

AGENDA
Game, Fish and Parks Commission
November 5-6, 2015
Ramada Inn Convention Center
1525 West Havens St., Mitchell, SD

Call to order 1:00 PM CDT

Division of Administration

Action Items:

1. Approve Minutes of the October 2015 Meeting
2. Additional Commissioner Salary Days
3. License List Request

Proposals

4. License Request Process

2:00 PM Public Hearing

Finalizations

5. Park and Trail Fee Increase
6. Boat License Fee Increase
7. Spring Turkey Hunting Season
8. Spring Light Goose Hunting Season

Petitions for Rule Change

9. Black Bass Tournament License

Open Forum

Division of Parks and Recreation

Action Items:

10. Roy Lake State Park Concession Lease
11. Oahe Downstream Concession Lease

Information Items:

12. Angostura and Shadehill Seasonal Cabin/Trailer Fees
13. Custer State Park Resort Facilities Update
14. Good Earth Development Update
15. Parks Revenue, Camping and Visitation Reports

Division of Wildlife

Action Items:

16. Cutler acquisition – Brown County

Information Items:

17. Land acquisition projects
18. Turn-In-Poachers report
19. Missouri River fishery update
20. Waterfowl hunting zones
21. Big game action plan update
22. Strategic plan for education
23. Limited license drawings report
24. License sales report
25. Shikar-Safari Wildlife Officer of the Year award
26. Miscellaneous Updates

Adjourn

Next meeting information:
December 10-11, 2015
RedRossa Convention Center
808 W. Sioux Ave., Pierre, SD

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

Chairman Cooper called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. MDT at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Spearfish, South Dakota. Commissioners John Cooper, Cathy Peterson, H. Paul Dennert, Barry Jensen, Gary Jensen, Duane Sathers, Jim Spies and W. Scott Phillips were present. Secretary Kelly Hepler was present along with approximately fifty public, staff, and media.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Cooper called for any additions or corrections to the August 6-7, 2015, minutes or a motion for approval.

Motion by Peterson with second by Spied TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 6-7, 2015, MEETING AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Commissioner Salary Days

Vice Chair Peterson requested one additional salary days and Dennert requested two additional salary days.

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

License List Requests

Staff attorney Dick Neill presented a license list request from High Prairie Lodge and Outfitters of Whitewood, SD. The request is for a list of 3,000 non-resident waterfowl hunters. The list will be used to mail marketing materials for their lodge and guide services. This is a full fee request.

Motion by B. Jensen with second by Phillips TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUESTS FROM HIGH PRAIRIE LODGE AND OUTFITTERS AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Neill presented a license list request from Mark Motz of Prairie Sky Game Ranch and Guest Lodge, LLC of Veblen, SD. The request is for a list of all available hunting license holders. The list will be used to mail marketing materials to people who hunt in South Dakota.

Motion by Dennert with second by Sathers TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUESTS FROM MARK MOTZ AND PRAIRIE SKY GAME RANCH AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Neill presented a license list request from Tom Roster of Klamath Falls, OR. The request is for a list of Private Shooting Preserves in South Dakota and their contact information. The list will be used to obtain research in the testing of new nontoxic shot loads and shot types to determine effectiveness and limitations for the taking of pheasants. Data sets when complete will be added to Tom Roster's Nontoxic Shot Lethality Table which has been included in the SD 2015 Hunting and Trapping Handbook.

Motion by Peterson with second by Spies TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUESTS FROM TOM ROSTER AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Neill presented a license list request from the South Dakota Wildlife Federation of Pierre, SD. The request is for a list of all 2015 Black Hills Elk, West River Deer, Antelope and East River Deer hunters. The list will be used to sell gun tickets and for membership recruitment.

Motion by Phillips with second by Dennert TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUESTS FROM THE SOUTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSALS

Park, Trail and Boat License Fee Increases

Assistant Director Bob Schneider informed the commission that user fees are utilized to cover costs of operation and preventative maintenance in the state park system. Revenue from boat licenses is used to develop and maintain boating access throughout the State. He indicated staff review the fees each year and recommend adjustments as needed. This year fee increases are recommended in four areas: Custer State Park (CSP) 7-day entrance license fee, campsite reservations made through the call center and the George S. Mickelson Trail daily pass and boat license fees. Schneider provided information regarding how the new revenue would be utilized. Schneider noted that the proposed \$2 fee to make a camping reservation through the call center would be a discretionary fee since online reservations could still be made at no additional cost. Phone center reservations are more costly to the department than online reservations.

Division Director Doug Hofer noted that revenue from park fees also aids in improving habitat in the parks systems such as the pollinator plots projects planned for several parks next year.

Schneider presented the proposed changes in park entrance license fees and trail use passes as specified below.

Increase the fee for a 7-day Custer State Park entrance license from \$15 to \$20; and Increase the one-day fee for a motor vehicle in Custer State Park that does not have a park entrance license from \$15 to \$20.
41:03:03:06. Park entrance license fees. The park entrance license fees are as follows:

- (3) The temporary park entrance license fee at Custer State Park is ~~\$15~~ **\$20** for a vehicle or \$10 for a motorcycle. This license is valid for visits of one to seven consecutive days, inclusive, from the date of purchase in any state park or recreation area;
- (5) If a vehicle does not have a valid park entrance license displayed as required in § 41:03:03:02, the operator or the registered owner of the vehicle shall pay \$10 for a daily park entrance license for each day the vehicle is in the park, except at Custer State Park where the fee is ~~\$15~~ **\$20**. The operator or registered owner may apply the entire amount of the cost of this daily park entrance license towards the purchase of an annual park entrance license;

Motion by G. Jensen with second by Spies TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE 7-DAY CUSTER STATE PARK ENTRANCE LICENSE FEE AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

41:03:04:05.01 Campsite reservations – Payment of camping fees – Cancellation fees:

Campers who are residents of South Dakota shall pay an additional reservation fee of \$2.00 for a reservation made through the telephone call center. Campers who are not residents of South Dakota shall pay an additional reservation fee of \$7.70 for a reservation made online and shall pay \$9.70 for a reservation made through the telephone call center.

Motion by B. Jensen with second by Peterson TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE CAMPSITE TELEPHONE RESERVATION FEE AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Increase the daily George S. Mickelson trail fee by \$1 from \$3.00 to \$4.00.

41:03:05:03 Trail use service fees and issuance of trail user pass. The trail user service fees are as follows:

- (1) Annual pass fee, \$15 a person;
- (2) Daily pass fee, ~~\$3~~ **\$4** a person; and
- (3) Annual pass late fee, \$15 a person.

Motion by G. Jensen with second by Sather TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE GEORGE S. MICKELSON TRAIL USE FEE AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Increase the fee for licensing motorboats and watercrafts.

41:04:05:01.01 Boat license fees:

- (1) Nonmotorized boats over 12 feet and boats propelled solely by electric trolling motors: 1 year ~~\$12.50~~ **\$15.00**. Nonmotorized canoes owned by nonprofit youth organizations are exempt from license requirements when being used for organizational activities;
- (2) Motorboats under 19 feet: 1 year ~~\$20~~ **\$25**;
- (3) Motorboats 19 feet and over: 1 year ~~\$40~~ **\$45**;
- (4) Temporary fishing tournament boat license: 10 consecutive days-\$50.

Motion by Spies with second by Dennert TO PROPOSE THE CHANGE TO BOAT LICENSE FEES AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Spring Turkey Hunting Season

Wildlife Program Administrator Chad Switzer presented information on the current Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season including dates by type, licenses, access permits, requirements and restrictions. Hunter success rates for each type of season were provided.

Switzer presented the proposed changes in spring wild turkey hunting seasons as specified below.

- (1) Offer residents 205 more one-tag "male turkey" licenses and 480 less two-tag "male turkey" licenses for the Prairie Units than 2015 for an overall decrease of 755 tags. Offer nonresidents 1 less one-tag "male turkey" licenses and 39 less two-tag "male turkey" licenses for the Prairie Units than 2015 for an overall decrease of 79 tags.
- (2) Establish a new unit (Unit 16A) for Campbell and Walworth counties.
- (3) Change county name of Unit PST-65A from Shannon County to Oglala Lakota County.

Motion by Peterson with second by Phillips TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Custer State Park Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season

Switzer noted the one recommended change from last year to reduce the number of licenses and provided supporting information indicating hunter success rates back to 2005.

1. Reduce the number of one-tag "male turkey" licenses from 135 to 100.

Motion by G. Jensen with second by Phillips TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE CUSTER STATE PARK SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Spring Light Goose Hunting Season

Deputy Director Tom Kirschenmann explained the recommended changes to the spring light goose conservation order noting that the recommended changes for consideration would be for a three year period as last year the dates were adjusted to utilize federal framework and avoid an overlap in seasons.

1. Adjust the start date of the Conservation Order as described below

Motion by B. Jensen with second by Peterson TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE SPRING LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing began at 2:00 p.m. and concluded at 3:13 p.m. and the minutes follow these minutes.

FINALIZATIONS

**Fishing Limits, Regulations and Bass and Walleye Management 41:07:03,
41:07:01**

Wildlife Program Administrator Geno Adams provided informative update from the four public meetings held by fisheries staff to obtain public comment in regards to regulations for Opitz and Bitters Lakes.

Adams presented the proposed changes to white bass fish limits on Nebraska boarder water noting the Departments recommended changes to the original proposal.

1. From the Ft. Randall Dam tailwaters down to the South Dakota-Nebraska state line, change the limits for white bass from 25 daily and 50 possession to 15 daily and 30 possession to mirror white bass limits on border waters with South Dakota and Nebraska. This recommended change would standardize the white bass regulations on all of Lewis and Clark Lake from Ft. Randall Dam downstream to Gavins Point Dam.

Motioned by Sather with second by Dennert TO AMEND PROPOSED CHANGES TO STANDARDIZE WHITE BASS REGULATIONS ON LEWIS AND CLARK LAKE AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by G Jensen with second by Spies TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO STANDARDIZE WHITE BASS REGULATIONS ON LEWIS AND CLARK LAKE AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously

1. **41:07:03:02.01. South Dakota-Nebraska boundary waters.** In the South Dakota-Nebraska boundary waters a person may not catch and keep in any one day or have in possession at any time more than the following:

(4) ~~Twenty five~~ Fifteen white bass, possession limit ~~50~~ 30;

Motion by G Jensen with second by Spies TO FINALIZE CHANGES AS AMENDED REDUCING THE WHITE BASS LIMITS ON LEWIS AND CLARK LAKE AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Dennert with second by G. Jensen TO AMEND BY REMOVING ITEM 2D. PERTAINING TO WALLEYE RESTRICTIONS IN OPITZ LAKE. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Modify **41:07:03:03. "Daily, possession, and length limit restrictions on special management waters -- Additional restrictions described."** to:
 - a. Remove the restriction allowing only largemouth and smallmouth bass that are less than 14 inches in length or 18 inches or greater in length to be harvested from Lake Cochrane in Deuel County and Waubay Lake in Day County.
 - b. Remove the 15 inch minimum length restriction exemption in July and August for walleye from Ft. Randall Dam down to the South Dakota-Nebraska state line on the Missouri River.
 - c. Remove the 15 inch minimum length restriction for walleye from the Cattail/Kettle Lake Complex in Marshall County and Bitter Lake in Day County.
 - d. Remove the 15 inch minimum length restriction and remove the two fish daily limit restriction for walleye from Opitz Lake in Day and Marshall Counties.
 - e. Add a 15 inch minimum length restriction for largemouth and smallmouth bass in Bismarck Lake, Custer County.

- f. Change the name of the "Black Hills Trout Management Area" to the Black Hills Fish Management Area".

Motioned by Dennert with second by Phillips TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO FISH LIMITS 41:07:03 AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Modify 41:07:03:05. "Anglers restricted to one day's limit while on the water or actively fishing." to add language that allows for the removal of fish eyes for use as bait while on the water and to specify that the stipulation requiring fish to remain whole only applies to gamefish.

Motioned by G. Jensen with second by B. Jensen TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO FISH LIMITS 41:07:03:05 AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Adams explained the proposed change to the name of the Black Hills Trout Management Area to the Black Hills Trout Management Area making it accurate as they manage many different fish species.

Motioned by Dennert with second by Spies TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE BLACK HILLS TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA 41:07:01:01 AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Lott clarified that in order to prevent unnecessary waste of white bass this change would allow commercial fisherman to retain and sell the fish.

Motioned by B. Jensen with second by G. Jensen TO DECLAIR WHITE BASS AS ROUGH FISH FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTRACTED COMMERCIAL FISHING 41:07:01:09 AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Paddlefish Season Dates and Regulations 41:07:05, 41:07:06

Adams presented the proposed changes to the Paddlefish Season to mirror the Iowa season allowing South Dakota anglers to snag paddlefish in the Big Sioux River up to the I29 Bridge. Iowa is also working to make this adjustment. Additional changes proposed would allow the replacement of tags to align with current practices and adjust the archery season dates providing hunters a better chance to harvest paddlefish.

Motion by Sather with second by Dennert TO FINALIZE CHANGE TO THE PADDLEFISH SNAGGING AND SPEARING SEASONS 41:07:05, 41:07:06 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Private Fish Hatchery Application Requirements 41:09:04, 41:09:07

Adams explained these changes would modify the name of the Black Hills Trout Management Area and require private fish hatcheries to submit annual fish health inspections as a condition for issuance of a license.

Motion by Spies with second by Peterson TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO THE BAIT AND PRIVATE HATCHERIES 41:09:04, 41:09:07 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Cooper called recess at 5:15 p.m. indicating the meeting would resume at 7:30 a.m. the next morning.

The meeting resumed at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, October 2 in the same location with Commissioners Cooper, Dennert, B. Jensen, G. Jensen, Sathers, Spies and Phillips present along with 20 public, staff and media.

Bobcat Hunting/Trapping Season 41:08:01

Keith Fisk, Wildlife Damage Management Program Administrator presented harvest data to support the proposed change to adding five counties: Clay, Hughes, Hutchinson, Hyde and Union to the East River Bobcat Season.

Motion by Sather with second by Spies TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO THE BOBCAT HUNTING SEASON 41:08:01 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried.

Mountain Lion Hunting Season 41:06:02, 41:06:61

Switzer presented the proposed changes to the mountain lion hunting season noting the modification of the harvest limits, allowing participation of nonresident hunters, establishing a nonresident hunter license fee and regulating the use of dogs.

Motion by G. Jensen with second by Spies TO AMEND RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE MOUNTAIN LION HUNTING SEASON 41:06:02, 41:06:61 BY STRIKING ITEMS 2 AND 3 WHICH IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR NONRESIDENT HUNTING OF MOUNTAIN LIONS.

Roll call vote: Dennert-no; B. Jensen-yes; G. Jensen-yes; Peterson-absent; Phillips-no; Sather-no; Spies - yes; Cooper-yes. Motion failed with 4 yes and 3 no votes.

Recommended by Phillips to revote

Roll call vote: Dennert-no; B. Jensen-yes; G. Jensen-yes; Peterson-absent; Phillips-no; Sather-yes; Spies - yes; Cooper-yes. Motion carried with 5 yes and 4 no votes.

Motioned by B. Jensen with seconded by G. Jensen TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE MOUNTAIN LION SEASON 41:06:02, 41:06:61 AS AMENDED. Motion carried.

PETITIONS FOR RULE CHANGE

Nonresident Waterfowl License

Barrie Norb presented his petition, via conference call, requesting that the Game, Fish and Parks Commission make changes to Nonresident Waterfowl Licenses by adding Spink County to the current 9-county northeast SD license unit; Retain the

allocation of 500 3-day licenses for the NE SD license unit; Allocate 2,250 10-day licenses for the NE SD license unit; and Allocate 1,500 10-day licenses for the unit comprised of that part of the state not included in the NE SD and SE SD license units.

Chairman Cooper outlined the options for Commission action on petitions then requested input from the Commission. It was noted that Norb's petition failed to include any new information only what was presented in HB 1185 (2014).

Per the request of the Chairman Director Leif presented a resolution outlining reasons for denial of the petition for the Commissions consideration

Motioned by Sather with second by Dennert TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 15-15 AS PRESENTED (Appendix A). Motion carried unanimously

Purchase and Accrual of Preference Points

Director Tony Leif presented the petition received from Eric Kolda on September 20, 2015 requesting that the Game, Fish and Parks Commission remove (i.e., repeal) ARSD 41:06:01:16 pertaining to the purchase and accrual of preference points in lieu of applying for a license for any hunting season with a limited license allocation.

Per the request of the Chairman Director Leif presented a resolution outlining reasons for denial of the petition for the Commissions consideration

Motioned by Dennert with second by Sather TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 15-16 AS PRESENTED (Appendix B). Motion carried unanimously

Director Tony Leif presented the petition received from Mike Schuldt on September 16, 2015 requesting the Game, Fish and Parks Commission remove (i.e., repeal) ARSD 41:06:01:16 pertaining to the purchase and accrual of preference points in lieu of applying for a license for any hunting season with a limited license allocation.

Per the request of the Chairman Director Leif presented a resolution outlining reasons for denial of the petition for the Commissions consideration

Motioned by Phillips with second by B. Jensen TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 15-17 AS PRESENTED (Appendix C). Motion carried unanimously

OPEN FORUM

Chairman Cooper invited those who wished to visit with the Commission on matters other than the items listed on the agenda under Finalizations. No persons came forward.

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

SD Parks and Wildlife Foundation Good Earth State Park Land Donation

Wayne Winter, Foundation Director and Doug Hofer presented Resolution 15-12 requesting transfer of property adjacent to Good Earth State Park owned by the South

Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation to the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks as a site for the visitor's center.

Motioned by Peterson with seconded by Spies TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 15-12 AS PRESENTED. (Appendix E). Motion carried unanimously.

Custer State Park Private Cabin Transfer

Matt Snyder presented Resolution 15-13 requesting sale of a private cabin located in Custer State Park. The owners are aware of the date in which they will need to either remove the cabin or surrender it to the state.

Motioned by Phillips with seconded by G. Jensen TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 15-13 AS PRESENTED. (Appendix F). Motion carried unanimously.

Concessions Prospectuses for Roy Lake and Lewis and Clark Resorts

Al Nedved, Assistant Director of Planning and Development updated the Commission on the requests for sales of Roy Lake and Lewis and Clark concessionaires. Nedved explained to the commission how these two concessionaires operate under old commission rules that allow them to request sale and establish prices set by them and not an appraisal. Both are currently under contract. While interest was discussed neither concessionaire received a proposal. Roy Lake intends to work with GFP and reissue another request to sell the property under new terms. We have not received any information on intent to reissue a request to sale from Lewis and Clark

September Visitation and Revenue Report

Hofer provided a year to date comparison of parks revenue indicating a continued growth in camper units sold to be up seven percent from last year. Also provided was a park comparison list by district. Hofer thanked parks staff for all their hard work especially for the quick response to storm clean up at Farm Island and handling of Rally and Roundup.

Custer State Park Resort 2016 Repair and Maintenance Plan

Hofer introduced Tom Biegler, president /CEO and Josh Schmaltz, vice president of Ramkota the parent company for CSP concessions. Snyder provided a recap explaining the overall plan to make improvements and enhancements to CSP Resort over the next five years. The goal is to have the current list of projects completed by the next operating season beginning with the lodge to be demolished next week.

Schmaltz walked through the 2016 repair and maintenance plan in detail. He noted they will work to make the necessary repairs while keeping the historical integrity of the State Game Lodge. They will also have new and renovated cabins at Sylvan Lake Lodge and be mindful to plan for emergency repairs as needed.

Biegler stated their vision going forward is to expand to the parks. He noted CSP was the first concession for the Ramkota

Miscellaneous Updates

Snyder reported out on the 75th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally noting accidents and fatalities and 50th Buffalo Round up showing a YouTube video that provided a few highlights of the event. Snyder indicated the minor change in scheduling for events appeared successful.

The Mountain Pine Beetle has been a problem in the Black Hills area for some time. Snyder stated that with aid of funding and staff efforts since 2012 the number of trees needing to be treated has reduced from 100,000 to 50,000.

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

Land Acquisition Projects

Program Administrator Paul Coughlin presented a land acquisition and disposal report to the Commission. Coughlin invited the Commissioners to view the properties and noted that every acquisition in the past 13 years began by a landowner contacting the Department. The Cutler property will be brought forward for final action at the November meeting to create a game production area in Brown County. Three other properties discussed could be additions to current game production areas. The DOT Water River Access Area could provide water access to the Big Sioux River and is currently being appraised

Management Plans in Development

Switzer provided an update on the pheasant management plan noting in development of the plan they utilized comments and suggestions from the Governor's Pheasant Summit as well as recommendations received from the public. At this time a draft plan has been presented to Secretary Hepler with the next step being to bring the plan forward to the Commission in conjunction with the 30 day public comment period.

The existing wild turkey and Canada goose plan management plans are currently under revision. The 30 day comment period has been provided and stakeholder groups were established and have held their initial meetings. A timetable will be brought forward in November to identify dates for plan completion and setting season schedules.

The statewide deer management plan is in the early stages of development. Staff are working develop an outline and distribute assignments. A draft stakeholder workgroup has been established. The next step will be to develop a survey for distribution

Deer Fawn Survival Research

Andy Lindbloom, Senior Wildlife Biologist provided an overview of the multiple statewide deer research projects. He stated they are hopeful that these research projects will aid in identifying more accurate information that is not possible due to variability in current data methods. Kevin Robling, Wildlife Biologist provided a powerpoint presentation on the deer fawn survival survey.

Zebra Mussels in Lewis and Clark Lake

Emmett Keyser, Regional Supervisor and Will Sayler, Program Administrator provided the commission an update on the zebra mussel infestation at Lewis and Clark Lake and the decontamination protocols for aquatic invasive species. Due to the size of Lewis and Clark Lake decontamination would be monumental so the plan is containment. A user group and work group has been established to find funding sources for enforcement and compliance.

Habitat Partner of the Year Award

Leif presented the Habitat Partner of the year award to Dr. Robert and Janet Ferrell. Ferrell worked in cooperation with GFP to provide quality habitat management practices on his land as well as providing opportunities to naturalists, hunters and anglers.

License Sales Report

Leif provided license sales report as of September 25 for residents and non-residents. He stated the numbers show we are seeing a shift from the purchase of fishing license to that of a combo license. We continue to see good sales and anticipate an increase in sales within the next month with the pheasant season.

Adjourn

Motioned by Spies with second by Sather to adjourn the meeting. Motioned carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Appendix A

RESOLUTION 15 - 08

WHEREAS, the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) has expressed an interest in acquiring real property presently owned by Merlin Dale Kirschenman and Shirley Nagel Kirschenman, Moorhead, MN, which property is described as:

Lots Four (4), Five (5) and Six (6); The West Half of the Northeast Quarter ($W\frac{1}{2}NE\frac{1}{4}$); and the South Half of the Northwest Quarter ($S\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}$); all located in Section Fourteen (14), Township Ninety-six (96) North, Range Fifty-seven (57), West of the 5th P.M., EXCEPT those portions Of Lot Four (4), the South Half of the Northwest Quarter ($S\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}$), and the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter ($SW\frac{1}{4}NE\frac{1}{4}$), lying south of the County road, in said Section Fourteen (14), Township Ninety-six (96) North, Range Fifty-seven (57), West of the 5th P.M., Yankton County, South Dakota, containing 175 acres, more or less, and hereafter referred to as KIRSCHENMAN PROPERTY; and

WHEREAS, said property is to be acquired by and utilized by GFP as a Game Production Area; and

WHEREAS, SDCL 41-4-1.1 requires that before GFP acquires and purchases property, GFP must notify owners of land located adjacent to the property sought to be acquired by publishing notice of the same once in each legal newspaper of the county in which the property to be purchased is located; and

WHEREAS, GFP has published the required legal notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of action by the Commission authorizing the intended purchases, which notice included the time and location of the meeting at which Commission action is expected and by giving notice of instructions for presenting oral and written comments to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed any and all comments that may have been received relative to the intended purchase and after consideration of the same, the Commission approves the purchase of said property for use as a Game Production Area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that GFP is authorized to complete negotiations for the purchase of the KIRSCHENMAN PROPERTY and execute and consummate an agreement with Merlin Dale Kirschenman and Shirley Nagel Kirschenman, which is acceptable to GFP to acquire by purchase, at the price of \$665,000.00, the KIRSCHENMAN PROPERTY for use as a Game Production Area.

Appendix B

RESOLUTION 15 - 09

WHEREAS, the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) has expressed an interest in acquiring real property presently owned by the Heirs and Devisees of Virginia Randall, c/o Carol Gaikowski, Personal Representative of the Estate of Virginia Randall, deceased, which property is described as:

Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of Section 14, Township 121 North, Range 55 West of the 5th P.M., Day County, South Dakota, including and subject to the Randall Conservation Easement, containing 160 acres, more or less, and hereafter referred to as RANDALL PROPERTY; and

WHEREAS, said property is to be acquired by and utilized by GFP as a Game Production Area; and

WHEREAS, SDCL 41-4-1.1 requires that before GFP acquires and purchases property, GFP must notify owners of land located adjacent to the property sought to be acquired by publishing notice of the same once in each legal newspaper of the county in which the property to be purchased is located; and

WHEREAS, GFP has published the required legal notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of action by the Commission authorizing the intended purchases, which notice included the time and location of the meeting at which Commission action is expected and by giving notice of instructions for presenting oral and written comments to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed any and all comments that may have been received relative to the intended purchase and after consideration of the same, the Commission approves the purchase of said property for use as a Game Production Area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that GFP is authorized to complete negotiations for the purchase of the RANDALL PROPERTY and execute and consummate an agreement with the Heirs and Devisees of Virginia Randall, c/o Carol Gaikowski, Personal Representative of the Estate of Virginia Randall, deceased, which is acceptable to GFP to acquire by purchase, at the price of \$215,000.00, the RANDALL PROPERTY for use as a Game Production Area.

Appendix C

RESOLUTION 15 - 10

Whereas, the State of South Dakota (for the use and benefit of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks) owns property described as:

Lot A of Isensee's First Clear Lake Subdivision, located in Government Lot 2 of Section 12, Township 126 North, Range 54 West of the 5th PM, Marshall County, SD, and

Lot B of Isensee's Second Clear Lake Subdivision, located in Government Lots 1 and 2 of Section 12, Township 126 North, Range 54 West of the 5th PM, Marshall County, SD (hereafter GFP PROPERTIES); and

Whereas, SDCL § 41-2-29.1 provides that the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks shall sell real property owned by the state and held by the department if such real property is no longer needed for game, fish, or parks purposes, with such sale to be conducted pursuant to the procedure more fully set out in SDCL § 41-2-29.1; and

Whereas, the combined total 0.5 acre GFP PROPERTIES were acquired in June 1964 as part of a larger 12 acre Water Access Area and are owned by the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks – Wildlife Division and intended to provide fishing access to Clear Lake; and

Whereas, the GFP PROPERTIES have over time been encroached upon by private developments, are physically isolated from other currently utilized portions of the Water Access Area, and are of no significance to continued public access and use for South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks – Wildlife Division; and

Whereas, the GFP Commission hereby determines that GFP PROPERTIES no longer serve the purposes for which they were originally acquired and are no longer needed for Game, Fish, and Parks purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the GFP Commission hereby directs the Department to sell and transfer title to the GFP PROPERTIES in conformity with the procedures provided in SDCL § 41-2-29.1, and that the Department is authorized to execute and consummate an agreement relative to the sale deemed appropriate by the Department.

Appendix D

RESOLUTION NO. 15 - 11

Whereas, the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission has been advised that Rae-Hope Putney was the owner of a cabin located in Custer State Park (Custer County) on property described as:

No.2 Sylvan Lake Paradise Gates in the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section Twenty nine (29), Township Two (2) South, Range Five (5) East, of the Black Hills Meridian, Custer County, South Dakota; and

Whereas, the property upon which the cabin is located is owned by the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks and has been leased to Rae-Hope Putney by permit by reason of a Stipulation of Settlement and Dismissal entered in Craft v. Wipf, Civil Action No. 85-5092, U.S. District Court for the District of South Dakota, Western Division, and subsequent agreements and permits executed thereafter based on said Stipulation and Dismissal; and

Whereas, the Commission has been advised that Rae-Hope Putney desires to transfer and assign all of her interest in said cabin and cabin site permit to Geoff Putney and Jessica Putney, husband and wife, as joint tenants; and

Whereas, the Commission has been requested to approve said Transfer and Assignment.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that in the event the Department receives an executed Agreement and Assignment of the above described cabin site permit and cabin and appurtenances located thereon and which further provides that said Assignee agrees to abide by all of the terms and conditions of the aforementioned Stipulation of Settlement and Dismissal and all subsequent agreements relative thereto, including but not limited to Cabin Site Permits, Addendums, and all agreements relative to establishing the lease or rental payments due the Department, then in that event, the Department is authorized to execute a Consent to the requested Assignment.

Appendix E

RESOLUTION NO. 15 - 12

WHEREAS, South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation owns real estate (Property) described as:

Tract 1 of Good Earth Park Addition in the South Half (S1/2) of Section 14, Township 100 North, Range 49, West of the 5th P.M., Lincoln County, South Dakota, as platted in Book 9 of Plats, page 148; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation, Inc. desires to gift the Property to the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (Department) as an addition to Good Earth State Park at Blood Run; and

WHEREAS, the Department has evaluated and determined that the Property would serve very well as an addition to Good Earth State Park at Blood Run, providing land for the Visitor Center building site and for parking and road access to the Visitors Center; and

WHEREAS, the Department is authorized to accept gifts of property for park and recreational purposes per SDCL §§ 41-2-19 and 41-2-24;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission does hereby authorize the Department to accept the gift of the Property from South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation to be used as an addition to Good Earth State Park at Blood Run.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Commission, on behalf of the citizens of South Dakota, does hereby acknowledge and express its deepest appreciation and gratitude to South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation for its generosity, and further acknowledge the benefits this gift will provide for the development of the Visitor Center at Good Earth State Park at Blood Run.

Appendix F

RESOLUTION NO. 15 – 13

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission has been advised that Alyce Bennett was the owner of a cabin located in Custer State Park (Custer County) on property described as:

No. 4 Birchlawn Lot in the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Twelve (12), Township Four (4) South, Range Five (5) East, of the Black Hills Meridian, Custer County, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the property upon which the cabin is located is owned by the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks and has been leased to Alyce Bennett by permit by reason of a Stipulation of Settlement and Dismissal entered in Craft v. Wipf, Civil Action No. 85-5092, U.S. District Court for the District of South Dakota, Western Division, and subsequent agreements and permits executed thereafter based on said Stipulation and Dismissal; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised that Alyce Bennett desires to and has transferred and assigned all of her interest in said cabin and cabin site permit to Robert Metcalf and Lucienda Metcalf, husband and wife, as joint tenants; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been requested to approve said Transfer and Assignment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in the event the Department receives an executed Agreement and Assignment of the above described cabin site permit and cabin and appurtenances located thereon and which further provides that said Assignee agrees to abide by all of the terms and conditions of the aforementioned Stipulation of Settlement and Dismissal and all subsequent agreements relative thereto, including but not limited to Cabin Site Permits, Addendums, and all agreements relative to establishing the lease or rental payments due the Department, then in that event, the Department is authorized to execute a Consent to the requested Assignment.

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

The Public Hearing Officer Cindy Longmire began the public hearing at 2:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Spearfish, South Dakota with Commissioners Cooper, Peterson, Dennert, Jensen, Jensen, Phillips, Sather, and Spies present. Longmire indicated written comments were provided to the Commissioners prior to this time and will be reflected in the Public Hearing Minutes. Longmire then invited the public to come forward with oral testimony.

Fishing Limits, Regulations, and Bass and Walleye Management

Oral testimony:

Joe, Honer, Eden, SD, said he attended the meeting held by fisheries staff, but still does not agree with the proposal. He thinks Opitz lake has been fished hard and is now in a difficult situation. Honer stated Bitter lake had a huge population of large fish that ate down the food and the bite was tremendous creating a huge influx of anglers. He is concerned that removing the minimum will create an influx that will harvest the population down to a serious deficit. He said this is not the right time to remove limits and would like the opportunity to continue to work with fisheries staff.

Danny Michlitsch, Eden, SD said he routed the petition at his grocery store and that people seem to be happy with the two fish limit. He stated that they did their own survey of the lakes and they all appear to see a lot of use. Michlitsch noted this is good for the businesses and their community.

Written testimony:

Tom Knase, Eden, SD, emailed "I own a house in Eden SD and I fish Opitz offend, Recognizing the lake it an outstanding walleye fishery, I would prefer caution on the side of removing the 2 fish per day limit. Removing the 15" length limit will guarantee that everyone fishing will have fish to take home. Increasing the 2 limit per day to 4 per day, will guarantee the lake will be fished out. Please proceed with caution and change one limit item at a time. The 2 per day limit can be addressed after fish netting result are examined.

Pat Malcomb, Sioux Falls, SD, emailed" I am all for the proposed walleye rule changes, and would like to see Lake Poinsett do away with the 15 inch size limit also. There are so many 14-3/4 to 14-7/8 inch walleyes being caught it is sometimes hard to get a few over 15 inches to keep, not to mention the ones we see floating belly up because they are under 15 inches. I hate to see these fish floating because they are 1/8 under 15 inches, what a waste as they are really nice looking walleyes."

Vern Prosocki, Avon, SD, emailed" I am writing to plead with you to NOT remove the slot limits on these two lakes. As a Minnesota resident I realize these two lakes are not part of my regular haunts. They are however important to me as I try to get to the Glacial Lakes region 1-2 times per year and during these trips I look forward to the quality of fish they produce. The prospect of quality walleye fishing is what attracts many of us non-residents to your great state. The probability of negatively affecting these resources is reason enough for a NO vote. Minnesota has seen more than our

share of mis-managed fisheries. Please don't make changes to these lakes which represent an example of what your people have done well.

Rick Sommers, Aberdeen, SD, emailed" I am writing to voice my opposition to changing any of the regulations on Opitz Lake. It has been an excellent fishery that has been fished heavily with the existing regulations. Even as recently as this past weekend, there were over 30 boats at the ramp. The fish that were caught this past weekend were healthy and fat, and also at least half were over 16" long. It is not broken. No need to fix it.

Bill Leonard, Eden, SD, emailed" Just a short message to pass on my feelings about reducing the length limit on Walleyes on opitz, and bitter lakes. It's pretty obvious that these two fisheries have been hurt in the past few years due to the increased harvesting. Both lakes are faced with large numbers of smaller fish that seem to be on a slow growth pattern. However I have seen an increase in the lengths of both fisheries in the past two months. It is now very common to catch several fish in the 15/12-16" class. It's my feeling that we need to hold off on reducing the length limits to less than 15", let's see what these fish do by the end of next yr before a decision is made. Another short note about another lake in the NE cattail. I might be way off on this one and it may not be finically feasible. I don't think it's a secret that the fishery has been hurt because of high water and the fish moving dn stream through the outlet tiles. How about a fish trap to prevent this in the future. Thanks for listening to me, and thanks for all your efforts to protect our fisheries.

Scot Hanson, Shoreview, MN, emailed" The 30 inch walleye was by far my biggest walleye in NE SD, caught on Swan Lake in Sept. Prior to that, several 24-25 inch walleye in several lakes. But I mostly catch nice 'eater;' walleye. However, last year, hard to catch a walleye on Bitter over 15 inches. One day, I bet we caught 50 walleye, but all under 15 inches, at the boat ramp talked to 5 other boats all with the same story. I do not think any of us had a fish over 15 inches. But that was last year, have not fished Bitter in 2015. Much was the same for Opitz, hard to catch over 15 inches. But those fish seem to have grown in 2015. Biggest I get is around 17 inches. Still many under 15, but I am ok with that. Several year classes on Optiz. No northern, a few jumbo perch and a few crappie, hard to target those. Catch by accident walleye fishing. I fish NE SD until ice up. Let me know if you want to hear anything more. I will tell you my experience. Keep my boat stored there and fish all the lakes in the NE. Then to Chamberlain for spring. I have lots of photos I can send if interested. This photo from last spring in Chamberlain. I fear the great fishing of NE SD is going to be ruined by excess limits. I would prefer a 2 fish limit. With 4 in possession. I do like only one over 18 inches.

Joe Honer, Eden, SD, emailed" Boys did a survey at Opits this weekend during there fireman's tourney. Boon also did one over last three days at bait shop he owns, which had A great amount of traffic including five different states. The over wellming response was that they thought the minimum should stay in place. They also reported the keeper to catch rates on Opits were at or above fifty percent and that the total numbers of fish they were catching was down from last year. At the stake dinner afterward I worked the crowd and found that the guys after given the info I was given still felt very strongly that the bitter and Opits should be left in place also the 2 fish limits. Some of thees guys felt so strongly that they said they were going to call the media in.

When I told them they needed to e mail u or others there response was they don't listen. I tried to encourage them that that is not the case. I tell u this so u know and I'm sure u do already but this is part of why u don't get an overwhelming response directly from the public. As far as the bitter lake. The word is out and the landings were pretty much full this weekend with every one I talked to having there limits of keeper fish. After thinking about what I was told on the phone. The things that don't add up are. One of the biggest reasons they don't want to wait a year on bitter is that after waiting 9 years on Waubay then taking the minn off. We r experiencing a slow growth rate even on new fish stalked. I would agree, but I believe it is from the exact thing we r proposing to do. Once the minn were taken off the harvest was very heavy leaving a void in wich the white bass exploited. The population of white bass is now higher than population of walleye in bitter. So if u look at the chart the high numbers in bitter are 13-1/2 and biggest being 14-1/5. After that it goes down considerably. So we take and knock those fish down to 12-13 we will be providing that very fertile opportunity for those bass. Brian commented on they think it is heading that way now but we r not seeing that In catch rates and actually the opposite this year as they r very rare. Also the other thing I hear a lot is that our lakes are not as fertile as in the past and we should be careful not expect as much out of them. That makes sense from what I see in there consumption. My confusion is that we r making part of this decision based on an expected growth rate from the past also. Maybe we have to modify that in certain situations. I hope this helps and again I am with u guys not against. I have complete respect for all of u. I am just not able to make sense of the whole pic and am very concerned that we may make a decision that will ruin bitter or sentence our fisheries to 15 inch or LESS on our average to big fish size. Thanks again and have a good day. Here is some of what we see and feal about minimums. I have been guiding on bitter for the last month. I have also been canvassing other guides and frequent fisherman of bitter and Opits lakes. Most of this info is from bitter. We r all in agreement that the fish have shot up a solid inch in the last month or so and expect that to continue through sep. we r seeing catch rates of 25-40 percent of keepers to none keepers in a lot of areas in the lakes. There are also a lot of fish about to clear the 15 minn. we feel strongly that a significant percentage of fish can and will be harvested to clear the way for the rest of the fish to come out of the stunted stage. I would strongly hope that we could hold off a year on the rule change. It would be a considerable set back to have thees fish cropped down to 12-13 inches at this point. We r also very concerned that there is no plan or goal in place to reinstate the minimum. We feal that in itself would sentence is to a far inferior fishery in to of our most important body's of water. The consensus of the boys I know around here is that our fisheries boys up here r top notch but r limited at times in how much info they have available to them. We have much more input to share but in an effort to keep this message manageable I will stop here My number is 320 260 6143 if any of the commissioners would like to hear more I would love to talk. Thanks much. If there is anything I or we can do feal free to call.

Blake Anderson, Groton, SD, emailed, "I fish the waters to the NE of me very regularly especially Bitter and Opitz. I attended 2 of the informational meetings that were put on in Aberdeen and Britton regarding the proposed length limits. The guys did a very good job of putting the meetings on and getting the information to us. Although I am seeing the lengths of the fish differ from what they are seeing, especially in Bitter

and Opitz lake. I fished there in middle of July and there was plenty of short fish with few keepers but a lot of the fish were close. Currently the fish we are catching have jumped 1-1.5" at least in 45 days. Making catch rates of 1 out of 3 keeper vs. Short fish, some days have been better than that. Hopefully the next 45 days show the same jump or close too. Not only are most of the fish above the 15" limit but they are in great shape also. Even the 13-14.5" fish are very healthy with a occasional thinner fish that comes out of deeper water. Catch rates in deeper water are showing 1 out of 10 keepers. With that being said I believe they need to table the length limits for a year to make sure it is the right thing to do. I think when people see these nicer fish being caught that the populations will be knocked down some with the current limits in place. I worry that if the limits change then they cannot easily be put back into place in the future. As far as the size limit on Cattail, I don't see a population of walleyes below 20" in that water right now so why change the minimum length? I think it should stay in place in case that water does get a good "take" of walleyes and they get to that 15" size very rapidly. From what I've seen from the boat on Cattail there is plentiful food, if those walleyes get going in there they will grow fast. If you have any questions for me don't hesitate to call

Thomas Tobin, Aberdeen, SD, emailed" I am Thomas Tobin. My phone number is 605-380-6348. I am contacting the department relating to the proposed fishing rules changes for Opitz slough. I live in Aberdeen SD and am 66 years old. I fish Opitz Slough about 20 times per year. I am opposed to removing the 2 fish limit or to reduce the size limit. The fishing was real good into June, then it was a little slow for about 6 weeks and now is is very good. If you change the rules on this lake you will have it fished out in no time. I was there last week and there were 17 boat on the lake when we got there. Several more came after we were there. Only 3 boats were from SD. The same thing happened 2 days later. First of all Opitz can't handle that many boats and if change the limit to four the boats will multiply until the fish are gone. I take two disabled people with me to fish most of the time and I took all of my Grandkids (9) to fish there. It is a nice quiet lake where you can catch fish and have fun. I was upset to see so many boats on the lake last week. If you change the limit the out of state boats will have it so you can't get on the water because of the limited parking and you will have the same thing happen there that has happened at some of the other lakes. With the low cost out of state season fishing licenses and many of the people coming more than once to fish the out of state fishing appetite is insatiable. I have fish a lot in the glacial lakes over the past 25 years and I have seen how fast the fishing pressure comes to the hot lakes i.e. Waubay, Bitter, Pyus. I am asking you to leave the rules as they are for Opitz. Thanks"

Martin Tarby, Rapid City, SD, emailed" WHAT? You have got to be kidding! White bass is a SPORT FISH! I and many other fishermen thoroughly enjoy fishing for white bass with rod and reel. I am fervently opposed to any attempt to commercially fish for white bass or any other sport fish. Please do not vote to reduce the recreational opportunities available to South Dakota anglers.

Doug Hansen, Webster, SD, emailed" I support the proposed fishing regulation changes for 2016 on the lakes in northeast SD in general, with particular reference to Bitter Lake. Over the past few years, I've had the good fortune of "processing a lot of data" on walleye harvest and condition in Bitter Lake. These data were not collected in

a scientific manner, unlike the Wildlife Division's data. Nonetheless, my observations of and conclusions from these data are consistent with those of the Division. Walleyes from the abundant 2011 year-class of walleyes are not growing like they should be. Neither are many of the other walleyes in the population. Removal of the 15-inch minimum size restriction on Bitter Lake is soundly based in fisheries management science and is supported by reliable scientifically collected data. It is also supported by anecdotal observations by active anglers. I encourage the Commission's approval of the proposed fishing regulation changes for Bitter Lake. Although I have no personal observations of the fisheries on the other lakes in question, I have seen the data collected by Wildlife Division staff. I believe they have collected compelling data to support the recommended regulations. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Marc Paulson, Hermosa, SD, emailed " We now have a fishery where you can take kids fishing and they can catch fish. Younger kids have trouble catching some types of fish and get bored easily but in the spring when the white bass are running they have a lot of fun and enjoy fishing because they can catch these more aggressive fish. I do not believe we need to reduce the population of white bass by allowing commercial fishing. If you want to allow commercial fishing let them take the cat fish there are lots of them and no one seems to fish for them as much. I hope more fisherman are against this also."

Tom Mahan, Groton, SD, emailed " I'm sorry I couldn't make the meeting Tuesday night in Eden concerning the walleye limits and length restrictions on Opits and Bitter Lake in Northeastern South Dakota. It is my understanding that you want to increase the limit from two walleyes to four on Opits and let fishermen keep any fish under 20" and one over 20". The reasoning is to lower the population of walleyes in the lake so the fish can get bigger faster. I really enjoy fishing Opits because it is not usually crowded and you can always catch fish, a very nice combination. I always thought that the state must be thinking along these same lines because the boat landing will accommodate just a few boats and the people who are concerned about keeping more than two fish can go some place else to fish. Bitter on the other hand has a great landing area and the lake has all sorts of structure and different venues to accommodate any type of fisherman and the walleyes are usually very accommodating, we always catch fish on Bitter. Both of these lakes offer great fishing because they both have a good population of fish and I can't see why the state wants to destroy that population by removing the lower slot and allowing fishermen to keep fish under 15"s. Game and fish has done a great job in creating our fishing recourses in the state and I think all SD residents agree along with the countless out of starters that our fishing attracts year around. The economy's in the towns in and around where the fish are biting have grown to really rely on the traffic fishing has created and I hope you take that into consideration when making your decisions. Have you explored the idea of putting more bait fish or fresh water shrimp into these waters to help these fish grow bigger faster? Most of the Northeast lakes that grew to what they are today started that growth back in the early 90's and the bottoms of those lake have matured to resemble most any ordinary glaciated lake and the habitat in those lakes is not what it was after the flooding started. If you make a mistake on this I think you know how long it will take to rebuild the numbers from fingerlings, let's just feed what we have and see if that works first. Thanks for reading what I had to say!"

Bob Woerman, Brandon, SD, emailed" Walleye rules and regulations: Visiting with several fishermen comments are all the same, "Make the Walleye regulations more uniform from one lake or stream to the next in South Dakota." Right now regulations are confusing and it is easy to make a mistake when keeping or releasing a Walleye."

Arden Price, emailed" I am all for removing the 15 inch limit and going to a 4 a day limit there is just to many small fish being caught numerous times and also to much of a problem to inforce when that many small fish"

Byron Petersen, Lake City, SD, emailed" I would encourage the Commission to leave the current fishing restrictions in place for Opitz Lake in Marshall County. The few SD residents that can fish it during the week are happy with their results and I see know reason to change as it only will help out of state fishermen who are already often surpassing their limits; especially those who remain on the lake past nightfall . Thank you

A petition signed by 149 individuals was submitted by Danny Michlitsch, Eden, SD "we the disagree with the Game Fish & Parks decision to increase the fishing limits on Opitz Lake in Marshall County. It is our belief the lake has already been over fished and that the limits should remain at 2 fish per day. We further would encourage increased enforcement of the 2 fish limit and size restrictions."

Robert E. Wright, Sioux Falls, SD, emailed," White bass are a highly prized game fish everywhere, it seems, except South Dakota. They are the state fish of Oklahoma and are so closely related to striped bass ("stripers"), the state fish of Maryland, Rhode Island, South Carolina, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, and New Hampshire, that they can be successfully hybridized with them to create superfish called wipers.

[\[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Striped_bass\]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Striped_bass) White bass and their various kin are voracious predators; feeding schools of them are among the most exciting environments in which one can fish in fresh water. I urge you watch this YouTube video of white bass "boiling" on Lake Mead [\[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-m8E_8WCPR4\]](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-m8E_8WCPR4), where fishing guides like Adventure in Angling [\[adventureinangling.com\]](http://adventureinangling.com) earn thousands guiding fishers to hotspots. White bass also fight like the dickens. I have often had on line what I thought was a 2 lb. white bass only to pull out a 4 lb. walleye. Unlike walleye, white bass strike with force and will often jump. Even throwbacks fight hard. Despite a myth to the contrary, white bass are excellent table fare when properly prepared by avoiding the lateral line or mud line. This guy knows what he is doing [\[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xcb3dYWiXcs\]](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xcb3dYWiXcs). These stuck up walleye fishers also have a clue: [\[http://www.walleyecentral.com/forums/archive/index.php/t-200335.html\]](http://www.walleyecentral.com/forums/archive/index.php/t-200335.html) though I have found that nothing but salt, pepper, and butter are needed. The owner of M&W bait shop in Sioux Falls once told me that she silently served white bass (and drum) to some friends and they found it the best "walleye" they had ever eaten! Most importantly, though, white bass can be caught with *regularity from shore* throughout the temperate part of the year. (I don't ice fish so I don't know if they hit hard in the winter.) I stress *from shore* and with *regularity* because they are in many ways a poor man's fish. No boat required, just a pole, a simple hook, and \$2 worth of minnows and a guy can limit out in two hours any evening in the summer. And, thanks to the generous limit, a successful white bass outing can feed a family (well) for several days while walleye fishers get skunked completely or have to scrape

together a meal out of four "smalleye." This brings me to a bigger issue: "class" rules. I use this term with trepidation because by "class" I do not mean just socioeconomic class (rich, poor, or in between) but also class of outdoors folk. Some of us do not have the money or time or frankly patience to buy, maintain, pull out of storage, launch, etc. an 18 foot Lund with a fish finder, a live well, etc., etc. Some of us just want to run out to East Vermillion or Thompson or Poinsett on a whim on a long summer evening and catch some fish. We don't know where the precious walleye are biting or what color jig is hot this week. If this "class" of fisher catches a decent walleye while out fishing (for whatever bites), yeah, it'll go on the stringer. But we are just as happy with some perch or crappie or, yes, white bass. And this class is not happy that if he is with a buddy and one of them catches fish over his limit, he can't legally share with his buddy because they happen to be standing on shore instead of lounging in a boat (one typically laden with high tech equipment ... how fair is that? For the fish I mean). Some other "class" rules on SD's books include the 5-day limitation on ground blinds on public land. Why is it okay for a guy to put up a tree stand and leave it in the same spot the entire season but another guy, too old, fat, afraid, or poor to use a tree stand, can't? When I called GFP to inquire about this, I was told that the ground blind seems to "claim" an area more than a tree stand does. I'd like to see some empirical research on that (and I know there isn't any because the officer I spoke to admitted there was not clear policy on tripods because no one had ever asked), and if it is in fact the case, then why not make clear to everybody that blinds, stands, tripods etc. do not given preference to the owner, only a vehicle in the appropriate parking space does? Half of all states allow the use of crossbows during whitetail deer archery season (24 w/o restriction, 1 on private land only): <http://www.tenpointcrossbows.com/united-states-crossbow-regulations/>. Why is SD one of the half that does not allow them? Again, it appears that there is a class bias to the decision because bows are generally more expensive than crossbows in terms of initial purchase and subsequent kit (arrows, sights, etc., etc.) but especially in terms of practice time to become proficient. Some of us simply do not have the time to shoot 100+ arrows per week for weeks on end while others, city dwellers, cannot practice in their backyards (rightly so) or afford to give \$7.50 per day to use the ranges at Archery Outfitters. So why not allow archers to use crossbows, if only for part of the full archery season? Crossbows would draw more females and kids into the sport. Or is that why it is illegal (except in firearms season, which really isn't all that useful)? SD GFP's policies also seem to discriminate against hunting lessees. Special buck tags are not made available to them (unless they are also ag. lessees, which in this day and age is rare) so they have to take the risk of the draw as most such leases are concluded in the spring/summer and not after GFP's September lotteries. This raises yet another issue: why is it in most states, hunters are guaranteed a shotgun/rifle buck tag but have to enter a lottery for antlerless tags while in SD the antlerless are doled out liberally and the lottery is for bucks? Only landowners get buck tags with regularity. Again, whatever the rationale for the system was/is, it reeks of "class" legislation, in this case rural vs. urban. Finally, hunting lessees on annual leases (as most seem to be) can't invest in the sorts of technologies that allow people to hunt all day in the state's harsh climate (e.g. the wooden "condos" that dot the landscape) because they are too costly to put up for only one season. But hunting lessees could invest with confidence, if allowed by law, in moveable elevated blinds. By the current regulations, a moveable elevated blind would

have to have the wheels removed or be detachable from the vehicle. The types of vehicles used in Texas are illegal (for deer) even if the engine is off and the operator is not in the cab. (See <http://texaspredatorposse.ipbhost.com/index.php?showtopic=23790> for several of many examples.) Why? It can still be illegal to drive on public land, to shoot at deer out of a cab, or out of a moving vehicle while allowing people to drive to a spot, hunt it, and drive away when the day is done. I think by liberalizing these rules (and there are probably many others I have yet to discover) you could INCREASE hunting and fishing tourism into the state and get more residents interested in hunting and fishing and hence buying licenses and paying sales taxes on kit, etc. Instead of commercializing the white bass harvest, GFP should encourage more outfitters to offer white bass/fishing packages, maybe combined with doves (the season for which seems to start too late, btw) or geese. You wouldn't think about allowing the commercial harvest of walleyes or pheasants, right? So use the same techniques that generate revenue to the state from those sources to build up the markets for white bass, archery, hunting leases, etc. That boils down to being more INCLUSIVE rather than EXCLUSIVE, without, of course, endangering the reproductive success of the underlying resource. For example, instead of allowing Asian and European carp to collect in their masses at the Vermillion spillway (where I saw people catching and RELEASING them over the summer), sponsor a bow fishing contest where the deceased carp are mulched for fertilizer instead of becoming a burden on the archer/fisher (or a stinky mess when illegally left on the bank). You could run the contest yourself and keep the profits or license it to entrepreneurs for a fixed fee. I've written a book called *Little Business on the Prairie* [http://www.amazon.com/Little-Business-Prairie-Entrepreneurship-Prosperity/dp/0931170680/ref=asap_bc?ie=UTF8] that shows how entrepreneurial South Dakotans can be *when allowed to innovate*. Free them up, as you did decades ago for the pheasant industry, and the state soon will be known for more than roosters, bison, and snobby walleye-or-nothing fishers.

Taylor Anderson, Groton, SD, emailed, "I am emailing you in regards to the proposed removal of the walleye length restrictions on Bitter, Opitz and Cattail Lake. I am against the removal of the restrictions on Bitter and Opitz. The fish in Opitz, in my opinion, will be exploited by fishing pressure if that changes. I also believe that there are big fish in the lake, and that the creel surveys are not reflecting this. In regards to Bitter Lake and the year class that is causing trouble. I believe it has grown recently, and many of the fish are, or soon will be, over the 15 inch minimum. Thus will be available for harvest. As far as Cattail Lake goes, personally I am okay with whatever you decide to do. The fishery there is really struggling. I am also 100% in favor of removing the protective slot on the small mouth bass. If you have any questions feel free to email me back, or contact me at 1-605-380-4059. Thanks for your time"

Blair Healy, Langford, SD, emailed, "I attended the recent meeting at Eden SD. I appreciate Paul Dennert, commission member, attending the meeting and able to relay our concerns with changing the limit and size restriction for the walleye fishery. While I am not an avid fisherman, I do enjoy fishing with family and friends. Our recent outing was an annual family fishing weekend at Opitz Lake. We enjoyed the numerous catch of walleyes, many below the 15" size restriction, which were returned to the water, but did catch enough over 15" to eat that evening. While we were not able to limit out, we had a fine time. The GF&P fishery representatives did a good job of explaining their

recommendation of changing the rules a Opitz, but this is our local Lake, which we feel should be preserved for the local people. It is not the large fishery of Bitter and Waubay Lakes, and could not handle the influx of SD and out of state fisherman who would fish out 12", 13" and 14" fish, with an increased limit. Soon to be, another lake, without a walleye population. Please reconsider the recommendation of the biologist's to do away with the 15" size restriction and adding additional fish to the creel limit."

Mike and Mary Dunn, Eden, SD, emailed, " We feel that the fishing restrictions on Opitz Lake should be kept as they are now in place. It is a small lake and we feel it will be "fished out" in a very short time."

Paddlefish Season Dates and Regulations

No oral or written testimony was received.

Private Fish Hatchery Application Requirements

No oral or written testimony was received.

Bobcat Hunting/Trapping Season

Oral testimony:

Larry Bowden, Hot Springs, SD representing SD Fur Harvesters Association, testified that the membership overwhelming supports the proposal and are willing to aid GFP in collecting data. They promote and encourage the release of females and juveniles. Bowden also submitted a letter in support.

Brad Tisdall, president of the SD Houndsmen Association stated his group strongly agrees with the proposal.

Nancy Hilding, president of the Prairie Hills Audubon Society spoke against the proposal. Hildings group is concerned about the cruelty of hunting animals with dogs. She also requested a trap ID for all traps and a reduction in trap check regulations. Hilding submitted a facts sheet on trap check time

Written testimony:

Steve Cherkas, Johnston, IA, emailed "I just listened to the August audio with commission concerned to the point of putting a limit per trapper on bobcats. I agree with the state biologists to leave the season as is and NOT put limits per trapper or quotas in place. I have trapped bobcats in many states for the last 10 years including South Dakota, Wyoming, Missouri, Iowa, and New Mexico. First let me say that I believe South Dakota has a healthy population of bobcat. I base this on the amount of sign I seen in Feb 2014 in the southern Missouri river breaks west river, and my couting Dec 2014/Jan 2015 in the Black Hills and prairie area to the south and southeast. I bought some land (153 acres in Fall River in southern hills) last December and plan to build and move there in 2-3 years (seeing bobcat regularly on trail cameras). In comparing the amount of sign in South Dakota I find it more than what I have seen in Wyoming trapping the last 10 years, and also more than New Mexico. Both of these states do not have quotas and much longer seasons. I also see less trappers in south dakota in comparison to any of the states I trap. When you look at the shorter season, less trappers, and lower market prices (down 35-40% this past seasons which also was down 25% from 2 seasons ago) I would expect even a smaller harvest in the coming

2015-2016 season. Do not let the harvest numbers sway your opinion. I urge you to NOT implement any quota and let science be your guide. I was planning on trapping this past season but chose not to due to the market conditions. I do plan on trapping this upcoming season but that could change as the current market (commodities like oil, precious metals, and copper) indicates it could get worse before it gets better. On the other hand California recently banned bobcat trapping (all political against biologist recommendations with recent Cecil the lion news adding to the left leaning views) which will reduce the supply of quality western cats to the market by about 10%. If you need assistance in attaining your cat goals for the study let me know and I may be able to help you depending on the time of year.

Terry March, Hot Springs, SD, emailed" I wish the bobcat season to remain the same with no changes from last year. Thank You."

James Birdsall, Hot Springs, SD, emailed" I would like to say I am in favor of the gfp proposal to leave the bobcat season the same as last year."

Owen Meadows, Hot Springs, SD, emailed" Please leave trapping regulations , as proposed, unchanged."

Roland T Wick, Hot Springs, SD, emailed" I respectfully request that no changes be made to the SD bobcat trapping season. The increased running of hounds risks the potential of accidental bobcat depredation, in particular of kittens during the young bobcat season. Please accept the SDGF&P proposal to continue the trapping season dates and regulations the same as the past two seasons."

Larry Bowden, Hot Springs, SD, emailed," I would like to voice my opinion regarding the west river bobcat season for 2015-2016. I would like to see game, fish & parks current proposal accepted and keep the same season and regulations as we have had the previous two seasons. I am an avid hunter and trapper. Last winter was a typical season on the trap line as far as bobcat sign and harvest. I released several juveniles and females. My observation of being on the trap line in the areas I trap is that the population is about normal. I have heard some people say that they drive the roads in the Black Hills without seeing many bobcat tracks. My suggestion to them is to get out of your trucks and hunt on foot and they might be surprised at the sign you see. Fur prices were down which also had an affect on the harvest total last season. Also having a six week season instead of the 8 weeks we used to have makes a difference in the harvest totals. Thank you"

Ken Johnson, Newell, SD, wrote," I support the GFP proposed bobcat season. Wildlife management is a complex issue, one size does not fit all. I hope special interest groups, animal activists, political and economics don't dilute sound management."

Henry (Toby) Peters, Sturgis, SD, wrote," I support the proposal to have the bobcat season the same as last year."

James Brost, Hot Springs, SD, emailed," I support the proposal as submitted by the game, fish & parks to the Commission to duplicate the same season dates and regulations as the past two seasons. thank you"

Ray Maize, Pierre, SD, emailed" I support the proposed season of 2015-2016 of Bobcat Trapping West River to be the same as in the past two seasons. I also support the proposal of opening up the counties of Clay, Hughes, Hutchinson, Hyde and Union for East River trapping."

Ed Wahlert, Oral, SD, emailed "I think the Commission should support the proposed Bobcat Season submitted by the GF&P with No changes made from last year's season."

Donald L. Massa, Edgemont, SD, emailed, "I support the current Bobcat season being proposed by the SD Game, Fish and Parks."

Mountain Lion Hunting Season

Oral testimony:

Tim Goodwin, Rapid City, SD, testified he is a mountain lion hunter and recommends we stay with the current season dates and limits. He agrees with dog use in the park, but not the Black Hills forest district.

Darwin Jones, Rapid City, SD stated he support hunting to control certain species and agrees with hunting mountain lions, but says the Commission should halt the season until a comprehensive study on the heath and accurate population can be obtained. He also is opposed to hunting with dogs

Chris Hesla, Executive Director of the SD Wildlife Federation testified his organization support wildlife management based on science therefor they support the proposal excluding the recommendation to allow nonresident hunters.

Lloyd Goings, Black Hills resident and property owner opposes the use of dogs and allowing nonresident hunters. He does agree with the reduction in harvest limits because he thinks the population low.

Brad Tisdall, SD Houndsmen Association stated his organization support the proposal as presented, but recommends an increase in the cost of the nonresident license. Tisdall also noted the use of dogs are aiding in reduction of the elk calf crop.

Taysiana Novikava, an environmentalist from Spearfish, SD said is against sport hunting and is concerned with the decrease in population of the mountain lion. Novikava encouraged the Commission to halt Mountain Lion hunting until more information can be gathered as to the population to avoid extinction.

Nancy Hilding, president of the Prairie Hills Audubon Society stated she is delighted to hear of the appointment of Ron Skates as GFP tribal liaison. Hilding provided a handout on future population estimates noting that a reduction is only a cosmetic fix and that the season length needs to be reduced. She objects to nonresident hunters, the use of hounds and the two year delay in the management plan. Hilding also submitted a letter.

John Hauce, Deadwood, SD, said he doesn't agree with the statistics and would like to see the season halted for a year to gather accurate data and preserve the species. Hauce opposes nonresident hunters and the use of hounds.

Ross Rohdel, Rapid City, SD, member of the SD Houndsmen Association stated he supports the proposal, but recommends an increase the fee for nonresident hunters.

Terry Mayes, Rapid City, SD, vice president of the SD Wildlife Federation Camo Coalition stated his group is opposed to allowing nonresident mountain lion hunting as it is a rare big game species. Nonresident hunting of mountain lions could allow for the inadvertent use of hounds and may cause conflicts with landowners.

Written testimony:

Andrew J. Jackson, Rapid City, SD emailed "I oppose issuing non-resident

licenses for mountain lion hunting. The only reason I can see for this is monetary! I'd rather pay additional for a resident license and keep this season for South Dakota residents only, especially since the quota is recommended to be reduced! Thank you for allowing my input!"

Jenna Brager, Nevada City, CA emailed "It has come to my attention that you are allowing the legal hunting of mountain lions and are in fact setting quotas. This is an extremely outdated practice. It is common knowledge in this era that mountain lions, as top predators, are an essential part of a healthy ecosystem. All animals and plant species, as well as humans, depend on healthy ecosystems for survival. There is absolutely no need to manage mountain lion populations. As a top predator, their population manages itself and also is crucial for maintaining healthy populations of prey species. By allowing hunting of top predators such as mountain lions, you are jeopardizing the health of the entire ecosystem, including human survival. Please wake up to these facts. Mountain lions are a threatened species - they must be protected from hunting, therefore hunting should certainly not be encouraged or allowed. With all due respect for your life and the lives of mountain lions across North America,"

Pamela Williams, Boise, ID, emailed "I oppose all hunting with hounds and ask that you enact permanent prohibitions. Please do NOT expand hound hunting in Custer State Park. I ask that you eliminate mountain lion hunting. There is no excuse for recreational killing, and few if any people consume mountain lion flesh. South Dakota doesn't need to declare itself a heartless place where wildlife is cruelly killed to give someone a thrill. Please show mercy to these shy, beautiful, rare animals. Thank you."

Ray Malphrus, Simi Valley, CA, emailed "Please stop the Mountain Lion Hunting. I've hunted most of my life but see no need to kill such a beautiful creature as a mountain lion. Thank You"

Steve Cherkas, Johnston, IA, emailed "As a non-resident land owner I look forward to an opportunity to hunt mountain lions. I have a nice big male showing up regularly on my trail camera. He seems to have thinned down the mule deer population quite a bit this year. Are you on track to finalize this at the next meeting so that the first season will be this coming Dec 15 - Mar 16?"

Edh Stanley, Sacramento, CA, emailed, "Please stop killing mountain lions to meet someone's (hunters') expectation of a kill. Let them learn to do without that manly trophy. Let Nature's top of the hill animals live their lives in peace, not murder."

Ellyn Berner, Mountain View, CA, emailed, "I think you should stop hunting mountain lions for one season. The population has been decimated by your allowing so many of the shy reclusive cats to be slaughtered, which is why your bounty hunters can't find them. And \$121 for a permit? Why bother? Do you think the lives of these top-of-the-food-chain predators is worth nothing, as evidenced by your willingness to let hunters use dogs now, too?? If you canceled one hunting season, who would be mad? I'm guessing the ranchers and the gun lobby, right? I hope you can stand up to such pressure, and do the right thing for these beautiful cats who need our protection. Thank you for listening and at a minimum do not allow the cats to be hunted with dogs. Too barbaric and awful to even think about.

Dee Peters, Rapid City, SD; Anne Mettler, Rapid City, SD; Mary Jo Canonico, Emery, SD; Cesar Lopez, Madrid, SD; Kim Tysdal, Rapid City, SD; Susan Smith, Sioux Falls, SD; Beverly Hyland, Madison, SD; Melissa Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD; Susan

Roselles, Black Hawk, SD; Cathy Merrill, Brookings, SD; Sherry Korthals, Sioux Falls, SD; Pam Merxbauer, Iroquois, SD; Thomas Martin, Custer, SD; Shelia Martin, Custer, SD; Sherry Horton, Sioux Falls, SD; Kurt Seamans, Draper, SD; Linda Biers, Piedmont, SD; Leslie Ranum, Rapid City, SD; Ryan Fossum, Sioux Falls, SD; Michelle Teets, Black Hawk, SD; Vanessa Carlson, Wakonda, SD; Kerma Cox, Custer, SD; Ruth Steil, Yankton, SD; Elaine Dodson, Spearfish, SD; Roberta Rotherham, Sioux Falls, SD; Melissa Martin-Schwarz, Rapid City, SD; Margaret Dixon, Mobridge, SD; D. Madsen, Milbank, SD; Josh Hopper, Watertown, SD; Louise McGannon, Mitchell, SD; Alair Altiero, Sioux Falls, SD; Lacey Jackson, Sioux Falls, SD; James Jensen, Sioux Falls, SD; Mary Bowers, Hot Springs, SD; Jo Kephart, Vermillion, SD; Denise Maher, Rapid City, SD; Claire Svanda, Rapid City, SD; Patricia Claussen, Brandon, SD; Glen Gregus, Hirata, SD; Angela Randle, Black Hawk, SD; Nicole Gonzalez, Black Hawk, SD; Nicky Busutil, Milbank, SD; Elisabetta Costagli, San Vincenzo, SD; Aaron Gayken, SD; Cate Cork, Rapid City, SD; Patty Cummins, Alpena, SD; Tonia Wagoner, Hot Springs, SD; Connie Ryan, Rapid City, SD; Zackeriah Horn, Rapid City, SD; Tim McGannon, Mitchell, SD; Tammy Bentson, Sioux Falls, SD; Mary Affinito, Sioux Falls, SD; Dawn Wipf, Aberdeen, SD; Peggy Jakopak, Scotland, SD; Tana Koch, Rapid City, SD; Rangaswamy Ramakrishnan, Mysore, SD; Jennifer Kalenze, Mobridge, SD; Liza McCann, Sioux Falls, SD; Jörg Jakubowski, Siegen, SD; Janet Malsom, Milbank, SD; Lori OCull, Mobridge, SD; James Zeman, Deadwood, SD; Lori Mccann, Sioux Falls, SD; Geneva Costa, Sioux Falls, SD; Joan Thompson, Piedmont, SD; Debbie Letsche, Humboldt, SD; Janice Hallahan, Box Elder, SD; Joyce Flax, Sioux Falls, SD; Rebecca Darland, Spearfish, SD; Ada Courtney, Rapid City, SD; Rhonda Doyscher, Sioux Falls, SD; Richard Stockert, Pierre, SD; Julie Berry, Vermillion, SD; Neutral Zone, Campinas, SD; Stephanie Arbach, Watertown, SD; Leslie Skinner, Custer, SD; Melodee Pattee, Hot Springs, SD; Julie Anderson, Rapid City, SD; Corinne Conry, Spearfish, SD; Heather Nearman, Sioux Falls, SD; Donna Watson, Deadwood, SD; David and Judy Love, Custer, SD; Sara Parker, Sioux Falls, SD; Patty Jenkins, Brandon, SD; Dawn Freidel, Corsica, SD; Ann Naber, Meckling, SD; Teresa Hicks, Rapid City, SD; Terry Newman, Rapid City, SD; Denise Meyerink, Chamberlain, SD; Brittany Jacobson, Aberdeen, SD; Trish Scriptor, Rapid City, SD; all emailed, "South Dakota's mountain lions are wild icons who deserve far better protections for future generation. As an official managing South Dakota's greatest cat, I ask you to uphold your public trust duties to manage mountain lions for all. South Dakota Game Fish and Parks proposes to reduce its mountain lion hunting "harvest limit" on the Black Hills Fire Protection Unit by a modest amount. While going from a limit of 75 to 60 and female sublimit of 50 to 40 is a good first step, it is not nearly enough. Since 2010, South Dakota's mountain lion population has declined by 40 percent with far too many females dying. This kind of management suppresses the population, which has terrible conservation and ethical consequences. I would like to emphasize that female cats should especially be protected. Killing mother cats puts their dependent kittens into jeopardy. Without their mothers, young kittens will die from dehydration, malnutrition or predation, which are all ethical problems. Second, female cats do not disperse far from the areas of their births, so killing them can limit population recovery, which is a conservation concern for South Dakota. South Dakota's mountain lions deserve to be managed using the best available

science, with their populations protected from heavy levels of trophy hunting, and managed for all citizens so that they will be protected for future generations."

Wendy Keefover of The Humane Society of the United States, Washington, DC, emailed "Although we are not in 100% agreement with the GFP position (we think the harvest limits should be further lowered), I want to say how much I appreciate your cordial and professional manner." and a letter

Bob Woerman, Brandon, SD, emailed "Mountain Lion Hunting: Total number of Mountain Lions that can be killed is approaching the limit in the Black Hills. It is time to trim the kill numbers back or we will not have this resource in the Black Hills. You do not hear about lions as a nuisance like we did a few years ago."

Pat Malcomb, Sioux Falls, SD, emailed, "I was reading the public comments on this issue and just had to write in. Most of the negative comments were from out of state people that have no interest in South Dakota what so ever, they are just all anti hunting and there is no reasoning with them so I wont even try. Then you have the Humane society sending in the same E-Mail with mostly fictional people to try a persuade you from doing the right thing, I am sure you will see right through the scheme. I would propose that the state captures and sends a SD mountain lion to anyone who wants to stop the hunt, this would be a win win as we could reduce the numbers without hunting, and the anti-hunters get to save and take care of a mountain lion, who knows maybe those cute lions would make a good pet. Thanks for listening"

Brian Jorgensen, Aberdeen, SD, emailed "WE do not need to open this up to non-residents. We are restricting the residents enough on this, why would we allow more non-residents to the mix. Leave it the way it is."

Joe Arbach, Hoven, SD, emailed "Please do not allow out of state hunters. I am still trying to get a lion."

Dan Thayer, Aberdeen, SD, emailed "I understand there is a move afoot to let non-residents in to hunt mountain lions. Why would anyone propose this when there is a move to cut back on the number of resident tags? The system is working fine and a sound management program is in place, I suspect this is all about more dollars for non-resident licenses and likely more dollars in the pockets of professional guides. If you are cutting back on resident licenses and allowing non-residents in, seems like it speaks for itself! I am opposed to any non-resident access. Thank you"

Rod Sather, Vivian, SD, emailed "I think is a good idea"

Timothy R Goodwin, Rapid City, SD, emailed "In regard to upcoming Lion Season, I make the following recommendations: 1. Keep dates of season from Dec 26 to March 31. 2. Keep Quota the same 75 Lions or 50 Females whichever comes first. 3. Do not allow dogs in Black Hills Forrest District keeping this a foot season for any hunter to attempt his skills. Last years season was very difficult as there was virtually no snow of any tracking depth to hunt in from Jan2015 thru March2015. Lion kills go up when there's snow!"

Scott Hed, Sioux Falls, SD, emailed, "Thank you for considering my comments. South Dakota's mountain lion seasons have been backed by scientific data, and the take has been conservatively managed. The lion seasons have been deemed successful, and the opportunity to hunt these big cats should be a sustainable one for South Dakota hunters. Why would we want to increase the number of overall tags, when the current way of doing businesses seems to be working just fine? Why would

that increase come at the expense of South Dakota resident hunters, whose numbers would be cut, and simultaneously change policy to allow non-resident hunters? While I don't hunt mountain lions personally, I do support my fellow South Dakota resident hunters, whom I believe ought to continue their opportunity while not losing that opportunity to non-resident hunters. Thank you again."

Jim Twamley, Parker, SD, emailed, " Please do not approve of expanding the existing Mountain Lion Season to non residents. The current program is meeting the goals of the Department and provides residents with the opportunity to harvest a truly unique animal. If the Department wishes to increase the harvest numbers that could be accomplished by reopening the season during the Black hills Deer seasons."

Bruce Mair, Sioux Falls, SD, emailed, " It just boggles my mind that South Dakota would even consider opening lion hunting to nonresidents. It makes absolutely no sense to cut back on South Dakota licenses and then turn around and open it up to nonresidents. It makes us wonder who you actually represent. Please don't even consider allowing nonresidents to hunt lions in South Dakota."

Curt Tesch, Rosholt, SD, emailed, " I do not understand how you can consider opening up mountain lion hunting to nonresidents when at the same time you are reducing the chances of resident hunters by reducing license quotas. If reducing the quotas is appropriate, please do so but do not open the state up to more nonresident hunting."

John Morgenstern, Rapid City, SD, emailed, " Please, DO NOT open the SD mountain lion season to non-residents. It is apparent the lion population is not as robust as previously thought since the number of lions being taken has been going down and the number of permits is being reduced. Why would we want to allow non-resident lion hunting when the opportunity for residents is being reduced? Certainly the limited number of non-resident tags would not be a financial boom for GF&P. Let's keep our lions for our residents. Thank you for your consideration. May I also add, there are many other states that have a larger and more sustainable lion population that offer lion hunting opportunities to non-residents. Thanks again for your consideration."

Jerome Besler, Piedmont, SD, emailed, " Leave the lion season to the residents. Start bring in the non-residents and they will want us to allow them to bring in dogs to hunt lions. I think the residents do a good job of keeping the lion population in check. I hunt behind Piedmont and around Nemo and I have noticed since the lion season started is the increase in Elk and deer in those areas again."

Terry Harmel, Watertown, SD, emailed, " Vote No on allowing non resident lion hunting. Thankyou."

John Henderson, Pierre, SD, emailed, " please count my vote as a no."

Judy Love, Custer, SD, emailed, " Like many other South Dakotas I choose to live in this state because of its abundance of natural beauty. More than anything else I enjoy watching wildlife in its parks and national forests. Along with some of the prominent cougar experts who have been keeping track of the state's lion management program, I am concerned that these beautiful animals once again are being extirpated here. I believe that the number of cats to be taken in the next hunting season should be reduced, and I oppose any plan that would allow non-residents to hunt lions here."

Harry Mitchell, Hot Springs, SD, emailed," would like season dates remain as last year. thank you"

Ron Binger, Lake City, SD, emailed," I would recommend that non-residents are not able to get a SD Mt Lion tag. I feel these tags should all be give to the residents of the state."

Gary Gardner, Pringle, SD, emailed," Regarding the lion hunt season for the next two years, allow me to make some observations and comments. 1. I Object to licenses being sold to as many as 250 out-of-state folks for only \$121 dollars per each. I especially object to out-of-state hunters being allowed to hunt on the prairie unit, which means out-of-state folks can hunt with hounds. 2. I especially object to Commission's January 2015 approval of hound hunt on the prairie --which allows such hound hunt for 365 days of the year on private land and on some public lands. 3. I object to the 60 lion harvest "cap" as too aggressive, especially as it is being set for two years. At this rate, you might as well admit your true goal and announce total removal despite the importance of a cornerstone species. 4. I object to extension of the SD Mountain Lion Management Plan for 2 more years. 5. I object to the 365-day, unlimited season on the Prairie Unit. 6. I object to the hunt in-toto on the basis that your figures and plans are not based on science or the need for a healthy lion survival program. Your numbered are unsustainable and therefore illogical, unnecessary and based on the desires of a few hunters to kill for sport rather than any kind of safety issues. Thank you for your attention and consideration."

David R. Love, Custer, SD, emailed," How difficult it is to write to you commissioners knowing that your decisions are already set and no amount of reason, logic, science, compassion, common sense or respect for the Creator can sway you. And this pathetic state of affairs will continue until you commissioners are replaced by people who are not hunters and ranchers or beholden to those two groups; by people who have the intelligence and moral attributes that you all lack. Your comments to the contrary, it seems clear that you are well on your way to eradicating mountain lions from the Black Hills and the state for the 2nd time. How proud you must be to have and exercise such power. You are all contemptible. So, for what it is worth, I am against setting the season for two years, I am against the use of hounds anywhere, I am against the idea of letting people from out of state hunt SD lions, and if they must, then the tag should be no less than \$500.. I am against the "harvest" (what a despicable term) numbers which are far too high to insure a healthy population (but, of course, that is what you are aiming at), and I am against the whole concept and practice of killing lions in the prairie unit. You are catering to hunters who are totally selfish and ranchers who are ignorant, backward, fools. You are overseeing the destruction of a beautiful creature which has a beneficial part of the ecology of the Black Hills and for no good reason other than because you can and want to. You have no shame."

Christopher Spatz, emailed" In SDGF&P's August 2012 commissioner meeting video reviewing revised mountain lion estimates and the proposed increase of hunting quotas, one commissioner notes that an indication of population decline is the failure to meet quotas. At the close of the 2015 mountain lion hunting season, 22 females from a harvest limit set at 50 marked the sixth consecutive season the female harvest limit/quota had not been reached. The total mountain lion take of 43 was short by 32 of the limit set at 75, marking the third consecutive season in which the total limit was not

reached. 6 years and 3. While SDGF&P biologists have attributed the declining harvests recently to poor tracking conditions, the August 2015 Mountain Lion Management and Season Recommendation video notes that the population is indeed "trending down." How else to interpret failing to meet quotas/harvests limits for 6 years and 3, especially when they are consecutively undershot by as much as 56%, as they were in 2015? Mr. Kanta notes in the August 2015 presentation to the Commissioners that not only are hunters finding sign of fewer mountain lions on the landscape, but hunters are now commenting that the 2010 - 2015 SDGF&P Mountain Lion Management Plan has been far too effective at reducing the population. Hunters are concerned for the very viability of mountain lions in the Black Hills. "We need to back off," says Mr. Kanta, "die-hard hunters are saying be careful, we don't want to lose this resource." The Commissioners have chosen not to heed cougar biologists and cougar advocates recommending best-practice, peer-reviewed hunting protocols. The Commissioners have chosen not to heed SDGF&P polls showing a majority of South Dakota citizens and Black Hills residents who wished for no reduction in South Dakota's mountain lion population. Will the Commissioners listen then to your primary constituents, hunters? The proposed quota/harvest limit reductions for 2016 of 60 total and 40 females continues the trend in unsustainable mountain lion harvests. SDGF&P considered but rejected Washington State University's peer-reviewed research findings that over-harvest disrupts mountain lion social order, and that a 14% take matching the reproduction rate is the established harvest rate to ensure both pet, livestock and human safety, and for population sustainability. Representing our board of directors and members, and every taxpayer of the United States who own the Black Hills National Forest, the Cougar Rewilding Foundation recommends that the commissioners reject the proposed mountain lion harvest limit for 2016 and permanently adopt Washington State University's harvest threshold of 14% of the total population estimate.

Leslie Williams, El Cajon, CA, emailed, "I understand that you are in the process of deciding whether or not to make changes to mountain lion hunting policies in South Dakota. I'm glad you are considering lowering the quota - which would be a step in the right direction. But if you are also allowing out of state visitors to hunt lions, please consider the following: Allowing out of state hunters will commercialize South Dakota's wildlife, over-exploiting an extremely limited natural resource. A few hunting guides may get rich from allowing nonresident hunting, at the expense of South Dakota residents and local hunters. Sport hunting increases conflicts for local residents through increased depredation and potentially dangerous encounters with young transient lions. Ideally, All mountain lion hunting should be stopped until we know the health of the lion breeding population in South Dakota, and the health of the populations in neighboring states expected to provide dispersing lions into South Dakota. Hounding has been banned in two-thirds of the United States. This is an archaic and cruel practice for both wild animals and domestic dogs that should be banned in South Dakota. Thank you for your attention to this vital matter"

Judy Carroll, Redfield, SD, emailed "I'm writing in support of welcoming out of state hunters to our state of South Dakota. I believe the economy benefits greatly from their days they spend in South Dakota. South Dakota has a lot to offer the hunters and their families when they are visiting. The friendships and lasting relationship that have

developed over the years are irreplaceable. Please open up our state and arms and "WELCOME" the hunters and families to our great state of South Dakota! Thank you."

Dean Hyde, Pierre, SD, emailed, "I AM OPPOSED TO NON RESIDENTS HUNTING MOUNTAIN LIONS IN SOUTH DAKOTA! IF MORE MOUNTAIN LIONS NEED TO BE HARVESTED, INCREASE THE NUMBER ALLOWED TO BE TAKEN! PS: This will open the door to guided hunts with dogs and everything associated with non sporting harvests."

Rich Widman, emailed, "The SDWF is against issuing out of state licenses for Mt. Lions. We feel the lion numbers are too low to also support out of state hunters, and that out of state licenses will promote more commercialization -which will eventually lead to including hounds. South Dakotan residents should be the only folks allowed to hunt this trophy animal."

Deb Springman, Brookings, SD, emailed, "Please vote NO to the issuing of 250 non-resident mountain lion hunting licenses. Our state's population of mountain lions is not out of control. We can keep the number of mountain lions down with the resident licenses we issue. If we need to issue more licenses, then do so for the residents of South Dakota. Please do not commercialize this animal, by allowing non-residents to hunt it. Thank You for listening."

Boyd Schulz, Brookings, SD, emailed, "I am writing to urge you NOT to allow Non-Residents to hunt mountain lions in SD. Hunting opportunities for SD residents are becoming increasingly more difficult. If non-residents are allowed to obtain mountain lion licenses in SD they will only compete with our current resident mountain lion hunters. I do not hunt mountain lions but can attest to how our resident opportunities are getting more limited. During this year's youth waterfowl season, I tried to obtain permission for my 12 year old son to hunt waterfowl on private land. I was denied by 66% of the landowners I asked with at least one denying me because they were saving the spot for non-resident waterfowl hunters the following weekend. If we are to maintain our hunting heritage in SD, we need to afford hunting opportunities for our residents and youth. By allowing non-residents to hunt mountain lions in South Dakota, you will assuredly have a negative impact on our resident hunters for years to come. Thank you for your time."

Penny Maldonado from The Cougar Fund, emailed, "We appreciate your efforts to reduce harvest mortality. We respectfully ask you to consider a lower mortality limit and commit to closely monitoring and reviewing the season's harvest so that you can respond swiftly if it indicates that the pressure on lions continues to be too high.... We recommend that the Commissioners firmly reject adding out-of-state mountain lion hunting opportunity for the following reasons: Lowering the mortality limit is a positive response to harvest trends. By rejecting out-of-state hunting you will unify support from in state, for science-based management. Added competition from out-of-state hunters at a time of decreased mortality limits increases pressure on South Dakota constituents. The majority of South Dakota's hunters want to maintain or even increase current mountain lion populations. (https://gfp.sd.gov/hunting/docs/surveyreports/PublicSurvey_MtLion.pdf). Out-of-state hunting fosters commercial expectations that can exert political rather than scientific influence on the decision making process in the future. Significant changes to policy were made just this year, when the Commission approved the use of hounds on the Prairie Unit for year-round, unlimited hunting. Please consider

averting further rapid and significant change by not allowing out of state hunting of mountain lions. We realize that the South Dakota Mountain Lion Management Plan was due this year. When your staff is able to give their undivided attention to this very important review, we will be anxious to participate via the state's policies for public comment and insight. We encourage you to look for a document based on current best science, rather than on speed of production. In this regard, we strongly urge you to delay the proposal for biennial season setting until the Plan has been reviewed and approved."

George Bogenschutz, Nunda, SD As there has been no indication that South Dakotans have not been able to harvest sufficient. Mt Lions under the current regulations to meet GF&P harvest goals I see no need to open the season to non residents at this time. Thank you for your consideration."

Julie Anderson, Rapid City, SD, emailed," I am opposed to the mountain lion hunting season for the the following reasons: 1. Allowing out of state licensees to hunt with hounds on the prairie unit. 2. Allowing the use of hounds anywhere. 3. Allowing hunting in Custer State Park – this is a state owned park and as it is part of my park, I do not want hound hunting of mountain lions where they are not causing any problems. 4. People who do not want to see mountain lion hunting in South Dakota have no voice, despite attending meetings and voicing input on the subject. 5. Allowing Betty Olson to set the GF&P policy on hunting lions. 6. Research suggests killing mountain lions doesn't resolve conflicts with human populations. 7. This season allows the killing of kittens either by being on the prairie or by abandonment of a mother who is killed. 8. There is no talk on a quota as to when this killing will stop. 9. This is being marketed to hunters as trophy hunting, especially out of state hunters. 10. The GF&P cave in to special interest groups. 11. Mountain Lions have no place to safely roam and will be shot on site if someone complains. It is my sincere hope that people who oppose this season will be given a voice and a new season will not be allowed, as the number of lions killed every year is declining. Thank You for your time,"

Wendy Luedke, Lead, SD, emailed," I am AGAINST the mountain lion hunting in South Dakota. Trophy hunting should not be legal. Please: 1 .Lower the quota 2. Do not allow out of State hunters to hunt mountain lions 3. Do not allow dogs when hunting mountain lions or any other animal"

Valerie D. Face, Santa Clara, CA, emailed," I am not a resident of South Dakota, but I wanted to comment on your proposed changes to mountain lion hunting policies because I deeply appreciate mountain lions and the crucial role they play, as apex predators, to keep ecosystems in balance. While reducing the mountain lion hunt quota is a step in the right direction, and I approve of it, it would be better to stop all mountain lion hunting until the health of the breeding population in South Dakota, and the health of the populations in neighboring states (sources of mountain lions dispersing into South Dakota), is known. I am very troubled by the proposals to authorize the issuance of nonresident mountain lion hunting licenses and establish those licenses at a fee of \$121. \$121 is a paltry sum for an affluent, out-of-state hunter, and it is alarming to think of what is truly being given away for that fee. Commercializing and incentivizing the killing of South Dakota mountain lions will likely lead to their rapid over-exploitation. A handful of guides and hunting ranches may profit, but South Dakota residents and local hunters will have less say in what happens to these iconic cats and the ecosystems that

they keep healthy. Nonresident hunters will not have to live with the consequences of their actions; local hunters will be more likely to support South Dakota's goals for healthy long-term breeding populations. Finally, please do not allow the inhumane practice of hunting mountain lions with hounds. It is cruel to the cat being hunted and it endangers the hounds as well as any mountain lion kittens that may be hidden in the area. Hounding has been banned in two-thirds of the United States for good reason, and I urge you to ban it in South Dakota as well. Thank you very much for your time and consideration."

Nancy Hilding, PHAS, Black Hawk, SD, emailed " We object to the SD Lion season parameters and have done so for years; we have sent letters in to all hearings since 2005 and testified at all but one hearing in the last 10 years. This is an important issue to us. We want the Black Hills cougars managed as a source population. We want lions to be recovered on the prairie, especially on tribal lands, if the tribes want the recovery. We object and have repeatedly objected to your cougar season for many reasons: 1. We desire to know cougars exist on the land - both in the Black Hills and on the prairies of SD. We want to "wildlife watch", see tracks and just know that they are there. We believe your aggressive season seriously reduces lions in Black Hills and your goal seems to be to eradicate lions on the prairie. 2. We are concerned about the cruelty to kittens when moms die and with the creation of orphaned and undertrained sub-adults, that may become "conflict" lions. 3. We believe the danger from cougars is exaggerated and that cougar opponents promote and exploit people's fear of cougars; a fear not supported by facts. 4. We want the Department to seriously review the new cougar research out of Washington State that challenges the assumptions that heavy hunting of lions reduces lion conflicts with human/livestock. We want answers from SDGFP about how this research in NW coast applies to SD and Wyoming Black Hills. We need more information on cougar-human conflicts and if these conflicts are increasing or decreasing with time and how this relates to the Black Hills aggressive harvest. 5. We believe that wild predators deserve a fair share of the harvest of wild ungulate prey. We object to killing predators to maximize hunter harvest of "prey" animals. 6. We want you to give equal weight to concerns of wildlife enthusiasts who value cougars – we want the same respect you give to "hunter/fishers" and large agricultural producers. A licensee fee is not a donation. With their license fees, hunter/fishers purchase a thing of value from public – access to take wildlife from the land. Wildlife is owned by all SD citizens. Also much of the Black Hills is federal land and belongs to all American citizens – it does not belong to a few large agricultural producers. However Native Americans claim it also, with the moral claim of broken treaties and theft. At any rate, the Black Hills that supports most of our lion population is substantially public land. So this is about a public resource grown substantially on public land. Specific Objections/Requests for 2015-2017 Seasons We thank you for the fifteen lion reduction in Black Hills harvest "cap", but believe this "cap" is irrelevant, cosmetic or disingenuous, as it is unrealistically high. Hunters have not reached your "caps" for the last 3 years. We believe your staff does not expect them to kill all 60 lions. You set the "caps" way above what can be harvested, thus the "brake" you place on the season is actually the season length. Several years ago the Commission proposed "caps" on bobcat harvests. But as we understood it, the staff felt too uncertain about population levels, so wanted the "brake" to be the length of the bobcat season. Which is

what you chose. You need to reduce the "cap" at least to 43 lions (last harvest) or as Cougar Rewilding suggests in their letter -- 14% of population, the value suggested by Wielgus. SD GFP has not shown us a chart with the estimate of the lion population after the 2014-2015 hunt, so we can't calculate what 14% of today's population would be. We object to the 60 lion harvest "cap" as too aggressive, especially as it is being set for two years. We question the uncertainty of the population estimates and lack of transparency -- at the very least, you do not share the anticipated 2017 lion population levels with the public, if you even have created an estimate. We object to a 2-year season, especially given lack of transparency with respect to the anticipated kill levels and anticipated populations at end of seasons. A. We object to licenses being sold to any out-of-state folks, especially for only \$121 dollars each. We especially object to out-of-state hunters being allowed to hunt on the prairie unit, which means, they can hunt with hounds. The approval of hound hunting was controversial. It was allegedly so livestock producers could be appeased. Please don't make this controversial decision worse by allowing out-of-state hunters to increase the number of hound-hunters. allows such hound hunt for 365 days of the year on private land and on some public lands. We request that you repeal this recent rule change. C. We object to extension of the SD Mountain Lion Management Plan for 2 more years. Why? So many of SDGFP's assumptions and goals that we object to are made policy in this Plan. D. We have seen some new Lion Populations. Several tribes believe they have seen the recent creation of resident or breeding mountain lion populations. This is a changed circumstance for some tribes since 2010-15 Mt. Lion Management Plan was adopted. SDGFP new Secretary Hepler has appointed a tribal liaison. We look forward to a new future of much improved GFP consultation with tribes. Once you are satisfied with the information you receive from tribes, we believe you will determine the 2010-2015 Plan is outdated, with its assumptions of no habitat, no breeding and no resident lions on the prairie. We believe that Tribal authority to manage for lions will change your perception that property owners in the prairie don't want lions. We believe that National Forest, BLM, USFWS, NPS and State School Lands in the western part of SD challenge the assumption that the concern in prairie is just about private lands. We also want the Black Hills to continue to be a source population for Nebraska's small lion populations. We believe these populations are connected to SD tribal lion populations. E. We object to the 365-day, unlimited season on the Prairie Unit. We once again ask you to break the prairie unit up into geographic subsets to allow for different management objectives in different parts of prairie unit. This could allow aggressive cougar hunting in some areas and reduced or no hunting in other prairie areas. We believe that the boundaries of Black Hills lion habitat are too small and that areas with breeding lions around BHs are currently inappropriately excluded from the Black Hills unit. We also hope for management buffers outside reservations for cooperation of GFP with tribes on lion management. We want connectivity corridors to small disjunct populations.... We attach a visual aid to this letter we will use during our testimony today. In attached document, we have taken your staff's "Total Population LP Estimate" chart (from August Commission Meeting) and continued the population line out towards the end of the season in 2017. It shows population dropping below 150 lions. The last date point on this chart (2015), really refers to Christmas 2014. So the last season used to determine this population trend was the 2013-2014 season, where you had a higher harvest and

higher cap than is currently proposed. We suggest if you continue the tradition of -- setting not realistic caps, that are way above what you believe the hunters can catch, you may end up in 2017, with less than 150 lions and be outside your 2010-2015 goals. As the majority of people in your poll (2010-2015 Plan) wanted no change in the population levels and a minority wanted slight change, we do not see how a harvest that drops lions below 150 is consistent with either the Plan's objections or the public poll.

Lindsay Wollmann, Brookings, SD, emailed, "I urge you to vote against issuing mountain lion licenses to non-residents. The mountain lion population in South Dakota is too small to support non-resident hunters, along with SD residents. Mountain lions are a trophy animal the opportunity to hunt them should be reserved for residents."

Leon Fenhaus, Rapid City, SD, emailed, "The current management of mountain lion hunting in the Black Hills has been successful in controlling the population and providing a quality hunting experience. The addition of non-resident hunters will increase the number of hunters and hunting pressure and dilute the experience for all hunters. The increase in hunters will also negatively impact the other big game populations during the time of the year they need to conserve their resources for the winter and reproduction. Lion hunting is the newest big game hunting opportunity in SD and residents are far from exhausting their interest. It is for these reasons I oppose expanding lion hunting to non-residents. I strongly encourage you to do the same."

The Public Hearing concluded at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Application

Type of List Requested Non Resident & Resident Hunting Licenses

Number of licenses in list 2

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:
DT Client Services

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:
735 8th St SE Suite 200 Washington DC 20003

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

Email Address: anthony.will@thedatatrust.com

Phone Number
317-517-3268

Purpose for which list will be used:
Political Purposes match for voter modeling

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.

[Signature] Authorized Signature of Purchaser 10-14-15 Date

Date of Commission Action

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

License Forms and Fees
Chapter 41:06:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	November 5, Mitchell
	Public Hearing	November 5-6, 2015 Mitchell
	Finalization	November 5-6, 2015 Mitchell

DIVISION of ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

Modify 41:06:02:04 Sale of Lists of License Holders

Requirements and Restrictions:

Allows the department to sell lists of license holders which contain the names and addresses of persons 18 years of age or older at the time of licensure, upon approval of a specific application for a list of license holders by the commission.

Recommended changes:

Add permissive language to the rule authorizing the department to sell license lists to repeat applicants under certain circumstances.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

41:06:02:04. Sale of lists of license holders. The department may sell lists of license holders which contain the names and addresses of persons 18 years of age or older at the time of licensure. Upon receiving the commission's approval of a specific application for a list of license holders by the commission, the department may sell lists of the license holders to the applicant that contain the names and addresses of persons under the age of 18 at the time of licensure if the commission finds that the use of the list is not for the purpose of mailing information, solicitation, or any other use of mail and advertising services for the promotion or advertisement of any form of gambling, alcoholic beverages, or offensive or pornographic matters or materials. The department may sell a license list to an applicant without seeking commission approval if the commission has previously approved a license list request from the same applicant for a similar purpose. License list requests from new applicants or for new uses shall be presented to the commission for approval

Source: 21 SDR 56, effective September 29, 1994; 39 SDR 10, effective August 1, 2012.

General Authority: SDCL 1-27-1.11.

Law Implemented: SDCL 1-27-1.11.

APPROVE

MODIFY

REJECT

NO ACTION

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION

Park License and Trail Use Pass
Chapter 41:03:03

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 1-2, 2015	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	November 5-6, 2015	Mitchell
	Finalization	November 5-6, 2015	Mitchell

PARKS & RECREATION DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

Modify 41:03:03:06 (3) & (5) Park entrance license fees.

Requirements and Restrictions:

Requires operators of motor vehicles to have a park entrance license when in state parks, recreation areas, and certain lakeside use areas and establishes the license cost.

Recommended changes:

Increase the fee for a 7-day Custer State Park entrance license from \$15 to \$20; and

Increase the 1-day fee for a motor vehicle in Custer State Park that does not have a park entrance license from \$15 to \$20.

41:03:03:06. Park entrance license fees. The park entrance license fees are as follows:

(3) The temporary park entrance license fee at Custer State Park is ~~\$15~~ **\$20** for a vehicle or \$10 for a motorcycle. This license is valid for visits of one to seven consecutive days, inclusive, from the date of purchase in any state park or recreation area;

(5) If a vehicle does not have a valid park entrance license displayed as required in § 41:03:03:02, the operator or the registered owner of the vehicle shall pay \$10 for a daily park entrance license for each day the vehicle is in the park, except at Custer State Park where the fee is ~~\$15~~ **\$20**. The operator or registered owner may apply the entire amount of the cost of this daily park entrance license towards the purchase of an annual park entrance license;

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Revenue from park entrance licenses and other user fees cover the majority of the cost to operate and maintain the South Dakota state park system. Use of the state park system continues to grow and 2015 will be a record year. It is projected that Custer State Park alone will see 1.8 million visitors and serve 49,000 campers this year. Custer State Park is a destination park and shares the same visitors as Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Rocky Mountain, and Theodore Roosevelt National Parks. These parks each charge \$20 to \$30 for a 7-day entrance permit. Eighty percent of Custer State Park's visitors are non-South Dakota residents.

APPROVE MODIFY REJECT NO ACTION

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION

5b

Camping Permits and Rules
Chapter 41:03:04

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 1-2, 2015	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	November 5-6, 2015	Mitchell
	Finalization	November 5-6, 2015	Mitchell

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Modify 41:03:04:05.01 "Campsite reservations – Payment of camping fees – Cancellation fees" to charge an additional \$2.00 reservation fee for a reservation made through the telephone call center. The call center fee would apply to both South Dakota resident and non-residents.

Proposed changes:

41:03:04:05.01 Campsite reservations – Payment of camping fees – Cancellation fees:

Campers who are residents of South Dakota shall pay an additional reservation fee of \$2.00 for a reservation made through the telephone call center. Campers who are not residents of South Dakota shall pay an additional reservation fee of \$7.70 for a reservation made online and shall pay \$9.70 for a reservation made through the telephone call center.

DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

No changes from proposal

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The intent of the additional \$2 fee to make a reservation through the telephone call center is to encourage campers to make reservations online. On average an online reservation costs the Department of Game, Fish and Parks \$3.80 and a telephone reservation costs \$7.70. If more reservations can be shifted online, the cost of offering the reservation service will be reduced. The fee is discretionary because campers retain the option of making a reservation online. South Dakota residents retain the option to reserve campsites at no cost if they choose to reserve online.

APPROVE MODIFY REJECT NO ACTION

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION

5c

George S. Mickelson Trail Use Service Fees
Chapter 41:03:05

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 1-2, 2015	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	November 5-6, 2015	Mitchell
	Finalization	November 5-6, 2015	Mitchell

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Modify 41:03:05:03 "Trail use service fees and issuance of trail user pass" to increase the daily trail fee by \$1 from \$3.00 to \$4.00.

Proposed changes:

41:03:05:03 Trail use service fees and issuance of trail user pass. The trail user service fees are as follows:

- (1) Annual pass fee, \$15 a person;
- (2) Daily pass fee, ~~\$3~~ \$4 a person; and
- (3) Annual pass late fee, \$15 a person.

DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

No changes from proposal

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Trail user fees support the cost of operating the George S. Mickelson Trail. A \$4.00 trail fee would be consistent with the daily motor vehicle fee a person pays to enter any other South Dakota state park or recreation area. The daily trail fee was last adjusted seven years ago.

APPROVE MODIFY REJECT NO ACTION

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION

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Motorboat and Watercraft
Chapter 41:04:05

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 1-2, 2015	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	November 5-6, 2015	Mitchell
	Finalization	November 5-6, 2015	Mitchell

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Modify "41:04:05:01.01 Boat License fees" to increase the fee for licensing motorboats and watercrafts.

Proposed changes:

41:04:05:01.01 Boat license fees:

- (1) Nonmotorized boats over 12 feet and boats propelled solely by electric trolling motors: 1 year-~~\$12.50~~ \$15.00. Nonmotorized canoes owned by nonprofit youth organizations are exempt from license requirements when being used for organizational activities;
- (2) Motorboats under 19 feet: 1 year-~~\$20~~ \$25;
- (3) Motorboats 19 feet and over: 1 year-~~\$40~~ \$45;
- (4) Temporary fishing tournament boat license: 10 consecutive days-\$50.

DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

No changes from proposal

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Revenue from boat licenses is used to help pay for on-going maintenance and repair of boating access sites statewide. The Division of Parks and Recreation maintains over 300 boat ramp and associated roads, docks, toilets, and parking lots sites adjacent to lakes and rivers in South Dakota. The biggest single cost in providing quality boating access is the investment in roads and parking lots to facilitate boaters. The boat license fees were last adjusted in 2009.

APPROVE

MODIFY

REJECT

NO ACTION

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

**Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:13**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 1-2, 2015	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	November 5, 2015	Mitchell
	Finalization	November 5-6, 2015	Mitchell

COMMISSION PROOSAL

Season Dates:	April 2 – May 22, 2016	Archery
	April 9 – May 22, 2016	Black Hills regular and single-season Prairie units
	April 9 – April 30, 2016	Split-season early Prairie units
	May 1 – May 22, 2016	Split-season late Prairie units; Black Hills late season

Licenses:	Black Hills:	Unlimited resident and nonresident one-tag "male turkey" licenses
	Prairie:	5,654 resident and 218 nonresident one-tag "male turkey" licenses 1,350 resident and 108 nonresident two-tag "male turkey" licenses
	Archery:	Unlimited resident and nonresident one-tag "male turkey" licenses

Access Permits:	Access permits valid April 2-30
	Good Earth State Park: 5 archery turkey access permits
	Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve: 10 archery turkey access permits

Requirements and Restrictions:

- Turkey hunters may apply for and receive one license in each of the Black Hills regular season, Black Hills late season, Prairie, and Archery Units in the first and second lottery drawings.
- Turkey hunters may purchase only one regular Black Hills and one archery turkey license.
- Residents may purchase one late Black Hills late season license.
- One-half of the licenses in each prairie unit are available for landowner/operator preference.
- Prairie units adjoining the White River and Cheyenne River also include an adjacent area one mile wide on the opposite side of the river.
- No person may shoot a turkey in a tree or roost.
- A person may use only bow and arrow, a shotgun using shot shells or a muzzleloading shotgun in state parks and recreation areas within prairie units; units (01A, 06A, 08A, 08B, 22A, 23A, 29A, 32A, 37A, 40A, 44A, 44B, 48A, 52A, 56A, 61A) in eastern SD; and in the portion of Unit 58A lying south of Oahe Dam, east of SD Highway 1806 and north of U.S. Highway 14 except as posted by the Corps of Engineers and GFP.

Proposed changes from last year:

- Offer residents 205 more one-tag "male turkey" licenses and 480 less two-tag "male turkey" licenses for the Prairie Units than 2015 for an overall decrease of 755 tags. Offer nonresidents 1 less one-tag "male turkey" licenses and 39 less two-tag "male turkey" licenses for the Prairie Units than 2015 for an overall decrease of 79 tags.
- Establish a new unit (Unit 16A) for Campbell and Walworth counties.
- Change county name of Unit PST-65A from Shannon County to Oglala Lakota County.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licenses			Harvest			Success		
	BH	Prairie	Archery	BH	Prairie	Archery	BH	Prairie	Archery
2011	4,808	8,064	2,721	1,693	5,536	686	35%	42%	25%
2012	4,435	7,863	2,555	1,685	5,554	739	38%	43%	29%
2013	4,512	7,874	2,830	1,517	5,224	641	34%	41%	23%
2014	3,944	7,189	2,722	1,258	3,642	695	32%	41%	26%
2015	3,877	5,604	3,258	1,258	3,556	967	32%	42%	27%

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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2016 Spring Turkey

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Unit #	Unit Name	Resident		Nonresident		License Totals							
		TomT	2 TomT	TomT	2 TomT	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR
		32	35	32	35	1-tag	2-tag	Licenses	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	Licenses	Tags
01A	Minnehaha	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
02A	Pennington	0	300	0	24	0	300	300	600	0	24	24	48
06A	Brookings	20	0	0	0	20	0	20	20	0	0	0	0
07A	Yankton	230	0	0	0	230	0	230	230	0	0	0	0
08A	Davison/Hanson	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
08B	Davison/Hanson	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
11A	Bennett	50	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	0	0	0	0
12A	Bon Homme	300	0	0	0	300	0	300	300	0	0	0	0
13A	Brule	150	0	0	0	150	0	150	150	0	0	0	0
15A	Butte/Lawrence	350	0	28	0	350	0	350	350	28	0	28	28
16A	Campbell/Walworth	10	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	0	0	0	0
17A	Charles Mix/Douglas	400	0	0	0	400	0	400	400	0	0	0	0
19A	Clay	120	0	0	0	120	0	120	120	0	0	0	0
19B	Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20A	Corson	100	0	8	0	100	0	100	100	8	0	8	8
21A	Custer	0	150	0	12	0	150	150	300	0	12	12	24
22A	Day/Codington	60	0	0	0	60	0	60	60	0	0	0	0
23A	Deuel	90	0	0	0	90	0	90	90	0	0	0	0
24A	Dewey/Ziebach	150	0	12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12
27A	Fall River	0	150	0	12	0	150	150	300	0	12	12	24
29A	Grant	220	0	0	0	220	0	220	220	0	0	0	0
30A	Gregory	800	0	64	0	800	0	800	800	64	0	64	64
31A	Haakon	0	300	0	24	0	300	300	600	0	24	24	48
32A	Hamlin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35A	Harding	150	0	12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12
36A	Hughes	40	0	0	0	40	0	40	40	0	0	0	0
37A	Hutchinson	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
39A	Jackson	200	0	0	0	200	0	200	200	0	0	0	0
40A	Jerauld	10	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	0	0	0	0
41A	Jones	75	0	6	0	75	0	75	75	6	0	6	6
44A	Lincoln	50	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	0	0	0	0
44B	Lincoln	50	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	0	0	0	0
45A	Lyman	150	0	12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12
48A	Marshall/Roberts	400	0	0	0	400	0	400	400	0	0	0	0
49A	Meade	0	350	0	28	0	350	350	700	0	28	28	56
50A	Mellette	350	0	28	0	350	0	350	350	28	0	28	28
52A	Moody	60	0	0	0	60	0	60	60	0	0	0	0
53A	Perkins	0	100	0	8	0	100	100	200	0	8	8	16
56A	Sanborn	20	0	0	0	20	0	20	20	0	0	0	0
58A	Stanley	50	0	4	0	50	0	50	50	4	0	4	4
58B	Stanley	4	0	1	0	4	0	4	4	1	0	1	1
60A	Tripp	400	0	32	0	400	0	400	400	32	0	32	32
61A	Turner	20	0	0	0	20	0	20	20	0	0	0	0
62A	Union	120	0	0	0	120	0	120	120	0	0	0	0
62B	Union	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65A	Oglala Lakota	60	0	5	0	60	0	60	60	5	0	5	5
67A	Todd	75	0	6	0	75	0	75	75	6	0	6	6
2015	TOTAL	5,654	1,350	218	108	5,654	1,350	7,004	8,354	218	108	326	434
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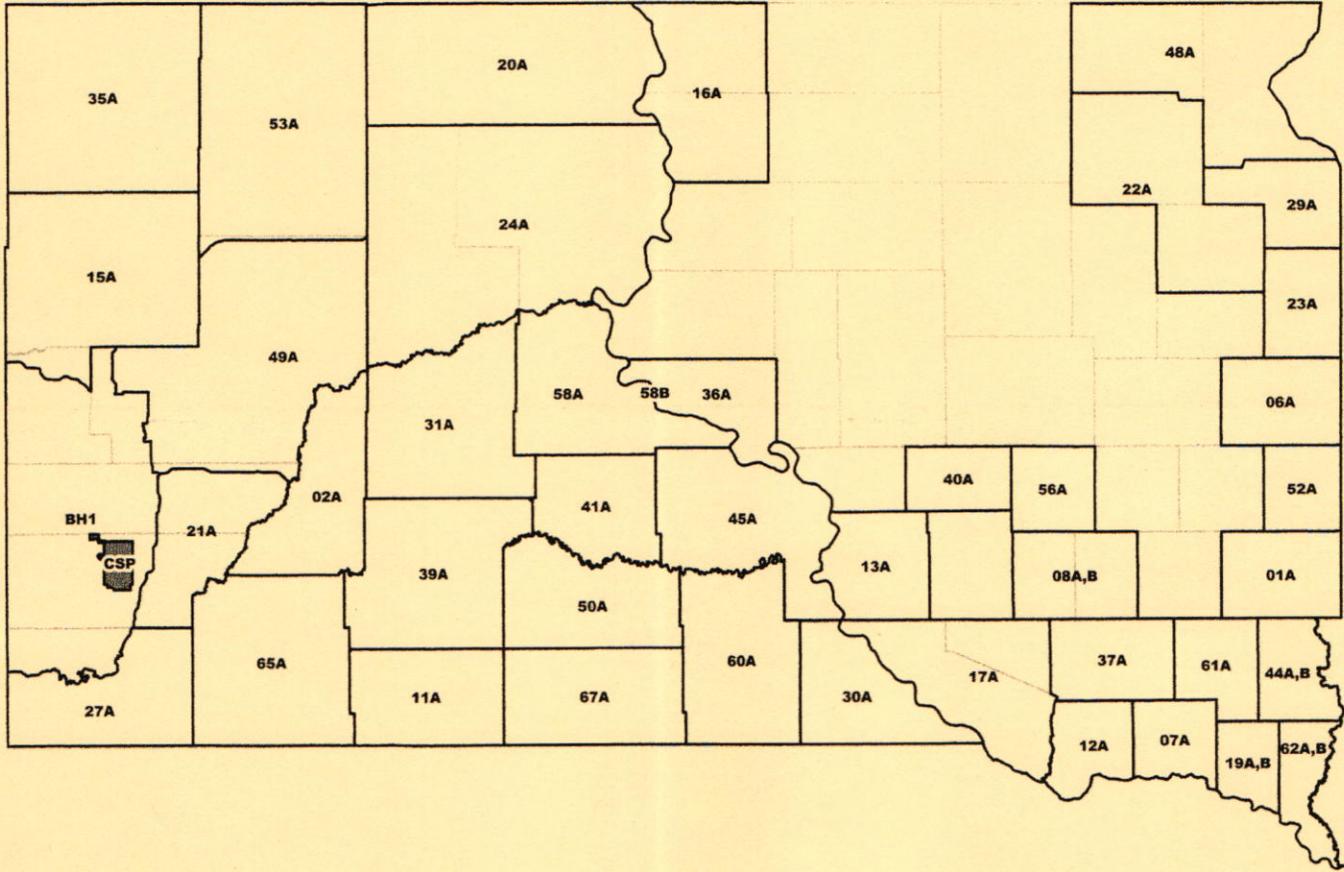
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SPRING TURKEY
2015--2016 Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2015 Resident Licenses	2016 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2015 Resident Tags	2016 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
01A	Minnehaha	80	80	0	0%	80	80	0	0%
02A	Pennington	300	300	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
06A	Brookings	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
07A	Yankton	230	230	0	0%	230	230	0	0%
08A	Davison/Hanson	80	80	0	0%	80	80	0	0%
08B	Davison/Hanson	80	80	0	0%	80	80	0	0%
11A	Bennett	70	50	-20	-29%	70	50	-20	-29%
12A	Bon Homme	250	300	50	20%	250	300	50	20%
13A	Brule	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
15A	Butte/Lawrence	450	350	-100	-22%	900	350	-550	-61%
16A	Campbell/Walworth	0	10	10	N/A	0	10	10	N/A
17A	Charles Mix/Douglas	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
19A	Clay	120	120	0	0%	120	120	0	0%
19B	Clay	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
20A	Corson	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
21A	Custer	180	150	-30	-17%	360	300	-60	-17%
22A	Day/Codington	60	60	0	0%	60	60	0	0%
23A	Deuel	90	90	0	0%	90	90	0	0%
24A	Dewey/Ziebach	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
27A	Fall River	150	150	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
29A	Grant	220	220	0	0%	220	220	0	0%
30A	Gregory	850	800	-50	-6%	850	800	-50	-6%
31A	Haakon	300	300	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
32A	Hamlin	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
35A	Harding	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
36A	Hughes	40	40	0	0%	40	40	0	0%
37A	Hutchinson	80	80	0	0%	80	80	0	0%
39A	Jackson	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
40A	Jerauld	10	10	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
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52A	Moody	60	60	0	0%	60	60	0	0%
53A	Perkins	100	100	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
56A	Sanborn	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
58A	Stanley	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
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62A	Union	120	120	0	0%	120	120	0	0%
62B	Union	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
65A	Oglala Lakota	70	60	-10	-14%	70	60	-10	-14%
67A	Todd	75	75	0	0%	75	75	0	0%
TOTAL		7,279	7,004	-275	-3.8%	9,109	8,354	-755	-8.3%

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

SPRING TURKEY UNITS



Custer State Park is closed to archery hunting

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

**Custer State Park Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:15**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 1-2, 2015	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	November 5, 2015	Mitchell
	Finalization	November 5-6, 2015	Mitchell

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Season Dates: April 9 – May 22, 2016

Licenses: 100 resident one-tag "male turkey" licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Season opens the 2nd Saturday in April and runs through the eighth day prior to Memorial Day, inclusive.
2. License valid for only one male turkey.
3. No person may shoot a turkey in a tree or roost.
4. Restricted to shotguns using shotshells, muzzleloading shotguns and archery equipment only.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Reduce the number of one-tag "male turkey" licenses from 135 to 100.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licenses	Applications	Harvest	Success	Ave. Days Hunted
2005	100	663	47	47%	1.7
2006	100	683	47	47%	2.2
2007	125	737	71	57%	2.5
2008	135	741	75	56%	1.8
2009	135	718	80	59%	2.2
2010	135	731	78	58%	2.1
2011	135	664	59	44%	3.0
2012	135	540	64	47%	2.2
2013	135	574	57	43%	2.2
2014	135	540	64	47%	2.2
2015	135	574	57	42%	2.2

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

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

**Waterfowl Hunting Seasons
Chapter 41:06:16**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 1-2, 2015	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	November 5, 2015	Mitchell
	Finalization	November 5-6, 2015	Mitchell

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Spring Light Goose Conservation Order.

Duration of Proposal: 2016, 2017 and 2018

Season Dates: February 15 – May 4, 2016
February 13 – May 2, 2017
February 19 – May 8, 2018

Open Area: Statewide

Daily Limit: None

Possession Limit: None

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. With the exception of items 2-5, requirements and restrictions for the Conservation Order are the same as fall waterfowl hunting seasons.
2. The Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation stamp is not required.
3. The use of electronic calls is allowed.
4. Shotguns may be capable of holding more than three shells.
5. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Adjust the start date of the Conservation Order as described below:

Current Season Dates

A Conservation Order is open statewide for 79 consecutive days beginning on the 106th day from the Saturday closest to November 1.

Proposed Season Dates

A Conservation Order is open statewide for 79 consecutive days beginning the day following the closure of Unit 2 of the goose hunting season.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The recommendation to change the start date of Light Goose Conservation Order to the Monday following the Sunday closest to February 15 will ensure there is no overlap with the Unit 2 dark goose hunting season and the Light Goose Conservation Order.

Year	Licenses			Geese Harvested	Geese per Hunter
	Resident	Nonresident	Total		
2011	2,503	3,617	6,120	111,355	18.2
2012	2,324	2,494	4,818	108,358	22.5
2013	3,166	4,142	7,308	168,496	23.1
2014	2,159	4,514	6,673	149,116	22.3
2015	2,147	4,277	6,424	165,331	25.7

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

From: [Damar Dore](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: Petition for Rule Change
Date: Sunday, October 11, 2015 9:11:16 AM

Petition for Rule Change

First Name: Damar

Last Name: Dore

Address: 1721 Abby Ave SE #15
Aberdeen, SD 57401

Phone Number: 605-216-3798

Email Address: dored@cox.net

Rule Identification: 41:07:03:03

Describe the change you are seeking: Adding a Tournament License (Bass Pass) for Black Bass that removes the Slots on certain lakes within South Dakota for Tournament Bass fishing as long as live release is being followed.

Explain the reason for the described change: Bass Tournaments are usually held on bodies of water that do not have slot regulations often leaving excellent fisheries untouched. Bass tournament pride themselves on live release of the fish after the tournaments are held. Other States across the country have seen value in offering for sale a "Bass Pass" for Tournament fishermen to purchases that remove these slot restriction during and only during tournament events. There is also a requirement for fisherman who use the Bass Pass to report their daily tournament catch to the Game & Fish Dept. to help in conservation efforts.

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement is made and entered into this 30th day of October, 2015, by and between the State of South Dakota, Department of Game, Fish and Parks (hereinafter "GFP"), of 523 East Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501, and Roy Lake Resort, LLC (hereinafter "Concessionaire") of 11571 Northside Drive, Lake City, SD 57247.

WHEREAS, Concessionaire is the concessionaire under an existing concession lease agreement with GFP, for the operation of resort facilities and concessions at Roy Lake State Park, which said concession lease will expire on December 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Concessionaire has expressed its intent to sell all rights, title and interests in Roy Lake Resort as well as relinquish all rights under the concession lease agreement upon sale or transfer; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Division of GFP is presently in the process of developing a Prospectus for the issuance of a new ten year concession lease at Roy Lake State Park (hereinafter "New Concession Lease"); and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into an agreement in advance to resolve issues that may arise in connection with the Prospectus, solicitation of bids and awarding of the New Concession Lease and to anticipate the possibility of transfer of the operations and assets at Roy Lake Resort to a new concessionaire;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter made by and between the parties hereto, the parties agree as follows:

1. The parties hereby agree that the Prospectus which is currently being developed in connection with soliciting bids for the new Roy Lake State Park concession lease will provide for the following:
 - a. That a new concessionaire shall be required to purchase the following at a price of \$975,000:
 - i. Concessionaire's interest in Concessionaire Facilities and associated personal property as more fully explained and itemized on the "Asset List" attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference; and
 - ii. Concessionaire's intangibles used in providing concession services as itemized on the "Intangible Listing" attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by this reference
 - b. Closing is anticipated to take place prior to March 1, 2016. The closing site shall be a neutral site such as a title insurance company or bank in

South Dakota. Any escrow closing costs shall be the expense of the new concessionaire. Concessionaire shall cooperate with all reasonable closing requirements which are necessary to close the transaction in a business-like manner. Concessionaire will upon full payment for all such property on the appraisal, provide a Bill of Sale to the new concessionaire at closing.

- c. All payments required under this Agreement and under the Prospectus to Concessionaire by the new concessionaire or GFP shall be made in full at the time of closing.
2. The parties agree that upon transition of management and operations from Concessionaire to a new, as yet to be identified or selected concessionaire at the termination of the current concession agreement, it may be necessary for purposes of purchase by a new concessionaire to conduct an inventory of equipment, personal property and perishable items maintained in stock and in the possession of Concessionaire at the termination of the concession agreement. Values and compensation for inventoried items shall be inventoried and valued as agreed upon by Concessionaire and the new Concessionaire.
3. The parties agree that upon transition of management and operations from Concessionaire to a new, as yet to be identified or selected concessionaire at the termination of the current concession agreement, it will be necessary for new concessionaire to obtain licenses for various services such as food service, lodging, etc. Current licenses held by Concessionaire may be transferred to or purchased by new concessionaire, where allowable, as agreed upon by Concessionaire and the new concessionaire. In any event, it shall be the responsibility of the new concessionaire to obtain and secure all applicable licenses.
4. Concessionaire agrees to cooperate with GFP in scheduling and providing staff to assist with an initial site visit by prospective prospectus bidders. The Concessionaire may conduct site visits for interested parties on a walk-in basis only, provided, however, that GFP shall be provided immediate notice of such site visit as well as contact information for the party involved and a listing of any information or documentation disclosed by Concessionaire to the party involved which is not already disclosed in the prospectus. Concessionaire acknowledges that any information it discloses to any such walk-in party shall also be disclosed by GFP to all identified interested parties of record. Additional site visits may be coordinated by either GFP or Concessionaire, and arrangements for such additional site visits shall be made by mutual written agreement at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance to keep to a minimum any disruption to Concessionaire or resort guests. Concessionaire agrees to waive any claim for compensation for the time of its principals or staff in participating in site visits of the premises. Concessionaire agrees that it will not independently respond to information inquiries or documentation requests received from potential prospectus bidders. In the event it receives such inquiries, Concessionaire agrees to advise any potential prospectus bidders that any inquiries

must be made in writing directed to GFP. If GFP is unable to provide a satisfactory response to such inquiries, it will forward such inquiries to Jan Pitzl as Concessionaire's designated representative, who shall within seven (7) days of his receipt thereof provide GFP with Concessionaire's reasonable written response to such inquiries. Upon its receipt of Concessionaire's responses, GFP will forward responses to inquiries to all Prospectus bidders. In addition, Concessionaire agrees to waive any claim for compensation for the time of its principals or staff spent in participating in a tour of the premises and reasonable review of the property with a prospective or new concessionaire.

5. Concessionaire agrees to cooperate with GFP in compiling any pertinent financial information and statements as may be reasonably requested by potential bidders. Concessionaire further understands that any information provided pursuant to a request from a potential bidder will be provided to all potential bidders who have made an information request. Existing financial information provided to and on file with GFP as required by the existing Concession Agreement may be disclosed to potential bidders. Any financial information disclosed to potential bidders will be under letter of confidentiality.
6. Concessionaire, its officers, and authorized representatives, agrees to take no actions or make representations of any kind which are designed or intended to discourage or influence interested parties from bidding for the new Roy Lake State Park Concession Lease or to influence the amount of the bid by a prospective concessionaire. Concessionaire will not misrepresent any matters concerning the resort facilities or concessions to a prospective concessionaire.
7. Following selection of the new concessionaire, Concessionaire shall provide the new concessionaire and GFP with a lodging reservation summary as of the last day of the month prior to the selection of the new concessionaire and thereafter update it on a monthly basis. The reservation summary shall include, for each lodging facility, a summary of the dates of stay, estimated rates, and amounts of advanced deposits received. The names of the guest, guests' addresses, contact information and dates of stay by guests or slip renters will be held by the Concessionaire until closing unless an earlier agreement is reached between Concessionaire and a new concessionaire. At closing, Concessionaire shall provide a new concessionaire with a complete accounting of receipts for advance reservations and advance deposits received prorated to the date of possession. Concessionaire shall retain an amount equal to the lodging fee for the first night's stay for each customer reserved in advance by Concessionaire. The remainder of the advanced deposits will be paid over to the new concessionaire at the time of closing. Concessionaire agrees not to make any reservations at an amount less than the full normal rate.
8. The parties agree that upon execution of a new concession lease and transfer of Concessionaire's Possessory Interest in Concessionaire Facilities and intangibles to a successor, the Concessionaire shall be required to provide GFP with satisfactions of all collateral assignments, financing statements and mortgages which Concessionaire

has provided to any financial institution in connection with the property interests being sold and transferred to the new concessionaire.

9. This Agreement reflects the complete and final expression of the parties' agreement, superseding all prior negotiations or agreements, whether written or oral. This agreement may not be modified or amended except in writing executed by both parties.
10. Any reference in this agreement to a party shall be construed to include that party and its officers and directors, shareholders, members, successors, assigns, heirs, devisees, administrators, parents and subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, and agents. This Agreement is binding upon and inures to the benefit of each party to this agreement, and to all officers, directors, shareholders, members, successors, assigns, devisees, administrators, parents and subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, and agents.
11. This Agreement may be executed in identical counterparts. Each counterpart shall be deemed an original of this Agreement.
12. The parties agree to execute, file and deliver such additional documents and instruments, and to perform such additional acts as are necessary, appropriate, or reasonably requested to effectuate, consummate, or perform and of the terms, provisions or conditions of this agreement.
13. The parties each warrant and represent that they have read this Agreement and have been fully informed and have full knowledge of the terms, conditions, and effects of this Agreement, and they have either personally or through their attorneys, fully investigated to their full satisfaction the facts surrounding the various issues and matters sought to be addressed and resolved herein, and understand and are satisfied with the terms and effects of this Agreement, which are contractually binding. The parties agree that no promise or inducement had been offered or made except as herein set forth, and that this Agreement is executed of their own free act and deed without reliance on any statement or representation except as herein set forth.
14. Any interpretation or construction of the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of South Dakota. Any lawsuit pertaining to or affecting this Agreement shall be venued in Circuit Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Hughes County, South Dakota.
15. Concessionaire hereby designates Jan Pitzl as its authorized representative for all purposes under this Agreement including but not limited to the authority to execute same on behalf of Concessionaire. GFP hereby authorizes Douglas Hofer as its authorized representative for all purposes under this Agreement including but not limited to the authority to execute same on behalf of GFP. The parties warrant that they have taken or will take within a reasonable period of time, all action necessary in order to authorize and/or ratify the making and execution of this Agreement and will

verify the same with authenticated copies of corporate and commission resolutions appropriate for the same.

16. Both parties agree that a copy of this executed Agreement will be made a part of the Prospectus.

END OF AGREEMENT TEXT

Dated this 27th day of October, 2015.

ROY LAKE RESORT, LLC

By: 
Jan Pitzl

THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

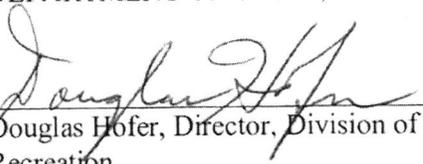
By: 
Douglas Hofer, Director, Division of Parks and
Recreation

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Roy Lake Resort and Lodge

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Asset List "B"

FF&E Breakdown of the four (4) Main Tangible Asset Categories- Main Lodge, Condos, Cabins, Vehicles and Boats
 List of major items that are included with the sale and their respected value minus building value

Main Lodge (Building A)

Restaurant, Front Desk, Retail, Housekeeping Dept., Maintenance Dept., Condos 14 & 15, Manager Residence, Office

Office

- Item
- Computer Desk
- Document Shredder
- Computer Battery-Up
- Dell Multi-Function Laser Printer/Fax/Scanner/Copier
- 3- 5 Drawer Vertical, Locking Filing Cabinets
- Bookcases
- 2 Compartment Heavy Duty Digital Fire Safe w/Employee Drop
- 19 Inch Flat Screen TV
- Various Office Supplies (Staplers, Copy Paper etc.)

Notes

Office Computer will be exempt from sale and retained by current owner. All agreed upon files will be copied to a flash drive for buyer

Retail & Retail Inventory

- Item
- Grocery Shelving Unit
- Dell Public All-In-One Windows 8.2 Computer and Printer
- Stand-up, Adjustable Computer Work Station
- Slat-Wall Display Prongs/Hooks
- RLR Promotional Items i.e. shirts, mugs, hats etc...
- RLR Promotional Item Display Case
- Angled Hanger Rack Display
- 120 Gal Fresh Water Aquarium w/Roy Lake Pan Fish & all tools
- Glass/Stainless Steel Custom Sneeze Guard
- 3 Size Disposable cup dispenser
- S/S Refrigerated Countertop Topping Merchandiser
- Food Warming Merchandiser
- Various Food/Display Racks
- Douwe Egbert Coffee Extract Machine
- Countertop Cabinets
- Custom Aquarium Stand
- 50" Flat Screen Plasma TV & DVD player
- 2 RLR Logo signs displayed on the side of building
- 2 Highway RLR Logo Signs displayed on Hwy. 27 and Roy Lake Rd
- Storage Room Shelving Units
- All Retail Inventory for sale *Revolving Value*
- Corner Shelving Unit
- New LED Track Lighting Systems & Ceiling Fans
- Self-Contained 80 gal Freshwater Bait Aquarium for Retail Bait

Roy Lake Resort Asset List "B"

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Retail & Retail Inventory continued from previous page-

- Vinyl Plank Floors
- Mini-Fridge for Retail Bait
- Taxidermy Proud Angler Fish- Yellow Perch, Bluegill,
- 17lb Northern Pike, Largemouth Bass

Notes:

*Taxidermy Deer Buck Head is on a no-cost loan from Dana Nelson- Lake City, SD
 A&W Single door and double door cooler merchandisers are owned by American Bottling Co. On Loan
 Good Humor Ice Cream Bar Freezer is owned by Cass-Clay Creamery- On Loan*

Following items are exempt from sale and will be retained by current owner:

- Vintage Coca-Cola Cooler*
- Custom Metal Work- Walleye*
- Some Personal Photos at owner's discretion, Custom Painted Saws*

Front Desk

- | Item |
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| Point-of-Sale Computer, Software & HP Printer |
| Front Desk |
| Baked Goods Merchandiser |
| Key Tags for Unit Keys/Keys |
| Brochures Inventory |
| Misc. Supplies and Equipment |
| 2- Wet Stone Countertop Water Features |
| 2- Computer Battery Back-ups |

Notes:

POS Software is setup for CC Processing under current owner's Account, buyer will need to have their own account previously set up for seamless transaction at date of sale or determined date. Current Software is ComCash.

Restaurant- Commercial Kitchen, Dining Room/Lounge, Outside Dining/Patio & Deck

Dining Room	Item
	2- Couches w/matching pillows; Couch & Love Seat
	Taxidermy Mounts- Bass & Bluegill, 2- Walleye Mounts, Deer Butt Mount
	Unautographed TV Fishermen photos taken at RLR
	High Quality Synthetic Plants
	Geraniums
	Fireplace Bookshelf w/heat
	55" Philips Flat Screen TV
	2- 10 Gal Freshwater Aquariums w/small aquarium fish
	5- 4 top Cherry Finished Tables (3 more in storage in Condo Utility Room)
	20 matching chairs with black leather and cherry wood (12 more in storage)
	Washed stone/exposed stone concrete patio designed with footings in place
	Patio Furniture
	Wooden Deck <i>Included w/patio</i>

Notes:

*Exempt from sale are the following personal items on loan and will be retained by owner:
 Autographed photos and military photos/flags, aloe plants, jade plant, coyote & pheasant mount, crapple mount, 2 duck mounts, paintings & painted saws, 2 vintage lounge chairs, 2- cherry narrow corner cabinets*

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Roy Lake Resort and Lodge
 Restaurant- Commercial Kitchen, Dining Room/Lounge, Outside Dining/Patio & Deck

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Commercial Kitchen	Item
	Commercial Range (48" Flat top/4 burner range/double oven) (LP)
	Vulcan 40 Gal Deep Fryer (LP)
	Countertop Charbroiler (LP)
	Broiler/Salamander (220V Infrared)
	Soft-Serve Ice Cream Machine
	2- Ice Cream Cone Dispenser
	2- Dry Topping Dispenser
	Microwave
	77" 3 door Beverageair Counter Cooler
	48" 2 door cold prep/sald/pizza prep Beverageair cooler
	Double Door Subzero S/S Reach-In Freezer
	Double Door Refrigerated Reach-In Cooler
	72" Deep Freeze Chest Freezer
	48" Deep Freeze Chest Freezer
	Single Door Upright Reach-In Freezer
	Residential Refer/Freezer
	S/S French Door Refer w/ bottom Double Drawer freezer
	Commercial Dry Storage Rack
	72" Double Overhead Shelf w/Vulcan Infrared Warmer
	1000+lb Scotsman Ice Maker/Bin
	18/0 Silverware and Servingware
	Plates, Misc. Holloware, platters, containers
	Baking and Cutlery
	12" Blade Power Meat Slicer
	Pots & Pans
	18" Deck Lincoln Impinger Conveyor Oven (LP)
	S/S Equipment Stand/Work Table
	S/S Shelving Units
	Hobart S/S Sanitizing Dish Washer (90 second wash)
	All Dry & Cold Storage Inventory Revolving Value
	Misc. Equipment (i.e. food processor, immersion blender etc...)
	Wine Glass Dishwashing racks
	Approx. 50 Red and White Long Stemmed Wine Glasses
	Employee Time Clock & Time Cards
	10ft Exhaust Hood w/Grease Traps and Exhaust Fan
	Commercial (Grease-Rated) Fire Suppression System

Notes:

*Exempt from sale are the following personal items on loan and will be retained by owner:
 Previously discounted from the above totals: Misc. Equipment, cooking wares, pots & pans.*

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 Housekeeping

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- | Item |
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| 2- Front Loading Washing Machines- Main Building |
| 2- Front Loading Dryers- Main Building |
| Supplies & Inventory- All Buildings |
| Bedding for all units (Comforters, Blankets, Pillows, Sheets, Pads Etc.) |
| 2- Top-Loading Washing Machines- Condo Building |
| 2- Front-Loading Dryers- Condo Building |
| 2- Extra-Deep Utility Sinks- Condo Building |
| Dyson Animal Complete 65 Vacuum |
| ~4 Panasonic Commercial Vacuums |
| Storage Shelving Systems |
| Rug Doctor Carpet Cleaner/Shampooer |

Notes:

Maintenance/Grounds

- | Item |
|--|
| Tools (Hand tools and power tools, wrenches, sockets, saws etc.) |
| 2- Briggs & Stratton Motor Mowers 21inch decks |
| Weed/Edge Trimmer |
| 14- Heavy-Duty Commercial Picnic Tables |
| Touch Up Paints/Stain |
| Instant Hot Water Furnace (Electric) Heating Source |
| Main Lodge Hot Water Heater (LP) |
| 1- Garbage Dumpster |
| 4- Underground Septic Tanks & Lift Station |
| Briggs & Stratton Power Washer |

Notes:

All powertools and handtools marked with "Thames" or "Charles Thames" are personal property and are not included in the sale

Manager's Residence

- | Item | |
|---|---|
| 3 bedroom/1 bath residence with private walkout balcony and backyard. | Public and Private/Internal Server and Networks |
| | Battery Backup System for Networks |
| | Corner Cabinet and Network supplies |

Notes:

All property located in the Manager's Residence is exempt from sale with the exception of the items listed above

Condos 14 & 15

A total FF&E value will be assigned rather than a specific value for each individual item

All units have DirecTV® Satellite Programming with Boxes and Remotes

- | Item |
|--|
| Décor (All paintings/pictures/artwork) |
| 2- 48" LED Flat Screen TVs |
| 4- Mirrored Dressers |

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- Jacuzzi Jet Tub
- 2- Walk-In Showers
- 2- Microwaves
- 4- Full Size Reach-in Refrigerators
- Plates, Cups, Pots, Pans & Utensils
- 4 full-size Mattresses, frames, box springs
- 2- twin-size mattresses, frames, box springs
- King-Size Headboard
- 2- Black Leather Couches- Sofa and Love Seat
- 2- Electric ranges w/ovens
- 2-Cabinet Mounted Microwaves
- 2- Single Vanities w/Sinks
- 1- Large Double Vanity w/Sink
- Lighting Fixtures/HVAC
- 3- Standard Comodes
- 2- Private Walkout Balconies
- 2- Coffee Tables
- 7- Kitchen Tables and chairs
- 4- twin-size Rollaway Beds
- 2- Charcoal Grills
- Carpeting and Linoleum Floors
- 2- Hot Water Heaters (Electric)

Cabins 1-8 (Buildings B)

Cabins 1,2,5,6- 7bd 1ba; Cabins 3,4- 1bd 1ba, Cabins 7- 2bd 1ba w/four seasons; Cabin 8- 1bd 1ba w/four seasons
 All units have DirecTV Satellite Programming with Boxes and Remotes*

Cabins 1, 2, 5, 6

- | Item | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| 8- Full-size mattress, frames, box springs | |
| 8- twin-size custom bunks, custom mattresses and covers | |
| <i>*Cabins 1,2,5,6 are 2 Bedroom 1 Bath units with built on decks. Cabins 5 & 6 also have covered decks. All include Fire Pits.</i> | |
| New lighting fixtures | |
| New Floors in all units | |
| 4 Sets- Full Kitchen Cabinets | |
| 4- Microwave | |
| 4 Sets- Kitchen tables and chairs | |
| 4-LP/Electric Ignite 4 range and oven | |
| 4- LP Furnaces; 4- Electric Hot Water Heaters | |
| Pots, Pans, Utensils & Appliances | |
| 4- Charcoal Grills | |
| 4- Full Size Reach-in Refrigerators | |
| 4 Sets- Deck Furniture and Tables | |
| 4- Custom Cherry Closet Systems | |
| 4- A/C Units | |
| Décor- Paintings/Pictures/Lamps | |
| 4- 24" Vizio 1080p HD Flat Screen TVs- Wall Mounted | |
| 4 Sets- 3 Piece Bathroom | |

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 Cabins 3, 4

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	Item
	2- Full-size mattress, frames, box springs
<i>*Cabins 3 & 4 are 1 Bedroom 1 Bath units with built on decks. All Include Fire Pits.</i>	2- twin-size custom bunks, custom mattresses and covers
	New lighting fixtures
	New Floors in all units
	2 Sets- Full Kitchen Cabinets
	2- Microwave
	2 Sets- Kitchen tables and chairs
	2-LP/Electric Ignite 4 range and oven
	2- LP Furnaces
	Pots, Pans, Utensils & Appliances
	2- Charcoal Grills
	2- Full Size Refrigerators
	2 Sets- Deck Furniture and Tables
	2- Electric Hot Water Heaters
	2- A/C Units
	2- Custom Cherry Closet Systems
	Décor- Paintings/Pictures/Lamps
	2- 24" Vizio 1080p HD Flat Screen TVs- Wall Mounted
	2 Sets- 3 Piece Bathroom

Cabin 7

	Item
	2- Full-size mattress, frames, box springs
<i>*Cabins 7 is a 2 bedroom 1 bath unit with a built on Four- Seasons Porch. Includes Fire Pit.</i>	2- twin-size custom bunks, custom mattresses and covers
	New lighting fixtures
	New Floors in all units
	1 Sets- Full Kitchen Cabinets
	1- Microwave
	1 Sets- Kitchen tables and chairs
	1-LP/Electric Ignite 4 range and oven
	1- LP Furnaces
	Pots, Pans, Utensils & Appliances
	1- Charcoal Grills
	1- Full Size Refrigerators
	1 Set- Outside Furniture and Tables
	1- A/C Units
	Décor- Paintings/Pictures/Lamps
	1- 32" TV
	1- 3 Piece Bathroom

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 Cabin 8

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	Item
<i>*Cabins 8 is a 1 bedroom 1 bath unit with a built on Four Seasons Porch. Includes Fire Pit.</i>	1- Full-size mattress, frames, box springs
	2- twin-size custom bunks, custom mattresses and covers
	New lighting fixtures
	New Floors in all units
	1 Sets- Full Kitchen Cabinets
	1- Microwave
	1 Sets- Kitchen tables and chairs
	1-LP/Electric Ignite 4 range and oven
	1- LP Furnaces
	Pots, Pans, Utensils & Appliances
	1- Charcoal Grills
	1- Full Size Refrigerators
	1 Set- Outside Furniture and Tables
	1- A/C Units
	Décor- Paintings/Pictures/Lamps
	1- 32" TV
	1 3 Piece Bathroom

Condominium Building (Building C)

Condos 9,10,11,12- 2 bedroom, 1 bath Condos with 2 Laundry Rooms and Utility/Furnace Room with Storage
 All units have DirecTV Satellite Programming with Boxes and Remotes*

Condos 9, 10, 11, 12

	Item
<i>*Cabins 9, 10, 11, 12 are 2 Bedroom 1 Bath units (2 full-size beds in ea. bedroom) with walkout balconies and terraces. All include Metal Ring Fire Pits.</i>	16- Full-size mattress, frames, box springs
	8- twin-size custom bunks, custom mattresses and covers
	4 Sets- Full Kitchen Cabinets
	4- Cabinet Mounted Microwave
	4 Sets- Kitchen tables and chairs
	4-LP/Electric Ignite 4 range and oven
	Baseboard Electric Heat w/individual Thermostats/Unit
	Pots, Pans, Utensils & Appliances
	4- Charcoal Grills
	4- Full Size Reach-In Refrigerators
	4 Sets- Deck Furniture and Tables
	4- Mitsubishi A/C Units
	Décor- Paintings/Pictures/Lamps
	4- 48" 1080p HD Flat Screen TVs- Wall Mounted
	4- Oak Bookcases
	4 Sets- 3 Piece Bathroom
	2- Large Electric Hot Water Heaters
	2- Housekeeping Top-Loading Washing Machines
	2- Housekeeping Top-Loading Dryers

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Dock Systems, Boats & Vehicles

Outdoor Assets

Item	
EZ Dock Floating Dock Systems & Tools	
Shoremaster Floating Dock Systems & Tools	
Dock Parts and Replacement Parts	
Several Galvanized 4" Pilings and Augers	
3- 6HP Mercury Outboard Motors	
4- 14' Aluminum Boat Hulls	
1- TMC 13-Person Capacity Pontoon Boat w/40HP Merc. BigFoot Motor	
1- Pontoon Boat Lift	
1- Tandem Axle Pontoon Trailer	
1- 17' Lund Pro Angler Fishing Boat w/90HP Merc. Motor	
1- Single Axle Fishing Boat Trailer	
2002 Dodge Ram Pickup Truck 1500 Quad Cab 4X4	
EZ-GO Golf Cart (Gas Powered)	
Gas Dock/500 Gallon Gas Tank with Pumps & Hoses for Boat Gas Sales	
Gas Inventory	Revolving Value

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Dept. of Game, Fish & Parks
Pierre, SD 57501

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ROY LAKE RESORT
"INTANGIBLE LISTING"

The following is a list of intangible items relative to the operation of Roy Lake Resort which shall be transferred and provided to the successor concessionaire in accordance with Section 1.a.ii of the Settlement Agreement:

- All trademark, copyrights and other rights and title to the name "Roy Lake Resort", "Roy Lake Lodge" and "Roy Lake Resort and Lodge".
- All rights and ownership of the www.roylakeresort.com website
- Exclusive transfer of all administration rights to all Roy Lake Resort online social media accounts
- 6,500+ personal customer list (includes physical addresses and phone numbers)
- 1,000+ customer email marketing list
- All digital logos, business card designs, document templates associated with Roy Lake Resort including digitized photos
- Point of sale reports for previous 10 years of business
- All phone numbers currently listed for Roy Lake Resort will remain with the Resort after lease transfer.
- Beer and wine sales license

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement is made and entered into this 2nd day of November ~~October~~, 2015, by and between the State of South Dakota, Department of Game, Fish and Parks (hereinafter "GFP"), of 523 East Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501, and Oahe Tailrace, LLC (hereinafter "Concessionaire") of P.O. Box 310, Fort Pierre, SD 57532.

WHEREAS, Concessionaire is the concessionaire under an existing concession lease agreement, as amended, with GFP, for the operation of resort facilities and concessions at Oahe Downstream Recreation Area, which said concession lease will expire on December 30, 2041; and

WHEREAS, the Concessionaire has expressed his intent to sell all rights, title and interests in Oahe Marina and Resort as well as relinquish all rights under the concession lease agreement, as amended, upon sale or transfer; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Division of GFP is presently in the process of developing a Prospectus for the issuance of a new ten year concession lease at Oahe Downstream Recreation Area (hereinafter "New Concession Lease"); and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into an agreement in advance to resolve issues that may arise in connection with the Prospectus, solicitation of bids and awarding of the New Concession Lease and to anticipate the possibility of transfer of the operations and assets at Oahe Marina and Resort to a new concessionaire;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter made by and between the parties hereto, the parties agree as follows:

1. The parties hereby agree that the Prospectus which is currently being developed in connection with soliciting bids for the new Oahe Downstream concession lease will provide for the following:
 - a. That a new concessionaire shall be required to purchase the following at a price of \$641,000.00:
 - i. Concessionaire's interest in Concessionaire Facilities as more fully explained and itemized on the "Appraisal Report of the Leasehold Interest Held by Oahe Tailrace, LLC in Oahe Marina and Resort" dated October 1, 2014, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
 - ii. Concessionaire's intangibles used in providing concession services as itemized on the "Intangible Listing" attached hereto and Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by this reference

- b. The closing site shall be a neutral site such as a title insurance company or bank in Pierre, South Dakota. Any escrow closing costs shall be the expense of the new concessionaire. Concessionaire shall cooperate with all reasonable closing requirements which are necessary to close the transaction in a business-like manner. Concessionaire will upon full payment for all such property on the appraisal, provide a Bill of Sale to the new concessionaire at closing.
 - c. All payments required under this Agreement and under the Prospectus to Concessionaire by the new concessionaire or the Department shall be made in full at the time of closing.
 2. The parties agree that upon transition of management and operations from Concessionaire to a new, as yet to be identified or selected concessionaire at the termination of the current concession agreement, it may be necessary for purposes of purchase by a new concessionaire to conduct an inventory of equipment, personal property and perishable items maintained in stock and in the possession of Concessionaire at the termination of the concession agreement. Values and compensation for inventoried items shall be inventoried and valued as agreed upon by Concessionaire and the new Concessionaire.
 3. The parties agree that upon transition of management and operations from Concessionaire to a new, as yet to be identified or selected concessionaire at the termination of the current concession agreement, it will be necessary for new concessionaire to obtain licenses for various services such as alcohol sales, food service, lodging, etc. Current licenses held by Concessionaire may be transferred to or purchased by new concessionaire, where allowable, as agreed upon by Concessionaire and the new concessionaire. In any event, it shall be the responsibility of the new concessionaire to obtain and secure all applicable licenses.
 4. The parties acknowledge that an existing Repair and Maintenance Reserve obligation exists on the part of the Concessionaire pursuant to Section 15 of the Concession Lease Agreement and that in accordance with Section 15, any existing balance at the time of transfer shall be calculated to the date of transfer, then credited to the successor Concessionaire. The parties further agree that projects eligible for Repair and Maintenance fund use exist and may be carried out prior to the closing date only with prior written authorization from the Department. The Concessionaire agrees to submit to the Department any invoices for eligible projects as soon as they are received. The Department agrees to make a determination on the eligibility of submitted invoices and calculate a current Repair and Maintenance Reserve balance in as timely a manner as possible and provide written notice of such determination and adjusted balance. Concessionaire further agrees to either deduct any existing remaining balance from the purchase price at closing or reimburse the new concessionaire for the balance no longer than seven (7) days past the date of closing.

5. Concessionaire agrees to cooperate with GFP in scheduling and providing staff to assist with an initial site visit by prospective prospectus bidders. Concessionaire agrees to waive any claim for compensation for the time of its principals or staff in participating in the initial site visit of the premises. Additional site visits shall be permitted, provided, however, that such site visits shall be supervised by the Department, and need not involve Concessionaire, its principals or staff, and arrangements for such additional site visits shall be made by mutual agreement with Concessionaire at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance to keep to a minimum any disruption to Concessionaire or resort guests. Concessionaire agrees that it will not independently respond to inquiries received from potential prospectus bidders. In the event it receives such inquiries, Concessionaire agrees to advise any potential prospectus bidders that any inquiries must be made in writing directed to GFP. If GFP is unable to provide a satisfactory response to such inquiries, it will forward such inquiries to Steve Rounds as Concessionaire's designated representative, who shall within seven (7) days of his receipt thereof provide GFP with Concessionaire's reasonable written response to such inquiries. Upon its receipt of Concessionaire's responses, GFP will forward responses to inquiries to all Prospectus bidders. In addition, Concessionaire agrees to waive any claim for compensation for the time of its principals or staff spent in participating in a tour of the premises and reasonable review of the property with a prospective or new concessionaire.
6. Concessionaire, its officers, and authorized representatives, agrees to take no actions for make representations of any kind which are designed or intended to discourage or influence interested parties from bidding for the new Oahe Downstream Concession Lease or to influence the amount of the bid by a prospective concessionaire. Concessionaire will not misrepresent any matters concerning the resort facilities or concessions to a prospective concessionaire.
7. Following selection of the new concessionaire, Concessionaire shall provide the new concessionaire and the Department with a lodging reservation summary as of the last day of the month prior to the selection of the new concessionaire and thereafter update it on a monthly basis. The reservation summary shall include, for each lodging facility, a summary of the dates of stay, estimated rates, and amounts of advanced deposits received. The names of the guest, guests' addresses, contact information and dates of stay by guests or slip renters will be held by the Concessionaire until closing unless an earlier agreement is reached between Concessionaire and a new concessionaire. At closing, Concessionaire shall provide a new concessionaire with a complete accounting of receipts for advance reservations and advance deposits received prorated to the date of possession. The difference between advance lodging and marina deposits received by the Concessionaire which present unearned fees shall be paid over to the new concessionaire at the time of closing with the new concessionaire.
8. The parties agree that upon execution of a new concession lease and transfer of Concessionaire's Possessory Interest in Concessionaire Facilities and intangibles to a successor, the Concessionaire shall be required to provide to the Department

satisfactions of all collateral assignments, financing statements and mortgages which Concessionaire has provided to any financial institution in connection with the property interests being sold and transferred to the new concessionaire.

9. This Agreement reflects the complete and final expression of the parties' agreement, superseding all prior negotiations or agreements, whether written or oral. This agreement may not be modified or amended except in writing executed by both parties.
10. Any reference in this agreement to a party shall be construed to include that party and its officers and directors, shareholders, members, successors, assigns, heirs, devisees, administrators, parents and subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, and agents. This Agreement is binding upon and inures to the benefit of each party to this agreement, and to all officers, directors, shareholders, members, successors, assignees, devisees, administrators, parents and subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, and agents.
11. This Agreement may be executed in identical counterparts. Each counterpart shall be deemed an original of this Agreement.
12. The parties agree to execute, file and deliver such additional documents and instruments, and to perform such additional acts as are necessary, appropriate, or reasonably requested to effectuate, consummate, or perform and of the terms, provisions or conditions of this agreement.
13. The parties each warrant and represent that they have read this Agreement and have been fully informed and have full knowledge of the terms, conditions, and effects of this Agreement, and they have either personally or through their attorneys, fully investigated their full satisfaction the fact surrounding the various issues and matters sought to be addressed and resolved herein., and understand and are satisfied with the terms and effects of this Agreement, which are contractually binding. The parties agree that no promise or inducement had been offered or made except as herein set forth, and that this Agreement is executed of their own free act and deed without reliance on any statement or representation except as herein set forth.
14. Any interpretation or construction of the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of South Dakota.
15. Concessionaire hereby designates Steve Rounds as its authorized representative for all purposes under this Agreement including but not limited to the authority to execute same on behalf of Concessionaire. GFP hereby authorizes Douglas Hofer as its authorized representative for all purposes under this Agreement including but not limited to the authority to execute same on behalf of GFP. The parties warrant that they have taken or will take within a reasonable period of time, all action necessary in order to authorize and/or ratify the making and execution of this Agreement and will verify the same with authenticated copies of corporate and commission resolutions appropriate for the same.

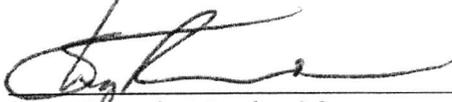
16. Both parties agree that a copy of his executed Agreement will be made a part of the Prospectus.

END OF AGREEMENT TEXT

Dated this 2nd day of November, 2015.

OAHE TAILRACE, LLC

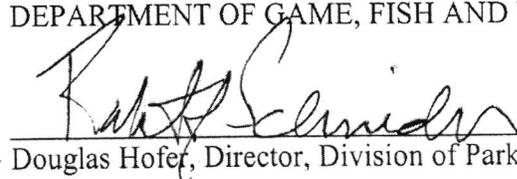
By:



Steve Rounds, Member Manager

THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

By:



for Douglas Hofer, Director, Division of Parks and
Recreation

EXHIBIT B
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
OAHE MARINA AND RESORT
"INTANGIBLE LISTING"

The following is a list of intangible items relative to the operation of Oahe Marina and Resort which shall be transferred and provided to the successor concessionaire in accordance with Section 1.a.ii of the Settlement Agreement:

- All trademark, copyrights and other rights and title to the name "Oahe Marina and Resort".
- All phone numbers currently listed for the marina will remain with the marina after lease transfer
- All original copies of current slip leases and associated lessee contact information
- All marina slip and storage fee deposits collected in advance for future seasons
- Marina slip waiting list and all associated customer contact information

Proposed 2016 Rates for Angostura Cabins and Shadehill Cabins and Trailers

(Based upon the projected year-end Consumer Price Index as
provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Number of Units	Angostura Cabins		Shadehill (30 cabins and 17 Trailers)	
	32	47		
2016 Rate	CPI (2015) = -0.7%	\$ 835.00	\$ 435.00	
	Total Revenue	\$ 26,720.00	\$ 20,445.00	\$ 47,165.00
2015 Rate	CPI (2014) = 1.7%	\$ 835.00	\$ 435.00	
	Total Revenue	\$ 26,720.00	\$ 20,445.00	\$ 47,165.00
2014 Rate	CPI (2013) = 1.5%	\$ 820.00	\$ 425.00	
	Total Revenue	\$ 26,240.00	\$ 19,975.00	\$ 46,215.00
2013 Rate	CPI (2012) = 2.1%	\$ 810.00	\$ 420.00	
	Total Revenue	\$ 25,920.00	\$ 19,740.00	\$ 45,660.00
2012 Rate	CPI (2011) = 3.2%	\$ 795.00	\$ 410.00	
	Total Revenue	\$ 25,440.00	\$ 19,270.00	\$ 44,710.00
2011 Rate	CPI (2010) = 1.6%	\$ 765.00	\$ 395.00	
	Total Revenue	\$ 24,480.00	\$ 18,565.00	\$ 43,045.00
2010 Rate	CPI (2009) = -0.4%	\$ 765.00	\$ 395.00	
	Total Revenue	\$ 24,480.00	\$ 18,565.00	\$ 43,045.00
2009 Rate	CPI (2008) = 3.8%	\$ 765.00	\$ 395.00	
	Total Revenue	\$ 24,480.00	\$ 18,565.00	\$ 43,045.00
2008 Rate	CPI (2007) = 2.8%	\$ 730.00	\$ 375.00	
	Total Revenue	\$ 23,360.00	\$ 17,625.00	\$ 40,985.00
2007 Rate	CPI (2006) = 3.3%	\$ 710.00	\$ 365.00	
	Total Revenue	\$ 22,720.00	\$ 17,155.00	\$ 39,875.00
2006 Rate	CPI (2005) = 3.5%	\$ 685.00	\$ 350.00	
	Total Revenue	\$ 21,920.00	\$ 16,450.00	\$ 38,370.00
2005 Rate	CPI (2004) = 2.6%	\$ 660.00	\$ 340.00	
	Total Revenue	\$ 21,120.00	\$ 15,980.00	\$ 37,100.00

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January to October 2015 Revenue Comparison by Item

	2014		2015		% Change
	Number	Dollar	Number	Dollar	
Annual	44,911	\$ 1,347,322	47,446	\$ 1,423,379	6%
Second Vehicle	11,855	\$ 177,819	12,113	\$ 181,692	2%
Combo	22,820	\$ 1,026,916	24,525	\$ 1,103,633	7%
Transferable	1,523	\$ 98,965	1,406	\$ 91,417	-8%
Daily / Person	30,302	\$ 121,208	33,996	\$ 135,985	12%
Daily / Vehicle	75,271	\$ 451,626	84,527	\$ 507,161	12%
Unattended Vehicle Daily	1,287	\$ 12,869	1,819	\$ 18,188	41%
Motorcoach Permit	22,633	\$ 67,900	9,966	\$ 29,898	-56%
GSM Annual Trail Pass	2,423	\$ 36,345	2,521	\$ 37,815	4%
GSM Daily Trail Pass	16,762	\$ 50,286	17,552	\$ 52,656	5%
CSP Temp Daily / Vehicle	140,981	\$ 2,114,719	157,046	\$ 2,355,692	11%
Bike Band	18,859	\$ 188,591	29,227	\$ 292,269	55%
Rally Bike Band	31,457	\$ 314,570	54,579	\$ 545,786	74%
One-Day Special Event	N/A	\$ 11,525	N/A	\$ 10,745	-7%
PERMITS	421,084	\$ 6,020,661	476,723	\$ 6,786,315	13%
Camping Services Permits	-	\$ 7,325,836	-	\$ 7,983,521	9%
Gift Card	-	\$ 3,770	-	\$ 5,720	52%
Picnic Reservations	-	\$ 16,475	-	\$ 17,623	7%
Firewood	40,374	\$ 161,497	44,655	\$ 178,619	11%
LODGING	40,374	\$ 7,507,578	44,655	\$ 8,185,484	9%
TOTAL	461,458	\$ 13,528,239	521,378	\$ 14,971,799	11%

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October 2015 YTD Revenue Comparison by District

LOCATION	2014	2015	%
Fort Sisseton	\$ 64,434	\$ 63,657	-1%
Roy Lake	\$ 197,470	\$ 212,257	7%
Sica Hollow	\$ 2,672	\$ 2,610	-2%
DISTRICT 1	\$ 264,576	\$ 278,524	5%
Richmond Lake	\$ 79,741	\$ 79,788	0%
Mina Lake	\$ 97,648	\$ 104,540	7%
Lake Louise	\$ 54,790	\$ 65,943	20%
Fisher Grove	\$ 20,847	\$ 21,517	3%
Amsden	\$ 3,857	\$ 3,874	0%
DISTRICT 2	\$ 256,883	\$ 275,662	7%
Sandy Shore	\$ 43,521	\$ 39,587	-9%
Hartford Beach	\$ 147,792	\$ 157,533	7%
Lake Cochrane	\$ 51,230	\$ 55,422	8%
Pelican Lake	\$ 127,428	\$ 146,642	15%
Pickereel Lake	\$ 170,077	\$ 190,429	12%
DISTRICT 3	\$ 540,048	\$ 589,612	9%
Oakwood Lakes	\$ 252,056	\$ 297,990	18%
Lake Poinsett	\$ 190,698	\$ 210,091	10%
Lake Thompson	\$ 252,410	\$ 249,475	-1%
DISTRICT 4	\$ 695,164	\$ 757,555	9%
Lake Herman	\$ 192,101	\$ 206,314	7%
Walkers Point	\$ 71,125	\$ 81,294	14%
DISTRICT 5	\$ 263,226	\$ 287,609	9%
Snake Creek	\$ 293,427	\$ 317,358	8%
Platte Creek	\$ 49,302	\$ 48,523	-2%
Burke Lake	\$ 2,013	\$ 2,055	2%
Buryanek	\$ 62,070	\$ 69,937	13%
DISTRICT 6	\$ 406,812	\$ 437,873	8%
Palisades	\$ 224,813	\$ 248,912	11%
Lake Vermillion	\$ 281,980	\$ 298,311	6%
Big Sioux	\$ 227,714	\$ 251,726	11%
DISTRICT 7	\$ 734,507	\$ 798,949	9%
Newton Hills	\$ 390,240	\$ 418,855	7%
Lake Alvin	\$ 29,889	\$ 40,487	35%
Union Grove	\$ 42,884	\$ 42,993	0%
Adams	\$ 371	\$ 947	155%
DISTRICT 8	\$ 463,384	\$ 503,281	9%

LOCATION	2014	2015	%
Lewis & Clark	\$ 1,398,746	\$ 1,493,138	7%
Springfield	\$ 25,586	\$ 26,323	3%
Chief White Crane	\$ 259,054	\$ 297,163	15%
Pierson Ranch	\$ 95,918	\$ 109,888	15%
Tabor	\$ 1,486	\$ 1,047	-30%
Sand Creek	\$ 1,099	\$ 1,957	78%
DISTRICT 9	\$ 1,781,889	\$ 1,929,514	8%
White Swan	\$ 2,998	\$ 2,809	-6%
South Scalp	\$ 826	\$ 1,139	38%
South Shore	\$ 3,527	\$ 5,178	47%
North Point	\$ 367,507	\$ 403,466	10%
Pease Creek	\$ 27,049	\$ 26,693	-1%
Randall Creek	\$ 187,045	\$ 192,803	3%
Whetstone	\$ 7,715	\$ 7,790	1%
North Wheeler	\$ 9,295	\$ 11,099	19%
DISTRICT 10	\$ 605,962	\$ 650,976	7%
Farm Island	\$ 261,532	\$ 270,957	4%
West Bend	\$ 204,454	\$ 210,698	3%
DISTRICT 11	\$ 465,986	\$ 481,655	3%
Okobojo	\$ 14,469	\$ 15,531	7%
Oahe Downstream	\$ 417,971	\$ 453,864	9%
Spring Creek	\$ 14,780	\$ 16,520	12%
Cow Creek	\$ 54,487	\$ 58,438	7%
DISTRICT 12	\$ 501,707	\$ 544,354	9%
East Whitlock	\$ 756	\$ 894	18%
West Whitlock	\$ 149,395	\$ 164,712	10%
Lake Hiddenwood	\$ 6,928	\$ 11,172	61%
Swan Creek	\$ 10,387	\$ 10,987	6%
Indian Creek	\$ 179,501	\$ 202,263	13%
West Pollock	\$ 19,564	\$ 18,640	-5%
WalthBay	\$ 907	\$ 1,702	88%
Revheim Bay	\$ 410	\$ 489	19%
DISTRICT 13	\$ 367,848	\$ 410,858	12%
Mickelson Trail	\$ 104,136	\$ 109,943	6%
Bear Butte	\$ 30,019	\$ 35,567	18%
DISTRICT 14	\$ 134,155	\$ 145,510	8%
Shadehill	\$ 208,901	\$ 237,292	14%
Llewellyn Johns	\$ 6,192	\$ 8,141	31%
Rocky Point	\$ 147,637	\$ 179,917	22%
DISTRICT 15	\$ 362,730	\$ 425,350	17%
Custer	\$ 4,959,477	\$ 5,648,205	14%
DISTRICT 16	\$ 4,959,477	\$ 5,648,205	14%
Angostura	\$ 498,107	\$ 560,545	13%
Sheps Canyon	\$ 52,003	\$ 60,200	16%
DISTRICT 17	\$ 550,110	\$ 620,745	13%
PIERRE OFFICE	\$ 173,769	\$ 185,569	7%
TOTAL:	\$ 13,528,239	\$ 14,971,799	11%

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

Dist	Park	2014 Units	2015 Units	%	Dist	Park	2014 Units	2015 Units	%
1	Fort Sisseton	1,681	1,477	-12%	9	Lewis & Clark	38,267	41,265	8%
	Roy Lake	5,972	6,617	11%		Tabor	128	89	-30%
	Sica Hollow	174	161	-7%		Sand Creek	183	141	-23%
		<u>7,827</u>	<u>8,255</u>	<u>5%</u>		Springfield	1,056	1,058	0%
2	Richmond Lake	1,602	1,602	0%		Chief White Crane	9,734	10,935	12%
	Mina Lake	2,624	2,649	1%		Pierson Ranch	<u>3,938</u>	<u>4,627</u>	<u>17%</u>
	Lake Louise	1,649	1,987	20%			<u>53,306</u>	<u>58,115</u>	<u>9%</u>
	Fisher Grove	965	1,026	6%	10	North Point	8,912	9,753	9%
	Amsden	314	317	1%		North Wheeler	617	704	14%
		<u>7,154</u>	<u>7,581</u>	<u>6%</u>		Pease Creek	1,421	1,412	-1%
3	Sandy Shore	1,098	1,128	3%		Randall Creek	6,440	7,040	9%
	Hartford Beach	4,654	5,028	8%		South Shore	290	425	47%
	Lake Cochrane	1,832	1,950	6%		Whetstone Bay	515	508	-1%
	Pelican South	4,304	4,795	11%		White Swan	260	241	-7%
	Pickerel Lake	5,867	6,394	9%		South Scalp	-	21	
		<u>17,755</u>	<u>19,295</u>	<u>9%</u>			<u>18,455</u>	<u>20,104</u>	<u>9%</u>
4	Oakwood Lakes	7,698	8,547	11%	11	Farm Island	6,583	7,073	7%
	Lake Poinsett	6,699	7,076	6%		West Bend	<u>7,341</u>	<u>7,704</u>	<u>5%</u>
	Lake Thompson	6,606	6,924	5%			<u>13,924</u>	<u>14,777</u>	<u>6%</u>
		<u>21,003</u>	<u>22,547</u>	<u>7%</u>	12	Oahe Downstream	12,405	13,650	10%
5	Lake Herman	5,297	5,669	7%		Cow Creek	2,346	2,507	7%
	Walkers Point	2,534	2,816	11%		Okobojo Point	<u>1,052</u>	<u>1,137</u>	<u>8%</u>
	Lake Carthage	759	618	-19%			<u>15,803</u>	<u>17,294</u>	<u>9%</u>
		<u>8,590</u>	<u>9,103</u>	<u>6%</u>	13	West Whitlock	4,124	4,577	11%
6	Snake Creek	8,476	9,173	8%		Lake Hiddenwood	266	376	41%
	Platte Creek	1,392	1,506	8%		East Whitlock	63	60	-5%
	Burke Lake	46	32	-30%		Swan Creek	423	575	36%
	Buryanek	2,358	2,617	11%		Indian Creek	5,448	6,541	20%
		<u>12,272</u>	<u>13,328</u>	<u>9%</u>		Walth Bay	5	14	180%
7	Palisades	4,259	4,658	9%		West Pollock	<u>898</u>	<u>793</u>	<u>-12%</u>
	Lake Vermillion	8,096	8,643	7%			<u>11,227</u>	<u>12,936</u>	<u>15%</u>
	Big Sioux	4,816	5,298	10%	14	Bear Butte	<u>826</u>	<u>1,114</u>	<u>35%</u>
		<u>17,171</u>	<u>18,599</u>	<u>8%</u>			<u>826</u>	<u>1,114</u>	<u>35%</u>
8	Newton Hills	9,741	10,601	9%	15	Shadehill	4,949	5,605	13%
	Union Grove	1,482	1,570	6%		Llewellyn Johns	352	458	30%
		<u>11,223</u>	<u>12,171</u>	<u>8%</u>		Rocky Point	<u>4,377</u>	<u>5,189</u>	<u>19%</u>
							<u>9,678</u>	<u>11,252</u>	<u>16%</u>
					16	Custer	47,982	49,903	4%
					17	Angostura	13,594	15,489	14%
						Sheps Canyon	<u>1,235</u>	<u>1,411</u>	<u>14%</u>
							<u>14,829</u>	<u>16,900</u>	<u>14%</u>
					TOTAL FEE AREA				
					CAMPER UNITS		<u>289,025</u>	<u>313,274</u>	<u>8%</u>

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

Action Items

Cutler Property

Location: Three miles northwest of Claremont in Brown County

Description: 320 acres

Management Objective: Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting

Cost: \$535,000.00

Expected Closing: December 2015

Requested Commission Action: Adopt RESOLUTION 15 – 18 authorizing and confirming the purchase

Information Items

Franzen Addition to Hedman GPA

Location: Day County

Description: 400 acres

Management Objective: Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting

Cost: \$920,000.00

Expected Closing: December 2015

This proposed acquisition has been advertised per SDCL 41-4-1.1, and will be brought to the GFP Commission for final action at the December 2015 meeting.

Early Development Projects

DOT - Big Sioux River Water Access Area

Location: Moody County

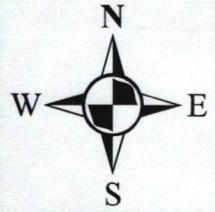
Description: 3.5 acres

Management Objective: Water Access Area

Cost: \$10,000.00

Expected Closing: Unknown

Cutler Property Brown County, SD



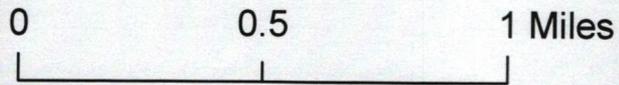
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 Game Production Areas



Cutler Property Brown County, SD



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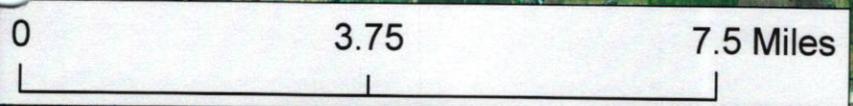
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 Game Production Areas

RESOLUTION 15 - 18

WHEREAS, the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) has expressed an interest in acquiring real property presently owned by Terry Cutler and Jill Cutler, 1610 North Washington Street, Groton, SD 557445, which property is described as:

North Half (N½) of Section Twenty (20) in Township One Hundred Twenty-six North (T126N), Range Sixty West (R60W) of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota, containing 320 acres, more or less, and hereafter referred to as CUTLER PROPERTY; and

WHEREAS, said property is to be acquired by and utilized by GFP as a Game Production Area; and

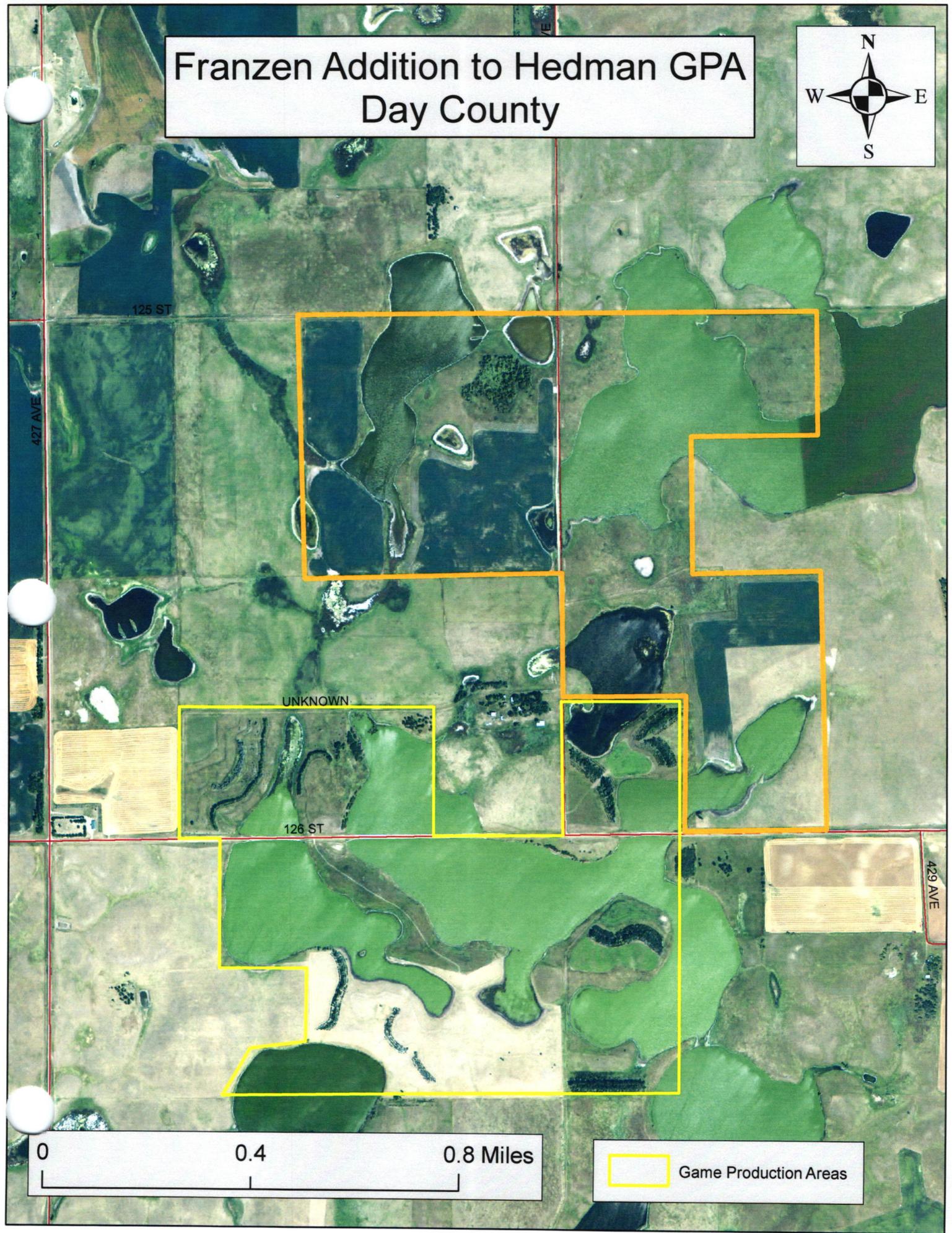
WHEREAS, SDCL 41-4-1.1 requires that before GFP acquires and purchases property, GFP must notify owners of land located adjacent to the property sought to be acquired by publishing notice of the same once in each legal newspaper of the county in which the property to be purchased is located; and

WHEREAS, GFP has published the required legal notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of action by the Commission authorizing the intended purchases, which notice included the time and location of the meeting at which Commission action is expected and by giving notice of instructions for presenting oral and written comments to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed any and all comments that may have been received relative to the intended purchase and after consideration of the same, the Commission approves the purchase of said property for use as a Game Production Area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that GFP is authorized to complete negotiations for the purchase of the CUTLER PROPERTY and execute and consummate an agreement with Terry Cutler and Jill Cutler, which is acceptable to GFP to acquire by purchase, at the price of \$535,000.00, the CUTLER PROPERTY for use as a Game Production Area.

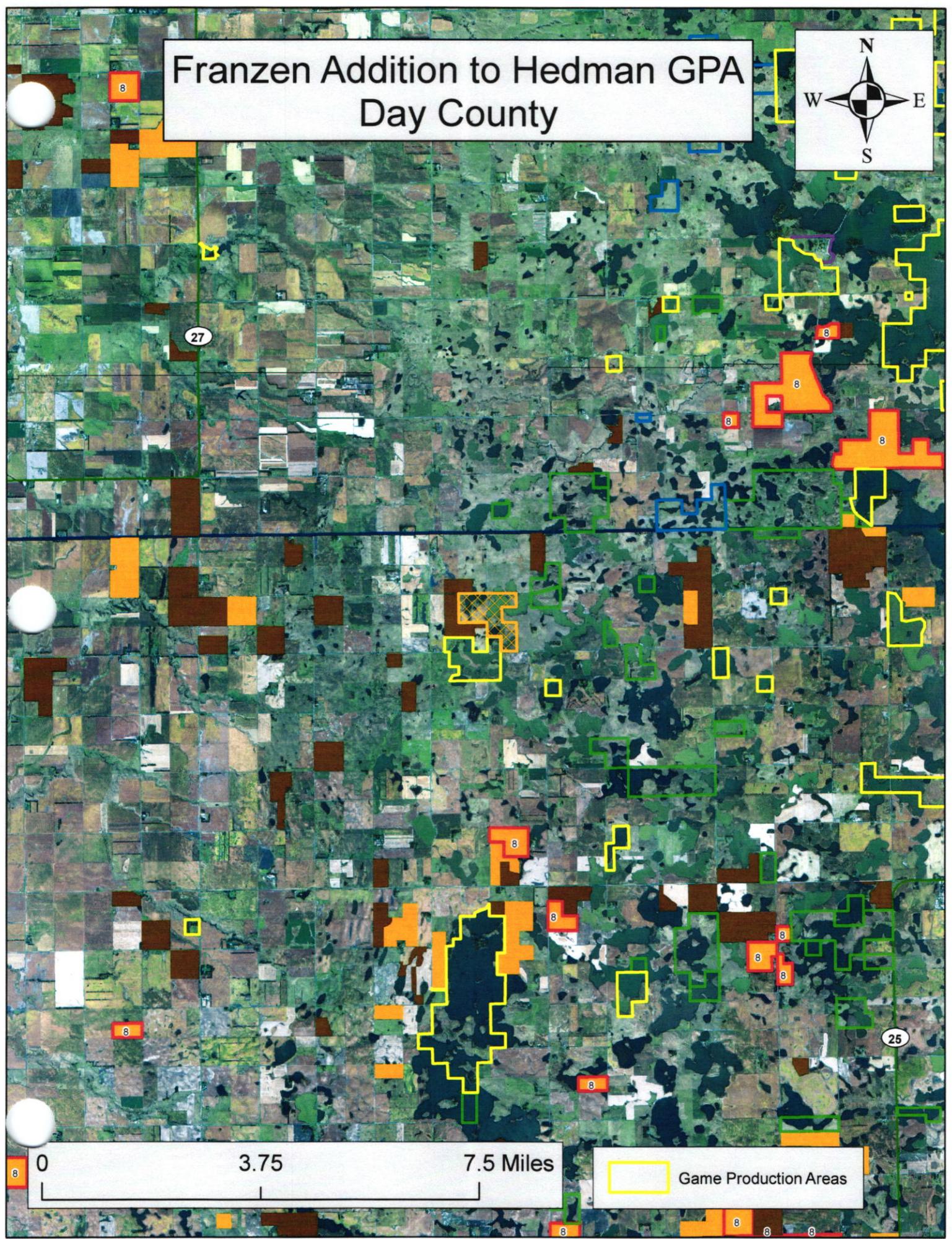
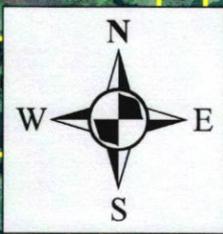
Franzen Addition to Hedman GPA Day County



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 Game Production Areas

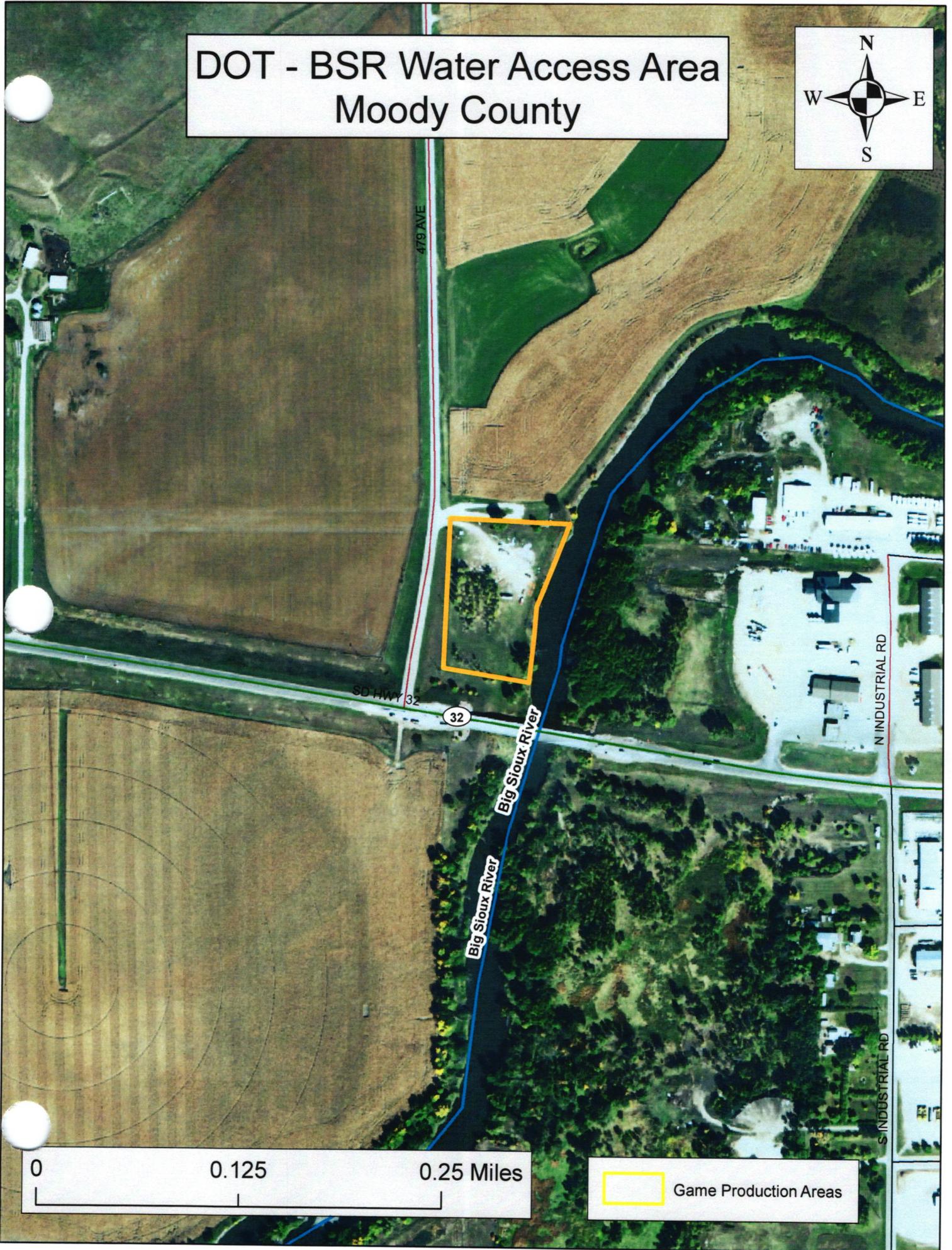
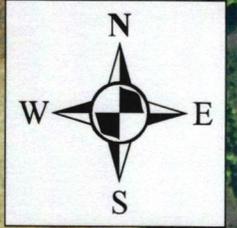
Franzen Addition to Hedman GPA Day County



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Game Production Areas

DOT - BSR Water Access Area Moody County



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 Game Production Areas



TIP's SUMMARY

TIPs Year 2014

July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

213 INVESTIGATIONS
126 ARRESTS
\$18,558 FINES
\$30,100 LIQUIDATED CIVIL DAMAGES
583 DAYS OF JAIL (578 days suspended)
\$5,425 REWARDS PAID

Program Totals 1984 to June 30, 2015

10,845 INVESTIGATIONS
3,761 ARRESTS
\$719,925 FINES
\$566,387 LIQUIDATED CIVIL DAMAGES
35,017 DAYS OF JAIL (31,848 days suspended)
\$156,940 REWARDS PAID

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Wildlife Protection Inc.
Turn In Poachers
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TIPs Overall Report

TIPs Year *	# Investigations	# Arrests	Rewards Paid (\$)
2014	213	126	5,425
2013	170	89	6,300
2012	212	103	9,000
2011	309	74	3,950
2010	394	146	8,725
2009	379	83	5,525
2008	481	170	6,545
2007	550	169	8,130
2006	498	151	6,900
2005	397	134	5,585
2004	522	178	5,700
2003	518	211	8,500
2002	407	131	4,850
2001	413	148	6,700
2000	428	129	7,750
1999	386	140	5,325
1998	360	144	2,600
1997	345	135	3,375
1996	502	123	3,925
1995	368	113	2,970
1994	424	144	3,975
1993	368	114	3,775
1992	364	121	4,375
1991	364	126	2,895
1990	296	88	2,850

* TIPs year is from July 1 to June 30. TIPs year 2014 began on July 1, 2014, and ended on June 30, 2015.

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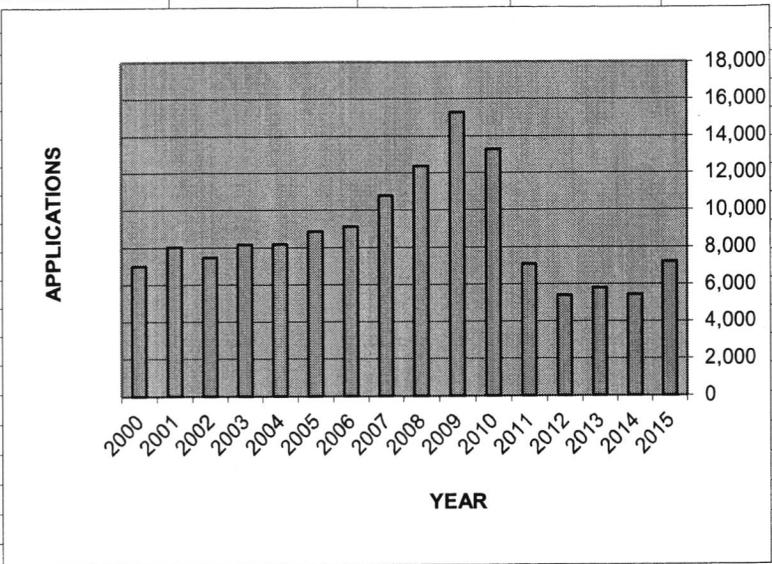
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	Responsibility	Due Date		Report to Commission	
		<u>Current</u>	<u>Updated</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Updated</u>
Deer Management Plan Public opinion survey	Longmire	July 2015	March 2016	August 2015	April 2016
Update/revise existing management plans Turkey	Lehman/Runia	December 2015	May 2016	January 2016	June 2016
Enhance current and build new population models	Lindbloom	July 2016	July 2016	August 2016	August 2016
Refine methods to obtain doe survival information for population models	Lindbloom	July 2016	July 2016	August 2016	August 2016
Create winter and drought severity models	Lindbloom	July 2016	July 2016	August 2016	August 2016
Deer Management Plan Stakeholder group discussions and public meetings	Kirschenmann/Switzer/ Lindbloom	Fall 2015 - Winter 2016	2016-2017	January 2016	March 2017
Deer Management Plan Adopt Deer Management Plan	Commission and Department	December 2016	April 2017	January 2017	May 2017
Update/revise existing management plans Mountain Lion	Lindbloom	January 2016	June 2018	March 2016	July 2018

PRAIRIE ANTELOPE (PRA)

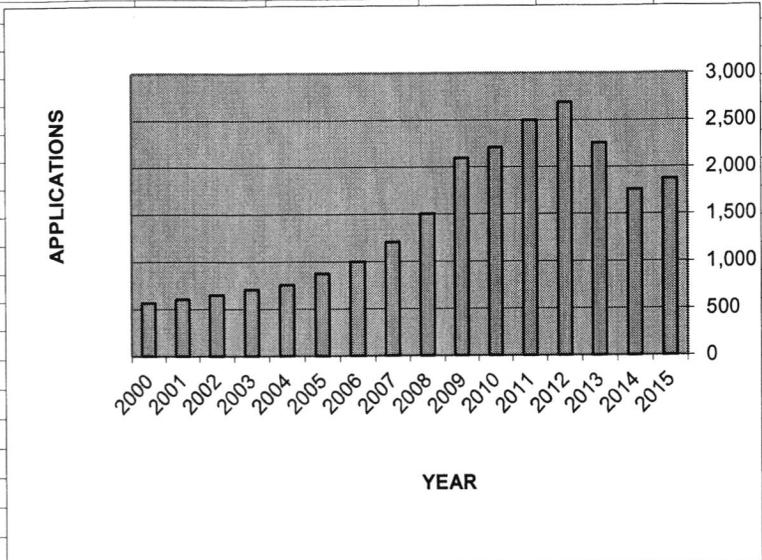
YEAR	TOTAL APPS
2015	7,216
2014	5,433
2013	5,803
2012	5,402
2011	7,089
2010	13,291
2009	15,271
2008	12,378
2007	10,779
2006	9,123
2005	8,865
2004	8,196
2003	8,166
2002	7,485
2001	8,028
2000	7,004



YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER
2015	LICENSES AVAILABLE	1,472	1,472	62	3,006	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	360	2,584	61	3,005	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	1	1	
	LICENSE ISSUED	360	2,584	62	3,006	
	UNSUCCESSFUL	8	4,444	403	4,855	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	368	7,028	465	7,861	(92% online)
2014	LICENSES AVAILABLE	1,353	1,353	61	2,767	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	329	2,377	61	2,767	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	0	
	LICENSE ISSUED	329	2,377	61	2,767	
	UNSUCCESSFUL	7	3,548	239	3,794	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	336	5,925	300	6,561	(83% online)
2013	LICENSES AVAILABLE	1,613	1,613	0	3,226	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	398	2,708	0	3,106	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	2	104	0	106	
	LICENSE ISSUED	400	2,812	0	3,212	14
	UNSUCCESSFUL	10	4,760	0	4,770	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	410	7,572	0	7,982	(73% online)
2012	LICENSES AVAILABLE	1,868	1,868	0	3,736	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	397	2,699	0	3,096	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	508	0	508	
	LICENSE ISSUED	397	3,207	0	3,604	132
	UNSUCCESSFUL	6	3,923	0	3,929	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	403	7,130	0	7,533	(72% online)
2011	LICENSES AVAILABLE	2,748	2,748	447	5,943	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	404	3,843	486	4,733	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	4	680	39	723	
	LICENSE ISSUED	408	4,523	525	5,456	487
	UNSUCCESSFUL	3	3,596	906	4,505	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	411	8,119	1,431	9,961	(71% online)

CUSTER STATE PARK DEER (CUD)

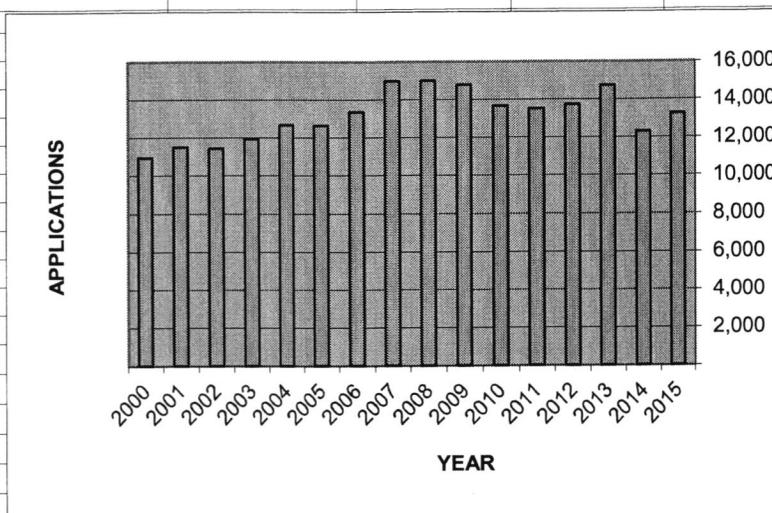
YEAR	TOTAL APPS
2015	1,869
2014	1,756
2013	2,254
2012	2,685
2011	2,497
2010	2,208
2009	2,095
2008	1,501
2007	1,203
2006	998
2005	876
2004	757
2003	708
2002	651
2001	606
2000	565



YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER
2015	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	30	30	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	30	30	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	30	30	
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	1,839	1,839	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	1,869	1,869	(98% online)
2014	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	30	30	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	30	30	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	30	30	
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	1,726	1,726	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	1,756	1,756	(98% online)
2013	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	30	30	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	30	30	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	30	30	
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	2,224	2,224	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	2,254	2,254	(98% online)
2012	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	12	12	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	12	12	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	12	12	
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	2,673	2,673	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	2,685	2,685	(98% online)
2011	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	47	47	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	47	47	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	47	47	
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	2,450	2,450	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	2,497	2,497	(97% online)

BLACK HILLS DEER (BHD)

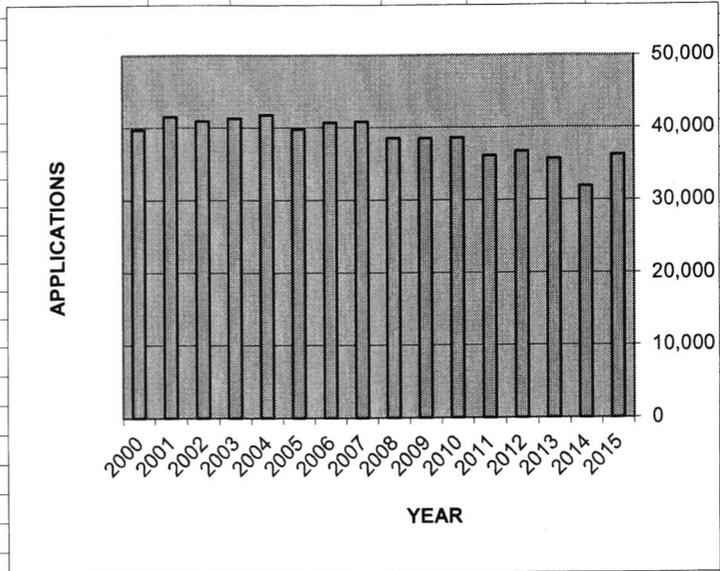
YEAR	TOTAL APPS
2015	13,263
2014	12,320
2013	14,738
2012	13,739
2011	13,512
2010	13,667
2009	14,788
2008	14,999
2007	14,986
2006	13,354
2005	12,653
2004	12,677
2003	11,934
2002	11,455
2001	11,498
2000	10,941



YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER
2015	LICENSES AVAILABLE	1,850	1,850	296	3,996	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	149	3,551	296	3,996	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	149	3,551	296	3,996	0
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	8,560	707	9,267	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	149	12,111	1,003	13,263	(93% online)
2014	LICENSES AVAILABLE	1,600	1,600	256	3,456	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	145	3,055	256	3,456	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	2	2	
	LICENSE ISSUED	145	3,055	256	3,456	0
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	8,226	638	8,864	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	145	11,281	894	12,320	(92% online)
2013	LICENSES AVAILABLE	1,650	1,650	265	3,565	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	139	3,134	265	3,538	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	18	0	18	
	LICENSE ISSUED	139	3,152	265	3,556	9
	UNSUCCESSFUL	6	9,538	1,638	11,182	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	145	12,690	1,903	14,738	(85% online)
2012	LICENSES AVAILABLE	1,675	1,675	269	3,619	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	139	3,138	243	3,520	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	38	0	38	
	LICENSE ISSUED	139	3,176	243	3,558	61
	UNSUCCESSFUL	4	8,544	1,633	10,181	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	143	11,720	1,876	13,739	(77% online)
2011	LICENSES AVAILABLE	2,050	2,050	330	4,430	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	136	3,878	330	4,344	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	77	0	77	
	LICENSE ISSUED	136	3,955	330	4,421	9
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	7,642	1,449	9,091	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	136	11,597	1,779	13,512	(75% online)

EAST RIVER DEER (ERD)

YEAR	TOTAL APPS
2015	36,184
2014	31,906
2013	35,601
2012	36,667
2011	36,085
2010	38,576
2009	38,483
2008	38,556
2007	40,846
2006	40,716
2005	39,758
2004	41,787
2003	41,283
2002	40,951
2001	41,498
2000	39,686



YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER
2015	LICENSES AVAILABLE	13,413	13,413	26,826	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	6,219	13,259	19,478	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	11	2,968	2,979	
	LICENSE ISSUED	6,230	16,227	22,457	4,369
	UNSUCCESSFUL	670	13,057	13,727	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	6,900	29,284	36,184	(89% online)

YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER
2014	LICENSES AVAILABLE	13,013	13,013	26,026	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	6,012	13,026	19,038	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	4	2,447	2,451	
	LICENSE ISSUED	6,016	15,473	21,489	4,537
	UNSUCCESSFUL	475	9,942	10,417	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	6,491	25,415	31,906	(88% online)

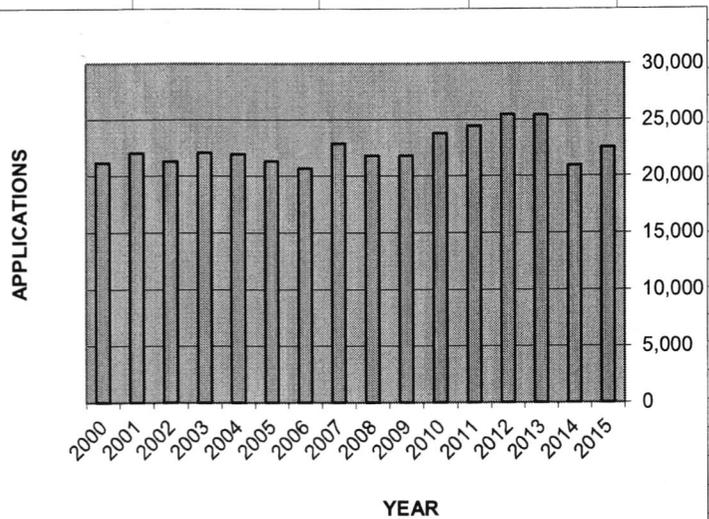
YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER
2013	LICENSES AVAILABLE	16,633	16,633	33,266	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	6,575	14,916	21,491	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	21	4,372	4,393	
	LICENSE ISSUED	6,596	19,288	25,884	7,382
	UNSUCCESSFUL	284	9,433	9,717	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	6,880	28,721	35,601	(80% online)

YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER
2012	LICENSES AVAILABLE	18,558	18,558	37,116	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	6,763	14,748	21,511	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	15	5,200	5,215	
	LICENSE ISSUED	6,778	19,948	26,726	10,390
	UNSUCCESSFUL	453	9,488	9,941	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	7,231	29,436	36,667	(78% online)

YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER
2011	LICENSES AVAILABLE	21,518	21,518	43,036	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	6,932	16,916	23,848	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	59	5,979	6,038	
	LICENSE ISSUED	6,991	22,895	29,886	13,150
	UNSUCCESSFUL	204	5,995	6,199	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	7,195	28,890	36,085	(76% online)

WEST RIVER DEER (WRD)

YEAR	TOTAL APPS
2015	22,529
2014	20,920
2013	25,431
2012	25,477
2011	24,426
2010	23,797
2009	21,791
2008	21,791
2007	22,880
2006	20,670
2005	21,302
2004	21,944
2003	22,093
2002	21,287
2001	22,018
2000	21,136



YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER
2015	LICENSES AVAILABLE	9,030	9,030	1,449	19,509	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	1,436	9,442	1,349	12,227	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	14	3,434	74	3,522	
	LICENSE ISSUED	1,450	12,876	1,423	15,749	3,760
	UNSUCCESSFUL	41	4,960	1,779	6,780	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	1,491	17,836	3,202	22,529	(92% online)
2014	LICENSES AVAILABLE	9,155	9,155	1,469	19,779	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	1,427	9,431	1,320	12,178	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	13	3,210	104	3,327	
	LICENSE ISSUED	1,440	12,641	1,424	15,505	4,274
	UNSUCCESSFUL	14	3,958	1,443	5,415	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	1,454	16,599	2,867	20,920	(91% online)
2013	LICENSES AVAILABLE	11,043	11,043	1,733	23,819	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	1,475	10,536	1,500	13,511	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	8	2,790	133	2,931	
	LICENSE ISSUED	1,483	13,326	1,633	16,442	7,377
	UNSUCCESSFUL	35	5,853	3,101	8,989	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	1,518	19,179	4,734	25,431	(90% online)
2012	LICENSES AVAILABLE	11,350	11,350	1,822	24,522	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	1,541	10,979	1,453	13,973	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	4	2,760	140	2,904	
	LICENSE ISSUED	1,545	13,739	1,593	16,877	7,645
	UNSUCCESSFUL	26	5,288	3,286	8,600	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	1,571	19,027	4,879	25,477	(88% online)
2011	LICENSES AVAILABLE	12,620	12,620	2,025	27,265	
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	1,501	11,841	1,628	14,970	
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	2,751	318	3,069	
	LICENSE ISSUED	1,501	14,592	1,946	18,039	9,226
	UNSUCCESSFUL	9	3,683	2,695	6,387	
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	1,510	18,275	4,641	24,426	(86% online)

License Sales Totals

(as of Oct 27)

date updated: 27 October 2015

Resident	2015	2014
Combination	46,571	44,560
Junior Combination	7,923	7,928
Senior Combination	7,729	6,746
Small Game	18,835	19,554
Youth Small Game	4,662	4,706
1-Day Small Game	779	565
Migratory Bird Certificate	27,664	30,395
Predator/Varmint	1,448	1,359
Furbearer	2,920	3,076
Annual Fishing	63,375	64,986
Senior Fishing	12,735	12,869
1-Day Fishing	6,400	6,515
Gamefish Spearing/Archery	2,726	2,758

Nonresident	2015	2014
Small Game	47,264	43,013
Youth Small Game	1,475	1,364
Annual Shooting Preserve	354	246
5-day Shooting Preserve	6,696	6,344
1-day Shooting Preserve	739	619
Spring Light Goose	4,274	4,572
Youth Spring Light Goose	163	165
Migratory Bird Certificate	901	1,154
Predator/Varmint	4,454	3,839
Furbearer	8	6
Annual Fishing	26,737	24,909
Family Fishing	9,367	8,998
Youth Annual Fishing	1,475	1,486
3-Day Fishing	24,624	23,248
1-Day Fishing	22,504	21,885
Gamefish Spearing/Archery	655	672
TOTAL ON FILE =	355,457	348,537