

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

Application for License

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Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 2-3, 2024	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	July 11, 2024	Sioux Falls
	Finalization	July 11-12, 2024	Sioux Falls

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2024 and 2025 antelope hunting seasons

Season Dates: September 28 – October 13, 2024
October 4 – 19, 2025

Open Area: Mentored youth antelope licenses are valid in any open firearm hunting unit west of the Missouri River and for private land only (resident and nonresident).

Landowner own land licenses are valid in any open firearm hunting unit.

Licenses: Unlimited, single-tag doe/kid mentored antelope license. No youth participating in a mentored big game hunt may apply for a regular season license for that corresponding species and season.

Unlimited, “any antelope” or a two-tag “any antelope” + “doe/fawn antelope” license that is valid on landowner or landowner-operator’s land during the antelope firearm hunting season provided the individual does not possess a license that allows the harvest of a buck antelope.

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Mentored youth antelope and landowner own land antelope licenses are available to residents and nonresidents.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Restrict landowner own land license types from one “any antelope” or one two-tag “any antelope” and “any doe-fawn antelope” to one “buck antelope” only (§ 41:06:01:07.03).
2. Close mentored youth antelope season (§ 41:06:01:12).

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED CHANGES FROM PROPOSAL

None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Aerial survey data in 2024 suggest no growth since the last aerial survey in 2022, despite reductions in harvest of female antelope. These recommended changes will effectively eliminate harvest of doe and kid antelope with the intent to promote population growth across the range.

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

41:06:01:07.03. Landowner own land license types. For the West River, East River, and Black Hills firearm deer hunting seasons, a qualifying landowner or owner-operator may purchase one "any deer" license or one two-tag "any deer" and "any antlerless deer" license. For the antelope firearm hunting season, a qualifying landowner or owner-operator may purchase one "buck antelope" ~~"any antelope"~~ license or one two-tag ~~"any antelope"~~ and ~~"any doe fawn antelope"~~ license.

41:06:01:12. Mentored ~~youth~~ child big game license -- Restrictions. A resident parent or guardian may purchase no more than one mentored "any antlerless deer" license or "antlerless whitetail deer" license, ~~one "doe fawn antelope" license~~, one fall "any turkey" license, and one spring "male turkey" license for a designated mentored ~~youth~~ child as provided in SDCL 41-6-81. The hunting of antelope by a mentored child, in accordance with SDCL 41-6-81, is not currently permitted. ~~Mentored antelope licenses are valid in any open firearm hunting unit west of the Missouri River on private land not leased by the Department for public hunting access only.~~ No ~~youth~~ child participating in a mentored big game hunt may apply for a regular season license for that corresponding species and season.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – NA
4. Social Considerations – NA
5. Financial considerations – NA

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? Yes, landowners and mentored youth will have less opportunity to harvest an antelope.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? No.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers, and outdoor recreationists? Mentored youth will no longer be able to harvest a doe or kid antelope. However, this recommendation is designed to increase the antelope population for the next generation.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? This will provide more hunting opportunity in the future by increasing antelope populations.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____