

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Early Fall Canada Goose Chapters 41:06:50

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>March 3-4, 2022</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>May 5, 2022</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>May 5-6, 2022</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**Duration of Proposal:** 2022 hunting season

**Season Dates:** September 1 - 30, 2022

**Open Area:** Unit 1 (see map below)

**Daily Limit:** 15 Canada Geese

**Possession Limit:** 45 Canada Geese

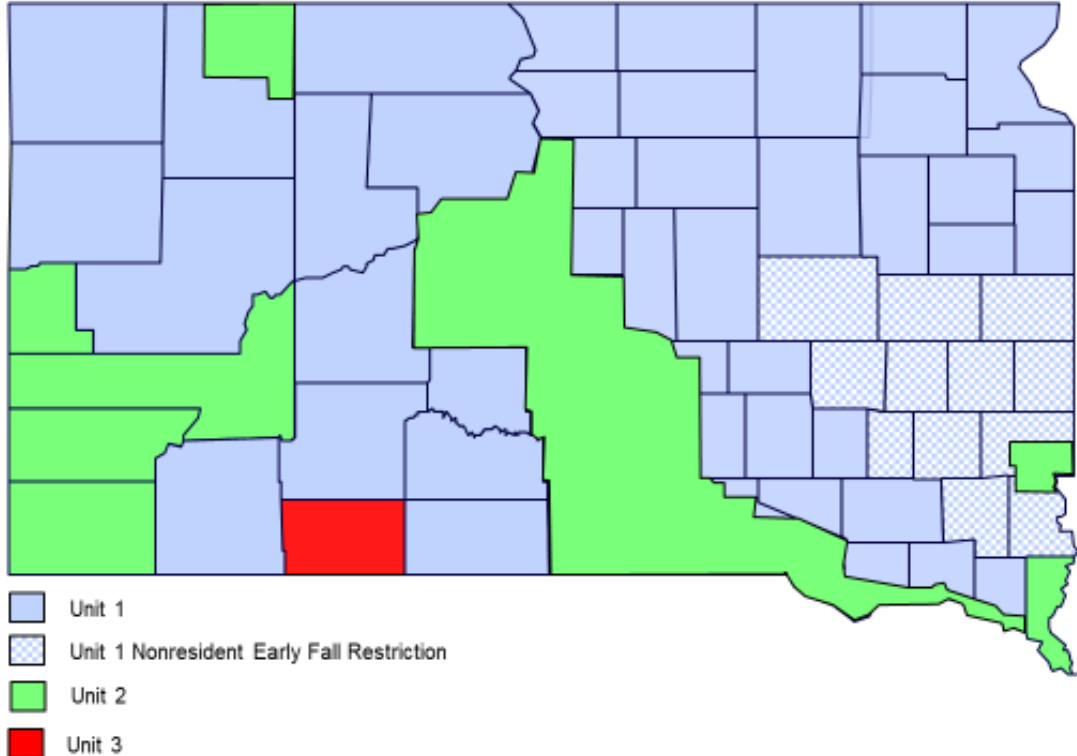
**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

**Proposed changes from last year:**

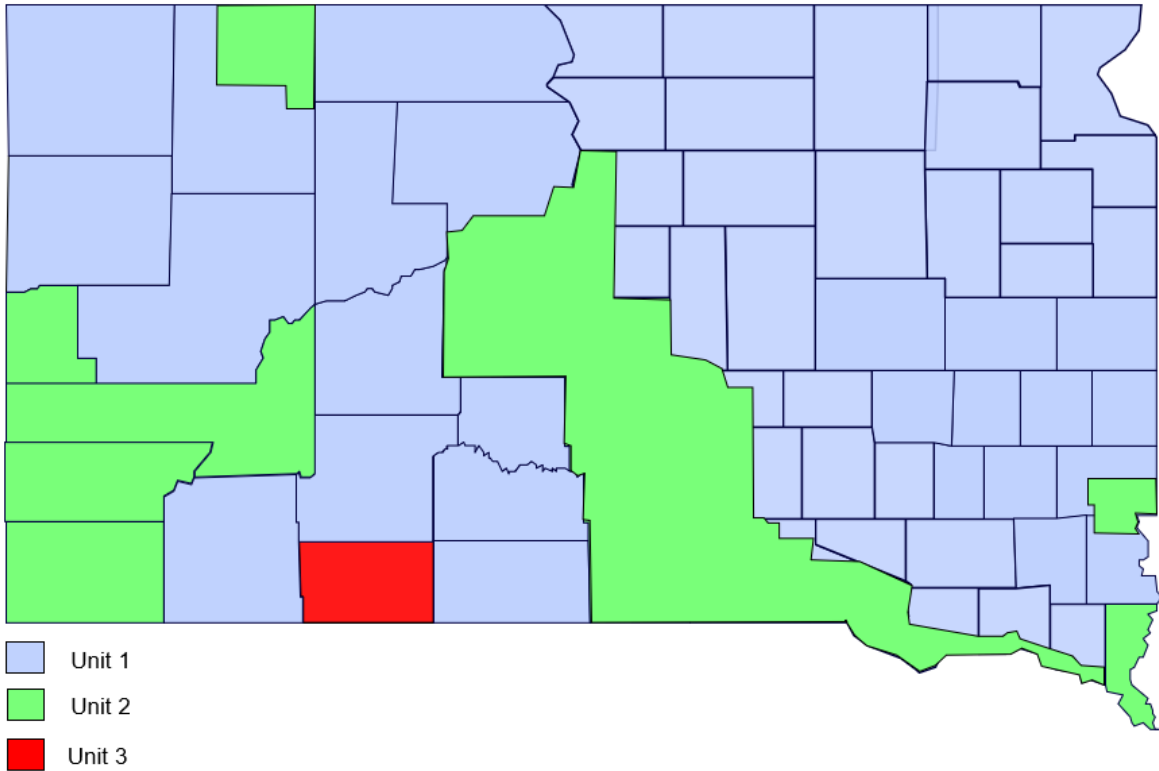
1. Remove restriction for nonresident hunters in the counties of Beadle, Brookings, Hanson, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, McCook, Miner, Moody, Sanborn, Turner, Union, and Minnehaha counties.

Current Canada Goose Units



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### Recommended Canada Goose Units



### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Total Hunters	Geese Harvested	Average Season Bag
2016	3,152	275	3,366	20,735	8.2
2017	2,997	213	3,226	27,660	8.0
2018	2,507	229	2,716	25,808	6.6
2019	2,777	207	3,000	17,904	7.0
2020	3,450	408	3,858	21,054	8.8

Year	Nonresident Hunters
2012	526
2013	373
2014	396
2015	327
2016	236
2017	252
2018	229
2019	242
2020	464

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Current administrative rule found below restricts nonresident license sales for the early fall Canada goose hunting season to no more than 2,000.

**41:06:16:11. Maximum number of nonresident waterfowl licenses -- Open units -- Dates -- License restrictions.** The maximum number of nonresident waterfowl licenses to be issued by lottery is 4,000 special nonresident waterfowl licenses, 2,000 early fall Canada goose temporary nonresident licenses, 2,000 fall three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses, 100 nonresident youth waterfowl licenses, and 10,000 spring snow goose temporary nonresident licenses divided for administrative purposes as follows:

(3) Unit NRW-00C: those counties as described in § 41:06:50:02. No more than 2,000 early fall Canada goose temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued;

#### DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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

~~**41:06:50:04. Eligibility requirements and restrictions.** Nonresidents may not hunt early fall Canada goose in the counties of Beadle, Brookings, Hanson, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, McCook, Miner, Moody, Sanborn, Turner, Union, and Minnehaha.~~

#### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue –Very few nonresident hunters take advantage of the current areas open to nonresident Early Fall Canada goose hunting. This proposal will reduce unnecessary regulatory complexity, increase goose hunting opportunity for some nonresidents, and perhaps increase goose harvest in southeastern South Dakota.
2. Historical Considerations – Not applicable
3. Biological Considerations – It is a priority of the Department to increase harvest rates on locally breeding Canada geese. This restriction is not biologically needed and runs contrary to management objectives.
4. Social Considerations – As with all nonresident opportunity in South Dakota there is a perception that any increase in nonresident opportunity will take away opportunity for residents.
5. Financial considerations – There could potentially be a small financial gain for the department through the sale of additional nonresident licenses for this season.

#### 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?
  - Provides some additional opportunity for nonresidents to hunt Canada geese in South Dakota.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Unknown

#### FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impacted expected.

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