

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

**Mourning Dove Hunting Season  
Chapter 41:06:40:01**

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>March 9-10, 2023</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>May 11, 2023</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>May 11-12, 2023</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2023 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** September 1, 2023 – Nov 9, 2023

**Open Area:** Statewide

**Daily Limit:** 15 mourning doves

**Possession Limit:** 45 mourning doves

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

None.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Summary comparison of the 2012 - 2021 mourning dove seasons

Year	<i>Residents</i>					<i>Nonresidents</i>				
	<i>Number Hunters</i>	<i>Harvest</i>	<i>Ave Day Hunted</i>	<i>Ave Bag</i>	<i>Satisfaction</i>	<i>Number Hunters</i>	<i>Harvest</i>	<i>Ave Day Hunted</i>	<i>Ave Bag</i>	<i>Satisfaction</i>
2012	5,984	88,036	4.16	14.71	4.99	366	7,071	3.19	19.78	5.78
2013	6,752	113,367	4.56	16.79	5.06	210	2,061	2.67	9.80	5.27
2014	8,345	167,407	4.67	20.06	5.05	316	3,991	2.95	12.62	5.71
2015	7,255	127,217	4.66	17.53	5.07	396	7,705	3.29	19.46	5.83
2016	7,131	122,876	4.19	17.23	4.89	318	3,601	2.79	11.32	5.59
2017	6,828	124,052	4.11	18.17	5.12	275	3,463	3.79	12.58	4.63
2018	6,531	120,835	4.16	18.50	5.12	275	3,571	3.22	13.00	5.72
2019	6,003	102,771	3.92	17.12	5.14	290	3,827	3.15	13.20	4.85
2020	6,844	122,464	4.45	17.89	5.21	416	7,158	3.55	17.23	6.06
2021	6,298	107,736	4.04	17.11	5.15	393	6,923	3.35	17.62	5.38

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

None.

## RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue
  - Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented?
  - NA
2. Historical Considerations
  - NA
3. Biological Considerations
  - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?
  - NA
4. Social Considerations
  - NA
5. Financial considerations
  - NA

## RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

## FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact is expected to the Department.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Duck Hunting Season

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### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2023/24 hunting season

**Season Dates and Open Areas:**

High Plains Zone:	October 7, 2023 – January 11, 2024
Low Plains North & Low Plains Middle Zone:	September 23, 2023 – December 5, 2023
Low Plains South Zone:	October 21, 2023 – January 2, 2024

**Daily Limits:**

**Tier 1 Option (Traditional Daily Bag Limit)**

- Ducks: 6     The duck daily limit (including mergansers) may be comprised of no more than: 5 mallards (which may include no more than 2 hens), 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks, 1 pintail and 1 scaup.
- 2     Bonus blue-winged teal (first 16 days of the season only)  
 Low Plains North & Low Plains Middle Zones: September 23 – October 8, 2023  
 Low Plains South Zone: October 21 – November 5, 2023  
 High Plains Zone: October 7 – 22, 2023

Coots: 15

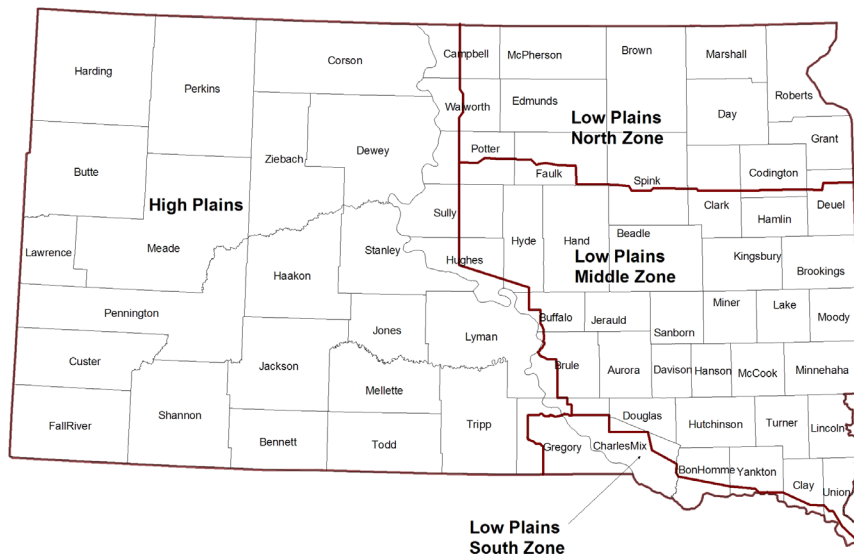
**Tier 2 Option (3-Splash Daily Bag Limit)**

Ducks: 3     The duck daily limit (including mergansers) may be comprised of three of any species or gender.

Coots: 15

**Possession Limits:** Three times the daily bag limits.

### Duck Hunting Zones



**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

None.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Comparison of the 2016 - 2021 duck season statistics

Year	Resident Hunters					Nonresident Hunters				
	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Day Hunted	Ave Bag	Satisfaction	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Day Hunted	Ave Bag	Satisfaction
2016	10,533	143,749	7.18	13.65	4.81	3,832	41,356	4.70	10.79	4.75
2017	10,557	143,976	6.90	13.64	5.05	4,159	45,344	4.31	10.90	5.14
2018	10,271	134,307	6.88	13.08	4.99	4,051	41,515	4.31	10.25	5.11
2019	11,295	176,885	7.30	15.66	5.17	4,423	52,225	4.47	11.81	5.38
2020	12,285	190,515	7.75	15.51	5.15	4,274	51,169	4.36	11.97	5.38
2021	10,634	151,207	7.37	14.22	5.10	4,442	47,802	4.28	10.76	5.18

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

None.

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

1. The Issue
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  - NA
2. Historical Considerations
  - NA
3. Biological Considerations
  - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?
  - NA
4. Social Considerations
  - NA
5. Financial considerations
  - NA

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact is expected to the Department.

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# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Early Fall Canada Goose

Chapters 41:06:50

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### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2023 hunting season

**Season Dates:** September 1 - 30, 2023      **Open Area:** Unit 1 (see map below)

**Daily Limit:** 15 Canada Geese      **Possession Limit:** 45 Canada Geese

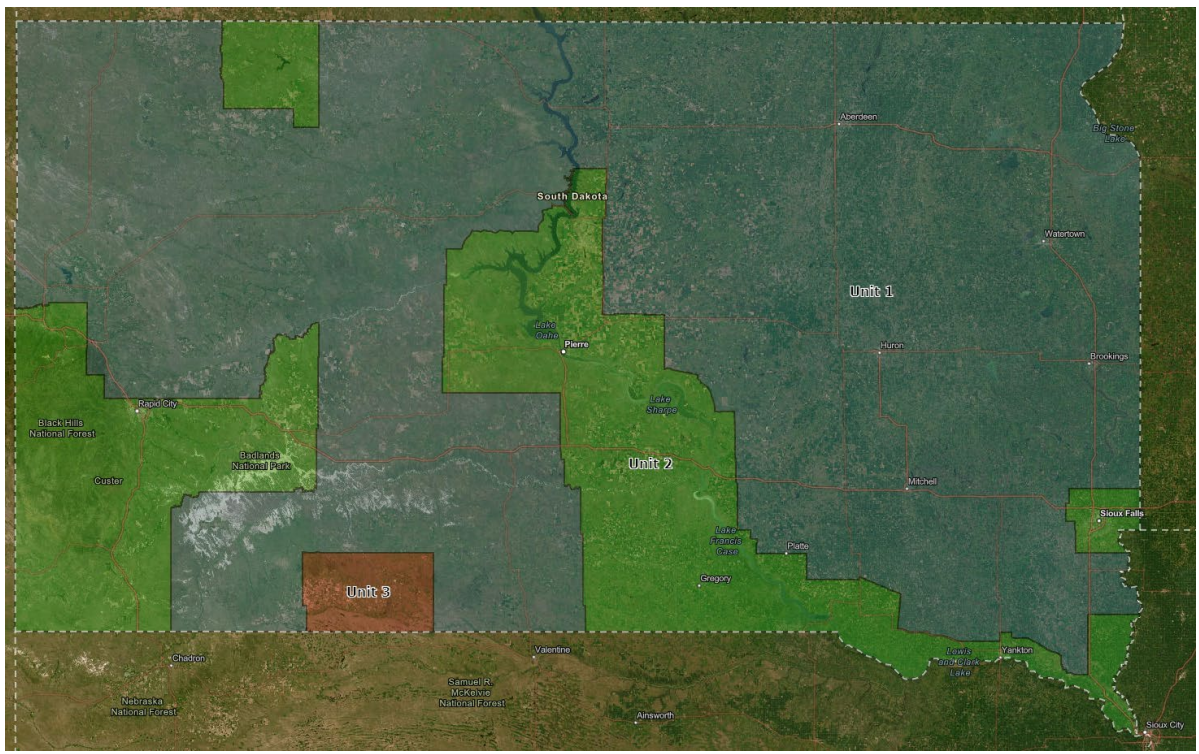
#### Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION



Comparison of the 2012 - 2021 Early Fall Canada goose harvest statistics

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number Hunters</i>	<i>Harvest</i>	<i>Average Season Bag</i>
2012	3,636	28,788	7.92
2013	4,528	29,887	6.60
2014	5,106	28,814	5.64
2015	3,883	20,735	5.34
2016	3,366	27,660	8.22
2017	3,226	25,808	8.00
2018	2,716	17,904	6.59
2019	3,000	21,054	7.02
2020	3,857	33,769	8.76
2021	3,671	33,179	9.04

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

None.

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

1. The Issue
  - Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented?
  - NA
2. Historical Considerations
  - NA
3. Biological Considerations
  - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?
  - Canada goose populations are currently above management objectives.
4. Social Considerations
  - NA
5. Financial considerations
  - NA

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact is expected to the Department.

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# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Sandhill Crane Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:18

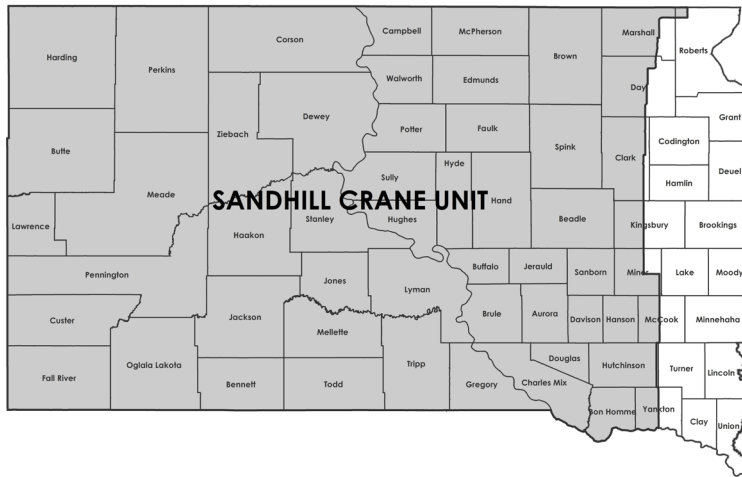
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### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2023 hunting season

**Season Dates:** September 23 – November 19, 2023

**Open Area:** That portion of the state lying west of a line beginning at the South Dakota-North Dakota border and State Highway 25, south on State Highway 25 to its junction with State Highway 34, east on State Highway 34 to its junction with U.S. Highway 81, then south on U.S. Highway 81 to the South Dakota-Nebraska border.



**Daily Limit:** 3 Sandhill cranes

**Possession Limit:** 9 Sandhill cranes

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
2. Nontoxic shot rules apply to Sandhill crane hunting.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

### DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

None.

### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue
  - Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented?
  - NA

2. Historical Considerations
  - NA
3. Biological Considerations
  - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?
  - NA
4. Social Considerations
  - NA
5. Financial considerations
  - NA

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact is expected to the Department.

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# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Common Snipe Hunting Season

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### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2023/2024 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** September 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023  
September 1, 2024 – October 31, 2024

**Open Area:** Statewide

**Daily Limit:** 5 snipe

**Possession Limit:** 15 snipe

### **Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.
2. Nontoxic shot rules apply to snipe hunting.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

### DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

None.

### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue
  - Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented?
  - NA
2. Historical Considerations
  - NA
3. Biological Considerations
  - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?
  - NA
4. Social Considerations
  - NA
5. Financial considerations
  - NA

### RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? NA

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

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact is expected to the Department.

**APPROVE** \_\_\_\_\_ **MODIFY** \_\_\_\_\_ **REJECT** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO ACTION** \_\_\_\_\_

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Tundra Swan Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:16

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### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2023/2024 hunting season

**Season Dates:** September 30, 2023 – January 5, 2024

**Open Area:** All counties east of the Missouri River except, for Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Clay, Douglas, Hutchinson, Lincoln, Turner, Union, and Yankton counties.

**Licenses:** 1,100 resident and 200 nonresident single tag licenses

### **Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Each resident and nonresident hunter may apply for and receive only one permit from the respective resident and nonresident permit pools in the first drawing. Nonresident permits are issued only in conjunction with a prerequisite nonresident waterfowl license and must be applied for at the same time.
2. For the second drawing, if permits remain unsold, only those residents and nonresidents who do not have a permit may submit one application for a permit remaining in the respective resident and nonresident pools.
3. For the third drawing, if any resident or nonresident permits remain unsold, any resident or nonresident may apply for a first or second permit but, in total, may only have up to two permits.
4. Licenses required include all licenses needed for waterfowl hunting.
5. One tag will be issued with each permit and each swan must be tagged immediately upon retrieval.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

None

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Comparison of the 2012 – 2021 Tundra Swan seasons

Year	Licenses Sold			Harvest (w/o cripples)	Avg Days Hunted	Percent Success	Average Satisfaction
	Resident	Nonres	Total				
2012	1,064	202	1,266	157	2.85	12%	4.97
2013	1,081	178	1,259	306	3.01	24%	5.31
2014	1,018	198	1,216	280	3.27	23%	5.11
2015	1,088	211	1,299	229	3.07	18%	5.09
2016	938	145	1,083	82	2.96	8%	4.81
2017	888	180	1,068	232	5.17	22%	5.10
2018	973	216	1,189	179	4.71	15%	4.85
2019	972	213	1,185	214	4.18	18%	5.11
2020	919	247	1,166	189	4.76	16%	4.76
2021	982	215	1,197	86	3.36	7%	4.49

### DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

None.

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

1. The Issue
  - Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented?
  - NA
2. Historical Considerations
  - NA
3. Biological Considerations
  - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?
  - NA
4. Social Considerations
  - NA
5. Financial considerations
  - NA

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact is expected to the Department.

**APPROVE** \_\_\_\_\_ **MODIFY** \_\_\_\_\_ **REJECT** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO ACTION** \_\_\_\_\_

# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Goose Hunting Season

Chapters 41:06:16

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**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

### AUGUST MANAGEMENT TAKE

**Duration of Proposal:** 2023 hunting season

**Season Dates:** August 19-31, 2023

**Open Area:** Meade County south of South Dakota Highway 34, Pennington County west of the Cheyenne River and the counties of Aurora, Beadle, Bon Homme, Brookings, Brown, Clark, Clay, Codington, Davison, Day, Deuel, Edmunds, Faulk, Hamlin, Hanson, Hutchinson, Grant, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, Marshall, McCook, McPherson, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Turner, Union and Yankton.

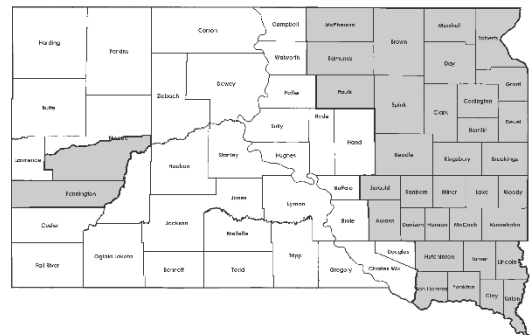
**Daily Bag Limit:** 15 Canada geese

**Possession Limit:** None

**Licenses:** Residents only

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Annual small game or combination license and state migratory bird certification. Federal waterfowl stamp is not required.
2. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
3. All other restrictions are the same as during the Early Fall and Regular Canada Goose Season.



■ Open Area

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

None.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Summary comparison of the 2010-21 August Management Take Canada goose seasons

Year	Hunters	Harvest	Average Days Hunted	Average Season Bag
2010	3,538	29,047	2.99	8.21
2011	3,211	30,300	2.74	9.44
2012	3,581	36,757	3.08	10.26
2013	2,345	18,592	3.42	7.93
2014	2,302	20,671	3.24	8.98
2015	1,686	10,221	3.03	6.06
2016-20*	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk
2021	2,463	24,942	2.33	10.13

\*The 2016-20 seasons were open only west of the Cheyenne River in Pennington County.

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

None.

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

1. The Issue
  - Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented?
  - NA
2. Historical Considerations
  - NA
3. Biological Considerations
  - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?
  - Locally breeding Giant Canada geese are currently above management objectives and can cause considerable agricultural damage and human safety concerns. The August Management Take is designed to put increased harvest pressure on these birds prior to an influx of migrating geese.
4. Social Considerations
  - NA
5. Financial considerations
  - NA

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact is expected to the Department.

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# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season

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### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2023 hunting season

**Season Dates:** September 9-10, 2023

**Open Area:** Statewide

**Daily Limit:** Same as for regular duck and goose seasons

**Possession Limit:** Same as for regular duck and goose seasons

### Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Residents and nonresidents who have not reached the age of 18 by the first day of the season may hunt in the youth waterfowl hunting season.
2. Each youth hunter must be accompanied by an adult while hunting.
3. The youth hunter must be properly licensed to hunt waterfowl in the state, unless participating under a Mentored Hunt scenario as described in "Mentored Youth Hunting".
4. All other hunting restrictions will be the same as during the regular waterfowl seasons.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

### DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

None.

### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue
  - Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented?
  - NA
2. Historical Considerations
  - NA
3. Biological Considerations
  - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?
  - NA
4. Social Considerations
  - NA
5. Financial considerations
  - NA

### RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA

3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact is expected to the Department.

**APPROVE** \_\_\_\_\_ **MODIFY** \_\_\_\_\_ **REJECT** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO ACTION** \_\_\_\_\_



# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Goose Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:16

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### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2023/2024 waterfowl hunting seasons

**Season Dates:**

Canada Geese (and Brant)

Unit 1: October 1 – December 16, 2023

Unit 2: November 6, 2023 – February 18, 2024

Unit 3: January 13-21, 2024

Light Geese

Statewide: September 23, 2023 – January 5, 2024

White-fronted Geese

Statewide: September 23, 2023 – December 5, 2023

**Daily Limits:**

Canada geese

Unit 1: 8

Unit 2: 4

Unit 3: 4

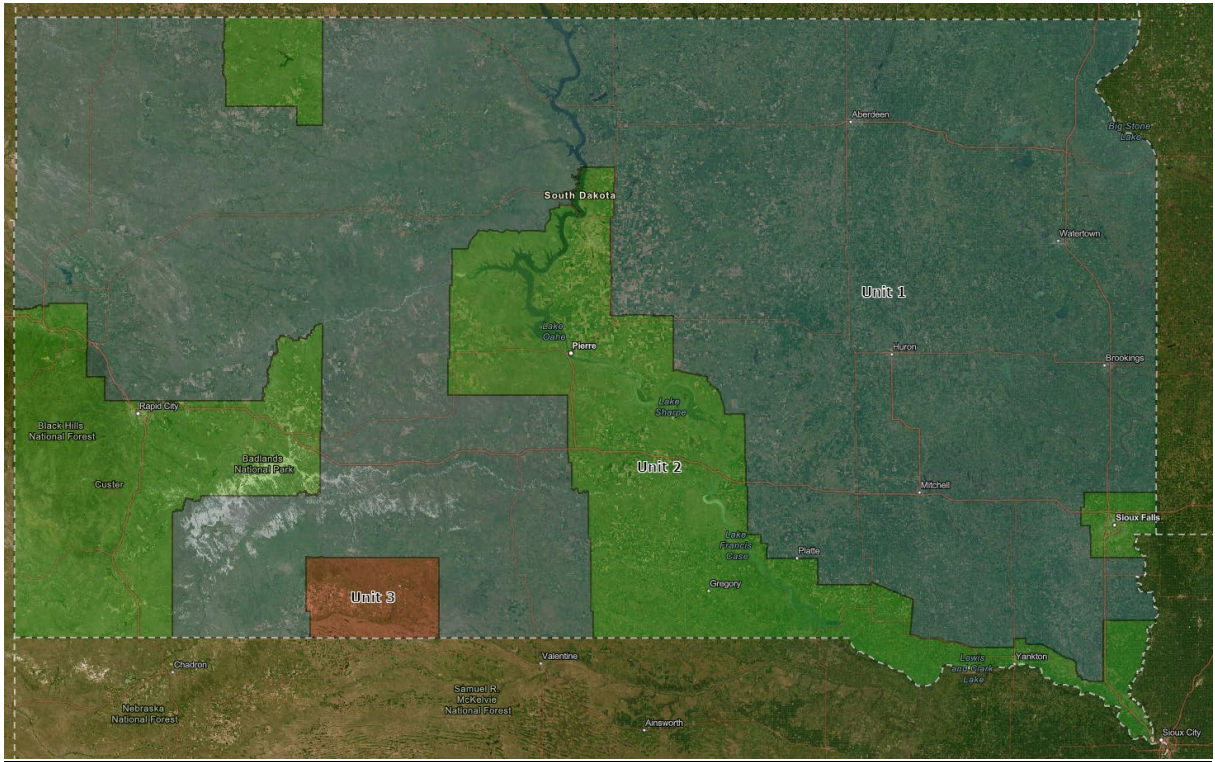
Light geese: 50

White-fronted goose: 3

**Possession Limits:**

Light geese: Unlimited

All other geese: Three times the daily limit



**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

None.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Comparison of the 2012 - 2021 Canada goose harvest statistics

Year	Resident Hunters					Nonresident Hunters				
	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag	Satisfaction	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag	Satisfaction
2012	13,725	157,363	7.61	11.47	5.19	2,277	7,054	4.37	3.10	5.44
2013	12,004	117,846	7.54	9.82	5.06	2,160	6,310	4.24	2.92	5.37
2014	12,130	97,956	6.92	8.08	4.96	1,969	5,193	4.31	2.76	5.22
2015	10,228	73,471	7.00	7.18	4.78	2,104	5,482	4.30	2.70	4.98
2016	9,964	85,809	6.98	8.61	4.87	2,046	5,485	4.51	2.77	4.86
2017	9,762	76,827	6.95	7.87	5.06	2,428	6,601	4.19	2.74	5.18
2018	8,633	63,848	6.67	7.40	4.93	2,289	5,638	4.17	2.52	5.11
2019	9,264	78,143	6.85	8.44	5.09	2,209	5,995	4.05	2.82	5.41
2020	10,356	93,682	6.96	9.05	5.07	2,199	6,924	3.96	3.15	5.38
2021	9,997	104,693	7.20	10.47	5.14	2,357	6,736	4.14	2.89	5.27

Comparison of the 2012 - 2021 regular season light goose harvests

Year	Residents					Nonresidents				
	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Day Hunted	Ave Bag	Satisfaction	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Day Hunted	Ave Bag	Satisfaction
2012	4,113	49,788	5.66	12.10	5.19	726	5,383	4.81	7.41	5.49
2013	3,747	46,871	5.25	12.51	5.01	641	6,451	4.85	10.06	5.48
2014	3,572	49,460	5.34	13.85	4.92	514	4,355	4.58	8.47	5.02
2015	3,096	37,266	5.66	12.04	4.78	519	3,492	4.71	6.72	4.83
2016	3,206	39,841	5.41	12.43	4.85	515	5,263	5.40	10.22	4.77
2017	4,159	70,772	6.05	17.02	5.09	1,013	13,972	4.27	13.80	5.22
2018	3,099	39,624	5.40	12.79	4.93	883	6,644	4.39	7.53	4.85
2019	3,060	41,524	4.85	13.57	5.18	774	5,714	4.61	7.38	5.55
2020	3,415	43,499	5.61	12.74	5.17	761	5,473	3.92	7.20	5.27
2021	2,799	50,282	5.51	17.97	5.26	788	8,980	4.15	11.40	5.38

Comparison of the 2012 - 2021 white-fronted goose harvests

Year	Residents				Nonresidents			
	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag, Season	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag, Season
2012	1,685	3,114	6.96	1.85	440	371	4.88	0.84
2013	1,098	1,694	5.83	1.54	224	197	5.13	0.88
2014	951	1,378	6.13	1.45	244	151	4.80	0.62
2015	1,097	1,618	5.93	1.47	275	201	5.20	0.73
2016	992	1,707	6.43	1.72	295	176	5.52	0.60
2017	1,185	2,286	6.30	1.93	354	292	5.00	0.83
2018	1,262	2,428	5.67	1.92	426	293	4.83	0.69
2019	1,015	2,176	4.60	2.14	358	601	4.78	1.68
2020	1,256	2,804	7.05	2.23	283	359	4.26	1.27
2021	1,358	3,748	5.61	2.76	466	1,071	4.33	2.30

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

None.

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

1. The Issue
  - Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented? NA
2. Historical Considerations. NA
3. Biological Considerations
  - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations? NA
4. Social Considerations. NA
5. Financial considerations. NA

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA

3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact is expected to the Department.

**APPROVE** \_\_\_\_\_ **MODIFY** \_\_\_\_\_ **REJECT** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO ACTION** \_\_\_\_\_

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Waterfowl Hunting Seasons

Chapter 41:06:16

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>March 9-10, 2023</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>May 11, 2023</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>May 11-12, 2023</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

#### Spring Light Goose Conservation Order.

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2024 hunting season

**Season Dates:** February 19 – May 15, 2024

**Open Area:** Statewide

**Daily Limit:** None

**Possession Limit:** None

#### **Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. With the exception of items 2-5, requirements and restrictions for the Conservation Order are the same as fall waterfowl hunting seasons.
2. The Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation stamp is not required.
3. The use of electronic calls is allowed.
4. Shotguns may be capable of holding more than three shells.
5. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Comparison of the 2013 - 2022 Conservation Order light goose statistics

Year	Residents			Nonresidents		
	Number Hunters	Harvest	Total Days Hunted	Number Hunters	Harvest	Total Days Hunted
2013	3,166	53,571	15,502	4,142	114,926	15,856
2014	2,159	41,386	11,832	4,514	107,730	17,949
2015	2,147	53,046	12,402	4,277	112,285	16,569
2016	1,866	36,572	9,485	3,843	89,627	15,076
2017	2,672	56,683	16,068	4,448	124,777	17,559
2018	2,736	51,260	14,029	4,643	114,819	18,548
2019	1,413	31,475	6,976	2,700	49,219	9,490
2020	2,078	31,164	11,197	2,830	65,682	11,498
2021	1,755	32,553	9,144	4,446	95,776	17,870
2022	2,101	51,071	10,856	4,329	118,576	17,610

### DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

None.

### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue
  - Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented?
  - NA

2. Historical Considerations
  - NA
3. Biological Considerations
  - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?
  - NA
4. Social Considerations
  - NA
5. Financial considerations
  - NA

#### **RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact is expected to the Department.

**APPROVE** \_\_\_\_\_ **MODIFY** \_\_\_\_\_ **REJECT** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO ACTION** \_\_\_\_\_

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Special Canada Goose Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:16:08

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>March 9-10, 2023</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>May 11, 2023</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>May 11-12, 2023</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2023 hunting season

**Season Dates:** 65 consecutive days beginning the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October

**Open Area:** Bennett County (Unit 3)

**Licenses:** 800 permits with 3-tags per permit

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licenses Available	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Applicants	Licenses Sold	Geese Harvested
2005	800	754	797	884
2006	800	799	800	1,136
2007	800	828	800	1,016
2008	800	740	800	720
2009	800	665	800	589
2010	800	524	800	810
2011	800	429	800	952
2012	800	406	800	1,139
2013	800	468	799	671
2014	800	412	800	585
2015	800	390	801	635
2016	800	370	799	410
2017	800	289	800	933
2018	800	241	799	598
2019	800	241	789	676
2020	800	188	754	731
2021	800	169	799	779

### DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

None.

## RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue
  - Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented? NA
2. Historical Considerations NA
3. Biological Considerations
  - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations? NA
4. Social Considerations. NA
5. Financial considerations. NA

## RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

## FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact is expected to the Department.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_



# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Waterfowl Hunting Seasons Chapter 41:06:16

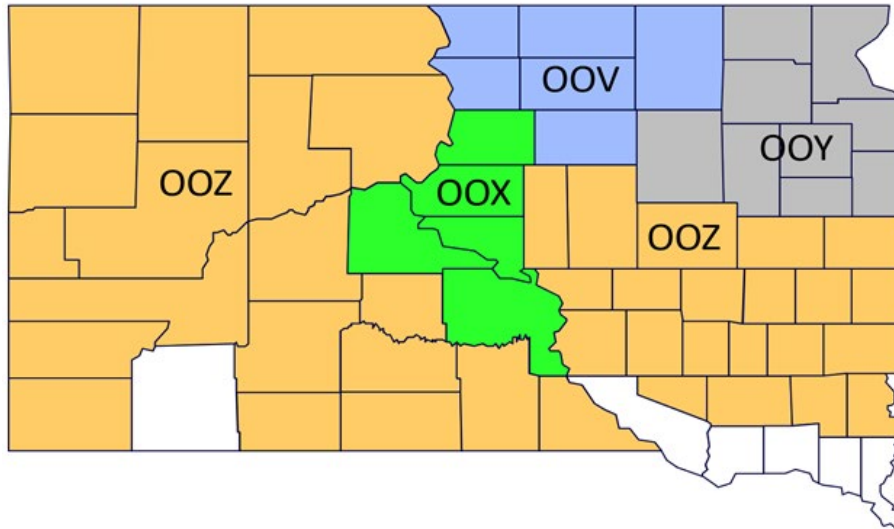
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### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

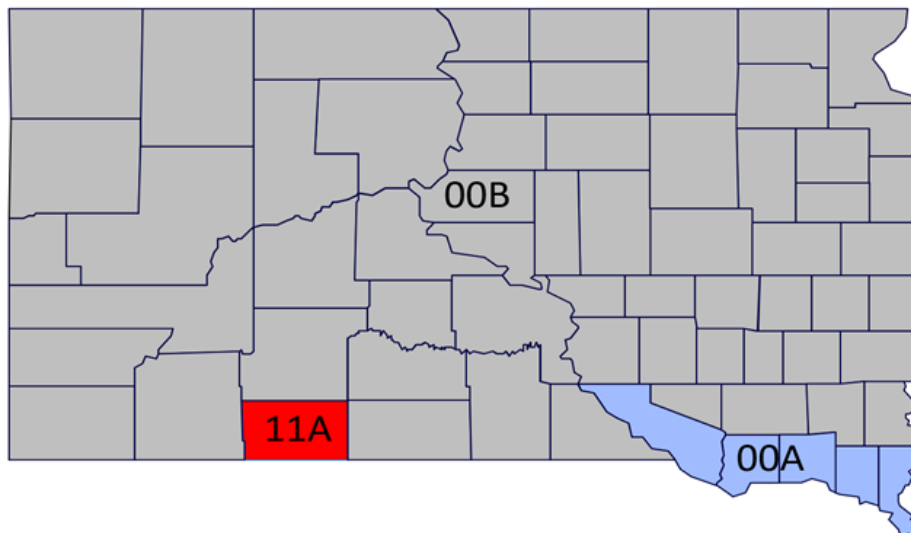
**Duration of Recommendation:** 2023/2024 waterfowl hunting seasons

**Licenses:** Nonresidents: Limited in all units and seasons (recommended 6,300)

Current 3-day Nonresident Waterfowl Units



Current 10-day and Season-long Nonresident Waterfowl Units



**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Increase the 2,000 3-day temporary nonresident licenses to 2,100.
2. Increase the 3,750 two 5-day nonresident licenses to 3,950.

**Nonresident Waterfowl System**

Season/Unit	Private/Public	Length	Description	2022 Licenses	Recommended 2023 Licenses
<b>NRW-00A</b>	Public and Private	Season long	Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Clay and Union counties	250	250
<b>NRW-00B</b>	Public and Private	Two 5-day periods	Statewide except 00A and 11A	3,725	3,925
<b>NRW-11A</b>	Public and Private	Two 5-day periods	Bennett County	25	25
<b>NRW-00V</b>	Private	3 day	Brown, Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, McPherson and Walworth counties	500	550
<b>NRW-00X</b>	Private	3 day	Hughes, Lyman, Potter, Stanley and Sully counties	750	750
<b>NRW-00Y</b>	Public and Private	3 day	Clark, Codington, Day, Duel, Grant, Hamlin, Marshall, Roberts and Spink counties	500	500
<b>NRW-00Z</b>	Private	3 day	Statewide except Unit 00A, 00X, 00V, 00Y and 11A	250	300

**Total      6,000      6,300**

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

In the past 17 years, resident migratory bird certificate sales dropped 29% from 33,950 in 2005 to 24,166 in 2022. A 5% license increase to nonresident waterfowl type 86 licenses would result in 300 additional licenses compared to the 9,784 fewer resident migratory bird certificates since 2005. The Nonresident Waterfowl System table above details proposed 5% nonresident license increase across current units. The recommendations will provide more opportunity in areas where it is difficult to draw licenses while still limiting licenses in the highest hunter density areas.

## DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

41:06:16:11. Maximum number of nonresident waterfowl licenses -- Open units -- Dates -- License restrictions. The maximum number of nonresident waterfowl licenses to be issued by lottery is ~~4,000~~ 4,200 special nonresident waterfowl licenses, 2,000 early fall Canada goose temporary nonresident licenses, ~~2,000~~ 2,100 fall three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses, 100 nonresident youth waterfowl licenses, and 10,000 spring snow goose temporary nonresident licenses divided for administrative purposes as follows:

(1) Unit NRW-00A: the counties of Union, Clay, Yankton, Bon Homme, and Charles Mix. No more than 250 special nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued;

(2) Unit NRW-00B: all open counties not in Units NRW-00A or NRW-11A. No more than ~~3,725~~ 3,925 special nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued;

(3) Unit NRW-00C: those counties as described in § 41:06:50:02. No more than 2,000 early fall Canada goose temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued;

(4) Unit NRW-11A: Bennett County. No more than 25 special nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued. The season in this unit is open for 65 consecutive days beginning on the third Saturday of October and during any period that Bennett County is open in January as described in subdivision 41:06:16:07(3);

(5) Unit NRW-00X: the counties of Potter, Stanley, Sully, Hughes, and Lyman. No more than 750 fall three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued. The licenses issued pursuant to this subdivision are valid only on private property;

(6) Unit NRW-OOV: the counties of Brown, Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, McPherson, and Walworth. No more than ~~500~~ 550 fall three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued. The licenses issued pursuant to this subdivision are valid only on private property;

(7) Unit NRW-00Y: the counties of Spink, Marshall, Roberts, Day, Grant, Clark, Codington, Deuel, and Hamlin. No more than 500 three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued;

(8) Unit NRW-OOZ: statewide except the counties in Units NRW-OOA, NRW-11A, NRW-OOV, NRW-OOX and NRW-OOY. No more than ~~250~~ 300 fall three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued. The licenses issued pursuant to this subdivision are valid only on private property;

(9) Unit NRW-ST1: statewide. No more than 10,000 spring snow goose temporary nonresident licenses may be issued. The licenses issued pursuant to this subdivision are valid only during a Conservation Order;

(10) Unit NYW-YW1: statewide. No more than 100 nonresident youth waterfowl licenses may be issued for the youth waterfowl season established in Chapter 41:06:49. A nonresident youth may also hunt during the youth waterfowl season with a valid waterfowl hunting license as provided for in this section.

Licenses issued under this section are valid only in the unit for which they are issued. Licenses for Unit NRW-11A include two tags for Canada geese. Each tag is valid for taking one Canada goose consistent with the provisions of § 41:06:16:09. Each goose shall be tagged immediately upon retrieval.

## RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

### 1. The Issue

- Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented? With the current number of resident hunters participating, increased opportunity for nonresident waterfowl hunting exists without undue impact to hunters or the resource. Standard public input through the commission process will be solicited regarding these proposed changes. Changes can be evaluated through harvest surveys to gauge participation and satisfaction levels of both resident and nonresident hunters.

### 2. Historical Considerations NA

### 3. Biological Considerations

- What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations? Waterfowl populations are generally strong in South Dakota and the Central Flyway. While breeding conditions across the prairie pothole region are constantly changing, current wetland habitat conditions in South Dakota are expected to be good to excellent. Duck harvest increases from the proposed changes to nonresident waterfowl will be minimal. Resident giant Canada goose populations are currently above management objective with increases likely for the foreseeable future. Increased harvest rates will be needed to manage the population at desired levels across the Central Flyway.
4. Social Considerations
    - The nonresident waterfowl issue is and will continue to be contentious issue, but given the large decrease in resident waterfowl hunter participation in the past 17 years, there is opportunity for nonresidents while still remaining well below hunter numbers in the early 2000s.
  5. Financial considerations As with most hunting activities, declining participation threatens funding for conservation, monitoring and management. While increases in financial return will be nominal, increased revenue through license sales is expected. Financial returns of the sporting goods and hospitality industry may also increase through these proposed changes.

**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, it slightly increases the number of licenses available for the season.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? This regulation would provide a slight increase in opportunity for current and new waterfowl hunters.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Yes.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There will be an increase in revenue from additional nonresident licenses.

<b>APPROVE</b> _____	<b>MODIFY</b> _____	<b>REJECT</b> _____	<b>NO ACTION</b> _____
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