## GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

## Nonresident 1-Day Fishing License

## Commission Meeting:

September 7-8, 2023 Watertown October 5-6, 2023

## Nonresident 1-Day Fishing License Recommendation

## Department recommendation:

Beginning with the 2024 license year (December 15, 2023), remove the 1 -day nonresident fishing license option.

## SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Currently there are three license types available to nonresidents fishing in South Dakota. Since 2020, there has been a spike in the number of 1 -day licenses purchased, which also coincides with the implementation of the Habitat Stamp and the removal of the family fishing license option for nonresidents. One of the exceptions outlined in state statute associated with purchasing a 1 -day hunting or fishing license is a Habitat Stamp.

|  | $\underline{\text { Cost }}$ | $\underline{\text { Habitat Stamp }}$ | Total Cost |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-Day License | $\$ 16$ |  | $\$ 16$ |
| 3-Day License | $\$ 37$ | $\$ 25$ | $\$ 62$ |
| Annual License | $\$ 67$ | $\$ 25$ | $\$ 92$ |



A nonresident can purchase three 1-day fishing licenses at a more economical rate than purchasing a 3-day or annual license which also includes a $\$ 25$ Habitat Stamp. Since 2021, $88 \%-90 \%$ of nonresidents purchasing a 1 -day fishing license never purchased a Habitat Stamp. Reviewing the number of individuals purchasing 1 -day licenses it is estimated that the removal of the 1-day fishing license would result in a positive fiscal impact ranging from $\$ 500-000$ to $\$ 1,3000,000$.

|  | 2021 |  | 2022 |  | 2023 as of July 31 |  |
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| \# OF LICENSES PURCHASED | COUNT OF CID | Total Lic Sold | COUNT OF CID | Total Lic Sold | Count of CID | Total Lic Sold |
| 1 | 20,499 | 20,499 | 16,806 | 16,806 | 12,504 | 12,504 |
| 2 | 6,845 | 13,690 | 6,391 | 12,782 | 4,564 | 9,128 |
| 3 | 2,237 | 6,711 | 1,926 | 5,778 | 1,117 | 3,351 |
| 4 | 520 | 2,080 | 443 | 1,772 | 223 | 892 |
| 5 | 90 | 450 | 75 | 375 | 25 | 125 |
| 6 | 42 | 252 | 43 | 258 | 16 | 96 |
| 7 | 22 | 154 | 6 | 42 | 2 | 14 |
| 8 | 8 | 64 | 7 | 56 | 1 | 8 |
| 9 | 4 | 36 | 6 | 54 |  |  |
| 10 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 10 |  |  |
| 11 |  |  | 1 | 11 |  |  |
| 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14 |  |  | 1 | 14 |  |  |
| 15 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 15 |
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