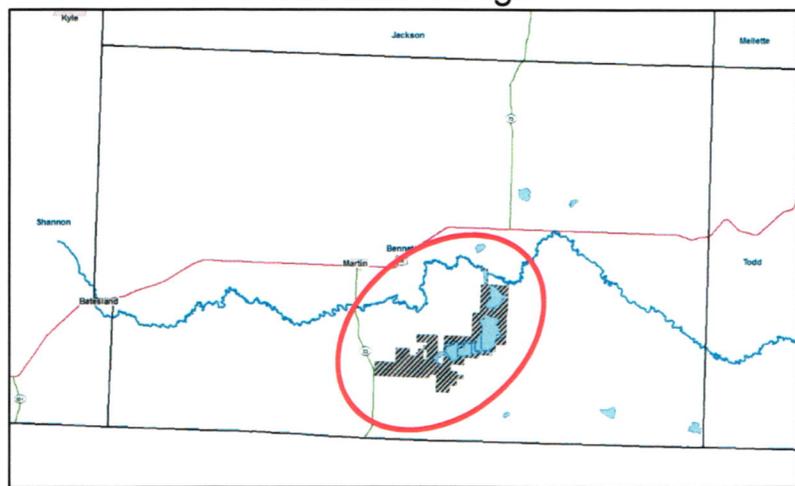
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REFUGE DEER UNITS

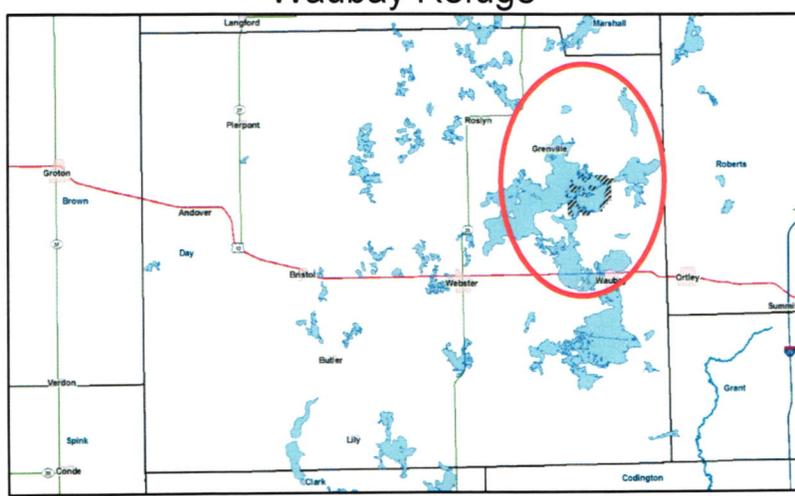
Sand Lake Refuge



Lacreek Refuge



Waubay Refuge



Refuge Deer - 2014

Unit	Resident Licenses			Nonresident Licenses			License Totals							
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Lacreek Refuge														
RFD-LC1	15			2			15		15	15	2		2	2
RFD-LC2	15			2			15		15	15	2		2	2
Sand Lake Refuge														
RFD-SL1	20	10		2	1		30		30	30	3		3	3
RFD-SL2	20	10		2	1		30		30	30	3		3	3
RFD-SL3	20	10		2	1		30		30	30	3		3	3
RFD-SL4														
RFD-SL5	20	10		2	1		30		30	30	3		3	3
Waubay Refuge														
RFD-WA1	10			1			10		10	10	1		1	1
RFD-WA2	10			1			10		10	10	1		1	1
RFD-WA3	10			1			10		10	10	1		1	1
TOTAL	140	40		15	4		180		180	180	19		19	19
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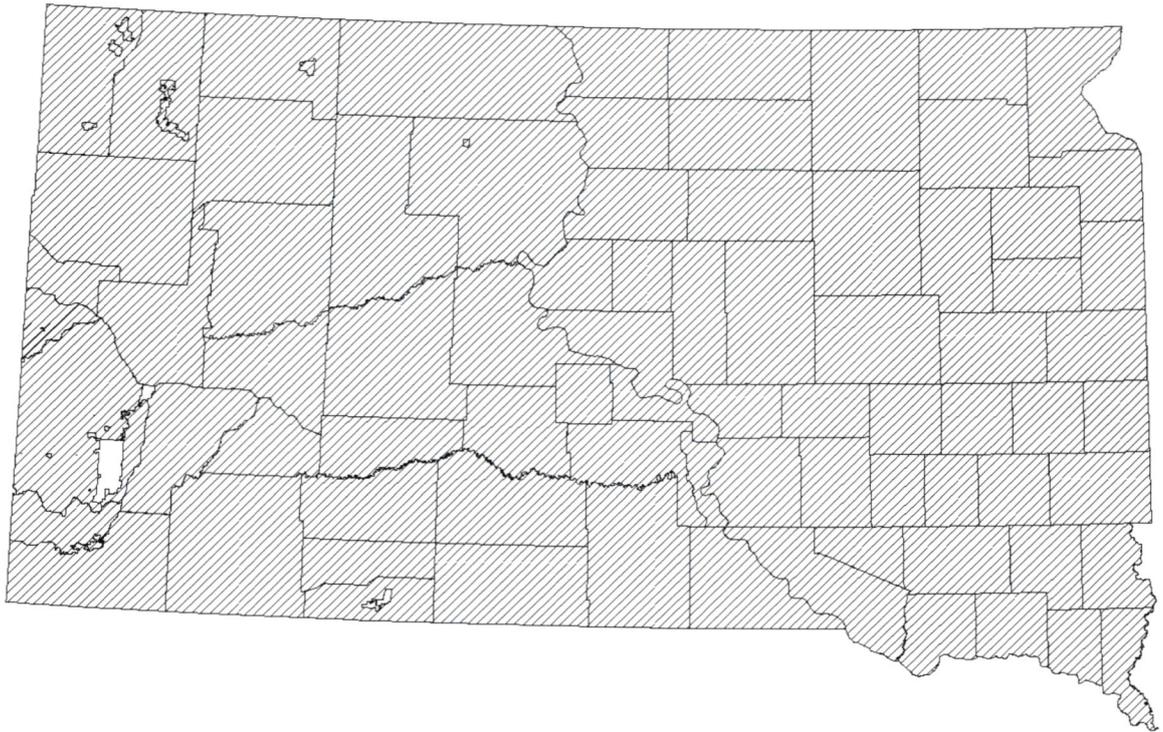
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Landowner Free Antlerless Deer License

1. Landowner free antlerless deer licenses authorized by SDCL 41-6-19.8 may be issued to any qualifying farmer or rancher for use in the West River, East River, Youth, Archery, and Muzzleloader deer hunting units where at least one antlerless deer tag is available after the second lottery drawing from the previous year East River and West River deer seasons. However, no such free antlerless license is valid in counties where antlerless archery or a muzzleloader license is restricted.
2. No free antlerless deer licenses will be available in 2014.

2014 Landowner Free Antlerless Deer Map

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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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Archery Antelope Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:24

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 1-2, 2014	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 5, 2014	Yankton
	Finalization	June 5-6, 2014	Yankton

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: August 16 – October 31, 2014 except when the prairie (firearm) antelope season is open.

Open Area: All areas where the prairie (firearm) antelope season is open and Brule, Buffalo, Hand, and Campbell counties; and the portions of Custer and Pennington counties within the Black Hills Fire Protection District with special access permits.

Licenses: Unlimited resident “any antelope” licenses.
Unlimited nonresident “any antelope” licenses.

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. A person may have only one (1) archery antelope license.
2. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
3. Five (5) special access permits will be issued via lottery drawing to those licensees who possess a valid “any antelope” resident archery license for those portions of Custer and Pennington counties within the Black Hills Fire Protection District, except Custer State Park.

Recommended change from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Licenses	Nonresident Licenses	Hunter Success	Bucks Harvested	Doe/Fawns Harvested	Total Harvest
2009	1,713	686	16%	516	189	705
2010	1,490	503	13%	363	87	450
2011	1,246	309	16%	281	56	337
2012	1,212	255	22%	297	22	319
2013	1,164	280	23%	280	51	331

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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Beaver Trapping and Hunting Season

Chapter 41:08:01

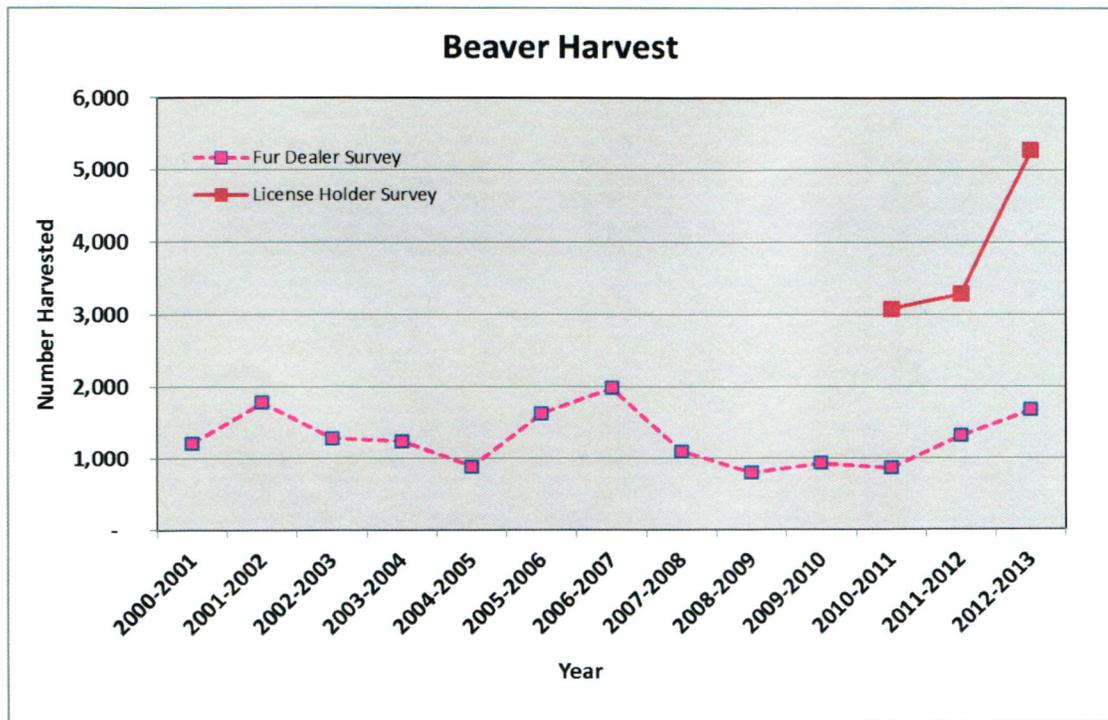
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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates:	Area:
Year-round	Counties west of the Missouri River except that portion of the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west SD Highway 79.
November 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015	All counties east of the Missouri River and portions of the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west of SD Highway 79 that are not owned by the US Forest Service.
January 1 – March 31, 2015	US Forest Service land in the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west of SD Highway 79.

Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION



*New harvest survey methodology used since 2010-11.

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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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Skunk, Opossum, Jackrabbit, Fox, Raccoon and Badger Season

Chapter 41:08:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal May 1-2, 2014 Public Hearing June 5, 2014 Finalization June 5-6, 2014	Custer State Park Yankton Yankton
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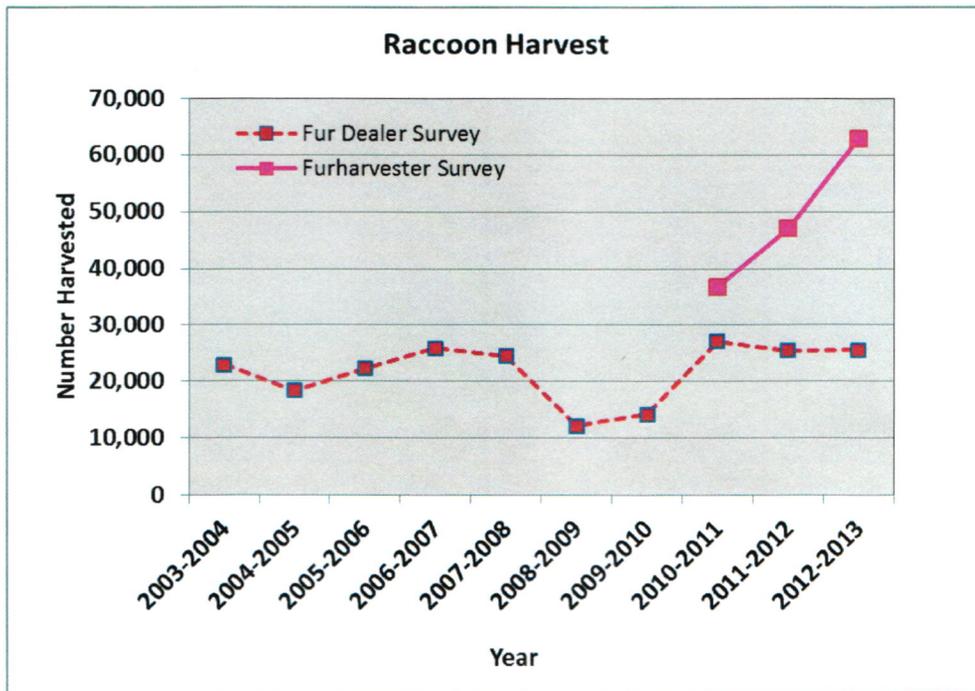
DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: Year-round

Open Area: Statewide

Recommended changes from last year: None

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION



Harvest Year	Red Fox	Badger	Skunk	Opossum	Jackrabbit
2001-2002	1,424	590	891	70	1,490
2002-2003	1,617	958	1,367	63	3,627
2003-2004	1,178	1,091	533	210	4,442
2004-2005	726	1,124	714	261	1,703
2005-2006	1,128	1,589	251	149	1,309
2006-2007	1,325	1,911	328	326	1,312
2007-2008	906	1,160	747	68	2,556
2008-2009	631	686	208	8	2,853
2009-2010	525	616	504	16	3,764
2010-2011*	1,618	1,647	9,459	2,797	4,252
2011-2012*	1,776	1,634	17,085	3,349	4,333
2012-2013*	2,695	3,149	24,752	4,313	3,921

*New harvest survey methodology used since 2010-11.

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

156

Mink, Weasel and Muskrat Trapping Season
Chapter 41:08:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 1-2, 2014	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 5, 2014	Yankton
	Finalization	June 5-6, 2014	Yankton

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Mink and Weasel

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

Open Area: Statewide

Muskrat

Season Dates: Area:

Year-round

All areas of the state, west of the Missouri River, except that portion of the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west SD Highway 79.

November 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015

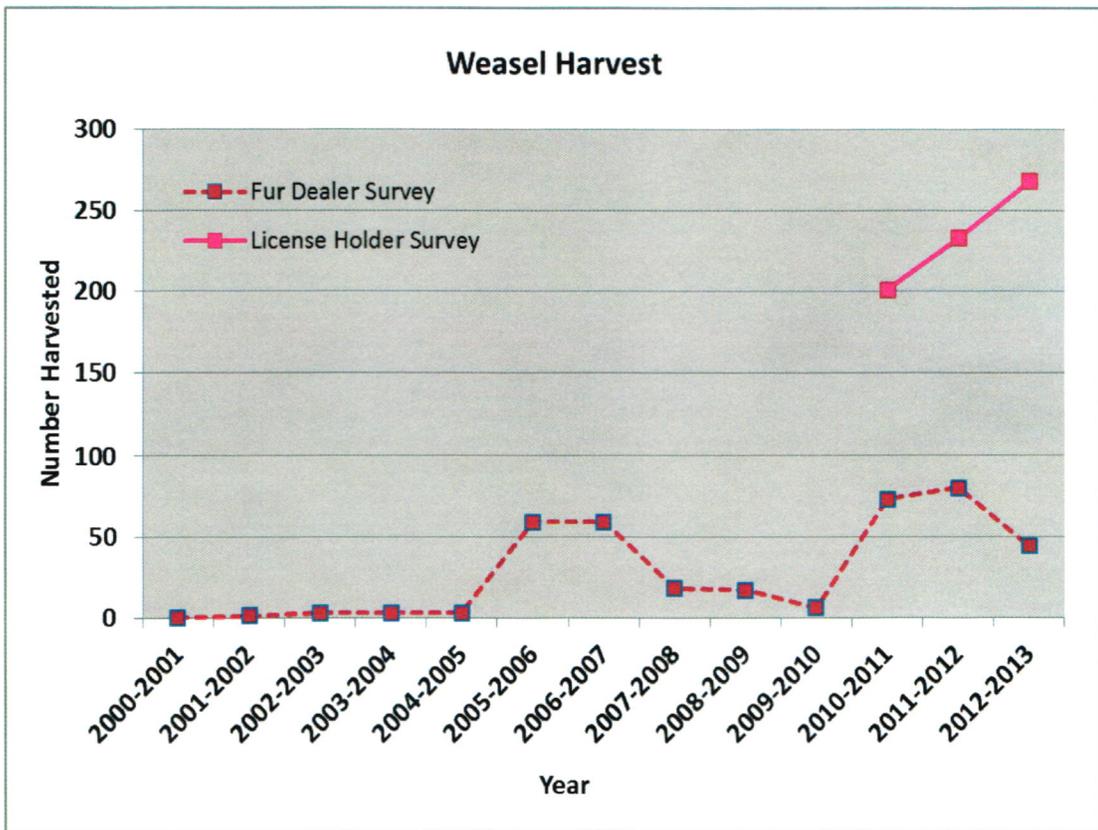
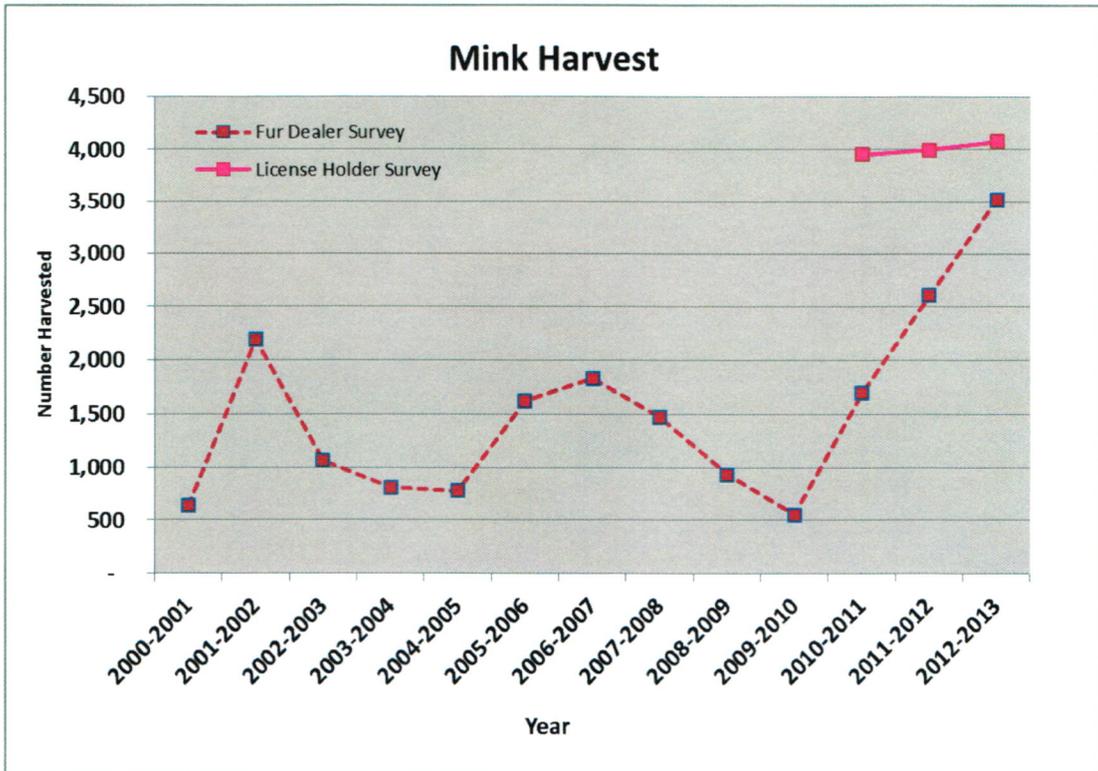
All areas of the state, east of the Missouri River and portions of the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west of SD Highway 79.

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Trapping on or in muskrat houses is prohibited from March 16 to the end of the season (April 30).

Recommended changes from last year: None.

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*New harvest survey methodology used since 2010-2011.

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Muskrat Hunting Season Chapter 41:08:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 1-2, 2014	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 5, 2014	Yankton
	Finalization	June 5-6, 2014	Yankton

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

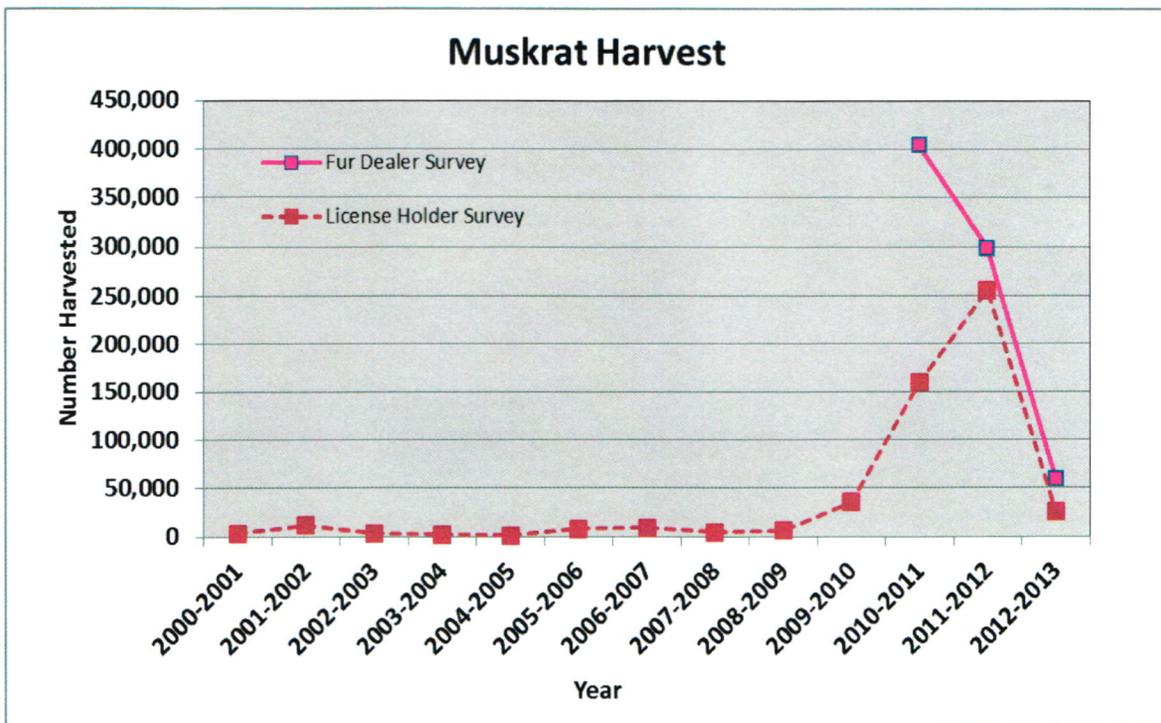
Season Dates: April 1, 2015 – August 31, 2015

Area: Statewide

Restrictions: Only landowners and lessees, including School and Public Lands surface lease holders, on land they own or operate and state, county, or township highway officials within public road right-of-ways are allowed to take muskrats during the season. Non-toxic shot is required for shotguns.

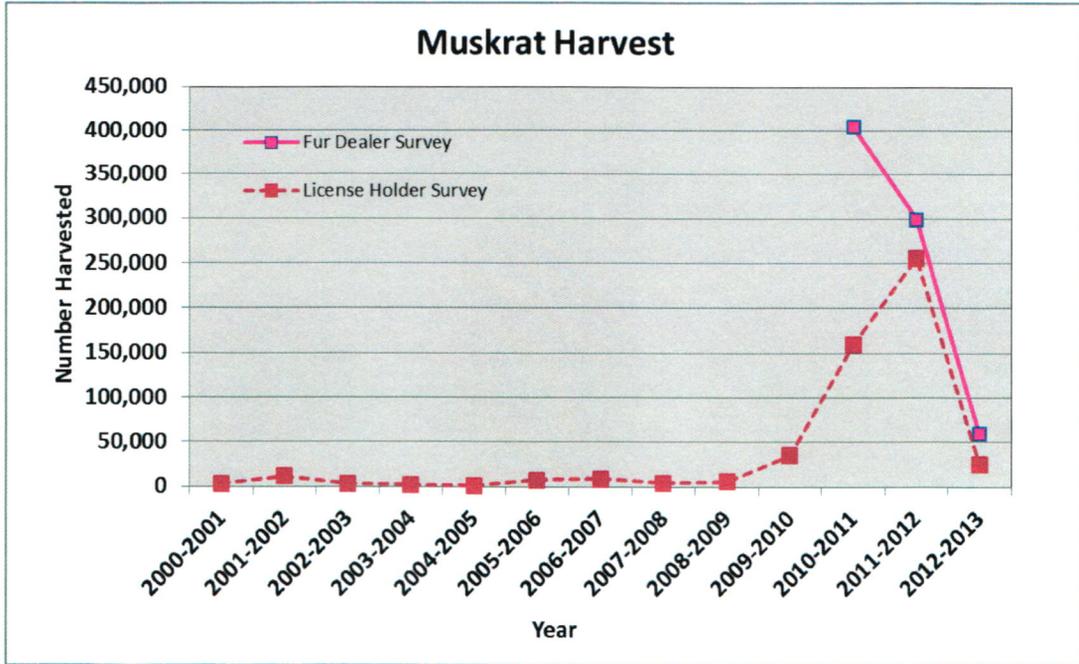
Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION



*New harvest survey methodology used since 2010-11.

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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

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Trapping Prohibitions
Chapter 41:08:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 1-2, 2014	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 5, 2014	Yankton
	Finalization	June 5-6, 2014	Yankton

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Prohibit the use of live mammals or live birds to aid in the taking of furbearers, predators, and varmints via traps and snares.
2. Clarify that all trapping equipment needs to be removed from public lands and public road right-of-ways prior to May 1. This includes traps and snares (set and unset), stakes, cables, chains, wires, or other devices used for the purpose of attaching a trap or snare.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The use of live mammals and birds (i.e. rabbits, quail, and domestic cats) to aid in the taking of furbearers and predators via trapping has increased in the last few years as more people pursue furbearers and GFP has responded to several public complaints. This recommended change would address these public concerns and reduce potential conflict between the general public and the trapping community.

Due to the popularity of new stakes and other equipment as well as people continuing to attempt to claim or mark trapping locations on public lands and public road right-of-ways from the previous year, this recommend change would require that all equipment associated with trapping or snaring be removed from these areas prior to May 1.

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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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Goose Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:16

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 1-2, 2014	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 5, 2014	Yankton
	Finalization	June 5-6, 2014	Yankton

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: August 16-31, 2014

Open Area: Brookings, Brown, Clark, Codington, Day, Deuel, Hamlin, Hanson, Hutchinson, Grant, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, Marshall, McCook, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Pennington (west of the Cheyenne River), Roberts, Spink, Turner and Union counties.

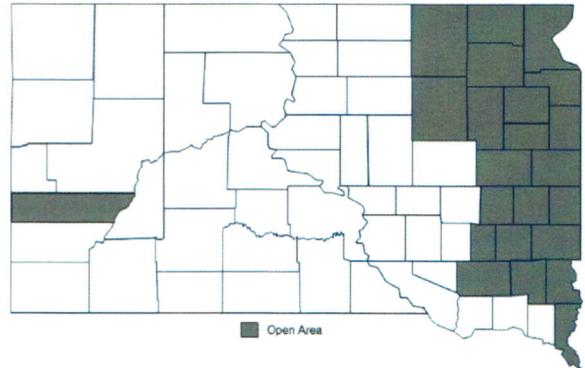
Daily Bag Limit: 15 Canada geese

Possession Limit: None

Licenses: Residents only

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Annual small game or combination license and state migratory bird certification. Federal waterfowl stamp is not required.
2. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
3. All other restrictions are the same as during the Early Fall and Regular Canada Goose Season.



Recommended changes from last year:

1. Modify the season dates to the third Saturday of August to August 31. Currently starts the first Saturday of August.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Resident Canada goose numbers have shown an increasing trend since the early 1990's in South Dakota and are monitored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's annual May Breeding Waterfowl Survey. Though the 2014 survey has not been conducted, this survey showed a spring population index of 247,000 Canada geese in South Dakota during 2013. The most recent 3-year average (2011-2013) is 248,000 birds. This is significantly higher than the management plan goal of 80,000-90,000.

Year	Number Hunters	Ave. Days Hunted	Ave. Season Bag	Harvest
2010	3,538	2.99	8.21	29,047
2011	3,211	2.74	9.44	30,300
2012	3,581	3.08	10.26	36,757
2013	2,345	3.42	7.93	18,592

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**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL**

**Archery Restrictions
Chapter 41:06:05**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 1-2, 2014	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 5, 2014	Yankton
	Finalization	June 5-6, 2014	Yankton

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Recommended change from last year:

Modify archery equipment restrictions as follows:

ARSD 41:06:05:01. Archery equipment restrictions. A person hunting with bow and arrow may not use or possess any of the following:

- (1) Explosive, poisonous, hydraulic, or pneumatic points;
- ~~(2) Barbed points except for taking fish and frogs;~~
- ~~(3) Crossbows and draw-lock devices that hold the bow at partial or full draw except as provided in chapter 41:09:12;~~
- ~~(4) Bolts or darts;~~
- ~~(5) Arrow rests that have more than three inches of continuous contact with the arrow;~~
- ~~(6) Electronic devices mounted to the bow that aid in the taking of game, except that cameras, video cameras or cell phones used exclusively for photographic purposes, lighted sight pins and illuminated arrow nocks may be used;~~
- ~~(7) Electronic arrow or electronic string releases;~~
- ~~(8) Compound bows with a let off of more than 80 percent;~~
- ~~(9) Compound bows shorter than 28 inches as measured from axle to axle the top of the upper wheel or cam to the bottom of the lower wheel or cam;~~
- ~~(10) Mechanical broadheads while hunting elk;~~
- ~~(11) Mechanical broadheads with a cutting diameter greater than two inches; or~~
- ~~(12) Telescopic sights and electronically lighted sight pins.;~~
- (9) An arrow, including the attached broadhead, weighing less than 275 grains when hunting big game animals;
- (10) An arrow that is less than 26 inches long when measured from the notch of the nock to the end of the shaft, not including the blunt or broadhead;

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(11) An arrow without a broadhead (fixed or mechanical) that has at least two metal cutting edges, except blunt points may be used when hunting turkeys;
or

(12) A bow that measures less than 40 pounds pull when hunting elk or a bow that measures less than 30 pounds pull when hunting all other big game animals.

~~**41:06:05:02. Minimum size of bow and arrows.** Big game licensees hunting with bow and arrow shall be equipped with a bow of not less than 40 pounds pull. The broadheads shall be of metal, have a cutting diameter of at least 7/8 inch wide, have at least two cutting edges, and except for turkey hunting shall be at least as long as it is wide. An arrow and attached broadhead shall weigh at least 275 grains when used for hunting big game animals. Blunt points at least 9/16 inch wide may be used for hunting turkeys. The arrow measured from the notch of the nock to the end of the shaft not including the tip or broadhead may not be less than 26 inches long.~~

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The Department periodically reviews various rule sections that deal with hunting equipment restrictions in an effort to ensure these restrictions are still necessary and that the regulations reflect technological advances in hunting implements and associated equipment. Most recently, Department staff conducted a series of discussions with members of the state's two archery organizations, the South Dakota Bowhunters, Inc. and the South Dakota Archery Association, in an effort to review and update restrictions specific to archery equipment used in hunting. These proposals reflect the results of those discussions.

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Division of Parks and Recreation

**SIXTH AMENDMENT TO CONCESSION AGREEMENT
CUSTER STATE PARK RESORT**

This SIXTH AMENDMENT TO CONCESSION AGREEMENT between the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks ("Department"), 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota, 57501, and US Hotels and Resorts Management, Inc. and Regency CSP Ventures L.P., a South Dakota Limited Partnership, acting by and through US Hotels and Resorts Management, Inc., as its general partner ("Concessionaire"), 3211 West Sencore Drive, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 57107.

WHEREAS, the Department entered into a Concession Lease Agreement on the 8th day of December, 2006 ("Concession Agreement"), to facilitate the operation of the four resorts at Custer State Park, hereinafter referred to as the "Resort"; and

WHEREAS, The Department and the Concessionaire subsequently entered into written amendments to the Concession Agreement on June 11, 2007, December 7, 2007, September 1, 2009, October 20, 2010 and October 3, 2013, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Department and the Concessionaire recognize the need for Concessionaire to provide additional seasonal employee housing units at the State Game Lodge and Sylvan Lake Lodge employee housing complexes at an estimated cost to the Concessionaire of \$136,000; and

WHEREAS, the Department and Concessionaire agree to designate the ownership of said employee housing units as Concessionaire Facilities; and

WHEREAS, such designation of the additional employee housing units as Concessionaire Facilities results in the establishment of a possessory interest held by the Concessionaire in the buildings pursuant to ARSD. Article 41:13.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED that the Concession Lease Agreement dated December 8, 2006, between Department and the Concessionaire, as subsequently amended, is further amended as follows:

1. The Department Authorizes the Concessionaire to construct and place One (1) 27.5' x 60' seasonal employee housing unit at the State Game Lodge employee housing complex and One (1) 27.5' x 60' seasonal employee housing unit at the Sylvan Lake Lodge employee housing complex.
 - a. The buildings will be "Concessionaire Facilities" for which the Concessionaire shall retain possessory interest.

- b. The underground utilities for the units shall be considered "Government Facilities" for which no possessory interest can be granted and to which the Department shall retain ownership.
 - c. Department and Concessionaire agree that infrastructure needed for these units which includes concrete work, electrical, water and sewer estimated at \$XXX will be budgeted and paid for through 2015 Repair and Maintenance Reserve funds.
 - d. Authorization to provide the seasonal housing units is contingent upon compliance with all applicable building codes and the Department securing all environmental clearances. Final placement of the units is subject to Department approval.
2. Exhibit A-2 will be amended to designate the newly provided seasonal employee housing units as Concessionaire Facilities. The following lines are hereby added to Exhibit A-2 attached to the Concession Agreement

Fac. NO	Description	Replacement Cost	Possessory Interest
	Seasonal Employee Housing Unit (27.5' x 60') State Game Lodge- Building Only		Per ARSD Article 41:13
	Seasonal Employee Housing Unit (27.5'x 60') Sylvan Lake Lodge - Building Only		Per ARSD Article 41:13

3. Except as modified by this Sixth Amendment to Concession Agreement, all other terms and conditions set forth in the Concession Lease Agreement dated December 8, 2006, as subsequently amended on June 11, 2007, on December 7, 2007, September 1, 2009, October 20, 2010 and October 3, 2013 respectively, shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

END OF AGREEMENT TEXT

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Sixth Amendment to Concession Agreement on this _____ day of _____, 2014.

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

BY: _____ DATE: _____
Douglas Hofer, Director, Division of Parks and Recreation

CONCESSIONAIRE

BY: _____ DATE: _____
David Sweet, CEO
US Hotels and Resorts Management, Inc.

BY: _____ DATE: _____
David Sweet, CEO, US Hotels and Resorts Management, Inc.
As general partner of Regency CSP Ventures, L.P., a South Dakota Limited Partnership

**THIRD AMENDMENT TO CONCESSION AGREEMENT
OAHÉ MARINA AND RESORT**

This THIRD AMENDMENT TO CONCESSION AGREEMENT is made and entered in to by and between the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks ("Department") 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota, 57501 and Oahe Tailrace, LLC ("Concessionaire") P.O. Box 7120, Pierre, SD, 57501.

WHEREAS, the Department entered into a concession agreement on the 25th day of May, 2010, to facilitate the operation of Oahe Marina and Resort ("Resort") within Oahe Downstream Recreation Area ("Park") and subsequently amended on October 15, 2010, to allow for the remodeling and expansion of the facilities in exchange for an extension of the term of the lease and further amended on November 4, 2011, to further extend the term of the lease to provide for the needed period to refinance the operations under the terms of a 30-year SBA loan, and

WHEREAS, the Concessionaire has proposed an events shelter addition to the existing facilities to provide capacity for additional customers and accommodate large group events; and

WHEREAS, The Concessionaire has provided construction plans, cost estimates and verification of financing for the proposed addition; and

WHEREAS, the Concessionaire desires a Possessory Interest in the events shelter upon project completion; and

WHEREAS, Concessionaire acknowledges that the customer capacity created by the proposed events shelter addition will create additional traffic and parking demands at Oahe Downstream Recreation Area which must be addressed; and

WHEREAS, the Department and Concessionaire agree that certain site maintenance, cleaning and grounds keeping efforts must be completed prior to the construction of new facilities; and

WHEREAS, Concessionaire and the Department desire to modify and set forth all requirements to be met for prior approval of construction and associated Possessory Interest as well as modify the terms of the current Park Entrance License exemption.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED that the Concession Agreement dated May, 25, 2010, as amended on October 15, 2010 and November 4, 2011, between Department and the Concessionaire is further amended as follows:

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1. With regard to obtaining authorization to proceed with the construction of the shelter addition, concessionaire agrees to the following:
 - a. Prior to construction of the shelter addition, the Concessionaire shall complete the following grounds maintenance and cleaning items to the Department's satisfaction:
 - i. Concessionaire shall remove all trash, scrap materials, unused waste receptacles and inoperable equipment from the Lease Area.
 - ii. All remaining equipment, surplus furniture, materials and any other personal property intended to remain on site shall be stored indoors or in a concealed, enclosed area, out of public view.
 - iii. Concessionaire is responsible for providing additional storage structures needed for the concealment of Concessionaire's property.
 - b. The Concessionaire acknowledges and understands that authorization to proceed with construction is subject to prior approval of the Corps of Engineers in addition to the completion of the requirements contained in paragraph 1(a) above.
 - c. Concessionaire shall not proceed with the shelter addition construction until it has received written authorization from the Department, which is contingent on completion of items 1(a) and (b) above.
 - d. Provided that Concessionaire satisfactorily complies with the construction prerequisite obligations as contained in this section, the parties agree that Concessionaire shall be granted a Possessory Interest in the events shelter upon project completion and the following shall be added to Exhibit A-2 of the Concession Agreement as amended:

Fac. NO	Description		Possessory Interest
	Event Shelter (1920 sq ft) with adjoining Concession Sales Area (240 sq ft)		Per ARSD Article 41:13

- e. Concessionaire agrees that its failure to meet all construction prerequisite obligations contained in this section may result in the denial of construction and/or the forfeiture of Possessory Interest in the facility.
2. With regard to the Park Entrance License requirements, The Concession Agreement will be amended as follows:

- a. Section 18 "Park Entrance License Provisions" shall be deleted and replaced to read as follows:

Section 18. Park Entrance License Provisions.

- (a) All individuals entering or utilizing the Resort are subject to the park entrance license requirements and payment of the required fee except for the following:
 - (i) Employees or volunteers traveling under the most direct route from the park entrance to their designated work duty stations during designated working hours. Concessionaire shall provide employees with entrance license exemption decals, approved by the Park Supervisor, to display in their vehicles.
 - (ii) Any commercial or service vehicles doing direct business with the Resort.
 - (iii) Restaurant users traveling from the park entrance directly to and parked within the Restaurant Parking Area as defined in Exhibit A-4 and back by the same route.
 - (b) Concessionaire shall take reasonable steps to ensure that its patrons, employees, agents, and volunteers comply with the park entrance license fee requirements.
- b. Exhibit A-4 dated May 1, 2014, is hereby attached to and made a part of the Concession Agreement.
3. Except as amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the Concession Lease Agreement dated May 25, 2010, as amended on October 15, 2010, and November 4, 2011, continue to remain in full force and effect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Third Amendment to Concession Agreement on this _____ day of _____, 2014.

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

BY: _____ DATE: _____
Douglas Hofer, Director, Division of Parks and Recreation

CONCESSIONAIRE

BY: _____ DATE: _____
Steven Rounds, Member Manager
Oahe Tailrace, LLC.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

BY: _____ DATE: _____

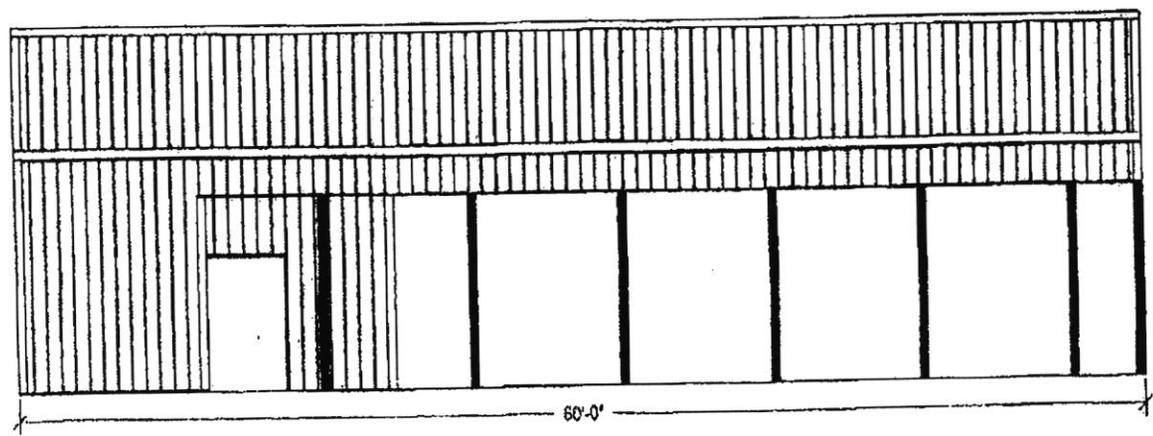
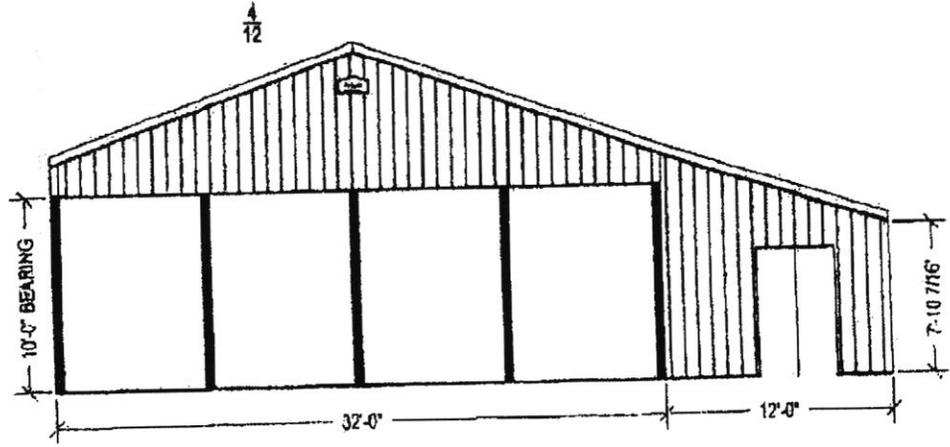
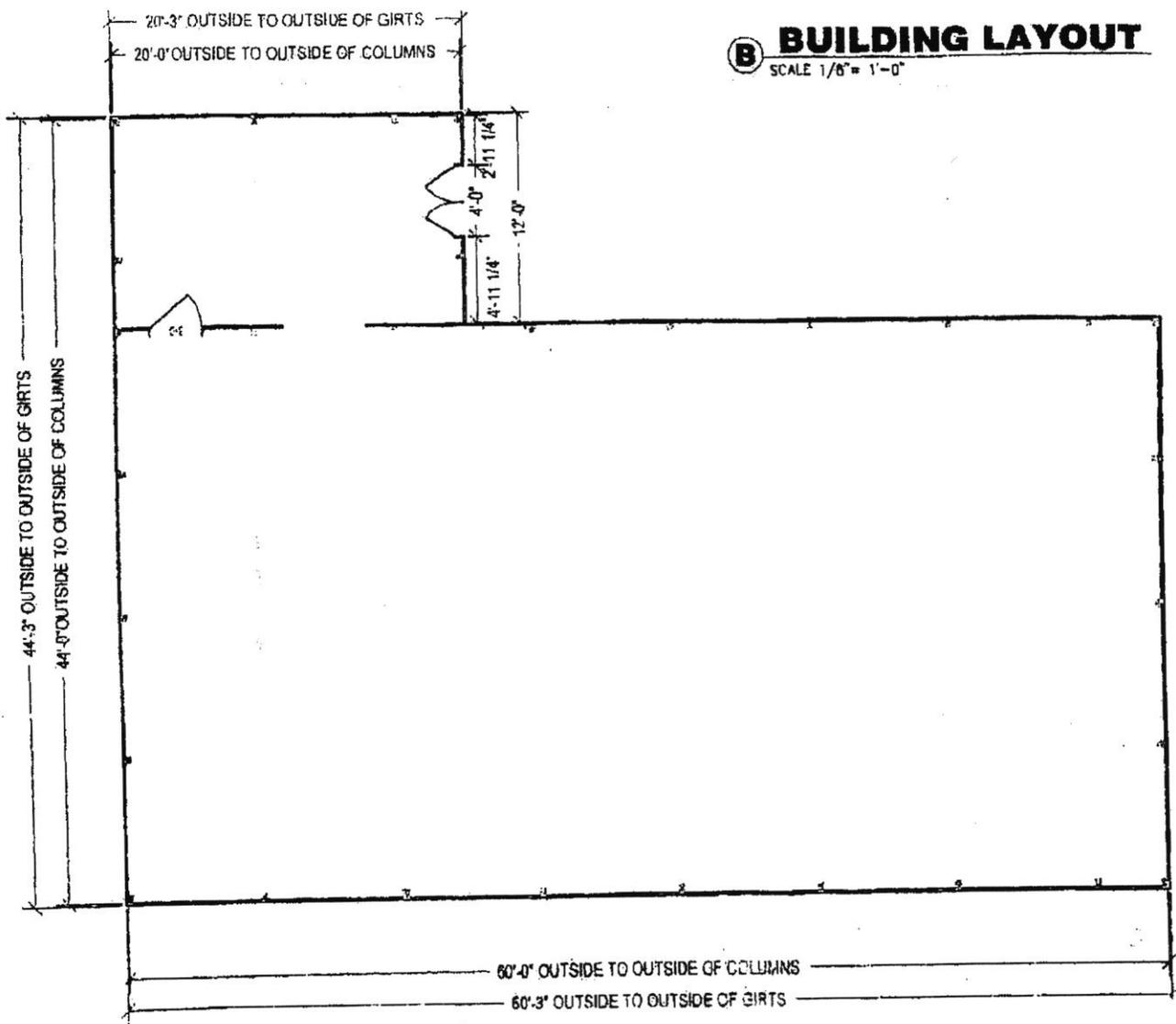
EXHIBIT A-4
May 1, 2014



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B BUILDING LAYOUT

SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"





YEAR TO DATE April 2014 Revenue Comparison by Item

	2013		2014		% Change
	Number	Dollar	Number	Dollar	
Annual	2,796	\$ 83,877	2,731	\$ 83,254	-1%
Second Vehicle	410	\$ 6,155	411	\$ 6,167	0%
Combo	2,933	\$ 131,981	2,822	\$ 129,604	-2%
Transferable	277	\$ 17,985	269	\$ 17,721	-1%
Daily / Person	431	\$ 1,725	1,149	\$ 4,597	166%
Daily / Vehicle	868	\$ 5,211	1,698	\$ 10,190	96%
Unattended Vehicle Daily	20	\$ 200	53	\$ 530	165%
Motorcoach Permit	7	\$ 21	14,131	\$ 42,392	201764%
GSM Annual Trail Pass	310	\$ 4,650	285	\$ 3,720	-20%
GSM Daily Trail Pass	304	\$ 912	47	\$ 186	-80%
CSP Temp Daily / Person	-	\$ -		\$ -	
CSP Temp Daily / Vehicle	1,793	\$ 26,892	1,807	\$ 27,108	1%
Bike Band	10	\$ 100	21	\$ 210	110%
Rally Bike Band	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	
One-Day Special Event	N/A	\$ 630	-	\$ 900	43%
PERMITS	10,159	\$ 280,339	25,424	\$ 326,578	16%
Camping Services Permits		\$ 2,713,270		\$ 3,225,163	19%
Gift Card		\$ 10,812		\$ 1,635	-85%
Picnic Reservations		\$ 1,440		\$ 2,712	88%
Firewood		\$ 105	-	\$ -	
LODGING		\$ 2,725,627		\$ 3,229,510	18%
TOTAL		\$ 3,005,965		\$ 3,556,088	18%

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April 2014 YTD Revenue Comparison by District

LOCATION	2013	2014	%
Fort Sisseton	7,946	13,392	69%
Roy Lake	51,023	68,166	34%
Sica Hollow	-	299	
DISTRICT 1	58,969	81,857	39%
Richmond Lake	11,059	13,534	22%
Mina Lake	34,693	38,968	12%
Lake Louise	12,342	14,145	15%
Fisher Grove	-	6,151	
Amsden	-	45	
DISTRICT 2	58,093	72,843	25%
Sandy Shore	5,754	9,546	66%
Hartford Beach	26,020	38,888	49%
Lake Cochrane	17,958	20,252	13%
Pelican Lake	32,277	45,939	42%
Pickereel Lake	72,583	81,044	12%
DISTRICT 3	154,591	195,669	27%
Oakwood Lakes	66,306	74,320	12%
Lake Poinsett	55,587	72,681	31%
Lake Thompson	73,560	91,538	24%
DISTRICT 4	195,453	238,540	22%
Lake Herman	47,316	58,025	23%
Walkers Point	21,808	24,410	12%
DISTRICT 5	69,124	82,435	19%
Snake Creek	87,107	102,644	18%
Platte Creek	7,125	12,208	71%
Burke Lake	-	435	
Buryanek	21,822	31,173	43%
DISTRICT 6	116,054	146,460	26%
Palisades	47,113	54,978	17%
Lake Vermillion	69,557	79,179	14%
Big Sioux	36,498	45,469	25%
DISTRICT 7	153,168	179,625	17%
Newton Hills	103,500	121,269	17%
Lake Alvin	491	2,101	328%
Union Grove	5,048	5,200	3%
Adams	-	-	
DISTRICT 8	109,040	128,569	18%

LOCATION	2013	2014	%
Lewis & Clark	338,172	388,406	15%
Springfield	7,650	8,924	17%
Chief White Crane	105,571	115,201	9%
Pierson Ranch	33,931	35,535	5%
DISTRICT 9	485,324	548,066	13%
North Point	103,576	126,256	22%
Pease Creek	9,070	12,614	39%
Randall Creek	42,395	54,238	28%
DISTRICT 10	155,041	193,107	25%
Farm Island	49,513	62,469	26%
West Bend	69,892	95,159	36%
DISTRICT 11	119,404	157,629	32%
Oahe Downstream	87,933	110,837	26%
Cow Creek	18,797	22,127	18%
DISTRICT 12	106,729	132,964	25%
West Whitlock	40,864	45,718	12%
Lake Hiddenwood	-	159	
Swan Creek	1,645	2,534	54%
Indian Creek	36,906	45,807	24%
West Pollock	2,768	3,848	39%
DISTRICT 13	82,182	98,067	19%
Mickelson Trail	10,302	7,581	-26%
Bear Butte	1,365	1,513	11%
DISTRICT 14	11,667	9,094	-22%
Shadehill	67,821	76,978	14%
Llewellyn Johns	699	1,540	120%
Rocky Point	21,444	31,735	48%
DISTRICT 15	89,965	110,253	23%
CUSTER	786,820	954,417	21%
Angostura	110,466	133,703	21%
Sheps Canyon	3,208	17,731	453%
DISTRICT 17	113,674	151,434	33%
PIERRE OFFICE	140,826	75,059	-47%
TOTAL:	3,006,122	3,556,087	18%

**South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks - Wildlife Division
Land Acquisition and Disposal Report
May 2014**

Action Items

Van Hecke Property

Location: Northwest Moody County

Description: 160 acre tract of restored grassland and wetland

Management Objective: Wildlife management and public hunting

Cost: \$160,000.00 - Acquisition will be funded through a Wildlife & Sport Fish Restoration program grant (P-R) with cost share contribution from the Minnehaha County PF Chapter and the Brookings County Pheasant Restoration PF Chapter.

Expected Closing: May 2014

Requested Commission Action: Adopt RESOLUTION 14-03 authorizing and approving the purchase the parcel

Railroad ROW addition to Lynbye GPA

Location: Northeast Clark County

Description: 5.16 acre abandoned RR ROW bisecting the Lynbye GPA

Objective: Acquire an inholding

Cost: \$7,740.00

Expected Closing: May 2014

Requested Commission Action: Adopt RESOLUTION 14-04 authorizing and approving the purchase the parcel

Information Items

None

Early Development Items

Twin Lakes Access Property

Location: Eastern Kingsbury County

Description: 153 acre tract with shoreline access to Twin Lakes

Management Objective: Fishing and boating access, wildlife management, and public hunting opportunities

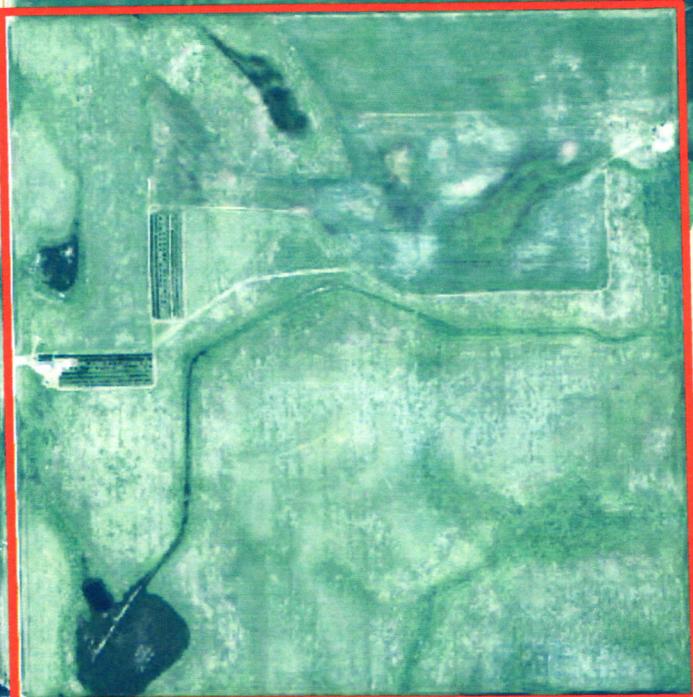
Cost: Property is being appraised

Expected Closing: Unknown



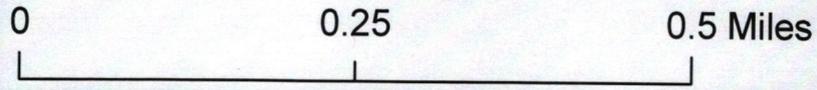
Division of Wildlife

Van Hecke Property
Moody County



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