Mourning Dove Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:40

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Proposed changes from last year:

1. To allow for mourning dove hunting at Shadehill State Recreation Area in Perkins County.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Department staff have determined that mourning dove hunting can occur at Shadehill State Recreation Area (purple area in map below) to provide additional hunting opportunities without compromising the objectives and services provided of the recreation area.
DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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

41:06:40:05. Restrictions. Mourning dove hunting restrictions are as follows:

(1) Doves may be shot only in flight; and
(2) All state parks and state recreation areas are closed to dove hunting except Angostura State Recreation Area excluding that portion of the area lying east of the dam and Shadehill State Recreation Area.

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, by providing mourning dove hunting opportunities to a public area where this activity is currently prohibited.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Provides mourning dove hunting opportunity to an area with great habitat and access.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Yes.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.