

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Archery Elk Hunting Season

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

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS

**Season Dates:** Black Hills Units: September 1-30, 2012

**Open Area:** See attached map

**Licenses:** 82 "any elk" and 25 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 107 licenses)

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. No person may possess more than one (1) elk license of any type in a year.
2. No more than two persons may submit applications together.
3. Except for landowner/operator preference applicants, no person who receives a license in the first drawing for this season shall be eligible to apply for an archery elk license in first drawings for the next 9 years.
4. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference application. One member of each qualifying landowner/operator household may apply every year.
5. Each elk harvested must be inspected by a Conservation Officer or designee within 24 hours after kill.
6. Each unsuccessful hunter must mail the report card to the Department of Game, Fish and Parks within 10 days after the close of the season.

**Recommended changes from last year:**

1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 89 "any elk" and 37 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 126 licenses) to 82 "any elk" and 25 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 107 licenses).
2. Adjust the boundary of Unit 7 to include the area located within a line beginning at I-90 and Pleasant Valley Rd, then east and south on Pleasant Valley Rd. to Tilford Rd. then west on Tilford Rd. to I-90.
3. Eliminate the archery season for Unit 30A.

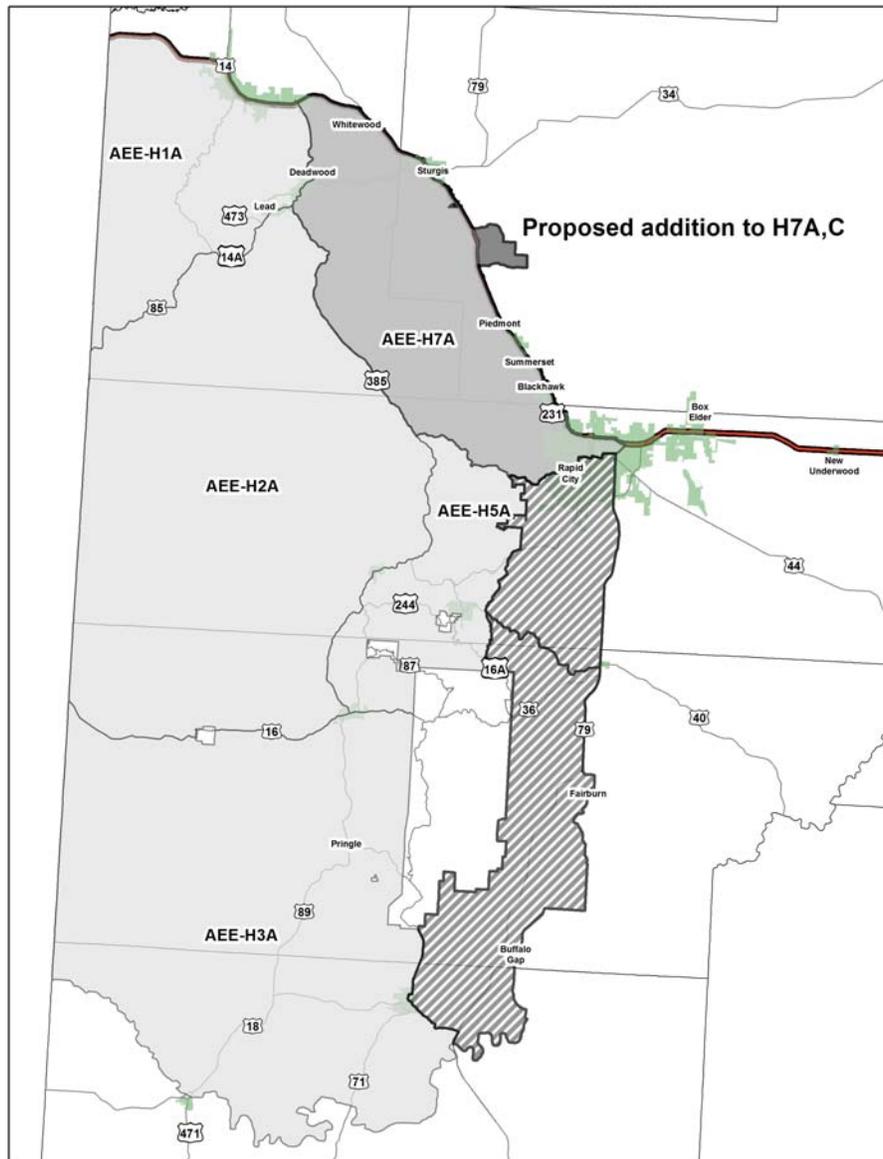
### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licensed Hunters	Hunter Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
2007	237	27%	43	22
2008	198	28%	45	7
2009	185	33%	47	7
2010	144	27%	33	5
2011	126	26%	25	8

2011 Unit	"Any Elk"					"Antlerless Elk"				
	Appl.1st Choice	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested	Appl.1st Choice	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
H1	591	25	9%	2	0	5	20	25%	0	5
H2	2,413	40	39%	16	0	13	10	14%	0	1
H3	344	15	38%	5	1	1	5	0%	0	0
H4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H5	22	2	50%	1	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H7	69	5	33%	2	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
30A	26	2	0%	0	0	2	2	0%	0	0

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# BLACK HILLS ARCHERY ELK UNITS



Unit	2011			2012		
	"Any" Elk Tags	"Antlerless" Elk Tags	Total Tags	"Any" Elk Tags	"Antlerless" Elk Tags	Total Tags
H1	25	20	45	20	10	30
H2	40	10	50	40	10	50
H3	15	5	20	15	5	20
H4	0	0	0	0	0	0
H5	2	0	2	2	0	2
H7	5	0	5	5	0	5
H9	0	0	0	0	0	0
30A	2	2	4	0	0	0
ALL	89	37	126	82	25	107