

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Trapping Prohibitions Chapter 41:08:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	September 5-5, 2019	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	September 5, 2019	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	October 3, 2019	Chamberlain
	Finalization	October 3-4, 2019	Chamberlain

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Current Rule:

41:08:02:03. Trap checking required. A trapper shall check all traps and snares in the field belonging to the trapper and remove any caught animal prior to 12 o'clock midnight of the second full calendar day east of the Missouri River, and prior to 12 o'clock midnight of the third full calendar day west of the Missouri River, following a previous check or when the trap was initially set. However, any trap or snare entirely submerged in water that remains set beneath the ice shall be checked and any caught animal removed prior to 12 o'clock midnight of the fifth full calendar day statewide, following a previous check or when the trap was initially set.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Modify existing administrative rule to require all traps and snares in South Dakota be checked prior to 12 o'clock midnight of the third full calendar day following a previous check or when the trap was initially set, and for any trap or snare entirely submerged in water that remains set beneath the ice to be checked prior to 12 o'clock midnight of the fifth full calendar day statewide, following a previous check or when the trap was initially set.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

This proposal is a result of a petition that was submitted and the Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission accepted at the July 8-9, 2019, Commission meeting and provides the Commission with an alternative to the petition. This proposal provides greater flexibility and opportunity for trappers in South Dakota and provides a consistent approach regarding trap check regulations.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____