

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Sage Grouse Hunting Season

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

Duration of Recommendation: 2022 hunting season

Season Dates: Closed

Recommended changes from last year: None

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Retaining a season closure is being recommended based on the season recommendation guidelines found within the “South Dakota Greater Sage-Grouse, 2022-2026”. Results from the 2021 spring lek surveys indicated 173 (158 in 2020) males counted on all leks. The 2022 spring lek surveys are still in progress and will be completed in mid-May. Regardless of lek survey results, total number of males for 2 consecutive years will not exceed the threshold identified in the management plan.

Population Index

≥ 300 males counted on all leks in Butte and Harding counties for 2 consecutive years

< 300 males counted on all leks in Butte and Harding counties OR ≥ 300 males counted on all leks in Butte and Harding counties for only 1 year

Hunting Season Recommendation

Option for short (~2-4 day) hunting season in Harding County and Butte County west of US HWY 85, limit 1 sage-grouse per hunter per season. Random drawing for up to 40 access permits

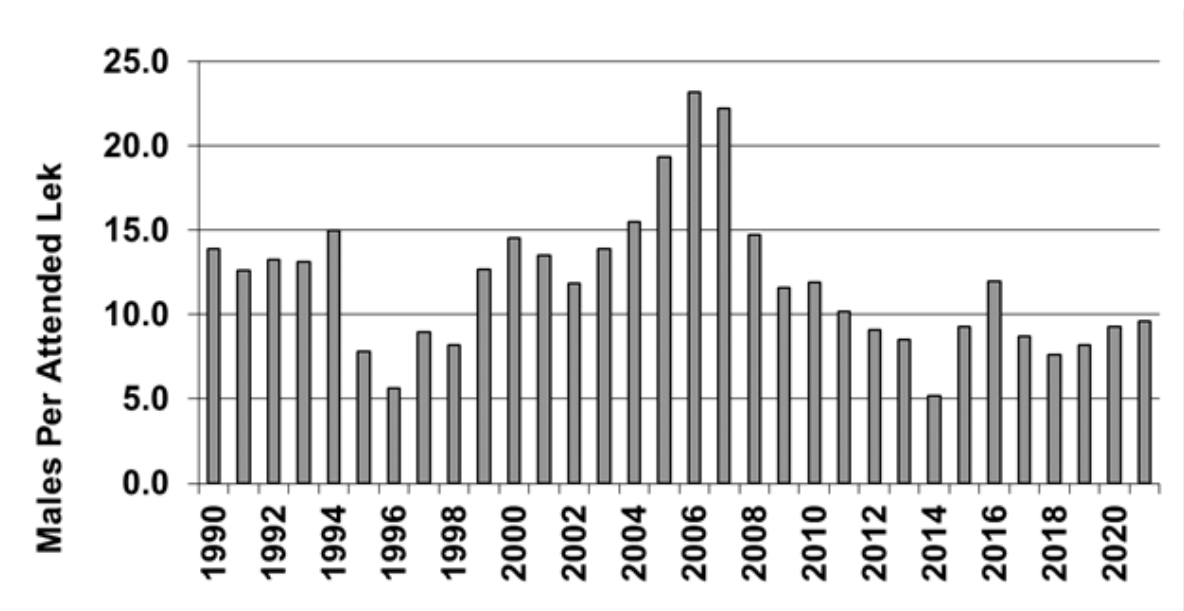
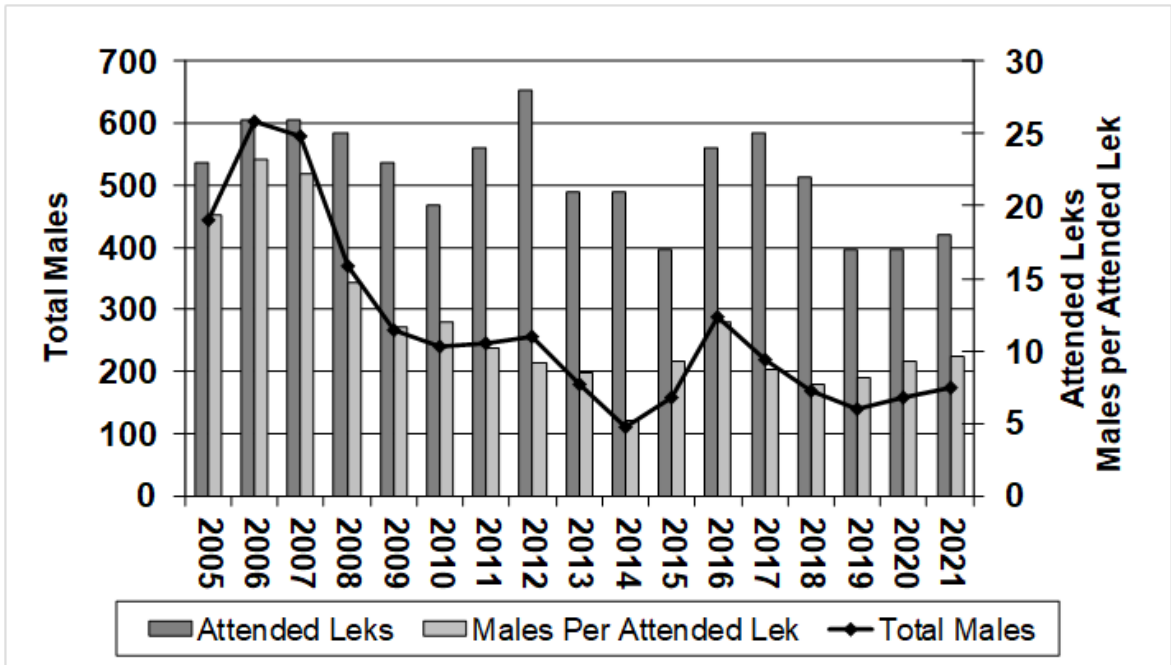
No Hunting Season

Year	Hunters	Harvest
2004	53	25
2005	40	26
2006	46	15
2007	25	10
2008	24	17
2009	20	7
2010	26	12
2011	27	11
2012	35	9
2013-2015	Season Closed	
2016*	30	10
2017-2021	Season Closed	

*Number of hunters and harvest based on hunter harvest survey results of those hunters who were successful in drawing a sage grouse hunting permit.

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 NO ACTION _____

Sage Grouse Lek Survey Results, 2005-2021.



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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.

Not applicable

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

- 1. The Issue – Not applicable
- 2. Historical Considerations – Not applicable
- 3. Biological Considerations – Not applicable
- 4. Social Considerations – Not applicable
- 5. Financial considerations – Not applicable

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

- 1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user’s ability to participate? Not applicable.
- 2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Not applicable.
- 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? Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

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