GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Black Hills Elk Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:26

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal January 16-17, 2020

Pierre

Public Hearing April 2, 2020 Sioux Falls Finalization April 2-3, 2020 Sioux Falls

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2020 and 2021 hunting seasons.

Season Dates:

Units	2020 Hunting Season Dates	2021 Hunting Season Dates
Any Elk Units	October 1 - 31	October 1 - 31
Antlerless Elk Units: H1B, H7B and H9B	October 15 - 31 AND December 1 - 16	October 15 - 31 AND December 1 -16
Antlerless Elk Units: H2B, H2E, H2H, H3B and H3E	October 15 - 31	October 15 - 31
Antlerless Elk Units: H2C, H2F, H2I, H3C and H3F	December 1 - 16	December 1 - 16
Antlerless Elk Units: H2D, H2G, H2J, H2D and H3G	December 17 - 31	December 17 - 31

Open Area: See attached maps.

Licenses: 430 "any elk" and 715 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 1,145 licenses)

Requirements and Restrictions:

- 1. No person may possess more than one (1) elk license of any type in a year.
- 2. No more than two persons may submit applications together.
- 3. Except for landowner/operator preference applicants, no person who receives a license in the first drawing for this season shall be eligible to apply for a Black Hills elk license in first drawings for the next 9 years.
- 4. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference. One member of each qualifying landowner/operator household may apply every year.
- 5. Each elk harvested must be inspected by a Conservation Officer or designee within 24 hours after kill.

Proposed changes from last year:

 Adjust the total number of available licenses from 425 "any elk" and 700 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 1,125 licenses) to 430 "any elk" and 715 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 1,145 licenses).

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

1. Adjust the total number of available licenses from 425 "any elk" and 700 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 1,125 licenses) to 450 "any elk" and 470 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 920 licenses).

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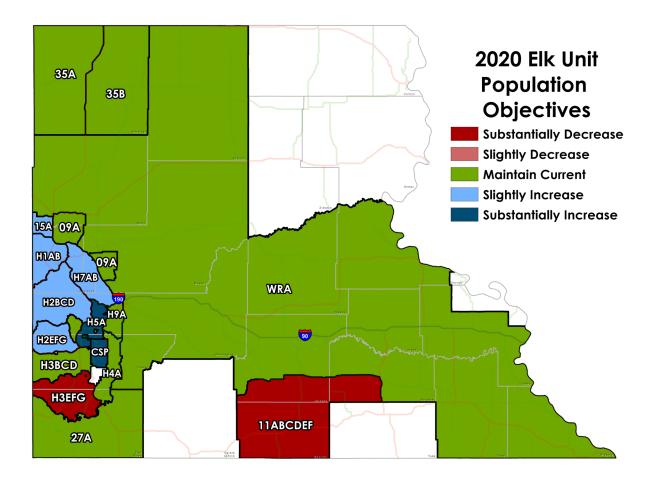
SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The intent of the changes being recommended are to allow an opportunity for adjustments to be made at finalization during the Commission meeting in April and in administrative rule to maximize hunter opportunity based on the results of the upcoming aerial survey and to meet population objectives identified in the elk management plan.

	Licensed	Hunter	Bulls	Cows
Year	Hunters	Success	Harvested	Harvested
2014	664	71%	299	174
2015	922	71%	312	345
2016	1,745	62%	363	724
2017	1,581	66%	366	684
2018	1,124	64%	315	402

2018	"Any Elk"				"Antlerless Elk" (All Units Combined)			d)		
Unit	Appl.1st	Licensed	Harvest	Bulls	Cows	Appl.1st	Licensed	Harvest	Bulls	Cows
Offic	Choice	Hunters	Success	Harvested	Harvested	Choice	Hunters	Success	Harvested	Harvested
H1	1,131	60	73%	44	0	53	20	33%	0	7
H2	8,534	249	77%	179	13	453	445	62%	5	269
H3	1,190	80	77%	58	3	55	195	48%	3	90
H4	54	10	90%	9	0	3	10	70%	0	7
H5	58	5	60%	3	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H7	278	10	90%	9	0	8	10	40%	0	4
H9	51	10	40%	3	1	3	20	45%	1	8

APPROVE	MODIFY	REJECT	NO ACTION



RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

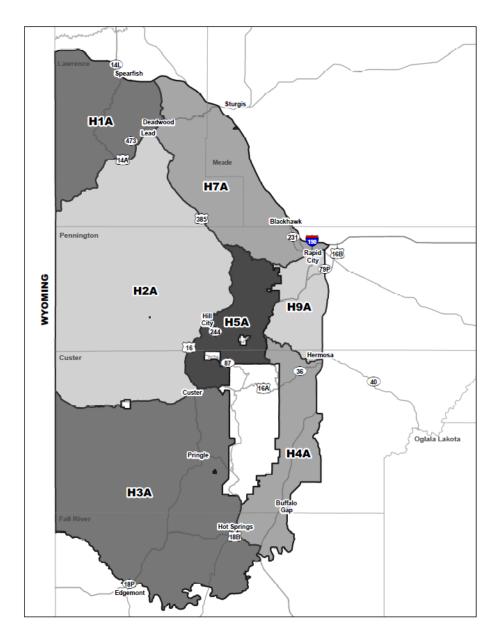
Not applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

- 1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? Not applicable.
- 2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users?
 - The proposed changes to license allocation would slightly increase elk hunting opportunity.
- 3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.
- 4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Not applicable.

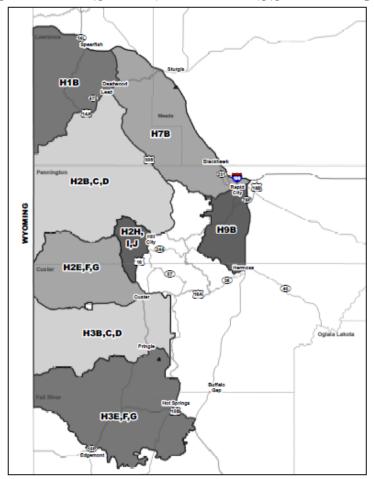
APPROVE	MODIFY	REJECT	NO ACTION

BLACK HILLS "ANY" ELK UNITS



2020 & 2021					
"Any" Elk					
Licenses					
50					
240					
100					
20					
5					
20					
15					
450					

BLACK HILLS "ANTLERLESS" ELK UNITS



2020 & 2021			
Unit	"Antlerless" Elk		
Oill	Licenses		
H1B	15		
H2B	15		
H2C	10		
H2D	0		
H2E	25		
H2F	25		
H2G	0		
H2H	5		
H2I	15		
H2J	15		
Н3В	30		
H3C	30		
H3D	30		
H3E	60		
H3F	60		
H3G	60		
H4B	40		
H7B	15		
H9B	20		
Total	470		

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Archery Elk Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:43

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal January 16-17, 2020

Public Hearing April 2, 2020 Sioux Falls Finalization April 2-3, 2020 Sioux Falls

Pierre

COMMISSIN PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2020 and 2021 hunting seasons.

Season Dates: Black Hills Units: September 1-30, 2020

September 1-30, 2021

Open Area: See attached map

Licenses: 142 "any elk" and 85 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 227 licenses)

Requirements and Restrictions:

- 1. No person may possess more than one (1) elk license of any type in a year.
- 2. No more than two persons may submit applications together.
- 3. Except for landowner/operator preference applicants, no person who receives a license in the first drawing for this season shall be eligible to apply for an archery elk license in first drawings for the next 9 years.
- 4. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference application. One member of each qualifying landowner/operator household may apply every year.
- 5. Each elk harvested must be inspected by a Conservation Officer or designee within 24 hours after kill.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 142 "any elk" and 80 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 222 licenses) to 142 "any elk" and 85 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 227 licenses).

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 142 "any elk" and 80 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 222 licenses) to 152 "any elk" and 75 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 227 licenses).

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The intent of the changes being recommended are to allow an opportunity for adjustments to be made at finalization during the Commission meeting in April and in administrative rule to maximize hunter opportunity based on the results of the upcoming aerial survey and to meet population objectives identified in the elk management plan.

APPROVE	MODIFY	REJECT	NO ACTION

	Licensed	Hunter	Bulls	Cows
Year	Hunters	Success	Harvested	Harvested
2014	106	39%	38	4
2015	196	34%	54	12
2016	280	29%	57	25
2017	269	27%	48	23
2018	219	38%	65	19

2018			"Any Elk"				4	'Antlerless El	k"	
	Appl.1st	Licensed	Harvest	Bulls	Cows	Appl.1st	Licensed	Harvest	Bulls	Cows
Unit	Choice	Hunters	Success	Harvested	Harvested	Choice	Hunters	Success	Harvested	Harvested
H1	660	19	33%	6	0	11	10	40%	1	3
H2	3,671	88	57%	49	1	42	50	27%	0	13
H3	446	25	26%	7	0	10	20	6%	0	1
H4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H5	40	2	0%	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H7	126	5	60%	3	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

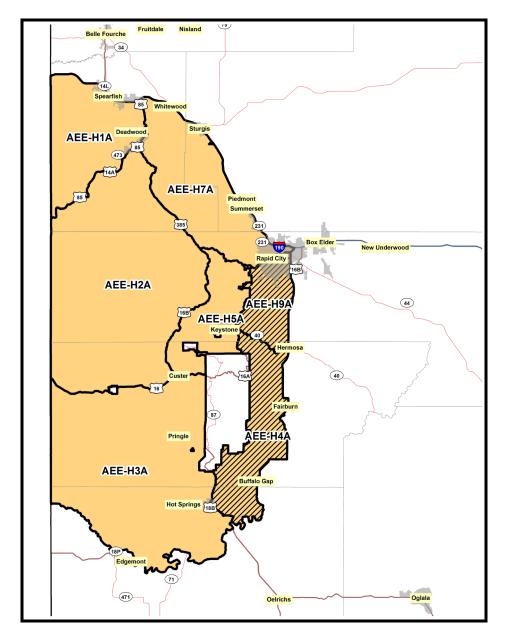
Not Applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

- 1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? Not applicable.
- 2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? The proposed changes to license allocation would slightly increase elk hunting opportunities.
- 3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.
- 4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Not applicable.

APPROVE	MODIFY	REJECT	NO ACTION

BLACK HILLS ARCHERY ELK UNITS



	2020 & 2021			
Unit	"Any"	"Antlerless"	Total	
	Elk Tags	Elk Tags	Tags	
H1	20	15	35	
H2	95	40	135	
H3	25	20	45	
H4	0	0	0	
H5	2	0	2	
H7	10	0	10	
H9	0	0	0	
TOTAL	152	75	227	

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Custer State Park Elk Hunting Season (Any Elk) Chapter 41:06:27

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal January 16-17, 2020 Pierre

Public Hearing April 2, 2020 Sioux Falls Finalization April 2-3, 2020 Sioux Falls

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2020 and 2021 hunting seasons.

Season Dates: October 1-31, 2020

October 1-31, 2021

<u>Licenses</u>: 7 resident "Any Elk" licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

- 1. The unit is open within the boundaries of Custer State Park.
- 2. Harvested elk must be inspected within 24 hours.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Reduce the number of "any elk" licenses from 8 to 7.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

1. Retain current allocation of 8 "any elk" licenses.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The intent of the changes being recommended are to allow an opportunity for adjustments to be made at finalization during the Commission meeting in April and in administrative rule to maximize hunter opportunity based on the results of the upcoming aerial survey and to meet population objectives identified in the elk management plan.

			Success
Year	Licenses	Applicants	Rate
2006	41	11,709	95%
2007	41	12,768	93%
2008	36	12,572	97%
2009	36	13,063	86%
2010	21	13,065	80%
2011	11	12,060	91%
2012	4	11,133	100%
2013	4	12,888	100%
2014	4	11,762	100%
2015	8	9,136	100%
2016	9	8,951	89%
2017	9	8,828	89%
2018	9	8,670	89%

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not Applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

Not Applicable.

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

Custer State Park Early Archery Elk Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:28

Finalization

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal

January 16-17, 2020

Public Hearing April 2, 2020 April 2-3, 2020

Pierre Sioux Falls Sioux Falls

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2020 and 2021 hunting seasons.

Season Dates: September 1-30, 2020

September 1-30, 2021

2 "Any Elk" licenses Licenses:

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Harvested elk must be inspected within 24 hours.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Reduce the number of "any elk" licenses from 3 to 2.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

1. Retain current allocation of 3 "any elk" licenses.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The intent of the changes being recommended are to allow an opportunity for adjustments to be made at finalization during the Commission meeting in April and in administrative rule to maximize hunter opportunity based on the results of the upcoming aerial survey and to meet population objectives identified in the elk management plan.

Year	Licensed Hunters	1st Choice Applicants	Success Rate	Elk Harvested
2008	8	3,084	25%	2 bulls
2009	8	3,134	25%	2 bulls
2010	5	3,031	0%	None
2011	3	2,000	33%	1 bull
2012	3	2,078	0%	0
2013	3	2,740	100%	3 bulls
2014	4	3,023	100%	4 bulls
2015	4	3,600	75%	3 bulls
2016	3	3,707	33%	1 bull
2017	3	3,704	33%	1 bull
2018	3	3,772	67%	2 bulls

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not Applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

Not Applicable.

APPROVE	MODIFY	REJECT	NO ACTION

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Prairie Elk Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:59

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal January 16-17, 2020

Public Hearing April 2, 2020 Sioux Falls Finalization March 5-6, 2020 Sioux Falls

Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2020 and 2021 hunting seasons.

Season Dates:

Unit	2020 Hunting Season Dates	2021 Hunting Season Dates
9A	September 15 - October 31 AND December 1 - 31	September 15 - October 31 AND December 1 - 31
11A	July 15 - August 31	July 15 - August 31
11B	September 1-30	September 1-30
11C	November 1-30	November 1-30
11D	September 1 - October 31	September 1 - October 31
11E	November 1 - December 31	November 1 - December 31
11F	January 1 - February 28	January 1 - February 28
15A	September 1 - October 31 AND December 1 -31	September 1 - October 31 AND December 1 -31
15B	December 1 - January 31	December 1 - January 31
27A	October 1 - 31 AND December 1 -31	October 1 - 31 AND December 1 -31
35A	September 15 - October 31 AND December 1 - 31	September 15 - October 31 AND December 1 - 31
35B	September 15 - October 31 AND December 1 - 31	September 15 - October 31 AND December 1 - 31
WRA	September 1 - December 31	September 1 - December 31

Open Area: Unit 09A Portions of Butte, Lawrence and Meade counties

Unit 11A-F Bennett County; portions of Jackson and Mellette counties

Unit 15A and B Portions of Butte and Lawrence counties

Unit 27A Portions of Fall River County

Unit 35A Harding County west of US Hwy. 85 Unit 35B Harding County east of US Hwy. 85

Unit WRA Those portions of South Dakota west of the Missouri River

not associated with another prairie elk unit, excluding Corson, Dewey, Oglala Lakota, Todd and Ziebach

counties.

Licenses: 78 "any elk" and 75 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 153 licenses)

Requirements and Restrictions:

- 1. No person may possess more than one (1) elk license of any type in a year.
- 2. No more than two persons may submit applications together.
- 3. Except for landowner/operator preference applicants, no person who receives a license in the first drawing for this season shall be eligible to apply for a prairie elk license in first drawings for the next 9 years.
- 4. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference. One member of each qualifying landowner/operator household may apply every year.
- 5. Each elk harvested must be inspected by a Conservation Officer or designee within 24 hours after kill.

APPROVE	MODIFY	REJECT	NO ACTION

Proposed changes from last year:

- 1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 68 "any elk" and 73 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 141 licenses) to 78 "any elk" and 75 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 151 licenses).
- 2. Establish a new unit (PRE-WRA) for those portions of South Dakota west of the Missouri River not associated with another prairie elk unit, excluding Corson, Dewey, Oglala Lakota, Todd and Ziebach counties with season dates of September 1 to December 1-31 (see attached map).
- 3. Modify those portions of Unit 9 in Butte and Lawrence counties to include that area within a line beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highways 85 and 212, then east on Highway 212 to Whitewood Valley Road, then south on Whitewood Valley Road to Interstate 90, then west on Interstate 90 to U.S. Highway 85, then north on U.S. Highway 85 to point of origin. That portion of Unit 9 in Meade County would remain unchanged.
- 4. Modify Unit 15A to include those portions of Butte and Lawrence counties within a line beginning at the junction of the South Dakota-Wyoming border, east on Sourdough Road to U.S. Highway 85, then south on U.S. Highway 85 to Interstate 90, then west on Interstate 90 to the South Dakota-Wyoming border, then north to the point of origin.
- 5. Modify Unit 27A to include all of Fall River County not included in BHE-H3.
- 6. Eliminate Unit 30A (portions of Gregory County) and include this geographic area into the West River prairie unit.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

- 1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 68 "any elk" and 73 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 141 licenses) to 78 "any elk" and 178 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 256 licenses).
- 2. Modify the proposed Unit PRE-WRA to also exclude the boundary of the Lower Brule Indian Reservation.
- 3. Establish two additional antlerless elk seasons for Unit 11 as follows:
 - a. Unit 11E with season dates of November 1 December 31
 - b. Unit 11F with season dates of January 1 February 28
- 4. In conjunction with the proposed unit boundary change to Unit 15A, establish Unit 15B for antierless elk harvest and season dates of December 1 January 31.
- 5. Modify Unit 35A that currently includes all of Harding County to the following:
 - a. Unit 35A: that portion of Harding County west of US Hwy. 85
 - b. Unit 35B: that portion of Harding County east of US Hwy. 85

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

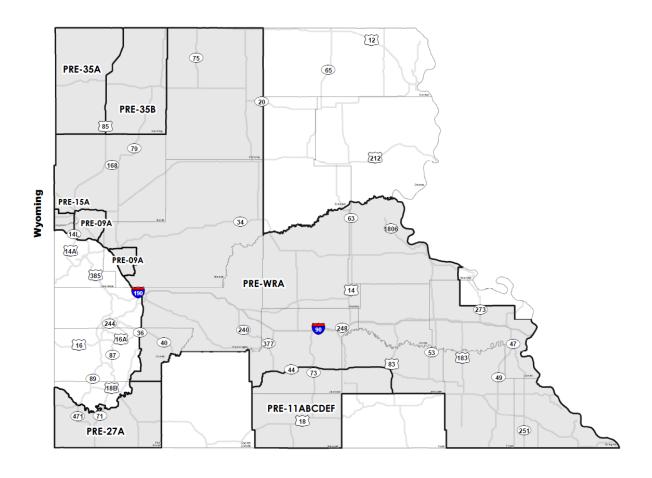
The intent of the changes being recommended are to allow an opportunity for adjustments to be made at finalization during the Commission meeting in April and in administrative rule to maximize hunter opportunity based on the results of the upcoming aerial survey and to meet population objectives identified in the elk management plan.

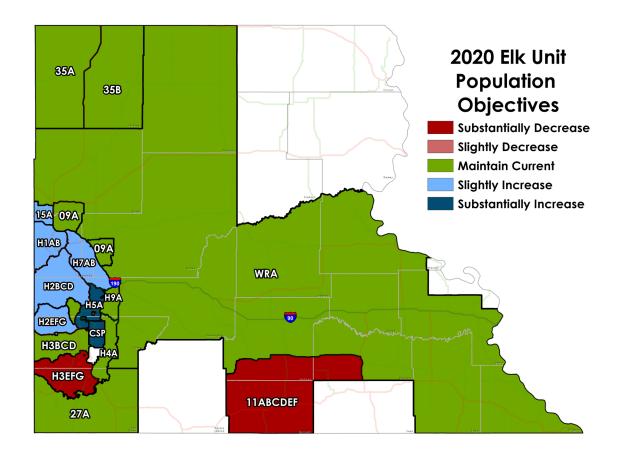
Year	Licensed	Hunter	Bulls	Cows
rear	Hunters	Success	Harvested	Harvested
2014	92	68%	30	31
2015	98	55%	29	25
2016	148	40%	32	27
2017	149	54%	41	39
2018	139	79%	59	51

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2018	"Any Elk"					"Antlerl	ess Elk"	
Unit	Licensed	Harvest	Bulls	Cows	Licensed	Harvest	Bulls	Cows
Offic	Hunters	Success	Harvested	Harvested	Hunters	Success	Harvested	Harvested
09A	10	80%	8	0	10	50%	0	5
11A	NA	NA	NA	NA	17	93%	0	16
11B	16	100%	16	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
11C	16	69%	10	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
11D	NA	NA	NA	NA	30	70%	0	26
15A	8	100%	8	0	10	0%	0	0
27A	10	80%	8	0	10	40%	1	3
30A	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
35A	8	100%	8	0	NA	NA	NA	NA

Prairie Elk Units





RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not Applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

- 1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? No. With the recommended West River prairie elk unit (PRE-WRA), the Department is also recommending modifying the unit boundaries of some other units to simplify their respective unit boundary descriptions.
- 2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users?
 - The proposed changes to license allocation would slightly increase elk hunting opportunities.
- 3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Increases opportunity for elk hunting in western South Dakota and simplifies prairie elk hunting units.
- 4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Increases opportunity for elk hunting in western South Dakota.

APPROVE	MODIFY	REJECT	NO ACTION

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

Elk Hunting Seasons – Hunting Unit License Allocations

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal January 16-17, 2020 Pierre

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LICENSE ALLOCATION BY SEASONS AND UNITS

See Attached Spreadsheet

2020-2021 Elk Hunting Seasons

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Blac	k Hills Elk		
	Resident L		
Unit	Any Elk	Atl Elk	
	21	23	
H1A	60		
H1B		20	
H2A	250		
H2B		75	
H2C		75	
H2D		25	
H2E		75	
H2F		75	
H2G		75	
H2H		15	
H2I		15	
H2J		15	
H3A	80		
H3B		15	
H3C		15	
H3D		15	
H3E		50	
H3F		50	
H3G		50	
H4A	10		
H4B		10	
H5A	5		
H7A	10		
H7B		10	
H9A	10		
H9B		20	
TOTAL	425	700	1,125
Contigency	NA	140	140

Archery Elk			
	Resident L	Resident Licenses	
Unit	Any Elk	Atl Elk	
	21	23	
H1A	20	10	
H2A	90	50	
H3A	25	20	
H4A			
H5A	2		
H7A	5		
H9A			
30A			
TOTAL	142	80	222

Pr	airie Elk			
	Resident L	Resident Licenses		
Unit	Any Elk	Atl Elk		
	21	23		
9A	10	10		
11A		18		
11B	16			
11C	16			
11D		30		
11E	Not Appl	icable		
11F	Not Applicable			
15A	8	5		
15B	Not Appl	icable		
27A	10	10		
30A				
35A	8			
35B	Not Appl	icable		
WRA	Not Appl	icable		
TOTAL	68	73		

Custer State Park			
	Resident L		
Season	Any Elk	Atl Elk	
	21	23	
CEE-CU1	3		
CUE-CU1	9		
TOTAL	12		12

2020-2021

Plac	k Hills E	II.	Ī
ыас		t Licenses	
1.114			
Unit	Any Elk	Atl Elk	
	21	23	
H1A	50		
H1B		15	
H2A	240		
H2B		15	
H2C		10	
H2D			
H2E		25	
H2F		25	
H2G			
H2H		5	
H2I		15	
H2J		15	
H3A	100		
H3B		30	
H3C		30	
H3D		30	
H3E		60	
H3F		60	
H3G		60	
H4A	20		
H4B		40	
H5A	5		
H7A	20		
H7B		15	
H9A	15		
H9B		20	
TOTAL	450	470	920
Contigency	NA	94	94

Archery Elk			Ĭ
Air	Residen		
Unit	Any Elk	Atl Elk	
	21	23	
H1A	20	15	
H2A	95	40	
H3A	25	20	
H4A			
H5A	2		
H7A	10		
H9A			
30A			
TOTAL	152	75	227

Pr	airie Elk		
	Residen	Ÿ	
Unit	Any Elk	Atl Elk	
	21	23	
9A	10	15	
11A		18	
11B	16		
11C	16		
11D		30	
11E		30	
11F		30	
15A	8		
15B		5	
27A	10	10	
30A			
35A	4	8	
35B	4	12	
WRA	10	20	
TOTAL	78	178	256

Custer State Park			
	Residen	t Licenses	
Season	Any Elk	Atl Elk	
	21	23	
CEE-CU1	3		
CUE-CU1	9		
TOTAL	12		12