

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Archery Elk Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:43

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 4-5, 2022	Pierre
	Public Hearing	April 7, 2022	Watertown
	Finalization	April 7-8, 2022	Watertown

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2022 and 2023 hunting seasons.

Season Dates: Black Hills Units: September 1-30, 2022
September 1-30, 2023

Open Area: See attached map

Licenses: 182 "any elk" and 90 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 272 licenses)

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. No person may possess more than one (1) elk license of any type in a year.
2. No more than two persons may submit applications together.
3. Except for landowner/operator preference applicants, no person who receives a license in the first drawing for this season shall be eligible to apply for an archery elk license in first drawings for the next 9 years.
4. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference application. Only one member of each qualifying landowner/operator household may apply every year.
5. Any elk harvested must be inspected by a Department representative within 24 hours after kill.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 142 "any elk" and 80 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 222 licenses) to no more than 200 "any elk" and 150 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 350 licenses).

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The proposed maximum number of elk licenses will be established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission via administrative action will determine specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation amongst hunting units.

Updated population objectives and the recommended number of licenses will be shared at the March Commission meeting once preliminary harvest estimates have been obtained and population modeling exercises have been completed.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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Year	Licensed Hunters	Hunter Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested	Total Harvest
2017	269	26%	50	20	70
2018	219	38%	65	19	84
2019	216	42%	77	14	91
2020	204	45%	80	12	92
2021	219	43%	80	14	94

2021 Unit	"Any Elk"					"Antlerless Elk"				
	Appl. 1st Choice	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested	Appl. 1st Choice	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
H1	754	20	40%	8	0	5	10	20%	0	2
H2	4,067	81	63%	48	3	75	40	18%	0	7
H3	756	36	56%	18	2	22	20	5%	0	1
H5	39	2	0%	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H7	248	10	60%	6	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

*2021 preliminary harvest data

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

The following are proposed draft changes that are intended to incorporate the recommended changes adopted by the Commission.

41:06:43:01. Archery elk hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses available -- Season dates. The archery elk hunting season is open from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset each day of the season. No more than ~~447~~ 200 "any elk" licenses and ~~70~~ 150 "antlerless elk" licenses may be issued for the archery elk hunting season. The archery elk hunting season for Units AAE-H1A, AAE-H2A, AAE-H3A, AAE-H4A, AAE-H5A, AAE-H7A, and AAE-H9A is open from September 1 through September 30.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

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

Not applicable.

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