

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Archery Elk Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:43

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 16-17, 2020	Pierre
	Public Hearing	March 5, 2020	Pierre
	Finalization	March 5-6, 2020	Pierre

COMMISSION 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).

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 March 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 _____
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Year	Licensed Hunters	Hunter Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows 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"					"Antlerless Elk"				
Unit	Appl.1st Choice	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested	Appl.1st Choice	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows 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.

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