

Comes, Rachel

From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 1:20 PM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: Waterfowl seasons / Changes

Categories: Correspondence

Thank you,

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From: Chris Gerber [<mailto:chrisxfpsgerber@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 1:15 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Waterfowl seasons / Changes

To whom it may concern, I have been a avid waterfowler for my whole life. At 48 I have seen a lot of changes and have hunted in multiple states as well as my conservation mind from my father. The other fact is I have a extensive grain , seed , agriculture background. Waterfowl migrations have a lot to do with hunting seasons or should. Migrations have to do with food and weather (for most)

The increased seed genetics that are available now have increased the planting, harvest times and bushels per acre by 25-50% in the last decade. This technology has provided waterfowl with more food in Canada than ever before. So even with cold temps and freeze we know even in South Dakota birds find open water and stay if there is a good food source. This is why I think waterfowl migrations are slower to start and quicker to end in our state. As much as I hate to bring this up I am going to. The two young hunters that passed away outside of Brookings this year were avid waterfowlers and since it was the last day for hunting they pressed the issue due the birds were finally getting here right when season was closing. I have done it and if you hunt waterfowl we have ALL done it. There is no reason SD cant modify the days the Feds give us. Make a couple 1 week splits or 3 splits, and extend the seasons longer, in all units. Get some input from the hunters. We are all feeling it. Even now the duck numbers are very hunt able in this state with no season to help. Lets find away to change with the birds, be a little proactive instead of reactive.

Thanks for listening

Chris Gerber

Delmont SD

Comes, Rachel

From: Miller, LouAnn
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 12:11 PM
To: Smith, Mike (GFP)
Subject: FW: New and Modified South Dakota Aquatic Invasive Species Regulations

From: Dick J. Reddy [<mailto:1ponytoomany@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 12:08 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: New and Modified South Dakota Aquatic Invasive Species Regulations

Dear Commission Members:

Having recently returned to South Dakota after living for 15 years in Traverse City, Michigan; we have observed and experience the damage that can be caused by zebra mussels and other identified invasive species. We fully support the proposed new and modified regulations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Dr. Nancy L. Reddy
Dick J. Reddy

928 North Lake Drive, Watertown, SD.

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From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 8:12 AM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: waterfowl season proposals

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From: Jay Johnson [<mailto:jmjohnson1@itctel.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 9:47 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: waterfowl season proposals

Thanks for your E-mail concerning the proposed waterfowl seasons and limits. First and foremost, I would like to ask you if it is only the farmer comments that you are using to determine seasons and limits. Do you contact some of the major gun dealers in Eastern S.D. to get their comments? One in particular, have you visited with Vic Carter up at Kones Korner south of Watertown about the seasons and limits. He is a major gun dealer in Eastern S.D. , about 10 miles south of Watertown located on highway 81. He has many hunters that have done business for some 45 yrs at his business. Newly appointed to the GFB Commision, Doug Sharp will sure know Vic Carter. Vic, shared with me two weeks ago that this past fall 2016 was his poorest year yet for the sale of guns and ammunition. The hunters all share the same thoughts, what has happened to our wildlife population? He said his ammunition sales have declined as much as 80% from past years. You can talk with the Wilkes at Kampeska Lodge and hear the same comments from them. I believe you could talk with numerous dealers and hear the same comments elsewhere. Does anyone within the GFP really care about our wildlife populations and what we could do to bring back the populations? When we set season terms and limits as we have these past several waterfowl seasons at the proposed numbers, I have to question who is out of touch with reality? I'm a 68 year old farmer from Moody County owning two farms, one in Grovena Township and the other in Blimsmon Township and my brother and I farm our farms with much respect for wildlife. We have not pulled out our fence lines, nor have we tiled on land for drainage, and our 14 acre tree stand still stands intact with plenty of deer and some turkey. It saddens me greatly to see the disrespect from so many farmers concerning wildlife and the habitat that they need to survive. And, finally our GFP dept. that is so out of touch with reality and the attitude that the hunter comments aren't being taken as anything of value! My proposal on the goose season is as follows, concerning our local Canada Goose population; season to open the first Saturday in October 2017, with one being the daily limit and no more than two in possession and the season ending in December. I truly hope my comments will make it to the commisson but even have my doubts about that. Jay M Johnson 501 Sunset Lane, Brookings, S.D. 57006 phone 605-693-3416 E-mail jmjohnson1@itctel.com Thank You Jay Johnson

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From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:24 AM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: Waterfowl Season Proposal Input

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From: Eric Anderson [<mailto:ericanthonyanderson@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:20 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Waterfowl Season Proposal Input

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to provide my input on the Canada goose season dates in Unit 1 that were proposed during the January meeting. I would like to suggest that the end date of the season be moved to the end of December. There are a few reasons that I suggest this-

-Much of Unit 1 is also in the High Plains duck zone. This allows two more weeks of overlap where both species can be hunted at the same time.

-Even with a cold and snowy winter compared to years past, there are ample Canada goose opportunities in Unit 1 through the end of December. On mild years, much of the best hunting occurs during the late part of the season.

While I was not able to fully research the Federal framework, I understand the season length is specified, starting with the Saturday closest to October 1st. This could prove to be difficult because the start of the season would have to be moved back to make sure the season fits into the framework. Personally, I would be fine with the season starting mid-October as goose numbers are often low in early October. The September season allows early season hunting opportunities for resident geese. A two week closure would add some complexity to the regulations but I believe the trade off would be worthwhile.

Late season opportunities are unique and often provide the best hunting of the year. Even with cold winters, opportunities have existed well beyond the close of the season. Adding two weeks will greatly increase hunter opportunity.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

Eric Anderson

Spearfish, SD

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From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 8:11 AM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: Waterfowl Proposal

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From: duke remitz [<mailto:dukeremitz@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 4:16 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Waterfowl Proposal

Good day. I'm fine with the one pintail daily limit. My question is why 2 hen mallards? Latest research from Delta and DU is that there is low recruitment of young hens back to the nesting area in the spring. I'm ok with a "mistake" hen but not 2. It is not conservation minded.

With kind regards, Duke Remitz
Frederick SD.

Comes, Rachel

From: Miller, LouAnn
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:13 AM
To: Smith, Mike (GFP)
Subject: FW: Invasive Species

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

From: Ed Nelson [<mailto:dakotalabs9@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:05 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Invasive Species

Border Waters again !!!! The invasive species were brought to South Dakota waters probably by Non-Residents !!! All (3) of the bordering States (Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska) have the same invasive species Problem, especially Minnesota. Now, it's South Dakota's problem to control and clean up, right ???
Who's going to pay to cleanup the problem ??? South Dakota Residents, again ??? Here's a unique idea !!! Triple the Non-Resident Fees i.e. Fishing, Camping / State Park entry fees and Hunting !!! The Non-Residents are South Dakota's Biggest Consumptive Users it's time for them to pay their FAIR SHARE !!
Quit raising the Residents Fees !!!!
Non-Residents caused the problem, make them pay to clean it up !!!!

Thank you,
Ed Nelson
Sioux Falls

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 1:45 PM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: Swan zone

Categories: Correspondence

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From: matthew perkins [<mailto:perkins260@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 1:43 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Swan zone

Please make it simple for everyone and open every county east of the Missouri River open to swan hunting. I hunt the Missouri River very consistent and have never seen any trumpeter swans. And the very few tundras swans I see would be nice to have a chance to harvest. Thanks for the consideration, Matt Perkins.

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From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 1:47 PM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: Proposed duck season amendment

From: Scott Christopherson [mailto:sm_christopherson@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 1:46 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Proposed duck season amendment

Dear GF&P Commissioners,

In this brief note, I would hope you would consider changing the start and ending date of the Low Plains North and Low Plains Middle zone. With the change in agricultural practices in the Dakota's and Canada, warmer longer growing season, and later migration it is my opinion that the season for this zone move back by a minimum of four-five days. This date shift to this zone would run close in concert with the proposed Unit One Canada goose season as well.

Thanks for your Consideration,

Scott Christopherson
Volga, South Dakota

Comes, Rachel

From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 12:28 PM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: pintails?

Categories: Correspondence

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From: Acs [<mailto:acs@venturecomm.net>]
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 12:11 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: pintails?

Hi, i was wondering why the pintail number was lowered to one? The past 3 years we have seen a drastic increase in pintails and redheads in alot of eastern sd(decrease in other ducks, but thats because of pressure from Non Res). In fact 3 of our hunts this year we had easily over 200 pintails and 1k+ redheads come into our decoys. Most we have ever seen.
It is getting hard to find places where pintails are not at now. Don't know how or who does your studies, but they must not do field studies like we do outside of hunting. The only thing i see threatening the numbers are the sudden surge of out of state hunters in NE SD now. It was out of control, guides telling us we couldn't hunt public lands, but we know the rules. Its just of matter of time before the resource (waterfowl) goes backwards because of pressure. Thank you

Comes, Rachel

From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 12:29 PM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: Pintail Limit

Categories: Correspondence

Thank you,

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From: Haddix, Tyler
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 11:56 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Pintail Limit

Tyler Haddix, Pierre, South Dakota

Keep the limit at 2.



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From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 7:57 AM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: GFP News :: January Commission Press Release Package

Thank you,

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From: Larry [mailto:lrminster@longlines.com]
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 7:57 PM
To: SDGFPINFO
Cc: Larry Minter
Subject: Re: GFP News :: January Commission Press Release Package

Dear Sirs,

It doesn't matter what you do. Obviously the state legislatures will probably over rule whatever you do. After all when the 1500 extra nonresident waterfowl hunters find out they can only shoot one pintail a day they will put pressure on the state legislatures and they will probably increase the limit to 10 a day.

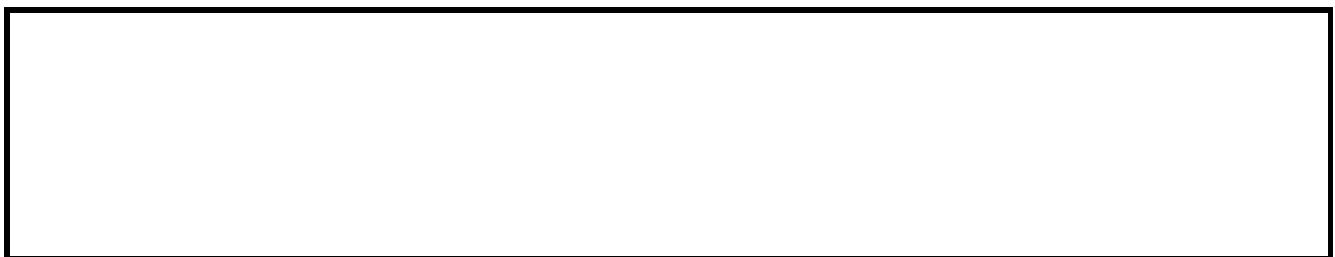
If you have noticed I'm one of many upset resident waterfowl hunters that hunt on the lower Missouri River. Also changing our Goose season to be the same as the Pierre area doesn't make any sense, unless one of our legislatures has hunting interest \$\$ down here. As every one knows Pierre hunting is all about the money, not the hunter or the game animals.

Sincerely

Larry Minter

Jefferson, SD

From: South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 11:54 AM
To: lrminster@longlines.com
Subject: GFP News :: January Commission Press Release Package



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Friday, Jan. 13, 2017
CONTACT: Emily Kiel at Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us

GFP Commission Proposes Decrease in Pintail Duck Limit

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission proposed a decrease in the daily bag limit of pintails from two to one for the 2017 South Dakota duck hunting season.

Season dates would be as follows:

High Plains Zone: Oct. 14, 2017 – Jan. 18, 2018

Low Plains North & Low Plains Middle Zone: Sept. 30 – Dec. 12, 2017

Low Plains South Zone: Oct. 14 – Dec. 26, 2017

The proposed duck limit may be comprised of no more than five mallards (which may include no more than two hens), three wood ducks, three scaup, two redheads, two canvasbacks, and one pintail. A bonus blue-winged teal season, allowing for two more blue-winged teal, would be held the first 16 days of the duck hunting season.

The Commission will finalize this proposal March 2-3, at the Pierre RedRossa Convention Center. Written comments can be sent to wildinfo@state.sd.us. To be part of the public record, comments must be received by 12 p.m. CST on March 2. Please include a full name along with the city and state of residence. To comment in person, the public hearing will be held March 2, at 2 p.m. CST at the RedRossa Convention Center in Pierre.

GFP Commission Proposes Longer Light Goose Season, More Tundra Swan Tags

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission proposed to lengthen the 2017 light goose season at their January meeting.

The number of season days for any waterfowl season is regulated by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The USFWS will allow the light goose season to be a maximum of 105 days. The Commission proposed to extend the season, having it run statewide from Sept. 30, 2017 to Jan. 12, 2018.

The Commission also proposed the following goose hunting seasons:

Canada Geese (and Brant)

Unit 1: Oct. 1 – Dec. 17, 2017

Unit 2: Nov. 6, 2017 – Feb. 18, 2018

Unit 3: Jan. 13-21, 2018

White-fronted Geese

Statewide: Sept. 30 – Dec. 24, 2017

Daily and possession limits for Canada, light and white-fronted geese would remain unchanged.

The Commission also proposed to increase the number of resident and nonresident tundra swan licenses to 1,425 and 250 respectively.

The proposed 2017 tundra swan season would run from Sept. 30, 2017 through the end of the light goose hunting season and would be open in all counties east of the Missouri River except Charles Mix, Bon Homme, Yankton, Clay, Union, Lincoln, Turner, Hutchinson and Douglas counties.

The Commission will finalize this proposal March 2-3, at the Pierre RedRossa Convention Center. Written comments can be sent to wildinfo@state.sd.us. To be part of the public record, comments must be received by 12 p.m. CST on March 2. Please include a full name along with the city and state of residence. To comment in person, the public hearing will be held March 2, at 2 p.m. CST at the RedRossa Convention Center in Pierre.

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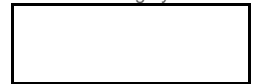
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From: Cary, Joe
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To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: Duck Season

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From: Paul Hansen [<mailto:paashans@swiftel.net>]
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2017 8:52 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Duck Season

I would hope that Duck Season would open September 23 instead of September 30th to be able to hunt more Blue-Wing Teal before they migrate. Thanks for your consideration. I have no disagreement with changing the Pintail limit from 2 to 1. I think you could also consider changing the Scaup limit from 3 down to 2. Paul Hansen, 1315 Vail Circle, Brookings, SD 57006 - South Dakota Resident

Comes, Rachel

From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 12:28 PM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: Duck Season Dates

Categories: Correspondence

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From: Andy Schuman [mailto:andy_schuman@hotmail.com]

Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 12:13 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Duck Season Dates

To whom it may concern:

Why does the High Plains Season run a month longer than the Low Plains South Season. I think the Low Plains South Season should be extended to match the high plains season or push the opening date back a couple weeks. There are never any ducks around in October besides the small local population. Then when the season ends in mid December we get to watch the northern ducks fly around for a month and can't hunt them. Please consider my recommendations.

Sincerely

Andrew Schuman

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Geddes, SD 57342

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From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 12:28 PM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: Duck limits

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From: Dave Funke [<mailto:dl.funke@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 12:05 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Duck limits

With the drought in NE South Dakota you should drop limits on all species!!! The possession limit (of three days bag) is also wrong!!! Go back to 2 days bag limit. Are you trying to ruin duck hunting so the anti-hunters will say "told 'ya so"??? Dave Funke 202 Hazelton Ave. Lily, SD 57274

Comes, Rachel

From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 8:12 AM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: Bag limit of pintails

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

From: John Lacika [<mailto:jlacika@me.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 5:03 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Bag limit of pintails

I support decreasing the daily bag limit on pintails to one. Now, see what you can do about the other states which harvest the vast majority of pintails.

John Lacika
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Brandon, SD 57005

Comes, Rachel

From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 1:45 PM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: 2017 low plains south zone

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From: Mohr, Taylor [<mailto:Taylor@tntwagner.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 1:41 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: 2017 low plains south zone

Good afternoon, I am sending this email to voice my opinion on the duck hunting dates for low plains-south zone. I think it would benefit the hunters who are passionate about this sport if the close dates would be pushed back further. I've hunted for many years and there are no ducks until the last couple days of the season and that is weather depicting. The only way it benefits us is if there is a bad storm up north. Thank you for your time and I hope this will help.

Taylor Mohr
Wagner, SD

Comes, Rachel

From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 9:23 AM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: Duck season

Categories: Correspondence

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

From: David Rous [<mailto:haybale@hcinet.net>]
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2017 8:45 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Duck season

I would really like to see our duck season in southern Bon homme county get an overhaul. You need to consider a split season or an extended season into January and start the season later. We never see the northern mallards show up until the last two or three days of our season. I am a field hunter and want nothing to do with the nightmare out in the islands of Lewis and Clark lake. We need a season extended into January when the birds are here. I am hunting geese now the end of January and we are still seeing large flocks of mallards feeding in the evening. I am roughly two miles north of the lake and watch our waterfowl extensively as I am a farmer in the area our seasons have changed over time we use to see the ducks show in early November not any more they are showing up in late December last year the season was closed before they showed up same thing the year before that. We need to consider pushing the season later in the year I have visited with a conservation officer who was also of the same opinion. Thanks for your time. David Rous Address 30851 419 th ave. Tyndall S.D. Phone 605-589-3851 home. 605-857-0337 cell. Email. haybale@hcinet.net
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