

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
August 1-2, 2013

Chair Susie Knippling called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM at the Watertown Convention Center in Watertown, South Dakota. Commissioners Susie Knippling, John Cooper, Jim Spies, Barry Jensen, Duane Sather, Cathy Peterson, and Gary Jensen were present. Secretary Jeff Vonk was present along with public, staff, and media numbering approximately sixty.

Division of Administration

Chair Knippling called for any additions or corrections to the July 8, 2013, minutes or a motion for approval. Motion by Cooper with second by Spies TO APPROVE THE JULY 8, 2013, MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Knippling asked for additional salary days and Knippling requested five, Peterson requested five, Barry Jensen requested three, and Gary Jensen requested five. All days requested were for the Good Earth Dedication and the WAFWA conference in Omaha.

Motion by Spies with second by Barry Jensen TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL SALARY DAY REQUESTS FROM KNIPLING, PETERSON, JENSEN, AND JENSEN. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Chris Petersen provided the following license list requests for Commission consideration:

The Yankton Convention and Visitor's Bureau requested a list of the 2013 paddlefish license holders for a direct mailing providing activities, clinics, and promotions during the paddlefish season. The fee for this request would be waived.

Peggy Woolridge from the Huron Chamber and Visitors Bureau requested a list of 2012 nonresident small game license holders for a direct mailing to promote pheasant hunting in the Huron area. The fee for this request would be waived.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Spies TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUESTS FOR THE YANKTON CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU AND THE HURON CHAMBER AND VISITOR'S BUREAU AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

The Dakota Hunting Guide requested a list of the resident and nonresident big game hunters, small game hunters, and fishing license holders to solicit readership and subscriptions to their magazine. This is a full fee request.

The Hills Locker Service of Hills, MN, requested a list of 2013 resident deer license holders in Minnehaha and Lincoln Counties to promote their game processing business. This is a full fee request.

Motion by Peterson with second by Sather TO APPROVE THE LIST REQUESTS FROM DAKOTA HUNTING GUIDE AND HILLS LOCKER SERVICE AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Petersen presented the License Sales Totals for July 29, 2013, indicating seventy-five percent of the fishing license sales are completed by this time of the year and sales are tracking ahead of last year. Last year was a record year for fishing license sales and overall license sales are up 1.3% with small game sales to be the focus on the next report in October.

Open Forum

Larry Berg of Wallace, SD, welcomed the Commission to Watertown and is a member of the Glacial Lakes Conservation Club. He is concerned about the information South Dakota Tourism presented to nonresident hunters at Pheasant Fest in Minneapolis.

Jim Headley of White Lake, SD, showed some grain millet that he uses in food plots. He is also a member of the Glacial Lakes Conservation Club and attended the Pheasant Fest in Minneapolis. He is concerned with the message South Dakota Tourism is giving the nonresident hunters as it promotes deception especially regarding the description of wild birds. He felt Tourism promoted preserves, as they use purchased pheasants for their clients.

John Johnson, a member of the Glacial Lakes Conservation Club referenced the captive bird report that indicated 900,000 roosters were purchased last year by preserve operators. Johnson fortified comments presented by Jim Headly. He is glad the Governor is allowing the purchase of land by the Department again. Johnson also appreciated today's recognition of the three Walk-In Area operators.

Robert Weber of Clear Lake, SD, has 800 acres in the Walk-in Area Program, shared his concern for handicap hunters to retrieve their animals on Walk-in Areas as vehicles are not allowed. He has assisted hunters with retrieval on his property and wonders if landowner permission could be granted to hunters to retrieve their animal with motorized vehicles.

Commissioner Cooper shared that Robert Weber was legislator for 28 years and thanked him for his good service and assistance to the Department, the Walk-In Area, and the residents of South Dakota.

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing began at 2:06 PM and concluded at 2:15 PM. Minutes follow the minutes of this regular meeting.

Chair Knippling called a fifteen-minute recess following the Public Hearing.

Finalizations

Director Leif requested the waterfowl population update, number eleven on the agenda, be presented prior to action on the duck and goose finalizations. Chair Knippling granted the request.

Duck Hunting Season 41:06:16

Chad Switzer indicated the Fish and Wildlife Service approved the liberal harvest providing maximizing hunting opportunities in the Midwest. He presented the proposed changes to the duck season with a recommended change to reduce the daily scaup from the current rule of four to three, and to increase the canvasback daily limit from one to two.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Spies TO AMEND THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO DUCK HUNTING AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Decrease the scaup daily limit from 4 to 3.
2. Increase the current canvasback daily limit from 1 to 2.
3. Increase the possession limit for ducks, coots, and mergansers from two times (2x) the daily limit to three times (3x) the daily limit as recently approved by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

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

Goose Hunting Season 41:06:16

Chief Tom Kirschenmann presented the proposed changes to the Goose Hunting Season indicating the Central Flyway and the US Fish and Wildlife Service provides the framework for the season; and requires that the change to increase the bag limit of white-front geese will require that the number of days change to 72 consecutive days. Kirschenmann indicated the request to increase the bag limit came from our sportsmen. The increase in possession limit from 2 to 3 times the daily bag limit comes from the US Fish and Wildlife Service along with the increase of the Canada goose daily limit, which can now be up to eight a day. The Department recommendation is to increase the daily Canada goose take to eight per day in all units.

Discussion was extensive with consideration to the public testimony received during the Public Hearing and calls the Commissioners received. Discussion also included the different units, depredation concerns, social issues, and goose movement during hunting pressure.

1. Modify the Canada goose daily bag limit in Unit 1 from 3 to 8.
2. Modify the Canada goose daily bag limit in Unit 2 and Unit 3 from 3 to 4.

Motion by Cooper with second by Gary Jensen TO AMEND THE PROPOSAL TO MODIFY THE CANADA GOOSE TAKE IN UNIT 1 TO EIGHT AND UNITS 2 AND 3 TO FOUR. Roll call vote: Cooper-yes; Barry Jensen-yes; Gary Jensen-yes; Peterson-yes; Sather-no; Spies-yes; Knipling-yes. Motion carried with six yes votes and one no vote.

1. Increase the Canada goose daily bag limit in Unit 1 from 3 to 8.
2. Increase the Canada goose daily bag limit in Unit 2 and Unit 3 from 3 to 4.
3. Increase the white-fronted goose daily bag limit from 1 to 2.
4. Modify the white-fronted goose season from 86 to 72 consecutive days beginning the last Saturday of September.

5. Increase the possession limit for geese from two times (2x) the daily limit to three times (3x) the daily limit as recently approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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

Depredation Permits 41:06:46

Kirschenmann presented the proposed change to limit the number of counties to ten that a hunter may register to participate in a depredation hunt.

No person may register for more than 10 counties.

Motion by Peterson with second by Spies TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO THE DEPREDAATION PERMITS 41:06:46 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Refuges 41:05:02

Chief Kirschenmann presented the proposed changes to refuges to remove a private landowner from the Renziehausen Slough State Game Bird Refuge in Brown County at his request. The Department has no recommended changes to the proposal.

Modify the Reziehausen Slough State Game Bird Refuge description as proposed.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Sather TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO REFUGES 41:05:02 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Hunting Season Proposals

Director Leif requested the mountain lion, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat updates be presented prior to the Mountain Lion Hunting Season proposal and the request was granted.

Mountain Lion Hunting Season

Chief Tom Kirschenmann presented the dates, areas, licenses, harvest limits, requirements, and restrictions for the Mountain Lion Hunting Season. Recommended changes included a harvest limit of 75 with the female harvest limit of 50 and adjust the Custer State Park access permits. These changes would assist with the population objective of 150-200 lions in the Black Hills of South Dakota and will maintain and sustain DNA integrity of the Black Hills population; while considering the public input and social tolerance level.

1. Decrease the total mountain lion harvest limit from 100 to 75 and the female harvest limit from 70 to 50.
2. Increase the number of hunting intervals when dog hunting is allowed from 3 to 4 and decrease the number of hunting intervals when no dog hunting is allowed from 5 to 4 for Custer State Park. This structure would include four (4) hunting intervals (17 days in length) with each having 30 access permits (no dog hunting allowed) for a total of 120 access

permits and four (4) intervals (7 days in length) with each having 4 access permits (dog hunting allowed) for a total of 16 access permits.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Spies TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE MOUNTAIN LION HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Division of Wildlife

Walk-In Area 25th Anniversary

Wildlife Division Director Tony Leif announced that 2013 is the 25th Anniversary of the Walk-In Area program and introduced three of the four original operators from the 26 contracts signed into the program in 1988 and still participating in the Walk-In Area Program. Bud Thorpe, Robert Weber, Dwight and Harold Wookey were recognized with a plaque and thanked for their commitment to the Walk-In Area program that was created for the visitors and residents in South Dakota.

Waterfowl population update

Rocco Murano indicated it is another good year for ducks and geese in North America. He presented the 2013 Waterfowl update with a PowerPoint providing specifics for each species of ducks with an estimated 4.4 million ducks in South Dakota. The estimated 2012 goose harvest was 164,000 and duck harvest was estimated at 233,000. In 2012, there were 12,800 resident duck hunters down 5% from 2011 and CRP acres continue to decline; however, 85,000 acres were enrolled in the CREP program in the James River Valley.

Mountain Lion Update

John Kanta provide a PowerPoint Presentation which included a history of mountain lions in the Black Hills, the management plan, license sales history, the Custer State Park season, and major snow events in the seasons from 2009-2013.

Andy Lindbloom provided information about research and tracking lions since 1998. The preliminary results of the prey selection research project and the population estimate project with SDSU.

Lindbloom provided harvested lions by unit, number of licenses, number of days hunters were in the field, lion mortalities, female harvest, and the lion population estimates from 2005-2013.

Kanta presented the season recommendations along with the population projection for the next season, information about the Wyoming seasons, and lion disbursement. Discussion included elk calf recruitment in Custer State Park and the entire Black Hills of South Dakota.

Bighorn Sheep management update

Kanta shared about the continued effort to import bighorn sheep from Canada, with a possibility of getting some sheep from Alberta in a couple of years and he continues to work with parties to secure bighorn sheep from British Columbia.

The Montana Rocky Boy Reservation has approved twenty sheep for the Pine Ridge Reservation and ten for the Elk Mountain herd in the Black Hills, it is hoped to have these sheep relocated by end of the year.

Mountain goat management update

John Kanta indicated transplanted mountain goats from Utah are scheduled for pick up in early September. They will be captured and collared by Utah staff, and then picked by our staff, and released near the Needles in the Black Hills. The Dakota Chapter of Safari International is contributing funds to offset some of the capture costs for this project. The Black Hills population estimate is about 130 and the season closed in 2009. The goal is to increase the herd for viewability and to provide future hunting opportunity.

Glacial Lakes fishing report

Todd Kaufmann presented a PowerPoint showing increase waters in 2009-2010 in northeastern South Dakota which provided good habitat for fish reproduction and is now managed to provide good angling year round. Kaufmann provided information about several lakes in the northeast.

Muskellunge management update

Brian Blackwell provided a PowerPoint with history of muskellunge in South Dakota beginning in Amsden Dam; and in 2013 five lakes were stocked with musky. There is no natural reproduction of musky, and they will be managed to provide an opportunity to catch trophy fish and provide a different fishing opportunity. The management plan is to produce 40-inch musky with biennial stockings in five lakes located in Region 3 and 4. Staff are developing and testing larger nets to improve techniques to monitor the stocked musky and other fish species caught in the larger nets.

Chair Knipling called a recess at 4:51 PM and the meeting resumed at 8:02 AM on Friday, August 2, in the same location with all Commissioners present. Secretary Vonk was present along with staff, media, and public numbering about fifteen.

Review of license fees

Director Leif and Scott Simpson began the fee review with the FY 2013 and FY2014 budget adjustments made due to additional health insurance costs. The FY 2015 budget preparations are underway and increased health costs will be a factor again along with the salary package.

Leif presented the resident and nonresident license fees since 1998 showing when adjustments were made and a chart showing the license revenue since 2010 from resident and nonresident sales. Consideration to allocate a fee for preference points when unsuccessful on the first draw is one possible revenue source similar to neighboring or other western states. Elk and bighorn sheep already have a \$5 fee in state statute and designated for management of the herd.

The resident small game license fee was last adjusted in 2005 except for the \$1 increased surcharge the 2013 Legislature approved and earmarked for animal damage control. Consideration will be given to increase this fee thus allowing resident hunters to participate in the higher cost of doing business by the Department. Recommendations will be presented to the Commission at the October meeting.

Wildlife and Sportfish restoration funding

Simpson explained where Pittmann-Robertson and Dingle-Johnson dollars from the federal government are allocated and received; then how they are used within the federal framework of guidelines and in the Department. The Pittmann-Robertson dollars allocated to South Dakota saw a 37% increase last year while the Dingle-Johnson dollars saw an 11% decrease.

Game Production Area management in northeast South Dakota

John Lesnar gave a PowerPoint Presentation showing how alternative plants and insects are used on Game Production Areas to improve habitat conditions and food sources for pheasants and deer year round. Trail cams are effective to monitor wildlife on GPAs and some food plots have been developed to attract doves for young hunters.

Division of Parks and Recreation

Assistant Director Bob Schneider and Custer State Park Superintendent Matt Snyder provided background information about the 35 private cabins located within Custer State Park. One of the cabin owners wishes to transfer ownership and interest in the cabin to her daughter and Commission approval is required to do so. Resolution Number 13-10 provides Commission approval for the Department to execute the Consent of the requested assignment upon receipt of all necessary documentation and agreements.

Motion by Sather with second by Spies TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 13-10 AS PRESENTED (Appendix A). Motion carried unanimously.

Review of park fees

Bob Schneider presented The State Park Fee History from 2004 until 2013 with highlights of the last time fees were changed. The Fiscal Year 2015 budget process has begun and fees will be considered during the process as the continued growth and use of the parks drive up the costs of operation. Electric use has increased on campsites and parks as well as the cost of electricity especially for the operation the fish cleaning stations to approximately \$1.6 million annually. Schneider indicated capital outlay has been static for the last eight years and there is a need for some new equipment as the cost to repair and maintain the equipment has increased due to increased use. The Parks Division received \$2.3 million from the state general funds and this is used for a portion of the salary and health care package of Division employees.

Parks Revenue and Visitation Reports

Schneider handed out revenue reports indicating the July year-to-date revenue remains strong with a 6.4 % increase over the July 31, 2012, revenue report. Custer State Park and all lodges in the park system now accept reservations a year in advance due to the new reservation system and this does have a one-year effect on the year-to-date revenue. Camping units are almost even with 2012 which was a record year, and August reservations indicate strong camping numbers for the month.

Boat Ramp dredging projects

Al Nedved gave a PowerPoint Presentation about six dredging projects for 2013 and includes projects in the Pierre area due to the flooding of 2011, a project at Springfield Recreation Area, and a project at the Gavins area located within the Lewis and Clark Recreation area. Nedved provided information as to how dredging is done, the permitting process, the contracting process, and cost of the projects.

Motion by Spies with second by Sather TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 9:42 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Vonk, Department Secretary

Appendix A

RESOLUTION NO. 13- 10

Whereas, the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks Commission has been advised that Patsy Stanley Lee is a joint owner of a cabin located in Custer State Park (Custer County) on property described as:

The Oakes No. 2 in the SW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 20, Township 3 South, Range 6 East of the Black Hills Meridian, Custer County, South Dakota; and

Whereas, the property upon which the cabin is located is owned by the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks and has been leased to Patsy Stanley Lee and other joint owners by permit by reason of a Stipulation of Settlement and Dismissal entered in Craft v. Wipf, Civil Action No. 85-5092, U.S. District Court for the District of South Dakota, Western Division, and subsequent agreements and permits executed thereafter based on said Stipulation and Dismissal; and

Whereas, the Commission has been advised that Patsy Stanley Lee desires to and has transferred and assigned all of her joint interest in said cabin and cabin site permit to Stacie Moberly; and

Whereas, the Commission has been requested to approve said Transfer and Assignment.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that in the event the Department receives an executed Agreement and Assignment of the cabin site permit and cabin and appurtenances located thereon and which further provides that said Assignee agrees to abide by all of the terms and conditions of the aforementioned Stipulation of Settlement and Dismissal and all subsequent agreements relative thereto, including but not limited to Cabin Site Permits, Addendums, and all agreements relative to establishing the lease or rental payments due the Department; then in that event, the Department is authorized to execute a Consent to the requested Assignment.

Public Hearing Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
August 1, 2013

Public Hearing Office Chuck Schlueter began the public hearing at 2 PM Central Time at the Watertown Convention Center. Public written and oral testimony would be accepted on items 5-8 of the Commission Agenda. Schlueter would read written testimony received prior to the hearing and the attending public wishing to provide testimony were to approach the microphone and provide their name, city, and state before addressing the Commission.

Duck Hunting Season

Curt Tesch of Rosholt, SD, emailed: "I live in the NE part of the state. This is the Low Plains, North Zone. I would like to recommend moving the duck season later preferably two weeks, but certainly one week. There is really no reason to open duck season in September. We try to encourage shooting drake birds. That early many of the birds are still in late stages of molt and are hard to identify. Opening that early usually results in "burning out" the local ducks in about a week. Then there is nothing for several weeks until northern weather moves in some birds. The last couple of years we have lost some fabulous hunting on late season mature birds because the season closed. Sure some years we might get frozen out before the end of the season if it were later, but it would be well worth it for the years that we could have that great late season harvest."

Richard Simms of Chattanooga, TN, emailed: "I see in today's news release regarding South Dakota waterfowl hunting proposals, regulators are considering increasing the possession limit for ducks from "two times the daily limit," to "three times the daily limit. I am strongly in favor of that change. I have visited South Dakota to duck and/or pheasant hunt for the last three years, and I am returning again in the coming October. While stocking the freezer is not my goal, being limited to possessing to a two-day limit of ducks is problematic. I am typically in-state and hunting a minimum of four or five days, forcing me to either (A) limit my take, or (B) find individuals I can donate ducks to. Again, it's certainly not a deal-breaker but I would appreciate the option of possessing a three-day limit of ducks."

No oral testimony was received.

Goose Hunting Season

Jay Fogarty of Pierre, SD, emailed: "I would just like to say that I'M NOT IN FAVOR OF THE CANADA GOOSE LIMITS BEING RAISED from 3 to 5 at least here in Unit #2!!! I understand they have issues over east with resident geese and I think if the limit would be raised, I think that is where it should be then but not here in Unit #2!!!! I'm also against the use of unplugged guns also!!! Thanks for your time!"

Scott Furchner of Fort Pierre, SD, emailed: "It is my understanding that you are considering raising the daily limit from 3 to 5 per day. I understand that you are trying to reduce the resident geese east river. Please consider we don't seem to have a problem on the river system. I live in fort Pierre I am against anything that would pressure our

area geese. We would like to keep the geese for as long as we can in the area. More pressure would only upset the balance between having the geese feel comfortable. And a good hunting experience, Thank you for your consideration.”

Justin Allen, of Pierre, SD, emailed: “I’m writing in response to the proposed statewide Canada goose daily limit increase from current three to proposed five. As a hunter that hunts Canada Geese dozens of times a year in both Unit 1 and Unit 2 I’m opposed to the statewide increase.

I’m opposed to increasing the daily limit in specifically Unit 2 (Missouri River Corridor) because of two large reasons. First, very little resident geese nest in unit 2 and little landowner complaints exist. ... I do not support statewide increase which would include Unit 2.

In my opinion it would be great decision to increase the daily limit from 3 to 5 in Unit 1 and leave Unit 2 and 3 at 3 Canada geese per day. I believe the Unit 2 increase would decrease the quality of the hunting and hunter overall satisfaction for reason previously outlined. For those reasons amongst others do not support the increase in Unit 2.”

Dale Dauman of Aberdeen, SD, emailed: “Methinks you ought to seriously reconsider you liberal Fall Canada Goose hunt in Northeast South Dakota. While driving hundreds of miles in the Coteau Hills I’ve noticed there are almost no Canada Geese on the hundreds of sloughs up there...Definitely no babies whatsoever... and I hope you give serious consideration to my observations.”

Chad Weber of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: “I’m writing with respect to the proposed Canada goose limit increase from 3 to 5 birds. I’m strongly opposed to this increase in Unit 2. There is not a resident goose issue in this part of the state the limit is not necessary. ... This area is a special program and needs to be managed that way. The 5 bird limit isn’t needed nor necessary. This program will be severely affected negatively.”

Tim Withers of Pierre, SD, emailed: “...I am asking the Department and Commission to not follow through with getting approval from the USFWS to increase the daily limit from 3 to 5 especially in the unit 2 area.”

Alan Freng of Pierre, SD, emailed: “I am not a land owner nor can I afford to pay the lease fees to get access to hunt private land. Therefore, I hunt exclusively on public land with the majority of my hunts taking place on the Sheehan Waterfowl Hunting Area. I feel that raising the daily Canada limit from 3 to 5 birds per day is not necessary in Unit 2. In Unit 2, we virtually have zero resident Canada geese. ...I am in agreement that raising the daily limit in the Eastern part of the state is needed and would be helpful in cutting down the population, but not in Unit 2. ...I am in favor of raising the possession limit to 3 times the daily limit of 3 birds. It is possible to hunt a weekend (Fri-Sun) and shoot a limit of birds each day. Raising the possession limit to 9 will allow a hunter to hunt a third consecutive day without having to worry about what he/she needs to do with a limit of Birds so that they can hunt again and not be in violation of a possession limit.”

Kim Mydland of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: “I am not in favor of increased goose limits to 5. The added hunting pressure to fill a 5 bird limit will only change the goose populations habits & possibly force them out of the state.”

Jerry Tveidt of Pierre, SD, emailed: "...Although there are many uncontrollable variables that affect Canada goose hunting in our area, there is one variable that we can control - the daily bag limit and the "domino effect" that may result from it. With this one theory in mind, I would like to state that I am against raising the daily limit in Unit 2 from 3 to 5 birds per day. Thank you greatly for taking the time to read this email. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to voice my opinion and hope it is considered when voting on this topic."

Willie Colson of Brookings, SD, emailed: "A raise of the daily bird limit from 3 to 5 would ultimately mean we get to shoot more geese this year. As a hunter that sounds like a good deal, but that being said the amount of pressure the birds have seen in the last five years has greatly increased and with groups being able to shoot more birds the pressure and the amount of decoy shy birds will greatly increase. As a hunter I don't believe raising the limit will help me in any way. That being said many other things could be done to help control the amount of birds "If that is your goal." A late season, maybe a weekend or two (march) when the birds are migrating back would be a great way to shoot more birds without hounding on the birds that have been getting shot at in the same place for two months."

Tyson Keller of Pierre, SD, emailed: "...Although there are many uncontrollable variables that affect Canada Goose hunting in our area, there is one variable that we can control - the daily bag limit and the "domino effect" that may result from it. With this one theory in mind, I would like to state that I am against raising the daily limit in Unit 2 from 3 to 5 birds per day.."

Ben Fujan of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: "Please repeal this proposal for increasing the daily Canada limit from 3 to 5 Canada's per day. I hunt many days a year and I've seen what this 15 bird/day early goose season has done to the hunting...Please keep the best interest of the birds and true SD hunters at mind and keep the daily limit at 3."

No oral testimony was received.

Deer Depredation Hunts

No oral or written testimony was received.

State Game Bird Refuges

No oral or written testimony was received.

The Public Hearing concluded at 2:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Vonk, Department Secretary