

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS**

A Public Hearing will be held at the AmericInn (Scotty Phillips Room), 312 Island Drive, Ft. Pierre, South Dakota, on January 10, 2013, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. (CST), to consider adoption, amendment and repeal of Rules pertaining to:

1. ARSD 41:06:56 – Black Hills Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season.

Effect: The proposed amendment would increase the total “any bighorn sheep” licenses available from 2 (currently 1 license in Unit 1 and 1 license in Unit 2) to 3 licenses by adding 1 “any bighorn sheep” license which may be used in either Unit 1 or Unit 2 and which would be sold by auction pending approval of auction license rules by the Interim Rules Review Committee.

Reason: The bighorn sheep auction license concept was brought forward to the Department and Commission from individuals interested in enhancing South Dakota’s bighorn sheep population. Funds generated from an auction license would add to Department resources and efforts to enhance and manage bighorn sheep. Auction license revenue would help address disease issues, create and manage habitat, and help fund the translocation of bighorn sheep from other source herds to augment existing herds or start new herds.

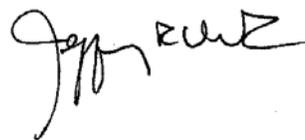
The above rule proposals may be modified or amended following receipt of public comment at the hearing to include or exclude matters that are described in this Notice of Hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time until its business has been completed and may be rescheduled.

Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) at the hearing. Persons unable to attend the hearing may mail data, opinions, arguments, and their views to the

office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, or transmit by email to Wildinfo@state.sd.us. All persons who desire to submit written data, opinions, arguments, and their views by mail or email are encouraged to mail or transmit the same in sufficient time so that it is received by and in the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks on or before 12:00 o'clock Noon three (3) days prior to the date of hearing. Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) to the Commission for their consideration. All written and email comments must include the name, home town/city and state of the person submitting the comments.

Copies of the proposed rules may be requested from the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501. Persons with disabilities may contact the undersigned for assistance.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey R. Vonk". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Jeffrey R. Vonk, Secretary

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