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South Dakota - Game, Fish, and Parks

Petition for Rule Change

A new form was just submitted from the http://gfp.sd.gov/ website with the following information:

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Rule Identification:	41:04:02:51(1)
Decribe Change:	I am requesting the 5-mph restriction on Deerfield Reservoir be modified to read 25-mph.
Reason for Change:	Deerfield is the second largest lake in the Black Hills (420 acres) and is an under utilized resource because of an outdated restriction and lack of management by other controlling agencies. There is no underlying reason why the 5-mph regulation exists or its intended purpose. I believe many years ago it was merely a nice gesture to give anglers a lake without the pestering of other water activities. It may have been a nice gesture 35 years ago, but the regulation is no longer practical. Winter activities allow unrestricted travel on Deerfield, snowmobiles cruise down the lake that are dotted with ice fishermen and ice houses, and have done so for years without any problems. Ice racing on the reservoir is annual event as well as other activities. Data indicates the reservoir is under utilized during the summer months. Creel survey conducted in 2016 during the month of August, at the summer peak of water activities, indicate a total of 38 surveys where conducted with 32% of them boaters. That's approximately 12 boaters where surveyed. Deerfield reservoir is 74 years old and is a valuable resource. It was only 5 years ago that Deerfield finally got a serviceable boat ramp with a dock, thanks for federal dollars from the Resource Advisory Committee (RAC), the South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks, and Walleyes Unlimited, Its time to make some changes and allow the public a chance to better utilize this resource.