

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Resident Pheasant Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:58

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 16-17, 2020	Virtual Meeting
	Public Hearing	September 2, 2020	Virtual Meeting
	Finalization	September 2-3, 2020	Virtual Meeting

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2020 hunting season

Season Dates: October 10-12, 2020

Open area: Lands open to public hunting that include U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Waterfowl Production Areas, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property adjacent to the Missouri River, U.S. Forest Service National Grasslands property, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation property, State School and Public Land, Department owned, managed or leased property otherwise open to hunting, and Department managed or leased property designated as Walk-In Area. Also includes public road rights-of-way as defined in state law which are contiguous to and a part of those public lands as identified above. U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuges are not open.

Daily limit: 3 cock pheasants

Possession limit: 9 cock pheasants

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Shooting hours are 10:00 a.m. (central time) to sunset.
2. Only residents of the state are eligible to hunt during this season.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Modify the shooting hours from Noon to 10:00 a.m. Central Time beginning with the 2020 hunting season.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

To provide additional hunting opportunity and take advantage of cooler temperatures.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue
 - Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented?
 - i. Was a topic discussed with the pheasant marketing workgroup and supported by the Department.
 - ii. Input will be solicited during the public comment period and GFP Commission public hearing.

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2. Historical Considerations
 - There is a traditional connection to the 10:00 a.m. start time. Over the years, however, this has been modified during the regular season to now only include the first seven days of the regular season.
3. Biological Considerations
 - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?
 - i. Pheasant population has remained stable over the past five years and there are no biological concerns with this recommended regulatory change.
4. Social Considerations
 - Would make start time consistent for entire hunting season.
5. Financial considerations
 - Not applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? No.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Yes.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Provides additional hunting opportunity.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Yes.

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