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South Dakota - Game, Fish, and Parks

Petition for Rule Change

A new form was just submitted from the http://gfp.sd.gov/ website with the following information:

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Decribe Change:	Change to An unlimited number of RESIDENT "any antelope" licenses may be issued for this season. Non-Residents can apply for ONE archery antelope permit after first buying a non-resident small game license and applying(150 Maximum).
Reason for Change:	REASON: South Dakota has become a very popular destination with Non-Resident archery hunters with progressively more hunters coming each year. It has recently become even more popular with the change in opener to September 1. The increased number of non-residents has caused significant pressure and overcrowding on many public lands. This is a particular issue on large public parcels where a significant number of NRs have a direct and negative impact on the quality of hunt for resident bowhunters. Changing the amount of permits available for NR archery will have a positive effect on the herd and quality of hunt for everyone on our large public tracts. According to GF&P's 2017 archery surveys, there were 2,090 single-tag archery antelope licenses issued in 2017 (1,569 resident and 521 nonresident). That extrapolates to 33% of all archery antelope licenses being held by NR bowhunters. If we held to the 8% standard that firearms seasons use we should only be issuing 126 NR archery antelope permits. So this proposals limit to 150 is generous. Of the 24 management units where antelope were reported harvested, the Harding and Butte County units accounted for over 60% of all harvest which is often where public land bowhunters go to find antelope. The discussion sometimes turns to the question of why limit private land permits at all. I would offer that the vast majority of other states do limit them and more importantly, by NOT limiting them we are encouraging privatization and commercialization of public trust resources. It is increasingly difficult for a resident to find a good place to hunt. If we continue to enable privatization from NRs who have a much higher disposable income level, we do a disservice to the resident hunters of our great state.