

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

General Muzzleloading Deer Hunting Season

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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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2021 and 2022 hunting seasons

Season Dates: December 1, 2021 – January 1, 2022
December 1, 2022 – January 1, 2023

Open Area: “Any Deer” Licenses: Statewide
“Antlerless Whitetail Deer” Licenses: Unit MZD-LM1

Licenses: 1,000 “any deer” licenses
Unlimited single tag “antlerless whitetail deer” licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Only residents are eligible to apply for “any deer” tags. Residents and nonresidents may purchase “antlerless whitetail deer” licenses.
2. Individuals may purchase one “antlerless whitetail deer” license for Unit MZD-LM1 (see map).
3. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
4. Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge, Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, Waubay State Game Refuge, Farm Island State Recreation Area, LaFramboise Island Nature Area, and the Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management South unit and the signed portion of the North unit are closed to general muzzleloading deer hunting.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Adjust resident license numbers from no more than 1,000 one-tag “any deer” licenses to 1,500 one-tag “any deer” deer licenses.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The proposed maximum number of one-tag deer licenses will be established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission via administrative rule will determine specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation amongst residents and nonresidents.

Preliminary harvest data for the 2020 deer hunting seasons just became available. Department staff will review all harvest and other biological data, population modeling outputs, determine population objectives for whitetail and mule deer, and then bring recommendations for unit-specific license numbers and types to the GFP Commission at the April Commission meeting.

Year	1st Choice Applications	"Any Deer" Licenses	"Antlerless Deer" Licenses	Hunter Success	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	Deer Harvested
2016	7,931	961	2,806	37%	313	703	88	6	1,132
2017	7,845	1,009	2,423	36%	263	865	117	4	1,251
2018	8,191	1,030	2,353	36%	275	808	110	14	1,208
2019	5,159	1,008	2,332	36%	295	795	112	17	1,219
2020	3,913	1,004	2,703	39%	281	973	172	18	1,445

2020 harvest estimates are preliminary.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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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? Not applicable.
- 2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Not applicable.
- 3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.
- 4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

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