GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

Fall Wild Turkey Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:14

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal April 2-3, 2020 Sioux Falls
                        Public Hearing June 4, 2020 Pierre
                        Finalization June 4-5, 2020 Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2020 and 2021 hunting seasons

Season Dates: November 1 – January 31

Licenses:
Black Hills: 200 resident and 16 nonresident single tag “any turkey” licenses
Prairie Units: Residents: 400 single tag and 35 double tag “any turkey” licenses Nonresidents: 28 single and 3 double 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 125 less resident single tag licenses and 35 more resident double tag licenses for Prairie Units compared to 2019.
2. Close prairie units 12A (Gregory County), 50A (Mellette County), and 60A (Tripp County).
3. Establish and open prairie unit 12A (Bon Homme County).

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.

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RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user’s ability to participate? No.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? No, but slightly less 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? No, but slightly less hunting opportunity.

APPROVE ____ MODIFY ____ REJECT ____ NO ACTION ____