

## Comes, Rachel

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**From:** Hepler, Kelly  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 09, 2016 2:58 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** Fwd: Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

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**Subject:** **Re: Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota**

I am writing on behalf of the Commission, Eric, to thank you for your email on this very important subject.

We share your concerns, and sincerely appreciate your perspective on this issue that is so broad in its consequences and implications.

Thank you, again. We look forward to your continued interest and communications.

Have a good weekend.

Gary Jensen

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**From:** Gary D. Jensen <[gjensen@blackhillslaw.com](mailto:gjensen@blackhillslaw.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 8, 2016 4:53 PM  
**To:** Jensen, Gary  
**Subject:** FW: Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

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**From:** Peterson, Cathy [<mailto:Cathy.Peterson@state.sd.us>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 08, 2016 4:38 PM  
**To:** Gary D. Jensen  
**Subject:** Fwd: Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

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**From:** Eric Anderson <[ericanthonyanderson@gmail.com](mailto:ericanthonyanderson@gmail.com)>  
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**Subject:** Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

Dear Commissioners,

I have been closely following the AIS infestation of Lewis and Clark Lake and just this morning read about the near miss of dredging equipment in Belle Fourche Reservoir. As an avid angler and concerned citizen in South Dakota I implore that the Commission and SDGFP put in place stronger measures to help slow the spread of AIS in South Dakota. The implications of large scale infestations are huge from irrigation & agriculture, power generation, drinking water, and recreational aspects, which I am sure all of you know.

I feel like there is an attitude of inevitability when it comes to AIS, that we are already defeated. Certainly SD is in a tough place because we do have infested waters within our borders. But, we can't just sit on our hands and say the costs are too high or we don't know where to start. My recommendation is to look at states such as Colorado and Wyoming. Several lakes in Colorado have inspection stations at the lake and require decontamination when they leave the water. Wyoming has a very, very aggressive AIS inspection plan. I travel on occasion to WY to fish and they require inspection of every vessel that comes into the state. For convenience, I took the WYGF training to become a private inspector so I could check my own boat when traveling to fish. The training was very thorough

and enlightening. The WY Legislature started the inspection and decontamination program with a budget allocation and anglers are required to purchase AIS stickers for their boats. This program puts inspection stations and borders and at several lakes during the summer. It is a solid effort to do as much as they can to prevent the spread of AIS into their state. I feel we need to do something similar.

The costs of a program won't be cheap, but if you investigate the costs of mussel clean up around water intakes and power plants the costs of prevention will be pennies. I hate adding another fee to boaters but we've got to pay for part of it.

The current program of SD Least Wanted is a good start but more needs to be done. Please explore this issue more.

Sincerely,

Eric Anderson

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**From:** Hepler, Kelly  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 09, 2016 2:59 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** Fwd: SD Big Game Coalition

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**From:** "Jensen, Gary" <[Gary.Jensen@state.sd.us](mailto:Gary.Jensen@state.sd.us)>  
**Date:** October 8, 2016 at 1:06:33 PM CDT  
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**Cc:** "Hepler, Kelly" <[Kelly.Hepler@state.sd.us](mailto:Kelly.Hepler@state.sd.us)>, "Leif, Tony" <[Tony.Leif@state.sd.us](mailto:Tony.Leif@state.sd.us)>, "Kirschenmann, Tom" <[Tom.Kirschenmann@state.sd.us](mailto:Tom.Kirschenmann@state.sd.us)>  
**Subject: Re: SD Big Game Coalition**

Dear Mr. Shaw:

I am writing on behalf of the GFP Commission to thank you for your email.

We will carefully consider your comments. Its important we see them, very much appreciate your taking time to send them.

Good luck with your business during these hectic times!

Thanks, again. Please let us know anytime you have an issue to address.

Have a good weekend.

Gary Jensen

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**From:** Gerry Shaw <[photolab.gsp@gmail.com](mailto:photolab.gsp@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, October 7, 2016 12:49 PM

**To:** Peterson, Cathy; Jensen, Barry; Boyd, Mary Anne; Dennert, Paul H.; Olson, Russell; Phillips, W. Scott; Spies, Jim; Jensen, Gary

**Subject:** SD Big Game Coalition

Esteemed Commissioners,

My name is Gerald Shaw. I currently live in Aurora, South Dakota. I hunt, fish, hike, camp in South Dakota more days of the year than I sit at home. That being said as an avid outdoorsman, I am also a member of the South Dakota Big Game Coalition. I unfortunately will not be able to attend many of the meetings in person. I work in graphic design and animation field as well as run my own company. Football season and the time leading up to kick off is typically a very hectic time of year for us and time off is very limited. First off, I would like to thank you all for the work that you do. I do not envy the stress that a position as this must put you under, not to mention the lives you must live outside of the Commission. I appreciate the time you take away from your family and friends, and would like to make that time the most beneficial as possible. I would like to express my opinions on a few of the many of the matters we have here in South Dakota.

### **Shed Hunting**

I would urge the commission to remove the ban of Shed Hunting on public lands. Shed Hunting is the activity of finding the "shed" antlers of deer, elk, and moose. As winter sets in, ungulates need essential minerals to survive. As such, the strength and bodily minerals the animal uses to keep their antler attached is diverted to elsewhere in the body, thus causing their antlers to drop off at no harm to the animal. In the late winter, early spring / summer months, most animals have dropped their antlers and begin to grow their new set. Currently, the law is written as such...

Destruction or removal of natural or cultural features prohibited — Exception. A person may not destroy, damage, or remove a living or dead tree, shrub, or vegetation; disturb any earth, rocks, minerals, natural formations, or cultural resources; or destroy, damage, or **remove any antlers, skulls, or other parts of animal carcass** located on lands owned or leased by the department without written permission from the secretary or a designated agent. *However, a person participating in religious activities in Bear Butte State Park or on department land owned or leased adjacent to the Missouri River may use grasses and forbs taken from these lands for ceremonial purposes. For purposes of this rule, a cultural resource includes historic properties, archaeological resources, and Native American cultural items (including human remains, associated funerary objects, unassociated funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony, as defined in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990*

So by this wording, all the rock collectors I see out in Indian Creek near Scenic looking for Agates are, by the way this is written, in violation of the law, just as much as some one shed hunting. If I kick a rock down a ravine on public land, I am in violation. Also if my niece finds a stick while hiking in the Hills, she is now in violation. The law is poorly written overall.

In many western states, shed hunting has become a very popular hobby. I myself, love to shed hunt with my dog. We have a small chunk of property in Tripp County that we manage for deer. So going on hikes thru our woods and fields is a fun activity that we can do. I would love to hike the Black Hills and find elk and mule deer sheds some day too!

I would suggest that we open a "season" on sheds, much like the current seasons we have for hunting. It should be open to residents only, only after such a date as to not pressure the animals and not cause undue stress on the animal. I would look towards Utah, Montana, and Idaho for input on season dates and duration. I could see people being stupid and chasing and pressuring animals in hopes of trying to get them to drop their sheds early and by setting a date later in the season could prevent this issue. Shed Hunting could be a \$5 -\$10 permit, with access permits being required to access certain areas potentially. That would add revenue to the GFP directly thru permits and licenses, but also indirectly to the state as well with fuel, lodging, and food that people will buy when heading out. Open up campgrounds in the late spring for people to use as well.

As an avid outdoorsman, there is a time frame between seasons that there is little to do. Getting outside and enjoying nature is essential to my happiness, as you know the winters in South Dakota can be brutal and seemingly never ending. With shed hunting, I am able to go out, stretch my legs, hike around, and be able to "hunt" and study the animals that might be around.

#### Landlocked Public Land Access

So I have come across this multiple times while out hunting, where looking at the Public Lands Atlas there is a chunk of land that is completely surrounded by private land on all sides. And after talking to the landowner, more often than not, I am denied permission to cross their land to access it. So I am paying for public lands that I cannot access, unless by helicopter or parachute. Lands as such should be allowed access. Why are we paying for land that is essentially only able to be used by the landowner? They should have to provide a walking path into that area or else give access to people who ask, via written permission or check in. The later is much more work for the farmer, but would ensure that people using it are respectful and courteous to the land owners generosity. Or turn that land back over the the land owner and put those funds to better use.

#### Elk Contingency Tag

So I have limited knowledge and understanding of the issue so this could be fairly simple. Seems that a Black Hills Elk tag is a once in a lifetime tag anymore, let alone the truly once-in-a-lifetime Custer State Park tag. With my understanding, the state has issued contingency tags in the past, against the SDGFP recommendations. Based on that, I can only assume they were based on either emotion or on the heels of special interest groups opinions and motives. Any decision that effects wildlife should be based on the foundations of science and scientific management principles. I urge the Commissioners to make you decision based on biology and science.

#### EHD Outbreak

As this becomes more of an issue in recent years in several counties, I urge you to strongly consider issuing refunds for tags already given, and eliminating second/third/etc draws for left

over tags in counties most effected by the disease.

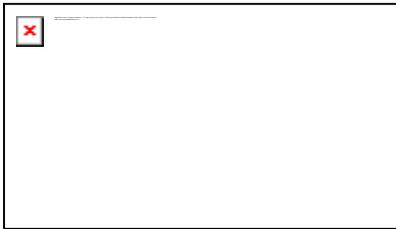
Poaching / Trespassing Penalties

I take my hunting very seriously, and it upsets me to no end when people get off with a slap on the wrist for poaching. Poaching seems to be becoming more and more of an issue these days, not only in our great state, but nation wide. And when they get off with a slap on the wrist and a minor fine, and are back hunting in a year, I can't see those, who are unethical enough to poach, to be deterred by that consequence. And to follow up with the issues of poaching is trespassing. My step-dad owns land in Tripp County, and he finds numerous people each year on his property. Yes, I understand that people can make honest mistakes, and I myself have been on private that I thought was public. But when it becomes such a problem that we have to patrol our boarders during hunting season. Penalties should be stronger in my opinion.

I appreciate your time in reading this, and you work you do for us hunters.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 22, 2016 2:38 PM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: Hunting

**Categories:** Commission

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Baker [<mailto:mzbaker1@hotmail.com>]  
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2016 4:01 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: Re: Hunting

And it's about tradition and having people coming out to hunt. And keeping that tradition alive and passing it down in there family.

> On Oct 21, 2016, at 3:55 PM, Michael Baker <[mzbaker1@hotmail.com](mailto:mzbaker1@hotmail.com)> wrote:

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> I suggest that you lower the price on small game licenses. Because who is going to want to pay \$120 dollars to hunt small game. When they could go to Nebraska and get the same amount of birds.

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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 7:59 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: Turkey tags decrease for residents and increase for non's....?

**Categories:** Commission

**From:** Tom Collignon [<mailto:tjcollignon@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 11, 2016 4:26 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Turkey tags decrease for residents and increase for non's....?

What, I guess our turkey are nothing more than livestock to be sold to people outside the state. What are you thinking? Reduce the tags to all or leave it alone. Create some consistency. What science can support a decision to lower our tags and increase them to non-residents.....oh yeah....the science of coin.

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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 8:21 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: Turkey proposal

**Categories:** Commission

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Lembke [<mailto:wllpikeman@gmail.com>]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 10:27 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: Turkey proposal

As a land owner in Gregory County the turkey population is extremely healthy and expanding. I would like more opportunities for out-of-state hunters to have tags. As a resident, i don't see any need for a multiple tag for residents. Is there biological data supporting this proposed reduction of tags in our zone? Any opportunity to bring out-of-state money into SD should be explored. Those hunters are going to NE with over the counter tags and easier licensing regulations. We are missing something here. Reduced tag numbers?

Mike Lembke  
Herrick, SD  
605-830-1065

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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 02, 2016 9:03 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: Shed Hunting

**Categories:** Commission

**From:** Josh Baumann [<mailto:revbaumann@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 02, 2016 12:00 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Shed Hunting

My name is Josh Baumann from Pierre, SD and I support the opportunity for the public to look for shed antlers on state-owned land. It is a great individual or family Pastime that can connect the hunting seasons with something that is fun, recreational, and gets people outdoors and moving. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my thoughts and support for this proposal to open up state owned lands to shed hunting. I have really enjoyed the sport and would find it very helpful to have opportunities closer to Pierre rather than having to drive to my private land opportunities over an hour away. Thank you again so very much!

Josh Baumann  
220-1908