GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

**Beaver Trapping and Hunting Season**
Chapter 41:08:01

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**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

**Duration of Proposal:** 2021 and 2022 hunting/trapping seasons

**Season Dates:**

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<th>Area:</th>
<th>Year-round</th>
<th>Statewide, except that portion of the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west SD Highway 79.</th>
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<td>November 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>January 1 – March 31, 2022</td>
<td>US Forest Service land in the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west of SD Highway 79.</td>
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**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).

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

**Recommended changes from proposal:** None.

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.

![Beaver Harvest Chart](chart.png)
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 _____