

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

East River Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:21

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 2, 2019	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 2-3, 2019	Custer State Park

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Recommendation: 2019 and 2020 hunting seasons

Season Dates: November 23 – December 8, 2019
 December 14-22, 2019 – for antlerless deer tags only

November 21 – December 6, 2020
 December 12-20, 2020 – for antlerless deer tags only

Open Area: See the attached map

Licenses: 24,510 one-tag and 2,800 two-tag licenses (total of 30,110 tags)

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference.
2. In addition to these licenses, 500 “any deer” licenses are available through the “Special Buck” application.
3. Landowners not possessing a license that allows the harvest of a buck may purchase an “any deer” or a two-tag “any deer + antlerless deer” license that is valid on their property only.
4. Initially, all licenses are available only to residents. Nonresidents may apply for licenses remaining after the fourth lottery drawing.
5. A portion of southeastern Minnehaha County is closed to hunting with firearms other than muzzleloaders and shotguns using slugs.
6. Only unfilled “any antlerless deer” and “antlerless whitetail deer” tags are valid for 9 days beginning on the third Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Adjust resident license numbers from no more than 21,075 one-tag and 5,250 two-tag deer licenses to no more than 24,510 one-tag and 2,800 two-tag tag deer licenses.
2. Establish Units 13P (Brule County), 33P (Hand County), 36P (Hughes County), and 38P (Hyde County). These units are for antlerless whitetail deer licenses and would be valid on private land only; all public lands are closed to license holders within these respective units, including Walk-in Areas.

Year	Buck Tags	Doe Tags	Total Tags
2017-2018	18,855	12,715	31,575
2019-2020	19,085	11,025	30,110

Buck Tags (+5%)
 Doe Tags (-13%)

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The recommendation to establish private land-only units is a management tool that is being considered to meet deer management population objectives and focus the harvest of antlerless whitetail deer on private land.

Year	Licenses	WT Bucks	WT Does	MD Bucks	MD Does	All Deer	Tag
	Sold	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Success
2014	25,171	9,679	5,864	254	48	15,845	55%
2015	26,752	10,041	6,413	246	59	16,759	53%
2016	25,479	8,755	7,207	287	69	16,319	44%
2017	25,406	9,143	5,485	194	57	14,879	48%
2018	26,375	9,087	5,470	238	57	14,853	48%

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