

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Trapping Prohibitions Chapter 41:08:02

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| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | July 8-9, 2019 | Fort Pierre |
| | Public Hearing | September 5, 2019 | Spearfish |
| | Public Hearing | October 3, 2019 | Chamberlain |
| | Finalization | October 3-4, 2019 | Chamberlain |

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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 that all traps and snares in South Dakota be checked within 24-hours from the time the trap or snare was set.
2. Create a new administrative rule that would allow Game, Fish and Parks personnel to grant extensions to the 24-hour check time due to unanticipated complications or emergencies.
3. Create a new administrative rule that before setting traps and snares, it shall be the duty of the person setting a trap or snare to study the weather reports for the next 48-hours and make a record of that data. It is expected that such person will not set traps and snares when a reasonable person would conclude that the weather-related complications would likely preclude checking traps and snares within 24-hours.
4. Create a new administrative rule which would allow Game, Fish and Parks personnel to release or euthanize an animal held in a trap or snare longer than 24-hours.
5. Create a new administrative rule which would allow any person, after receiving permission from a Game, Fish and Parks personnel, to release or euthanize an animal in a trap or snare longer than 24-hours.
6. Create a new administrative rule that requires any animals euthanized by an authorized person of Game, Fish and Parks, which a profit is generated, to be reverted back to Game, Fish and Parks.
7. Create a new administrative rule in which Game, Fish and Parks shall keep records on trap check time extensions and shall give an annual summary report to the Game, Fish and Parks Commission.

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, GFP Commission meeting.

APPROVE ____ **MODIFY** ____ **REJECT** ____ **NO ACTION** ____