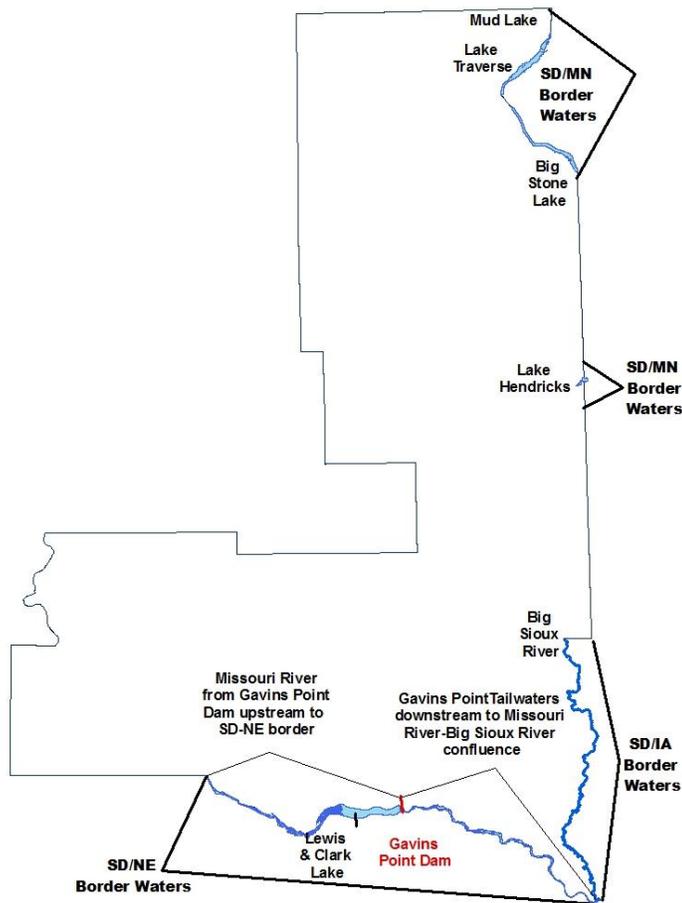


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This report summarizes results from the South Dakota border waters resident anglers' use and preferences survey. Responses were collected regarding current and future use of border waters in South Dakota, ease of understanding current fishing regulations, and opinions regarding standardization of border waters fishing regulations. A mix-mode survey using both the Internet and mail surveys was administered, resulting in a 58% overall response rate.

KEYWORDS: border waters; fishing regulations; standardization

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Executive Summary

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- A random sample of 2,000 resident anglers within a 28-county area of eastern South Dakota who purchased a fishing license in 2013 was sent a survey regarding border waters use and preferences. 1,099 anglers returned their survey for an adjusted response rate of 58%.
- 69% of anglers surveyed indicated they had not fished any of South Dakota's border waters within the past year, and 50% said they did not intend to in the future.
- 56% of border water anglers indicate they have/intend to fish the Nebraska/South Dakota border waters, and 44% have/intend to fish the East River (Minnesota and Iowa) border waters.
- 60% of border water anglers indicated they targeted multiple species, the majority of which targeted walleye/sauger and panfish (perch, sunfish, bluegills). 40% of border water anglers targeted a single species, the majority of which targeted walleye/sauger.
- 43% of border water anglers felt the regulations on border waters where they fished were *easy* or *very easy* to understand and follow; 15% felt they were *difficult* or *very difficult* to understand and follow.
- 61% of border water anglers felt the regulations for in-state waters were *easy* or *very easy* to understand and follow; 7% felt they were *difficult* or *very difficult* to understand and follow.
- 42% of border water anglers *support* or *strongly support* border water regulations being standardized with other waters in South Dakota, even if anglers licensed in different states may have different fishing regulations; 18% were *opposed* or *strongly opposed*.
- Even if it means giving up opportunity, 37% of border water anglers prefer that regulations on border waters are the same as waters completely within the state.
- 46% of border water anglers *support* or *strongly support* border waters regulations being the same for all anglers who fish the border waters, even if they differ from statewide; 14% were *opposed* or *strongly opposed*.
- Even if it means giving up opportunity, 45% of border water anglers prefer that regulations on border waters are the same for all anglers who fish the border waters.

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Introduction

South Dakota's Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) strives to keep fishing regulations as simple as possible while still having regulations in place that meet management objectives. Walleye and bass regulations for waters completely in South Dakota were simplified a few years ago, and panfish limits were also recently standardized statewide. In addition to the waters completely within South Dakota, GFP jointly manages with neighboring states (MN, IA, and NE) 9 border waters. Traditionally, attempts have been made to standardize fishing regulations on border waters, so anglers licensed in either border state have the same set of regulations they must follow, rather than having border water regulations the same as for waters completely within South Dakota. In the summer of 2013 GFP surveyed current resident anglers identified as potentially fishing border waters. The purpose of this survey was to collect information on angler use of border waters and preferences regarding standardization of border water fishing regulations.

This report summarizes results from the South Dakota border waters resident anglers' use and preferences survey. Responses were collected regarding current and future use of border waters in South Dakota, ease of understanding current fishing regulations, and opinions regarding standardization of border water fishing regulations.

Methods

Available angler use and harvest surveys for border waters were used to determine the appropriate sampling frame for border water anglers. Although the percentage of anglers varied by fishing location, the majority of anglers interviewed during these creel surveys indicated they travelled 50 miles or less, one-way, for the purpose of fishing. The sampling frame for this survey, therefore, consisted of resident anglers in 2013 whose residence was located in a county within 50 miles of one of South Dakota's managed border waters. Twenty-eight counties in Eastern South Dakota were identified as meeting this criterion.¹ At time of survey administration, there were approximately 55,000 licensed resident anglers within this area. A random sample of 2,000 resident anglers was surveyed regarding their use of border waters and preference for standardization of border water fishing regulations.

Approximately 58 percent of anglers (1,158) in the sample provided email addresses, and were subsequently sent an email invitation to complete the survey via the internet (appendix A). All online survey non-respondents and anglers without a valid email address were mailed a four-page questionnaire in August of 2013 following the Tailored Design Method (Dillman 2007). All survey data was analyzed using IBM SPSS Statistics 20 software package.

Results

A total of 1,099 responses were received. Adjusting for undeliverable addresses, the overall survey response rate was 58 percent. In total, 28 percent of responses were received via the online survey, and 72 percent were received via mail surveys. To avoid over or under representing anglers based on their county of residence, representativeness of responses was checked. No significant differences were found between the population and sample in proportions of anglers by county.

¹ Aurora, Bon Homme, Brookings, Brule, Charles Mix, Clark, Clay, Codington, Davison, Day, Deuel, Douglas, Grant, Gregory, Hamlin, Hanson, Hutchinson, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, Marshall, McCook, Minnehaha, Moody, Roberts, Turner, Union, Yankton

Participation and Use

Sixty-nine percent (764) of respondents indicated they had not spent time fishing on any of South Dakota's border waters in the past year. These anglers were asked to indicate the reasons they had not fished any of the border waters over the past year (figure 1). The number one reason indicated, by 55 percent (419) of non-participating anglers, was *fished waters closer to home*, and 32 percent (241) indicated they did not have enough time. Thirteen percent (97) of the non-participating anglers indicated other reasons, and when asked to specify, the reasons provided predominantly included fishing inland waters. Only two percent (17) of non-participating anglers said they did not fish border waters because the *regulations are too complex*.

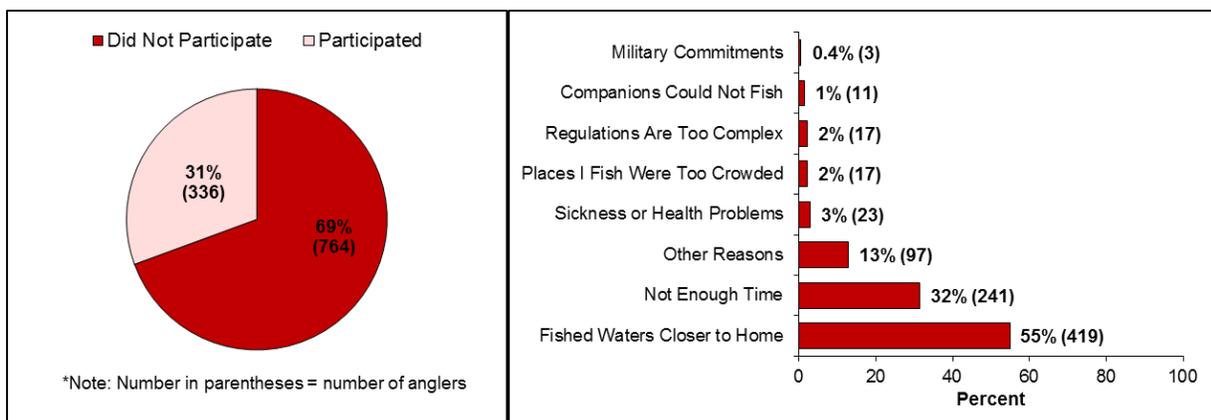


Figure 1: Resident anglers' reasons for not fishing SD border waters

Approximately half (546) of respondents indicated they intended to fish on South Dakota's border waters in the future, hereafter referred to as border water anglers. When asked which border waters they had fished or intended to fish, the top three locations were along the Missouri River (figure 2). The 9 border waters can be classified broadly by location into East River border waters (Big Stone Lake, Big Sioux River, Lake Traverse, Lake Hendricks, Mud Lake, and Bois de Sioux River) and Nebraska/South Dakota border waters (Missouri River below Gavins Point Dam, Missouri River above Lewis and Clark, and Lewis and Clark Lake).

Approximately 44 percent indicated when fishing border waters they fished only on NE/SD border waters (figure 3). Almost one-third (32%) indicated they fished only on East River border waters, and 24 percent fished both East River and NE/SD border waters.

In addition to indicating all the border waters where they fished, anglers were also asked to indicate the border water they fished most often. Nearly one-quarter (24%) of border water anglers fished most often the Missouri River below Gavins Point. Big Stone Lake ranked second with 20 percent of border water anglers (figure 4). When fishing border waters, a slight majority (56%) most often fished the NE/SD border waters, and 44 percent most often fished on the East River border waters.

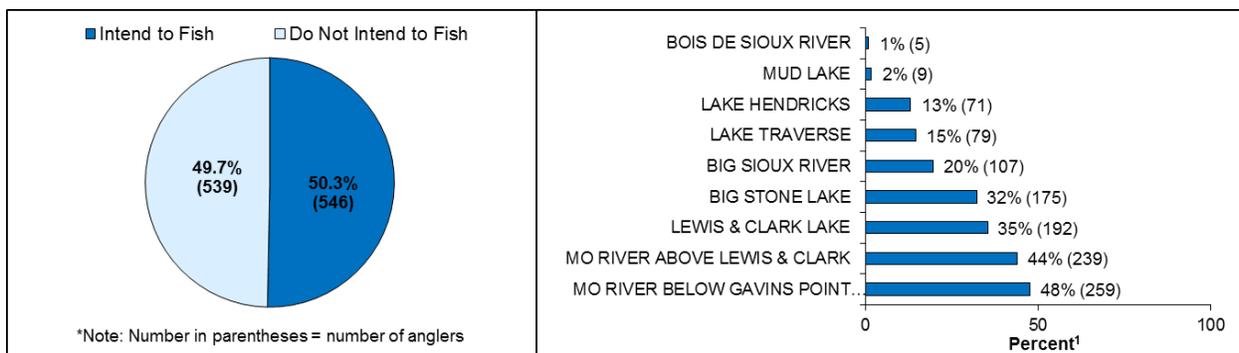


Figure 2: Intention to fish SD border waters and border waters fished

¹Percentages do not sum to 100% since anglers could select multiple locations.

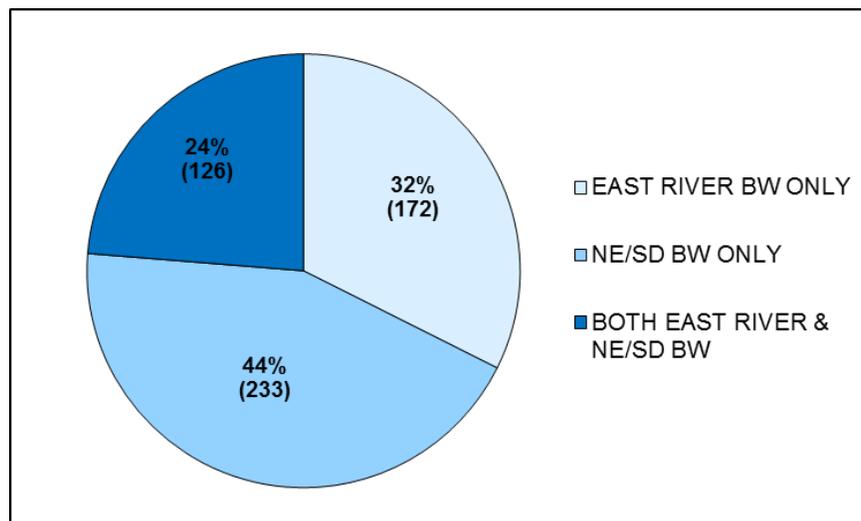


Figure 3: Locations of border waters fished

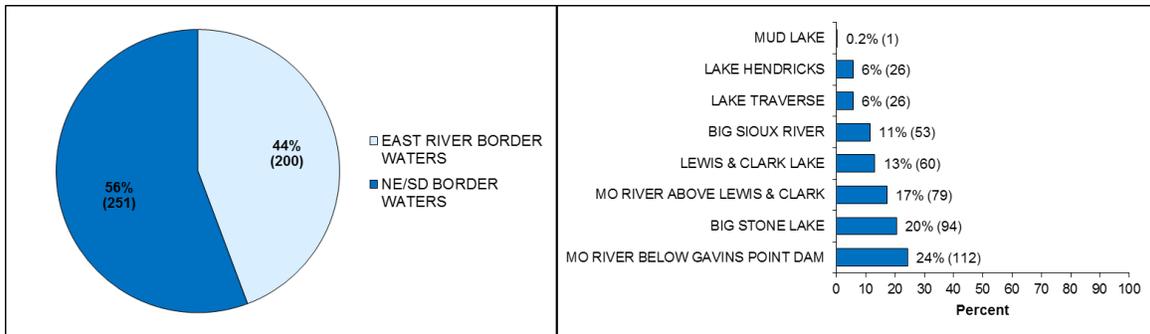


Figure 4: SD border waters most often fished

Border water anglers were asked to indicate the species of fish they targeted when fishing on border waters. Eighteen percent of border water anglers do not target specific species. Of those who do, walleye/sauger was the most targeted species, indicated by 75 percent of border water anglers. Panfish (perch, sunfish, and bluegills) were the second most targeted with 32 percent of border water anglers, followed by catfish with 26 percent (figure 5). The majority of border water anglers (60%) indicated they targeted multiple species. Border water anglers who targeted a single species (figure 6) predominantly targeted walleye/sauger (78%), followed by catfish (11%), paddlefish (8%), panfish (2%), and northern pike (1%). No border water anglers surveyed targeted smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, or white bass solely; however, of those who targeted multiple species, 1 percent indicated they targeted both smallmouth and largemouth bass only.

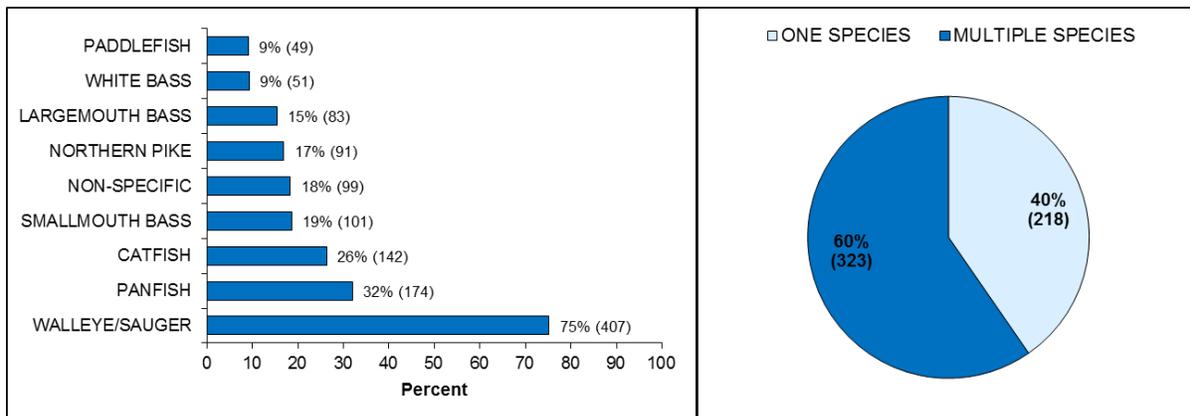


Figure 5: Species targeted by SD border water anglers

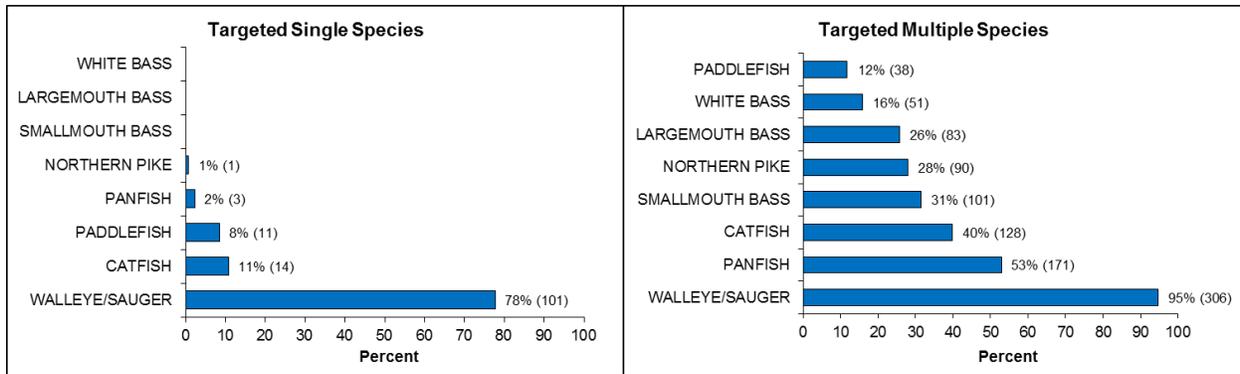


Figure 6: Species targeted by SD border water anglers by degree of specialization

Border Water Regulations

To gauge perceived complexity of fishing regulations on South Dakota’s border waters and inland waters (waters completely within South Dakota), border water anglers were asked to indicate how difficult it was to understand and follow the fishing regulations on the respective waters. Forty-three percent (233) of border water anglers felt the fishing regulations on border waters were easy to understand and follow (figure 7), while 15 percent felt they were difficult. Border water anglers who felt there were border water regulations that were difficult to understand were asked to provide an explanation (figure 8). Twenty-seven percent of these anglers’ comments specifically mentioned NE/SD border waters, and 25 percent of the comments pertained to size and/or possession limits (see appendix B). Approximately 61 percent of border water anglers indicated the fishing regulations on South Dakota’s inland waters were easy to understand and follow, while only 7 percent felt they were difficult.

There was no significant difference between anglers on East River border waters and NE/SD border waters in perceived complexity of the border water or inland fishing regulations; however, there was a difference between those anglers who had fished border waters in the past year and those who had not (χ^2 (2, 541) 10.24, $p=0.006$, Cramer’s V 0.14).² Anglers who

² Chi-square statistics are reported as (χ^2 (df, N) statistic, significance level, Cramer’s V statistic). See appendix C for an explanation on how these statistics are interpreted.

had fished on border waters within the past year were more likely to think fishing regulations on border waters were easy to understand and follow, whereas those anglers who had not fished them in the past year were more likely to be neutral (figure 9).

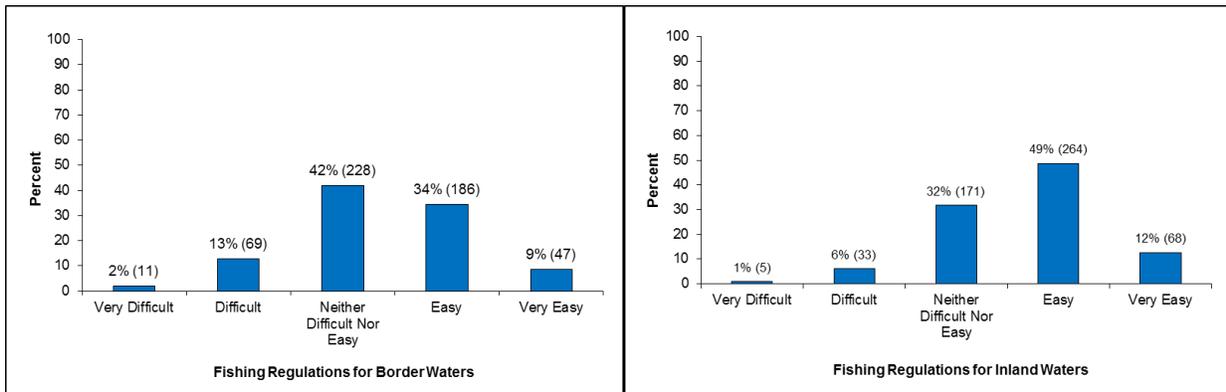


Figure 7: Perceived complexity of SD fishing regulations by water type

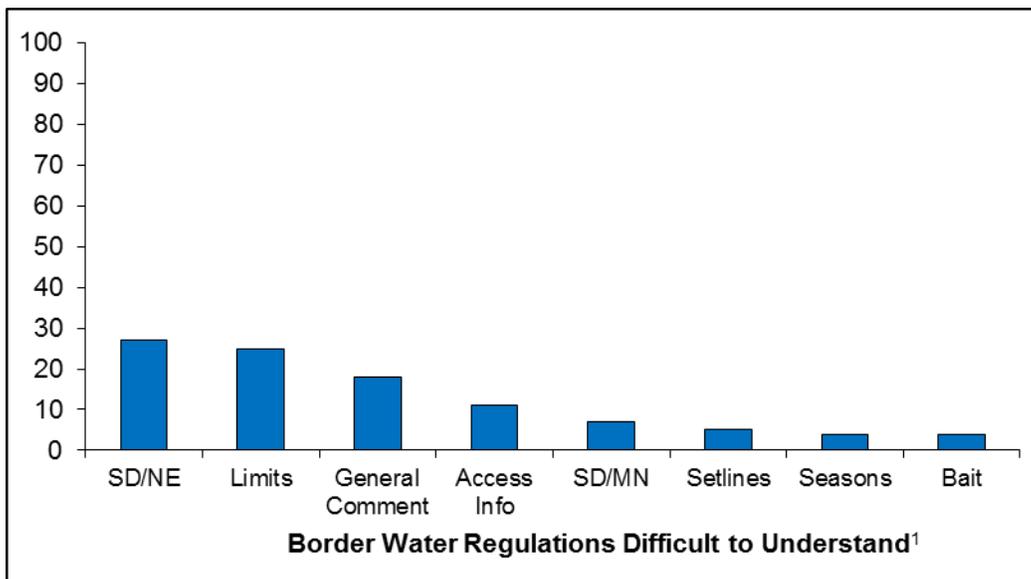


Figure 8: Categories of border water regulations identified as being difficult to understand¹

¹ May not sum to 100 since anglers' comments may have covered multiple categories

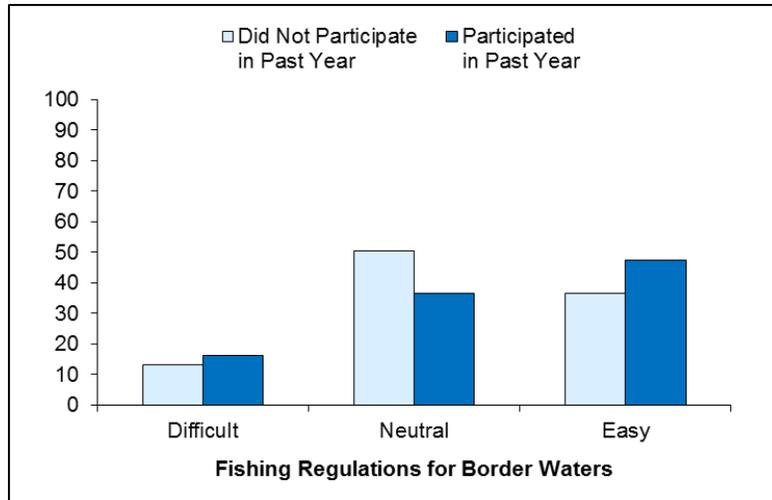


Figure 9: Perceived complexity of border water regulations by participation

To gauge the level of support for standardizing South Dakota’s border water regulations, border water anglers were asked a series of four questions. Anglers were asked to indicate their level of support for fishing regulations on border waters being standardized with inland waters, even if it meant anglers licensed in different states fishing the same water may have different fishing regulations. Forty-two percent of border water anglers either supported or strongly supported this level of standardization, and 18 percent were either opposed or strongly opposed (figure 10). Border water anglers were less agreeable to standardizing border water fishing regulations with inland waters if it meant giving up opportunity, such as lower limits, restrictive size limits, and closed seasons. Only 38 percent of border water anglers agreed or strongly agreed with the following statement: *I would prefer border water fishing regulations be the same as for waters completely within South Dakota even if it meant I had to give up opportunity (i.e. lower limits, restrictive size limits, closed seasons, etc.)*. Twenty-nine percent of border water anglers indicated they disagreed or strongly disagreed with this statement.

There was no significant difference between anglers on East River border waters and NE/SD border waters in level of support for standardizing border water fishing regulations with

inland waters; however, there was a difference between those anglers who had fished border waters in the past year and those who had not ($\chi^2 (2, 539) 6.225, p=0.04$, Cramer's $V 0.107$). Anglers who had fished on border waters within the past year were more likely to oppose standardizing border water regulations with inland fishing regulations, whereas those who had not fished border waters in the past year were more likely to support this standardization (figure 11). There was no significant difference in anglers' level of agreement based on participation.

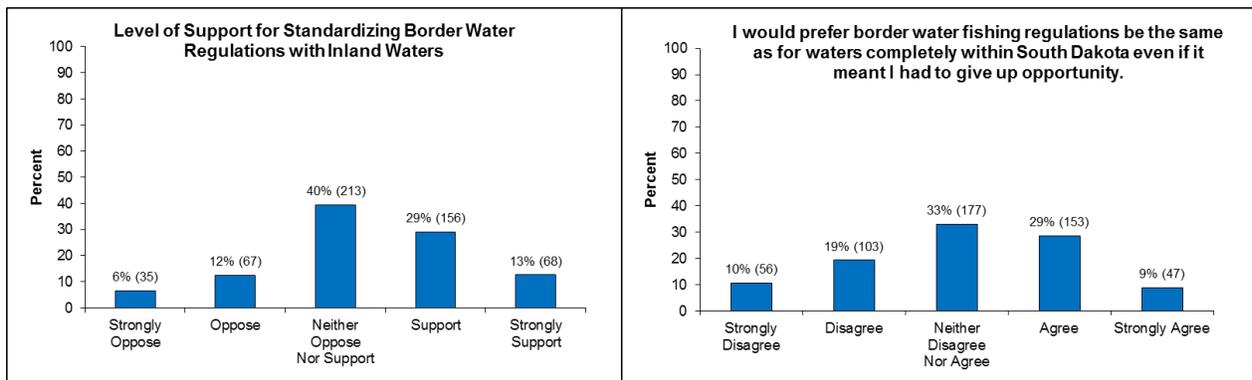


Figure 10: Border water anglers' attitudes toward standardizing border water regulations with inland waters

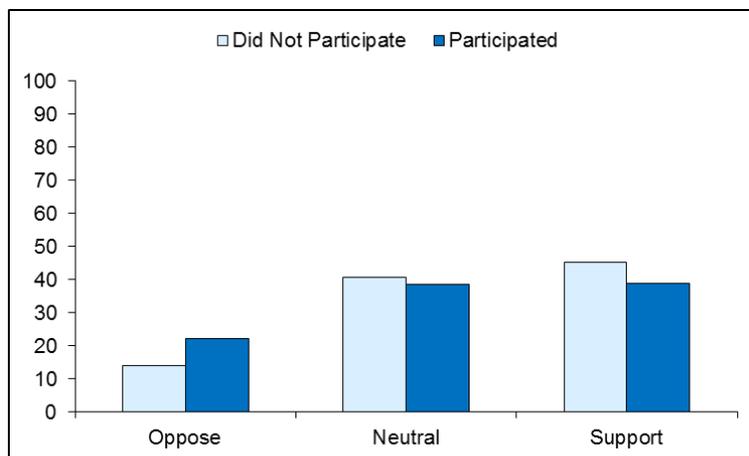


Figure 11: Support for standardizing border water regulations with inland waters by participation

Forty-six percent of border water anglers supported or strongly supported standardizing border water fishing regulations so they would apply to all anglers fishing a border water, even if the regulations differed from inland waters (figure 12). Forty percent were neutral and 14 percent were opposed or strongly opposed to this level of standardization. Border water anglers were more likely to disagree than be neutral to standardizing fishing regulations for all anglers fishing a border water if it meant giving up opportunity. Twenty-one percent of border water anglers disagreed or strongly disagreed with this statement: *I would prefer border water fishing regulations be the same for all anglers who fish the border waters, even if it meant I had to give up opportunity (i.e. lower limits, restrictive size limits, closed seasons, etc.)*. Thirty-four percent indicated they were neutral and 44 percent agreed or strongly agreed with this statement.

There was no significant difference between anglers on East River border waters and NE/SD border waters in level of support for standardizing fishing regulations so they would apply to all anglers fishing a border water. There was a difference, however, based on border water angler participation ($\chi^2 (2, 539) 5.805, p=0.05, \text{Cramer's } V 0.104$). Anglers who had fished on border waters within the past year were more likely to support making fishing regulations the same for all anglers fishing a border water, where as those who had not fished border waters in the past year were more likely to be neutral in their level of support (figure 13). There was no significant difference in anglers' level of agreement based on participation.

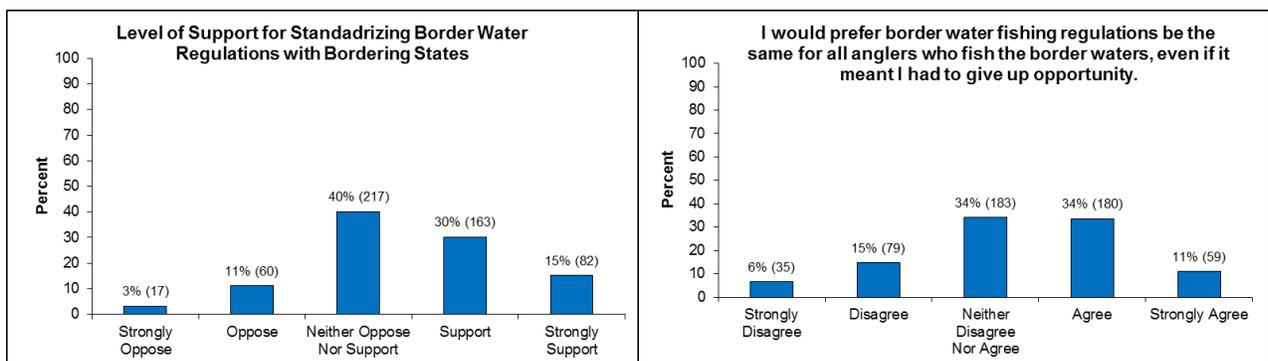


Figure 12: Border water anglers' attitudes toward standardizing regulations for all anglers fishing on a border water

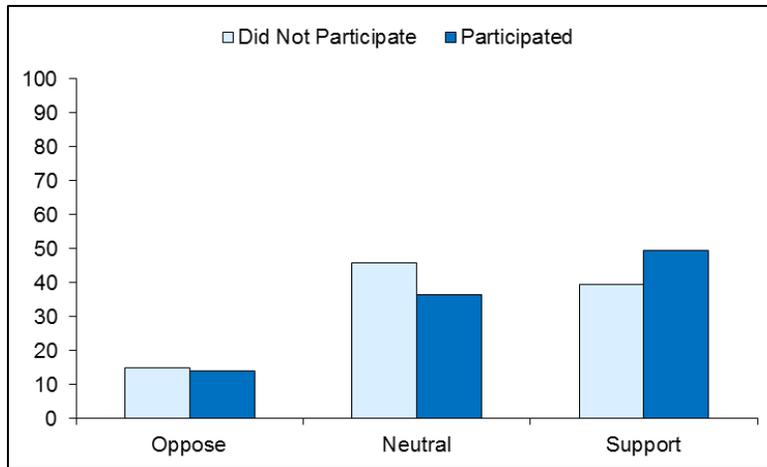


Figure 13: Support for standardizing border water regulations for all anglers on the water by participation

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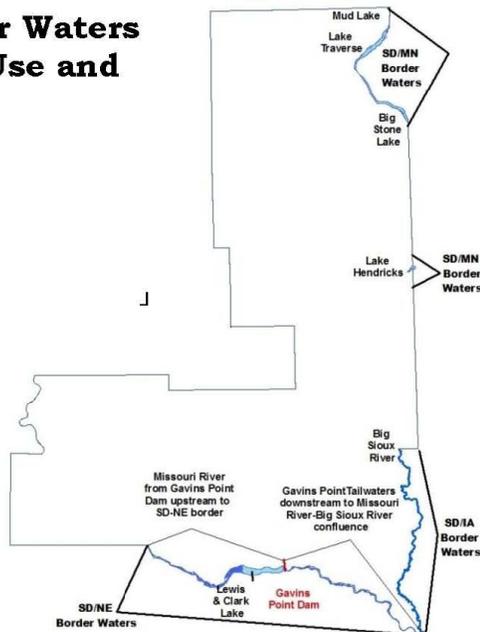
Twelve percent of respondents provided additional comments with their completed questionnaire (appendix D). These comments provide a qualitative description of border water anglers' opinions related to fisheries management in South Dakota. These comments did not have to be specific to any question asked on the survey, but rather anglers were free to provide additional comments at the end.

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APPENDICES

Appendix A
Survey Instrument (format adjusted)

South Dakota Border Waters
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Dear Angler,

South Dakota's Department of Game, Fish, and Parks strives to keep fishing regulations as simple as possible while still having regulations in place that meet management objectives. Walleye and bass regulations for waters completely in SD were simplified a few years ago, and pan fish limits were also recently standardized statewide. Traditionally, attempts have been made to standardize fishing regulations on border waters, so anglers licensed in either border state have the same set of regulations they must follow, rather than having border water regulations the same as for waters completely within South Dakota. The purpose of this survey is to gather information about angler use and preference to better manage border water fisheries.

Our records indicate you purchased a South Dakota fishing license in 2013. Please take a few minutes to answer your survey and return it using the pre-paid envelope provided. Your prompt response will eliminate the need to send you another survey. The ID number on your survey is used to identify anglers who have responded so we can check your name off the mailing list when you return the survey. Summary results of this survey will be posted on GFP's webpage.

Thank you for your participation!

Cynthia L. Longmire
SD Game, Fish, & Parks
Human Dimensions Specialist

Participation

Please read each question and indicate your answer in the space provided. All information you provide will be treated confidentially and will not be linked with your name.

Q1a. Have you spent time fishing on any of South Dakota's border waters (see cover) in the past year?

- No **⇒** If NO, please answer Q1b before going to Q2.
- Yes

Q1b. If NO, which of the following are reasons why you did not spend time fishing on any of South Dakota's border waters in the past year? Please check ALL that apply:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough time | <input type="checkbox"/> Places I fish were too crowded |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Military commitments | <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations are too complex |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sickness or health problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Fished waters closer to home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Companions could not fish | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____ |

Q2. Do you intend to fish on any of South Dakota's border waters in the future?

- No **⇒** If NO, please STOP here and return this survey to us in the postage-paid envelope enclosed. Thank you!
- Yes **⇒** If YES, please continue with Q3.

Q3a. Please indicate all of the border waters where you have spent time or intend to spend time fishing. Please check ALL that apply:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A. Mud Lake | <input type="checkbox"/> F. Lewis & Clark Lake |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B. Lake Traverse | <input type="checkbox"/> G. Missouri River <u>above</u> Lewis & Clark Lake |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C. Big Stone Lake | <input type="checkbox"/> H. Missouri River <u>below</u> Gavins Point Dam |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D. Lake Hendricks | <input type="checkbox"/> I. Bois De Sioux River |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E. Big Sioux River | <input type="checkbox"/> J. Other, please specify: _____ |

Q3b. Of the border waters you selected above, where do you most often fish?

_____ Please enter the letter listed next to the border water in Q3a

Q4. What fish species do you target when fishing on border waters? Please check ALL that apply:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do not target specific species | <input type="checkbox"/> Catfish family (including bullheads) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pan fish species (perch, sunfish, bluegills) | <input type="checkbox"/> Smallmouth Bass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walleye/Sauger | <input type="checkbox"/> Largemouth Bass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Pike | <input type="checkbox"/> White Bass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paddlefish | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____ |

Fishing Regulations

- Q5. How easy/difficult is it to understand and follow the fishing regulations for the **border waters** where you fish?
- Very Difficult
 - Difficult
 - Neither Difficult nor Easy
 - Easy
 - Very Easy
- Q6. How easy/difficult is it to understand and follow the fishing regulations for waters you fish which are **completely in South Dakota**?
- Very Difficult
 - Difficult
 - Neither Difficult nor Easy
 - Easy
 - Very Easy

Traditionally, attempts have been made to standardize fishing regulations on border waters. Therefore, anglers licensed in either border water state have the same set of regulations they must follow, rather than having border water regulations the same as for waters completely within South Dakota.

- Q7. How strongly do you oppose or support fishing regulations on border waters being standardized with other waters in South Dakota, even if it means anglers licensed in different states fishing the border waters may have different fishing regulations?
- Strongly Oppose
 - Oppose
 - Neither Oppose nor Support
 - Support
 - Strongly Support
- Q8. How strongly do you oppose or support fishing regulations on border waters being the same for all anglers who fish the border waters, even if the regulations differ from waters completely within South Dakota?
- Strongly Oppose
 - Oppose
 - Neither Oppose nor Support
 - Support
 - Strongly Support

Q9. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

I would prefer border water fishing regulations be the same as for waters completely within South Dakota even if it meant I had to give up opportunity (i.e. lower limits, restrictive size limits, closed seasons, etc.).

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neither Disagree nor Agree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Q10. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

I would prefer border water fishing regulations be the same for all anglers who fish the border waters, even if it meant I had to give up opportunity (i.e. lower limits, restrictive size limits, closed seasons, etc.).

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neither Disagree nor Agree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Q11. Do you feel there are any border water regulations which are difficult to understand?

- No
- Yes, please explain _____

Thank you for your valuable time completing this survey!

If you have comments you would like to share with us, please use the space below (you may use additional sheets of paper if necessary). These comments will be put into a report and given to the GFP Commissioners, staff biologists and administrators, and made available to the public.

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Appendix B

Do you feel there are any border water regulations which are difficult to understand?

- WHY NEBRASKA RESIDENTS CAN HAVE MORE SETLINES THAN SOUTH DAKOTA RESIDENTS WHEN WE'RE FISHING THE SAME BODY OF WATER...
- WHY ARE SD BOATS CHECKED AND NOT OUT OF STATE BOATS? I'VE SEEN IT HAPPEN MANY TIMES!
- WHERE CAN I FISH IN IA AND NE WHEN I HAVE SD LICENSE AND I PUT MY BOAT IN, IN IA?
- WHEN NEBRASKA STATE BORDER ON THE RIVER, BELOW THE GAVINS DAM REACHES THE SD SHORE ARE THERE LIMITS AND ETC.
- WE NEED TO REDEFINE WHAT AREAS A PERSON CAN FISH FROM. ALSO AREAS TO DOCK YOUR BOAT. WE HAD TO GO TO THE BORDER STATE INFO TO FIGURE THIS ALL OUT.
- USE OF MINNOWS SEINED WITHIN THE RIVER BEING USED IN THE SAME PART OF THE RIVER IS ILLEGAL
- TOO MANY SIZE LIMITS IN ALL LAKES TO FOLLOW
- THEY CAN BE THE SAME
- THE WATER BELOW GAVINS POINT DAM SD ON NEB? SHOULD BE LIKE ANY OTHER BORDER WATER.
- THE MINIMUM SIZE FOR WALLEYE\SAUGER BELOW GAVINS POINT DAM.
- THE LENGTH LIMIT BETWEEN SD AND NE
- THE FISHING REGULATION SHOULD BE DISPLAYED ON A SIGN OF PAMPHLETS AT THE WATER SOURCE
- THE AREA DIRECTLY BELOW GAVINS POINT DAM
- THE AREA BELOW FT. RANDALL DAM DOWN TO THE STATE LINE SHOULD ALL BE THE SAME AS FARTHER DOWNSTREAM WHERE BOTH STATES BORDER!
- SOMETIMES I AM NOT SURE WHICH STATE LAWS TO FOLLOW WHEN IN BORDER WATERS, AND HARD TO KNOW WHEN ON WATER WHICH STATE I AM IN.
- SOME OF THE SIZE LIMITS ARE CONFUSING AS THEY CHANGE
- SIZE LIMITS
- SIZE AND LIMITS

- SET LINES, MINNOW, DIFFERENT REGULATIONS FOR NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA USING THE SAME WATER.
- RESIDENT OF SD, IF I PUT IN ON NEB SIDE WHO'S LIMITS APPLY? OR AT BIG STONE IF I PUT IN ON MN SIDE DO I NEED A MN LICENSE AND WHO'S SD OR MN LIMITS/SIZE APPLY?
- PUT A BILLBOARD BELOW THE DAM AT YANKTON TO SHOW WHERE SD RESIDENTS HAVE TO STOP. WHERE IS .6 MILES BELOW THE DAM?
- POSSESSION LIMIT ON BORDER WATER
- POORLY WRITTEN
- PLEASE, KEEP IT SIMPLE. WHO WANTS TO READ A BOOK EVERY TIME YOU GO OUT TO RELAX, STANDARDIZE PLEASE!
- PADDLEFISH SNAGGING IN SD OUT OF STATE. WHY CAN'T WE FISH BELOW DAM INSTEAD OF HAVING TO GO DOWNSTREAM. SHOULD BE SAME AS NE OUT OF STATE. STANDARDIZED.
- PADDLE FISHING
- NUMBER OF LINES ALLOWED & BIG GAME FISH SEASON IN MN/SD LAKES
- NUMBER OF ICE FISHING HOLE DIFFER. WHY DO NEB. GET TO DRILL 5 HOLES FISHING NEXT TO ME AND I CAN ONLY DRILL 4?
- NE & SD SHOULD BE THE SAME. IF YOU HAVE A 15" WALLEYE LIMIT ON NE SD ABOVE LEWIS CLARK SHOULD BE SAME BELOW THE 15" LIMIT SHOULD BE CONCUR TO 13".
- LIMITS ON FISH TAKEN ON WATERS & WHAT TIME OF YEAR TO CATCH CERTAIN FISH
- LIMITS ARE TO DIFFERENT FOR RIVERS
- LIMITS AND POSSESSION LIMITS
- LIMITS & SIZE ABOVE DAM vs BELOW DAM, SHOULD BE THE SAME
- LENGTH RESTRICTIONS
- IF YOU HAVE A MINN FISH LICENSE AND PUT IN ON THEIR SIDE AND CATCH THEIR LIMIT BUT DRIVE TO A CABIN ON SD SIDE TO CLEAN THEM AND GET CHECKED ARE YOU OKAY?
- I WORRY ABOUT DOING THE WRONG THING WHEN FISHING BORDER WATERS

- I HAVE BEEN GOING BY SD LIMITS AT LEWIS AND CLARK LAKE & RIVER BECAUSE I DOCK ON THE SD SIDE.
- I FISH WITH A MN RESIDENT. BOTH OF US HAVE MN & SD LICENSES. WOULD WE FOLLOW OUR HOME STATE LAWS?
- I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS SETS REGULATIONS FOR DUCK BLINDS-YOU MUST PAY A FEE TO PUT A BLIND ON THE RIVER, YET THAT SAME BLIND IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - THAT RIDICULOUS!
- DON'T FISH HERE ENOUGH TO REALLY CONCENTRATE ON REGS.
- DIFFERENT BAG LIMITS; DIFFERENT SEASONS ON SOME SPECIES IE WALLEYE
- BOATING LAWS, ROD LIMITS, LENGTH LIMITS, FISH LIMITS, OTHER GENERAL FISHING LAWS WHICH DIFFER FROM SD
- BELOW FT. RANDALL TAILRACE TO WHERE BOUNDARY STARTS
- ALL STATES ON BOTH SIDES SHOULD BE THE SAME ALL AROUND

Appendix C Statistical Definitions

Chi-Square (χ^2) – probability distribution used to test the independence of two categorical variables. This test is used to determine if two categorical variables are related; for example is participation associated with attitudes toward standardizing border water fishing regulations.

Cramer's V – is a chi-square based measure of strength of association between two categorical variables. This statistic ranges from 0 to 1; where,

0.00	No Relationship
0.01 to 0.05	Negligible
0.06 to 0.20	Weak
0.21 to 0.25	Moderate
> 0.26	Strong

Degrees of freedom (df) – used to select the critical value for determining statistical significance in chi-square tests.

Appendix D Additional Comments

The views expressed in survey comments are the views of the commenting respondent(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks or the author(s) of this report. Neither the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks nor the author(s) guarantee the accuracy, completeness, or reliability of any opinion or view expressed in respondents' comments. The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks reserves the right, but not obligation, to remove at its discretion any language which discloses personally identifiable information about respondents or any other individual, as well as language which is obscene, profane, offensive, malicious, discriminatory, defamatory or otherwise unlawful.

*Note -Respondents' comments did not have to be specific to any question asked on the survey, but rather they were free to provide additional comments at the end. Text which appears inside brackets [] has been added to clarify respondents' reference to specific survey questions, or in some cases to indicate where personally identifying information has been omitted.

116 ALL YOU CARE ABOUT IS THE MISSOURI RIVER HOW ABOUT DOING SOMETHING ABOUT OUR LITTLE FAMILY FISHING LAKES & DAMS SO WE DON'T HAVE TO HAVE \$50.00 LICENSES & STAMPS TO TAKE GRANDKIDS FISHING. THANKS PS & DRIVE 70 MILES.

136 I THINK ALL PEOPLE USING THE SAME AREA NEED TO FOLLOW THE SAME LAWS. EVEN THE SAME HUNTING SEASONS AS WE ALL USE THE SAME WATER EVEN IF WE LIVE IN NEBRASKA OR SOUTH DAKOTA.

168 I HAD TROUBLE WITH THE WEB SITE. FIRST I COULD NOT ACCESS THE SITE AND NOW MY COMMENTS GOT ERASED.

179 THE LICENSE I BOUGHT IN 2013 IS TO MY KNOWLEDGE THE ONLY ONE I HAVE EVER HAD - I DON'T FISH. I BOUGHT IT BECAUSE MY SON & GRANDSONS WANTED ME TO GO WITH THEM. I WENT ONCE AND MAY GO ONCE MORE. I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE REGULATIONS SO I DON'T KNOW HOW TO ANSWER.

207 I HAVE NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO FISH BORDER LAKES. THE CURRENT BORDER LAKE REGULATIONS WOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM IF I FISHED THEM ANYWAY. GFP KNOWS WHAT TO DO IF THERE IS A PROBLEM!

210 BORDER LAKES SHOULD HAVE THE SAME REGULATIONS. BEING ABLE TO DOCK ON ANY PART OF THE LAKE AND FISH FROM SHORE ON ANY PART.

223 I FISH BOTH SD & MINNESOTA EVERY YEAR. I BUY LICENSES FOR EACH STATE. THE REGULATIONS THAT SD HAS WORKS. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT ANYTHING NEEDS TO CHANGE AS FAR AS THE REGULATIONS. ONE STATE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO CHANGE THEIR LAWS BECAUSE OF ANOTHER NO MATTER WHAT THE SITUATION IS. EACH BORDERING STATE HAS ITS OWN LAWS IF YOU GO INTO THAT STATE THEN ABIDE BY THEM. IT'S A PRETTY SIMPLE THING TO DO.

- 297 WE DO NOT FISH THE BORDER WATERS. MOST OF OUR FISHING IS ON LAKE FRANCIS CASE, OR A LITTLE IN OAHE.
- 317 I PURCHASE COMBO LICENSE EACH YEAR BUT MAY OR MAY NOT FISH OR HUNT. IT IS MORE A CONTRIBUTION FOR MEAT MY PERCENTAGE OF 77 YEARS.
- 320 I THINK WE NEED TO CRACK DOWN ON POSSESSION LIMITS MORE AND WE NEED TO DO SOBRIETY CHECKS ON BOATERS MORE OFTEN. TO DO SO WE NEED MORE GAME WARDENS ON THE WATER. IT IS MY OPINION THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF INTOXICATED FISHERMAN IN BOATS ON THE WATER AND THIS SHOULD BE HANDLED JUST AS SERIOUS AS AN INTOXICATED DRIVER BEHIND THE WHEEL OF A CAR. WE DO A LOT OF CAMPING AT NORTH POINT AND WE ARE DISAPPOINTED AT THE MAINTENANCE IN THIS PARK. WE WERE UNABLE TO PROPERLY FLUSH OUR CAMPER AS THE HOSE ADAPTERS WERE ALL BROKEN(5MINUTE-\$5.00 FIX) AND THE BEACH SHOULD BE KEPT NICE AS THERE STILL ARE HUGE HILLS OF SAND ALL AROUND IT (FROM THE FLOOD 2 YEARS AGO) AND A TRACTOR COULD LEVEL IT ALL OUT IN 1/2 DAY'S WORK AND MAKE IT LOOK PRESENTABLE. THANK YOU!
- 329 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE NEBRASKA CHANGE THEIR REGULATIONS SO THEY COINCIDE WITH SD. ONLY 1 FISH OVER 20" & 15" MINIMUM YEAR ROUND ALL THE WAS TO FT. RANDALL DAM.
- 342 I AM A WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT STUDENT AT DAKOTA WESLEYAN AND FOR A PROJECT I STUDIED AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES. OUR LOCAL LAKE, LAKE ANDES, WAS ONCE THE BEST BASS FISHING PLACE IN THE STATE. NOW IT IS OVER RUN WITH CARP AND ALGAE AND NOBODY IS ABLE TO FISH IN THE LAKE. MANY ANGLERS IN OUR COMMUNITY ARE UPSET WITH THIS AND UNTIL RECENTLY ALL OF THE ARTESIAN WELLS THAT HAVE FED THE LAKE WERE PLUGGED. IN THE PAST FEW YEARS THE LAKE ANDES FEDERAL WILDLIFE REFUGE HAS UNPLUGGED AND OPENED UP ONE OF THE WELLS. THIS IS NOT ENOUGH TO CLEAN UP THE LAKE. COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE INFORMED ME THAT ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO THE LAKE WAS TO BE DREDGED BUT ONCE THE EQUIPMENT WAS BROUGHT IN AN ARGUMENT BROKE OUT AND THE LAKE WAS NEVER TOUCHED. OUR COMMUNITY FEELS THAT THE LAKE IS NEGLECTED AND HAS BEEN ALL BUT FORGOTTEN. WHAT ONCE WAS A BEAUTIFUL BASS FISHING LAKE IS NOW AN ALGAE FILLED POND. WITH A LITTLE WORK THE LAKE WOULD BE ABLE TO BE RESTORED AND BROUGHT BACK TO WHAT IT WAS. DREDGING THE LAKE WOULD ALLOW FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE ALGAE LEAVING THE CARP AS THE ONLY PROBLEM. THIS WOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE THOUGH. WITH SOME INCENTIVE YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO HOST A TOURNAMENT FOR CARP CATCHING, PERHAPS REWARDING THE BIGGEST AND MOST AMOUNT OF CARP. ANY HELP THAT YOU CAN PROVIDE WITH THIS ISSUE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
- 364 REGULATIONS SHOULD DO WHAT'S BEST FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL FISHERY. STANDARDIZING REGULATIONS WOULD MAKE THAT DIFFICULT.

- 365 REALLY DIDN'T PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO THE REGULATIONS. I WAS JUST ALONG FOR THE RIDE. DIDN'T CATCH MUCH AND I USUALLY CATCH AND RELEASE.
- 404 I HAVE SEEN PEOPLE BELOW GAVIN'S POINT DAM, WHO THINK THE CATFISH LIMIT IS 10, WHEN I TELL THEM IT'S 5 THEY NEVER BELIEVE ME.
- 447 KEEP IT SIMPLE!
- 500 I DON'T GET A CHANCE TO DO MUCH FISHING AND WHEN I DO IT IS USUALLY ON LAKE KAMPESKA AS THIS IS WHERE WE LIVE.
- 511 TO KEEP OUR LAKES CLEAN, START MAKING BOATERS REMOVE PLUGS. CHECK FOR ANY WEEDS ON BOATS & TRAILERS. MN IS NOT REALLY FIGHTING THIS PROBLEM, LET'S KEEP OUR STATE CLEAN. NOW IS THE TIME TO TAKE STEPS FORWARD IN THIS PROCESS.
- 535 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE POSSESSION LIMIT ON WALLEYES ON BIG STONE & TRAVERSE 8 FISH - WHY NOT?
- 539 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE POSSESSION LIMITS ENFORCED.
- 605 WE NEED MORE BOAT RAMPS FOR SD LAKES AND ACCESS TO THOSE LAKES. RAISE THE FISHING LICENSE FEE FOR OUT OF STATE FISHERMEN. DO NOT PRIVATIZE FISHING LAKES IN SD. I'M OPPOSED TO THIS SO CALLED COMPROMISE ON FISHING CERTAIN LAKES. PLEASE SUPPORT PUBLIC WATERS.
- 631 I DROVE BY TRAVERSE AND BIG STONE FOR THE 1ST TIME EVER LY. NEAT AREA.
- 633 (1) WE SHOULD NOT NEED A SPECIAL LICENSE TO FISH ON CERTAIN LAKES ON RESERVATIONS; (2) I HAVE BEEN FISHING SINCE I WAS KNEE HIGH TO A GRASSHOPPER AND ONLY BEEN CHECKED 2 TIMES FOR TOO MANY FISH BEING TAKEN HOME AFTER A LONG WEEK END, I KNOW THERE ARE GUYS TAKING TOO MANY FISH HOME, FISHING SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK, AND THEY DON'T EAT THAT MANY FISH!!!!, YOU GUYS SHOULD BE CHECKING MORE PEOPLE LEAVING THE LODGES AND RESORTS. I TRIED TO GET A GOOSE TAG FOR SOUTHWESTERN SD THIS FALL AND COULD NOT FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET A LICENSE WITH THE WAY IT IS WRITTEN UP IN THE BOOK. GO AHEAD AND TAKE A LOOK YOU WILL SEE WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS WILL BE YOUR FIRST TIME APPLYING FOR THIS LICENSE. THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS IN THE RULE BOOK THAT DON'T MAKE SENSE. I HAVE EVEN ASKED SEVERAL PEOPLE TO SEE IF I WAS MISSING SOMETHING, AND THEY COULDN'T FIGURE IT OUT EITHER!! YOU SHOULD TAKE A LOOK THE WAY THINGS ARE WRITTEN UP. NOT JUST ON BORDER WATER BUT THE WHOLE BOOK. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.
- 653 I MAKE SURE I KEEP A FISHING REGULATION BOOK IN MY BOAT FOR REFERENCE.

- 704 I LOVE TO FISH WITH WIFE, HAVE A SON AND PLAN TO TAKE HIM FISHING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. I DO NOT TAKE FISH HOME I BELIEVE IN CATCH AND RELEASE, THANK YOU! FISHING IS AN AWESOME SPORT/TELL EVERYONE PICK UP A POLE AND GO FISHING (IT'S RELAXING).
- 722 I DO NOT FEEL ANY OF REGS ARE DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND BORDER OR IN STATE. WE KEEP A COPY OF THE REGS IN THE BOAT AND IN THE TOW VEHICLE ONLY TAKES A MINUTE TO CHECK IF THERE IS A QUESTION.
- 757 I THINK YOU NEED TO OUTLAW FIELD TILE.
- 834 MORE FISH CLEANING STATIONS IN EASTERN SD (NOT THE RIVER)
- 872 I LIVE IN THE ESTELLINE, SD AREA. I'VE BEEN HERE ALL MY LIFE. I LOVE TO CAMP, BUT ALL YOU WANT IS THE PARKS. I DON'T LIKE TO CAMP IN PARKS. THERE WAS 4 FAMILIES THAT WENT CAMPING THAT WAS TWENTY PEOPLE. BUT YOU WON'T LET US CAMP ON OTHER LAKE WATER OUR KIDS DON'T CAMP ANYMORE. I THINK YOU SHOULD OUTLAW SMOKING & BOOZE IN ALL STATE PARKS. IT IS BAD FOR ALL YOUNG KID SECOND HAND SMOKE.
- 874 HAVE NO REASON TO FISH THERE. FISHING HAS BEEN JUST GREAT AROUND HOME.
- 890 BORDER WATERS ARE EXACTLY THAT WHICH THEIR NAME IMPLIES. THEY ARE TO BE SHARED WITH THE OTHER STATES AND THEIR CITIZENS. SO I FEEL THE DECISION IS NOT OURS ALONE BUT A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY AND PRIVILEGE
- 1033 WHY DO REGULATIONS HAVE TO BE DIFFERENT ON BORDER WATERS BETWEEN STATES, MAKE THE REGULATIONS THE SAME STATE TO STATE EVEN IF THEY DIFFER ON IN STATE WATERS. LIKE THE MINN WALLEYE OPENER WE COULD WAIT TILL THEN ALSO THIS MIGHT HELP OUR SPAWNING AND FISH POPULATIONS ALSO. I LIVED 9 YEARS IN WYOMING THEY HAVE A LAW YOU CAN'T TRANSPORT LIVE BAIT FROM ONE LAKE OR WATER TO ANOTHER. ALL BAIT HAD TO BE FROM THAT WATER OR DRAINAGE PROPER, YOU ALSO HAVE A RECEIPT FOR BAIT FROM BAIT SHOP LOCATION, DATE, & TIME OF PURCHASE. BELLE FOURCHE RIVER KEYHOLE RESERVOIR COULD NOT BE USED AT HELEY, RES, CASPER RES, POWDER RIVER ETC. I THINK THIS IS GOOD WITH ALL THE INVASIVE SPECIES PROBLEMS.
- 1204 YOU BOYS DO PRETTY GOOD JOB. THANKS
- 1297 YOU SHOULD MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT AS TO WHY OUT OF STATE PEOPLE ARE NOT CHECKED LIKE IN STATE! ALSO WHY ARE THE OUT OF STATE CAMPERS THAT STAY IN STATE PARKS NOT CHECKED AT ALL? THEY FISH EVERY DAY FOR 2-3 WEEKS, THE LIMIT LAW DOESN'T APPLY TO THEM? BUNCH OF BULL, EVERYONE KNOWS THEY ARE NEVER CHECKED.
- 1298 LIMIT ON SIZE TO SPECIFIC LAKES CAN BE CONFUSING

- 1310 I DON'T EVER FISH THE BORDER WATERS. I AM JUST AN OCCASIONAL FISHERMAN WHEN I GO CAMPING.
- 1328 I AM GREATLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE REGULATIONS FOR OUR IN STATE FISHING AND WOULD HATE TO LOSE THE RIGHT TO FISH AS I CURRENTLY DO, BECAUSE OF CHANGES IN OUR IN STATE REGULATIONS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN AFFECT. THE SURVEY WAS A BIT AMBIGUOUS, IT LEAVES ONE WONDERING WHAT CHANGES ARE BEING DISCUSSED. ARE THE BORDER WATER RULES AND REGULATIONS GOING TO BECOME THE IN STATE NORM? OR ARE THE IN STATE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTED INTO THE BORDER RULES AND REGULATIONS? THOSE ARE TWO VERY DIFFERENT END SCENARIOS. I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR REPLY.
- 1335 BORDER LAKES ARE UNKNOWN TO MOST ANGLERS
- 1349 WHY IS IT THAT SD ALLOWS ANGLERS FROM OTHER STATES TO FISH SD WATERS DURING THAT PERIOD SD ANGLERS CANNOT FISH IN THE STATE THAT IS CLOSED? WHY DO WE ALLOW THIS?
- 1405 I FISH 1 DAY A YEAR ON A BOAT WITH A GUIDE
- 1455 I HAVE NOT FISHED ENOUGH IN THE LAST 5 YEARS TO ADD ANY VALUE TO YOUR SURVEY.
- 1460 WE REALLY ENJOY THE CAMPGROUNDS IN THAT AREA BUT THE FISHING IN MY OPINION ISN'T AS GOOD AS ABOVE FT. RANDALL GOING NORTH. THANKS
- 1478 WHEN THE GATES ARE OPEN YOU SHOULD ROPE IT OFF FAR ENOUGH DOWN SO BOATS CAN GO IN TO FAST WATER AND YOU ALWAYS OPEN THE GATES ON BUSY WEEKENDS TO MESS EVERYONE'S WEEKEND UP. I HAD A BUDDY GET A MASTER ANGLER CRAPPIE AND WENT TO [store name] AND SIGNED THE BOTTOM OF PAPER AND TOLD US WE COULD PUT WHATEVER WEIGHT WE WANTED ON THE PAPER. THAT ISN'T HOW THAT WORKS. HOW MANY PEOPLE OUT THERE WILL IN WHATEVER THEY LIKE?
- 1489 I DON'T THINK OUT OF STATE FISHERMAN SHOULD BE ABLE TO FISH SOUTH DAKOTA WATERS IF THEY CANNOT FISH IN THEIR RESPECTIVE STATE. EXAMPLE, MINNESOTA FISHERMAN SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO FISH WALLEYES HERE BEFORE MAY 15TH, IF THEY CANNOT FISH WALLEYES IN THEIR STATE BEFORE THAT DATE. MOST FISHERMAN IN SD THAT I KNOW FEEL THE REGULATIONS GIVING EARLY FISHING RIGHTS TO OUT OF STATE FISHERMAN ARE DICTATED BY A FEW MOTEL OWNERS IN PIERRE AND CHAMBERLAIN. HOW COME YOU NEVER DO A SURVEY ABOUT THIS *IMPORTANT* TOPIC? I DON'T FEEL OUR FISHING LICENSE FEES ARE SPENT WISELY ON FISHERMAN ACCESS POINTS IN SD WATERS. EXAMPLE, AT PLATTE CREEK WHERE I FISH A LOT, THERE IS ONLY A 3 LANE BOAT RAMP AND ON MANY WEEKENDS THERE ARE OVER 200 TRAILERS THERE WAITING TO LOAD OR UNLOAD. YET, YOU SPENT MILLIONS ON THE 2 GFP OFFICES IN SIOUX FALLS AND ANOTHER ONE IN RAPID CITY.

- 1495 NOT AS EASY TO GET AWAY WORKING MORE HOURS THIS SUMMER. USUALLY GO TO LAKE THOMPSON, ENEMY SWIM, ETC. OR CAT FISHING ON JAMES RIVER
- 1503 NEIGHBORING STATES ALLOW THE USE OF BULLHEADS, SUNFISH, AND BLUEGILLS FOR THE USE OF BAIT. SINCE SD CONSIDERS THESE GAME FISH, THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED. NOW, WITH THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE TAKING OF BAITFISH BECAUSE OF THE ASIAN CARP INVASION, BIG LIVE BAIT FOR CATFISH IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN. THE BAIT SHOPS IN THE AREA HAVE STATED THAT GETTING AND KEEPING BIG SUCKER CHUBS IS BECOMING DIFFICULT BECAUSE THEY ALL COME FROM MN AND NUMBERS ARE DOWN BECAUSE OF LAST YEAR'S DROUGHT. WHAT REASON IS THERE THAT THESE TYPES OF FISH ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE USED FOR BAIT?
- 1587 I HAVE OWNED A SECOND HOME ON BIG STONE LAKE FOR 34 YEARS AND IS NORMALLY THE ONLY FISHING MY FAMILY DOES.
- 1634 ONLY FISH BELOW GAVINS POINT IN THE WINTER TIME WHEN ABOVE IS FROZEN
- 1658 BUT IF YOU DON'T HAVE BOOK ON HAND MAY GET OUT OF RANGE QUANTITY ETC.
- 1742 NO MORE CHANGES! KEEP IT THE SAME.
- 1805 I NEVER FISH ANY BORDER WATERS AND HAVE NO PLANS IN THE FUTURE TO DO SO. THEREFORE I HAVEN'T PAID ANY ATTENTION OF THE REGS.
- 1848 IT'S UNCLEAR HOW TO PROPERLY DISPOSE OF ASIAN CARP WHEN THEY ARE CAUGHT. I FIND NO LENGTH LIMIT ON BASS FOR LAKE BRANT. IF THERE ARE NO LIMITS FOR SPECIFIC AREAS IT WOULD HELP TO HAVE IT NOTED.
- 1849 HI, I MOVED HERE 4 YEARS AGO FROM WA STATE AND BELIEVE ME, SD FISHING REGULATIONS ARE EASY TO UNDERSTAND. WA HAS A HUGE PAMPHLET; YOU REALLY HAVE TO WATCH WHERE YOU FISH AND WHAT YOU FISH FOR.
- 1850 PERCH LIMITS S/B SAME FOR SD ANGLERS AND MINNESOTA ANGLERS.
- 1864 I THINK YOU SHOULD TALK TO YOUR STAFF WHO ARE OUT IN PUBLIC AND NOT THESE STUPID SURVEYS.
- 1889 BELOW GAVIN'S POINT DAM THERE ARE SO MANY GAR AND CARP THEY ARE CROWDING OUT THE GOOD FISH. THERE WERE SO MANY LYING ON THE SHORE THAT PEOPLE THREW THERE THAT IT IS GOING TO BE A STINKING MESS UNLESS SOMETHING IS DONE. WE CAMPED AT CHIEF WHITE CRANE THIS WEEK AND FISHED LAKE YANKTON THAT HAS ALSO BECOME INUNDATED WITH CARP, AND WALKED BY THE AREA WHERE LAKE YANKTON FLOWS INTO THE RIVER. THERE WERE AT LEAST 50 GAR ROTTING ON THE NICE SANDY AREA, WHAT A SHAME.

- 1932 [Reference to level of agreement with fishing regulations being the same for all anglers who fish the border waters, even it means giving up opportunity] NO CLOSED SEASON ON THE RIVERS. THE NEED FOR A BOAT RAMP IN SOUTHERN UNION COUNTY THE ROSAFAUN RAMP IS ONLY USEABLE PART TIME.
- 1954 SD STATE PARKS ARE AMAZING COMPARED TO OTHER STATES. I AM HAPPY TO BE A SD RESIDENT
- 1981 I THINK OUT OF STATE ANGLERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO FISH FROM THE BUBBLE TO THE DAM AT GAVIN'S POINT WITH A NON-RESIDENT SD LICENSE. WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE 4 ABOVE 15" WITH ONLY ONE OVER 20" STATEWIDE INCLUDING BORDER WATERS.
- 1993 I TRIED TO DO THIS SURVEY ONLINE BUT WOULDN'T LET ME OPEN UP SURVEY MONKEY.
- 2006 I THINK SD AND NE NEED TO GET TOGETHER AND FIGURE OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO LAKE YANKTON AFTER THE FLOOD AND COME UP WITH A PLAN. THE WATER QUALITY CHANGED, THE VEGETATION NO LONGER GROWS IN THE LAKE AND IT WENT FROM BEING ONE OF THE BEST BASS FISHERIES IN THE STATE TO "COFFEE" COLORED LAKE FILLED WITH ROUGH FISH. I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWERS, BUT IT'S HEARTBREAKING.
- 2030 I THINK YOU SHOULD LEAVE THEM THE SAME
- 2042 HOW ABOUT FREE FISHING FOR 80 AND OLDER
- 2088 QUESTIONS AS CONFUSING AS REGULATIONS