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Game, Fish and Parks Commission
Joe Foss Building
523 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501
C/o Jon Kotilnek - Jon.Kotilnek@state.sd.us

Dear Commissioners,

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING Submitted pursuant to SDCL 1-26-13.

Nancy Hilding and Prairie Hills Audubon Society of Western SD submit this petition. Nancy Hilding is a resident of Meade County, SD. Prairie Hills Audubon Society is a non-profit corporation registered in SD and as such is a person by SD law and Supreme Court decisions.

RULE TO BE AMENDED –

41:06:61:06. Application requirements -- License and season restrictions -- Special conditions -- Carcass check-in procedures. The following requirements, restrictions, special conditions, and procedures apply to all applications for license and to all licenses issued under this chapter:

Change Requested

Insert two new sections about guides.

(12) An owner of trained hounds used to chase and hunt mountain lions, shall register with SD Game, Fish and Parks as a guide, if he offers to use his hounds to help others hunt mountain lions and charges for the service (see SDCL 41-4-12). SDGFP shall provide a way for an owner of trained hounds to register. For land that he will traverse while chasing lions, the hound owner

guide shall meet all the requirements for guiding that are required by any public land management agency and/or get permission from private land owners.

(13) A person who has used a hound hunter guide to hunt mountain lions and kills a lion using this service, shall disclose the use of a hound hunter guide to SD Game, Fish and Parks when he/she turns in the lion carcass.

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The advocates of hound hunting have perpetually come to the Commission asking for rule changes to expand hound hunting of lions. They are about 100 SD people and are now getting about 27% of the lion kills and seek to increase that percent substantially. If they are doing guiding, it should be registered and documented.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Hilding". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "N".

Nancy Hilding

President Prairie Hills Audubon Society

For the Society and myself as an individual