

**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL**

**SPEARING
Chapter 41:07:06**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 16 – 17, 2020	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	September 2, 2020	Rapid City
	Finalization	September 2 – 3, 2020	Rapid City

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1. Create a gamefish spearing season on the Missouri River from the Nebraska – South Dakota border up to Ft. Randall dam, May 1 – March 31, to match the season dates below other Missouri River dams.
2. Extend gamefish spearing hours for legal spear, legal speargun, legal crossbow and bow and arrow to one-half hour after sunset.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. Currently there is no gamefish spearfishing season on the Missouri River from the Nebraska - South Dakota border up to Ft. Randall dam. To standardize spearfishing regulations in this area with other Missouri River dam tailrace areas, a May 1 – March 31 is recommended.
2. This was requested by a spearer. According to surveyed spearers, as with rod and reel angling, the last hour of light is one of the best times to spearfish. Currently gamefish can be taken with legal spear, legal speargun, legal crossbow and bow and arrow, one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Extending the hours to one-half hour after sunset will allow for additional opportunity for those spearers who choose to utilize it. Rough fish spearing is currently allowed 24 hours a day.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not Applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R#) 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?

Opportunity to spear game fish is increased by opening a new area to game fish spearing and extending the hours it can occur.

3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists?

There is no impact to the next generation.

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4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors?

The recommended changes increase opportunity.

APPROVE

MODIFY

REJECT

NO ACTION