

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Hunting Requirements and Prohibited Methods

Chapter 41:06:04

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

Proposed changes from last year:

1. To address an administrative rule clean up that was overlooked during the rule-making process when the GFP Commission modified cervid carcass transportation and disposal regulations in May of 2021 (refer to handout).

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Exposure to an area where a CWD-positive carcass has decomposed could be enough to cause infection in cervids. This unnatural dispersal of CWD-infected cervid carcasses by hunters from the location of harvest from a CWD infected area to an uninfected area is a concern. This concern is valid even with carcass movement amongst infected areas between hunting units, as prevalence rates likely vary spatially amongst and between hunting units. Due to this risk of potential environmental contamination, it is important that the carcasses of cervids possibly infected with CWD, including all bones and other waste from taxidermy and butchering be disposed of in a way that protects uninfected cervids from exposure.

Justification for these proposed changes is to simplify regulations for hunters and other stakeholders, implement proactive versus reactive regulations to reduce the spread of CWD, and to provide hunters the option to transport harvested deer and elk to their choice of game processor, taxidermist or location of private processing/taxidermy by regulating the disposal of carcass parts.

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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

41:06:03:19. Carcass disposal for wildlife processing facilities. Wildlife processing facilities, as defined by § 41:06:03:10, shall dispose of all remaining cervid carcass parts ~~obtained from outside this state~~ with a waste management provider or permitted landfill. Game processors licensed by another state or federal entity shall dispose of carcasses as required by the conditions associated with their license.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____