

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Black Hills Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:56, 41:06:02

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>October 4, 2012</b>	<b>Deadwood</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>October 4-5, 2012</b>	<b>Deadwood</b>

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS

Establish the process to designate one (1) Bighorn Sheep license for auction

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

1. An auction license will be made available if at minimum three (3) Bighorn Sheep licenses are allocated in the area outside of Custer State Park, with the third license designated as an auction license.
2. A person previously issued a Bighorn Sheep license is not eligible in future drawings or auctions.

#### **Action Required:**

Propose rules that establish the process of approving the allocation of a Bighorn Sheep license that can be sold at auction.

- 1) Annual designation of an auction license – The commission will designate one (1) bighorn sheep license to be used as an auction license providing at least three (3) total bighorn sheep licenses are issued. The third license will be the auction license.
- 2) Criteria for selecting an organization – A nonprofit organization devoted to providing big game management, preservation, propagation, habitat, and research may be considered for receiving the auction license by the commission on annual basis through resolution.
- 3) Application procedures and deadline – The applicant will submit to the department secretary an application letter detailing the federal nonprofit status, goals and objectives pertaining to big game management, and experience in fundraising and objective accomplishments related to big game management.
- 4) Selection process - The commission shall review all applications and determine the appropriate entity to auction the bighorn sheep license.
- 5) Execution and content of agreement – The applicant will notify the department of the successful bidder and the department will issue the license to that individual, the applicant will provide the department a report and proceeds of the auction which will be placed in a Bighorn Sheep Enhancement Account, the applicant will submit to the department the appropriate license fee, and the applicant may deduct a 5% conservation fee from the proceeds of the auction revenue.
- 6) Establish a license and fee for a Nonresident Bighorn Sheep license - \$750

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

A group of sportsmen and the Midwest Sheep Foundation Chapter approached the Department and Commission to enhance Bighorn Sheep conservation, with one main emphasis of generating outside funding to assist in these management activities. The request of an auction tag to generate outside funding has been brought forward as a means of supplementing current Department resources and efforts.

The suggested rules promulgation process would follow similar format and content of the established process used to conduct the elk license raffle. That process has been successfully proven, with modifications being added to more accurately fit an auction license and bighorn sheep rules.