

AGENDA
Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
May 7-8, 2015
Custer State Park-Creekside Lodge
US Highway 16A, Custer, SD 57730

Governance from 8-11:30 a.m.

Call to order 1 p.m. MDT

Division of Administration

Action items:

1. Approve minutes of the April 2015 meeting
<http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/commission>
2. Additional Commissioner salary days
3. License list requests

Proposals

4. Non-resident waterfowl licenses
5. Special Canada goose
6. East River Deer Hunting Season
7. West River Deer Hunting Season
8. Black Hills Deer Hunting Season
9. Custer State Park Deer Hunting Season
10. Refuge Deer Hunting Season
11. Archery Deer Hunting Season
12. Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Season
13. Youth Deer Hunting Season
14. Furbearer seasons
15. Crossbow requirements
16. Boat lighting requirements

Open Forum

Division of Wildlife

Action items:

17. Outdoor Campus West property addition
18. Adopt the Black Hills fisheries management plans

Information items:

19. Deer management and research
20. Sportsmen Against Hunger
21. AIS rule implementation and outreach
22. Fish spawning
23. Avian Influenza
24. Leadership development program

25. License sales
26. Miscellaneous updates

Division of Parks and Recreation

Action items:

27. SD Building Authority Custer State Park Bonding Resolution
28. Angostura Concession Amendment

Information items:

29. Custer State Park Resorts bonding project
30. Custer State Park Visitor Center Film
31. Parks Revenue and Camping Reservations
32. Miscellaneous updates

Adjourn

Friday, May 8, 10 a.m. Donor Recognition Event

Next meeting information:

June 4-5, 2015, **8 a.m.** start time with **2 p.m.** public hearing
Pierre Ramkota RiverCenter

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
April 1-2, 2015

Chairman John Cooper called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. at the Days Inn Convention Center in Brookings, South Dakota. Commissioners John Cooper, Cathy Peterson, Jim Spies, Barry Jensen, Gary Jensen, H. Paul Dennert, and W. Scott Phillips were present. Duane Sather was absent. Department Secretary Kelly Hepler was present along with approximately forty-six SDSU students, and one hundred public, staff, and media members. Cooper welcomed the SDSU students and their instructor.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

Approve minutes

Chairman Cooper called for any changes to the agenda and none were brought forward. Cooper then requested a motion to approve the minutes of the March Commission meeting indicating that the Ken in the blue shirt was Kenny Dell.

Motion by Peterson with second by Spies to approve the March minutes with the correction. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Salary Days

Chairman Cooper called for additional salary days and Gary Jensen and Jim Spies each claimed one for media training in Pierre.

Motion by Dennert with second by Phillips TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL SALARY DAYS AS REQUESTED. Motion carried unanimously.

License List Requests

There were no license list requests for Commission consideration.

PROPOSALS

Chief Tom Kirschenmann shared that the season setting recommendations presented today would be starting a three-year cycle in the multi-season setting schedule the Commission agreed to earlier this year. Any recommended changes would be presented if or when an environmental or habitat concern should arise during the three-year cycle.

Tundra Swan Hunting Season

Kirschenmann presented the season dates, open areas, license numbers, requirements, and restrictions for the Tundra Swan Hunting Season along with harvest information. There were no recommended changes to the season and no action as required or taken.

August Management Take

Kirschenmann presented the season dates, open areas, license numbers, requirements, and restrictions for the August Management Take that included number of hunters, days hunted, and harvest for the past five years. There were no recommended changes to the season and no action was required or taken.

Grouse and Partridge Hunting Seasons

Kirschenmann presented the season dates, open areas, license numbers, requirements, and restrictions for the Grouse and Partridge Hunting Seasons that included number of hunters and harvest. Discussion included the request last year for a resident only season. There were no recommended changes to the season and no action was required or taken.

Pheasant Hunting Seasons

Chief Kirschenmann presented the season dates, open areas, daily and possession limits, requirements, and restrictions for the Youth, Resident, and Pheasant Hunting Seasons with no recommended changes. Kirschenmann indicated the first pheasant season was in 1919 and will soon be celebrating the 100th anniversary. The 2014 season information and population information is later in the agenda. No action was required or taken.

Quail Hunting Season

Kirschenmann presented the season dates, open area, daily and possession limits, requirements, and restrictions with no recommended changes to the Quail Hunting Season. Harvest information was included and no action was required or taken.

Cottontail Rabbit Hunting Season

Kirschenmann presented the season information with no recommended changes to the Cottontail Rabbit Hunting Season. Harvest information was included and no action was required or taken.

Tree Squirrel Hunting Season

Kirschenmann presented the season information with no recommended changes to the Tree Squirrel Hunting Season. Harvest information was included and no action was required or taken.

Crow/Crane/Snipe Hunting Seasons

Kirschenmann presented the season dates, open areas, daily and possession limits, requirements, and restrictions for the Crow, Crane, and Snipe Hunting Seasons along with additional supporting information. There were no recommended changes to these seasons and no action was required or taken.

Mourning Dove Hunting Season

Kirschenmann presented season dates, open areas, daily and possession limits, requirements, and restrictions for the Mourning Dove Hunting Season along with

harvest information. There were no recommended changes and no action was required or taken.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing for items listed under Finalizations began at 1:57 p.m. and ended at 2:16. Minutes of the Public Hearing follow these minutes.

Non-resident waterfowl work group information

Director Leif indicated a majority of the work group members were present today; and presented the PowerPoint Presentation that was given at a work group meeting. The presentation included the non-resident waterfowl history of legislative action.

Tom Kirschenmann gave a Power Point Presentation to showing license allocation and distribution information that was presented at a work group meeting.

Director Leif then used a PowerPoint to present the twelve recommendations developed by the work group members Representative Dick Werner, Representative Spencer Hawley, Senator Bill Van Gerpen, Chuck Dieter, Chris Hesla, Norb Barrie, Larry Steffen, GFP Commissioner Gary Jensen, and GFP Commissioner Paul Dennert. Leif indicated the work group members had no rule-making authority but were to work towards a consensus of recommendations. Leif stated that some recommendations had opposition and he noted those oppositions. Leif indicated GFP staff would prepare the work group recommendations into a proposal format for Commission consideration at the May Commission meeting.

Senator Bill Van Gerpen shared his concerns regarding the proposed changes and that he introduced SB164 last year for 300 3-day licenses for the southeast corner the state as shown in the history of the legislation. He thought it is logical that the GFP Commission have the authority and that why this issue is here today. Van Gerpen realizes compromise is important which is why he backed off from 300 to 50 licenses and supports the change. The recommendations are not creating new licenses but are reallocating the existing licenses. He encouraged favorable consideration of the work group recommendations.

Representative Dick Werner stated he was responsible to get this before the Commission and this is the only legislation of wildlife not governed by Commission and stated that the majority of legislature supported this change. The work group members treated everyone with respect during their meetings. Werner believes this is a social issue and that is what the GFP Commission manages. Werner indicated that pressure points were identified by the work group and he understands the pressure in those areas; and he believes there is opportunity to reallocate licenses to spread out the opportunity to hunt. He stated we are not here to increase the licenses but to redistribute the licenses; things have changed since the 1980's and migration patterns have changed; and there is a need to redistribute licenses in order to promote the sport. He realizes there is a decline of interest in the sport and there is a need to promote it for future of the sport. His request is to support the work group's recommendations.

Representative Spencer Hawley welcomed the Commission and staff to Brookings. Hawley mentioned the indoor archery range and that the old landfill is now a park and the ponds are stocked with fish and that canoers are enjoying it as well.

Hawley then shared his history of involvement of the waterfowl issue from the GFP Commission perspective and more recently as a Legislator. He believes the Commission can make more informed decisions on this issue. He stated there are important economic issues; and the quality of life issue which includes hunting and fishing. He likes the concept to reduce pressure in the northeast; and likes distributing licenses in the north central zone that would bring in 200 new hunters to waterfowl hunting with this distribution change. He is comfortable with recommendations and believes they are as good as options as could be recommended. He would like to see a 100 more youth licenses; and he understands that there will be an impact on resident hunters with these recommended changes.

Chuck Deiter, representing the South Dakota Waterfowl Association (SDWA), representing 500 waterfowl hunters, stated their goal is to preserve the quality of waterfowl hunting in South Dakota for future generations. He believes the group was unbalanced as he and Hesla represent 1000s of hunters and each had one seat. He stated his concerns with the work group members in that some have commercial connections and are serving on the work group. He thought it was hard to get his point across. He counted the public comments, stating that ninety percent of resident's comments wanted reduction or no increase in licenses; the few residents that wanted more were licenses were commercial or business owners; and forty-five percent of the comments were against any increase and liked the current season and opportunity for non-residents. He believes the work group disregarded wishes of those representing the 1000s of hunters. He supports the youth licenses and that the 100 new licenses would mean a net increase of 400 new hunters in central South Dakota. He stated hunting is important to the quality of life and should not be commercialized; there is no justification to increase the number of hunters and that waterfowl hunters have been compromising on this. Residents are losing out each time there is compromise and he does not support increase licenses and he knows the Commission represents all hunters in South Dakota. Non-resident hunters can get a license about two out of three years and they do not want any more competition for licenses. The 1,500 licenses from Pierre area were okay with resident hunters and are not "left over" licenses but are dedicated to that area.

Norb Barrie, President of South Dakota Opportunity Group, shared his thoughts about serving on the work group. He stated HB1185 was supported statewide by some of the largest entities such as the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce, Shawn Lyons of South Dakota Retailers, Rosy Smith of the Great Lakes and Glacial Lakes Area of Watertown, and Chris Hesla of the South Dakota Wildlife Federation endorsed it. When in committee, Nathan Sanderson supported it as well as GFP, and Shantel Krebs, committee chairperson, supported HB1185 to get it passed. Individuals, small business owners, residents, and non-residents supported HB1185 to improve the economy of all South Dakota residents. He requested support for the recommendations of the work group. He believes the 5% increase should be used to encourage youth to hunt.

Rich Widman, President of South Dakota Wildlife Federation (SDWF), stated this organization started in 1945 to support hunting for residents. He stated his concern

about the makeup of the work group and that SDWF represented many hunters across the state. SDWF agrees that South Dakota waterfowl hunting should remain as it is because it is a hunting paradise and non-residents want to come here. Non-residents know they will get good hunting; and that they can get a license about every other year; and that it is hard to get quality hunts anywhere. He feels commercial interests do not realize ducks are not pheasants and that ducks will leave an area when continually hunted and then there will be no hunters and no revenue from hunters. He wants to keep things as they are.

Commissioner Gary Jensen shared his thoughts about keeping his neutrality as a GFP Commissioner member and that he heard the comments from SDWA and SDWF and appreciates their viewpoint. He realizes 90-98 percent of comments want no changes and he recognizes the recommendation would have an increase of about 400 new hunters. He understands the issue is not about the numbers of ducks and geese; but the issue may be access to have a place to hunt and access has not really been addressed by the work group. He believes CO's could assist with this issue.

Commissioner Paul Dennert stated he has dealt with this issue for many years and that South Dakota is a great state to live in and hunt in. He believes the recommendations creates 400 possible more hunters and the main recommendation was a consensus. He continues to have concerns as well. He believes there will be pressure all the time and he needs to consider all sides of the issue. He is happy this is before the Commission and believes no change would be appropriate depending on recommendations presented at the May Commission meeting.

Chuck Dieter stated he appreciated the efforts of all work group members and their hard work to reduce hunting pressure and tags in the northeast.

OPEN FORUM on non-resident waterfowl

Dave Bankers of Marshall County stated the hunting pressure has increased over past years; especially on weekends during the pheasant season and when ducks are flying. He appreciated the working group's efforts to manage pressure and believes central South Dakota could use more pressure. He likes involvement of conservation officers at access areas especially on weekends. He believes there is too much pressure in the northeast and he has a brother and son who are happy to come back on the lottery basis in order to have access to a quality hunt. He encouraged favorable support for the resident hunter and quality hunts.

Art Russo of Aberdeen, SD, owns and operates a lodge and is concerned about the recommendations of the working group. He made an investment to develop his business based on laws in effect at that time. He believes the working group recommendations will have detrimental effect on his business in the north central counties because hunters follow the ducks. He sees no reason why the working group would focus on north central South Dakota, as there is no pressure in his area. He believes this will add congestion to both units and not change pressure in northeast. He respectfully requested Commission consider no change to current allocations, He wants to leave it as is as non-resident hunters like the two to three chance for a license and it is working quite well. Do nothing, leave as is.

Bob Olson of Aberdeen, SD, remains in South Dakota because of the outdoor opportunity and believes we are losing opportunity as the northeast has reached saturation. He stated it is hard to find opportunity from landowners as it has been reserved by non-resident hunters. Resident hunters have a hard time to find place to hunt and please listen to the waterfowl hunters and understand the need for the reduction of licenses in northeast. Bob asked the Commission to listen to the passion of resident hunters.

Tom Curran of Yankton, SD, provided written testimony and commented that the Wildlife Division tried to quantify where hunter density is located. He does not believe this is an accurate comparison due to habitat and weather conditions. In the southeast, ninety plus percent of hunters hunt on the Missouri River. He talked about the quality of the hunt; and that non-residents that hunt with him are happy with a quality hunt every two to three years and they are okay with and like the current system.

Rich Barnett likes what was in statute as sportsmen have comprised over the years and given up more than their opponents give. HB1185 was passed and was hog housed twice then reworked before it was passed. Now the burden is on Commission and he hopes the Commission will make a good decision and keep things the way they are.

Karen Kargo, is a landowner and animal sanctuary operator. She sees signs shot and trailers shot and vandalized by hunters. She likes to see the return of birds and wants springtime hunting abolished so the birds remain. Farming has altered seeds for planting and the ponds that birds and animals need to survive. She believes young people do not hunt for provision but that hunting is a business. She supports the preservation of animal life.

Bobby Cox of Ipswich, SD, moved here in 2002 from ND, he is a retired research biologist including hunting and movement of waterfowl and ducks. He moved here because of waterfowl hunting regulations and access. Habitat is needed to support waterfowl movement and he would like the Commission to keep the licenses as they currently are or more restrictive. Non-resident hunters like it the way is and have about an eighty percent chance to draw a license every four years. South Dakota is a great place to visit and to hunt waterfowl and better than most states. He supports the quality of life as that is why he moved here and he wants good duck hunting.

Alex Russo operates a non-resident waterfowl company in South Dakota. He served as a U.S. Marine and wanted to start a company to assist people who cannot afford to hunt. North central South Dakota has good hunting because the migration has moved to the west. People follow the migration to hunt. He does not want an influx of licenses and wants it left alone, it is a well-oiled machine, if it is not broken don't fix it, leave it as is. We do not need to change this stuff.

Paul Jensen of Dell Rapids has hunted waterfowl for sixty years. He lets kids hunt his sloughs, and believes local people need to be considered before non-residents.

Curt Tesch of Roberts County moved here 26 years ago for resident hunting privileges and moved his company here. The hunting pressure has increased in Roberts County and the public slough near his house; and with the 3-day license, many Minnesota hunters show up on his spot. The pressure last year moved birds out of his area. Minnesota hunters are day hunters and leave no tourist dollars here.

Martin Hesby of Brookings, SD, stated he wants the good quality of life in South Dakota; and the outdoor opportunity is why he lives here. He loves South Dakota and sees this as an opportunity to make a decision to draw a line to stand with residents or commercial and non-resident interests. Non-resident waterfowl hunters spend many dollars in South Dakota as do resident hunters who following the ducks. Simplify this issue and take to heart what South Dakota residents say. He believes this is a bad recommendation, to reallocate licenses, as it will increase hunters, and it is already a circus out there. Pressure and saturation is real. Please kill the recommendation and support SDWF and SDWA recommendations. The recommendations should be based on the residents' position on this issue. You can't have more than five percent increase each year and the reallocation recommendation is way above the five percent increase in that zone, he is concerned about the legality of this.

Clint Hagge of Brookings, SD, stated hunting is good and every year pressure has increased from Brookings to DeSmet to Webster. He was turned down thirty times last year when asking landowner permission to hunt and it was discouraging. Pressure is saturated in eastern South Dakota and many non-resident students come here just to hunt as they are grandfathered into hunting. The pressure from these students is great as they can hunt every day, not only the weekends. Keep things as they are or decrease licenses to keep the quality of life in South Dakota.

Casey Wiesman of Aberdeen, SD, stated waterfowl hunting is near and dear to his heart and that is why he returned to South Dakota. Commercial operations and landowners still own land and give people permission to hunt. He promotes South Dakota at travel shows and he gets lots of comments about waterfowl hunting and how hard it is to get a license. The non-resident never brings up access to lands to hunt. The reallocation is making it confusing for everyone and he wants things to stay as they are. This is a great working model and works for resident and nonresident hunters. There is a need to work with landowners, as habitat is key to good hunting. He would like to see things stay as they are. South Dakota is the number one destination for waterfowl hunting and North Dakota is not far behind. Keep things the same.

Jeff Smerak is self-educated with the presentations today and non-resident licenses are more abundant than he previously thought and the demand is lower than he expected. Of the recommendations brought forward today, he supports changes to address the pressure in the northeast region. He believes the season starts way too early and the youth season is used to educate youth and is too early for identification education.

OPEN FORUM other comments

Mike Cummings of Rapid City and owns a bait shop. He stated the fish management plan for the next five years provides for hatchery trout and he has 1000s of people who want panfish, northern, and walleye in the southern Black Hills lakes. There are two main streams managed for trout and that sportsmen want another unique opportunity to fish for walleye - something other than trout in lakes. He presented a petition with more than 341 signatures for walleye, 206 signatures for northern pike, and 204 signatures for pan fish support. Pan fish and northern are in Pactola with trophy pike fishing and there are visitors coming from all over to enjoy this.

He supports stocking walleyes in Black Hills lakes and believes Deerfield Lake is overrun with rock bass, stunted perch, and white suckers with no predator fish in it. He made requests two years ago for changes at Deerfield Lake and received no response. He suggested putting 5-10,000 adult walleye in Deerfield Lake to make a better fishery. Deerfield Lake does not allow live bait and is a no wake lake with no jet skis and motorboats.

Cooper asked about the process Cummings followed and if he provided written comments and recommendations to fisheries staff or the Department as social and biological issues need to be considered. Cummings reference Rapid City Journal article and he believes the people want the change to have additional opportunity to fish other species than trout in the Black Hills.

Chairman Cooper called a recess at 5:08 p.m. and the meeting would resume at 8 a.m. the next morning. The meeting resumed at 8 a.m. the next morning with Commissioners Cooper, Peterson, Barry Jensen, Gary Jensen, Jim Spies, Paul Dennert, and Scott Phillips present. Secretary Hepler was present along with about forty public, staff, and media.

FINALIZATIONS

Tom Kirschenmann reminded the Commission about the multiyear season setting schedule and that the elk hunting seasons will be brought back next year with recommendations to begin the multiyear season setting schedule for elk at that time.

Archery Elk Hunting Season 41:06:43

Chad Switzer presented the proposed changes indicating the changes recommended last month and proposed by the Commission were within the 2015-2019 Elk Management Plan guidelines. Switzer indicated there are no recommended changes to Archery Elk Hunting Season proposal.

1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 92 "any elk" and 15 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 107 licenses) to 144 "any elk" and 56 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 200 licenses).
2. Repeal Unit AEE-ZZ1.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Spies TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO THE ARCHERY ELK HUNTING SEASON 41:06:43 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Black Hills Elk Hunting Season 41:06:26

Switzer presented the proposed changes to the Black Hills Elk Hunting Season with no recommended changes to proposal and that the proposed changes are consistent with the 2015-2019 Elk Management Plan guidelines. Discussion included the desire to let the public know the unit/areas the Department plans to slowly grow the elk herd.

1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 420 "any elk" and 250 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 670 licenses) to 430 "any elk" and 500 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 930 licenses).

2. Allocate a pool of "antlerless elk" contingency licenses, up to 20% of antlerless licenses available from all Black Hills hunting units combined, which would be issued by GFP Commission resolution in August if summer range conditions dictate the use of contingency licenses.

Motion by Phillips with second by Dennert TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO THE BLACK HILLS ELK HUNTING SEASON 41:06:26 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Prairie Elk Hunting Season 41:06:59

Switzer presented the proposed changes to the Prairie Elk Hunting Season indicating there are no population or management goals for the prairie herd.

1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 57 "any elk" and 36 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 93 licenses) to 48 "any elk" and 50 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 98 licenses).
2. No licenses issued for Unit 30A (portions of Gregory County).
3. Add that portion of Jackson County south of SD Highway 44 and BIA Highway 2 to Unit 11A,B,C,D.
4. Change the season dates for Unit 11C from the second Sunday of October to December 31 to the second Sunday of October to November 30.
5. Repeal Unit PRE-ZZ1.

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

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

Chad Switzer presented the proposed changes to the Custer State Park Elk Hunting Season (Any Elk) with no recommended changes to proposal.

1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 5 "any elk" (including 1 "any elk" raffle license) to 8 "any elk" (including 1 "any elk" raffle license) licenses.
2. Repeal Unit CUE-ZZ1.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Peterson TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO THE CUSTER STATE PARK ELK HUNTING SEASON (ANY ELK) 41:06:27 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Mountain Goat Hunting Season 41:06:29

Chad Switzer presented the proposed changes to the Mountain Goat Hunting Season indicating the changes will start the multiyear cycle for this season and will be set for the next two years.

1. Offer 2 "any mountain goat" licenses.
2. Change the season dates from the first Saturday of October- October 31 to September 1- December 31.

Motion by Spies with second by Peterson TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO THE MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTING SEASON 41:06:29 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

**Hunting party size restriction - Hunting Requirements and Prohibited Methods
41:06:04**

Andy Alban presented the proposed changes to clarify who is counted in the size of a hunting party and that this change came from a bill introduced in the 2015 Legislature.

Amend 41:06:04:02 to clarify that the 20 person limit on those who are engaged in party hunting only includes those persons in the party who are carrying a firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow.

Motion by Dennert with second by Barry Jensen TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO HUNTING REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITED METHODS 41:06:04 AS PROPOSED.
Motion carried unanimously.

Custer State Park Non-Trophy Bison Harvest 41:06:60

Matt Snyder presented the proposed season dates for the Custer State Park Non-Trophy Bison Harvest with no recommended changes.

Change season dates from 49 days beginning the first Saturday in October to 47 days beginning the 4th Monday in January.

Motion by Spies with second by Phillips TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO THE CUSTER STATE PARK NON-TROPHY BISON HARVEST 41:06:60 AS PROPOSED.
Motion carried unanimously.

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

Elk Management Plan Action

Chief Tom Kirschenmann handed out the updated version of the 2015-2019 Elk Management plan and a sheet outlining the final edits. He indicated this is a work in progress that began a year and a half ago that started with a public survey that became the foundation to move forward for the drafting of the plan. The seventeen-member elk stakeholder group met four times to discuss size of herd and depredation issues as well as habitat, environmental conditions, and social tolerance. This is a guiding document for everyone, the Commission, the Department, and the public. Forage has become an important concern and staff will continue to work with the Forest Service on management and allocation of forage for livestock and elk.

Kirschenmann provided information on the license contingency plan as this approach is an emergency plan for such situations as drought or fire conditions; and the plan will allow an immediate action by the Commission to reduce the herd. The Department will provide information based on the current environmental conditions to the Commission annually in July with a briefing and discussion of possible action in August. A resolution will be presented to the Commission in August, if needed, regarding the contingency licenses to allow additional antlerless tags to be available for hunters to apply for. These licenses are for an immediate response and will begin the process that will include efforts to move the herd from the current population level. License allocations for the continued environmental conditions will come as a

recommendation the following year. The population objectives will be addressed during the regular season setting process as the contingency plan is an immediate response for emergency conditions. Discussion included how to get public or private insight when using the contingency plan before a resolution is considered. Kirschenmann indicated an approach will be developed before the resolution is drafted.

Kirschenmann indicated that this has been a long, healthy process with good collaboration; staff has worked hard to prepare this plan and Kirschenmann supported approval of the 2015-2019 Elk Management Plan.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Barry Jensen TO APPROVE THE SOUTH DAKOTA ELK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2015-2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Land Acquisition Report

Paul Coughlin provided information that the SD Parks and Wildlife Foundation Board (PWF) has approved the assignment of a purchase agreement for 6.64 acres land owned by Harney Lumber Company adjacent to the Rapid City Outdoor Campus West and that PWF approved \$38,000 for the non-federal match needed for a federal aid grant to complete the purchase. The property will be used for overflow parking at the Outdoor Campus West and equipment storage. This may be an action item for the Commission at the next meeting.

Upland game hunting season and populations

Travis Runia provide a PowerPoint Presentation indicating the 2014 Pheasant Hunting Season saw 63,704 resident hunters harvesting 527,593 roosters for 8.6 birds per hunter. The 79,636 non-resident hunters harvested 706,145 roosters for 8.9 birds per hunter. The report showed the number of hunters since 1986, harvest estimates since 2002, and preseason population estimates since 2001.

The Prairie Grouse Hunting Season had 7,093 resident hunters and 4,532 non-resident hunters harvesting 39,179 grouse. The report showed the number of prairie grouse hunters and harvest beginning in 1945.

Elk depredation program report

Keith Fisk gave a PowerPoint Presentation that provided the history of depredation issues, social balance, pool hunts, expenditures of program efforts, and implementation of new funds and the future of the program as a result of an increase in the elk population.

Brookings Outdoor Adventure Center and Nature Park

Chief Scott Simpson introduced Dennis Hetrick, Manager of the Brookings Outdoor Adventure Center. Hetrick indicated the Center is busy with an archery program, a 4-H program, and membership use. The pistol and rifle ranges were recently updated and a 12-week shoot with 30 participants was recently completed. So far in 2015, 23 one-year memberships have been sold to the pistol-rifle range and 52 full facility memberships have been sold. Pittman-Robertson grant funds thru GFP were used to upgrade the retrieval system on the pistol range. This is a great addition to the community and the state. Hetrick extended an invitation for everyone to visit the center.

Chief Simpson indicated \$350,000 of federal grant funds were used for this facility along with \$25,000 of hard dollars and it is a great partnership for the Department and the Brookings community.

License Sales Report

Chief Simpson indicated resident and non-resident fishing license sales remain ahead of last year.

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Roy Lake Resort Concession

Concession Manager Sean Blanchette indicated the current Roy Lake Resort concession owner, Janice K. Pitzl, submitted a "Letter of Intent to Sell" her interests in the business on March 16. The packet provided by Pitzl included a brief description, asset list, and purchase options.

The current lease is operating under the 1990 version of the ARSD 41:13 concession rules which allows the concessionaire to establish the sale price which Pitzl has set at \$1,195,000. The price includes the interest in the resort buildings, rental boats, personal property such as furniture, fixtures, equipment; as well as intangible assets such as business name and website, customer and marketing list, and ten years of sales receipts.

Blanchette stated the next step in the sale process is to issue and advertise a prospectus for the opportunity. The recommended requirements for a new lease to be advertised are: a 10-year term; same service levels and season as currently required; continue with current franchise fee structure of 4% on sales up to \$200,000 and 5% on sales in excess of \$200,000; and the addition of a 2% Repair and Maintenance reserve.

Blanchette requested permission to issue and advertise a prospectus for the Roy Lake Resort Concession opportunity. The prospectus would advertise for about three months with proposals due in late summer or early fall. If no proposals are received, Mrs. Pitzl would continue to operate the resort under the current contract terms. Discussion included the condition of the operation and buildings.

Motion by Spies with second by Barry Jensen TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ISSUE AND ADVERTISE THE PROSPECTUS FOR THE ROY LAKE RESORT CONCESSION AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Good Earth State Park

Director Doug Hofer indicated the geoglyphs were identified and the tribes did exercise their right to the cultural ties to ancestors. The tribes monitored the work at the site and formally notified the Department that they desired to know how this affects the construction process. A formal consultation meeting between the National Park Service, GFP, and the Ponca and Omaha tribes resulted in an agreement with the tribes that the Department will relocate the visitor center to the homestead site provided: 1) the Department could secure additional property to the west of the homestead site for the

visitor center; 2) the Department would replace top soil and return it to native grass to preserve the geoglyphs; and 3) the Department could use the area without disturbing the plow zone.

The South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation has purchased forty acres of property to provide access to Good Earth State Park. The adjacent landowner has agreed to a trade of about fifteen acres and a survey has been ordered. Later this month the PWF will be asked to consider and approve the trade and turn the property over to the Department. This transaction will provide the additional property needed to move the visitor center to the homestead site and meet the agreement with tribes. Hofer stated the additional acreage is needed as a buffer for the visitor center road and parking. The consultant engineer, HDR, has been asked to rework the design at the new location and be ready to move forward with the project.

The Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) process similar to the one followed with the Custer State Park Visitor Center will be used for the Good Earth State Park visitor center. Three Sioux Falls based companies have responded to the RFP for CMR services at Good Earth and next week the building committee will interview those firms and make a selection. Commissioner Peterson was appointed last year to represent the Commission on the building committee.

The construction process goal is to begin this fall developing the roads and the visitor center construction may be completed in July of 2016. Hofer indicated work continues to solidify the PWF pledge and financial commitment to the project and that the Department financial portion was completed in the FY2016 budget approved by the 2015 Legislature. Hofer indicated a cultural resource survey of the homestead property will happen in the next fifteen days to determine if there are any cultural resource limitations on the development adjacent to the new visitor center.

Oahe Downstream Concession

Sean Blanchette shared that an RFP was advertised last December with a deadline of March 1, 2015. No proposals were received and Steve Rounds will continue to operate the Oahe Marina Concession.

Department of Health project with fourth graders

Bob Schneider indicated the National Park Service, on their 100th anniversary in 2016, will offer every fourth grader a family pass to the National Parks. Schneider indicated the Department does not have the authority to give away annual park passes; however, the South Dakota Department of Health has agreed to provide a grant that will underwrite the cost of providing all South Dakota fourth graders a day pass into the state parks. The 12,500 fourth grade students in South Dakota will receive a certificate next month to exchange at a state park for a \$6 day pass allowing them to enjoy a state park during 2015. The American Heart Association and the South Dakota Parks and Recreation Association have partnered with the Parks Division to help promote the program in the media. Participation will be measured for future opportunity to promote healthier lifestyles.

Parks Revenue and Camping Reservations

Director Hofer reported revenue for the first three months shows 12-13% ahead of last year due to camping reservations for the coming season. He believes the two reasons for this increase is more midweek and shoulder season use; and people are making their reservations earlier in the year. Lake Francis Case parks, Lake Oahe parks, and Lake Sharp parks are all up 15-16%, above the statewide average increase. March use may be up due to the nice weather along the river and there could be additional gains in April.

Miscellaneous Updates

Director Hofer shared that 2019 could be a great year to celebrate for the Department as it is also the 100th anniversary of Custer State Parks and Peter Norbeck advocated both Custer State Park and the pheasant season.

Hofer shared that the Custer State Park Resorts winter getaway packages at Blue Bell Lodge were well-received and were great experiences. Hofer stated that at the May Commission meeting the Commissioners will see the schematic design of the Custer State Park Resort improvements that were authorized in the 2015 bonding legislation.

Sean Blanchette indicated the closing for the sale of the Lewis and Clark Resort Concession was completed on March 18 and that Jeff VanMeeteren is working with the new owner on a smooth transition. The restaurant sublease is being negotiated; and the boat slip contracts have been sent out with most of them returned. The convenience store preparation is in progress.

Cooper revisited the non-resident waterfowl work group recommendations asking for staff comments.

Hepler stated he asked staff to stay neutral on this issue as he believes the Legislature put this to the Commission. Hepler indicated the Commission and the staff can continue to review the work group recommendations. The Department will not be bringing recommendations; the issue is for the Commission to determine the implementation of the recommendations from the work group. Hepler stated this is a social issue and the Commission will need to make decisions on this issue.

Discussion ensued on the process and the timing of the process over the next couple of months. Legislature expectations were reviewed indicating there were no specific expectations; however, some legislators believed the Commission would take action to address the issue within the limitation of increasing licenses up to five percent per year.

Chief Kirschenmann shared that Avian Influenza has spread across the country, and that a poultry flock in Beadle County has been confirmed by a national laboratory. The Department has been in contact with APHIS, the Department of Health, and the Animal Industry Board, and GFP has been asked to monitor wild birds. The Department has an ongoing research project and staff will gather samples to assist with monitoring especially during the bird and duck banding projects and into the fall with regular staff

activities. The Ag community and trade side of the poultry business will be affected more than the Department but there may be an effect on migrating birds or other birds.

Hepler reported that he has traveled 1,700 miles to meet supervisors, staff, hatcheries and visited the outdoor campuses, Good Earth, Lewis and Clark Recreation Area, and Custer State Park. He indicated we have incredible staff and that the Commission is engaged in the business of Game, Fish, and Parks.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Gary Jensen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly R. Hepler, Department Secretary

Public Hearing Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
April 1, 2015

Public Hearing Officer Scott Simpson began the Public Hearing at 2 p.m. at the Days Inn Convention Center in Brookings, South Dakota. Commissioners Cooper, Peterson, Barry Jensen, Jim Spies, Gary Jensen, H. Paul Dennert, and W. Scott Phillips were present. Written and email comments received prior to the meeting were provided to the Commissioners for consideration and will be reflected in these minutes. Oral testimony was limited to three minutes and each person provided their name, city, and state on the sign-in sheet at the microphone.

Elk Hunting Seasons

Jacob A. Sharp of Black Hawk, SD, emailed: "...If a state resident gets to the age of 80 years old and has never gotten an elk tag it should be automatic to get one. All residents should get a least 1 elk tag in their lifetime..."

Gary Hendrickson of Belle Fourche, SD, emailed: "...to voice my concern on the increased amount of cow elk tags that are being proposed. Last fall during all the elk seasons in H1 unit I did not see the number of elk that would warrant an increase in cow tags for that area. I do not understand the rationale behind the increase in those licenses..."

Richard D. Trapp of Rapid City, SD, emailed: "I do not feel that the proposed increase in hunting licenses is the proper thing to do as it appears the herd population appears to have finally taken a modest increase. I would suggest that the commission only do 25% of the proposed increase to hunting licenses..."

Tina Abrahamson of Black Hawk, SD, emailed: "I believe it would be beneficial to have a hunting season for elk, only if there is a high enough count to maintain enough here for a continued healthy population of them. However, there must be care taken in the sexes allowed to be hunted, so as to keep balance here in the hills."

Pat Coy of Custer, SD, emailed: "...I ranch in unit 2 I understand you are proposing to add 400 head of antlerless tags. That is a good place to start..."

Dylan Deuter of Ree Heights, SD, emailed: "I think you are still putting out too many cow tags..."

Jake Leibke of Garden City, SD, emailed: "I believe the proposed increase in cow elk tags would be detrimental to the South Dakota elk herd. It seems as though our elk herd is just starting to make a comeback and this increase would be major setback to the gains made in the past few years..."

Oral testimony:

Dillion Dueter of Ree Heights, SD, stated he liked the increase of archery elk tags as less impact than with additional the firearm elk tags. He does not like contingency plan and to remove cattle from grazing off pastures in August and then issue more elk tags, doesn't make for a good plan.

Rick Hanson of Spearfish, SD, stated in the archery season he agrees with the changes. He did not know about elk stakeholder group and is in the Black Hills taking photos, guiding, or hunting 100-120 days a year. He has a problem with the contingency

plan. The state is in charge of the elk and Forest Service has control of the forage and there will be plenty of forage in the next few years. The Forest Service has no contingency plan...He has concerns about the contingency plan and wants to kill it.

Custer State Park Non-Trophy Bison Harvest

No written or oral testimony was received.

Mountain Goat Hunting Season

Tina Abrahamson of Black Hawk, SD, emailed: "...if this commission feels that there is a high enough population to allow a few goats to be taken, then I would be comfortable with that..."

Vicki Schlieff of Silver City, SD, emailed: "...I don't understand why we need to always think about hunting them versa relocating them-so others can enjoy the beauty of these magnificent animals...I hope there's NOT a hunting season for them..."

Kathy McDaniel of Rapid City, SD, emailed: "I am very opposed to opening a mountain goat hunting season in the Black Hills...Please disapprove the proposed hunting season and leave these animals for all of us in the Black Hills to enjoy."

No oral testimony was received.

Hunting party size restriction

Charlie Johnson of Gregory, SD, emailed: "...I would like the party size limit of 20 be amended to count only weapon carrying pheasant hunters towards the party size and not count non-weapon carrying guides or non-hunting spectators..."

No oral testimony was presented.

The Public Hearing concluded at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly R. Hepler, Department Secretary

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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Application

Type of List Requested License Taxidermists

Number of licenses in list Whole List

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:
Rinehart Taxidermy, Inc.

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:
203 S. Main Street

Edgerton, WI 53534

How would you like your list sent to you: (email or disk)

E mail

Email Address: tvenden.tasco@gmail.com

Phone Number
608-884-3047

Purpose for which list will be used:
To Mail our latest (2015-2016) supply catalog for their businesses

This list is Names and Mailing Addresses ONLY

The sale of lists by the Department of Game, Fish & Parks is authorized by SDCL 1-27-1 and ARSD 41:06:02:04, 05 and 06. The fee for a Game, Fish & Parks Commission approved exception is \$100, otherwise the fee is \$100 per thousand names or a minimum of \$100 whichever is greater.

Unless requested and approved as part of this request, the license list will not include anyone under eighteen years of age. Names are for one-time use only and are to be used only by the person, entity or organization approved per this request.

Terri Venden GM

05-01-2015

Authorized Signature of Purchaser

Date

Date of Commission Action

GAME, FISH & PARKS
523 East Capital
Pierre, SD 57501
(605)773-3396

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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Type of List Requested 2014 Non-Resident Small Game

Number of Licenses in list 50,000 (\$100.00)

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:
South Dakota Wildlife Federation

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:
SDWF

Box 7075

Pierre, SD 57501-7075

Purpose for which list will be used:

SDWF would like to survey the non-resident pheasant hunters and ask them questions to the amount of fee if any they pay for access while hunting in South Dakota. Ask other types of questions regarding public land leased land, preserves, etc. and to seek their answers to approximately five other survey questions.

I would like the list to be on Disk in Access comma delineated.

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Names will be provided on self-adhesive mailing labels unless otherwise specified. Unless requested and approved as part of this request, the license list will not include anyone under eighteen years of age. Names are for one-time use only and are to be used only by the person, entity or organization approved per this request.

Authorized Signature of Purchaser

Date

Date of Commission Action

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

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**Nonresident Waterfowl Licenses
Chapters 41:06:02:03, 41:06:16 and 41:06:49**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 7-8, 2015	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 4, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre

NONRESIDENT WATERFOWL WORK GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Add Spink County to current 9-county northeast SD license unit.
2. Retain the allocation of 500 3-day licenses for the NE SD license unit.
3. Allocate 2,000 10-day licenses for the NE SD license unit.
4. Allocate 1,750 10-day licenses for the unit comprised of that part of the state not included in the NE SD and SE SD license units.
5. Remove Potter County from the central SD 3-day license unit.
 - Opposed by Dieter (SDWA)
 - Opposed by Hesla (SDWF)
6. Create a new NR license unit in northcentral SD that would include Campbell, Walworth, Potter, Faulk, Edmunds and McPherson counties.
 - Opposed by Dieter (SDWA) unless the license allocation comes from the current license allocation for the NE SD unit.
 - Opposed by Hesla (SDWF)
7. Allocate 250 3-day licenses to this new unit in north central SD that would be transferred from the central SD hunting unit.
 - Opposed by Dieter (SDWA)
 - Opposed by Hesla (SDWF)
8. Reduce the license allocation for the central SD hunting unit to 1200 licenses.
 - Opposed by Dieter (SDWA)
 - Opposed by Hesla (SDWF)
9. Transfer 50 3-day licenses from the central SD unit to the existing 5-county unit in southeastern SD along the Missouri River.
 - Opposed by Dieter (SDWA)
 - Opposed by Hesla (SDWF)
10. Absorb the current Bennett County 10-day license into the unit comprised of that part of the state not included in the NE and SE units.
11. Remove the restriction in SE SD on nonresidents hunting during the September Canada goose hunting season.
 - Opposed by Dieter (SDWA)
 - Opposed by Hesla (SDWF)
12. Create 100 NR youth waterfowl licenses (25 season-long licenses in the SE SD unit and 75 10-day licenses valid in the rest of the state).
 - Opposed by Dieter (SDWA) unless the youth license are made valid only for the youth waterfowl hunting season

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

1. Create 100 nonresident youth licenses that are valid for the youth waterfowl hunting season.
2. Establish the fee for any nonresident youth waterfowl license (Under 16 years of age) at \$10.
3. Amend 41:06:16:11.01 by removing allowances for unsold licenses to be transferred between units:
 - 41:06:16:11.01. Nonresident waterfowl license purchase restrictions -- Unsold licenses and unit transfer dates. A person may purchase only one nonresident waterfowl license for the fall-winter general waterfowl season each year; however, if licenses remain unsold after October 31, an unlimited number of nonresident

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waterfowl licenses may be purchased on a first-come, first-served basis. After October 31, any unsold licenses in Units NRW-00A or NRW-11A may be transferred to Unit NRW-00B. After November 15, any unsold licenses in Unit NRW-00Y may be transferred to Unit NRW-00X with the same provisions as Unit NRW-00X licenses.

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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Unit	2013			2014		
	Licenses Available	1 st Choice Applicants	Licenses Sold	Licenses Available	1 st Choice Applicants	Licenses Sold
NRW-00A	250	380	248	250	328	250
NRW-00B	3,725	5,139	3,723	3,725	4,902	3,725
NGW-ST1	2,000	373	373	2,000	396	396
NRW-11A	25	16	24	25	13	25
NRW-00X	1,500	61	520	1,500	23	410
NRW-00Y	500	779	500	500	935	500
NRW-ST1	10,000	N/A	4,142	10,000	N/A	4,514

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

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**Waterfowl Hunting Season – Special Canada Goose
Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:16:08**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 7-8, 2015	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 4, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Repeal 41:06:16:08. **Special Canada goose hunting unit established – Limited permits – Application.**
2. Place Bennett County into Unit 2 of the regular goose hunting season.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Of the 241 license holders that responded to the hunter harvest survey, 54% did not hunt with this license. A total of 149 hunters received multiple licenses, including 18 hunters who received the maximum of 5 licenses each.

Year	Licenses Available	1 st Choice Applicants	Licenses Sold	Unique License Holders	Geese Harvested
2010	800	524	800	681	810
2011	800	429	800	605	952
2012	800	406	800	580	1,139
2013	800	468	799	618	671
2014	800	412	800	524	585

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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 7-8, 2015	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 4, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: November 21 – December 6, 2015

December 26, 2015 – January 3, 2016 for antlerless deer tags only

Open Area: See the attached map

Licenses: 21,725 one-tag, 5,100 two-tag, and 0 three-tag licenses (total of 31,925 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, 556 “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 250 less one-tag licenses and 1,050 more two-tag licenses (2,100 tags) compared to 2014.
2. Establish Unit ERD-07B as an antlerless deer unit within Yankton County described as that portion of Yankton County south of SD Highway 50 and west of US Highway 81 (see map).

Year	Buck Tags	Doe Tags	Total Tags
2015	19,625	12,300	31,925
2014	19,375	10,700	30,075

Buck Tags (+1%)

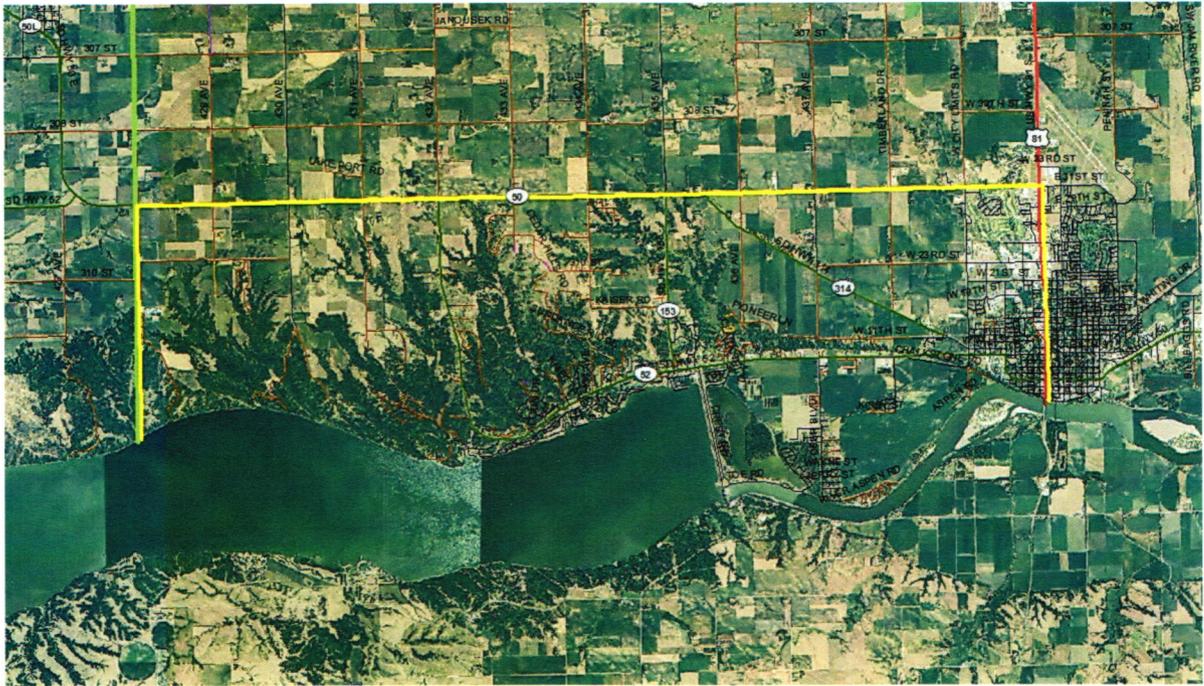
Doe Tags (+6%)

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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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Proposed Unit ERD-07B (Antlerless Deer Unit)

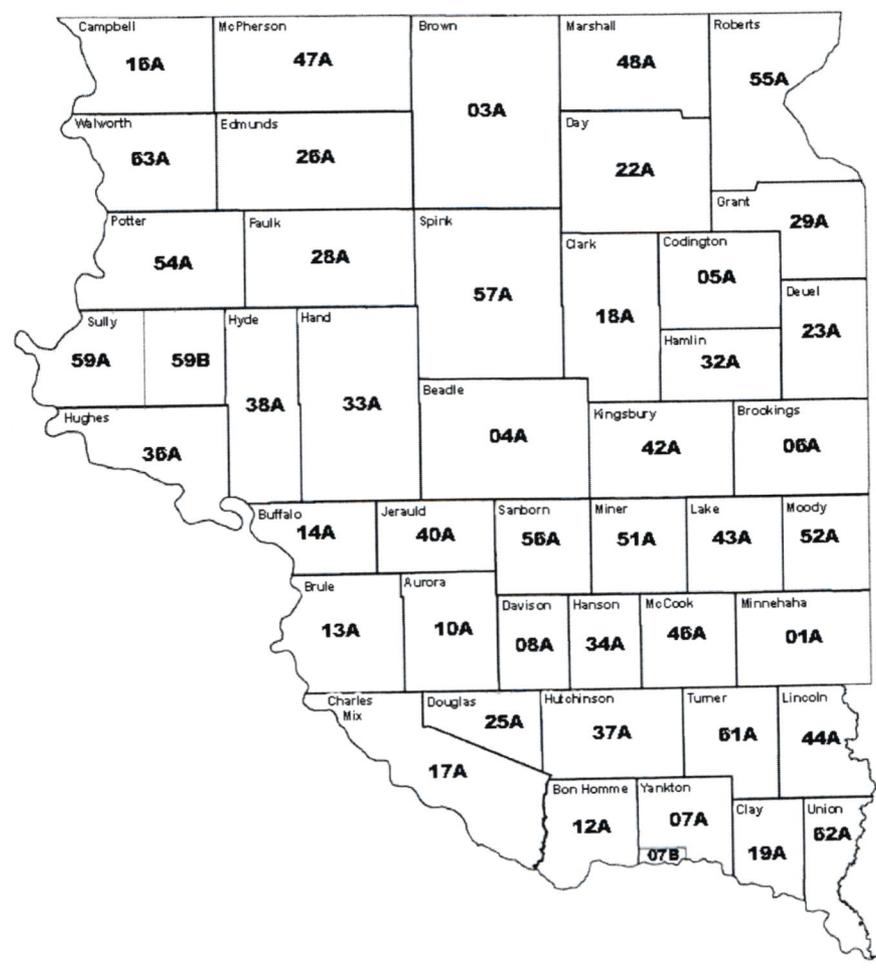


Year	Licenses Sold	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Success
2010	49,046	17,300	21,595	496	539	39,929	49%
2011	47,539	14,970	19,401	502	513	35,386	44%
2012	39,284	13,522	14,153	383	337	28,394	46%
2013	32,990	8,914	9,857	189	249	19,210	38%
2014	25,171	9,679	5,864	254	48	15,845	55%

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EAST RIVER DEER UNITS



2015 – License and Tag Numbers by Unit

01A	550	550	22A	600	600	44A	200	200
03A	1,500	1,500	23A	400	400	46A	350	350
04A	1,000	1,000	25A	250	250	47A	800	800
05A	250	250	26A	1,200	2,400	48A	500	500
06A	450	450	28A	1,500	3,000	51A	800	800
07A	150	150	29A	300	300	52A	300	300
07B	50	50	32A	600	600	54A	1,050	1,050
08A	300	300	33A	1,020	1,020	55A	400	400
10A	800	1,100	34A	300	300	56A	800	800
12A	150	150	36A	575	725	57A	1,300	1,300
13A	1,350	1,350	37A	20	20	59A	550	950
14A	400	400	38A	920	1,820	59B	470	920
16A	720	720	40A	650	850	61A	100	100
17A	450	450	42A	700	700	62A	200	200
18A	600	600	43A	350	350	63A	750	750
19A	150	150						

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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	Beadle	600	400										1,000	0	0	1,000	1,000	
05A	Codington	250											250	0	0	250	250	
06A	Brookings	450											450	0	0	450	450	
07A	Yankton	150											150	0	0	150	150	
07B	Yankton		50										50	0	0	50	50	
08A	Davison	300											300	0	0	300	300	
10A	Aurora	50						200	250				500	300	0	800	1,100	
12A	Bon Homme							150					150	0	0	150	150	
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						0	1,200	0	1,200	2,400	
28A	Faulk					600	900						0	1,500	0	1,500	3,000	
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	150	0	575	725	
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	500	200										700	0	0	700	700	
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	400										800	0	0	800	800	
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	400	400										800	0	0	800	800	
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	12,605	2,650	0	0	1,300	1,400	4,070	2,400	0	0	1,650	750	21,725	5,100	0	26,825	31,925
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
2014--2015 Comparison

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Unit #	Unit Name	2014 Resident Licenses	2015 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2014 Resident Tags	2015 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
01A	Minnehaha	550	550	0	0%	550	550	0	0%
03A	Brown	1,500	1,500	0	0%	1,500	1,500	0	0%
04A	Beadle	900	1,000	100	11%	900	1,000	100	11%
05A	Codington	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
06A	Brookings	500	450	-50	-10%	500	450	-50	-10%
07A	Yankton	100	150	50	50%	100	150	50	50%
07B	Yankton	0	50	50	NA	0	50	50	NA
08A	Davison	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
10A	Aurora	700	800	100	14%	900	1,100	200	22%
12A	Bon Homme	50	150	100	200%	50	150	100	200%
13A	Brule	1,350	1,350	0	0%	1,350	1,350	0	0%
14A	Buffalo	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
16A	Campbell	720	720	0	0%	720	720	0	0%
17A	Charles Mix	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
18A	Clark	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
19A	Clay	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
22A	Day	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
23A	Deuel	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
25A	Douglas	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
26A	Edmunds	1,200	1,200	0	0%	1,700	2,400	700	41%
28A	Faulk	1,300	1,500	200	15%	2,600	3,000	400	15%
29A	Grant	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
32A	Hamlin	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
33A	Hand	1,020	1,020	0	0%	1,020	1,020	0	0%
34A	Hanson	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
36A	Hughes	525	575	50	10%	625	725	100	16%
37A	Hutchinson	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
38A	Hyde	920	920	0	0%	1,820	1,820	0	0%
40A	Jerauld	650	650	0	0%	850	850	0	0%
42A	Kingsbury	750	700	-50	-7%	750	700	-50	-7%
43A	Lake	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
44A	Lincoln	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
46A	McCook	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
47A	McPherson	800	800	0	0%	800	800	0	0%
48A	Marshall	500	500	0	0%	500	500	0	0%
51A	Miner	700	800	100	14%	700	800	100	14%
52A	Moody	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
54A	Potter	1,050	1,050	0	0%	1,050	1,050	0	0%
55A	Roberts	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
56A	Sanborn	650	800	150	23%	650	800	150	23%
57A	Spink	1,300	1,300	0	0%	1,300	1,300	0	0%
59A	Sully West	550	550	0	0%	950	950	0	0%
59B	Sully East	470	470	0	0%	920	920	0	0%
61A	Turner	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
62A	Union	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
63A	Walworth	750	750	0	0%	750	750	0	0%
TOTAL		26,025	26,825	800	3%	30,075	31,925	1,850	6%

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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West River Deer Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:20

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 7-8, 2015	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 4, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates:

Units 30A (Gregory) and 50A (Mellette):	November 7-10 and November 23-29, 2015
All Other Units:	November 14-29, 2015
Antlerless Tags Only:	December 26, 2015 – January 3, 2016

Open Area: See the attached map

Licenses: Residents: 16,440 one-tag, 1,620 two-tag, and 0 three-tag licenses
 Nonresidents: 1,319 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 decreasing one-tag licenses by 250 compared to 2014.
2. Adjust nonresident license numbers by decreasing one-tag licenses by 20 compared to 2014.
3. Adjust the season dates for Unit WRD-30A (Gregory County) and Unit WRD-50A (Mellette County) as described: The season in these units are open for four consecutive days beginning on the Saturday 19 days prior to Thanksgiving first Saturday of November and for seven consecutive days beginning on the Monday three days prior to Thanksgiving after the third Saturday of November.
4. Adjust the season dates for Unit WRD-20A (Corson County), WRD-24A (Dewey County), and WRD-64A (Ziebach County) from being open for 23 consecutive days beginning on the first Saturday of November to the regular season dates of 16 consecutive days beginning on the Saturday twelve days prior to Thanksgiving.
5. Change county name of Unit WRD-65A from Shannon County to Oglala Lakota County.

Year	Buck Tags	Doe Tags	Total Tags
2014	16,075	3,855	19,930
2015	15,925	3,755	19,680

Buck Tags (-1%)
Doe Tags (-1%)

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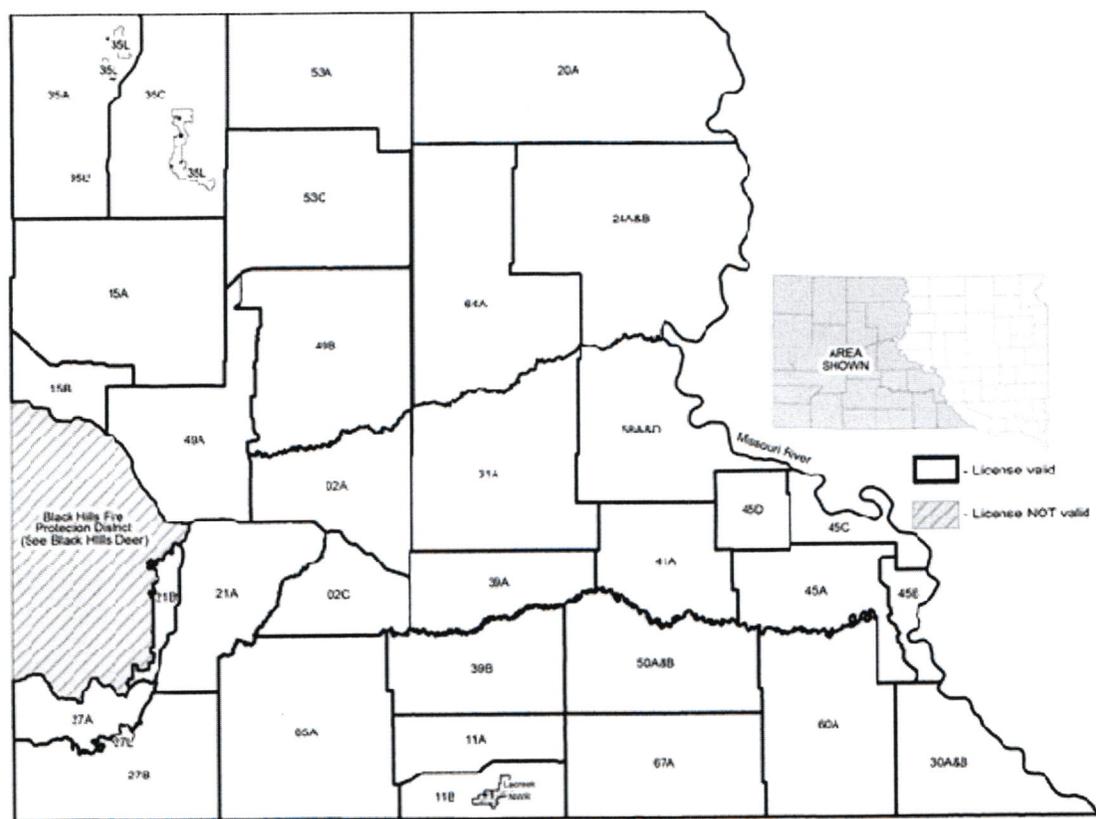
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Year	Licenses Sold	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Success
2010	31,914	11,009	11,665	5,759	5,537	33,970	49%
2011	29,895	11,139	12,301	4,456	3,901	31,797	48%
2012	25,654	8,978	9,146	3,950	2,466	24,541	49%
2013	22,838	7,000	5,632	2,729	1,567	16,927	36%
2014	19,828	6,660	2,264	2,430	277	11,632	57%

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WEST RIVER DEER UNITS



2015 - West River Deer License & Tag Numbers

Unit	Resident		Nonresident		Unit	Resident		Nonresident	
	Licenses	Tags	Licenses	Tags		Licenses	Tags	Licenses	Tags
02A	600	800	48	64	39A	250	250	20	20
02C	150	150	12	12	39B	350	350	28	28
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	250	250	20	20
15B	750	850	60	68	45C	50	70	5	7
20A	400	400	32	32	45D	90	90	8	8
21A	300	300	24	24	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	58A	550	550	44	44
30A	800	800	64	64	58D	10	10	2	2
30B	800	800	64	64	60A	1,800	1,800	144	144
31A	900	900	72	72	64A	500	500	40	40
35A	300	300	24	24	65A	75	75	6	6
35C	300	300	24	24	67A	150	150	12	12
35L	100	100	8	8					

West River Deer - 2015



Unit #	Unit Name	Resident Licenses													Nonresident Licenses										License Totals												
		AnyD 01	AtID 03	AD+2AtID 06	3 AtID 07	AD+AtID 08	2 AtID 09	AnyW 11	AtIW 13	AW+2AtIW 16	3 AtIW 17	AW+AtIW 18	2 AtIW 19	AnyD 01	AtID 03	AD+2AtID 06	3 AtID 07	AD+AtID 08	2 AtID 09	AnyW 11	AtIW 13	AW+2AtIW 16	3 AtIW 17	AW+AtIW 18	2 AtIW 19	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES 3-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR 3-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags		
02A	Pennington	400																							400	200		600	800	32	16		48	64			
02C	Pennington	100					50																		150			150	150	12			12	12			
11A	Bennett	150					100																		250			250	250	20			20	20			
11B	Bennett	100					100																		200			200	200	16			16	16			
15A	Butte	100								550	150	8													100	700		800	1,500	8	56		64	120			
15B	Butte	650									100	52													650	100		750	850	52	8		60	68			
20A	Corson	100					300					8													400			400	400	32			32	32			
21A	Custer	100					200					8													300			300	300	24			24	24			
21B	Custer	100										8													100			100	100	8			8	8			
24A	Dewey	100					250	100				8													450			450	450	36			36	36			
24B	Little Moreau						10	10																	20			20	20	2			2	2			
27A	Fall River	100										8													100			100	100	8			8	8			
27B	Fall River	200					200					16													400			400	400	32			32	32			
27L	Fall River	15										2													15			15	15	2			2	2			
30A	Gregory	150					600	50				12													800			800	800	64			64	64			
30B	Gregory	150					600	50				12													800			800	800	64			64	64			
31A	Haakon	600					150	150				48													900			900	900	72			72	72			
35A	Harding	150					150					12													300			300	300	24			24	24			
35C	Harding	50					250					4													100			100	100	8			8	8			
35L	Harding	100										8													250			250	250	20			20	20			
39A	Jackson	150					100					12													350			350	350	28			28	28			
39B	Jackson	250					100					20													700			700	700	56			56	56			
41A	Jones	300					250	150				24													200	600		800	1,400	16	48		64	112			
45A	Lyman	200								450	150	16													250			250	250	20			20	20			
45B	Lyman	50					200					4													30	20		50	70	3	2		5	7			
45C	Lyman	30									20	3													90			90	90	8			8	8			
45D	Lyman	30					60					3													850			850	850	68			68	68			
49A	Meade	700					150					56													1100			1,100	1,100	88			88	88			
49B	Meade	700					400					56													450			450	450	36			36	36			
50A	Mellette	150					200	100				12													600			600	600	48			48	48			
50B	Mellette	250					250	100				20													650			650	650	52			52	52			
53A	Perkins	300					350					24													1100			1,100	1,100	88			88	88			
53C	Perkins	500					300	300				40													550			550	550	44			44	44			
58A	Stanley	150					200	200				12													10			10	10	2			2	2			
58D	Stanley	5	5									1	1												1800			1,800	1,800	144			144	144			
60A	Tripp	600					700	500				48													500			500	500	40			40	40			
64A	Ziebach	300					200					24													75			75	75	6			6	6			
65A	Oglala Lakota	75										6													150			150	150	12			12	12			
67A	Todd	150										12													514	137		96	34	16,440	1,620	18,060	19,680	1,319	130	1,449	1,579
	TOTAL	8,305	5				6,420	1,710			1,200	420	667	1											17,759	1,750		19,509	21,259								
Unit #	Unit Name	AnyD 01	AtID 03	AD+2AtID 06	3 AtID 07	AD+AtID 08	2 AtID 09	AnyW 11	AtIW 13	AW+2AtIW 16	3 AtIW 17	AW+AtIW 18	2 AtIW 19	AnyD 01	AtID 03	AD+2AtID 06	3 AtID 07	AD+AtID 08	2 AtID 09	AnyW 11	AtIW 13	AW+2AtIW 16	3 AtIW 17	AW+AtIW 18	2 AtIW 19	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES 3-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR 3-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags		



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Unit #	Unit Name	2014 Resident Licenses	2015 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2014 Resident Tags	2015 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
02A	Pennington	700	600	-100	-14%	900	800	-100	-11%
02C	Pennington	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
11A	Bennett	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
11B	Bennett	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
15A	Butte	800	800	0	0%	1,500	1,500	0	0%
15B	Butte	750	750	0	0%	850	850	0	0%
20A	Corson	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
21A	Custer	350	300	-50	-14%	350	300	-50	-14%
21B	Custer	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
24A	Dewey	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
24B	Little Moreau	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
27A	Fall River	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
27B	Fall River	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
27L	Fall River	15	15	0	0%	15	15	0	0%
30A	Gregory	800	800	0	0%	800	800	0	0%
30B	Gregory	800	800	0	0%	800	800	0	0%
31A	Haakon	900	900	0	0%	900	900	0	0%
35A	Harding	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
35C	Harding	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
35L	Harding	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
39A	Jackson	350	250	-100	-29%	350	250	-100	-29%
39B	Jackson	300	350	50	17%	300	350	50	17%
41A	Jones	700	700	0	0%	700	700	0	0%
45A	Lyman	800	800	0	0%	1,400	1,400	0	0%
45B	Lyman	300	250	-50	-17%	300	250	-50	-17%
45C	Lyman	50	50	0	0%	70	70	0	0%
45D	Lyman	90	90	0	0%	90	90	0	0%
49A	Meade	850	850	0	0%	850	850	0	0%
49B	Meade	1,100	1,100	0	0%	1,100	1,100	0	0%
50A	Mellette	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
50B	Mellette	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
53A	Perkins	650	650	0	0%	650	650	0	0%
53C	Perkins	1,100	1,100	0	0%	1,100	1,100	0	0%
58A	Stanley	550	550	0	0%	550	550	0	0%
58D	Stanley	10	10	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
60A	Tripp	1,800	1,800	0	0%	1,800	1,800	0	0%
64A	Ziebach	500	500	0	0%	500	500	0	0%
65A	Oglala Lakota	75	75	0	0%	75	75	0	0%
67A	Todd	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
	TOTAL	18,310	18,060	-250	-1%	19,930	19,680	-250	-1%

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

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Black Hills Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:19

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 7-8, 2015	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 4, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: November 1-30, 2015

Open Area: Black Hills

Licenses: 200 resident and 16 nonresident "Any" deer licenses
3,500 resident and 280 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 500 more resident "Any Whitetail" deer licenses and 40 more nonresident "Any Whitetail" deer licenses.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

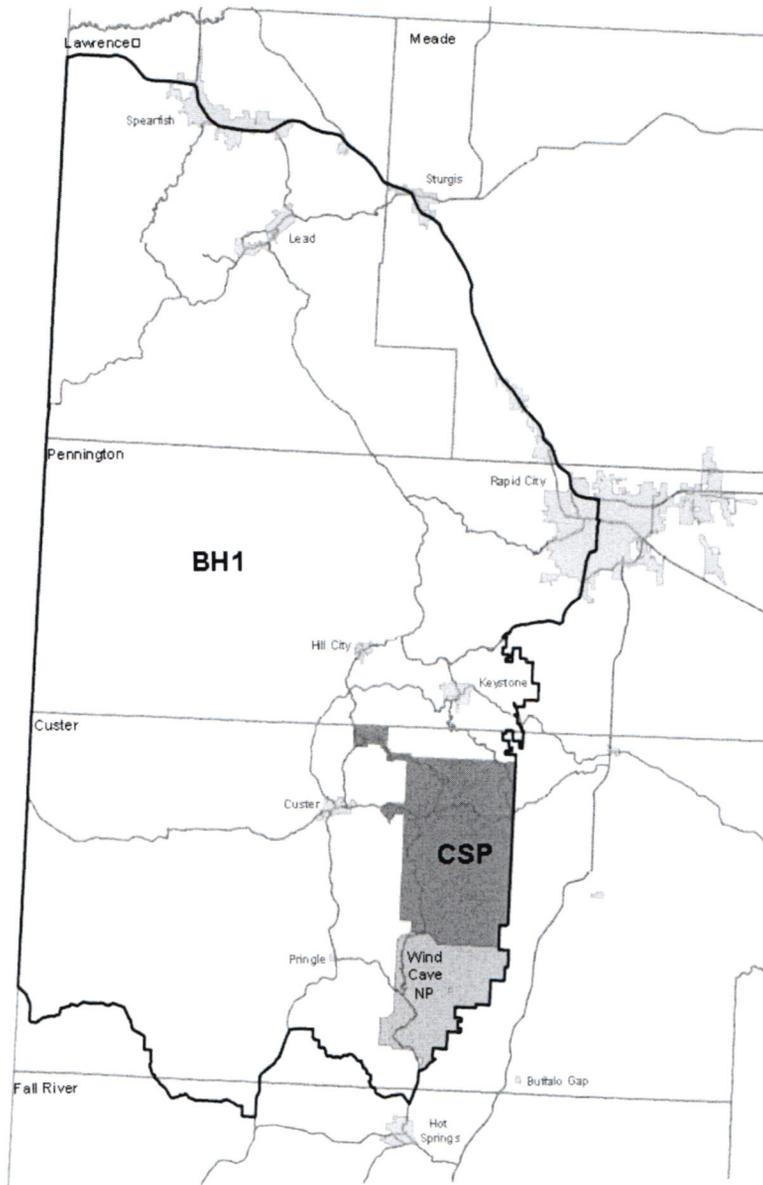
Year	Resident Licenses	Nonresident Licenses	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Hunter Success
2010	4,938	389	2,203	599	101	16	3,017	57%
2011	4,137	329	2,011	401	107	10	2,530	57%
2012	3,337	243	2,008	289	88	6	2,391	67%
2013	3,330	261	1,912	318	62	2	2,294	64%
2014	3,242	256	2,076	275	59	0	2,410	69%

Year	Resident License s	Nonresident Licenses	WT Bucks Harveste d	WT Does Harveste d	MD Bucks Harveste d	MD Does Harveste d	All Deer Harveste d	Hunter Succes s
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

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Black Hills Deer Licenses - 2015

Unit	Resident Licenses		Nonresident Licenses	
	"Any Deer"	"Any Whitetail"	"Any Deer"	"Any Whitetail"
BH1	200	3,500	16	280

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Black Hills Deer - 2015

Unit	Resident Licenses			Nonresident Licenses			License Totals							
	Any D 01	Any WT 11	Atl Whitetail 13	Any D 01	Any WT 11	Atl Whitetail 13	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Lic	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
BD1														
BD2														
BD3														
BD4														
BH1	200	3,500		16	280		3,700				296			
TOTAL	200	3,500		16	280		3,700				296			
Unit	Any D 01	Any WT 11	Atl Whitetail 13	Any D 01	Any WT 11	Atl Whitetail 13	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Lic	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
					RES and NR:		3,996							

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BLACK HILLS DEER
2014--2015 Comparison

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Resident Licenses												
Unit	Any Deer				Any Whitetail				Antlerless Whitetail			
	Year		Change		Year		Change		Year		Chage	
	2014	2015	#	%	2014	2015	#	%	2014	2015	#	%
BD1												
BD2												
BD3												
BD4												
BH1	200	200	0	0%	3,000	3,500	500	17%				
TOTAL	200	200	0	0%	3,000	3,500	500	17%	0	0	0	0%

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

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal Public Hearing Finalization	May 7-8, 2015 June 4, 2015 June 4-5, 2015	Custer State Park Pierre Pierre
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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: November 7-20, 2015

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. 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%
2014	Any WT	1,755*	8				8	80%
	Antlerless WT			13			13	65%

*Number of applicants is for all seasons combined.

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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 7-8, 2015	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 4, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates:

Sand Lake NWR	November 14-18, November 19-23, November 24-29, November 30 – December 6, December 7-13, and December 26, 2015 - January 3, 2016.
Lacreek NWR	October 21-27 and November 25 – December 1.
Waubay NWR*	November 14-21, November 22-29, and November 30 – December 6.

* includes Waubay State Game Refuge

Licenses:

Sand Lake NWR	Resident: 100 "any deer" and 50 "any antlerless deer" licenses Nonresident: 10 "any deer" and 5 "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:

- The first season on Sand Lake NWR, both seasons on Lacreek NWR and the first 2 seasons on Waubay NWR are restricted to muzzleloaders.
- Applicants may apply for only one refuge unit (season) in the first application period.
- 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:

- Open Unit RFD-SL4 and offer 20 more resident and 2 more nonresident "any deer" licenses and 10 more resident and 1 more nonresident "any antlerless deer" licenses for Sand Lake NWR.
- Adjust the season dates for Waubay NWR as follows:

Unit RFD-WA1 is open for 8 5 consecutive days beginning seven ~~eight~~ days prior to the beginning of East River deer hunting season.

Unit RFD-WA2 is open for 8 5 consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of the Unit RFD-WA1 season.

Unit RFD-WA3 is open for 7 14 consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of the Unit RFD-WA2 season.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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

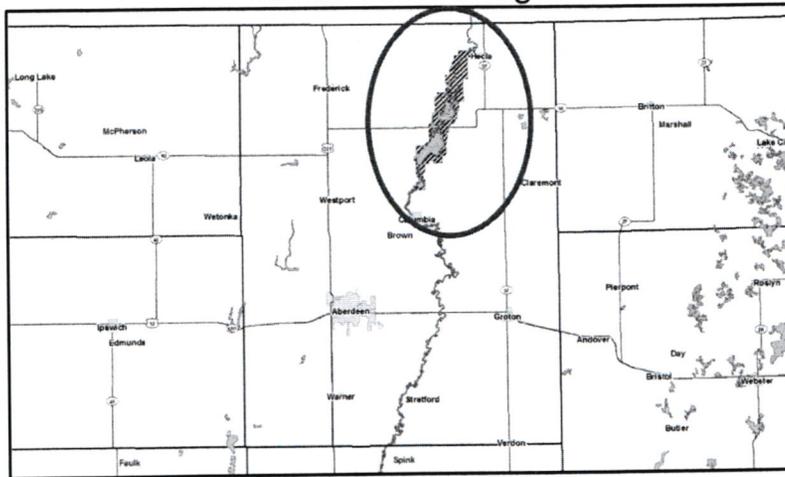
Year	Licenses	Bucks Harvested	Does Harvested	Total Harvest	Hunter Success
2010	384	89	73	162	23%
2011	329	55	67	122	37%
2012	248	64	31	95	38%
2013	213	63	23	85	37%
2014	200	60	6	66	33%

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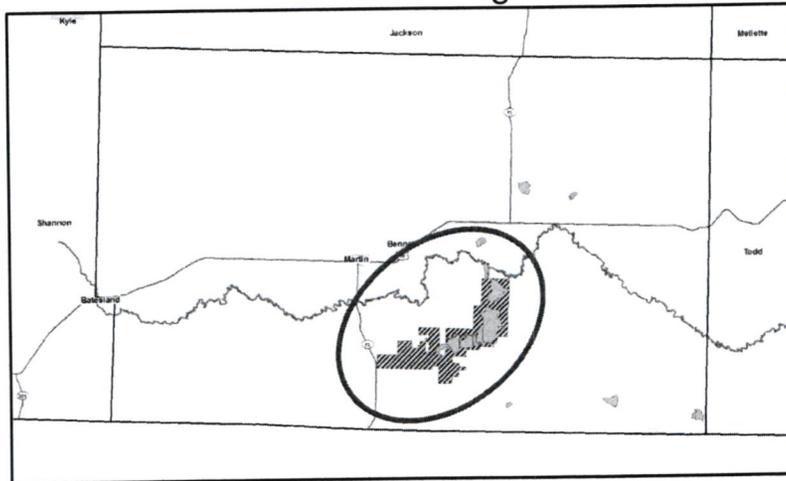
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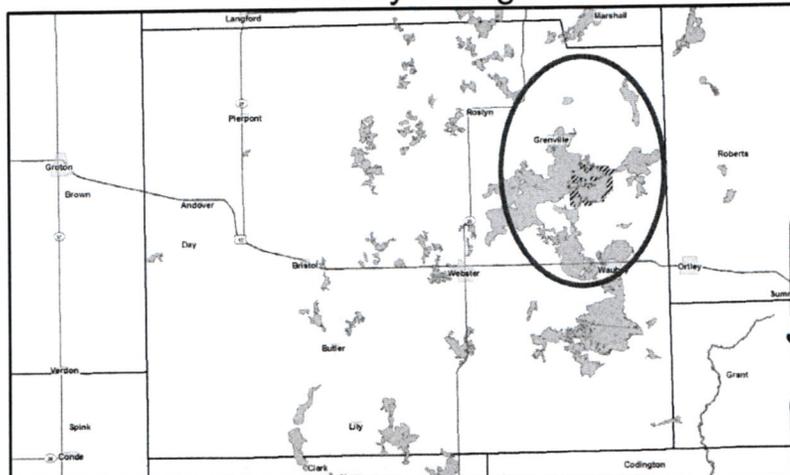
Sand Lake Refuge



Lacreek Refuge



Waubay Refuge



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Refuge Deer - 2015

Unit	Resident Licenses			Nonresident Licenses			License Totals							
	Any D	Any Atl D	2 Any Atl D	Any D	Any Atl D	2 Any Atl D	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR
	01	03	09	01	03	09	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags
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	20	10		2	1		30		30	30	3		3	3
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	160	50		17	5		210		210	210	22		22	22
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	RES and NR:						232		232	232				

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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 7-8, 2015	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 4, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: September 26, 2015 – January 15, 2016

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, Good Earth State Park.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. For Unit ARD-LM1, provide an exception that would allow hunters possessing an access permit to archery hunt Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve Area.
2. Increase the number of "antlerless whitetail deer" archery access permits from 0 to 20 for the Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	"Any Deer" Licenses	"Antlerless" Licenses (Tags)	Hunter Success	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	Deer Harvested
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
2014	21,634	2,8534 (2,853)	26%	4,052	1,487	516	85	6,141

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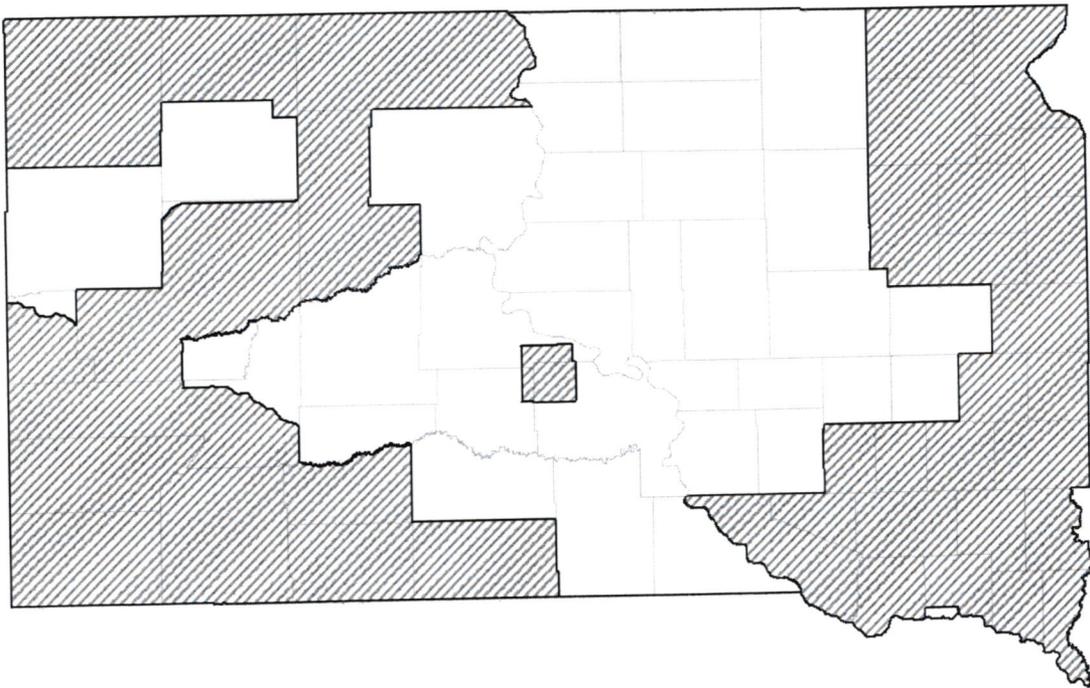
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**Archery Deer Hunting Season
2015 "Antlerless License" Restrictions**

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.
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Archery Antlerless Whitetail Deer

Unit ARD-LM1



GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

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Application for License 41:06:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 7-8, 2015	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 4, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Amend 41:06:01:17 as described below:

Current Rule

41:06:01:17. Access permits required for specific West River deer hunting units. Any resident or nonresident deer hunter possessing an archery, muzzleloader, youth, or mentor deer license shall obtain and possess a free access permit to hunt West River deer units 24B, 27L, and 35L. Unlimited access permits may be issued for each management unit and each free access permit shall be unit specific.

Recommended Rule

41:06:01:17. Access permits required for specific ~~West River~~ deer hunting units and public lands. Any resident or nonresident deer hunter possessing an archery, muzzleloader, youth, or mentor deer license shall obtain and possess a free access permit to hunt West River deer units 24B, 27L, and 35L. Any resident or nonresident deer hunter possessing an archery deer license shall obtain and possess a free access permit to hunt Newton Hills State Park. Unlimited access permits may be issued for each management unit and each free access permit shall be unit specific.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Due to its proximity to Sioux Falls and other populated areas, Newton Hills State Park is heavily used by archery deer hunters. The requirement of free access permits will allow the Department to collect hunter and harvest data for improved management of archery deer hunting opportunities.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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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 7-8, 2015	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 4, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: December 1, 2015 – January 15, 2016

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: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	1st Choice Applications	"Any Deer" Licenses	"Antlerless" Licenses (Tags)	Hunter Success	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	Deer Harvested
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
2102	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
2014	6,823	1,000	3,155 (3,155)	26%	241	507	77	1	835

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

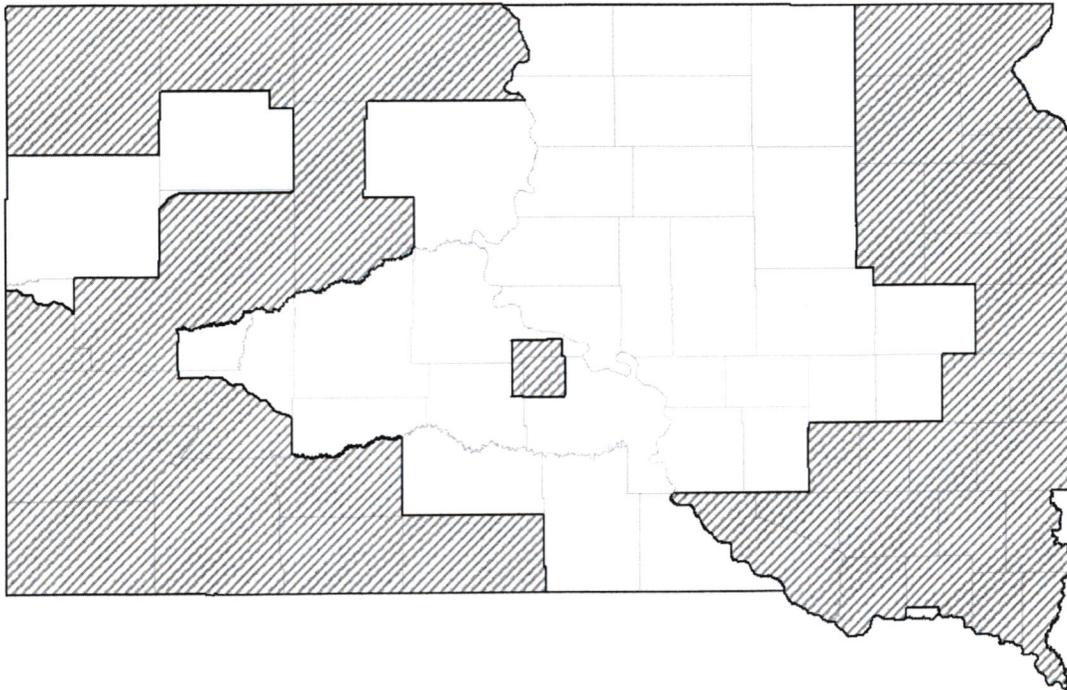
**Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Season
2015 "Antlerless License" Restrictions**

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

Muzzleloader Antlerless Whitetail Deer

Unit ARD-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 7-8, 2015	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 4, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: September 12, 2015 – January 15, 2016

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: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licenses Sold	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	Deer Harvested	Hunter Success
2010	7,261	442	2,851	47	491	3,831	53%
2011	7,033	345	2,353	44	321	3,063	44%
2012	6,110	321	2,387	33	305	3,046	50%
2013	5,548	343	1,798	35	331	2,507	45%
2014	4,994	338	1,906	42	299	2,584	52%

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

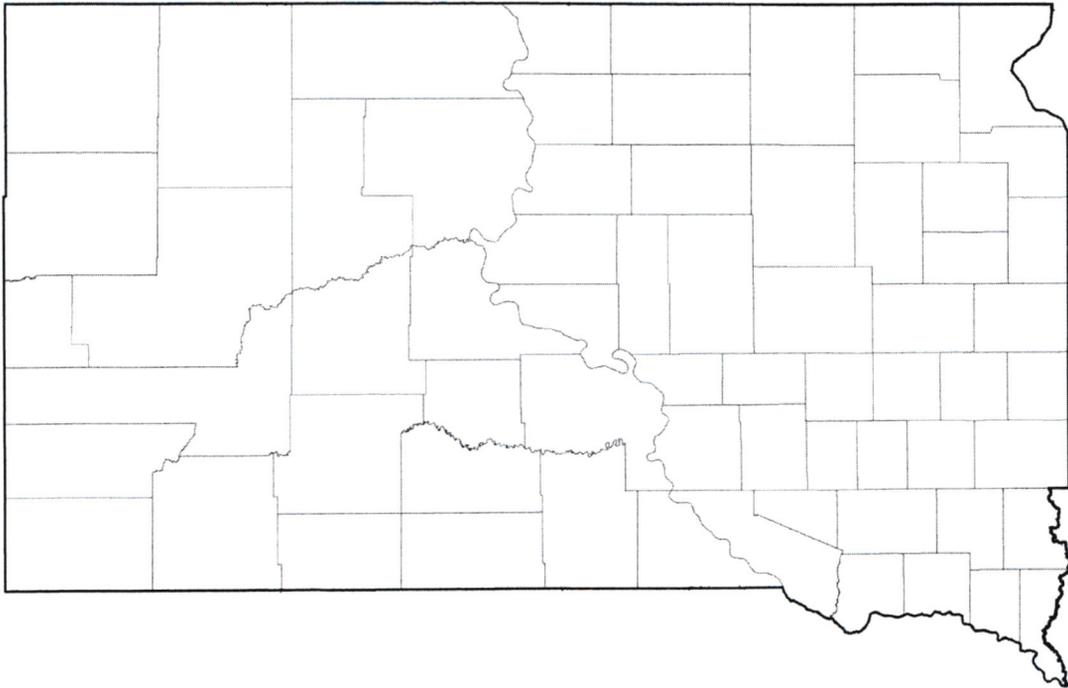
**Youth Deer Hunting Season
2015 "Antlerless License" Restrictions**

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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



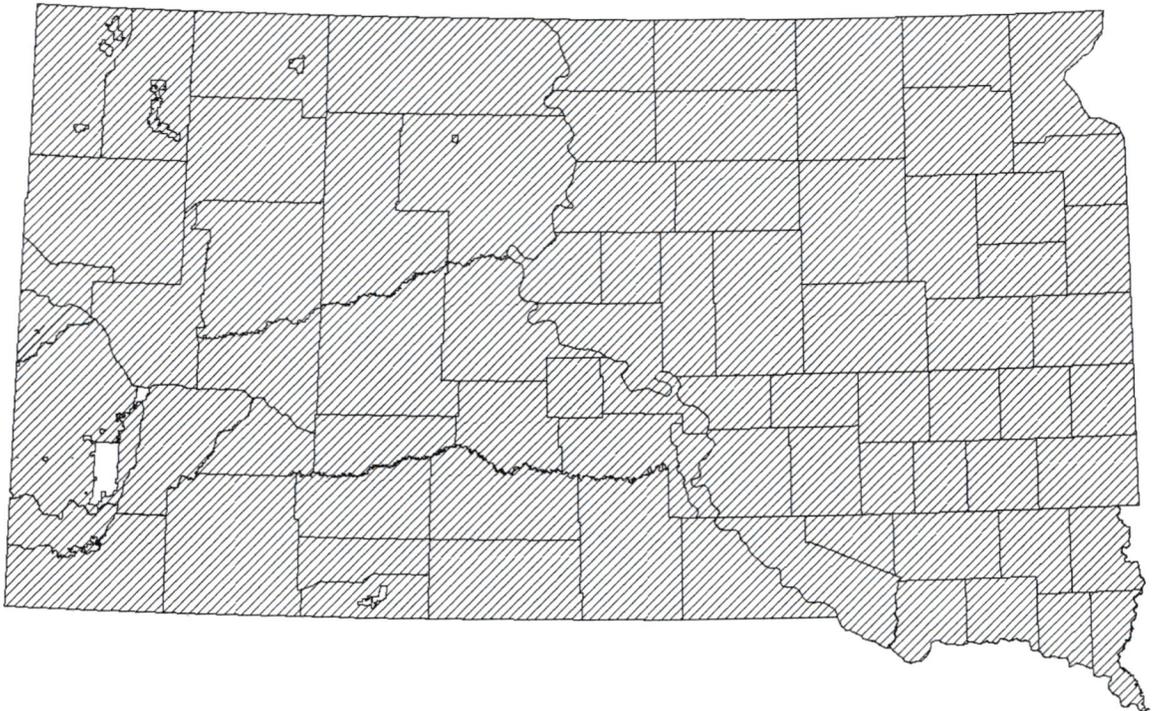
Landowner Free Antlerless Deer License

FYI

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 2015.

2015 Landowner Free Antlerless Deer Map

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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 7-8, 2015	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 4, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre

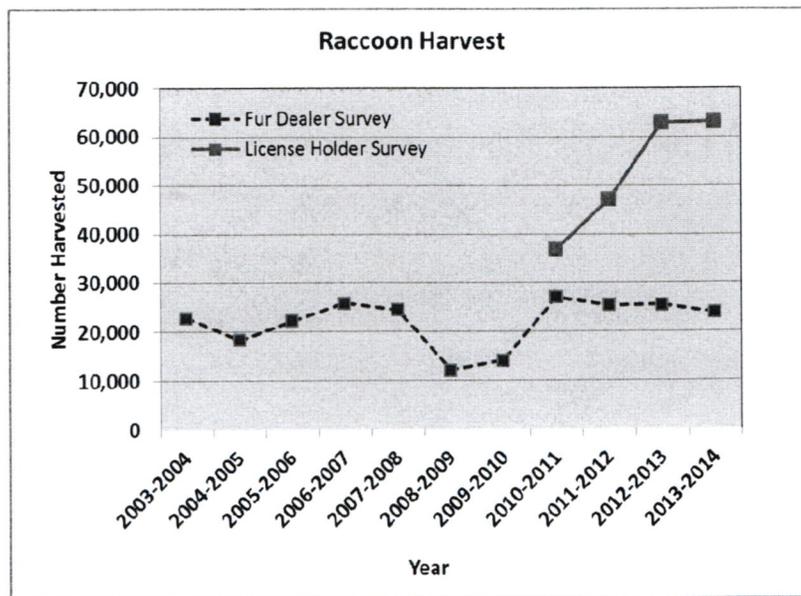
DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

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
2013-2014*	2,245	2,139	15,168	5,065	1,197

*New harvest survey methodology used since 2010-11.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

14

Beaver Trapping and Hunting Season

Chapter 41:08:01

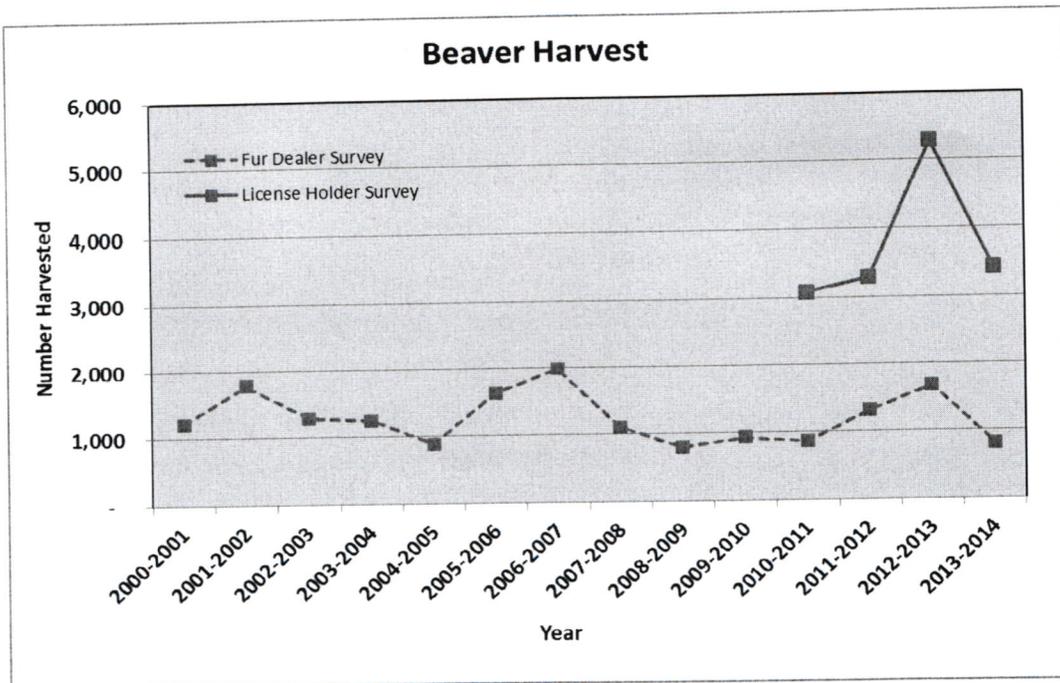
Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 7-8, 2015	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 4, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre

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, 2015 – April 30, 2016	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, 2016	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.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

14

Muskrat Hunting Season Chapter 41:08:01

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal Public Hearing Finalization	May 7-8, 2015 June 4, 2015 June 4-5, 2015	Custer State Park Pierre Pierre
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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

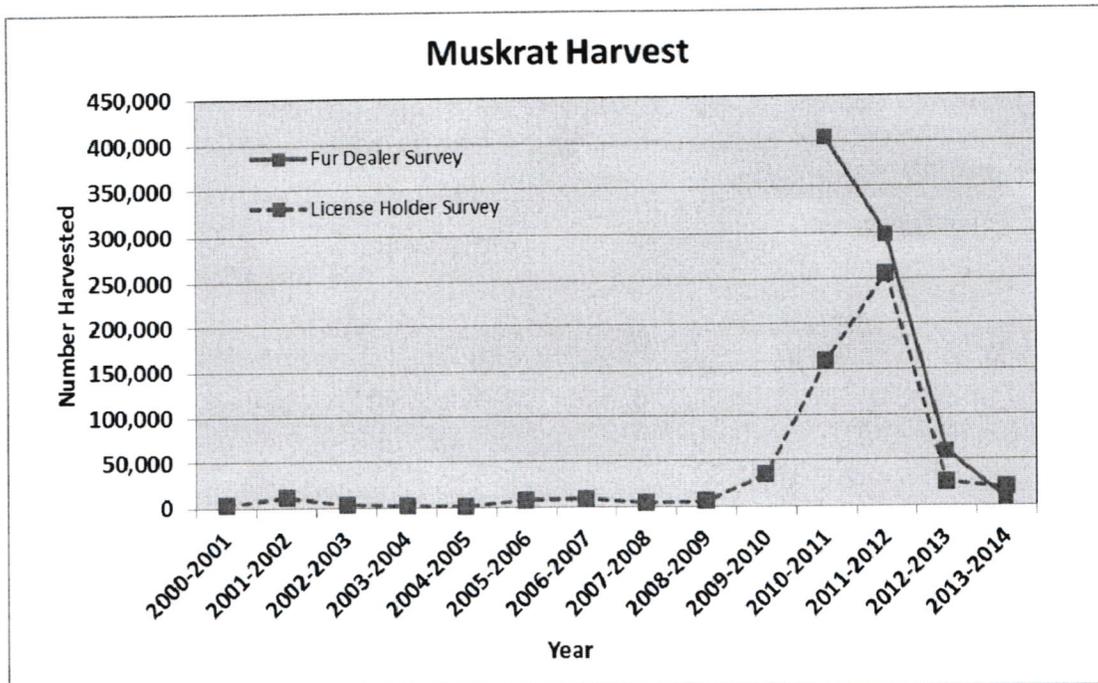
Season Dates: April 1, 2016 – August 31, 2016

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.

APPROVE _____
 MODIFY _____
 REJECT _____
 NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

14

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

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 7-8, 2015	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 4, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Mink and Weasel

Season Dates: November 1, 2015 – January 31, 2016

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, 2015 – April 30, 2016

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:

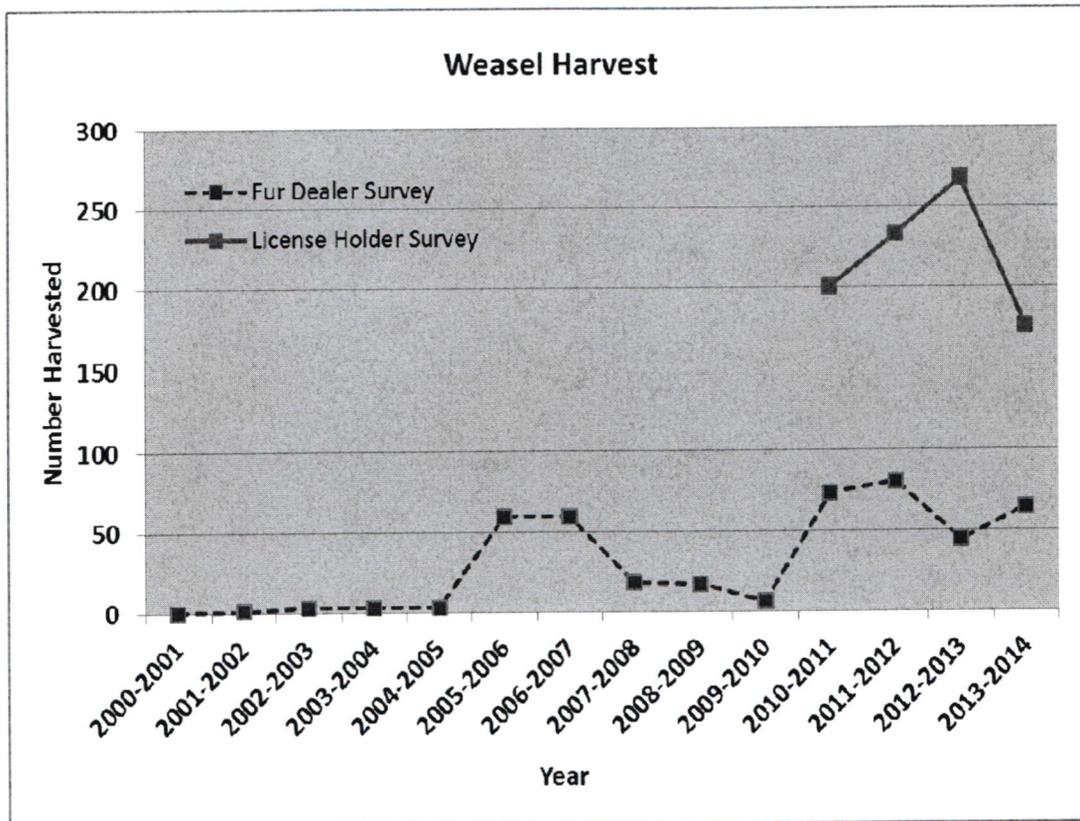
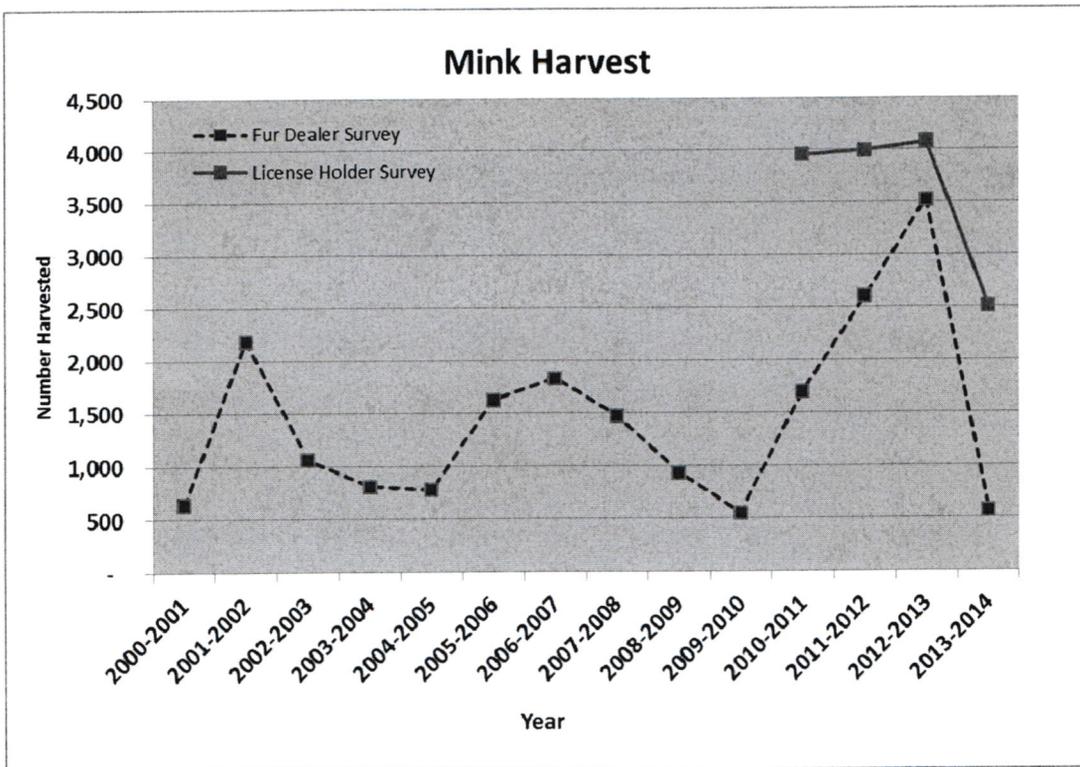
1. Trapping on or in muskrat houses is prohibited from March 16 to the end of the season (April 30).

Recommended changes from last year: None.

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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

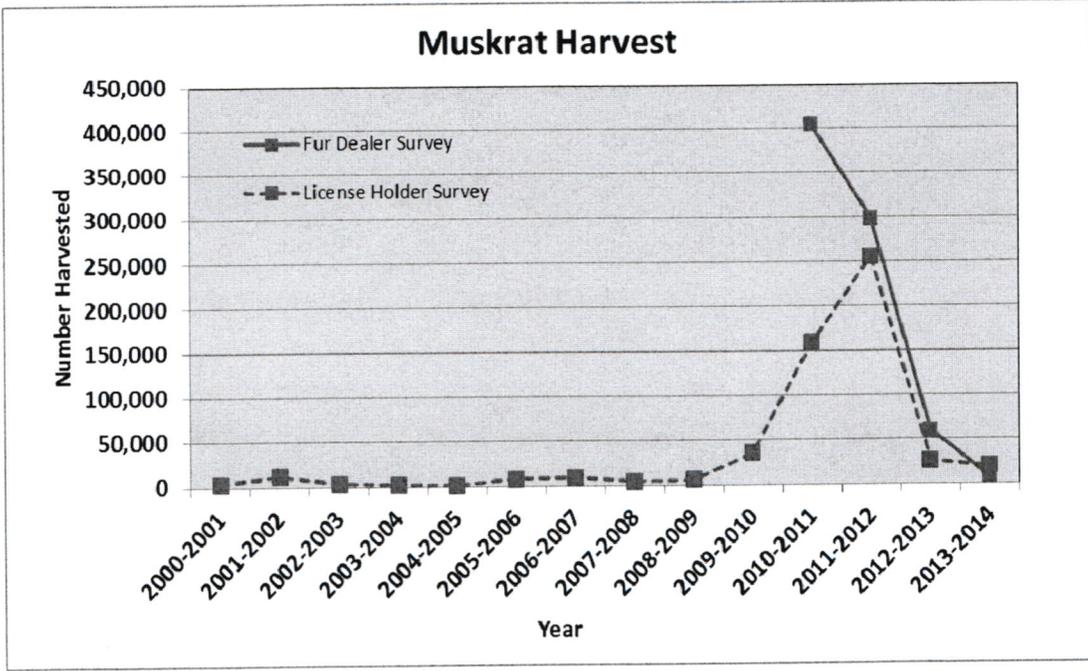
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*New harvest survey methodology used since 2010-2011.

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APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION
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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

15

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
41:09:12

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal Public Hearing Finalization	May 7-8, 2015 June 4, 2015 June 4-5, 2015	Custer State Park Pierre Pierre
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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Amend 41:09:12:02 (Crossbow and bolt specifications) to allow telescopic sights and lighted sight pins to be used by crossbow permittees.

41:09:12:02. Crossbow and bolt specifications. Crossbows used under § 41:09:12:01 shall have a minimum of 125-pound pull and be equipped with a functional mechanical safety device. ~~Telescopic sights and lighted sight pins are prohibited.~~ The bolts shall be equipped with broadheads as provided in § ~~41:06:05:02~~ 41:06:05:01.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

41-8-31.1. Use of crossbow for hunting big game during firearm season. The provisions of § 41-8-31 notwithstanding, any person who holds a big game license to take a big game animal during the firearm season may take the animal by using a crossbow in lieu of a firearm. As used in this section, the term, crossbow, means a device for propelling a bolt by means of traverse limbs mounted on a stock and a string. The crossbow may be drawn, held, and released by a mechanical device and shall have at least one hundred twenty-five pounds pull and have a working mechanical safety.

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

(11) An arrow without a broadhead (fixed or mechanical) that has at least two metal cutting edges when hunting a big game animal, except blunt points may be possessed and used when hunting a turkey and both field points and blunt points may be possessed and used when hunting small game or at any time when possessed and used as practice arrows;

41:09:12:01. Special crossbow permit. The department secretary or an authorized agent may issue a special crossbow permit to a person who is incapable of using a bow and arrow due to the loss of or use of one or both arms caused by birth defect, injury, or disease or who uses a wheelchair for mobility.

APPROVE MODIFY REJECT NO ACTION

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

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MOTORBOATS AND WATERCRAFT
41:04:05

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 7-8, 2015	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 4, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Add a provision to 41:04:05:18 that would exempt law enforcement officers from boat lighting requirements if certain criteria are met.

Recommended changes:

41:04:05:18. Lights required--Exception. From sunset to sunrise in all weathers, each boat must exhibit lights as required in Inland Rules 20 to 30, inclusive, and Annex I--Positioning and Technical Details of Lights and Shapes, and Annex II--Additional Signals for Fishing Vessels Fishing in Close Proximity, as published by the United States Coast Guard in "Navigation Rules, International--Inland," as of August 23, 1982. In lieu of meeting the requirements of the inland rules, a boat may meet the requirements of International Rules 20 to 30, inclusive, and Annex I and Annex II as published in the same document. However, the requirements of this section do not apply to a law enforcement officer, as defined in § 23-3-27, while operating a boat owned, leased, or otherwise the property of the state or a political subdivision, in the performance of the officer's law enforcement duties if the officer's conduct is reasonable, and if the officer reasonably believes that operating the boat without lights is necessary under the circumstances to investigate a criminal violation or suspected criminal violation of state laws or rules, court orders, or municipal or county laws, ordinances, or regulations. A law enforcement officer may not operate a boat without lights under this section:

- (1) At speeds greater than what is reasonable and prudent under existing weather and traffic conditions;
- (2) In situations in which the officer is an active participant in pursuing a boat; or
- (3) Contrary to written policies or procedures established by the law enforcement officer's employer.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Periodic situations warrant the operation of a boat without lights by a law enforcement officer. State law (SDCL 32-17-4.1) covers these situations when a motor vehicle is involved, but no provisions exist for when a boat is involved. The proposed language would mirror statutory language pertaining to motor vehicles. This change would facilitate the investigation of suspected criminal violations in which officers periodically encounter on the water.

32-17-4.1. Circumstances exempting law enforcement officers from use of motor vehicle lights. The requirements of § 32-17-4 do not apply to a law enforcement officer, as defined in § 23-3-27, while operating a motor vehicle owned, leased, or otherwise the property of the state or a political subdivision, in the performance of the officer's law enforcement duties if the officer's conduct is reasonable, and if the officer reasonably believes that operating the vehicle without lights is necessary under the circumstances to investigate a criminal violation or suspected criminal violation of state laws or rules, court orders, or municipal or county laws, ordinances, or regulations. A law enforcement officer may not operate a motor vehicle without lights under this section:

- (1) At speeds greater than what is reasonable and prudent under existing weather, road, and traffic conditions;
- (2) In situations in which the officer is an active participant in pursuing a motor vehicle; or
- (3) Contrary to written policies or procedures established by the law enforcement officer's employer.

APPROVE MODIFY REJECT NO ACTION

South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks - Wildlife Division
Land Acquisition and Disposal Report
May 2015

Action Items

Harney Lumber Company property

Location: Pennington County

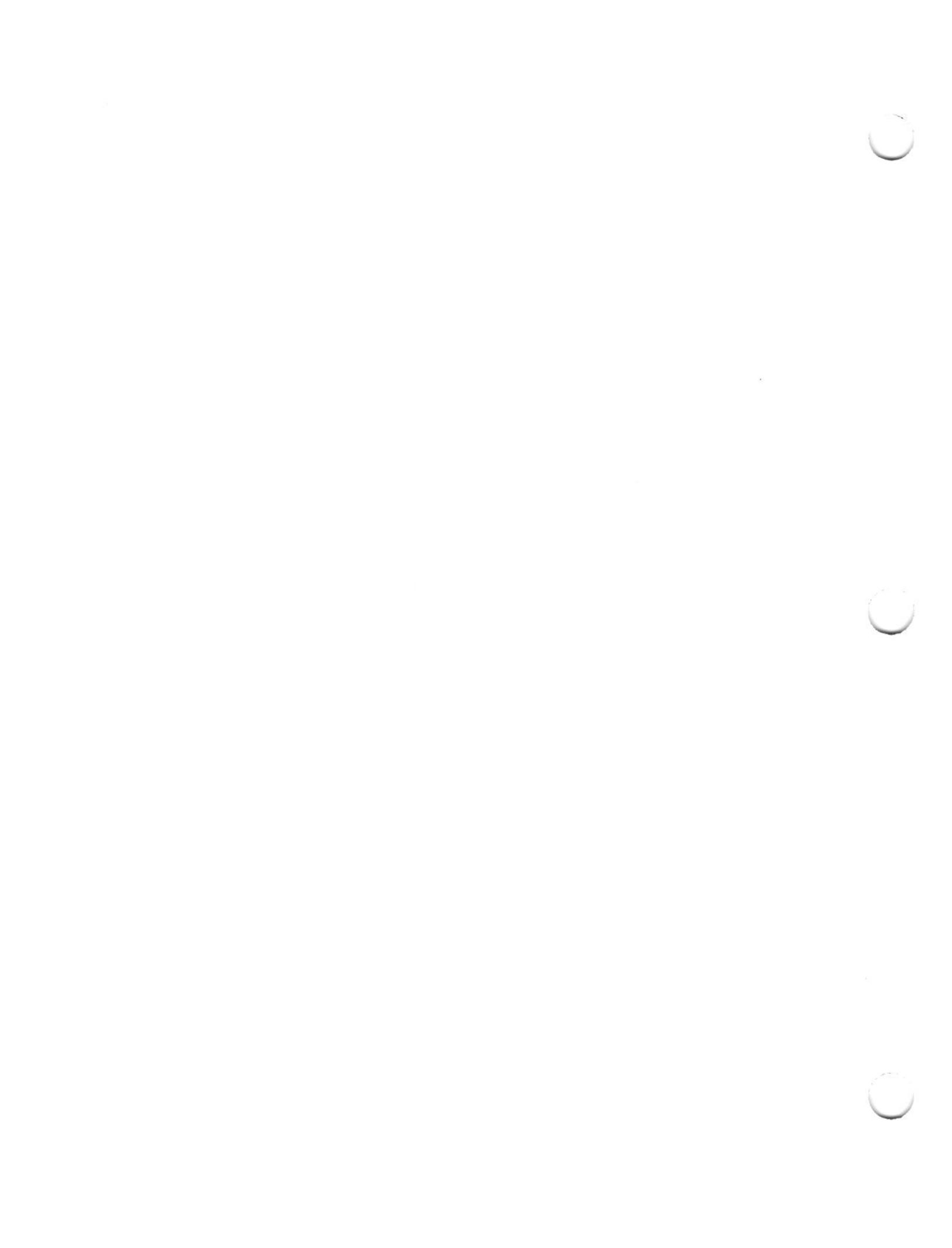
Description: Two tracts totaling 6.64 acres

Management Objective: Facilities and public use support for the Outdoor Campus West

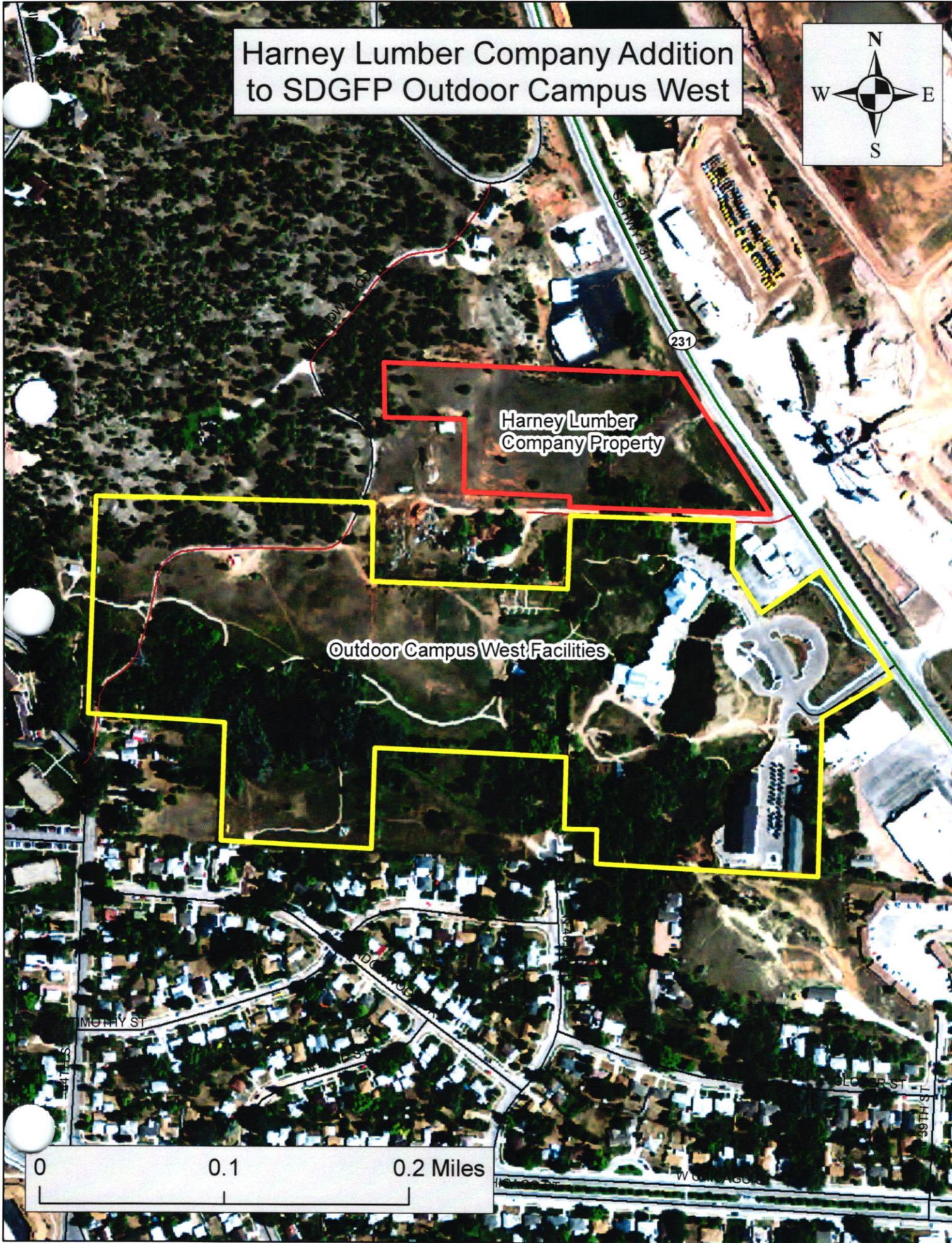
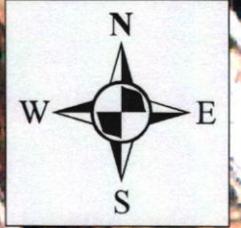
Cost: \$306,586.00

Expected Closing: June 2015

Requested Commission Action: Adopt RESOLUTION 15 – 03 authorizing and confirming the purchase.



Harney Lumber Company Addition to SDGFP Outdoor Campus West



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License Sales Totals

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(as of April 28)

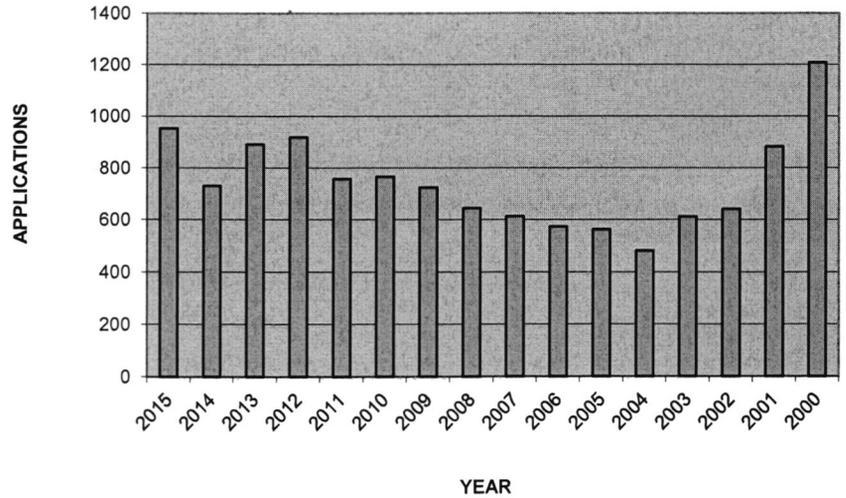
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Resident	2015	2014
Combination	28,713	26,605
Junior Combination	2,999	2,783
Senior Combination	5,417	4,574
Small Game	1,406	1,527
Youth Small Game	736	748
1-Day Small Game	197	128
Migratory Bird Certificate	12,668	14,239
Predator/Varmint	918	870
Furbearer	2,224	2,342
Annual Fishing	25,357	22,766
Senior Fishing	6,256	5,515
1-Day Fishing	899	872
Gamefish Spearing/Archery	1,822	1,826

Nonresident	2015	2014
Small Game	3,087	2,184
Youth Small Game	194	145
Annual Shooting Preserve	97	56
5-day Shooting Preserve	544	503
1-day Shooting Preserve	246	161
Spring Light Goose	4,274	4,572
Youth Spring Light Goose	163	165
Migratory Bird Certificate	59	256
Predator/Varmint	859	741
Furbearer	5	5
Annual Fishing	10,816	9,023
Family Fishing	3,602	3,115
Youth Annual Fishing	386	366
3-Day Fishing	4,557	3,667
1-Day Fishing	3,081	2,828
Gamefish Spearing/Archery	391	398
TOTAL ON FILE =	121,973	112,980

EAST RIVER SPECIAL BUCK (ESD)

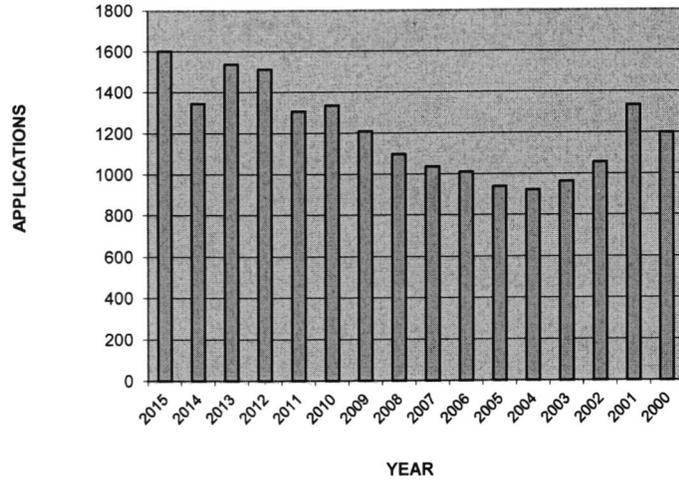
YEAR	TOTAL APPS
2015	952
2014	731
2013	891
2012	918
2011	757
2010	766
2009	724
2008	645
2007	613
2006	573
2005	562
2004	482
2003	612
2002	641
2001	882
2000	1,208



YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER	
2015	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	556	556		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	556	556		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	556	556		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	396	396		(online)
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	952	952	882	92.65%
2014	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	656	656		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	656	656		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	656	656		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	75	75		(online)
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	731	731	690	94.39%
2013	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	687	687		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	687	687		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	687	687		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	204	204		(online)
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	891	891	840	94.28%
2012	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	500	500		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	500	500		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	500	500		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	418	418		(online)
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	918	918	853	92.92%
2011	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	500	500		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	500	500		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	500	500		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	257	257		(online)
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	757	757	695	91.81%

WEST RIVER SPECIAL BUCK (WSD)

YEAR	TOTAL APPS
2015	1601
2014	1345
2013	1537
2012	1511
2011	1306
2010	1,336
2009	1,209
2008	1,098
2007	1,037
2006	1,011
2005	940
2004	923
2003	965
2002	1,057
2001	1,334
2000	1,199



YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER	
2015	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	500	500	1,000		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	500	500	1,000		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	500	500	1,000		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	215	386	601		(Online)
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	715	886	1,601	1489	93.00%
YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER	
2014	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	500	500	1,000		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	500	500	1,000		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	500	500	1,000		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	67	278	345		(Online)
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	567	778	1,345	1255	93.31%
YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER	
2013	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	500	500	1,000		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	500	500	1,000		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	500	500	1,000		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	189	348	537		(Online)
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	689	848	1,537	1439	93.62%
YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER	
2012	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	500	500	1,000		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	500	500	1,000		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	500	500	1,000		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	127	384	511		(Online)
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	627	884	1,511	1370	90.67%
YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER	
2011	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	500	500	1,000		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	500	500	1,000		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	499	500	999	1	
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0		307	307		(Online)
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	499	807	1,306	1172	89.74%

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONCESSION AGREEMENT
ANGOSTURA RECREATION AREA**

This FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONCESSION AGREEMENT ANGOSTURA RECREATION AREA is entered in to between the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks, hereinafter referred to as the ("Department") and Angostura Resort Management, hereinafter referred to as ("Concessionaire"). This amendment is subject to the Regulations promulgated by the Game, Fish and Parks Commission identified as ARSD Article 41:13 Park Concession Leases effective October 17, 2005, ("the Rules") and to all terms and conditions of Management Agreement No. R12MU60085, memorandum of understanding, hereinafter referred to as "MOU" and any amendments thereto or replacement contracts between the Department of Game, Fish and Parks and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation ("Reclamation"), and in accordance with Reclamation Manual Policy and Directive and Standards, Concessions Management by Non Federal Partners. The Concessionaire has been provided a copy of ARSD Article 41:13, effective date October 17, 2005, and the MOU between the Department and Reclamation.

WHEREAS, The Department and the Concessionaire entered into a Concession Agreement on January 22, 2013, and;

WHEREAS, the Concession Agreement included development requirements of the Concessionaire to provide upgrades to the existing Breakers beach side food service facility in the amount of no less than \$75,000 by no later than January 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the required project has not yet been completed by the Concessionaire; and

WHEREAS, the Concessionaire has proposed and the Department is agreeable to a modified development plan in lieu of the original required upgrades which includes a complete replacement of the existing Breakers food service facility estimated at a cost of \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, The Department and Concessionaire are agreeable to the Department's installation of utility infrastructure as part of the development plan in exchange for an adjustment to Concessionaire's Franchise Fees; and

WHEREAS, the Department and Concessionaire desire to set forth all requirements relative to the construction of the new facility; the disposition of the existing facility; establishment of Possessory Interest in the new facility; as well as authorize additional services relative to the new Breakers facility.

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed to by the parties to amend the Concession Lease agreement as follows:

1. Section 5, "Capital Development and Improvement", subsection (a), shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

(a) Concessionaire is required to provide the new Breakers facility at its own expense. The Construction of the new Breakers facility shall be subject to the following terms:

- i. Concessionaire shall not proceed with the construction of the new Breakers facility without first obtaining the prior written approval of the Department, which is subject to all Reclamation reviews. Project approval shall not be unreasonably withheld by the Department.
- ii. The floor plan provided by Dream Design dated April 22, 2015, attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and made a part hereof by this reference shall be used to determine the dimensions of construction. Any material deviations or modifications to this plan must be submitted to the Department for approval prior to construction.
- iii. The new Breakers facility shall be designed to meet all applicable federal, state and local health, safety and handicap accessibility codes, ordinances, laws and regulations.
- iv. Final site location of the building is subject to Department approval.
- v. The quality of materials used and workmanship in the construction of the new Breakers facility shall meet or exceed that of existing buildings within the Resort.
- vi. All exterior finish materials and colors are subject to Department approval.
- vii. The construction of the new Breakers facility shall be complete and the building operational by no later than May 1, 2016.
- viii. The Department will provide all water, sewer, and electrical supply connections to within five feet (5') of the new Breakers facility.

- ix. The Concessionaire will be responsible for connecting to the Department provided utility stubs provided per section (a.)viii. above.
- x. The facilities provided pursuant to this Amendment shall be subject to all fees, terms and conditions of the Concession Agreement and as amended herein.
- xi. Upon completion, the new Breakers facility will be designated as a "Concessionaire Facility" at which time Exhibit A-2 of the Concession Agreement shall be modified to reflect such designation.
- xii. Concessionaire shall remove the existing Breakers building and associated storage shed from the Resort area and restore the site to a condition satisfactory to the Department by no later than May 1, 2016.

2. Section 10, "Fees" is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

Section 10. Fees

Franchise Fees: Concessionaire shall pay to the Department a franchise fee during each year of the Agreement term which shall be a sum of money equal to the following:

- (a) Five and one half percent (5.5%) of all Gross Receipts less those from the rental of boat slips attached to State owned structures;
and
- (b) Thirty five (35%) of Gross Receipts from the rental of boat slips attached to State owned structures; and
- (c) Three cents (\$0.03) per gallon of gasoline sold.

Payments shall be made no later than January 30th for the final quarter of the preceding calendar year; July 30th for the first two quarters of the current calendar year; and October 30th for the third quarter of the current calendar year and shall be accompanied by accounting records as described in Section 9(c). Payments to the Department by Concessionaire not received on or before the due date shall be considered to be in arrears and subject to an interest payment equivalent to one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month of the unpaid amount which shall be added to the following month's remittance.

Sewer System Assessment Fees: An annual fee of \$880.00 must be assessed to each lot renter in Summersun and Horsehead trailer areas for the amortization of the central sewer system bonding package sponsored

by the Department at time of execution of this Agreement. The annual assessment payment shall be collected by the Concessionaire and submitted to the Department with Franchise Fees due on July 30th of each calendar year, provided, however, that Concessionaire shall not be liable to compensate the Department for unpaid wastewater assessment fees when the correlating individual lot lease is terminated and the Concessionaire provides the Department with documented proof of such termination.

Breakers Utility Installation Assessment Payment: The Concessionaire shall pay to the Department an annual amortized fee as reimbursement for the costs of construction of Department installed utility infrastructure for the Breakers facility. The annual payment amount shall not exceed \$5,500 per year. Assessment payments shall be submitted to the Department with Franchise Fees due on July 30th of each calendar year and shall continue until the Department has been fully reimbursed for the costs of construction of the utility infrastructure.

3. Section 3 , "Accommodations, Facilities and Services", subsection (b) under the heading "Additional Authorized Accommodations, Facilities and Services" shall be amended to add the following:
 8. Licensed on-sale beer, wine and liquor sales at Breakers
4. At such time the Department receives written authorization from Reclamation for the installation of Video Lottery, Section 3 , "Accommodations, Facilities and Services", subsection (b) under the heading "Additional Authorized Accommodations, Facilities and Services" shall be amended to add the following:
 9. Video Lottery in Department approved locations only
5. Except as amended herein, the terms and conditions of the concession lease agreement dated January 22, 2013, shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

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Dated this _____ day of _____ 2015

DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

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

CONCESSIONAIRE

BY: _____
Gilbert Moyle, President
Angostura Resort Management, Inc.

APPROVAL

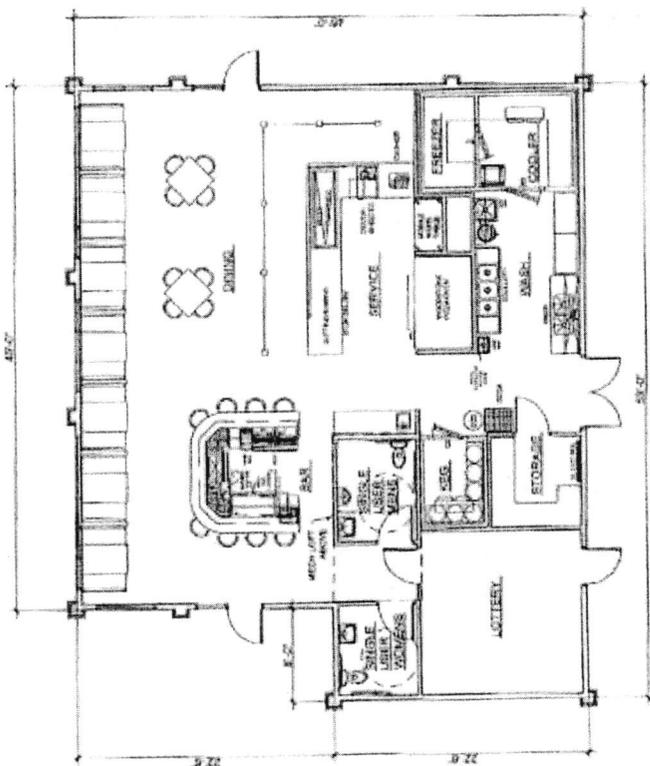
IN WITNESS THEREOF, and having the authority to do so, I approve the above and foregoing amendment to the Concession Lease and terms contained therein this ____ day of _____, 2015 pursuant to the authority granted to the undersigned.

US BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

BY _____

(Designate office and title)

Exhibit A
FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONCESSION AGREEMENT
ANGOSTURA RECREATION AREA



A FLOOR PLAN
 SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"



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FLOOR PLAN

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DATE: APRIL 22, 2015
 DRAWN BY: DS/JR

January to April 2015 Revenue Comparison by Item

	2014		2015		% Change
	Number	Dollar	Number	Dollar	
Annual	2,892	\$ 87,795	3,995	\$ 119,844	37%
Second Vehicle	402	\$ 6,032	591	\$ 8,865	47%
Combo	2,985	\$ 136,205	3,898	\$ 175,410	29%
Transferable	280	\$ 18,380	367	\$ 23,855	30%
Daily / Person	1,088	\$ 4,354	1,168	\$ 4,672	7%
Daily / Vehicle	1,698	\$ 11,695	2,435	\$ 14,609	25%
Unattended Vehicle Daily	53	\$ 680	121	\$ 1,211	78%
Motorcoach Permit	14,131	\$ 42,391	4	\$ 12	-100%
GSM Annual Trail Pass	285	\$ 3,752	499	\$ 7,485	99%
GSM Daily Trail Pass	47	\$ 186	517	\$ 1,551	734%
CSP Temp Daily / Vehicle	1,807	\$ 29,238	3,770	\$ 56,548	93%
Bike Band	22	\$ 220	27	\$ 270	23%
One-Day Special Event	N/A	\$ 950	N/A	\$ 1,400	47%
PERMITS	25,690	\$ 341,878	17,391	\$ 415,731	22%
Camping Services Permits	-	\$ 3,306,807	-	\$ 3,689,475	12%
Gift Card	-	\$ 1,865	-	\$ 2,410	29%
Picnic Reservations	-	\$ 2,816	-	\$ 6,610	135%
Firewood	-		-	\$ 2,828	
LODGING	-	\$ 3,311,488	-	\$ 3,701,323	12%
TOTAL	-	\$ 3,653,366	-	\$ 4,117,055	13%

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION
January to April 2015 Revenue Comparison by District

Dist	Park	2014	2015	% Change	Dist	Park	2014	2015	% Change
1	Fort Sisseton Roy Lake Sica Hollow	\$84,421	\$90,754	8%	10	North Point North Wheeler Pease Creek Randall Creek South Shore Whetstone Bay	\$195,526	\$224,829	15%
2	Richmond Lake Mina Lake Lake Louise Fisher Grove Amsden	\$75,215	\$79,244	5%	11	Farm Island West Bend	\$163,381	\$182,588	12%
3	Sandy Shore Hartford Beach Lake Cochrane Pelican South Pickerel Lake	\$201,371	\$212,506	6%	12	Oahe Downstream West Shore Cow Creek Okobojo Point Spring Creek East Shore	\$135,778	\$156,186	15%
4	Oakwood Lakes Lake Poinsett Lake Thompson	\$246,419	\$268,315	9%	13	West Whitlock Lake Hiddenwood East Whitlock Swan Creek Bush's Landing Indian Creek Revheim Bay Little Bend Bob's Landing Walth Bay West Pollock	\$100,780	\$114,016	13%
5	Lake Herman Walkers Point	\$83,811	\$87,497	4%	14	GSM Trail Bear Butte	\$9,604	\$18,129	89%
6	Snake Creek Platte Creek Burke Lake Buryanek	\$151,478	\$156,614	3%	15	Shadehill Llewellyn Johns Rocky Point	\$112,194	\$143,370	28%
7	Palisades Lake Vermillion Big Sioux	\$182,952	\$201,384	10%	16	Custer	\$968,383	\$1,104,869	14%
8	Newton Hills Lake Alvin Union Grove Adams	\$135,709	\$149,746	10%	17	Angostura Sheps Canyon	\$158,375	\$196,599	24%
9	Lewis & Clark Tabor Sand Creek Springfield Chief White Crane Pierson Ranch	\$567,874	\$634,881	12%	20	Pierre Office	\$80,095	\$95,528	19%
TOTALS:							\$3,653,366	\$4,117,055	13%

**DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION
January to April 2015 Camping Unit Comparison by District**

Disi Park	2014 Units	2015 Units	%	Dist Park	2014 Units	2015 Units	%
1 Fort Sisseton	3	7	133%	9 Lewis & Clark	338	741	119%
Roy Lake	131	21	-84%	Tabor	-	-	
Sica Hollow	-	-		Sand Creek	-	2	
	<u>134</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>-79%</u>	Springfield	-	17	
2 Richmond Lake	10	16	60%	Chief White Crane	107	130	21%
Mina Lake	9	33	267%	Pierson Ranch	20	76	280%
Lake Louise	9	23	156%		<u>465</u>	<u>966</u>	<u>108%</u>
Fisher Grove	3	4	33%	10 North Point	65	131	102%
Amsden	-	1		North Wheeler	2	9	350%
	<u>31</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>148%</u>	Pease Creek	15	27	80%
3 Sandy Shore		4		Randall Creek	-	1	
Hartford Beach	63	123	95%	South Shore	-	3	
Lake Cochrane		1		Whetstone Bay	-	-	
Pelican South	9	51	467%	White Swan	-	-	
Pickeral Lake	10	52	420%	South Scalp	-	5	
	<u>82</u>	<u>231</u>	<u>182%</u>		<u>82</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>109%</u>
4 Oakwood Lakes	57	129	126%	11 Farm Island	84	143	70%
Lake Poinsett	14	51	264%	West Bend	107	161	50%
Lake Thompson	31	105	239%		<u>191</u>	<u>304</u>	<u>59%</u>
	<u>102</u>	<u>285</u>	<u>179%</u>	12 Oahe Downstream	162	302	86%
5 Lake Herman	47	60	28%	Cow Creek	23	34	48%
Walkers Point	19	25	32%	Okobojo Point	3	10	233%
Lake Carthage		-			<u>188</u>	<u>346</u>	<u>84%</u>
	<u>66</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>29%</u>	13 West Whitlock	28	31	11%
6 Snake Creek	107	169	58%	Lake Hiddenwood	8	10	25%
Platte Creek	12	37	208%	East Whitlock	2	-	
Burke Lake		1		Swan Creek	-	2	
Buryanek	45	82	82%	Indian Creek	79	48	-39%
	<u>164</u>	<u>289</u>	<u>76%</u>	Walth Bay	-	-	
7 Palisades	117	271	132%	West Pollock	51	2	-96%
Lake Vermillion	138	177	28%		<u>168</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>-45%</u>
Big Sioux	101	213	111%	14 Bear Butte	3	14	367%
	<u>356</u>	<u>661</u>	<u>86%</u>		<u>3</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>367%</u>
8 Newton Hills	193	320	66%	15 Shadehill	24	31	29%
Union Grove	66	71	8%	Llewellyn Johns	-	4	
	<u>259</u>	<u>391</u>	<u>51%</u>	Rocky Point	69	153	122%
					<u>93</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>102%</u>
				16 Custer	435	800	84%
					<u>435</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>84%</u>
				17 Angostura	310	564	82%
				Sheps Canyon	2	23	
					<u>312</u>	<u>587</u>	<u>88%</u>
				TOTAL FEE AREA			
				CAMPER UNITS	<u>3,131</u>	<u>5,516</u>	<u>76%</u>