

# Public Comments

## Other

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**Comment:**

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To the SD Game, Fish and Parks Commission,

SDCL 1-26-4 (6) provides for a comment deadline that is seventy-two hours before the public hearing, which does not include the day of the hearing:

SDCL 1-26-4 (6) If the authority promulgating the rule is a secretary, commissioner, or officer, the agency shall accept written comments regarding the proposed rule for a period of ten days after the public hearing. If the authority promulgating the rule is a part-time citizen board, commission, committee, or task force, each interested person shall submit written comments at least seventy-two hours before the public hearing. The seventy-two hours does not include the day of the public hearing. The written comments may be submitted by mail or email. The record of written comments may be closed at the conclusion of the public hearing. The hearing may be continued for the purpose of taking additional comments;

When the public hearing is held on a Thursday in a town in SD that is located in the Central Time Zone, that deadline is normally Sunday night just before midnight Central Time. When the public hearing is held on a Thursday in a town located in Mountain Daylight Time Zone, the deadline should be Sunday night just before midnight Mountain Time.

The September meeting was held in Rapid City, but SD GFP illegally cut off comments at midnight Central Time. PHAS protested this illegal action. This precludes folks from having a reasonable opportunity to comment, as the deadline used by GFP was incorrect.

Once again you have a public hearing that is being held in Mountain Time. We are sending this letter between midnight Central Time and midnight Mountain Time as a test to see if SDGFP has cured it's deadline problem and re-programed its' comment gate keeper to use midnight in the correct time zone and the correct cut-off. It is 11:15 pm MT.

Sincerely,

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President  
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