

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Tagging of Velvet Antlers Chapter 41:06:03

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 8-9, 2019	Pierre
	Public Hearing	September 5, 2019	Spearfish
	Finalization	September 5-6, 2019	Spearfish

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Repeal 41:06:03:07:

~~41:06:03:07. Tagging of antlers in the velvet stage. A locking seal which will allow the sale of antlers in the velvet stage is an adhesive tag, bearing the department seal, which indicates the name and address of the original seller. Antlers in the velvet stage taken legally during a big game season may be sold or offered for sale if tagged by an authorized department representative before being sold or offered for sale. Proof of legal acquisition is a prerequisite to the tagging of velvet antlers. An authorized department representative shall sign, date, and permanently attach a locking seal to each velvet antler or part of a velvet antler that was legally taken. The locking seal is provided at no charge. The locking seal is nontransferable and must remain attached to the antler until the antler reaches its final destination and is processed.~~

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

HB 1023 (2019) repealed the state statute (41-14-13) that mandates that antlers in the velvet stage be tagged in accordance with GFP rules. This provision was in law because of the historical high demand for velvet antlers overseas (mostly in Asia) that has mostly dissolved and this regulation provided protection against the unlawful take, possession, and sale of velvet deer and elk antlers.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____