

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Custer State Park Early Archery Elk Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:28

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| 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: September 1-30, 2022
September 1-30, 2023

Licenses: 4 resident "Any Elk" licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. The unit is open within the boundaries of Custer State Park.
2. Any elk that is harvested must be inspected by a Department representative within 24 hours after kill.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Adjust the total number of available licenses from 3 "any elk" to no more than 10 "any elk" 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.

| Year | Licensed Hunters | 1st Choice Applicants | Success Rate | Elk Harvested |
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| 2012 | 3 | 2,078 | 0% | 0 |
| 2013 | 3 | 2,740 | 100% | 3 bulls |
| 2014 | 4 | 3,023 | 100% | 4 bulls |
| 2015 | 4 | 3,600 | 75% | 3 bulls |
| 2016 | 3 | 3,707 | 33% | 1 bull |
| 2017 | 3 | 3,704 | 33% | 1 bull |
| 2018 | 3 | 3,772 | 67% | 2 bulls |
| 2019 | 3 | 4,055 | 100% | 3 bulls |
| 2020 | 3 | 4,353 | 33% | 1 bull |
| 2021 | 3 | 4,456 | 33% | 1 bull |

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DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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

41:06:28:01. Custer State Park early archery elk hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses -- Season dates. The Custer State Park early archery elk hunting season is open one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset each day and is restricted by chapter 41:06:07. No more than ~~three~~ 10 "any elk" licenses may be issued for the Custer State Park early archery elk hunting season. The Custer State Park early archery elk hunting season is open from September 1 through September 30.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not Applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

Not Applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT

Not Applicable.

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