

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.

Year	Prairie				Black Hills			
	Licenses Sold	Tom Harvest	Hen Harvest	Success	Licenses Sold	Tom Harvest	Hen Harvest	Success
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%
2018	548	142	52	35%	220	27	26	25%

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 _____
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