GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

Fall Wild Turkey Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:14

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal May 5-6, 2022 Custer State Park
Public Hearing July 7, 2022 Spearfish
Finalization July 7-8, 2022 Spearfish

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2022 and 2023 hunting seasons

Season Dates: November 1 – January 31

Licenses: Black Hills: 200 resident and 16 nonresident single tag “any turkey” licenses
Prairie Units: Residents: 1,700 single tag and 50 double tag “any turkey” licenses
Nonresidents: 72 single and 4 double tag “any turkey” licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:
1. One-half of the fall turkey licenses are available for landowner preference applicants.
2. A person may not use any firearm on the south unit and the signed portion of the north unit of
   the Bureau of Land Management Fort Meade Recreation Area.
3. No person may shoot a turkey that is in a tree or roost.

Proposed changes from last year:
1. Adjust the maximum number of licenses available in administrative rule for the Black Hills unit
   from no more than 100 to 500 one-tag any turkey licenses may be issued to residents.
2. Adjust the maximum number of licenses available in administrative rule for the prairie units from
   no more than 400 to 2,500 one-tag any turkey licenses and 35 to 2,000 double-tag any turkey
   licenses may be issued to residents.
3. Establish or modify the following prairie units: 02A (portion of Pennington County), 08A (Davison
   and Hanson counties); 13A (Brule and Buffalo counties), 15A (Butte County and a portion of
   Lawrence County), 18A (Aurora and Douglas counties), 21A (portions of Custer and Pennington
   counties), 24A (Dewey and Ziebach counties), 27A (portion of Fall River County), 29A (Grant
   County), 30A (Gregory County), 31A (Haakon County), 35A (Harding County), 41A (Jones
   County), 45A (Lyman County), 49A (portions of Meade and Pennington counties), 50A (Mellette
   County), 60A (Tripp County), and 67A (Todd County).

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The proposed maximum number of fall turkey 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.

Harvest management strategy table of the Wild Turkey Action Plan and updated unit-specific
population objectives provided guidance for the recommended changes to the respective fall turkey
hunting units.

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

**41:06:14:01. Fall turkey hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses.** The fall wild turkey hunting season is open from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily beginning on November 1 through January 31. No more than 500 400 one-tag any turkey licenses may be issued to residents for the Black Hills fall turkey hunting season. No more than 2,500 400 one-tag any turkey licenses and 2,000 35 double-tag any turkey licenses may be issued to residents for the prairie fall turkey hunting season.

**41:06:14:02.01. Prairie units.** The following is a description of the open prairie units:

1. Unit PFT-01A: Minnehaha County. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow;

2. Unit PFT-02A: that portion of Pennington County east of the Cheyenne River;

3. Unit PFT-06A: that portion of Brookings County east of Interstate 29. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow;

4. Unit PFT-07A: Yankton County;

5. Unit PFT-08A: Those portions of Davison and Hanson Counties within a line beginning at the junction of 403rd Avenue and 247th Street, then east on 247th Street to its junction with 413th Avenue, then south on 413th Avenue to its junction with Interstate 90, then west on Interstate 90 to its junction with 403rd Avenue, then north on 403rd Avenue to the point of beginning. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow;

6. Unit PFT-12A: Bon Homme County;

7. Unit PFT-13A: Brule and Buffalo County counties;

8. Unit PFT-15A: Butte County and that portion of Lawrence County north of Interstate 90;

9. Unit PFT-17A: Charles Mix County, excluding Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge, and Douglas County;

10. Unit PFT-18A: Aurora and Douglas counties;

11. Unit PFT-19A: Clay County;

12. Unit PFT-21A: that portion of Custer County east of State Highway 79 and that portion of Pennington County south of Interstate 90 between State Highway 79 and the Cheyenne River;

13. Unit PFT-23A: Deuel County: A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow;

14. Unit PFT-24A: Dewey and Ziebach counties;

15. Unit PFT-27A: that portion of Fall River County not included in Unit BFT-BH1;

16. Unit PFT-29A: Grant County;

17. Unit PFT-30A: Gregory County;
(18) Unit PFT-31A: Haakon County;
(19) Unit PFT-35A: Harding County;
(20) Unit PFT-41A: Jones County;
(21) Unit PFT-36A: Hughes County, excluding Farm Island Recreation Area, LaFramboise Island Nature Area, and department land from the Pierre city limits to Farm Island Recreation Area;
(22) Unit PFT-37A: Hutchinson County. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow;
(23) Unit PFT-39A: Jackson County;
(24) Unit PFT-40A: Jerauld County;
(25) Unit PFT-44A: Lincoln County;
(26) Unit PFT-45A: Lyman County;
(27) Unit PFT-48A: those portions of Marshall County south and east of State Highway 25 and north of State Highway 10 and Roberts County. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow;
(28) Unit PFT-49A: those portions of Meade County not included in Units BFT-BH1 and PFT-53A, and that portion of Pennington County north of Interstate 90, west of the Cheyenne River;
(29) Unit PFT-50A: Mellette County;
(30) Unit PFT-52A: Moody County. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow;
(31) Unit PFT-53A: Perkins County and that portion of Meade County north of U.S. Highway 212;
(32) Unit PFT-60A: Tripp County;
(33) Unit PFT-61A: Turner County; and
(34) Unit PFT-62A: Union County; and
(35) Unit PFT-67A: Todd County.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA
Not applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA
1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user’s ability to participate? No.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Yes.
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? Yes.

FISCAL IMPACT
Minimal increase in license sales revenue.

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