

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

Beaver Trapping and Hunting Season Chapter 41:08:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal May 6-7, 2021 Public Hearing July 8, 2021 Finalization July 8-9, 2021	Custer State Park Watertown Watertown
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COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2021 and 2022 hunting/trapping seasons

Season Dates:	Area:
Year-round	Statewide, except that portion of the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west SD Highway 79.
November 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022	Portions of the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west of SD Highway 79 that are not owned by the US Forest Service.
January 1 – March 31, 2022	US Forest Service land in the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west of SD Highway 79.

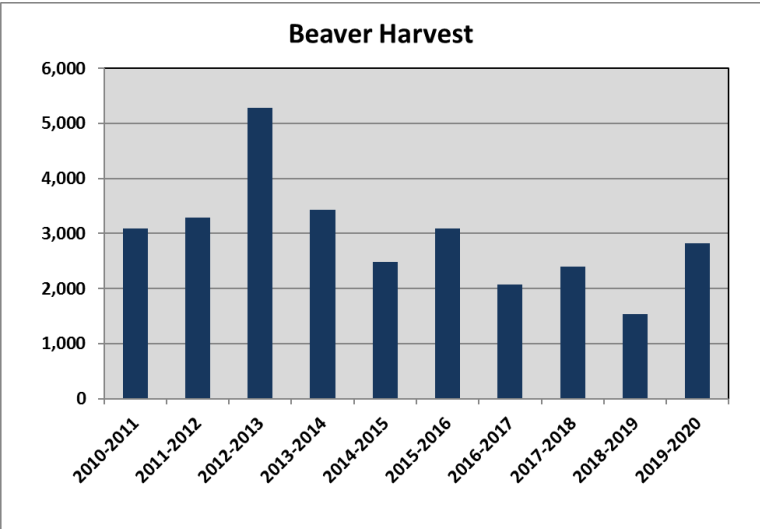
Proposed changes from last year: Modify the season dates in counties east of the Missouri River to align with western South Dakota (i.e. year-round).

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Similar to western South Dakota, landowners in eastern South Dakota deal with damage issues caused by beaver year-round. By creating one statewide beaver season (with the exception of the Black Hills) that is year-round, it simplifies this regulation and allows landowners in eastern South Dakota the ability to remove beavers that are causing damage.



APPROVE
 MODIFY
 REJECT
 NO ACTION

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue – Not applicable.
2. Historical Considerations – Not applicable.
3. Biological Considerations – Not applicable.
4. Social Considerations – Not applicable.
5. Financial considerations – Not applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? N/A
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? N/A
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? N/A
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE ____ **MODIFY** ____ **REJECT** ____ **NO ACTION** ____