

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Cottontail Rabbit Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:34

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 4-5, 2021	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 6, 2021	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 6-7, 2021	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2021, 2022 and 2023 hunting seasons

Season Dates: September 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022
September 1, 2022 – February 29, 2023
September 1, 2023 – February 29, 2024

Open Area: Statewide

Daily Limit: 10 cottontail rabbits

Possession Limit: 30 cottontail rabbits

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.
2. Landowners may take cottontail rabbits on their own property year-round without restriction.

Recommended change from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Cottontail Harvest
2015	5,779	1020	39,804
2016	5,584	754	37,873
2017	4,628	607	24,272
2018	4,341	475	20,323
2019	3,563	437	19,933

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

No recommended changes; not applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

No recommended changes; not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT

No recommended changes; not applicable.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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