

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:13; 41:03:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Public Hearing	December 5, 2013	Huron
	Finalization	December 5, 2013	Huron

COMMISSION PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS

<u>Season Dates:</u>	April 5 – May 18, 2014	Archery
	April 12 – May 18, 2014	Black Hills regular and single-season Prairie units
	April 12 – April 30, 2014	Split-season early Prairie units
	May 1 – May 18, 2014	Split-season late Prairie units; Black Hills late season

<u>Licenses:</u>	Black Hills	Unlimited resident and nonresident one-tag “male turkey” licenses
	Prairie	5,534 resident and 209 nonresident one-tag “male turkey” licenses
		2,170 resident and 175 nonresident two-tag “male turkey” licenses
	Archery	Unlimited resident and nonresident one-tag “male turkey” licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Turkey hunters may apply for and receive one license in each of the Black Hills regular, Black Hills bonus, Prairie and Archery Units in the first and second lottery drawings.
2. Turkey hunters may purchase only one regular Black Hills and one archery turkey license.
3. Residents may purchase one late Black Hills bonus season license.
4. One-half of the licenses in each prairie unit are available for land owner/operator preference.
5. Prairie units adjoining the White River and Cheyenne River also include an adjacent area one mile wide on the opposite side of the river.
6. No person may shoot a turkey in a tree or roost.
7. A person may use only bow and arrow, a shotgun using shot shells or a muzzleloading shotgun in state parks and recreation areas within prairie units; and all units in eastern SD (01A, 06A, 08A, 08B, 22A, 23A, 29A, 32A, 37A, 40A, 48A, 52A, 56A, 61A), and in the portion of Unit 58A lying south of Oahe Dam, east of SD Highway 1806 and north of U.S. Highway 14 except as posted by the Corps of Engineers and GFP.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Convert license types in 10 units from 2-tag “any turkey” licenses to 2-tag “male turkey” licenses, convert license type in 8 units from 2-tag “any turkey” licenses to 1-tag “male turkey” licenses, and adjust the number of licenses in 5 units. Overall, these changes and adjustments result in 186 fewer licenses and 2,976 fewer tags for resident hunters. For nonresident hunters these changes result in 15 fewer licenses and 207 fewer tags.
2. Establish Unit PST-58B: Stanley County, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Land and the Oahe Downstream Recreation Area from April 5-30 (see attached map). Allow 4 resident “male turkey” licenses and 1 non-resident “male turkey” license to persons who use a wheelchair for mobility.
3. **41:03:01:16. Restrictions on use of firearms and bows -- Exceptions.** Uncased firearms and bows are prohibited in all state parks, state recreation areas, state nature areas, and state lakeside use areas with the following exceptions:

(5) From October 1 to April 30, inclusive, uncased firearms and bows are authorized for licensed hunters in all state parks, state recreation areas, nature areas, and lakeside use areas during established hunting seasons with the following restrictions:

(a) Uncased firearms and bows are prohibited the year around in all established campgrounds, designated day use areas, and at Beaver Creek Nature Area, Lake Herman State Park, Spring Creek Recreation Area, Spirit Mound Historic Prairie, Bear Butte State Park east of State Highway 79, Oahe Downstream Recreation Area except for a hunter who possesses a valid deer license for Unit WRD-58D as described in chapter 41:06:20 or a valid turkey license for Unit PST-58B as described in chapter 41:06:13, and Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve and Good Earth State Park Blood Run Nature Area except for a resident hunter who possesses a valid archery deer license and an access permit as described in chapter 41:06:22 or except for a resident hunter who possesses a valid archery spring turkey license and an access permit as described in chapter 41:06:13;

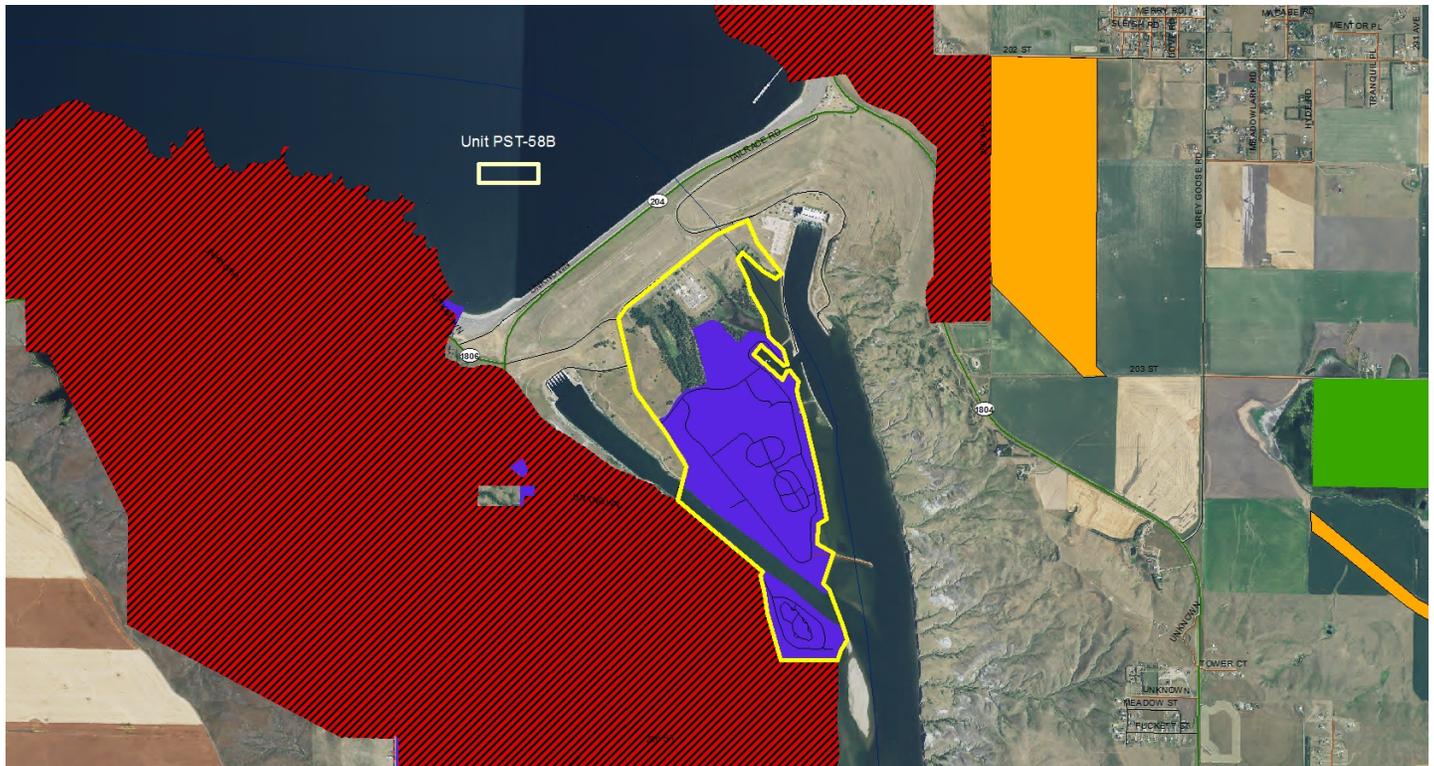
4. **41:06:13:04. Application requirements and restrictions.** The following applies to all applications for license and licenses issued under this chapter:

(5) Good Earth State Park Blood Run Nature Area is closed to spring turkey hunting except for ten turkey licensees who possess a valid spring turkey archery license and an archery turkey access permit. Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve is closed to spring turkey hunting except for ten licensees who possess a valid spring turkey archery license and an archery turkey access permit. The access permits may be issued by lottery drawing. Each access permit is valid from the first Saturday of April to April 30, inclusive.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licenses			Harvest			Success		
	BH	Prairie	Archery	BH	Prairie	Archery	BH	Prairie	Archery
2009	5,474	7,479	2,567	2,346	6,369	844	43%	51%	33%
2010	5,244	7,691	2,548	2,195	6,564	780	42%	52%	31%
2011	4,808	8,064	2,721	1,693	5,536	686	35%	42%	25%
2012	4,435	7,863	2,555	1,685	5,554	739	38%	43%	29%
2013	4,512	7,874	2,830	1,517	5,224	641	31%	41%	23%

Proposed Oahe Downstream Unit



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2014 PROPOSED SPRING TURKEY UNIT LICENSE DISTRIBUTION

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident		Nonresident		License Totals							
		TomT	2 TomT	TomT	2 TomT	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR
		32	35	32	35	1-tag	2-tag	Licenses	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags
01A	Minnehaha	100	0	0	0	100	0	100	100	0	0	0	0
02A	Pennington	0	300	0	24	0	300	300	600	0	24	24	48
06A	Brookings	20	0	0	0	20	0	20	20	0	0	0	0
07A	Yankton	280	0	0	0	280	0	280	280	0	0	0	0
08A	Davison/Hanson	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
08B	Davison/Hanson	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
11A	Bennett	0	70	0	6	0	70	70	140	0	6	6	12
12A	Bon Homme	300	0	0	0	300	0	300	300	0	0	0	0
13A	Brule	150	0	0	0	150	0	150	150	0	0	0	0
15A	Butte/Lawrence	0	450	0	36	0	450	450	900	0	36	36	72
17A	Charles Mix/Douglas	400	0	0	0	400	0	400	400	0	0	0	0
19A	Clay	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
19B	Clay	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
20A	Corson	100	0	8	0	100	0	100	100	8	0	8	8
21A	Custer	0	180	0	15	0	180	180	360	0	15	15	30
22A	Day/Codington	60	0	0	0	60	0	60	60	0	0	0	0
23A	Deuel	90	0	0	0	90	0	90	90	0	0	0	0
24A	Dewey/Ziebach	150	0	12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12
27A	Fall River	0	150	0	12	0	150	150	300	0	12	12	24
29A	Grant	220	0	0	0	220	0	220	220	0	0	0	0
30A	Gregory	950	0	76	0	950	0	950	950	76	0	76	76
31A	Haakon	0	300	0	24	0	300	300	600	0	24	24	48
32A	Hamlin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35A	Harding	150	0	12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12
36A	Hughes	40	0	0	0	40	0	40	40	0	0	0	0
37A	Hutchinson	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
39A	Jackson	0	200	0	16	0	200	200	400	0	16	16	32
40A	Jerauld	10	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	0	0	0	0
41A	Jones	100	0	8	0	100	0	100	100	8	0	8	8
44A	Lincoln	50	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	0	0	0	0
44B	Lincoln	50	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	0	0	0	0
45A	Lyman	150	0	12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12
48A	Marshall/Roberts	500	0	0	0	500	0	500	500	0	0	0	0
49A	Meade	0	350	0	28	0	350	350	700	0	28	28	56
50A	Mellette	450	0	36	0	450	0	450	450	36	0	36	36
52A	Moody	40	0	0	0	40	0	40	40	0	0	0	0
53A	Perkins	0	100	0	8	0	100	100	200	0	8	8	16
56A	Sanborn	40	0	0	0	40	0	40	40	0	0	0	0
58A	Stanley	50	0	4	0	50	0	50	50	4	0	4	4
58B	Stanley	4	0	1	0	4	0	4	4	1	0	1	1
60A	Tripp	400	0	32	0	400	0	400	400	32	0	32	32
61A	Turner	20	0	0	0	20	0	20	20	0	0	0	0
62A	Union	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
62B	Union	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
65A	Shannon	0	70	0	6	0	70	70	140	0	6	6	12
67A	Todd	100	0	8	0	100	0	100	100	8	0	8	8
2014	TOTAL	5,534	2,170	209	175	5,534	2,170	7,704	9,874	209	175	384	559
	Unit	TomT 32	2 TomT 35	TomT 32	2 TomT 35	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
						RES & NR:	5,743	2,345	8,088	10,433			
2013	TOTAL	2,930	4,960	32	367	2,930	4,960	7,890	12,850	32	367	399	766
	Unit	TomT 32	2 AnyT 37	TomT 32	2 AnyT 37	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
						RES & NR:	2,962	5,327	8,289	13,616			