

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

**Use of Parks and Public Lands  
Chapter 41:03:01**

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>June 7-8, 2018</b>	<b>Aberdeen</b>
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**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

**141:03:01:37.** No firewood may be brought into a state park, recreation area, lakeside use area, nature area, or recreation trail that has been in an emerald ash borer quarantined area as designated by the South Dakota Department of Agriculture or has been in a state other than South Dakota, unless that firewood has a label affixed certifying it has been treated for emerald ash borer.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

The emerald ash borer (EAB) is a devastating insect that has killed tens of millions of ash trees in at least 32 states. In May, 2018, the insect was discovered in South Dakota. The South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture declared an emergency EAB quarantine area that firewood cannot be moved out of. The quarantine area includes all of Minnehaha County and portions of Turner and Lincoln County area and will grow if the infestation moves beyond the area. The larva and insect can survive in firewood for extended periods of time. One of the most common means for spread of the EAB infestation is the transport of infested firewood. By not allowing firewood into state park areas from outside of South Dakota and from EAB quarantine areas within South Dakota, we hope to slow the infestation. Knowing that the EAB would reach South Dakota, we ceased planting ash trees in state park areas over a decade ago and increased the planting of alternate tree species. Each year that the EAB can be kept out of a state park area will allow more time for alternate species trees to mature.

SDCL 1-26-8. Effective date of rules--Emergency rules. Each rule is effective twenty days after filing with the secretary of state, except that:

- (1) If a later date is required by statute or specified in the rule, the later date is the effective date;
- (2) Subject to applicable constitutional or statutory provisions, **an emergency rule is effective immediately upon filing with the secretary of state, or at a stated date less than twenty days later. No emergency rule may remain in effect for a period of longer than ninety days.**

**APPROVE** \_\_\_\_\_ **MODIFY** \_\_\_\_\_ **REJECT** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO ACTION** \_\_\_\_\_

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**MODIFY** \_\_\_\_\_

**REJECT** \_\_\_\_\_

**NO ACTION** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Fall Wild Turkey Hunting Season  
Chapter 41:06:14**

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>June 7-8, 2018</b>	<b>Aberdeen</b>
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**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2018 and 2019 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** November 1, 2018 – January 31, 2019  
November 1, 2019 – January 31, 2020

**Licenses:** Black Hills: 200 resident and 16 nonresident one-tag "any turkey" licenses  
Prairie Units: Residents: 525 single tag "any turkey" licenses  
Nonresidents: 38 single tag "any turkey" licenses

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. One-half of the fall turkey licenses are available for landowner preference applicants.
2. A person may not use any firearm on the south unit and the signed portion of the north unit of the Bureau of Land Management Fort Meade Recreation Area.
3. No person may shoot a turkey that is in a tree or roost.

**Recommended changes from last year:**

1. Offer 305 less resident single tag licenses and 50 less resident double tag licenses for Prairie Units compared to 2017.
2. Offer 200 less resident single tag licenses for the Black Hills Unit compared to 2017.
3. Close prairie units 8A (Davison and Hanson counties), 12A (Bonne Homme County), 13A (Brule County), 37A (Hutchinson County), 53A (Perkins County), and 62A (Union County).
4. Establish and open prairie unit 39A (Jackson County).
5. Modify current prairie unit 48A (Marshall and Roberts counties) to include all of Roberts County.
6. Modify current Black Hills Unit by removing those portions of Lawrence, Meade and Pennington counties.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Harvest management strategy table of the Wild Turkey Management Plan and updated unit-specific population objectives provided guidance for the recommended changes to the respective prairie units.

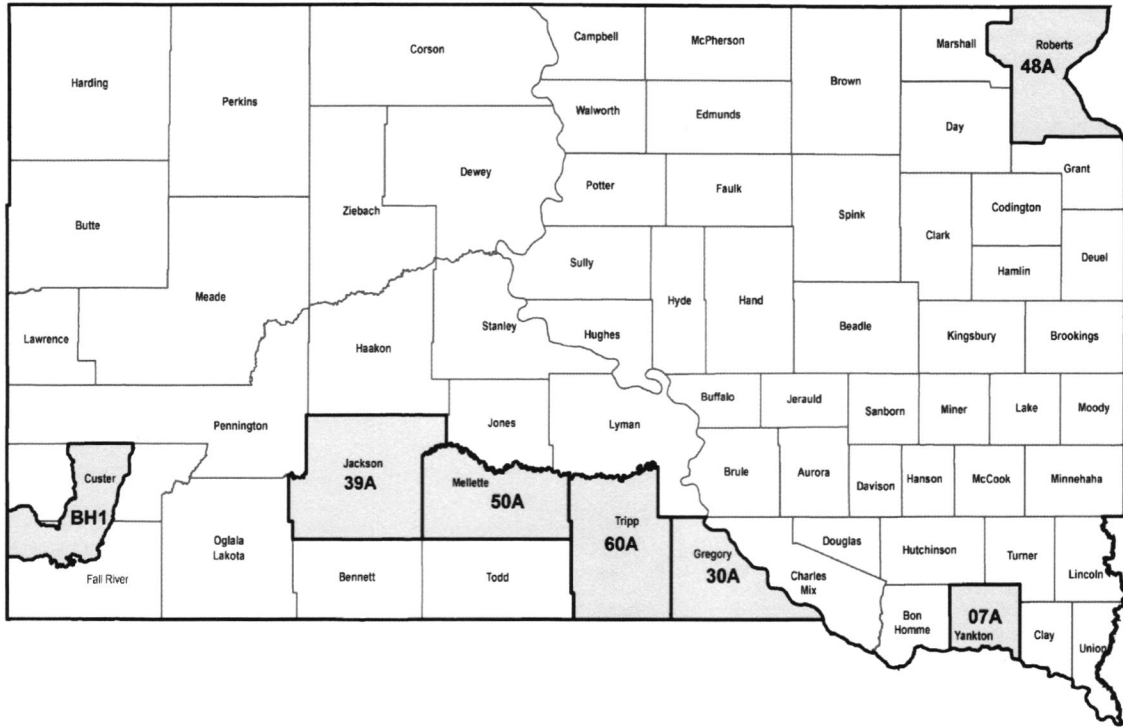
Prairie unit 48A is being modified to address depredation issues in areas outside of the current unit boundary.

The modification to the Black Hills unit boundary is justified based on estimated survival rates and population growth rates from current research project in the northern Black Hills and existing depredation issues in the southern Black Hills.

Year	Prairie				Black Hills			
	Licenses Sold	Tom Harvest	Hen Harvest	Success	Licenses Sold	Tom Harvest	Hen Harvest	Success
2013	5,066	1,180	721	22%	1,627	185	188	23%
2014	1,910	422	224	33%	810	100	114	27%
2015	1,936	422	227	33%	433	66	62	29%
2016	908	173	72	26%	434	91	55	34%
2017	898	194	56	26%	433	87	52	32%

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

# FALL TURKEY UNITS



## 2018 & 2019 Fall Turkey Licenses (All tags are for one "any turkey")

Unit	Licenses
07A	150
30A	150
39A	25
48A	100
50A	50
60A	50
BH1	200

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

**Fall Turkey Hunting Seasons – Hunting Unit License Allocations**

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**LICENSE ALLOCATION BY UNITS**

See Attached Spreadsheets

**APPROVE** \_\_\_\_ **MODIFY** \_\_\_\_ **REJECT** \_\_\_\_ **NO ACTION** \_\_\_\_

2018-2019 Fall Turkey

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident		Nonresident		License Totals							
		AnyT 31	2 AnyT 37	AnyT 31	2 AnyT 37	RES 1-Tag	RES 2-Tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-Tag	NR 2-Tag	NR License	NR Tags
07A	Yankton	150				150		150	150				
30A	Gregory	150		12		150		150	150	12		12	12
39A	Jackson	25		2		25		25	25	2		2	2
48A	Marshall/Roberts	100				100		100	100				
50A	Mellette	50		4		50		50	50	4		4	4
60A	Tripp	50		4		50		50	50	4		4	4
BH1	Black Hills	200		16		200		200	200	16		16	16
TOTAL		725		38		725		725	725	38		38	38
<b>RES &amp; NR:</b>						<b>763</b>		<b>763</b>	<b>763</b>				

FALL TURKEY  
2016-17 vs. 2018-19

Unit #	Unit Name	2016-17 Resident Licenses	2018-19 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2016-17 Resident Tags	2018-19 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
07A	Yankton	100	150	50	50%	100	150	50	50%
08A	Davison/Hanson	50	0	-50	-100%	100	0	-100	-100%
12A	Bon Homme	150	0	-150	-100%	150	0	-150	-100%
13A	Brule	50	0	-50	-100%	50	0	-50	-100%
30A	Gregory	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
37A	Hutchinson	30	0	-30	-100%	30	0	-30	-100%
39A	Jackson	0	25	25	#DIV/0!	0	25	25	#DIV/0!
48A	Marshall/Roberts	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
50A	Mellette	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
53A	Perkins	100	0	-100	-100%	100	0	-100	-100%
60A	Tripp	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
62A	Union	50	0	-50	-100%	50	0	-50	-100%
BH1	Black Hills	400	200	-200	-50%	400	200	-200	-50%
TOTAL		1,280	725	-555	-43%	1,330	725	-605	-45%

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents for the Black Hills and West River prairie units.

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

ARCHERY RESTRICTIONS  
Chapter 41:06:05

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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Proposed changes from last year:**

Removal of certain archery equipment restrictions.

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

- (1) Explosive, poisonous, hydraulic, or pneumatic points;
- (2) Crossbows and draw-lock devices that hold the bow at partial or full draw except as provided in chapter 41:09:12;
- ~~(3) Arrow rests that have more than three inches of continuous contact with the arrow;~~
- ~~(4) Electronic devices mounted to the bow that aid in the taking of game. However, cameras, video cameras, cell phones used exclusively for photographic purposes, lighted sight pins, and illuminated arrow nocks may be used. An electrical device mounted to the bow to project a light beam or image to a target;~~
- (5) Electronic arrow or electronic string releases;
- ~~(6) Compound bows with a let-off of more than 80 percent;~~
- ~~(7) Compound bows shorter than 28 inches as measured from the top of the upper wheel or cam to the bottom of the lower wheel or cam;~~
- ~~(8) Telescopic sights;~~
- ~~(9) An arrow, including the attached broadhead, weighing less than 275 grains when hunting a big game animal;~~
- ~~(10) An arrow that is less than 26 inches long when measured from the notch of the nock to the end of the shaft, not including the blunt or broadhead;~~
- (11) An arrow without a broadhead (fixed or mechanical) that has at least two metal cutting edges when hunting big game animals. However, an arrow tipped with any point may be possessed when used for practice; except blunt points may be used when hunting a turkey or small game and both field points and blunt points may be possessed and used when hunting small game, or at any time when possessed and used as practice arrows;
- (12) A bow that measures less than 40 pounds pull when hunting elk ~~with a mechanical broadhead or a bow that measures less than 40 pounds pull when hunting any other big game animal with a mechanical broadhead;~~ or
- (13) A bow that measures less than 30 pounds pull when hunting big game animals other than elk, ~~with a fixed blade broadhead or a bow that measures less than 30 pounds pull when hunting any other big game animal with a fixed blade broadhead.~~

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Expanding the list of legal equipment will remove confusing and often unenforceable regulations. Modification of the rule will allow archers to make equipment decisions based on personal preference, performance and tailor their equipment setup to their individual requirements.

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

## Refuges and Boating Restrictions Chapters 41:04:02, 41:05:02 and 41:06:08

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### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

#### ACTION ITEM #1

#### Recommended changes from last year:

- 1) Remove the East Oakwood Lake Waterfowl Refuge and the "no boating zone" from October 20 – December 31.

#### **41:05:02:05. Brookings County refuges.** Brookings County refuges are as follows:

The East Oakwood Lake State Waterfowl Refuge comprises all of East Oakwood Lake, including the shore up to the high water line, in sections 8, 9, 16, 17, the south half of section 4, and the south half of section 5, township 111 north, range 51 west of the fifth principal meridian.

#### **41:04:02:05. Brookings County public water safety zones.** Brookings County public water safety zones are as follows:

The waters of East Oakwood Lake in sections 8, 9, 16, 17, the south half of section 4, and the south half of section 5, township 111 north, range 51 west of the fifth principal meridian is a "no boating zone" from October 20 to December 31, inclusive;



**STAFF COMMENTS**

GFP staff have received numerous inquiries annually regarding removing the refuge status and boating restriction to allow for fall fishing opportunities. East Oakwood Lake is a high-use fishery and recent fish surveys indicate high walleye and perch populations. In addition, the boat ramp is in the closed area which makes fishing and launching in the current open area problematic.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ACTION ITEM #2**

**Recommended changes from last year:**

- 2) Remove the Sand Lake Game Bird Refuge

**41:05:02:10. Campbell County refuges.** Campbell County refuges are as follows:

The Sand Lake State Game Bird Refuge comprises the south half of section 19, the west half of the northwest quarter of section 30, the northeast quarter of section 30, that portion of the southwest quarter of section 20 west of U.S. Highway 83, and that portion of the northwest quarter of section 29 west of U.S. Highway 83, all in township 125 north, range 76 west of the fifth principal meridian. The refuge on the land owned by the department is open to hunting each year from November 15 through August 31 of the following year.



**Sand Lake, Campbell  
Current Status**



State Refuge  
 Game Production Area

Waterbody Acres: 339

0 0.2 0.4  
Miles

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Work group recommends removal of the refuge to add recreational opportunities and simplify rules. This area has a good amount of staging water available for waterfowl to use. Blue Blanket Waterfowl Refuge on the Missouri River is approximately 15 miles SW of Sand Lake.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ACTION ITEM #3**

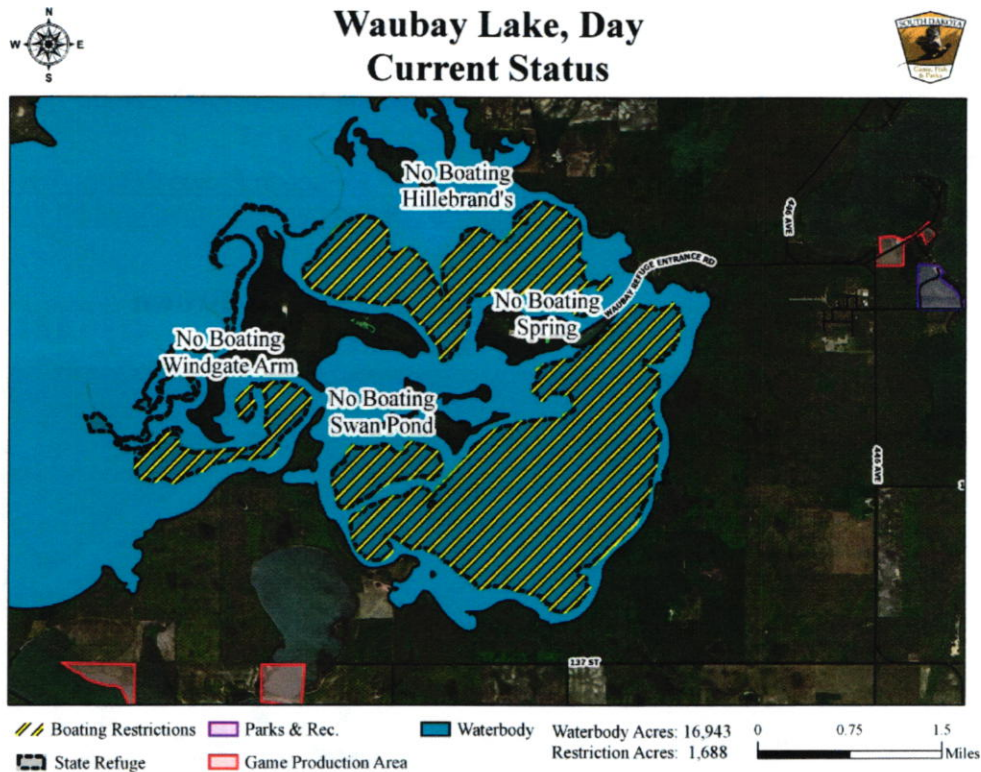
**Recommended changes from last year:**

- 3) Reclassify Waubay State Game Refuge to Waubay State Game Bird Refuge, and remove the "no boating zone" and "State Game Refuge" status in the Windgate Arm;

**41:05:02:18. Day County game refuges.** The refuge in Day County is the Waubay State Game Bird Refuge. This refuge comprises the lands and waters below the ordinary high-water mark associated with Hillebrand's Lake, Spring Lake, and Swan Pond; ~~that portion of Waubay Lake known as Windgate Arm lying east of the dike located in the south half of section 36, township 123 north, range 55 west; and the land below the ordinary high water mark on Waubay Lake lying adjacent to Waubay National Wildlife Refuge.~~

**41:04:02:18. Day County public water safety zones.** Day County public water safety zones are as follows:

- (6) ~~That portion of Waubay Lake known as Windgate Arm lying east of the dike located in the south half of section 36, township 123 north, range 55 west of the fifth principal meridian is a "no boating zone";~~



**STAFF COMMENTS**

Work group members met with Waubay NWR staff to discuss options that would allow for more recreational opportunities within the NWR boundary. Eliminating the no boating year round and State Game Refuge restrictions will allow recreational opportunities within the Windgate Arm portion of Waubay Lake. Reclassifying the Game Refuge to a Game Bird Refuge within the NWR boundary will allow refuge deer hunters the opportunity to harvest a deer and cleanup a rule that isn't needed.

## DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

### ACTION ITEM #4

#### Recommended changes from last year:

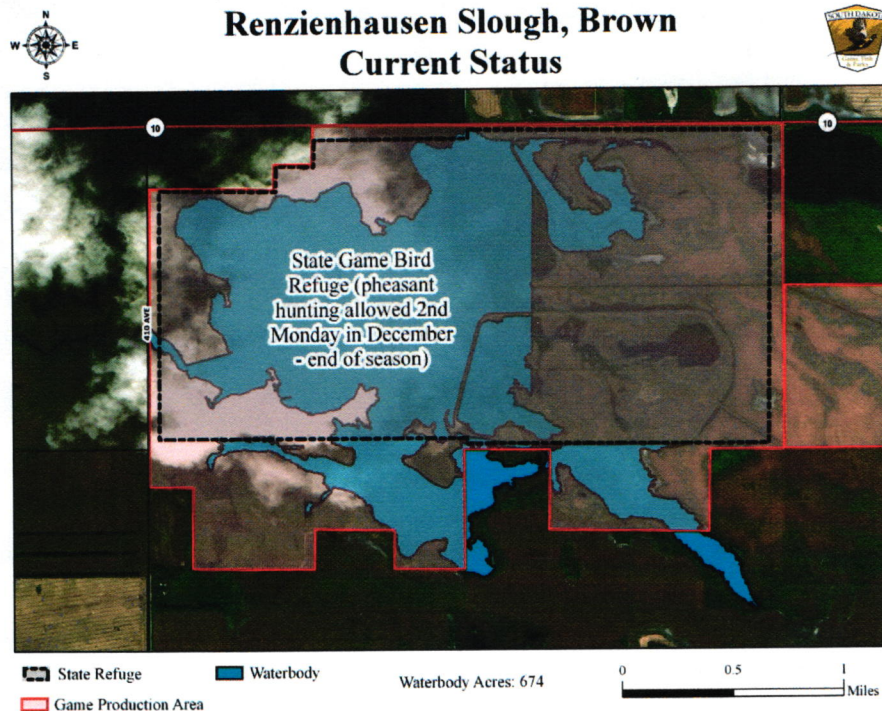
- 4) Modify the pheasant hunting starting date from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in December to December 1 for Renziehausen State Game Bird Refuge including its shooting and retrieval zones, Gerken State Game Bird Refuge, and White Lake State Game Bird Refuge.

**41:06:08:01. Pheasant hunting season established -- Open units and dates.** The pheasant hunting season is open in the units and during the dates set out in this section. The season is open from 12:00 noon central time to sunset each day to the Friday preceding the fourth Saturday of October, inclusive. Beginning on the fourth Saturday of October, the season is open from 10:00 a.m. central time to sunset each day. The open dates and units are as follows:

(1) Unit 1: all counties in the state except for those areas described in Unit 2 and Unit 3. The season in Unit 1 is open beginning on the third Saturday of October and remains open to the first Sunday of January, inclusive;

(2) Unit 2: Renziehausen Game Production Area, Renziehausen State Game Bird Refuge including its shooting and retrieval zones, Gerken State Game Bird Refuge, ~~Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Brown County~~, and White Lake State Game Bird Refuge. The season in Unit 2 is open beginning on ~~the second Monday of December 1~~ and remains open to the first Sunday of January, inclusive.

(3) Unit 3: Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Brown County. The season in Unit 3 is open beginning on the second Monday of December and remains open to the first Sunday of January, inclusive.

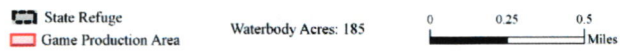




### Gerkin GPA, Faulk Current Status



### White Lake, Marshall Current Status



## STAFF COMMENTS

Currently, Gerken GPA, Renziehausen GPA and White Lake GPA open for pheasant hunting starting the 2nd Monday in December (December 11th in 2017). Data collected from the Waubay Refuge staff indicates average freeze dates since 1996 have occurred on December 1. This change would increase pheasant hunting opportunity on these GPA's and on an average year, would cause no disturbance to staging migratory waterfowl because the waterbodies would be frozen.

## DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

### ACTION ITEM #5

#### Recommended changes from last year:

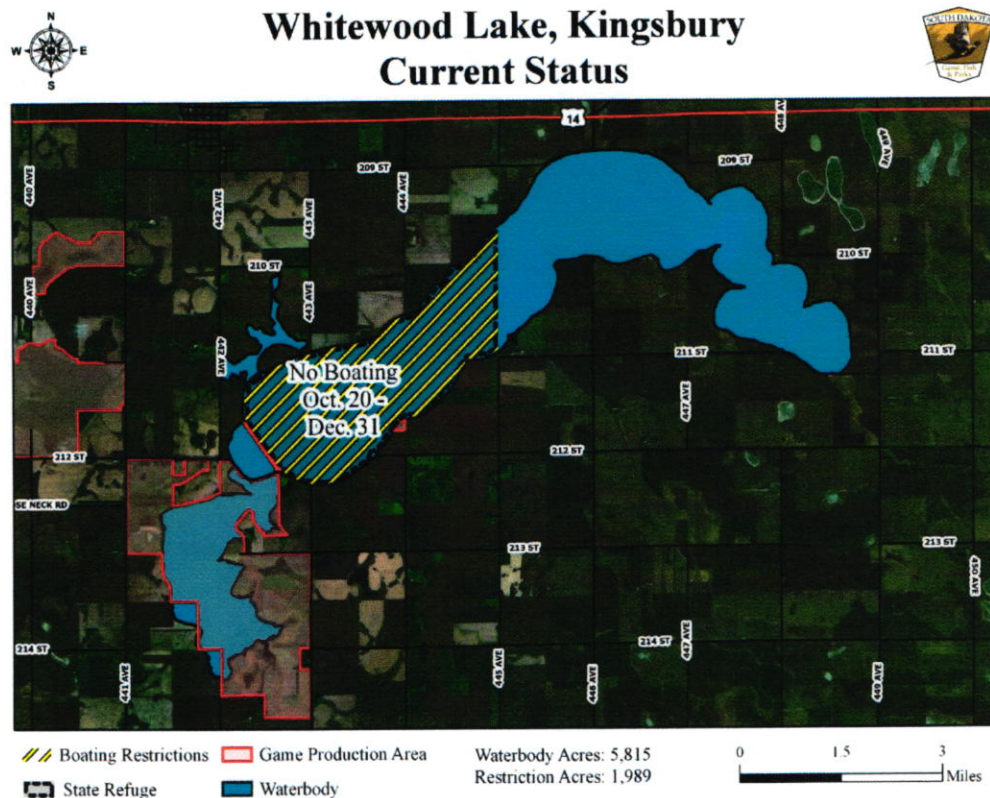
- 5) Remove the Whitewood Lake State Waterfowl Refuge and the "no boating zone" from October 20 to December 31

**41:05:02:38. Kingsbury County refuges.** The refuge in Kingsbury County is:

~~The Whitewood Lake State Waterfowl Refuge. This refuge comprises that portion of Whitewood Lake within the water's edge, bounded on the east by the east section line of sections 9 and 16, township 110 north, range 54 west of the fifth principal meridian and bounded on the west by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad grade, as posted, including all islands and bars within the area.~~

**41:04:02:38. Kingsbury County public water safety zones.** Kingsbury County public water safety zones are as follows:

~~(2) Whitewood Lake Waterfowl Refuge is a "no boating zone" from October 20 to December 31, inclusive;~~



## STAFF COMMENTS

There is a vast amount of water covering the landscape in the surrounding area (>20,000 acres within a 5 mile radius) and Whitewood Lake is also a very popular fishery. Removing the restrictions would add recreational opportunities and simplify regulations.

## DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

### ACTION ITEM #6

#### Recommended changes from last year:

- 6) Change the "no boating zone" during the open season on migratory waterfowl to "electric motors only" from October 20 – December 31.

#### **41:05:02:54. Roberts County refuges.** Roberts County refuges are as follows:

The Cottonwood Lake State Waterfowl Refuge comprises all of Cottonwood Lake within the water's edge in sections 20, 28, 29, 32, and 33, township 128 north, range 49 west of the fifth principal meridian, including all islands and bars within the water's edge;

#### **41:04:02:54. Roberts County public water safety zones.** Roberts County public water safety zones are as follows:

- (3) The waters of the portions of the Cottonwood Lake Waterfowl Refuge located in sections 20, 28, 29, 32, and 33, township 128 north, range 49 west are a "no boating zone" "electric motors only" during the open season on migratory waterfowl from October 20 – December 31;



**STAFF COMMENTS**

Making this change will simplify rules and allow more recreational opportunity. Retaining the refuge status and allowing only boats with no motors or electric motors will still allow a quiet place for waterfowl to stage.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

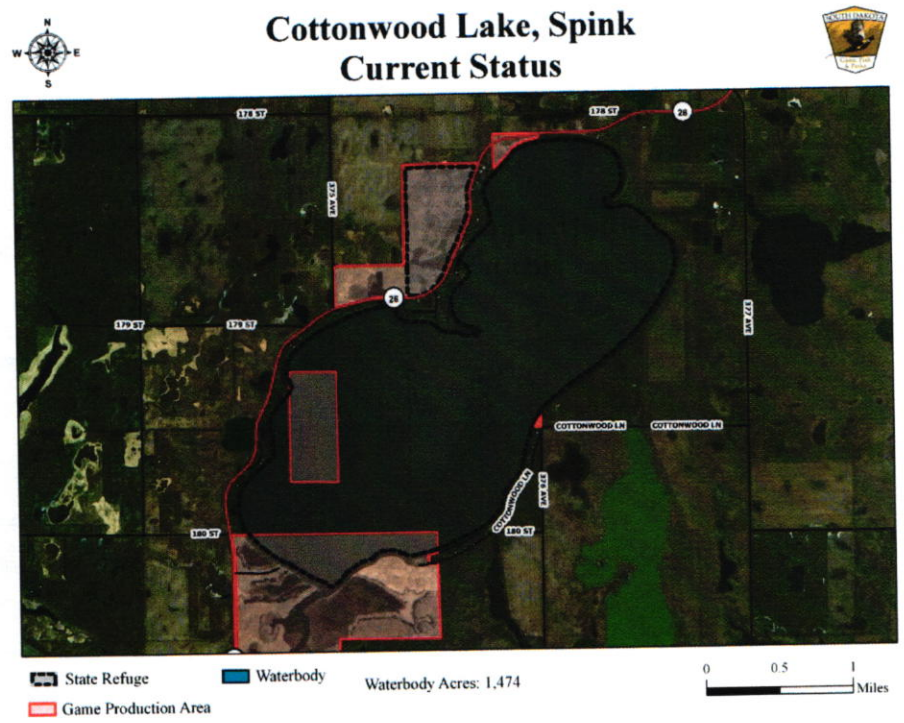
**ACTION ITEM #7**

**Recommended changes from last year:**

- 7) Remove the State Waterfowl Refuge status on the Game Production Area located on the south side of Cottonwood Lake

**41:05:02:57. Spink County refuges.** Spink County refuges are as follows:

The Cottonwood Lake State Waterfowl Refuge comprises the waters of Cottonwood Lake; excluding the area owned by Game, Fish and Parks on the southern portion of Cottonwood Lake.



**STAFF COMMENTS**

Work group recommends removing the waterfowl refuge status on the GPA towards the southern end of the lake. Allowing water hunting will increase hunting opportunities and not affect the staging waterfowl on the rest of the lake.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

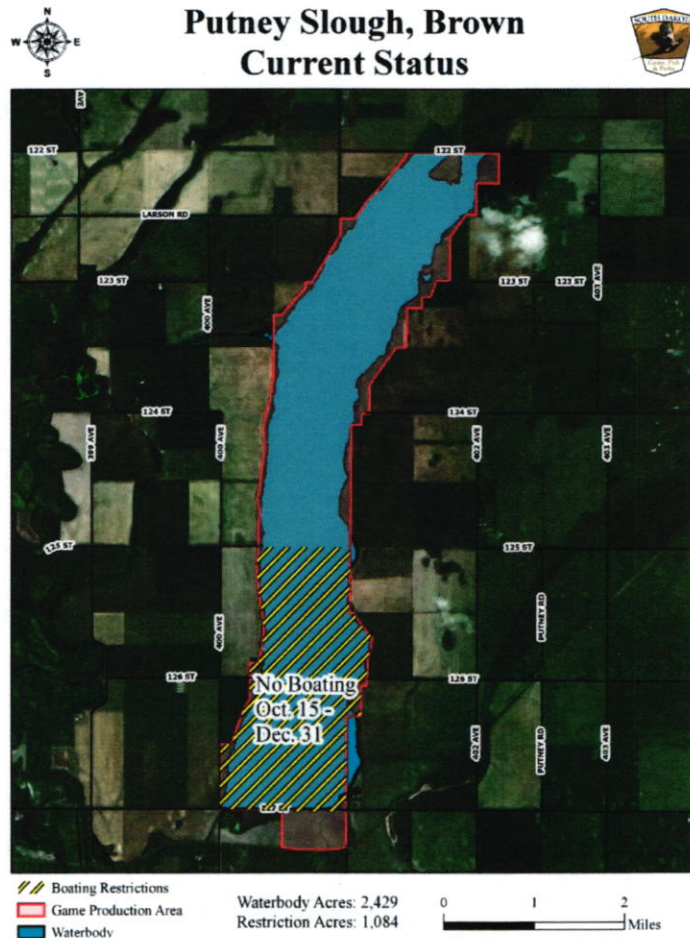
**ACTION ITEM #8**

**Recommended changes from last year:**

- 8) Modify the "no boating zone" to "electric motors only" on Putney Slough Game Production Area and change the date from October 15 – December 31 to October 20 – December 31.

**41:04:02:06. Brown County public water safety zones.** Brown County public water safety zones are as follows:

(6) The waters of Putney Slough Game Production Area located within Sections 7, 8, 17, and 18, township 124 north, range 61 west are a ~~"no-boating-zone"~~ "electric motors only" from October 15 ~~20~~ to December 31, inclusive;



#### STAFF COMMENTS

Making this change will simplify regulations and allow more recreational opportunities for the public. Allowing only boats with no motors or electric motors will still allow a quiet place for waterfowl to stage with minimal disturbance.

#### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

##### ACTION ITEM #9

##### Recommended changes from last year:

- 9) Modify the "no boating zone" year round on Long Lake to "electric motors only" from October 20 – December 31.

**41:04:02:14. Codington County public water safety zones.** Codington County public water safety zones are as follows:



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(3) All of McKilligan Lake is "~~no boating zone~~" "electric motors only" ~~from during open season on migratory waterfowl~~ from October 20 – December 31;



## McKilligans Lake, Codington Current Status



Boating Restrictions Waterbody  
 Game Production Area

Waterbody Acres: 522

0 0.25 0.5  
Miles

### STAFF COMMENTS

Implementing this change will add more recreational opportunities for the public, streamline existing regulations and still offer an area for waterfowl to stage.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

#### ACTION ITEM #11

#### Recommended changes from last year:

- 11) Modify the "no motor zone" during open season on migratory waterfowl on Horseshoe Lake to "electric motors only" from October 20 – December 31.

**41:04:02:14. Codington County public water safety zones.** Codington County public water safety zones are as follows:

(4) All of Horseshoe Lake is a "~~no motors zone~~" "electric motors only" ~~during open season on migratory waterfowl~~ from October 20 – December 31;



# Horseshoe Lake, Codington Current Status



Boating Restrictions  
Game Production Area  
Waterbody  
Waterbody Acres: 806  
0 0.42 0.85 Miles

### STAFF COMMENTS

Implementing this change will add more recreational opportunities for the public, streamline existing regulations and still offer an area for waterfowl to stage.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

#### ACTION ITEM #12

#### Recommended changes from last year:

- 12) Remove the "no motorized boating zone" on Crow Lake from October 20 to December 31

#### **41:04:02:36. Jerauld County public water safety zones.**

~~That portion of Crow Lake in Jerauld County lying west of the north/south section lines between sections 22 and 23 and sections 26 and 27, township 106 north, range 66 west is a "no motorized boating zone" from October 20 to December 31, inclusive.~~



# Crow Lake, Jerauld Current Status



▨ Boating Restrictions    ■ Waterbody    Waterbody Acres: 533  
 Game Production Area    Restriction Acres: 133    0 0.25 0.5 Miles

## STAFF COMMENTS

Recommend removing restriction to increase recreational opportunities and simplify regulations. Crow Lake is a shallow semi-permanent wetland that periodically goes dry.

## DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

### ACTION ITEM #13

#### Recommended changes from last year:

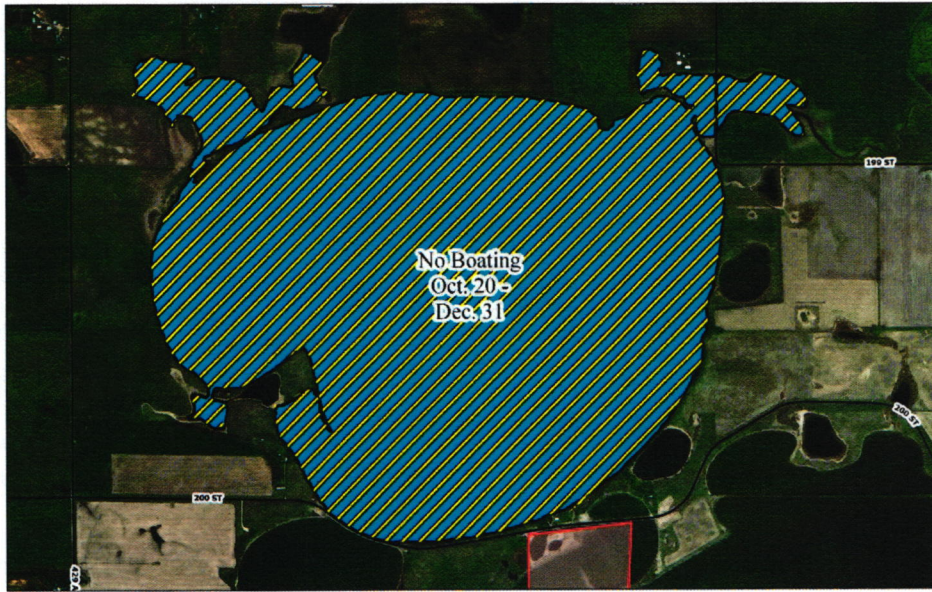
- 13) Modify the "no boating zone" on Spirit Lake to "electric motors only" from October 20 to December 31.

**41:04:02:38. Kingsbury County public water safety zones.** Kingsbury County public water safety zones are as follows:

- (1) Spirit Lake is a "~~no-boating-zone~~" "electric motors only" from October 20 to December 31, inclusive;



# Spirit Lake, Kingsbury Current Status



Boating Restrictions   
 Waterbody   
 Waterbody Acres: 1,245   
 0    0.5    1 Miles  
 Game Production Area

### STAFF COMMENTS

Making this change will simplify rules and allow more recreational opportunities. This would allow for some limited fall fishing opportunity, limited water hunting opportunity, while still allowing staging waterfowl opportunities.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

#### ACTION ITEM #14

#### Recommended changes from last year:

- 14) Remove the "no motors zone" on Milwaukee Lake from October 20 to December 31.



**41:04:02:39. Lake County public water safety zones.** Lake County public water safety zones are as follows:

- (3) The meandered portion of Milwaukee Lake located in section 33, township 107 north, range 51 west and section 4, township 106 north, range 51 west is a "no motors zone" for boats from October 20 to December 31, inclusive;



# Milwaukee Lake, Lake Current Status



 Boating Restrictions  
 Waterbody

Waterbody Acres: 1,070  
Restrictions: 510

0 0.5 1 Miles

## STAFF COMMENTS

This change will allow more recreational opportunity and simplify regulations.

## DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

### ACTION ITEM #15

#### Recommended changes from last year:

15) Remove the "no boating zone" on Island Lake from October 20 to December 31.

**41:04:02:43. McCook County public water safety zones.** McCook County public water safety zones are as follows:

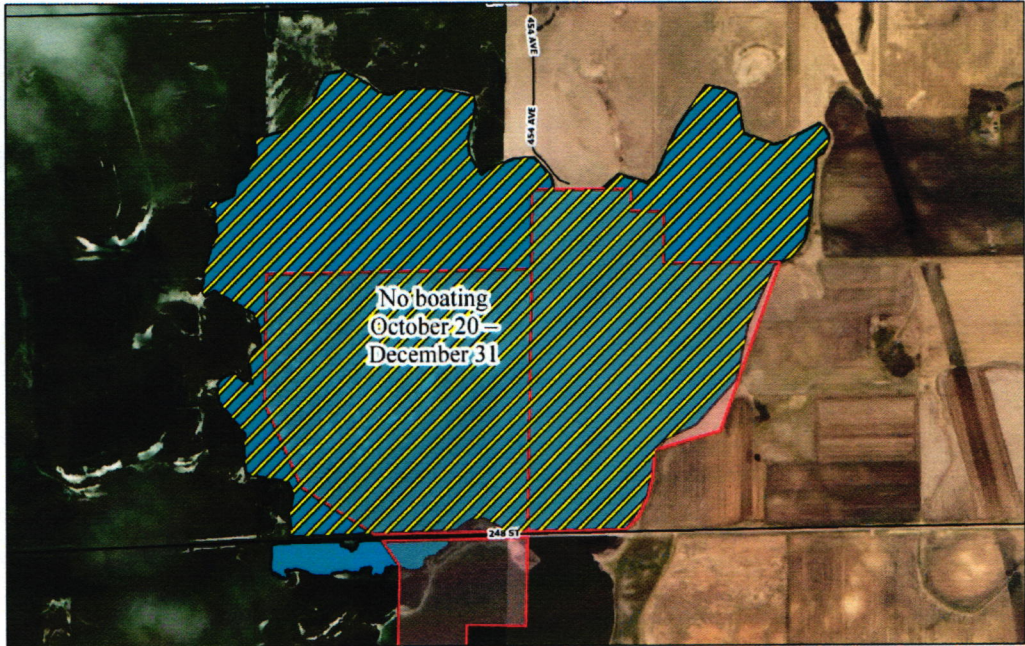
(2) That portion of Island Lake lying north of McCook County Road 6 is a "no boating zone" from October 20 to December 31, inclusive.

**41:04:02:49. Minnehaha County public water safety zones.** Minnehaha County public water safety zones are as follows:

(5) The waters of that portion of Island Lake lying north of Minnehaha County Road 110 are a "no boating zone" from October 20 to December 31, inclusive;



# Island Lake, Minnehaha Current Status



Boating Restrictions   
 Waterbody  
 Game Production Area

Waterbody Acres: 458  
 Restriction Acres: 447

0    0.25    0.5  
 Miles

## STAFF COMMENTS

Island Lake is a popular fishery with a diverse fish community. Field staff hear from the public requesting the ability to fish longer into the fall. Clear Lake (472ac) is located 6.5 miles SE of Island Lake which has a similar boating restriction.

## DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

### ACTION ITEM #16

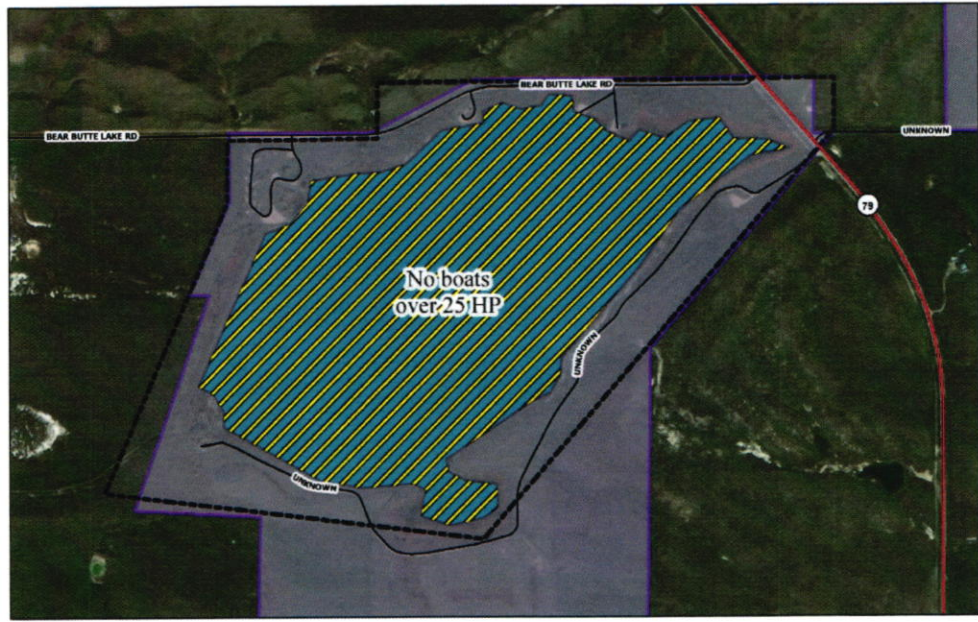
#### Recommended changes from last year:

16) Modify the "no motors over 25 h.p. zone" on Bear Butte Lake to a "no wake zone"

**41:04:02:46. Meade County public water safety zones.** Bear Butte Lake in Meade County is a "no motors over 25 h.p. zone." "no wake zone".



# Bear Butte Lake, Meade Current Status



Boating Restrictions  
 Parks & Rec.  
 Federal Refuge  
 Waterbody

Waterbody Acres: 228

0 0.25 0.5 Miles

### STAFF COMMENTS

This will allow more boaters to safely utilize the lake. This would also be more consistent with erosion and safety rules at other state parks.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

#### ACTION ITEM #17

#### Recommended changes from last year:

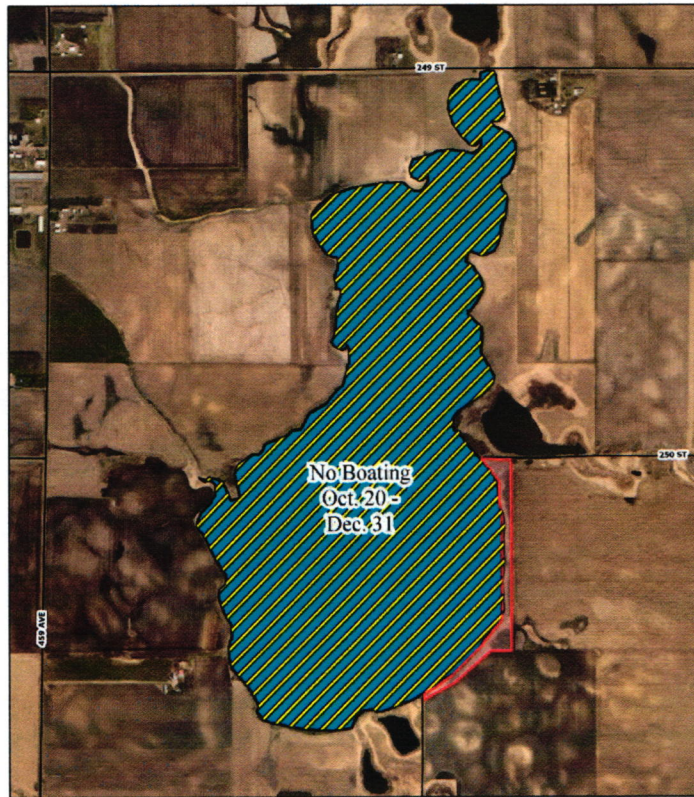
- 17) Modify the "no boating zone" on Clear Lake to "electric motors only" from October 20 to December 31.

**41:04:02:49. Minnehaha County public water safety zones.** Minnehaha County public water safety zones are as follows:

- (2) Clear Lake is a "no boating zone" "electric motors only" from October 20 to December 31, inclusive;



## Clear Lake, Minnehaha Current Status



Boating Restrictions    Waterbody    Game Production Area  
 Waterbody Acres: 505    0 0.25 0.5 Miles

### STAFF COMMENTS

This would allow for some limited fall fishing opportunity, limited water hunting opportunity, while still allowing staging waterfowl opportunities.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

#### ACTION ITEM #18

#### Recommended changes from last year:

- 18) Remove the "no boating zone" on Silver Lake during a Conservation Order (spring taking of light geese) as well as during the regular open season on migratory waterfowl

**41:05:02:33. Hutchinson County refuges.** The following refuge is in Hutchinson County: the Silver Lake Waterfowl Refuge comprises all of Silver Lake below the high-water mark including all islands and bars lying within the high-water mark.

**41:04:02:33. Hutchinson County public water safety zones.** Hutchinson County public water safety zones are as follows:

- (1) ~~Silver Lake is a "no boating zone" during a Conservation Order (spring taking of light geese) as well as during the regular open season on migratory waterfowl;~~



## Silver Lake, Hutchinson Current Status



### STAFF COMMENTS

Making this change will simplify rules and allow more recreational opportunities. Staff would like to retain the refuge status because water is a limited resource in the area (<100 acres within a 5 mile radius).

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

#### ACTION ITEM #19

#### Recommended changes from last year:

- 19) Modify the "no boating zone" during a Conservation Order and during any open season for migratory waterfowl on Lehrman Game Production Area to "electric motors only" from October 20 – December 31.

**41:04:02:43. McCook County public water safety zones.** McCook County public water safety zones are as follows:

- (4) The waters of Lehrman Game Production Area in section 32, township 103 north, range 56 west are a "no boating zone" "electric motors only" during a Conservation Order and during any open season for migratory waterfowl, from October 20 – December 31 inclusive.



# Lehrman Slough, McCook Current Status



Boating Restrictions  
Game Production Area

Waterbody

Waterbody Acres: 200  
Restrictions: 75

0 0.25 0.5  
Miles

## STAFF COMMENTS

This change will allow more recreational opportunity and simplify regulations. It will also allow recreational users to access the northeast corner of the GPA that is currently landlocked.



1. **CRITERIA TO CONSIDER WHEN EVALUATING REFUGES & WILDLIFE  
RELATED BOATING RESTRICTIONS**

Name of Lake:

Location:

Current Restriction:

Staff recommendation & Justification:

I. Aerial photo Attached:

II. Water Availability and proximity to other restricted water bodies:

a. Acres of water currently in a boating restriction/waterfowl refuge within a:

i. 5 mile radius:

ii. 10 mile radius:

iii. 25 mile radius:

b. Percentage of water covering the landscape within a:

i. 5 mile radius:

ii. 10 mile radius:

iii. 25 mile radius:

c. Acres of closed nonmeandered waters within a:

i. 5 mile radius:

ii. 10 mile radius:

iii. 25 mile radius:

III. Public vs. private property:

a. Is the lake meandered:

b. Percentage of public land vs. private land :

i. Public flooded land acres %:

ii. Private flooded land acres %:

iii. Meandered flooded acres %:

c. Does the restriction limit public access to public lands:  Yes or no... if yes, please  
 explain

IV. Current waterfowl use (note: information is anecdotal and based on staff and/or  
public information):



Note: If the purpose of a restriction is to protect staging waterfowl from disturbance, it should only be applied for field feeding species and only when recent waterfowl use warrants. Restrictions for this purpose should be implemented during the peak flyway migration period.

- V. What are the hunting opportunities in the surrounding area:
- Are fields around the water public or private:
    - Is there known fee hunting occurring around the restricted area: [Click here to enter text.](#)
    - Is there reasonable free hunting access around the restricted area: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- VI. Public Involvement:
- What public involvement occurred: [Click here to enter text.](#)
  - What are the public interests and uses for this body of water: [Click here to enter text.](#)
  - What themes resulted from this involvement:  
[Additional Information](#)
- VII. Fishery status:
- Depth of the water body: [Click here to enter text.](#)
  - How many acres is the water body: [Click here to enter text.](#)
  - Has the water body been stocked or surveyed: [Click here to enter text.](#)
    - Report stocking records and survey results: [Click here to enter text.](#)
  - History of use as a fishery: [Click here to enter text.](#)
  - Is there an established boat access: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- VIII. Other rules or users affected by this restriction:
- Are there other users that would be negatively affected: (Example: archery deer hunters and people pheasant hunting) [Click here to enter text.](#)
- IX. Are there nongame species that could be negatively affected:  
[Nongame Information](#)