

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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

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: September 1-30, 2020
September 1-30, 2021

Licenses: 2 "Any Elk" 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.

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.

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 _____
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