

**AGENDA**  
**Game, Fish, and Parks Commission**  
October 4-5, 2012  
AmericInn  
360 Main Street,  
Deadwood, SD 57732

Tour of Black Hills Wildlife Habitat 7-11 AM

**Call to order 1 PM MDT**

**Executive Session**

**Division of Administration**

Action items:

1. Approve minutes of the August 2-3, 2012, meeting  
<http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/commission/docs/minutes-Draft.pdf>
2. Additional Commissioner Salary Days
3. License List Requests
4. 2013 Meeting Schedule
5. Governor's office RFP

Information items:

6. License Sales Report
7. SD Bonding Authority

**Public Hearing at 2 PM**

**Open Forum**

**Emergency Rule**

**Finalizations**

8. Mountain Lion Hunting Season
9. Bighorn Sheep Auction Tag

**Division of Parks and Recreation**

Action items:

10. Park Entrance License Fee Proposal
11. Camping and Lodge Fees Proposal
12. Camper Unit Definition Proposal
13. Custer State Park Cabin Transfer
14. Land, Water, and Conservation Fund Grants

Information items:

15. Visitation and Revenue Report
16. Custer State Park Resort Preventative Maintenance Projects
17. Angostura Update

## **Division of Wildlife**

### Action items:

18. Fishing Regulations Proposals
19. Bait Fish Proposals
20. Aquatic Nuisance Species Proposals
21. Fisheries Rules Reduction Proposals
22. Nonresident Small Game Hunting Fees Proposal
23. Hill Ranch GPA Inholding Acquisition

### Information items:

24. HuntSAFE Instructor of the Year
25. Hot Springs shooting range
26. Lake Oahe fishery update
27. Game fish spearing survey report
28. Bighorn sheep plan
29. Elk study report
30. Elk cow/calf update
31. Pheasant season update
32. Miscellaneous updates

## **Adjourn**

Next meeting information:

**November 1-2 at Camp Lakodia near Madison**

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission Meeting  
August 2-3, 2012

Chairman Olson called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM at the Milbank Community Center in Milbank, South Dakota. Commissioners Jeff Olson, Susie Knippling, Jim Spies, John Cooper, Barry Jensen, Cathy Peterson, Bill Cerny, and Duane Sather were present with Secretary Jeff Vonk and approximately sixty people from the media, staff, and public.

Division of Administration

Chairman Olson called for corrections or motion for approval of the July 9<sup>th</sup> minutes. Cooper pointed out a correction to add the word "this" in the second paragraph under Open Forum on page 108 and made a motion TO APPROVE THE JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES AS CORRECTED. Second by Spies and motion carried unanimously.

Olson called for any additional Commissioner salary days and were none were requested.

Director Chris Petersen presented the following license list requests:

Jamie Carter of Rock Communications, Ltd. of Newton, Iowa, representing Scheels requested a list of 10,000 names of each group of resident archery hunters, resident deer hunters, resident upland game bird hunters, and resident waterfowl hunters for a total of four lists. Each list will be used for a direct mailing and will be at full fee.

Motion by Jensen with second by Spies TO APPROVE THE FOUR LICENSE LIST REQUESTS FROM ROCK COMMUNICATIONS FOR SCHEELS AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Dakota Country Magazine of Bismarck, ND, requested a list of 1,000 fishing license holders from the Glacial Lakes area and north Nebraska area. This list would be used for a direct mailing to promote subscriptions to Dakota Country Magazine and would be at full fee.

Motion by Spies with second by Sather TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST FROM DAKOTA COUNTRY MAGAZINE AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Maroney Commons of Howard, SD, requested a list of pheasant hunters to be used to promote the hotel, restaurant, and bar establishment. This would be at full fee.

Motion by Peterson with second by Jensen TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST FROM MARONEY COMMONS AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Dale Houser of Kimball, SD, requested a list of 2012 archery elk and 2012 rifle elk license holders to promote his business Dakota Plains Taxidermy. This would be at full fee.

Motion by Spies with second by Cerny TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST FROM DALE HOUSER AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Reinhart of Rapid City, SD, representing SD Youth Hunting Adventures requested a list of SD small game license holders to promote fundraising efforts for the organization. This would be at the reduced fee.

Motion by Cooper with second by Spies TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST FROM JOE REINHART AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Randy Gaskins Regional Director for the National Wild Turkey Federation requested a list of 2012 Spring Turkey license holders to mail local chapter fundraising and banquet information. This would be at the reduced fee.

Motion by Cerny with second by Sather TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST FROM RANDY GASKINS AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Country Meats and Specialties of Harrisburg, SD, requested a list of specific zip codes for antelope, elk, deer, and archery license holders to send a flier with processing information and rates. This would be a full fee request.

Motion by Spies with second by Jensen TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST FROM COUNTRY MEATS AND SPECIALITIES AS REQUESTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Chris Petersen presented the License Sales Totals ending July 26 showing a total increase in sales of 17.1%. The highest increase was in nonresident youth licenses with 83.8% increase and the nonresident annual fishing license increase was 45.3%. Fishing sales have surpassed the 2011 sales and remain strong. The October report will begin to reflect changes in the hunting license sales with the beginning of the goose season this week and nonresident small game sales will begin to increase.

Director Petersen presented a draft 2013 Commission meeting schedule indicating approval of the 2013 schedule would be an action item at the October meeting.

#### Open Forum

Greg Hamman indicated mountain lions are predators and wants anyone east of the Missouri river who carries a valid gun permit be allowed to harvest a lion.

Hartford Beach has had sightings and with visitors and campers in the area and is concerned for the area and he is afraid there could be a problem.

Bob Lee of Watertown spoke regarding deer doe harvested in January and doesn't feel we should have that season. He requested the mountain lion season begin in November during the deer hunting.

#### Public Hearing

The public hearing began at 2:03 PM and concluded at 2:39 PM complete minutes are attached. Commissioner Olson called for a recess and meeting resumed at 2:59 PM.

#### Finalizations

##### Duck Hunting Season 41:06:16

Chief Tom Kirschenmann presented the proposed changes to the duck season indicating the US Fish and Wildlife Service did not approve a change in the daily limit for redhead ducks; therefore, the proposed change needs to be rejected. The US Fish and Wildlife Service did approve an increase in the scaup daily bag limit from two to six. Discussion included the US FWS and reasons for the increase scaup.

Motion by Cooper with second by Knippling TO AMEND CHANGES TO THE DUCK HUNTING SEASON TO REJECT THE INCREASE IN REDHEAD AND TO INCREASE THE SCAUP DAILY BAG LIMIT TO FOUR.

Increase the scaup daily bag limit from 2 to 4.

Motion by Cooper with second by Knippling TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO THE DUCK HUNTING SEASON 41:06:16 AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

##### Goose Hunting Season 41:06:16

Kirschenmann presented the proposed change to the goose season indicating the US Fish and Wildlife Service did not approve the increase Canada goose daily and possession limits as recommended by the Central Flyway and this change will need to be rejected.

Motion by Spies with second by Cooper TO REJECT THE INCREASE CANADA GOOSE LIMITS AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Correct boundary descriptions for Unit 1 and 2 as presented.

Motion by Cooper with second by Spies TO FINALIZE THE CHANGE TO THE GOOSE HUNTING SEASON 41:06:16 AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Muzzleloading Restrictions 41:06:04

Andy Alban presented the proposed changes with no recommended changes and he indicated public comments reflected support for the change and to keep the season in current form. Discussion included types of sights allowable and that the season is a primitive season to provide additional opportunity.

Amend 41:06:04:14 to allow for the use of smokeless powder and peep sights and other optics that do not employ magnification during seasons restricted to muzzleloading rifles.

Motion by Cooper with second by Spies TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO THE MUZZLELOADING RESTRICTIONS 41:06:04 AS PROPOSED. Roll Call vote: Cerny-yes; Cooper-yes; Jensen-no; Knippling-yes; Peterson-yes; Sather-yes; Spies-yes; Olson-yes. Motion carried with seven yes votes and one no vote.

#### Hunting Accompaniment 41:06:04

Andy Alban presented the proposed changes for hunting accompaniment with no changes. Discussion included the archery big game hunting rules and pheasant hunting concerns.

Amend 41:06:04:04 to create accompaniment allowances for big game hunters and place the responsibility for adherence to the rule on the unlicensed big game hunter.

Motion by Peterson with second by Cerny TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO HUNTING ACCOMPANIMENT 41:06:04 AS PROPOSED. Roll call: Cerny-yes; Cooper-yes; Jensen-yes; Knippling-yes; Peterson-yes; Sather-yes; Spies-no; Olson-yes. Motion carried with seven yes votes and one no vote.

#### Wildlife Rehabilitators Permit and Rules 41:09:18

Chad Switzer presented the proposed changes to create a new chapter for a formal process for temporary care of wild animals by a qualified provider. Switzer had a recommended change following review from Legislative Research Council and a wording change. Discussion included types of animals and number of interested providers.

1. Language change in 41:09:18:01.
2. Include language that identifies the exact version of the Minimum Standards for Wildlife Rehabilitation (4<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2012) within the Inspection of Facilities rule.

Motion by Cooper with second by Cerny TO AMEND WILDLIFE REHABILITATORS PERMIT AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Cooper with second by Peterson TO FINALIZE WILDLIFE REHABILITATION 41:09:18 AS AMENDED. Discussion included types of animals and age of providers. Motion was deferred until Friday morning.

On Friday morning, Chief Kirschenmann presented the Wildlife Rehabilitation proposal indicating the age of a licensed provider would be 21 and the definition of a

rehabilitator was better defined and the permit would specify the types of animals the rehabilitator could accept.

Substitute motion by Cooper with second by Cerny TO AMEND WILDLIFE REHABILITATION WITH A CHANGE TO 41:09:19:00 AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Cooper with second by Jensen TO FINALIZE WILDLIFE REHABILITATION 41:09:18 WITH BOTH AMENDMENTS. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Closure of Waters to Taking of Bait 41:09:04

Geno Adams presented the proposed changes with no recommended changes.

Modify 41:09:04:03 Waters open to taking of bait to include the East Vermillion River, the West Vermillion River and Firesteel Creek below Lake Mitchell in the list of waters that are closed to the commercial and noncommercial taking of bait.

Motion by Spies with second by Jensen TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO CLOSURE OF WATER TO TAKING OF BAIT 41:09:04. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Trapping Regulations 41:08:02

Keith Fisk presented the rules as finalized at the June meeting and IRRC reverted back for additional public comment. Fisk indicated the recommended changes were to clarify colony trap dimensions for round and square traps and guidelines for body grip trap restrictions. Public comment and questions about the types and features of traps and bait in the traps that were potentially harmful to hunting dogs were discussed along with the need and desire to have trappers assist with control of skunks and raccoons.

Amend the following administrative rules to read as follows:

41:08:02:06. Body grip trap restrictions. The following restrictions apply to the use of body grip traps commonly known as conibears:

- (1) No person may set or operate above the water's edge of a stream, river, or other body of water a body grip trap with a jaw spread greater than eight inches.
- (2) On all public lands and public road rights-of-way statewide, no person may set or operate a body grip trap when used in conjunction with any bait, lure, or scent with a jaw spread greater than six and three-quarter inches unless:
  - (a) The trap is recessed in a plastic, wood, or metal cubby a minimum of seven inches from the front edge of the cubby to the trigger of the trap; or
  - (b) The trap is set below the waters edge of a stream, river, or other body of water.

41:08:02:08. Restrictions on colony traps. The size of colony traps used for muskrats may not exceed 36 inches in overall length. If using a round colony trap, the diameter cannot exceed 12 inches. If using a box colony trap, the height may not exceed 12 inches nor may the width exceed 12 inches

Motion by Sather with second by Cerny TO AMEND TRAPPING PROHIBITIONS AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sather with second by Cooper TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO TRAPPING PROHIBITIONS 41:08:02 AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Hunting Season Proposals

##### Mountain Lion Hunting Season

On Friday morning, Tom Kirschenmann presented the recommended changes to the mountain lion season following a PowerPoint presentation by John Kanta and Andy Lindbloom on the lion population presented on Thursday afternoon.

Kirschenmann indicated the changes include an increase in harvest, move the start date forward a week to allow hunting over the holidays, land owner and non-landowners licensed hunters may hunt outside the Black Hills Forest Protection District, Custer State Park will have five intervals for access permits, and three one-week intervals in Custer State Park that allow hunting with dogs. Discussion included the 2011 harvest, the Wyoming harvest and season, the season dates, and the population estimates to reach management goals.

1. Increase the total mountain lion harvest limit from 70 to 100 and the female harvest limit from 50 to 70.
2. Change the season start date from January 1 to December 26.
3. Any properly licensed hunter (both landowners and non-landowners) may hunt mountain lions outside of the Black Hills Fire Protection District from January 1 to December 31.
4. Custer State Park is closed to mountain lion hunting except during established hunting intervals for 162 mountain lion licensees who possess a valid mountain lion license and a temporary access permit issued free of cost. This structure includes five (5) hunting intervals (14-16 days in length) with each having 30 access permits (no dog hunting allowed) and three (3) intervals (7 days in length) with each having 4 access permits (dog hunting allowed). The temporary access permits may be issued by a random drawing. See attached calendar for length and rotation of hunting intervals.
5. Make an allowance for the use of dogs during specified hunting intervals in Custer State Park.

Motion by Spies with second by Jensen TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE MOUNTAIN LION HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED (Peterson absent on Friday). Motion carried unanimously.

#### Division of Parks and Recreation

##### Angostura Concession Contract

Director Hofer and Sean Blanchette provided information about the trailer sewer project prior to presenting the request for approval to advertise the prospectus and outlined the proposed minimum requirements.

The Concession facilities have been appraised. The appraisal has been accepted by the current concessionaire, Angostura Resort Management, and a Settlement Agreement has been reached, the terms and conditions of which must be

met by any prospective concessionaire. The new concession requirements include a 10-year contract, 140 boat slips, cabins and lodge, food service, convenience store with bait and tackle, on-the-water fuel station, sanitary pump station, management of two private trailer courts, franchise fees, and a repair and maintenance reserve.

Motion by Knippling with second by Jensen TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ADVERTISE THE PROSPECTUS FOR NEW CONCESSION LEASE AT ANGOSTURA RECREATION AREA AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Angostura Private Trailer Sewer Project

Hofer indicated a consultant has been hired to do the first phase of engineering plans and an estimate for a system in both areas. This information will be shared with trailer owners in October, who will then be asked to provide earnest money prior to the upcoming Legislative Session. The Commission will be updated again as information becomes available.

#### 2013 Fees Review

Director Hofer indicated this is the time of year the Department is preparing a Fiscal Year Budget for 2014. Fees are an important part of the budget process and August is the time to review fees to consider adjustments that are necessary to balance the budget. Last year was a difficult year with flooding that resulted in a deficit; this year we are in much better condition than one year ago. There are needs to be addressed especially for projects that were put on hold from last year. Utility increases continue and have an effect on the budget process and there may be some modest fee adjustment proposals brought to the Commission in October.

If there is a need to make any adjustments, it would be a recommendation to raise the park entrance license from \$28 to \$30 and the second park entrance license would go from \$14 to \$15 with the combo at \$45. The Transferrable permit may be increased \$5 to \$65. Collectively those changes would annually generate about \$160,000 additional revenue. The last time the entrance fees were increased was 2009.

The group lodges fees will be also be reviewed as occupancy rates are very high and pricing should be kept competitive.

#### July Visitation and Revenue Report

Hofer indicated the July revenue is strong with a large increase in the park areas that experienced flooding last year. Camping units are on a record pace statewide and above the all-time high year of 2010. Visitation is up as well; however, July could have been better due to the extreme heat.

Chairman Olson called for a recess at 5:07 PM with meeting to resume at 8 AM the next morning same location. The meeting resumed at 8:01 AM on Friday, August 3 with Commissioners Olson, Knippling, Cooper, Spies, Jensen, Cerny, and

Sather present. Commissioner Peterson was absent. Secretary Vonk, staff, media, and public were present.

## Division of Wildlife

### Bighorn Sheep Auction Tag Proposal

Chief Kirschenmann presented the recommended changes to the Black Hills Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season following the presentation of the Bighorn Sheep Opinion Survey Results. Kirschenmann indicated the recommendation provides for a license to be available for auction if or when three licenses are allocated in the area outside of Custer State Park. Discussion included the Custer State Park rams are highly desired trophy rams, CSP rams do move out of the park, the importance of view ability of the rams, and would the auction tag be open to nonresident hunters.

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

Motion by Cerny with second by Spies TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO ALLOW FOR A BIGHORN AUCTION TAG AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Boating Officer Award was differed to another time.

### Mountain Lion Population Status Update

John Kanta provided a PowerPoint presentation providing history of lions and the hunting season, management plan objectives, and types of surveys used and currently ongoing.

Andy Lindbloom provided hunter success information, harvest rates and ratio, population estimates using two different type systems. The Jan 1, 2012, population

was estimated at 200-211 without kittens and the harvest information indicates an estimated kitten population of 100. The recommended 2013 harvest would bring the population estimate for 2014 to 180 and this would be within the management plan objective.

Lindbloom indicated staff are currently tracking over 40 lions with a total of 352 collared over the past several years. Research on lion and prey selection with SDSU indicates the ewe mortality had four lost to predation, 24% of lambs lost due to pneumonia die-off, and 21% from lions.

#### Elk Research Update

Lion feeding sites showed 80% were deer and about 7% for elk. The CSP elk project lost sixteen calves with twelve due to lions and the Unit 2 project lost eight calves with four due to lions.

#### Bighorn Sheep Opinion Survey Results

Dr. Cynthia Longmire presented the survey results indicating 93% or 4,426 of the bighorn sheep applications provided an email address and 55% of the applicants with an email responded. Of the 2,436 responses 72.4% felt it important or very important to have the opportunity to hunt bighorn sheep and agreed that groups should work together to manage bighorn sheep; agreed that habitat is key to increasing the herd; support moving bighorn from other states into disease-free areas of South Dakota to expand the population; and agreed that additional funds are needed. Support of having one auction tag as part of fund-raising efforts produced more of a split about 53% support, 36% oppose to strongly oppose the idea.

#### Lake Francis Case Paddlefish Snagging Season Summary

Geno Adams gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Lake Francis Case paddlefish snagging season beginning with the history and stocking of paddlefish. The 2012 snagging season was a success and he provided details of the angling efforts, catch rates, harvest, released paddlefish, and results of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe tags.

#### Goose Hunter Recruitment Initiative

Chief Scott Simpson presented a poster drawing attention to the need for additional goose hunters. His staff pooled ideas to increase goose hunters and developed three objectives: 1) to advertise the resource, 2) promote the August Management Take season and to donate geese to the Sportsmen Against Hunger program, and 3) to encourage participation by making prizes available to those who introduce others to the hunting of geese.

Simpson indicated the posters were sent to license agents and emailed to 49,000 license holders, 24,000 migratory bird license holders, 15,000 mobile/smart phone users; news releases were sent to the media and on the GFP Website, and posted on Facebook. The thunderstorm map developed last year is on the Website again this year.

Olson indicated Sportsmen Against Hunter continues to work with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to determine possession limits for food banks beginning with the September season.

#### 2013 Fees Review

Director Tony Leif presented Hunting and Fishing License Revenue from resident and nonresident sales since 2009 with current dollars for 2012 and estimate sales for 2013. Leif also provided the price of the licenses since 1998 for both residents and nonresidents. Resident fees have not changed since 2005 except for the increase in mountain lion license (\$15 to \$25) in 2009. Nonresident fees were last changed in 2005 with the exception of deer and antelope fee increases in 2011. Leif indicated the Consumer Price Index shows an 18% increase in cost over the past 8 years and revenue has declined the past couple of years thus leading to a discussion of potential fee adjustments for 2013.

Motion by Knippling with second by Spies to adjourn the meeting and meeting adjourned at 9:48 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Vonk, Department Secretary

Public Hearing Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission  
August 2, 2012

Public Hearing Officer Chuck Schlueter welcomed everyone to the Public Hearing at 2:03 PM. Schlueter indicated public testimony would follow the order of items 6-12 listed under Finalizations on the Commission Agenda. Those testifying today are asked to provide their name and address on the sign-in sheet for public record.

#### Duck Hunting Seasons

William J. O'Brien of Arden Hills, MN, wrote: "requesting consideration be given to changing the Low Plains South season to match the High Plains season adopted for the western part of South Dakota."

No oral testimony received.

#### Goose Hunting Seasons

Brian Liedtke of Glenham, SD, emailed: "Please consider extending Unit 2 north along the Missouri River to the North Dakota border. It could be bordered on the east by Highway 83 and bordered on the west by Highway 1806. We had geese by Mobridge all winter last year – we had open water in different spots that held them here. Give us an opportunity to hunt them; we might even push some of them south to the existing Unit two. By not allowing hunting along the Missouri up north, you are creating a large refuge that will hold more and more geese. We had thousands here last winter. The climate is changing. Hunting units need to change to accommodate this. Thanks for your consideration."

Neal W Pearson of Lake City, SD, emailed: "it would be a great benefit to all hunters if locker plants could process them without having a wing attached. Most are breasted out and they can be made into a lot of different kind of products. If this is already possible, then the hunters need to know that it alright. Thanks for your consideration of this proposal."

Scott Jamison of Wentworth, SD, emailed: "I would like to comment on two of the below proposals and thanks for the opportunity. I am strongly in favor of allowing zero magnification scopes on muzzleloaders. Although I haven't yet been lucky enough to draw a tag, I hope to in the future. I really haven't used open sights on any rifle since I was a kid and using something with a dot or crosshairs would make me much more accurate and thus much less likely to wound a deer. I am also strongly in favor of allowing small game hunters to accompany deer hunters. There are very few weekends to hunt deer and pheasants with family members, and this would give the opportunity more often. It's very difficult for me and my two sons to all draw deer tags in the same season and this way they can at least get an opportunity to come with me a few days and pheasant hunt; or vice versa."

Randy Hoff of Watertown, SD, emailed: "Please consider the use of electronic callers for fall snow goose hunting. I have hunted waterfowl in Saskatchewan for many years and witnessed the maturation of fall snow goose hunting regulations.

They began by allowing snow goose hunting with a e-caller by using only white goose decoys. (The fear was that you may harvest an occasional Canada goose.) They then evolved into allowing the use of blue goose decoys. You are not allowed to use Canada goose decoys when using the e-caller. Snow and Blue decoys only. The other input would be to allow the removal of your plug during the early Canada August management take season. I believe the goal in both of these cases is to harvest more geese."

#### Muzzleloading Restrictions

John Grentz of Pierre, SD, emailed: "About time! Anyone with bifocals can't see open sights clearly. Usually both front and rear sights are out of focus. It is time for scopes and red dot type optics. Muzzleloader season isn't supposed to be just for people with 20/20 vision! My .02 cents."

Rick Hanger of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: "I would like to comment on the proposed changes to the muzzleloader season requirements. My concern lies with the possible changes in which type of sights are allowed. I feel that peep sights should be allowed. I think everyone would agree that a peep sight, while not considered an open sight, would still fall within the class of iron sights. Peep sights were commonly used on muzzleloaders throughout history. I do feel however that the modern sights such as red dots or holographic sights even without magnification fall outside the realm of what a muzzleloader season is all about, getting back to basics. The muzzleloader season was established and has been a season for hunters who wish to take on the challenges a muzzleloader requires. ie- intimacy with your equipment and your quarry.

Hunters wishing to use the more modern muzzleloader and optics certainly can do so during the regular firearms season. There is far too much emphasis in the hunting community these days on filling your tag from as far away as possible. The hunters in this state and the Game Fish and Parks have traditionally favored responsible and ethical hunting. Let's keep it that way. For those that wish to bag a deer at distance with a muzzleloader, let them do it during the regular season. Nothing prevents them from doing that. Please leave the current muzzleloader season as primitive. If not there will be a large influx of scoped up hunters in this season. I believe this may result in more wounded deer as hunters try to shoot at longer ranges because they can see better, but the ballistics of the weapons are not quite up to the optics."

Gene Cox of Mobridge, SD, emailed: "I feel that muzzle loader hunting is just that...a chance to step back into yesteryear and experience that type of hunt. As far as an "Advancement in muzzle loading technology" that is the modern hunting rifle. Since you are using the "past" to hunt with let us keep that spirit as well. I would not support the use of optics with the exception of the "peep" sight as those have been around for some time and offer optical advantage nor do I support the use of smokeless powders. Black powder or Black powder substitute only."

Skip Tillisch of Hill City, SD, emailed: "I am in favor of allowing the use of non-magnifying optics on muzzle loading rifles, and urge your support of the proposed

change. I am sixty-eight years old and did not hunt with my muzzle loader last year. Like most senior citizens, I could no longer see the sights clearly enough to make sure of making a killing shot. Presbyopia is a visual condition caused by hardening of the crystalline in the eye due to aging. This loss of variable focus power makes it difficult, if not impossible, to clearly see the rear sight, the front sight, and the target at the same time. A blurred sight picture makes it more difficult to make a clean kill. Allowing the use of non-magnifying optics will allow me to hunt with my muzzle loader again, and reduce the number of wounded animals."

Greg Fuller of Fort Pierre, SD, emailed: "I would like to go on record as supporting the changes as proposed. I am particularly supportive of allowing peep sites."

Bill De Lay of Parker, SD, emailed: "I think the proposed recommendations for modifying muzzleloader restrictions are a very good idea as the need is there and the time is now. As an over 50 sportsman with eyes in the bifocal range it would be much more ethical to allow the use of better sighting systems for much more accurate shot placement in the taking of game. This would be better for the deer and the hunter allowing more to hunt longer in life and still ethically kill game. I have actually discussed this with my local game warden in the past and am glad to see the commission is considering these proposals."

Tim Millburn of Rapid City, SD, emailed: "I'm all for it! Peep or aperture sights have been on muzzleloaders almost since their invention. The new "no magnification" optics are a boon for those of us with aging eyesight. Substitute powders in granular form are no quicker to load than real black powder. With these few advances you still must load from the muzzle end and one shot kills are still the attainable goal. Please adopt these new rules, Thank You".

Craig Chilson of Rapid City, SD, emailed: "In my view you are going in the wrong direction with muzzleloader rules. I believe this should be a primitive hunt and would support only black powder with patched round ball's or even patched round ball and flintlock only. For the record I do not own a flintlock and I do own an inline."

Greg Olsen of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: "Two comments on the proposed muzzleloading changes. First, I am opposed to the use of telescopic and peep sites. Secondly, I am also opposed to the use of smokeless powder. Hunting with muzzleloading firearms is about tradition. Yes, I can agree that the use of the proposed sites would insure a better quality shot, however, I believe in the use of skilled hunting techniques which I view as a "lost art" when it comes to hunting in general. There are enough rifles and scopes to go around during those seasons. Please consider leaving the muzzleloading season as an historical approach to hunting. Vote no on the use of telescopic sites and the use of smokeless powder."

Chris Mayer of Rapid City, SD, called indicating his support for the proposed changes for sights during the muzzleloader season.

Scott O'Donnell of LaBolt, SD, emailed: "Regarding the proposed amendments to section 41:06:04:14; I support the proposed amendment to allow for sights to muzzleloaders, such as red-dot sights with no magnification. I feel that this

type of sighting system would allow for better shot placement, thus allowing the potential for a cleaner kill and less suffering on the animal.”

Bruce Schroeder of Brandon, SD, emailed: “I read with interest the new proposed guidelines for muzzle loaders. The guidelines say that a one-power scope is permitted. However, a Scheel's salesman tells me that no such thing exists. If this is correct, that guideline would be of no value.”

Oral testimony:

Bob Lee of Watertown, SD, testified that he has iron sights and with bifocals these are hard to work. He believes sights should not need more than four power to get the animal in close enough for a kill.

Don Weber from Milbank would like to see things stay the same with the old iron sights. He would like for an early muzzleloader season before the Black Hills season and December 1<sup>st</sup> would help a lot, as other hunters have chased the deer. He would like a week before the west river rifle season begins.

#### Hunting Accompaniment

Scott Jamison of Wentworth, SD, emailed: “I am also strongly in favor of allowing small game hunters to accompany deer hunters. There are very few weekends to hunt deer and pheasants with family members, and this would give the opportunity more often. It's very difficult for me and my two sons to all draw deer tags in the same season and this way they can at least get an opportunity to come with me a few days and pheasant hunt; or vice versa.”

No oral comments were received.

#### Wildlife Rehabilitators Permit and Rules

No oral or written comments were received.

#### Closure of Waters to the Taking of Bait

No oral or written comments were received.

#### Trapping Regulations

Diane Rieck of Humboldt, SD, emailed: “Proposed change 41:08:02:06 is not acceptable. It would eliminate all 330 beaver trapping under ice, and all beaver trapping in water. I feel it needs to be better thought out on restrictions. I would recommend that it not pass as proposed.”

Larry W. Bowden President of Western South Dakota Fur Harvesters Association wrote: “Our organization would like to inform you that we support the SD GF&P proposed change of 220 conibear trapping on public land and road right of ways...We feel that this change is in the best interest of trappers and other individuals who use public lands.”

Jim Gruber of Estelline, SD, emailed: “...i love trapping as much as anyone, but these things are not the way to go... buckets only attract dogs, cattle, and all domestic animals from scent and curiosity... and 7 inches is not going to do anything worth while.. Submerged or above the ground is the only way to go.....”

Brian Reynolds of Monroe, SD, emailed a ten-page document about body grip traps on July 31<sup>st</sup> stating: "Please include the attachment as evidence to reject the body grip trap restriction. The wildlife division has failed to show that the majority of our pheasant, trappers, or Ag producers support the restriction. In addition we have legislative mandates which this restriction violates".

Brian Reynolds sent an email on July 29<sup>th</sup> stating: "...I ask that the commission reject all the current trapping proposals before them today. I also ask that the commission reject any further trapping restrictions that may come before them in the future that may effect our ability to earn a livelihood, and also to repeal all existing rules that undermine our ability to earn a livelihood either as an ag producer or as a trapper."

Brian Reynolds sent an email on July 31<sup>st</sup> stating: "Not so fast. What the Wildlife Division is saying in this proposal is that they are concerned about the welfare of dogs (which are a domestic animal) and that they want a rule to protect and provide for the welfare and safety of these hunting dogs. Since a hunting dog is an animal, the Wildlife division is saying that they are trying to provide for the welfare of animals. ... Please reject this proposal and defer this decision to the legislature."

Kevin Parmely of Huron, SD, emailed: "After attending and testifying before the rules review committee meeting on 7/10/2012 I still have concerns and opposition to the way the proposed rule change for the Body Grip Trap Restrictions 41:08:02:06 is written. As per the directive given by the rules review committee the rule was rejected and sent back because it was too confusing and it was stated that it needed to be crystal clear. The Game, Fish, and Parks have not changed anything in the writing of the rule as far as I can tell. It is still very confusing and leaves open a lot of grey area allowing for different interpretations of the rule as written. This proposed rule needs to be killed. The proposed rule for the restrictions on colony traps 41:08:02:08 has been rewritten since the rule review meeting and is very well written and is crystal clear now."

Myron E. Simons of Huron, SD, emailed: "I am writing not to argue the 7 inch setback in cubbys, but to question the wording in paragraph 2. In reading paragraph 2, it clearly states that a body grip (36 sq. in. +) used in conjunction with bait must be recessed. It does not address in or out of water. This seems to me to make a castor mound set with a 330 illegal, or, even an under ice set with a poplar branch for bait on a 330 illegal as well. This would greatly restrict the taking of beaver. The next question I would like to ask is about the 36 sq. inch opening. Is it your intention to make #160 conibears subject to the 7" setback also? I have 2 different brands of #160s, and each has at least one measurement in excess of 6". This is because of the scissor action of the jaws; one has to fit inside the other. It would be a shame for an over zealous Conservation Officer to issue citations because your intent was not clearly stated. Please give consideration to adding more clarity to this rule."

Oral testimony:

Richard Smith of Hamlin County indicated he supports the way it is written now and wants to see more use of public lands. Knew of a couple of incidents where dogs were caught on public land and private land should have better control. This is a step in the right way and supports this and trapping in general.

Kevin Parmely stated this is a lot better than what was before the rules committee and needs a little more tweaking. The thing about the 220 is that it is the one trap that harvests coon, skunks, badgers, possums and these are trapped in SD and 80% with the 220 trap. This is important to the trappers and assists with pheasant population and brings in more hunters and revenue to SD. This is the main tool to take predators. The rule here talks about on all public lands and road-right-of-ways greater than 6 inches and 160 are bigger than 6 inches provided handout to commissioners on types of traps.

Richard Pearson of Webster, SD, testified and is here to say the proposal as drafted is fair and reasonable and there are alternatives available on the internet and are effective. He focused on public land and reasonable time frame.

Kerry Hanson of Columbia, SD, testified two incidents where dogs were killed in the state and the conibears are number one choice of trap for coon and skunk which are the biggest nest raiders of pheasants. Without question the most economical way to harvest coon and skunks on roadways.

Jeff Clark, Director of the SD Trappers Association stated he likes the rule change and questions the 6x6 and excluding the 160 conibear trap. SDTA stresses ethics for the good of trapping and he supports the changes.

Kevin Parmely again "definitely do not agree with law and the issue with putting the bait lure and scent on conibear box and nothing will put its head in a box without bait. Better rule or throw and go back to original law.

Exert from June 7 Public Hearing:

*Trapping Prohibitions*

*Paul Draper of Bristol, SD, emailed: "I am a serious trapper. A member of the NATA and SDTA. I applaud banning baited #220 conibear on public lands. All conscientious trappers agree accidental dead-dogs are not acceptable collateral damage. Sadly, some inconsiderate trappers ignore potential hazards."*

*Jared Petersen of Tea, SD, emailed: "Please do not allow 220s to become restricted on public land. About 5 years ago there was a bill in the Capitol that was very similar to what is going on here. It was defeated by a large number! I believe that the GFP Commission needs to honor the intent of the folks that represent our state as was done in the Legislature several years ago. The people spoke at that time, and the message was --do not restrict 220s!!!! Who cares about a feral cat? I see hundreds of them every year, which eat our birds and other wildlife. GFP needs to honor the folks decision in the Capitol and leave our 220s alone!"*

*Brian Reynolds of Monroe, SD, emailed to express opposition to the restricted use of body grip traps on public land and ROW's.*

*No oral testimony was received.*

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Vonk, Department Secretary

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Allen: Chris Peterson  
or  
Mary Healey  
Fax to 605-773-6245

Type of List Requested Custer Dist HUNTERS, Turkey, Deer, Elk <sup>all</sup> H2 10/1-  
H5 10/1-  
H3 10/1-  
H4 10/1-10  
Number of Licenses in list 200-300

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:  
Brenda L. Heilwig - Custer Rocky Knob Cabins

Phone Number 605-342-8081 or 737-0662

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:  
Brenda Heilwig  
3021 Heidiway Lane  
Rapid City S.D. 57702

How would you like your list sent to you: (email or disk) email -  
All Custer Tags Only

Email Address: bren@custercabins.com

Purpose for which list will be used: Lodging + Accommodations  
in Custer

**This list is Names and Mailing Addresses ONLY**

The sale of lists by the Department of Game, Fish & Parks is authorized by SDCL 1-27-1 and ARSD 41:06:02:04, 05 and 06. A fee of \$100 per thousand names will be assessed for the sale of this list, or a minimum of \$100 whichever is greater.

Unless requested and approved as part of this request, the license list will not include anyone under eighteen years of age. Names are for one-time use only and are to be used only by the person, entity or organization approved per this request.

Brenda Heilwig  
Authorized Signature of Purchaser

08-20-2012  
Date

Date of Commission Action

**GAME, FISH & PARKS**

523 East Capital  
Pierre, SD 57501  
(605)773-4510  
Fax (605)773-6245

**Mary.Healy@state.sd.us**

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**REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS**

**Application for exception to regular fee**

Type of List Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Resident waterfowl  
hunters \_\_\_\_\_

Number of licenses in list \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:  
South Dakota Waterfowl Association

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:  
Box 8381, Brookings, SD 57006

How would you like your list sent to you: (email or disk) disk

Email Address: southdakotawaterfowl@gmail.com

Phone Number  
605-690-6351

Purpose for which list will be used:  
Contact resident waterfowl hunters to inform them about the South Dakota Waterfowl Association and to request them to become members

**This list is Names and Mailing Addresses ONLY**

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Charles V. Dieter  
Authorized Signature of Purchaser

9/13/12  
Date

Date of Commission Action \_\_\_\_\_

**GAME, FISH & PARKS**  
523 East Capital  
Pierre, SD 57501  
(605)773-3396

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## REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Type of List Requested 2012 West River Deer, Antelope, East River Deer (all resident)

Number of Licenses in list 30,000

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:  
South Dakota Wildlife Federation

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:  
SDWF

Box 7075

Pierre, SD 57501-7075

Purpose for which list will be used:  
Sell gun tickets and membership recruitment

I would like the list to be on Disk in Access comma delineated.

The sale of lists by the Department of Game, Fish & Parks is authorized by SDCL 1-17-1 and ARSD 41:06:01:04, 05 and 06. A fee of \$100 per thousand names will be assessed for the sale of this list, or a minimum of \$100 whichever is greater.

Names will be provided on self-adhesive mailing labels unless otherwise specified. Unless requested and approved as part of this request, the license list will not include anyone under eighteen years of age. Names are for one-time use only and are to be used only by the person, entity or organization approved per this request.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature of Purchaser

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Commission Action

## 2013 Game, Fish, and Parks Commission Schedule

*Meeting times are Thursday 1 – 5 pm; Friday 8 am – noon  
Unless otherwise indicated*

January 10-11, 2013	Ft. Pierre - AmericInn Scotty Phillips Room 312 Island Drive, Ft. Pierre, 57532
February 2013	No meeting
March 7-8, 2013	Ft. Pierre - AmericInn Scotty Phillips Room 312 Island Drive, Ft. Pierre, 57532
April 4-5, 2013	Winner - Holiday Inn Express 1360 SD Hwy 44, Winner, SD 57580
May 2-3, 2013	CSP - Creekside Lodge US Hwy 16A, Custer, SD 57730
June 6-7, 2013	Pierre - Visitor's Center 650 Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501
July 8-9, 2013 Monday-Tuesday	Pierre - Ramkota 920 West Sioux Ave, Pierre, SD 57501
July 25-26, 2013	Reserve for possible Contested Case Hearing-Pierre
August 1-2, 2013	Watertown Event Center 1901 Ninth Avenue SW, Watertown, SD 57201
September 2013	No meeting
October 3-4, 2013	Spearfish Holiday Inn Express 305 North 27 <sup>th</sup> Street, Spearfish, SD 57783
November 7-8, 2013	Pierre - Ramkota 920 West Sioux Ave, Pierre, SD 57501
December 5-6, 2013	Pierre - Ramkota 920 West Sioux Ave, Pierre, SD 57501

## Summary of Comments provided for Independent Review of the Wildlife Division of Department of Game, Fish, and Parks

Overall, ninety-six written comments were submitted by individuals and several organizations. Input was also provided by GFP Commission members. Commenters were generally supportive of the decision to conduct the independent third party review. A large variety of issues were raised by commenters, however, concerns regarding west river big game management and GFP management clearly dominate the issues raised.

### Comment from Sportsmen

Written comment was submitted by thirty-five individuals that can be classified as sportsmen or associations representing sportsmen. Nearly all written comments raise issues regarding either west river big game management or GFP management.

References by Sportsmen	Issue
19	Elk population is too low
18	Blame mt. lions for killing elk/deer (support for higher mt. lion quotas)
17	Specifically critical of GFP management
15	Deer population is too low (Black Hills)
5	Issuing too many antelope tags
4	Concern about too few Big Horn Sheep
2	Mismanagement of Canada Geese
2	Blame over hunting for low elk/deer populations
1	Support for more non-resident water fowl tags
1	Request that Custer State Park wildlife management be included in the review
1	How are big game animal counts determined
1	Need for transparency on how Wildlife Division comes to decisions
1	Need to assess employee morale (include compensation review)
1	Need to clarify trapping laws/ critical of trapping laws
1	Upset GFP hired Montana taxidermist to do taxidermy for outdoor campus
1	Conservation Officers are not as helpful as they used to be
1	Need to revise "Special Buck" tag system

### Comment from Landowners

Only six landowners submitted written comment. Most are critical of GFP management, but the reasons for their criticism varies greatly. The landowners supporting increases to non-resident water fowl licenses also operate hunting lodges that cater to non-residents.

References by Landowners	Issue
4	Specifically critical of GFP management
2	Too many mt. lions
2	Support for increasing non-resident water fowl licenses
1	GFP depredation efforts for big game are inadequate
1	GFP depredation efforts for Canada Geese are inadequate
1	Too many deer (East River)
1	Mt. lion research/data is flawed
1	GFP CO falsified report
1	Opposes GFP land purchases

### General Comment from Citizens

Comments from citizens not clearly identifiable as either sportsmen, GFP employees or landowners varied significantly. However, the most common concerns remain management of big game and GFP.

References by Citizens	Issue
7	Too many mt. lions
5	Expressed support for protecting mt. lions
5	Elk,deer, big game populations are too low
4	Specifically critical of GFP management
4	Opposes Canada Goose management tactics that reduce depredation
2	GFP COs are underpaid
2	Mismanagment at Cleghorn Fish Hatchery
1	Too many elk tags are being issued for cows
1	Review not necessary
1	Discrepancies between GFP management descriptions and biologist descriptions
1	Opposes electrical hook ups at state campgrounds
1	Review should include Parks Division
1	GFP needs to be more proactive in controlling aquatic nuisance species
1	Opposes requirement that gifting fish to unlicensed person occur at their domicile
1	Slot limit for walleye in Orman should be 14 inches, and only allow 1 over 18
1	Require outfitters and guides to obtain license like other states
1	Landowners should not get depredation help if they don't allow public to hunt
1	Opposes Big Horn Sheep tag auction
1	Personal use of state equipment
1	Cronyism

## SCOPE OF PROJECT

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### Overview

The state of South Dakota (hereafter referred to as the "State") seeks a contractor to evaluate the processes associated with the management of deer, elk, antelope, and mountain lion populations (hereafter referred to as "big game") in South Dakota. "Management" as used in this RFP is used to describe all of the components that go into the process of managing big game including research, surveys, internal procedures, internal/external communications, and the development of hunting seasons and the allocations of licenses for those hunting seasons. The contractor shall identify strengths and weaknesses of current management systems used and provide recommendations for improvement of the system with particular attention paid to the development and adoption of hunting season structures and hunting license allocations.

Responsibility for management of big game in South Dakota rests with the Department of Game, Fish and Parks (Department) and the Game, Fish and Parks Commission (Commission). While the Department has primary management responsibility, the Commission is ultimately responsible for most decisions regarding annual budgets and hunting season structures including hunting license allocations. Responsibilities and requirements for the Department and Commission are described in South Dakota Codified Law Chapter 41-2. The Commission utilizes a process of rule promulgation established in SDCL Chapter 1-26 after receiving recommendations on the content of those rules from the Department. The Commission has latitude to adopt Department recommendations in part or in full and also has full latitude to develop and adopt hunting season regulations without recommendation of the Department. Following adoption by the Commission and approval by the South Dakota state legislature's Interim Rules Review Committee, big game hunting season rules are filed with the South Dakota Secretary of State and published in the Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) Article 41:06.

The State is seeking proposals for the purpose of identifying the strengths and deficiencies in the design and implementation of big game management and the process of development and promulgation of rules for big game hunting and big game hunting license allocations in South Dakota.

### Questions of Inquiry

The Contractor shall answer each of the following questions from the perspective of a general overview of the big game management system and how each question individually applies to each of the four management programs (deer, elk, antelope and mountain lion).

1. Does the current structure of big game hunting seasons in South Dakota lend itself to proper big game management?
2. Does the Department give sufficient effort to development of big game management plans and specifically, to sections of these plans that guide the setting of population objectives and strategies to meet objectives?

3. Do the management and harvest surveys conducted and contracted by the Department provide sufficient foundation for proper big game management?
4. Are sufficient financial and staff resources allocated for proper big game management?
5. Are financial resources for scientific research prudently allocated and does the scientific research conducted and contracted by the Department contribute to proper big game management?
6. Does the Department properly utilize available survey and research data to formulate big game hunting season recommendations that are consistent with established management plans and population objectives?
7. Is there sufficient opportunity for appropriate staff input at all levels of the Division during the season setting process? Do Department administrators provide an appropriate level of oversight and review in big game management decisions and the development of hunting season recommendations?
8. Does the Department provide the Commission with a sufficient amount of biological justification and information on social impacts to make informed decisions on hunting season regulations?
9. Is there sufficient opportunity for public input in the development of management plans, population objectives and big game hunting season regulations?

Anticipated Work

Anticipated work to be performed by the Contractor includes an eight (8) year historical review of big game management in South Dakota that includes:

- Examination of big game management plans
- Examination of the current structure of big game hunting seasons
- Examination of budgets related to big game management
- Examination of big game public opinion survey reports
- Examination of big game management surveys and harvest reports
- Examination of research completion reports pertaining to big game management
- Examination of the process of developing Department recommendations for big game hunting seasons and hunting license allocations
- Examination of big game hunting season recommendation development documents

- Examination of the minutes of Commission meetings pertaining to big game management and big game hunting season establishment
- Interview Department employees, Commissioners, hunters and other members of the public about their perceptions of big game management in South Dakota

#### Deliverables

The Contractor shall provide the State a written report that details results of examinations and provides answers to questions asked in this RFP. The report shall include documentation found in examinations that supports the conclusions of the Contractor. Recommendations must conform to state constitutional and statutory provisions and take into account a reasonable allocation of future financial and staff resources.

# License Sales Totals

(as of Sept 26)

date updated: 26 Sept 2012

	2011	2012	% Change
Resident Predator/Varmint	1,352	1,400	3.6%
Furbearer	2,183	2,940	34.7%
Combination	40,807	43,615	6.9%
Junior Combination	5,961	6,819	14.4%
Senior Combination	0	4,994	
Resident Small Game	10,144	5,816	-42.7%
Resident Youth Small Game	2,347	2,124	-9.5%
Resident 1-Day Fishing	6,133	6,240	1.7%
Resident Annual Fishing	57,341	67,773	18.2%
Senior Fishing	15,886	13,225	-16.8%
Resident Gamefish Spearing/Archery	2,015	2,005	-0.5%
Resident Migratory Bird Certificate	24,004	23,266	-3.1%
Nonresident Predator/Varmint	4,729	4,968	5.1%
Nonresident Furbearer	83	10	-88.0%
Nonresident Small Game	5,990	5,810	-3.0%
Nonresident Youth Small Game	341	346	1.5%
Nonresident Annual Shooting Preserve	242	208	-14.0%
Resident 1-Day Small Game	202	248	22.8%
Nonresident 5-day Shooting Preserve	1,333	1,373	3.0%
Nonresident 1-day Shooting Preserve	329	299	-9.1%
Nonresident Spring Light Goose	3,643	2,737	-24.9%
Nonresident Youth Spring Light Goose	130	106	-18.5%
Nonresident 1-Day Fishing	16,758	20,294	21.1%
Nonresident 3-Day Fishing	16,598	20,264	22.1%
Nonresident Annual Fishing	14,525	19,948	37.3%
Nonresident Family Fishing	6,634	7,990	20.4%
Nonresident Youth Annual Fishing	706	1,132	60.3%
Nonresident Gamefish Spearing/Archery	288	298	3.5%
Nonresident Migratory Bird Certificate	499	489	-2.0%
<b>TOTAL ON FILE =</b>	<b>241,203</b>	<b>266,737</b>	<b>10.6%</b>

DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH, AND PARKS  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT EMERGENCY RULES

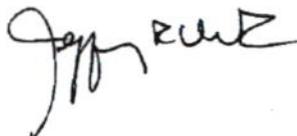
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks Commission intends to adopt an emergency rule at its regular meeting to be held at the AmericInn, 360 Main Street, Deadwood, South Dakota, on Thursday, October 4, 2012, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. (MDT).

The EFFECT of the emergency rule will be to amend ARSD § 41:06:01:11 to authorize the department secretary, following consultation with the chairman of the GFP Commission, to limit the sale of any big game hunting licenses remaining unsold in specific units following the first lottery drawing if the secretary determines there has been documented unforeseen deaths or illnesses of the big game animals within the respective hunting unit.

The REASON for this rule is because wide spread drought has occurred throughout much of South Dakota, resulting in environmental conditions that have been optimal for the Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) to persist and has had a significant impact on deer numbers with some areas experiencing high levels of unforeseen deaths. Reports from the landowners, sportsmen, and surveillance by Game, Fish, and Parks confirm the severity of deer deaths in several counties found in the southeast and south-central parts of the state. Because of these unpredicted deaths, it is imperative for the department secretary to have the authority to reduce or restrict the sale of unsold deer licenses in several counties.

A copy of the proposed rule may be obtained from the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota 57501.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2012.



Jeffrey R. Vonk, Department Secretary

This Notice is published at the approximate cost of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**Mountain Lion Hunting Season**  
**Chapter 41:06:61**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 2-3, 2012	Milbank
	Public Hearing	October 4, 2012	Deadwood
	Finalization	October 4-5, 2012	Deadwood

**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

**Season Dates:** December 26, 2012 – March 31, 2013

**Open Area:** Statewide

**Licenses:** Unlimited resident only

**Harvest Limit:** 100 mountain lions or 70 female mountain lions (includes Custer State Park)

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Residents may harvest no more than one (1) mountain lion in a season.
2. No person may hunt mountain lions with the aid of traps or bait. The use of dogs is allowed in Custer State Park during specified hunting intervals.
3. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
4. No mountain lion with a spotted coat (kitten) and no mountain lion accompanying another mountain lion may be harvested.
5. A person may use an electronic call to hunt mountain lions.
6. All firearms, muzzleloaders, and archery equipment must meet the same minimum requirements as established in rules for deer hunting.
7. The Game, Fish, and Parks Commission, by resolution, may authorize the mountain lion season to extend beyond March 31.
8. All mountain lions harvested within the Black Hills must be presented to a department representative at the Rapid City regional office within 24 hours of harvest for inspection and pelt tagging. Any person who harvests a mountain lion outside of the Black Hills region must present the mountain lion to a conservation officer, wildlife damage specialist, or other department representative within 24 hours of harvest.
9. Any properly licensed hunter can harvest one mountain lion year round outside the Black Hills Fire Protection District.

**Recommended changes from last year:**

1. Increase the total mountain lion harvest limit from 70 to 100 and the female harvest limit from 50 to 70.
2. Change the season start date from January 1 to December 26.
3. Any properly licensed hunter (both landowners and non-landowners) may hunt mountain lions outside of the Black Hills Fire Protection District from January 1 to December 31.
4. Custer State Park is closed to mountain lion hunting except during established hunting intervals for 162 mountain lion licensees who possess a valid mountain lion license and a temporary access permit issued free of cost. This structure includes five (5) hunting intervals (14-16 days in length) with each having 30 access permits (no dog hunting allowed) and three (3) intervals (7 days in length) with each having 4 access permits (dog hunting allowed). The temporary access permits may be issued by a random drawing.
5. Make an allowance for the use of dogs during specified hunting intervals in Custer State Park.

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

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

Recommended changes from proposal:

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1. Hunter and houndspersons are not allowed to release dogs on tracks indicating multiple cats traveling together.
2. Hunters using dogs must attempt to harvest the first legal mountain lion that they have reasonable opportunity to harvest, except under the condition where the lion pursued shows obvious signs of lactation.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

**Mountain Lion Harvest Statistics**

Year	Licensed Hunters		Mountain Lions Harvested		
	Black Hills	Prairie	Males	Females	Total
2005	2,294	303	6	7	13
2006	3,016	290	8	8	16
	Statewide				
2007	4,070		3	16	19
2008	No Season				
2009	2,428		11	15	26
2010	2,082		16	24	40
2011	2,335		22	27	49
2012	3,482		27	46	73

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

# 2013 CSP Mountain Lion Hunting Season Interval Schedule

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## DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			26	27	28	29
30	31					

## JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	14 Days 2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	14 Days 16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	15 Days 30	31		

## FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	7 Days 13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	16 Days 27	28		

## MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	7 Days 6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	16 Days 20	21	22	23
24	25	26	7 Days 27	28	29	30
31						

Five (5) hunting intervals with 30 access permits (no dog hunting allowed).  
 Three (3) hunting intervals with 4 access permits (dog hunting allowed).

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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**Black Hills Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season**  
**Chapter 41:06:56**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 2-3, 2012	Milbank
	Public Hearing	October 4, 2012	Deadwood
	Finalization	October 4-5, 2012	Deadwood

**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

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.

Summary of rules for the establishment of a bighorn sheep auction license

License application

The auction license designated by the Commission is available to residents and nonresidents. Only a person who has not previously been issued a bighorn sheep license at auction may purchase a bighorn sheep auction license.

One bighorn sheep license available for auction

One auction license made available by commission approval if three total bighorn sheep licenses are approved for the Black Hills bighorn sheep hunting season. The license will be made available to a successful bidder at an auction conducted by a nonprofit organization devoted to big game management.

Criteria for selecting the organization

The Commission shall consider the following criteria in selecting the organization to auction the license: 1) goals and objectives related to big game management, 2) methods used to achieve objectives, 3) fundraising experience, 4) past projects and accomplishments, 5) financial stability and integrity, and 6) ability to fulfill the terms of the agreement.

Application procedure

Interested organizations will submit their application letter to the Department and include information such as: 1) a statement to enter into agreement with the Department, 2) federal tax exempt verification, 3) evidence of the organizations goals and objectives related to big game management, 4) evidence of methods used in achieving goals, 5) evidence of fund raising success, 6) explanation of specific projects and past accomplishments, 7) financial records showing organizations financial stability and integrity, and 8) any other information that can substantiate compliance with the criteria to be considered by the Commission.

Application deadline

Application letters shall be received by the Department by November 1 the year proceeding the year in which the license will be issued.

Selection of organization by commission

The Commission shall review and evaluate all application letters and by resolution select the best qualified organization. The Department secretary shall notify all applicants regarding the selection made by the Commission.

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

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Execution of agreement

The agreement between the participant selected and the Commission shall include the following terms and conditions: 1) the Department shall make available and issue one bighorn sheep license to the successful bidder, 2) the successful bidder must be of legal age and not otherwise prohibited from possessing a valid hunting license, 3) the participant who conducts the auction will provide within fourteen days of the auction the total amount of the winning bid, 4) the participant sends the contact name and address of the successful bidder within fourteen days of the auction to the Department upon which the successful bidder is issued one bighorn sheep license, and 5) the license is subject to all applicable hunting laws and rules.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

Recommended change from proposal:

1. Add language stating the Commission will determine which unit(s) the auction license is valid during its annual bighorn sheep season setting process.

**BIGHORN SHEEP WORKING GROUP REQUEST**

Requested changes from proposal:

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. The auction tag hunter can hunt anywhere there is a unit with at least one resident tag allocated.
3. Allow an individual who has previously been issued a bighorn sheep license (lottery drawing or auction) to purchase subsequent auction licenses.

**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.

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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION  
PROPOSAL

10.

Park Licenses  
Chapter 41:03:03

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 4-5, 2012	Deadwood
	Public Hearing	November 1-2, 2012	Madison
	Finalization	November 1-2, 2012	Madison

PARKS & RECREATION DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

1. Modify 41:03:03:06. Park entrance license fees.
2. Modify 41:03:03:08. Fees for special events.

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

Requires operators of motor vehicles to have a park entrance license (PEL) when in state park, recreation area and certain lakeside use areas and establishes the license cost; and establishes the daily fee for admission to the annual Fort Sisseton Festival.

**Recommended changes:**

**41:03:03:06. Park Entrance license fees.** The park entrance license fees are as follows:

- (1) The fee for an annual park entrance license ~~sticker~~ is \$28-30 for the first vehicle and \$44 15 for each additional vehicle registered to the same owner;
- (2) The fee for a transferable annual park entrance license is \$60 65;

**41:03:03:08. Fees for special events.** The daily fee for admission to the annual Fort Sisseton Festival at the Fort Sisseton State Park is \$4 \$5 for each person who is 12 years old or older. This admission fee is in lieu of any other park entrance license. Persons who have paid a daily camping fee for the event and program participants are exempt from paying the fee.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Revenue from annual park entrance licenses and other user fees help offset the cost of operating and maintaining the state park system. The division's Fiscal Year 2014 budget request includes nearly \$100,000 to cover increasing utility costs due to rate increases and \$244,000 to increase the hourly wage rate of over 400 seasonal employees that represent the corpus of our summer work force. The \$2 increase in the annual park entrance license and the \$5 increase in the transferrable license will generate approximately \$157,000.

The annual Fort Sisseton Festival is held the first weekend of June. The admission fee, along with vendor and participant fees help offset the cost of the event. The \$1 increase is needed to keep up with the cost of hosting the event and will generate approximately \$3,500.

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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Camping Permits and Rules
Camping permit fees
Chapter 41:03:04:03

Table with Commission Meeting Dates, Proposal, Public Hearing, Finalization, and dates/locations (October 4-5, 2012 Deadwood, November 1-2, 2012 Madison).

PARKS & RECREATION DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

Modify 41:03:04:03 Camping permit fees.

Requirements and Restrictions:

Requires a camper to pay a daily fee for the use of a campsite, camping cabin or lodge in a state park, recreation area and certain lakeside use areas.

Recommended changes:

- 1. Add South Scalp Creek and White Swan Lakeside use areas to the list of areas that require a basic campground fee.
2. Increase the daily group lodge fee at Shadehill, Lake Thompson, Palisades and Newton Hills;

41:03:04:03. Camping permit fees. The daily fee for the use of a campground site by one camper unit is as follows:

(4) Basic campground fee, \$9.48. Campgrounds included are Burke Lake: Shadehill-Llewellyn Johns Memorial; Bear Butte Lake unit; Lake Hiddenwood; Sand Creek; East Whitlock: Tabor; North Wheeler; Spring Creek; Oakwood primitive area; Lake Carthage: South Shore; Whetstone Bay; South Scalp Creek; White Swan; Walth Bay; and Amsden Dam;

(14) The group lodging fee at: Mina Lake State Recreation Area is 151.66 \$185.00 a night for the first 8 persons age 12 and over plus \$45 17.00 for each additional person age 12 and older; Lake Thompson State Recreation Area, Palisades State Park, and Newton Hills State Park is 243.27 \$240.00 a night for the first 12 persons age 12 and over plus \$46.49 17.00 for each additional person age 12 and older;

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

South Scalp Creek, Walth Bay, and White Swan lakeside use areas offer the amenities and level of service to campers as the other areas where the basic campground fee is charged. Revenue from the camping fee will generate an estimated \$5,500 annually and help offset the maintenance and operating costs of the areas.

Group lodges at Shadehill and Lake Thompson Recreation Areas and Newton Hills and Palisades State Parks are extremely popular and receive heavy use year-round. The proposed rate increases will generate approximately \$13,000 and will help offset rising utility and other operating costs impacting the state park system and make the price more comparable to other similar lodging offered in the state.

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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION  
PROPOSAL

12.

Camping Permits and Rules  
Chapter 41:03:04

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 4-5, 2012	Deadwood
	Public Hearing	November 1-2, 2012	Madison
	Finalization	November 1-2, 2012	Madison

PARKS & RECREATION DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

1. Repeal 41:03:04:09 Camper units limited to two per site.
2. Modify 41:03:04:10 Campsite occupancy restricted.
3. Repeal 41:03:04:10.01 Additional camper unit occupancy permitted – Fee.

Requirements and Restrictions:

Defines the number of campers and/or tents that can occupy a campsite and the fee that must be paid when more than one camping unit occupies a campsite.

Recommended changes:

**41:03:04:09. Camper units limited to two per site – Each unit must have a permit.** No more than two camper units may occupy one campground site, and each camper unit must have a permit. Department representatives may, based on suitability of the site or the load on the campground facilities, refuse to allow a second camper unit to occupy one campground site. Repealed

**41:03:04:10. Camped unit occupancy restricted.** Except as otherwise provided in this chapter rule no more than one camper unit may occupy a designated campsite. For purposes of compliance with this section and assessment of daily camping fees, a camper unit is any one of the following:

- (1) One hard sided camper and its occupants;
- (2) One hard sided camper and or one or more tents, if all occupants meet the definition of "family"; or
- (3) One or more tents, if all occupants meet the definition of "family" or do not exceed six people.

The park manager may allow up to a maximum of two camper units, not to exceed 12 people, to occupy or "double-up" on select campsites based on the suitability of the site and the load on campground facilities/infrastructure. In these cases, a fee of two times the daily camping fee will be charged.

**41:03:04:10.01. Additional camper unit occupancy permitted – Fee.** More than one camper unit and its occupants up to a maximum of ten persons may occupy a designated campsite as permitted in 41:03:04:09 if a fee of two times the daily applicable campaign fee is paid and the camper units are one of the following:

- (1) One hard sided camper and its occupants;

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- (2) ~~One hard sided camper and tents, if all occupants meet the definition of "family";  
or~~
- (3) ~~One or more tents, if all occupants meet the definition of "family" or do not exceed six people. **Repealed**~~

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

These changes will reduce the number of administrative rules regarding campsite occupancy from three to one and simplify the language making it easier for both the public and park staff to understand.

APPROVE

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REJECT

NO ACTION

2012 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND LOCAL APPLICATIONS

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Score	Sponsor	Project Title	Scope	Cost	Requested	Grant Amount	
82	Brandon	Aspen Park Land Acquisition	Purchase land adjacent to Aspen Park	\$ 179,800	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	
78	Dell Rapids	City Park Playground Project	Replace existing playground equipment	\$ 78,855	\$ 39,427	\$ 38,000	
78	Lennox	Lennox Pool and Bathhouse Improvements	Various repairs at pool	\$ 123,500	\$ 50,000	\$ 46,000	
76	Pierre	Fourth Street Park Playground and Shelter	Install new playground equipment and picnic shelter	\$ 50,024	\$ 25,000	\$ 24,000	
75	Sturgis	Starline Park	Construct basketball court, playground equipment & picnic shelter	\$ 98,121	\$ 49,060	\$ 28,000	
75	Groton	Park Equipment Replacement Project	Replace playground equipment	\$ 35,235	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,000	
75	Gregory	Gregory Memorial Sports Park Playground Project	Install playground equipment	\$ 54,086	\$ 27,000	\$ 27,000	
74	Brookings	Valley View Park Development	Install new playground equipment	\$ 96,065	\$ 48,032	\$ 45,000	
73	Gettysburg	Little Angels Playground Improvements	Install playground equipment and picnic shelter	\$ 46,394	\$ 23,196	\$ 20,000	
71	Box Elder	Playground Equipment Safety Remediation Project	Replace playground equipment	\$ 110,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	
70	Beresford	Burlew Park Playground Equipment	Replace playground equipment	\$ 46,911	\$ 23,456	\$ 18,310	
70	North Sioux City	North Sioux City Parks Projects	Update basketball courts and playground equipment	\$ 105,266	\$ 50,000	\$	
70	Elk Point	Elk Point City Park Playground Equipment Project	Replace playground equipment	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	\$	
70	Viborg	Lions Park Playground Equipment	Install new playground equipment	\$ 37,781	\$ 18,890	\$	
70	Custer	Custer City Center Playground	Replace playground equipment	\$ 110,000	\$ 50,000	\$	
69	Ipswich	Ipswich Library Park Playground Equipmen Installation	Install new playground equipment	\$ 24,058	\$ 12,029	\$	
69	Tea	Howling Ridge Picnic/Park Shelter Project	Construct picnic shelter and purchase tables	\$ 34,400	\$ 17,200	\$	
68	Leola	Playground Equipment Improvements - Leola Swimming Pool	Replace and update playground equipment	\$ 20,895	\$ 10,447	\$	
68	Webster	Webster Aquic Center	Pool construction	\$ 345,336	\$ 50,000	\$	
68	Montrose	City Park/Pioneer Campground Picnic Shelter	Construct picnic shelter	\$ 36,496	\$ 18,000	\$	
68	Clay County	Operation: Family Friendly Improvement	Install Camping Cabin and Splash Park	\$ 38,000	\$ 19,000	\$	
67	Colton	Redway Park Playground Project	Replace playground equipment	\$ 30,000	\$ 15,000	\$	
67	Tyndall	Playground Equipment	Replace playground equipment	\$ 33,500	\$ 16,750	\$	
66	Crooks	Crooks Playground Project For Fun & Fitness	Basketball court, climbing wall and swing sets	\$ 24,405	\$ 12,202	\$	
66	Marion	Marion Swimming Pool Improvements Project	Renovate cement deck. Expand use area	\$ 46,893	\$ 23,446	\$	
64	Columbia	City Parks Playground Equipment Improvement Project	Replace playground equipment	\$ 51,282	\$ 25,631	\$	
64	Aberdeen	Central Park Playground Development	Install new playground equipment where none currently exists	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	\$	
64	Fairburn	Fairburn Playground Upgrade	Install new playground equipment	\$ 30,100	\$ 12,150	\$	
63	Northville	Northville Municipal Park Playground Equipment Improvements	Install playground equipment	\$ 34,277	\$ 17,138	\$	
63	Redfield	City Pool Improvements	Pool Upgrades	\$ 135,000	\$ 50,000	\$	
63	Herreid	Herreid Pool Improvements	Construct new pool house	\$ 80,793	\$ 40,396	\$	
61	Tripp	Tripp Pool Improvements	Repair of decking and liner at pool	\$ 111,004	\$ 50,000	\$	
59	Whitewood	Oak Park Playground Improvement	Construct new playground	\$ 27,773	\$ 13,886	\$	
57	New Underwood	New Underwood Recreation Area	Various park upgrades	\$ 113,100	\$ 50,000	\$	
57	Baltic	Baltic Heights Comfort Station	Construct concession stand/comfort station	\$ 82,390	\$ 41,195	\$	
57	Volga	Volga City Pool Improvements	Various improvements at city pool	\$ 21,980	\$ 10,900	\$	
57	Lake Andes	Lake Andes Lake Front Park Play Structure	Install playground equipment	\$ 52,675	\$ 26,337	\$	
55	Hot Springs	Freedom Trail Enhancement Project 2012	Construct trail extension	\$ 94,900	\$ 47,450	\$	
54	Frankfort	City Park Improvements	Gravel camp pads, canopy/dugouts, install electricity, playground	\$ 33,000	\$ 16,500	\$	
53	Howard	Swimming Pool, Park and Ball Field Improvements	Diving board and slide, basketball court, agri-lime infield	\$ 46,800	\$ 23,400	\$	
52	Emery	Playground Update	Install new playground equipment	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	\$	
50	Parkston	Parkston Ballfield Improvements	Replacement of backstops and dugout work	\$ 33,250	\$ 16,750	\$	
48	Harrisburg	Heartland Park Public Restroom/Water Fountain Project	Construct a new restroom	\$ 73,842	\$ 36,820	\$	
48	Lake Preston	Lake Preston Bathroom Facility/Community Safe Room	Construct bathroom/storm shelter in the city park	\$ 110,600	\$ 50,000	\$	
47	Huron	Memorial Baseball Park Shade Shelter	Construct shade over bleachers	\$ 49,500	\$ 24,750	\$	
43	Vermillion	Prentis Park Baseball Bathrooms	Replace bathroom	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	\$	
40	Minnehaha County	Wall Lake Parking Lot resurfacing and expansion	Resurface and expand parking	\$ 70,000	\$ 35,000	\$	
40	Valley Springs	Legion Community Park Improvements	Installation of foul ball nets and walkways	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	\$	
40	Flandreau	Flandreau City Park Restroom Project	Construct a new comfort station	\$ 121,000	\$ 50,000	\$	
40	Plankinton	Plankinton Sports Complex Improvements	Burial of overhead wiring, replacement of dugouts	\$ 40,000	\$ 20,000	\$	
38	Custer County	Custer County Fair Grounds Ball Park Renovation	Renovate ball fields and playground	\$ 24,500	\$ 12,250	\$	
36	Emery	Ballpark Update	Install lighting at ballpark	\$ 21,092	\$ 10,546	\$	
34	Volga	Crows Nest With Bleachers	Install new crows nest and bleachers	\$ 49,286	\$ 24,643	\$	
26	Colman	Colman Golf Course Irrigation	Install irrigation system	\$ 130,000	\$ 50,000	\$	
	Hill City	Memorial Park Baseball Field	DOES NOT MEET MINIMUM Dugout addition, Fence reconstruction	\$ 11,834	\$ 5,917	\$	
	RC HS Baseball	McKesque Field	INELIGIBLE SPONSOR Strip infield, level and replace sod	\$ 18,000	\$ 9,000	\$	
				<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 3,524,145</b>	<b>\$ 1,546,377</b>	<b>\$ 358,310</b>

**SOUTH DAKOTA OPEN PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS (OPSP)**  
**LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND**

A Priority Rating System for Locally Sponsored Projects  
Based upon the 2008 - 2012 Statewide Outdoor Comprehensive Plan

**SECTION A NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

- I. **Compared to similar completed projects in the area, how much use will this project receive?**
- A. This project will be heavily used and will provide a recreational experience not otherwise available in this community. **11-15 pts.**
- B. This project will receive moderate use, or generate a significant increase in use, or expand an existing recreational experience in this community, or expand a recreational experience that is uncommon in this community, or serve a rural area where similar opportunities are scarce. **6-10 pts.**
- C. This project is a support facility for an existing recreational opportunity. **1-5 pts.**
- II. **Is this project justified by the SCORP or a local needs assessment?**
- A. A Local Needs Assessment or SCORP reference is clear and specifically supports this project, i.e. this project fulfills one or more actions recommended in the SCORP, or is supported as a high priority in the Local Needs Assessment. **10-15 pts.**
- B. A Local Needs Assessment or SCORP reference indirectly supports this project, i.e. this project may address an identified recreation need or issue from the SCORP, though the action is not specifically cited OR the Local Needs Assessment supports this project, but it is not among the highest priorities. **1-9 pts.**
- III. **What is the project's SCORP or Local Needs Assessment funding priority?**
- A. The SCORP or Local Needs Assessment identifies this type of project as a high priority, and there is a clear indication of strong local support for this project. **6 pts.**
- B. The SCORP or Local Needs Assessment identifies this type of project as a moderate priority, or there is good local support for this project. **4 pts.**
- C. The SCORP or Local Needs Assessment identifies this type of project as a low priority,  
OR
- D. There is average local support for this project. **2 pts.**

**SECTION B PLANNING & PREPARATION**

- I. Stage of preparation for beginning the project (select only one that applies):**
- A. Preliminary engineering and other pre-construction requirements are detailed and complete, and cost estimates are well documented and reasonable. **12 pts.**
  - B. Cost estimates seem reasonable, but are not well documented, or preliminary engineering, while adequate, is not complete. **6 pts.**
  - C. Cost estimates are not based on preliminary engineering, materials price research or site specific information. **0 pts.**
- II. Funds have been committed to the project (select only one that applies):**
- A. Funds for the entire local share are budgeted and authorized, or loans, pledges, and other sources are secured and available for completion of the project. **12 pts.**
  - B. At least half of the local share has been raised. Commitments have been made for the remainder through loans, pledges, or other sources but it is not yet available for expenditure. **6 pts.**
  - C. Less than 50% of the local share is available on the date of the application. **0 pts.**
- III. Citizen Input:**
- A. A local recreation survey has been conducted or the project has been well publicized and discussed in public forums (editorials, radio talk shows, public meetings, etc.) and there is evidence that the majority of the community is well informed and aware of the plan. **4 pts.**
- IV. Community Support:**
- A. Efforts to generate donations of time, money, or materials have been successfully completed and pledges or formal commitments for contributions to complete the project have been received from a significant number of individuals. **4 pts.**
- V. Need For Immediate Funding:**
- A. Permanent loss of opportunity to complete the project will result (e.g. land or funds will be unavailable at a later date) if LWCF assistance is not received at this time. **6 pts.**

**SECTION C DESIGN EVALUATION**

**I. Environmental quality or accessibility (select only one that applies):**

A. This project incorporates the preservation or protection of environmentally sensitive areas (natural areas or habitat). **8 pts.**

B. This project improves or restores environmental quality (e.g. shoreline stabilization, re-vegetation, re-seeding, re-planting, etc.) **6 pts.**

A. This project provides new accessible facilities or improves accessibility of existing facilities. **8 pts.**

**II. Seasonal duration of facility use (select only one that applies):**

A. More than 8 months **8 pts.**

B. Four to eight months **4 pts.**

C. Less than four months **2 pts.**

**III. Unique or innovative design:**

A. Major elements within the project contain unique or innovative design characteristics that will improve the quality or utility of the environment. **2 pts.**

**I. Energy conservation:**

A. The project is designed for energy efficiency and energy conservation, or the project consumes no energy. **2 pts.**

**MAXIMUM TOTAL POINTS SECTION C 20**

**SECTION D LOCAL GRANT MANAGEMENT**

**I. Local grant management for previous projects (select one that applies):**

A. Applicant has not received a LWCF grant in last 5 years,  
*or* Applicant has received LWCF grant in last 5 years and completed project within 18 months **6 pts.**

B. Applicant received LWCF grant in the last 5 years and completed project in 36 months **4 pts.**

C. Applicant received LWCF grant in last 5 years and completed project in more than 36 months **2 pts.**

**MAXIMUM TOTAL POINTS SECTION D 6**

**MAXIMUM TOTAL POINTS 100**

**Motorized Projects**

Sponsor	Project Scope	Project Cost	RTP Request	Recommended Funding
USFS - BHNH	OHV Trail System Implementation	\$ 264,562	\$ 187,059	\$ 187,059
SD GF&P	Replacement Snowmobile Trail Groomers	\$ 330,000	\$ 264,000	\$ 264,000
SD GF&P	Snowmobile Trail Re-Routes	\$ 34,762	\$ 27,809	\$ 23,891
SD GF&P	Oahe Downstream OHV Area	\$ 30,000	\$ 24,000	
SDSA	Snowmobile Training Simulator	\$ 15,423	\$ 12,339	
SDSA	Snowmobile Safety Campaign	\$ 60,000	\$ 48,000	
Dakota Trail Blazers	Replacement Snowmobile Trail Groomer	\$ 174,949	\$ 139,959	
Kennebec	Lake Byre Recreation Area	\$ 37,500	\$ 30,000	
<b>Total Motorized</b>		<b>\$ 947,196</b>	<b>\$ 733,166</b>	<b>\$ 474,950</b>

**Non-Motorized Projects**

Sponsor	Project Scope	Project Cost	RTP Request	Recommended Funding
SD GF&P	Mickelson Trail Maintenance & Operation	\$ 135,000	\$ 106,800	\$ 106,800
SD GF&P	LaFramboise Island Trailhead Repair	\$ 75,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
SD GF&P	Blood Run Trail Development	\$ 300,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000
City of Watertown	Big Sioux Recreational Trail Reconstruction	\$ 240,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
City of Custer	Big Rock Lookout Phase 2	\$ 100,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
City of Aberdeen	Baird Park Recreational Trail Phase II	\$ 157,909	\$ 125,600	\$ 125,600
City of Deadwood	George S. Mickelson Trailhead	\$ 58,500	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
City of Dell Rapids	Ace park Dells Scenic Hiking Trail	\$ 52,382	\$ 21,940	\$ 21,940
Lake County	Public Access Recreational Trail	\$ 90,125	\$ 72,100	\$ 72,100
City of Belle Fourche	Riverwalk/Hay Creek to Pine Street	\$ 68,395	\$ 51,130	\$ 51,130
City of Murdo	City Park Shared Use Path	\$ 222,310	\$ 177,848	\$ 177,848
City of Winner	Phase I McDonald Park Trail Development	\$ 122,530	\$ 87,964	\$ 62,799
Lyman County	Dolly Memorial Trail Renovation	\$ 14,000	\$ 11,200	\$ -
City of Volga	City Recreational Trail	\$ 161,500	\$ 129,200	\$ -
City of Hartford	West Central Multi-Use Trail	\$ 205,800	\$ 164,640	\$ -
<b>Total non-motorized projects</b>		<b>\$ 2,003,451</b>	<b>\$ 1,438,422</b>	<b>\$ 1,108,217</b>

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## JANUARY- SEPTEMBER 2012 REVENUE COMPARISON BY PRODUCT

	2011		2012		% Change
	# Sold	\$ Sold	# Sold	\$ Sold	
Annual	40,522	\$ 1,134,624.00	45,607	\$ 1,277,002.10	12.5%
Second Vehicle	12,998	\$181,975.00	13,677	\$ 191,481.00	5.2%
Combo	13,573	\$570,073.00	16,510	\$ 693,418.00	21.6%
Transferable	776	\$46,532.00	901	\$ 54,059.00	16.2%
Daily / Person (\$4)	26,868	\$107,470.46	29,844	\$ 119,375.68	11.1%
Daily / Vehicle (\$6)	60,944	\$365,661.41	72,751	\$ 436,507.51	19.4%
Unattended Vehicle Daily (\$4)	343	\$1,372.00	187	\$ 746.00	-45.6%
Unattended Vehicle Daily (\$10)	976	\$9,763.95	1,462	\$ 14,615.00	49.7%
Motorcoach Permit	4,308	\$12,924.00	5,500	\$ 16,501.00	27.7%
GSM Annual Trail Pass (\$15)	1,654	\$24,816.00	1,615	\$ 24,225.00	-2.4%
GSM Daily Trail Pass (\$3)	12,442	\$37,326.00	14,365	\$ 43,095.00	15.5%
CSP Temp Daily / Person (\$6)	399	\$2,394.00	0	\$ -	-100.0%
CSP Temp Daily / Vehicle (\$15)	117,238	\$1,758,574.00	126,285	\$ 1,894,270.00	7.7%
Bike Band (\$10)	15,058	\$150,580.00	17,607	\$ 176,070.00	
Rally Bike Band (\$10)	36,315	\$363,150.00	38,759	\$ 387,590.00	6.7%
One-Day Special Event	N/A	\$9,380.00	N/A	\$ 14,378.00	53.3%
	<u>344,414</u>	<u>\$4,776,615.82</u>	<u>385,070</u>	<u>\$5,343,333.29</u>	<u>11.9%</u>
Camping Services Permits		\$4,881,451.58		\$ 5,562,524.16	14.0%
Picnic Reservations		\$7,543.70		\$ 10,183.40	35.0%
Firewood	29,032	\$116,127.70	29,562	\$ 118,247.12	1.8%
		<u>\$5,005,122.98</u>		<u>\$5,690,954.68</u>	<u>13.7%</u>
<b>Totals:</b>		\$9,781,738.80		\$11,034,287.97	12.8%

JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2012 REVENUE COMPARISON BY DISTRICT

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Dis Park	2011	2012	% Change	Dis Park	2011	2012	% Change
<b>1 Fort Sisseton</b> Roy Lake Sica Hollow	\$224,064.20	\$234,915.77	4.8%	<b>10 North Point</b> North Wheeler Pease Creek Randall Creek South Shore Whetstone Bay	\$314,784.11	\$468,828.82	48.9%
<b>2 Richmond Lake</b> Mina Lake Lake Louise Fisher Grove Amsden	\$181,164.12	\$207,663.97	14.6%	<b>11 Farm Island</b> West Bend	\$215,054.66	\$346,495.30	61.1%
<b>3 Sandy Shore</b> Hartford Beach Lake Cochrane Pelican South Pickerel Lake	\$413,469.95	\$438,311.90	6.0%	<b>12 Oahe Downstream</b> West Shore Cow Creek Okobojo Point Spring Creek East Shore	\$172,863.89	\$412,796.08	138.8%
<b>4 Oakwood Lakes</b> Lake Poinsett Lake Thompson	\$497,430.56	\$562,004.40	13.0%	<b>13 West Whitlock</b> Lake Hiddenwood East Whitlock Swan Creek Bush's Landing Indian Creek Revheim Bay Little Bend Bob's Landing Walth Bay West Pollock	\$330,108.30	\$345,214.60	4.6%
<b>5 Lake Herman</b> Walkers Point	\$246,774.26	\$236,602.61	-4.1%	<b>14 GSM Trail</b> Bear Butte	\$107,653.12	\$110,169.09	2.3%
<b>6 Snake Creek</b> Platte Creek Burke Lake Buryanek	\$296,317.96	\$355,390.65	19.9%	<b>15 Shadehill</b> Llewellyn Johns Rocky Point	\$237,260.50	\$252,575.60	6.5%
<b>7 Palisades</b> Lake Vermillion Big Sioux	\$470,938.10	\$568,442.10	20.7%	<b>16 Custer</b>	\$3,882,988.28	\$4,130,722.69	6.4%
<b>8 Newton Hills</b> Lake Alvin Union Grove Adams	\$365,673.15	\$385,289.01	5.4%	<b>17 Angostura</b>	\$399,074.33	\$433,228.66	8.6%
<b>9 Lewis &amp; Clark</b> Tabor Sand Creek Springfield Chief White Crane Pierson Ranch	\$1,384,527.31	\$1,507,461.72	8.9%	<b>20 Pierre Office</b>	\$41,592.00	\$38,175.00	-8.2%
				<b>TOTALS:</b>	<u>\$9,781,738.80</u>	<u>\$11,034,287.97</u>	<u>12.8%</u>

## JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2012 VISITATION COMPARISON

Dist Park	2011	2012	% Change	Dist Park	2011	2012	% Change
1 Fort Sisseton	62,944	70,402	11.8%	9 Lewis & Clark	817,296	848,712	3.8%
Roy Lake	191,594	151,126	-21.1%	Springfield	70,882	71,419	0.8%
Sica Hollow	30,587	16,143	-47.2%	Chief White Crane	112,047	113,398	1.2%
	<u>285,125</u>	<u>237,671</u>	<u>-16.6%</u>	Pierson Ranch	63,906	64,959	1.6%
					<u>1,064,131</u>	<u>1,098,488</u>	<u>3.2%</u>
2 Richmond Lake	48,401	54,753	13.1%	10 North Point	61,477	90,641	47.4%
Mina Lake	35,854	39,934	11.4%	North Wheeler	9,917	11,237	13.3%
Lake Louise	30,338	31,567	4.1%	Pease Creek	19,102	20,955	9.7%
Fisher Grove	5,921	4,996	-15.6%	Randall Creek	70,720	71,206	0.7%
	<u>120,514</u>	<u>131,250</u>	<u>8.9%</u>	Ft. Randall Marina	4,867	5,795	19.1%
					<u>166,083</u>	<u>199,834</u>	<u>20.3%</u>
3 Sandy Shore	30,877	35,175	13.9%	11 Farm Island	55,318	132,341	139.2%
Hartford Beach	64,177	70,441	9.8%	West Bend	22,394	26,878	20.0%
Lake Cochrane	31,193	32,016	2.6%		<u>77,712</u>	<u>159,219</u>	<u>104.9%</u>
Pelican South	43,483	58,348	34.2%	12 Oahe Downstream	115,043	322,689	180.5%
Pickereel Lake	50,567	55,516	9.8%	LaFramboise Island	5,585	0	-100.0%
	<u>220,297</u>	<u>251,496</u>	<u>14.2%</u>	Cow Creek	191,105	315,279	65.0%
				Okobojo Point	29,612	32,829	10.9%
4 Oakwood Lakes	73,447	70,219	-4.4%	Spring Creek	121,212	116,837	-3.6%
Lake Poinsett	58,445	62,111	6.3%		<u>462,557</u>	<u>787,634</u>	<u>70.3%</u>
Lake Thompson	45,890	55,289	20.5%	13 West Whitlock	62,508	87,586	40.1%
	<u>177,782</u>	<u>187,619</u>	<u>5.5%</u>	Lake Hiddenwood	9,774	12,330	26.2%
				Swan Creek	29,361	29,313	-0.2%
5 Lake Herman	84,336	96,781	14.8%	Indian Creek	83,187	74,841	-10.0%
Walkers Point	47,348	49,883	5.4%	Revheim Bay	36,148	33,647	-6.9%
	<u>131,684</u>	<u>146,664</u>	<u>11.4%</u>	West Pollock	24,053	23,338	-3.0%
					<u>245,031</u>	<u>261,055</u>	<u>6.5%</u>
6 Snake Creek	149,746	163,418	9.1%	14 Bear Butte	31,543	31,528	0.0%
Platte Creek	39,854	56,057	40.7%		<u>31,543</u>	<u>31,528</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Burke Lake	16,874	19,507	15.6%	15 Shadehill	50,345	66,460	32.0%
Buryanek	26,783	35,728	33.4%	Llewellyn Johns	3,842	3,103	-19.2%
	<u>233,257</u>	<u>274,710</u>	<u>17.8%</u>	Little Moreau	4,616	4,482	-2.9%
				Rocky Point	56,415	54,889	-2.7%
7 Palisades	56,370	64,703	14.8%		<u>115,218</u>	<u>128,934</u>	<u>11.9%</u>
Lake Vermillion	95,160	117,801	23.8%	16 Custer	1,570,992	1,668,191	6.2%
Big Sioux	53,267	66,776	25.4%		<u>1,570,992</u>	<u>1,668,191</u>	<u>6.2%</u>
Beaver Creek	24,877	27,710	11.4%	17 Angostura	168,307	171,303	1.8%
	<u>229,674</u>	<u>276,990</u>	<u>20.6%</u>		<u>168,307</u>	<u>171,303</u>	<u>1.8%</u>
8 Newton Hills	86,245	91,336	5.9%	<b>TOTALS:</b>	5,491,487	6,225,127	13.4%
Lake Alvin	36,998	37,906	2.5%				
Union Grove	14,015	15,513	10.7%				
Adams	42,717	55,485	29.9%				
Spirit Mound	11,605	12,301	6.0%				
	<u>191,580</u>	<u>212,541</u>	<u>10.9%</u>				

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Dist	Park	2011 Units	2012 Units	%	Dist Park	2011 Units	2012 Units	%	
1	Fort Sisseton	1,253	1,475	17.7%	9	Lewis & Clark	34,982	36,574	4.6%
	Roy Lake	5,790	5,672	-2.0%		Tabor	51	56	9.8%
	Sica Hollow	133	137	3.0%		Sand Creek	49	76	55.1%
		<u>7,176</u>	<u>7,284</u>	<u>1.5%</u>		Springfield	580	1,066	83.8%
2	Richmond Lake	1,337	1,340	0.2%		Chief White Crane	8,526	9,167	7.5%
	Mina Lake	2,270	2,363	4.1%		Pierson Ranch	<u>3,693</u>	<u>4,104</u>	<u>11.1%</u>
	Lake Louise	1,514	1,643	8.5%			<u>47,881</u>	<u>51,043</u>	<u>6.6%</u>
	Fisher Grove	57	0	-100.0%	10	North Point	1,707	6,821	299.6%
	Amsden	275	350	27.3%		North Wheeler	176	453	157.4%
		<u>5,453</u>	<u>5,696</u>	<u>4.5%</u>		Pease Creek	981	1077	9.8%
3	Sandy Shore	907	908	0.1%		Randall Creek	6,488	5,741	-11.5%
	Hartford Beach	2,907	3,539	21.7%		South Shore	158	235	48.7%
	Lake Cochrane	1,795	1,808	0.7%		Whetstone Bay	0	285	
	Pelican South	3,754	3,662	-2.5%			<u>9,510</u>	<u>14,612</u>	<u>53.6%</u>
	Pickereel Lake	5,591	5,894	5.4%	11	Farm Island	787	5,568	607.5%
		<u>14,954</u>	<u>15,811</u>	<u>5.7%</u>		West Bend	6,254	6,303	0.8%
4	Oakwood Lakes	7,214	7,439	3.1%			<u>7,041</u>	<u>11,871</u>	<u>68.6%</u>
	Lake Poinsett	4,996	6,292	25.9%	12	Oahe Downstream	1,818	10,651	485.9%
	Lake Thompson	4,468	5,223	16.9%		Cow Creek	3231	2635	-18.4%
		<u>16,678</u>	<u>18,954</u>	<u>13.6%</u>		Okobojo Point	1346	945	-29.8%
5	Lake Herman	4,693	4,898	4.4%			<u>6,395</u>	<u>14,231</u>	<u>122.5%</u>
	Walkers Point	2,489	2,705	8.7%	13	West Whitlock	4,933	4,409	-10.6%
	Lake Carthage	704	611	-13.2%		Lake Hiddenwood	170	261	53.5%
		<u>7,886</u>	<u>8,214</u>	<u>4.2%</u>		East Whitlock	59	85	44.1%
6	Snake Creek	7,798	8,272	6.1%		Swan Creek	494	545	10.3%
	Platte Creek	652	1,265	94.0%		Indian Creek	4,650	5,404	16.2%
	Burke Lake	75	60	-20.0%		West Pollock	946	910	-3.8%
	Buryanek	1,080	2,272	110.4%			<u>11,252</u>	<u>11,614</u>	<u>3.2%</u>
		<u>9,605</u>	<u>11,869</u>	<u>23.6%</u>	14	Bear Butte Lake	808	739	-8.5%
7	Palisades	3,389	3,785	11.7%			<u>808</u>	<u>739</u>	<u>-8.5%</u>
	Lake Vermillion	5,431	7,127	31.2%	15	Shadehill	3,896	3,935	1.0%
	Big Sioux	3,761	4,376	16.4%		Llewellyn Johns	175	227	29.7%
		<u>12,581</u>	<u>15,288</u>	<u>21.5%</u>		Rocky Point	3618	3873	7.0%
8	Newton Hills	8,584	8,751	1.9%			<u>7,689</u>	<u>8,035</u>	<u>4%</u>
	Union Grove	1,183	1,181	-0.2%	16	Custer	41,337	43,199	4.5%
		<u>9,767</u>	<u>9,932</u>	<u>1.7%</u>			<u>41,337</u>	<u>43,199</u>	<u>4.5%</u>
					17	Angostura	12,201	13,315	9.1%
							<u>12,201</u>	<u>13,315</u>	<u>9.1%</u>
<b>TOTAL FEE AREA</b>									
<b>CAMPER UNITS</b>						<b>228,214</b>	<b>261,707</b>	<b>14.7%</b>	

16.

**Completed  
Custer State Park Resort  
2012 R & M Projects**

**2012 R&M  
Expenditures to Date**

<b>STATE GAME LODGE</b>		
Removal of Grease Traps	\$	8,012.18
Sound System in Pavilion	\$	6,977.81
Sound System in Creekside	\$	5,069.77
Sidewalk improvements within Game Lodge Complex	\$	22,039.16
Reside School House	\$	29,744.95
Replace all hotel room plumbing with low-flow fixtures	\$	18,826.61
Install T&G Ceiling in Motel Rooms	\$	31,157.25
Tile Cabins	\$	17,293.39
<u>Emergency Funds:</u>	\$	47,574.51
<i>Boiler repairs, fire suppression repairs, paint cabins, landscaping, kitchen modifications</i>		
<b>STATE GAME LODGE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>186,695.63</b>
 <b>COOLIDGE GENERAL STORE</b>		
Landscape along Boulevard	\$	4,456.40
<u>Emergency Funds:</u>		
<i>Low Flow Fixtures</i>	\$	197.89
<b>COOLIDGE GENERAL STORE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,654.29</b>
 <b>LEGION LAKE LODGE</b>		
Rebuild Boat House	\$	12,974.06
Fix area in back of lodge to prevent flooding	\$	10,653.54
Tile Cabins	\$	2,728.30
<u>Emergency Funds:</u>		
<i>power line repair, water line relocation</i>	\$	13,931.99
<b>LEGION LAKE LODGE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>40,287.89</b>
 <b>BLUE BELL LODGE</b>		
Cob Blast/Chink Cabins	\$	123,497.16
Remodel and Refurbish White Buffalo Room	\$	10,869.62
<u>Emergency Funds:</u>	\$	14,923.41
<i>Fireplace crowns, lodge floor repair, front desk workstation</i>		
<b>BLUE BELL LODGE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>149,290.19</b>
 <b>SYLVAN LAKE LODGE</b>		
Paint Sylvan Lake Store	\$	14,075.85
Update Bathrooms in Lodge Sleeping Rooms	\$	10,900.72
Replace all lodge room plumbing with low-flow fixtures	\$	16,509.65
Tile Front Lobby	\$	9,242.41
Electrical at Ceremony Site		Deferred
Landscape in front of Lodge	\$	13,198.32
Re-roof Cabins	\$	5,875.00
<u>Emergency Funds:</u>	\$	40,824.71
<i>Water heaters, repair chimneys, HVAC repair, Lodge PTAC units, stall in womens restroom</i>		
<b>SYLVAN LAKE LODGE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>110,626.66</b>
 <b>Total Expenditures for FYE 10/31/2012</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>491,554.66</b>
 <b><u>R&amp;M Fund Balance Summary</u></b>		
<b>Projected 2012 Concession Sales</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,000,000.00</b>
 <b>R &amp; M Fund Contribution (5%)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>600,000.00</b>
<b>Balance Carryover from 2011</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(190,694.38)</b>
<b>2012 Completed Expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(491,554.66)</b>
<b>Balance at end of 2012 (Forward to 2013)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(82,249.04)</b>

16a.

Regency CSP Ventures  
Personal Property Replacement Reserve

Section 15- d of Concession Agreement

Requirements: 1.8% of gross receipts must be spent of the purchase of personal property. Funds may be carried over from year to year.

**2012**

	<b>Projected</b>	<b>Actual</b>
2012 Gross Receipts	\$ 11,400,000.00	\$ 12,000,000.00
Personal Property Replacement 1.8%	\$ 205,200.00	\$ 216,000.00
<b>Total to be spent of Personal Property Replacement 2012</b>	<b>Projected</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Replace Jeeps	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 61,248.04
State Game Lodge Pavilion Kitchen	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 50,024.36
Kitchen equipment purchases		\$ 27,722.00
Employee transport vans		\$ 16,000.00
Horses and tack		\$ 13,000.00
Dining room equipment		\$ 10,338.00
Contingency	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 58,482.72
<i>Linens, furniture, mattresses, minor equipment</i>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 180,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 236,815.12</b>

**Proposed  
Custer State Park Resort  
Proposed 2013 R & M Projects**

09/19/2012

**STATE GAME LODGE**

Remodel Office Building	\$ 80,000.00
Addition of Reservation Office	
Remodel Basement of Gamekeepers Cabin	\$ 20,000.00
Remodel of Creekside Cabin	\$ 15,000.00

**STATE GAME LODGE TOTAL \$ 115,000.00**

**SYLVAN LAKE LODGE**

Veranda Rebuild	\$ 200,000.00
Remodel Exterior of Auditorium	\$ 110,000.00

**SYLVAN LAKE LODGE TOTAL \$ 310,000.00**

**All Resorts**

Resort Emergency Fund	\$ 100,000.00
<b>Total All Resorts</b>	<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>

**TOTAL FOR CSP RESORT \$ 525,000.00**

Expected 2013 Revenue	\$ 12,150,000.00
5% R & M Fee	\$ 607,500.00
Carry over from 2012 (estimated)	\$ (110,000.00)
Estimated balance at end of 2013	\$ (27,500.00)

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**FISHING SEASONS and FISH LIMITS**  
41:07:02, 41:07:03

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	October 4-5, 2012	Deadwood
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	November 1, 2012	Madison
	<b>Finalization</b>	November 1-2, 2012	Madison

**WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION**

1. Modify 41:07:02:05 **"Special management waters."** by removing the following streams and creeks from the spring fishing closure list:
  - a. All creeks in Codington County except those associated with Punished Woman and Round Lakes;
  - b. The outlet stream from Lake Poinsett;
  - c. All creeks in Grant County;
  - d. Creeks in Roberts County below White Rock Dam on the Bois De Sioux River and below Reservation Dam gates on Lake Traverse.
  
2. Modify 41:07:03:03. **"Daily, possession, and length limit restrictions on special management waters."** By:
  - a. Removing "River upstream from Shadehill Dam" from subsection (1),
  - b. Changing the county designation for Richland Dam from Jerauld to Jones and Curlew Lake from Pennington to Meade in subsection (2), and;
  - c. Removing subsection (4), "In Patten Dam in Aurora County, the daily trout limit is 2."
  - d. Add subsection (14) (13 if subsection 4 is removed) stating "In Lake Oahe, the daily limit for walleye, sauger, walleye-sauger hybrids, or combination thereof is 8 and of the walleye taken daily no more than four may be 15 inches or greater in length, possession limit is 24;"

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

1. These changes will increase fishing opportunities during the spring in several northeastern counties while still addressing areas with ongoing law enforcement concerns.
  
2. (a) Changes to setline rules will now allow these activities on the entire Grand River, eliminating the need for restriction above Shadehill Dam.  
  
(b) The county designation for Richland Dam is incorrect, it is in Jones County. The county designation for Curlew Lake is incorrect, it is in Meade County.  
  
(c) Patten Dam is no longer managed as a trout fishery.  
  
(d) This regulation is designed to increase angling opportunities by taking advantage of current walleye population characteristics on Lake Oahe. It will have no foreseeable negative biological consequences. This will be an experimental regulation that will be evaluated next September (2013) and further recommendations made at that time.
  - Currently, many of the 20+ inch walleye on Lake Oahe are of poor condition and will likely be lost from the system over the next couple years. Removing the "1-over

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PROPOSAL**

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20 inch" regulation would provide anglers the opportunity to harvest these large individuals that would otherwise be unutilized.

- The Lake Oahe walleye population has witnessed above average reproduction that has resulted in a high abundance of 10-15 inch walleye. Because of the magnitude of these year-classes, walleye condition, and likely growth, has declined for these year classes. By increasing the bag limit to "8 fish, of which 4 can be over 15-inches", we will be providing an additional opportunity, and incentive, for anglers to harvest those young year-classes currently dominating Lake Oahe.
- With the increased bag limit, anglers should have the opportunity to utilize the resource for multiple days. Thus, we recommend the Lake Oahe possession limit be raised to 24 fish which is three times the recommended daily limit of 8 fish.

APPROVE

MODIFY

REJECT

NO ACTION

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PROPOSAL

18a

**SNAGGING OF PADDLEFISH**  
41:07:05

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	October 4-5, 2012	Deadwood
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	November 1, 2012	Madison
	<b>Finalization</b>	November 1-2, 2012	Madison

**WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION**

1. Modify 41:07:05:03. **“Paddlefish snagging, processing, and transportation restrictions.”** By removing transportation restrictions on paddlefish harvested during the May season on Lake Francis Case.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

1. There are no length restrictions on paddlefish harvested during the May Lake Francis Case paddlefish season. Transportation restrictions are unnecessary and cumbersome to paddlefish anglers trying to preserve harvested paddlefish during travel to domiciles.

**APPROVE**       **MODIFY**       **REJECT**       **NO ACTION**

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**SPEARING**  
**41:07:06**

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	October 4-5, 2012	Deadwood
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	November 1, 2012	Madison
	<b>Finalization</b>	November 1-2, 2012	Madison

**WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION**

1. Modify 41:07:06:03. **"Areas open to spearing of game fish – Additional permit required."** by:
  - a. Allowing northern pike spearing in inland waters statewide.
  - b. Changing spearing end dates for inland waters to March 15.
  - c. Include text regarding year-round take of catfish on the Missouri River system

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

1. (a) Take of northern pike by under-water and darkhouse spearing and archery would be permitted on all waters of the state, except those waters actively managed for muskies, during the standard June 15 – March 15 game fish spearing season. Northern pike are traditionally a target of darkhouse spearmen and opportunities to pursue northern pike would be greatly increased by expanding the opportunity statewide. Additional opportunities for under-water spearmen and archers will result by having season dates match standard game fish season dates. Impacts to northern pike populations are expected to be minimal.
1. (b) Ice cover often occurs past the end of February. Moving the end date for spearing to March 15 would allow additional opportunity for darkhouse spearmen without negatively impacting fish populations.
1. (c) ARSD 41:07:06:05. Season and areas open to taking of catfish without limit – Exception is being repealed and pertinent language specifying a year-round season for take of catfish by spearing and archery on inland waters of the Missouri River and its reservoirs is being added to 41:07:06:03.

APPROVE       MODIFY       REJECT       NO ACTION

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PROPOSAL

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HOOP NETS and SETLINES  
41:07:08

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	Oct 4-5, 2012	Deadwood
	Public Hearing	Nov 1, 2012	Madison
	Finalization	Nov 1-2, 2012	Madison

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

1. Modify 41:07:08:06 "Areas and restriction on the use of hoop nets, traps, and setlines."
  1. Lengthen season from May 1 through October 31 to year-round for all South Dakota inland waters open to hoop net or set line use.
  2. Expand areas on the mainstem Missouri River system open to use of hoop nets and setlines to the entire length of the river and reservoirs from the NE/SD state line to the ND/SD state line
  3. Standardize the number of set lines that can be used in any water where allowed in South Dakota at six
  4. Extend the areas of western tributaries open to use of setlines to the entire length of the tributary within South Dakota
  5. Add Angostura, Belle Fourche, and Shadehill reservoirs to the list of waters open to use of setlines.
  6. Prohibit use of whole baitfish as bait for setlines.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. Catfish populations in the Missouri River system and its western tributaries are under utilized by anglers and these changes will increase angler opportunity and remove confusing language from the regulation. The survey of hoop net, trap, and setline license holders published in 2011 indicates that this is a limited fishery with a low number of participants. These changes will increase opportunity without having a negative affect on fish populations. Restricting the use of whole baitfish as bait on setlines may reduce by-catch of game fish species during periods of the year when they are more likely to be in shallow water.

APPROVE       MODIFY       REJECT       NO ACTION

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BAIT  
41:09:04

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	Oct 4-5, 2012	Deadwood
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WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

1. Modify 41:09:04:03 "**Waters open to taking of bait.**" as follows:

Change title to "**Waters closed to taking of bait.**" and;

Close the following waters year-round to the commercial and noncommercial taking of bait by those methods listed in 41:09:04:04

- a. Creeks, streams or rivers, permanent or temporary in Aurora, Beadle, Brown, Bon Homme, Clay, Davison, Edmunds, Faulk, Hand, Hanson, Hutchinson, Jerauld, Lincoln, McCook, McPherson, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Sanborn, Spink, Turner, Union, Yankton counties and the Black Hills Trout Management area as defined in 41:07:01:01
- b. Brookings County – Interstate, Butte County – Newell, Deuel County – Alice, Edmunds County – Mina, Pennington County – Pactola and Sheridan.

Modify: the list of Waters closed year-round to commercial taking of bait to add Bennett County – Little White River; Brookings County – Twin (east of Hwy. 81), Brush, Nature Park East, Nature Park West, Nelson GPA; Brule County – Wanalain, Sixteen; Codington County – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Pond; Corson County – Trail City: Day – Lynn, Opitz; Dewey County – Lantry, Little Moreau #3, Moreau River; Fall River County – Cottonwood, Hyde County – Mission (Boehm); Jones County – Okaton, Draper, All Ft. Pierre Nat'l Grassland ponds Bad River, White River; Lake County – Herman State Park Pond; Lawrence County - Mirror #1 & #2, Strawberry Hill; Lincoln County – Rollings GPA Pond; Lyman County - All Ft. Pierre Nat'l Grassland ponds, Byre, White River; Marshall County – Cattail/Kettle; McCook County – Island; McPherson County – Eureka, Leola; Mellette County – White River, Little White River; Minnehaha County – Loss, Island, Scott, Twin; Pennington County – Sunday Gulch Pond; Spink County – Redfield; Stanley County - All Ft. Pierre Nat'l Grassland ponds, Bad River; Tripp County – White River, Keya Paha River.

Modify the list of Waters closed year-round to commercial taking of bait to remove Bon Homme County – Missouri River; Brookings County – Interstate Lake; Butte County – Newell; Campbell County – Chester, Corson County – Tetanka; Custer County – All trout streams; Deuel County – Alice; Dewey County – Adams, Dewberry; Edmunds County – Bowdle/Hosmer, Loyalton, Mina; Fall River County – All trout streams; Grant County – Blue Cloud Abby; Hyde County – Chappelle, Quirk; Jones County – National Grasslands Dams; Kingsbury County – Iroquois; Lawrence County – All trout streams; McPherson County - Eureka #1, Eureka #2, Wolff; Mellette County - Blackpipe, Diess, Rohloff; Pennington County – Pactola, Sheridan, All trout streams, Spink County – Dudley Mirage, Bierman.



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**TURTLES**  
**41:07:10**

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**WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION**

1. Modify 41:07:10:01 "**Seasons.**" to add the word legal before spears and to specify turtle traps as defined in 41:07:10:03
2. Modify 41:07:10:04 "**Restrictions.**" to add the words "any species of" and remove reference to 41:09:04:02.02 that defined turtles as biological specimens and has been repealed.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

1. This is a clarification and does not change the intent of the rule.
2. This is a clarification and removes reference to rules that have been repealed. The repealed rules defined biological specimens, which included turtles.

**APPROVE**       **MODIFY**       **REJECT**       **NO ACTION**

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**SPECIAL MANAGEMENT CATEGORIES**  
**41:10**

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**WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION**

1. Modify 41:10:04:01. "**List of aquatic nuisance species**" by adding the following species:
  - a. Western mosquitofish *Gambusia affinis*
  - b. Purple loosestrife *Lythrum salicaria*
  - c. Flowering rush *Butomus umbellatus*
  - d. Red rimmed melania *Melanoides tuberculata*
  
2. Separate 41:10:04:03 "**Watercraft restrictions -- Aquatic nuisance species inspection.**" into two rules as follows:
  - a. **41:10:04:03 "Watercraft restrictions"** No person may launch or attempt to launch a boat, motorboat, or boat trailer of any kind into the waters of the state with an aquatic nuisance species attached or onboard. Law enforcement officers may require the removal of aquatic vegetation from boats, motors, trailers and associated equipment.
  
  - b. **41:10:04:04 "Watercraft inspections"** Any boat, motorboat, or boat trailer is subject to inspection by a department representative. If an aquatic nuisance species is found during inspection, a department approved decontamination process, specific to the aquatic nuisance species present, shall be required prior to launching.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

1. These additional species have been determined to be an adequate risk to the resources of South Dakota to be added to the aquatic nuisance species list.
  
2. Separation and additional language to this section will allow law enforcement officers to address non-compliance with individuals that refuse to remove aquatic vegetation from boats and trailers. Changes will allow for more flexibility in decontamination efforts by department staff.

APPROVE       MODIFY       REJECT       NO ACTION

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ADMINISTRATIVE RULES REDUCTION

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ACTION ITEM#1

Repeal: Artificial lights 41:07:01:06. A person may use artificial lights while fishing with legal methods.

Justification: Rule is unnecessary. Without rule it is implied that artificial lights may be used while fishing with legal methods.

ACTION ITEM#2

Repeal: Possession limit for one-day license 41:07:03:04. A one-day fishing license entitles the licensee to possess no more than one day's limit of fish.

Justification: There is no need to specify a possession limit for a one-day license as they are issued from midnight to midnight. It is implied by the duration of the license that they may not possess more than a one-day limit.

ACTION ITEM#3

Repeal: Season and areas open to taking of catfish without limit – Exception 41:07:06:05. Legal spearguns, legal spears, and bows and arrows may be used in the taking of catfish during the hours between sunrise and sunset from January 1 to December 31, inclusive, without limit for noncommercial purposes in Lake Oahe from Oahe Dam upstream to the South Dakota - North Dakota boundary, Lake Sharpe from Big Bend Dam upstream to the U. S. Highway 14 bridge, and Lake Francis Case from Fort Randall Dam upstream to the Brule - Buffalo County line. In Lake Lewis and Clark from Gavin's Point Dam upstream to the Nebraska - South Dakota boundary where the river is entirely within South Dakota, catfish may be taken only within the limits established in § 41:07:03:02.01.

Justification: Much of the text of this rule is repetitious of language in 41:07:06:03. Areas open to spearing of game fish. Additionally, 41:07:03:03 Daily, possession, and length limit restrictions on special management waters, already states catfish may be taken without limit from the inland waters of the Missouri River system and its impoundments. Language related to season dates would be transferred to 41:07:06:03. Areas open to spearing of game fish.

ACTION ITEM#4

Repeal: Minimum length of catfish 41:07:08:03. Any catfish less than 12 inches total length taken by a hoop net, trap, or setline shall be returned immediately to the water from which the catfish was taken, except in the South Dakota-Nebraska boundary waters where the minimum length is 15 inches for catfish caught on a setline.

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Justification: Rule is unnecessary. Catfish are an underutilized species throughout the Missouri River system and western tributaries in South Dakota. Setlines allow anglers an additional opportunity to harvest catfish and the use of a minimum length limit to regulate harvest is contradictory to the management objective.

**ACTION ITEM#5**

Repeal: Baitfish prohibited 41:07:08:05.01. In the Missouri River and its impoundments from Fort Randall Dam to the North Dakota state line, only prepared or, cut bait, worms, crayfish, and leopard frogs may be used on tagged setlines. Whole baitfish are prohibited on setlines in the state, except in the Missouri River downstream from Fort Randall Dam.

Justification: Specific stipulations of legal setline bait on the mainstem waters of the Missouri River are no longer needed, with the exception that whole baitfish should be prohibited. Text referring to the prohibition of whole baitfish as setline bait will be included in 41:07:08:06 "Areas and restriction on the use of hoop nets, traps, and setlines. Repealing this rule will help standardize available bait options for the mainstem Missouri River with western tributaries and reservoirs.

**ACTION ITEM#6**

Repeal: Transportation by dealers -- Inspection. 41:09:04:11. A bait dealer may not transport bait in water over 60 degrees Fahrenheit except in a container provided with aerating equipment that maintains sufficient dissolved oxygen in the water at all times to keep the bait in good condition whether or not the vehicle is in motion. Transportation equipment shall allow for inspection of bait at all times.

Justification: This rule specifies conditions for water quality parameters in transport tanks when hauling bait and language that requires transportation equipment to allow for inspection. The rule is not necessary and the inspection language will be added to 41:09:04:12

**List of Rules to Repeal.**

Artificial lights	41:07:01:06.	Repeal
Possession limit for one-day license	41:07:03:04	Repeal
Seasons and areas open to taking of catfish	41:07:06:05	Repeal
Minimum length of catfish	41:07:08:03.	Repeal
Baitfish prohibited	41:07:08:05.01.	Repeal
Transportation by dealers -- Inspection.	41:09:04:11.	Repeal

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Rules Repealed: 6

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# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Nonresident Hunting License Fees Chapter 41:06:02:03

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### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Raise the following nonresident license fees:

<u>License</u>	<u>Current fee*</u>	<u>Recommended fee*</u>
Small Game – 10-day	\$110	\$120
Shooting Preserve – annual	\$85	\$95
Shooting Preserve – 1-day	\$35	\$40
Shooting Preserve – 5-day	\$65	\$70
Waterfowl – 10-day/annual	\$110	\$120
Waterfowl – 3-day	\$75	\$85

\* These fees include the \$5 surcharge imposed by state statute.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

These fee adjustments will generate an estimated \$1,061,250 in revenue in 2013.

Nonresident Pheasant Hunting Statistics – 2011

<u>State</u>	<u>License fee</u>	<u>Non-res hunters</u>	<u>Pheasant harvest</u>	<u>Birds/hunter</u>
Montana	\$130	5,082	26,350	5.2
North Dakota	\$100	24,500	203,350	8.3
Minnesota	\$92	1,780	4,800	2.7
Iowa	\$125	6,460	33,000	5.1
Nebraska	\$101	8,800	55,000	6.3
Wyoming	\$84.50	1,738	6,250	3.6
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TOTALS	\$105 (ave)	48,360	328,750	6.8 (ave)
SD – 2011	\$110	95,077	910,894	9.6 (2011)
SD – 2010	\$110	100,189	1,027,939	10.3 (2010)

<b>APPROVE</b> _____	<b>MODIFY</b> _____	<b>REJECT</b> _____	<b>NO ACTION</b> _____
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## HILL RANCH TRACT

Commission Meeting Dates: Finalization Oct. 4-5, 2012 Deadwood

### WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

Game, Fish & Parks Commission adopts the attached Resolution 12-13 authorizing GFP to purchase the property.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

**Location:** Seven miles south of Hot Springs on Shep's Canyon Road.

**Description:** Property is a 52.11 acre in-holding on the south unit of the Hill Ranch Game Production Area.

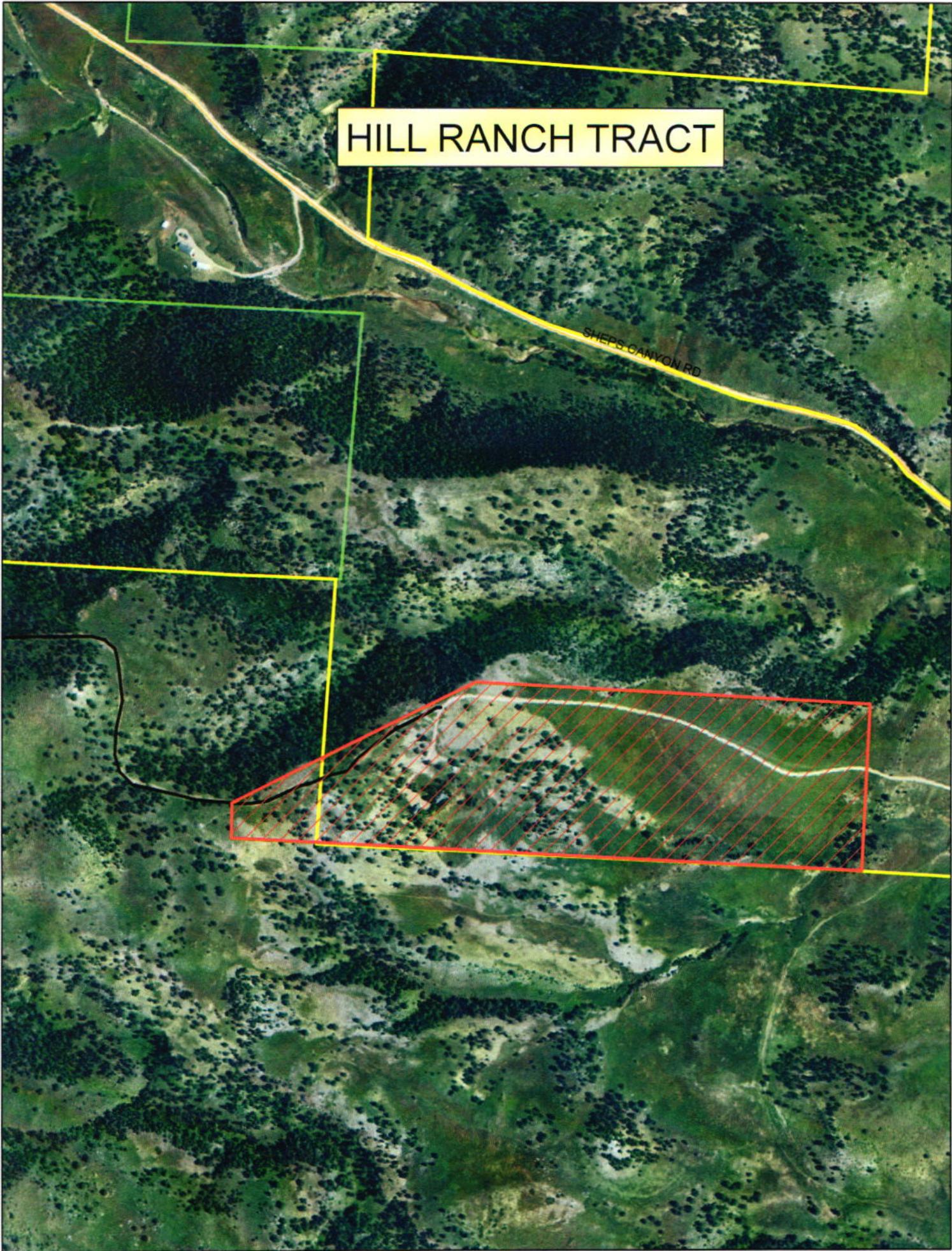
**Management Objectives:** Wildlife production, public hunting, and improved access opportunities to the existing Hill Ranch Game Production Area, and establish a group lodge facility for the Shep's Canyon Outdoor Recreation Complex.

**Cost:** \$378,560.00

**Expected Closing:** October 2012

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