

AGENDA
Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
October 3-4, 2013
Holiday Inn Express
305 North 27th Street
Spearfish, SD 57783

Call to order 1 PM MDT

Wildlife Management Institute Presentation - Big Game Mgmt. Review

Open Forum

Public Hearing at 2 PM

Division of Administration

Action items:

1. Approve minutes of the August 2013 meeting
<http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/commission/archive/2013/august/minutes.pdf>
2. Additional Commissioner Salary Days
3. 2014 Meeting Schedule
4. License List Requests

Information item:

5. License Sales Report

Finalizations

6. Mountain Lion Hunting Season

Petition for Rule Change

7. Walleye Possession Limits

Division of Wildlife

Action item:

8. Fishing regulations
9. Bait Fish
10. License fees proposals

Information items:

11. Boating Officer of the Year
12. Land acquisition projects
13. Transplant of mountain goats in SD
14. Bighorn Sheep Update
15. Pheasant Brood Route Report
16. Statewide Fisheries Plan

Division of Parks and Recreation

Action item:

17. Custer State Park Private Cabin Transfer Resolution
18. Custer State Park Resort Employee Housing
19. Resolution for Adams land transfer
20. Park fees proposals

Information items:

21. Custer State Park Mountain Pine Beetle Update
22. 2014 Custer State Park Repair and Maintenance Projects
23. Buffalo Roundup
24. Park Revenue and Visitation Reports

Adjourn

Next meeting information:
November 7-8, 2013
Pierre Ramkota RiverCenter
920 West Sioux Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

Division of Administration

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 KNIPPLING, 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; Knippling-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 Knippling 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 Officer 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

2014 Game, Fish, and Parks Commission Schedule

*Meeting times are Thursday 1 – 5 pm; Friday 8 am – noon
Unless otherwise indicated see July 9th*

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| January 9-10, 2014 | Ft. Pierre - Holiday Inn Express 110 East Stanley Road, Ft. Pierre, 57532 |
| February 2014 | No meeting |
| March 6-7, 2014 | Ft. Pierre - Holiday Inn Express 110 East Stanley Road, Ft. Pierre, 57532 |
| April 3-4, 2014 | Oacoma - Cedar Shores Resort 1500 Shoreline Drive, Oacoma, SD 57365 |
| May 1-2, 2014 | CSP – Sylvan Lake Lodge US Hwy 16A, Custer, SD 57730 |
| June 5-6, 2014 | Yankton - Lewis and Clark Resort 43496 Shore Drive, Yankton, SD 57078 |
| July 9, 2014 Wednesday- one day meeting | Ft. Pierre - Holiday Inn Express 110 East Stanley Road, Ft. Pierre, SD 57532 |
| July 24-25, 2014 | Reserve for possible Contested Case Hearing-Pierre |
| August 7-8, 2014 | Ft. Pierre - Holiday Inn Express 110 East Stanley Road, Ft. Pierre, SD 57532 |
| September 2014 | No meeting |
| October 2-3, 2014 | Sturgis - Convention Center 2715 Lazelle Street, Sturgis, SD 57785 |
| Nov. 6-7, 2014 | Ramada - Sioux Falls 1301 West Russell Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57104 |
| Dec. 4-5, 2014 | Ft. Pierre - Holiday Inn Express 110 East Stanley Road, Ft. Pierre, SD 57532 |

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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Application for exception to regular fee

Type of List Requested 2012 Pheasant Hunter Licenses from Minnesota

Number of licenses in list All available

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:
Mitchell Convention & Visitors Bureau – Jacki Miskimins, Director

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:
601 N. Main Street – PO Box 1026
Mitchell, SD 57301

How would you like your list sent to you: (email or disk)
Email – cvb@visitmitchell.com OR jacki@visitmitchell.com

Email Address: cvb@visitmitchell.com OR jacki@visitmitchell.com

Phone Number
605-996-6223

Purpose for which list will be used:
We intend to send a postcard to last year's hunters, in Minnesota specifically, to market pheasant hunting in the Mitchell area. Typically this mailing highlights late-season hunting in an effort to encourage repeat trips.

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. The fee for a Game, Fish & Parks Commission approved exception is \$100, otherwise the fee is \$100 per thousand names 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.



August 30, 2013

Authorized Signature of Purchaser

Date

Date of Commission Action

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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Type of List Requested Archery Hunters in Beadle Co, Kingsbury Co, Spink Co, Hand Co, Sandborn Co, Gerald Co, Hyde Co, Hand Co
Number of Licenses in list 1000

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:
Del's taxidermy and Ardeny LLC

Phone Number
605-350-1222

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:
1123 Ohio Ave SW
Huron SD 57350

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

Email Address: Delstaxidermy@Hur.midco.net

Purpose for which list will be used:
Send out mail flyer for advertising business

This list is Names and Mailing Addresses ONLY

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[Signature] 8-12-2013
Authorized Signature of Purchaser Date

Date of Commission Action

License Sales Totals

(as of Sept 26)

date updated: 26 September 2013

| | 2012 | 2013 | % Change |
|--|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Resident Predator/Varmint | 1,399 | 1,352 | -3.4% |
| Furbearer | 2,940 | 2,994 | 1.8% |
| Combination | 43,615 | 43,608 | 0.0% |
| Junior Combination | 6,821 | 6,982 | 2.4% |
| Senior Combination | 4,995 | 6,193 | 24.0% |
| Resident Small Game | 5,823 | 5,082 | -12.7% |
| Resident 1-Day Small Game | 248 | 170 | -31.5% |
| Resident Youth Small Game | 2,125 | 2,141 | 0.8% |
| Resident Migratory Bird Certificate | 23,265 | 23,856 | 2.5% |
| Resident 1-Day Fishing | 6,243 | 6,214 | -0.5% |
| Resident Annual Fishing | 67,795 | 65,060 | -4.0% |
| Senior Fishing | 13,229 | 12,467 | -5.8% |
| Resident Gamefish Spearing/Archery | 2,005 | 2,531 | 26.2% |
| Nonresident Predator/Varmint | 4,970 | 4,677 | -5.9% |
| Nonresident Furbearer | 11 | 6 | -45.5% |
| Nonresident Small Game | 5,829 | 5,278 | -9.5% |
| Nonresident Youth Small Game | 348 | 304 | -12.6% |
| Nonresident Annual Shooting Preserve | 206 | 147 | -28.6% |
| Nonresident 5-day Shooting Preserve | 1,368 | 1,506 | 10.1% |
| Nonresident 1-day Shooting Preserve | 298 | 319 | 7.0% |
| Nonresident Spring Light Goose | 2,738 | 4,214 | 53.9% |
| Nonresident Youth Spring Light Goose | 106 | 132 | 24.5% |
| Nonresident Migratory Bird Certificate | 491 | 486 | -1.0% |
| Nonresident 1-Day Fishing | 20,297 | 19,698 | -3.0% |
| Nonresident 3-Day Fishing | 20,238 | 22,132 | 9.4% |
| Nonresident Annual Fishing | 19,951 | 21,868 | 9.6% |
| Nonresident Family Fishing | 7,992 | 8,412 | 5.3% |
| Nonresident Youth Annual Fishing | 1,134 | 1,243 | 9.6% |
| Nonresident Gamefish Spearing/Archery | 298 | 534 | 79.2% |
| TOTAL ON FILE = | 266,778 | 269,606 | 1.1% |

Finalizations

**GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION**

Mountain Lion Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:61

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | August 1-2, 2013 | Watertown |
| | Public Hearing | October 3, 2013 | Spearfish |
| | Finalization | October 3-4, 2013 | Spearfish |

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Season Dates: December 26, 2013 – March 31, 2014

Open Area: Statewide

Licenses: Unlimited resident only

Harvest Limit: 75 mountain lions or 50 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 or Custer State Park Headquarters 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.

Proposed changes from last year:

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.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

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

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 |
| 2013 | 4,351* | | 26 | 35 | 61 |

*Number of licensed hunters at the close of the 2013 BHFPD season.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

2014 Custer State Park Mountain Lion Hunting Season Interval Schedule

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

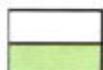
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|---------------|----------|--------|----------|
| | | | 17 Days 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 7 Days 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 |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

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

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



Four (4) hunting intervals with 30 access permits (no dog hunting allowed).

Four (4) hunting intervals with 4 access permits (dog hunting allowed).

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| APPROVE _____ | MODIFY _____ | REJECT _____ | NO ACTION _____ |
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Petition for Rule Change



SOUTH DAKOTA
**Missouri River
Tourism**

20207 SD Hwy. 1804
PO Box 786
Pierre, SD 57501

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888-386-4617

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SEP 17 2013

Dept. of Game, Fish & Parks
Pierre, SD 57501

September 16, 2013

Dear Game, Fish & Parks Commission,

South Dakota Missouri River Tourism (formerly Great Lakes of SD Tourism Association) would like to petition the GFP Commission with a proposal to make a change in the walleye limit in South Dakota.

At present, a three-day license is sold, but possession limit is eight or a two-day limit. The modification would be to 41:07:03:01 (2). We are proposing that the limit go to a three-day, four daily possession limit, which would be a limit of 12 walleye. This is being proposed for statewide.

Many of our members are seeing anglers buying the three-day license, but not staying for that extra night. The economics of having visitors stay an extra night is huge. It means one more night of lodging, buying food and gas.

The argument you will hear is this will harm the fishery. In checking with fisheries staff, the indication is that it would not – on the river or in statewide lakes. Resorts and guides we spoke to said most anglers would most likely not get their full limit of 12 – but the perception that they might be able to would be the incentive to stay and spend money.

Fishing is a huge economic impact in South Dakota. And, money we receive from out-of-state anglers is very important. As residents of South Dakota we very much like the amenities that are available to us – whether it's a state camp ground, fish cleaning station, boat ramp or dumping station. We are able to have "the best" because of money being spent by the visitors to our great state. And, then they go home.

Again, we would like you to consider the proposal to change the walleye limit statewide in South Dakota from a two -day limit of eight, to a three-day possession limit of 12. Thank you for considering the proposal.

Sincerely

South Dakota Missouri River Tourism

Board of Directors (listed on separate sheet)

www.sdmissouririver.com

Formerly Great Lakes of South Dakota Tourism Association

South Dakota Missouri River Tourism

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GFP District Park Manager – Snake Creek - Platte



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SEP 24 2013

Dept. of Game, Fish & Parks
Pierre, SD 57501

September 20, 2013

Game, Fish and Parks Commission
Attention: Secretary Jeffrey R. Vonk
523 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Game, Fish & Parks Commission,

The Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce and Convention & Visitors Bureau would like to petition the GFP Commission with a proposal to make a change in the walleye limit in South Dakota.

At present, a three-day license is sold, but possession limit is eight or a two-day limit. The modification would be to 41:07:03:01 (2). We are proposing that the limit go to a three-day, four daily possession limit, which would be a limit of twelve walleye. This is being proposed for statewide.

Many of our members are seeing anglers buying the three-day license, but not staying for that extra night. The economics of having visitors stay an extra night is huge. It means one more night of lodging, buying food and gas.

In checking with fisheries staff, the indication is that it would not harm the fishery – on the river or in statewide lakes. Resorts and guides we spoke with said most anglers would most likely not get their full limit of twelve – but the perception that they might be able to would be the incentive to stay and spend money.

Fishing is a huge economic impact in South Dakota. And, money we receive from out-of-state anglers is very important. As residents of South Dakota we very much like the amenities that are available to us – whether it's a state camp ground, fish cleaning station, boat ramp or dumping station. We are able to have "the best" because of money being spent by the visitors to our great state. And, then they go home.

Again, we would like the commission to consider the proposal to change the walleye limit statewide in South Dakota from a two -day limit of eight, to a three-day possession limit of twelve. Thank you for considering this proposal.

Sincerely,

Lois Ries, Director
Pierre Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce

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SEP 18 2013

Dept. of Game, Fish & Parks
Pierre, SD 57501

September 16, 2013

Dear Game, Fish & Parks Commission,

The Governor's Inn of Pierre would like to petition the GFP Commission with a proposal to make a change in the walleye limit in South Dakota.

At present, a three-day license is sold, but possession limit is eight or a two-day limit. The modification would be to 41:07:03:01 (2). We are proposing that the limit go to a three-day, possession limit, which would be a limit of 12 walleye. This is being proposed for statewide.

Many of our members are seeing anglers buying the three-day license, but not staying for that extra night. The economics of having visitors stay an extra night is huge. It means one more night of lodging, buying food and gas.

The argument you will hear is this will harm the fishery. In checking with fisheries staff, the indication is that it would not – on the river or in statewide lakes. Resorts and guides we spoke to said most anglers would most likely not get their full limit of 12 – but the perception that they might be able to would be the incentive to stay and spend money.

Fishing is a huge economic impact in South Dakota. And, money we receive from out-of-state anglers is very important. As residents of South Dakota we very much like the amenities that are available to us – whether it's a state camp ground, fish cleaning station, boat ramp or dumping station. We are able to have "the best" because of money being spent by the visitors to our great state. And, then they go home.

Again, we would like you to consider the proposal to change the walleye limit statewide in South Dakota from a two -day limit of eight, to a three-day possession limit of 12. Thank you for considering the proposal.

Sincerely

John Poncelet

Governor's Inn

700 West Sioux Ave

Pierre, South Dakota. 57501

JOHN H. HIGHT

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SEP 24 2013

Dept. of Game, Fish & Parks
Pierre, SD 57501

September 16, 2013

Dear Game, Fish & Parks Commission,

South Dakota Missouri River Tourism (formerly Great Lakes of SD Tourism Association) would like to petition the SGO Commission with a proposal to make a change in the walleye limit South Dakota.

At present, a three-day license is sold, but possession limit is eight or a two-day limit. The modification would be 41:07:03:01 (2). We are proposing that the limit go to a three-day, four daily possession limit, which would be a limit of 12 walleye. This is being proposed by statewide.

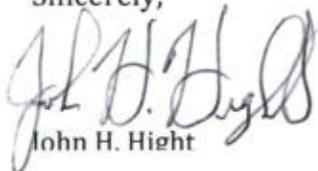
Many of our members are seeing anglers buying the three-day license, but not staying for that extra night. The economics of having visitors stay an extra night is huge. It means on more night of lodging, buying food, and gas.

The argument you will hear is this will harm the fishery. In checking with fisheries staff, the indication is that it would not-on the river or in statewide lakes. Resorts and guides we spoke to said most anglers would most likely not get their full limit of 12-but the perception that they might be able to would be the incentive to stay and spend money.

Fishing is a huge economic impact in South Dakota. And, money we receive from out-of-state anglers is very important. As residents of South Dakota we very much like the amenities that are available to us-whether it's a state camp ground, fish cleaning station, boat ramp or dumping station. We are able to have "the best" because of money being spent by the visitors to our great state. And, then they go home.

Again, we would like you to consider the proposal to change the walleye limit statewide in South Dakota from a two-day limit of eight, to a three-day possession limit of 12. Thank you for considering the proposal.

Sincerely,


John H. Hight

Major League Adventures, LLC

316 Ft. Sully Trail
Pierre, South Dakota, 57501

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SEP 24 2013

Dept. of Game, Fish & Parks
Pierre, SD 57501

September 18, 2013

Dear Game, Fish & Parks Commission,

As a fishing Guide and owner of Major League Adventures Guide Service & Outfitters located in central South Dakota, I would like to petition the GFP Commission with a proposal to make a change in the walleye limit in South Dakota.

At present, a three-day license is sold, but possession limit is eight or a two-day limit. The modification would be to 41:07:03:01 (2). I am proposing the limit go to a three-day, four daily possession limit, which would be a limit of 12 walleye. This is being proposed for statewide.

Many anglers buy the three-day license, but do not stay that extra night. The economics of having visitors stay an extra night is significant as it equates to an additional night's lodging, food, entertainment, gas, etc.

The question is, will harm the fishery? In checking with fisheries staff, their position is it would not – not on the river or in statewide lakes. After discussing this with resort owners and other guides, they agree that most anglers probably would not get their full limit of 12 – however, the perception that they might be able to would be the incentive to stay and spend money in South Dakota businesses.

Fishing has a significant economic impact in South Dakota. The revenue we receive from out-of-state anglers is important. As residents of South Dakota, tourist dollars afford us world-class amenities. From state camp grounds, fish cleaning stations, boat ramps or dumping stations, South Dakota residents enjoy "the best" largely due to money being spent by visitors to our great state.

Again, I would like you to consider the proposal to change the walleye limit statewide in South Dakota from a two -day limit of eight, to a three-day possession limit of 12. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Tom Bruno
Owner, Major League Adventures, LLC

Division of Wildlife

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

8

GENERAL PROVISIONS AND FISH LIMITS
41:07:01 and 41:07:03

| | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | October 3-4, 2013 | Spearfish |
| | Public Hearing | November 7, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Finalization | November 7-8, 2013 | Pierre |

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

1. Add 41:07:01:18 "Felt Soled Waders Prohibited".
2. Modify 41:07:03:02. "South Dakota-Minnesota boundary waters." by changing the possession limit for yellow perch from 15 fish to 30 fish, twice the daily limit.
3. Modify 41:07:03:03. "Daily, possession, and length limit restrictions on special management waters – additional restrictions described." by:
 - a. Adding East and West Heritage GPA ponds to the list of waters with a 15" minimum length limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass.
 - b. Removing current walleye limits of 8 daily, of which at most four can be 15 inches or longer in length, and 24 in possession, and applying statewide harvest restrictions for walleye to Lake Oahe.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. Felt soled waders have been found to be a pathway for transmission of aquatic invasive species. The absorbent felt material can trap sediment and organic material which may include Didymo (rock snot) cells, whirling disease spores or invertebrate larvae. Those utilizing felt sole waders can then transport those organisms to the next water in which they enter. In an effort to minimize risk of transmission through this pathway, many states have banned the use of felt soled waders.
2. A recent survey of South Dakota resident anglers in counties bordering Minnesota, Iowa, and Nebraska determined that resident anglers desire regulations for boundary waters to match those of inland waters and that regulations on boundary waters be the same for anglers licensed in both states. By increasing the yellow perch possession limit for anglers licensed in SD to twice the daily limit (30 fish) it will be the same as both SD inland waters and the possession limit for anglers licensed in Minnesota fishing SD/MN boundary waters.
3. a) East and West Heritage GPA ponds are newly managed waters in Region 3 that will be receiving advanced fingerling largemouth bass stockings. Staff anticipates use will be high as with other similar waters in the region, making it a candidate for a 15" minimum on largemouth and smallmouth bass.

b) Abundance of walleye below 15 inches decreased from 2012 to 2013. While some anglers took advantage of the daily limit of 8 walleyes in 2013, many were reluctant to harvest fish shorter than 14 inches. The majority of fish available to anglers in 2014 will be those produced during 2009 and will be longer than 15 inches. Younger year classes of walleye will be below 14 inches in length and angler harvest of these fish is expected to be low.

APPROVE

MODIFY

REJECT

NO ACTION

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

8

SPEARING
41:07:06

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | October 3-4, 2013 | Spearfish |
| | Public Hearing | November 7, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Finalization | November 7-8, 2013 | Pierre |

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

1. Modify 41:07:06:01. "**Spearing of rough fish in inland waters.**" by including the South Dakota-Minnesota boundary waters in this regulation and modifying the title to reflect this change.
2. Repeal 41:07:06:01.2. "**Spearing of rough fish in South Dakota-Minnesota boundary waters.**"
3. Modify 41:07:06:03. "**Areas open to spearing of game fish – Additional permit required.**" by:
 - a. Removing subsection (7) which allows game fish spearing in certain waters in Eastern South Dakota.
 - b. Adding South Island Land and county designations for North and South Island Lakes to subsection (8) which allows northern pike to be taken in inland waters of the state except those managed for muskies.
 - c. Removing verbiage that allows the director of the Division of Wildlife to temporarily open areas to game fish spearing for special events and instead state that the Commission may open areas temporarily for all anglers by resolution.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

- 1.2. Applying the same regulations to rough fish spearing on the SD/MN boundary waters will simplify regulations and increase opportunity for South Dakota anglers while better matching Minnesota regulations.
3. (a) Subsection (7) which allows game fish spearing in a limited number of waters was originally enacted to accommodate dark house spearing for northern pike in eastern South Dakota. Opportunities for underwater spearing or archery of game fish in these eastern South Dakota waters are extremely limited due to lack of water clarity. Since December of 2012, spearing for northern pike statewide has been allowed. With dark house spearing for northern pike legalized statewide in 2012, subsection (7) is no longer necessary.

(b) Currently only North Island Lake is listed as a water managed for muskie and closed to northern pike spearing. South Island Lake is linked to North Island Lake and should be added to the rule along with county designations to clarify where pike spearing is allowed.

(c) The current process of having the Wildlife Division Director issue permits to temporarily open areas to game fish spearing does not allow for adequate public input. It is recommended this authority reside with the Commission to better facilitate public input. Language related to special events would be removed from the rule, meaning areas temporarily open to game fish species would be open for all anglers, not just those participating in a special event.

APPROVE MODIFY REJECT NO ACTION

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

9

BAIT
41:09:04

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | October 3-4, 2013 | Spearfish |
| | Public Hearing | November 7, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Finalization | November 7-8, 2013 | Pierre |

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

1. Modify **41:09:04:02.02 "Species that may be taken as bait for commercial use."** to allow emerald shiners and spottail shiners to be taken and sold by any licensed resident bait dealer or sold by any licensed nonresident bait dealer.
2. Modify **41:09:04:02.04 "Species that may be taken as bait for noncommercial use."** to allow golden shiners, emerald shiners, spottail shiners and dead gizzard shad to be transported away from the water from which they were taken to be used as bait.
3. Modify **41:09:04:03 "Waters closed to taking of bait."** By modifying:
 - a. **"Waters closed year-round to commercial and noncommercial taking of bait."** to add the exception of that portion of Lewis and Clark Lake and the Missouri River above Gavins Point Dam in Yankton and Bon Homme Counties for the non-commercial taking of bait.
 - b. **"Other Waters."** to include Lake Yankton in Yankton County and Lakes Byron and Mud in Beadle County.
 - c. **"Waters closed year-round to commercial taking of bait."** By removing Lake Yankton (Cottonwood) in Yankton County.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. This change would add two additional species to be taken and sold as bait. There is no biological reason to not allow the commercial take of these species for bait and it will provide additional opportunity to bait dealers.
2. This change would allow golden shiners, emerald shiners, spottail shiners and dead gizzard shad to be transported away from the waters from which they were taken with no associated risk to fisheries. Of the species listed, only gizzard shad pose a potential threat to other waters. In situations where shad survival over winter is high, there is the potential for shad to become overabundant and negatively affect the fish community.
3. These changes would:
 - a. Clarify that Lewis and Clark Lake and the Missouri River above Gavins Point Dam in Yankton and Bon Homme counties are open to the noncommercial taking of bait. This section will remain closed year round to the commercial taking of bait. This will clarify the intent of the rule.
 - b. Add Lake Yankton in Yankton County and Mud Lake and Lake Byron in Beadle County to the list of other waters closed year-round to commercial and noncommercial taking of bait. These waters have been discovered to contain Asian Carp.
 - c. Remove Lake Yankton (Cottonwood) from the list of waters closed to the year-round commercial taking of bait because it has been added to the list of waters closed to both the commercial and noncommercial taking of bait.

APPROVE

MODIFY

REJECT

NO ACTION

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

10

Hunting and Fishing License Fees

Chapters 41:06:02:03, 41:07:01:12

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | October 3-4, 2013 | Spearfish |
| | Public Hearing | November 7, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Finalization | November 7-8, 2013 | Pierre |

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

1. Raise resident and nonresident license fees by the amounts listed on the attached tables.

2. Expand the assessment of the current \$5 fee for preference points for intentional unsuccessful applications to all unsuccessful license applications for deer, antelope, turkey, waterfowl, and paddlefish licenses where a preference point is awarded. Fee for preference points will be \$5 for residents and \$10 for nonresidents. Applicants shall have the option of declining the preference point and not pay the preference point fee.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Based upon 2014 license sales projections, these fee increases would generate \$2,017,000 in revenue during calendar year 2014. This additional revenue along with spending cuts already implemented during the current fiscal year and expanded utilization of federal funding will align expenditures with revenue and allow for replenishment of a spending capital base of \$10 million in the game fund.

The last year when a general fee increase package was adopted by the Commission was in 2005. Increased costs associated with state-provided health care and salaries along with inflation (estimated by US Bureau of labor statistics to be 20% from 2005 to 2013) have eroded the ability to generate sufficient revenue to maintain the current level of services at current license fees.

Unsuccessful applications where a preference point was awarded in 2012:

| <u>Application type</u> | <u>Resident</u> | <u>Nonresident</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Deer | 28,572 | 3,412 |
| Antelope | 3,920 | |
| Turkey | 547 | 580 |
| Waterfowl | | 2,275 |
| Paddlefish | 3,824 | 185 |
| | | |
| TOTAL | 36,863 | 6,452 |
| Projected revenue | \$184,315 | \$64,520 |

A total of 8,135 applications for preference point only units were submitted in 2012. Fees collected for these applications totaled \$40,675.

APPROVE _____
 MODIFY _____
 REJECT _____
 NO ACTION _____

RESIDENT LICENSE FEES

10a

| | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|---------|
| Fishing | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| annual | \$14 | \$21 | | | | | \$21 | \$25 | | | | | | | | \$25 | \$28 |
| senior | \$5 | \$5 | | | | | \$5 | \$10 | | | | | | | | \$10 | \$12 |
| one-day | | \$7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$7 | \$8 |
| peddlefish tag | \$5 | \$5 | | | | | \$5 | \$20 | | | | | | | | \$20 | \$25 |
| game fish spearing | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$5 | \$5 | N/C |
| Combination | \$30 | \$44 | | | | | \$44 | \$49 | | | | | | | \$49 | \$50 | \$55 # |
| junior | | \$23 | | | | | \$23 | \$25 | | | | | | | | \$25 | \$27 |
| senior | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$34 | \$35 | \$40 |
| Small game | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| annual | \$19 | \$27 | | | | | \$27 | \$29 | | | | | | | \$29 | \$30 | \$33 # |
| youth | \$8 | \$5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$5 | N/C |
| one-day | | \$13 | | | | \$13 | \$8 | \$10 | | | | | | | | \$10 | \$12 |
| Migratory bird certification | \$2 | \$3 | | | | | \$3 | \$5 | | | | | | | | \$5 | N/C |
| Canada goose special tags | \$5 | \$10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$10 | \$10 | N/C # |
| Tundra Swan tag | \$10 | \$15 | \$10 | | | | | | | | | | | | \$10 | \$11 | \$18 # |
| Turkey | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| spring one-tag | \$10 | \$20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$20 | \$21 | \$25 # |
| spring two-tag | \$10 | \$25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$25 | \$28 | \$35 # |
| fall one-tag | \$10 | \$10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$10 | \$11 | \$15 # |
| fall two-tag | \$10 | \$15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$15 | \$16 | \$20 # |
| Deer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| one-tag "any" | \$20 | \$30 | | | | | \$30 | \$35 | | | | | | | \$35 | \$36 | \$40 # |
| two-tag "any+antlerless" | \$30 | \$45 | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$45 | \$46 | \$50 # |
| one-tag antlerless | | \$20 | | | \$20 | \$15 | | | | | | | | | \$15 | \$16 | \$20 # |
| two-tag antlerless | \$20 | \$25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$25 | \$26 | \$30 # |
| special buck | \$100 | \$105 | \$105 | \$155 | | | | | | | | | | | \$155 | \$156 | \$175 # |
| youth | \$5 | \$5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$5 | N/C |
| Antelope | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| one-tag "any" | \$20 | \$30 | | | | | \$30 | \$35 | | | | | | | \$35 | \$36 | \$40 # |
| two-tag "any+doe-fawn" | \$30 | \$45 | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$45 | \$46 | \$50 # |
| one-tag "doe-fawn" | | \$20 | | | \$20 | \$15 | | | | | | | | | \$15 | \$16 | \$20 # |
| two-tag "doe-fawn" | \$20 | \$25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$25 | \$26 | \$30 # |
| Elk | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| any elk | \$50 | \$105 | | | | | \$105 | \$155 | | | | | | | \$155 | \$156 | \$175 # |
| antlerless | \$50 | \$105 | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$105 | \$106 | \$116 # |
| Mountain goat | \$50 | \$105 | | | | | \$105 | \$255 | | | | | | | \$255 | \$256 | \$280 # |
| Bighorn sheep | | | \$105 | \$105 | \$505 | | \$505 | \$255 | | | | | | | \$255 | \$256 | \$280 # |
| Mountain lion | | | | | | | | \$15 | | | | \$15 | \$25 | | \$25 | \$26 | \$28 # |
| Furbearer | \$15 | \$25 | | | | \$25 | \$20 | \$25 | | | | | | | | \$25 | \$30 |
| Predator/varmint | | \$5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$5 | N/C |

Fees include the surcharge imposed by SDCL 41-2-34.2.

NONRESIDENT LICENSE FEES

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| | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| Fishing | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| annual | \$49 | \$59 | | | | | \$59 | \$60 | | | | | | | | \$60 | \$67 |
| youth | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$25 | \$25 | N/C |
| family | \$59 | \$59 | | | | | \$59 | \$60 | | | | | | | | \$60 | \$67 |
| one-day | \$9 | \$12 | | | | | \$12 | \$14 | | | | | | | | \$14 | \$16 |
| three-day | | \$30 | | | | | \$30 | \$32 | | | | | | | | \$32 | \$37 |
| paddlefish tag | \$5 | \$5 | | | | | \$5 | \$20 | | | | | | | | \$20 | \$40 |
| game fish spearing | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$5 | \$5 | \$10 |
| Small game | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ten-day | \$95 | \$100 | | | | | \$100 | \$110 | | | | | | | \$110 | \$121 | N/C # |
| youth | \$25 | \$25 | | | | | | | | | | | | \$25 | \$10 | \$10 | N/C |
| Shooting preserve | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| one-day | | | | | | | | \$35 | | | | | | | \$35 | \$46 | N/C # |
| five-day | | | | | | | | \$65 | | | | | | | \$65 | \$76 | N/C # |
| annual | \$30 | \$35 | | | | | \$35 | \$85 | | | | | | | \$85 | \$121 | N/C # |
| Waterfowl | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ten-day or annual | \$100 | \$105 | | | | | \$105 | \$110 | | | | | | | \$110 | \$121 | N/C # |
| three-day | \$70 | \$75 | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$75 | \$86 | N/C # |
| spring light goose | | \$45 | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$45 | \$46 | \$50 # |
| youth spring light goose | | \$25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$25 | \$26 | N/C # |
| early fall Canada goose | | | \$45 | | | | | | | | | | | | \$45 | \$46 | \$50 # |
| tundra swan tag | \$10 | \$10 | \$5 | \$5 | \$10 | | \$10 | \$15 | | | | | | | \$15 | \$16 | \$25 # |
| Turkey | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| spring one-tag | \$75 | \$85 | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$85 | \$86 | \$100 # |
| spring two-tag | \$75 | \$100 | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$100 | \$101 | \$125 # |
| fall one-tag | \$70 | \$75 | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$75 | \$76 | \$90 # |
| fall two-tag | \$75 | \$85 | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$85 | \$86 | \$100 # |
| Deer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| one-tag "any" | \$150 | \$155 | | | | | \$155 | \$195 | | | | | \$195 | \$285 | \$285 | \$286 | N/C # |
| two-tag "any+antlerless" | \$200 | \$205 | | | | | \$205 | \$245 | | | | | \$245 | \$335 | \$335 | \$338 | N/C # |
| one-tag antlerless | \$150 | \$155 | | | \$155 | \$55 | | | | | | | | | \$55 | \$56 | \$80 # |
| two-tag antlerless | \$150 | \$155 | | | \$155 | \$80 | | | | | | | | | \$80 | \$81 | \$120 # |
| special buck | \$400 | \$405 | | \$405 | \$505 | | | | | | | | | | \$505 | \$506 | \$560 # |
| youth | \$5 | | | | | | \$5 | \$10 | | | | | | | | \$10 | N/C |
| Antelope | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| one-tag "any" | \$150 | \$155 | | | | | \$155 | \$195 | | | | | \$195 | \$285 | \$285 | \$286 | N/C # |
| two-tag "any+doe-fawn" | \$200 | \$205 | | | | | \$205 | \$245 | | | | | \$245 | \$335 | \$335 | \$336 | N/C # |
| one-tag "doe-fawn" | \$150 | \$155 | | | \$155 | \$55 | | | | | | | | | \$55 | \$56 | \$80 # |
| two-tag "doe-fawn" | \$150 | \$155 | | | \$155 | \$80 | | | | | | | | | \$80 | \$81 | \$120 # |
| Furbearer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Predator/varmint | \$30 | \$35 | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$250 | \$250 | \$275 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$35 | \$40 |

Fees include the surcharge imposed by SDCL 41-2-34.2.

License Fee Comparison For Bordering States

| | South Dakota | Iowa | Minnesota | Montana | Nebraska | North Dakota | Wyoming | Colorado |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|--------------|----------|----------|
| Fishing | Resident | Resident | Resident | Resident | Resident | Resident | Resident | Resident |
| annual fish | 25.00 | 32.00 | 32.00 | 26.00 | 28.50 | 16.00 | 36.50 | 41.00 |
| one-day fish | 7.00 | 9.50 | 20.00 | | 7.50 | | 6.00 | 14.00 |
| paddlefish | 20.00 | | | 6.50 | 21.00 | 24.00 | | |
| Small Game | | | | | | | | |
| combination | 50.00 | 47.00 | 56.00 | | 60.00 | 50.00 | | 56.00 |
| small game | 30.00 | 30.00 | 50.00 | 17.50 | 34.00 | 28.00 | 24.00 | 31.00 |
| Turkey | | | | | | | | |
| spring one-tag turkey | 21.00 | 54.50 | | 16.50 | 44.00 | 36.00 | 28.50 | 34.00 |
| fall one-tag turkey | 11.00 | 54.50 | 29.00 | 16.50 | | 36.00 | 28.50 | 19.00 |
| Deer | | | | | | | | |
| one-tag "any" | 36.00 | 58.50 | 33.00 | 26.00 | 50.00 | 38.00 | 43.00 | 41.00 |
| one-tag antlerless | 16.00 | 58.50 | 18.00 | 20.00 | 50.00 | | 27.00 | 41.00 |
| Antelope | | | | | | | | |
| one-tag "any" | 36.00 | | | 29.00 | 55.00 | 38.00 | 38.00 | 41.00 |
| Other | | | | | | | | |
| mountain lion | 26.00 | | | 27.00 | 45.00 | | 30.00 | 51.00 |
| furbearer | 25.00 | 33.50 | 23.00 | 20.00 | 36.00 | 15.00 | 44.00 | 21.00 |

| | South Dakota | Iowa | Minnesota | Montana | Nebraska | North Dakota | Wyoming | Colorado |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Fishing | Nonresident | Nonresident | Nonresident | Nonresident | Nonresident | Nonresident | Nonresident | Nonresident |
| annual fish | 60.00 | 56.00 | 55.00 | 70.00 | 60.50 | 47.00 | 104.50 | 71.00 |
| three-day fish | 32.00 | 32.50 | 42.00 | | 27.50 | 27.00 | | |
| one-day fish | 14.00 | 10.50 | 22.00 | | 9.50 | | 14.00 | 14.00 |
| paddlefish | 20.00 | | | 15.00 | 41.00 | 40.50 | | |
| Small Game | | | | | | | | |
| small game | 121.00 | 123.00 | 112.50 | 128.00 | 101.00 | 119.00 | 72.00 | 66.00 |
| Turkey | | | | | | | | |
| spring one-tag turkey | 86.00 | 225.00 | 99.00 | 135.00 | 111.00 | | 72.00 | 114.00 |
| fall one-tag turkey | 76.00 | | 99.00 | 135.00 | | 99.00 | 72.00 | 101.00 |
| Deer | | | | | | | | |
| one-tag "any" | 286.00 | 549.00 | 168.00 | 570.00 | 229.00 | 250.00 | 326.00 | 361.00 |
| one-tag antlerless | 56.00 | 351.00 | 83.00 | 75.00 | 75.00 | | 48.00 | 361.00 |
| Antelope | | | | | | | | |
| one-tag "any" | 286.00 | | | 225.00 | 175.50 | 250.00 | 286.00 | 361.00 |
| Other | | | | | | | | |
| furbearer | 250.00 | 213.00 | | 250.00 | 225.00 | 350.00 | 242.00 | 56.00 |

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South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks - Wildlife Division
Land Acquisition and Disposal Report
October 2013

Action Items

None

Information Items

Medicine Knoll Creek GPA Exchange & Purchase

Location: Southeast Sully County

Description: This project involves the equal value exchange of two private tracts (118.2 acres and 154.8 acres) adjoining the Medicine Knoll Creek GPA with two GFP tracts (160 acres each). The acquisition portion involves GFP purchasing the residual acres (41.8 acres and 5.2 acres) of each quarter section, to complete an acre for acre property exchange.

Management Objective: Consolidate GPA holdings, realize more diverse wildlife habitat development opportunities, and enhance public hunting opportunities.

Cost: \$109,400.00

Expected Closing: December 2013

Early Development Items

Chain Lakes (Holoubek) GPA Addition

Location: Southeast Brule County

Description: 160 acre tract of grassland and wetland adjoining the Chain Lakes (Holoubek) GPA

Management Objective: Wildlife management and public hunting

Cost: \$160,000.00

Expected Closing: 2014

Moody County Property

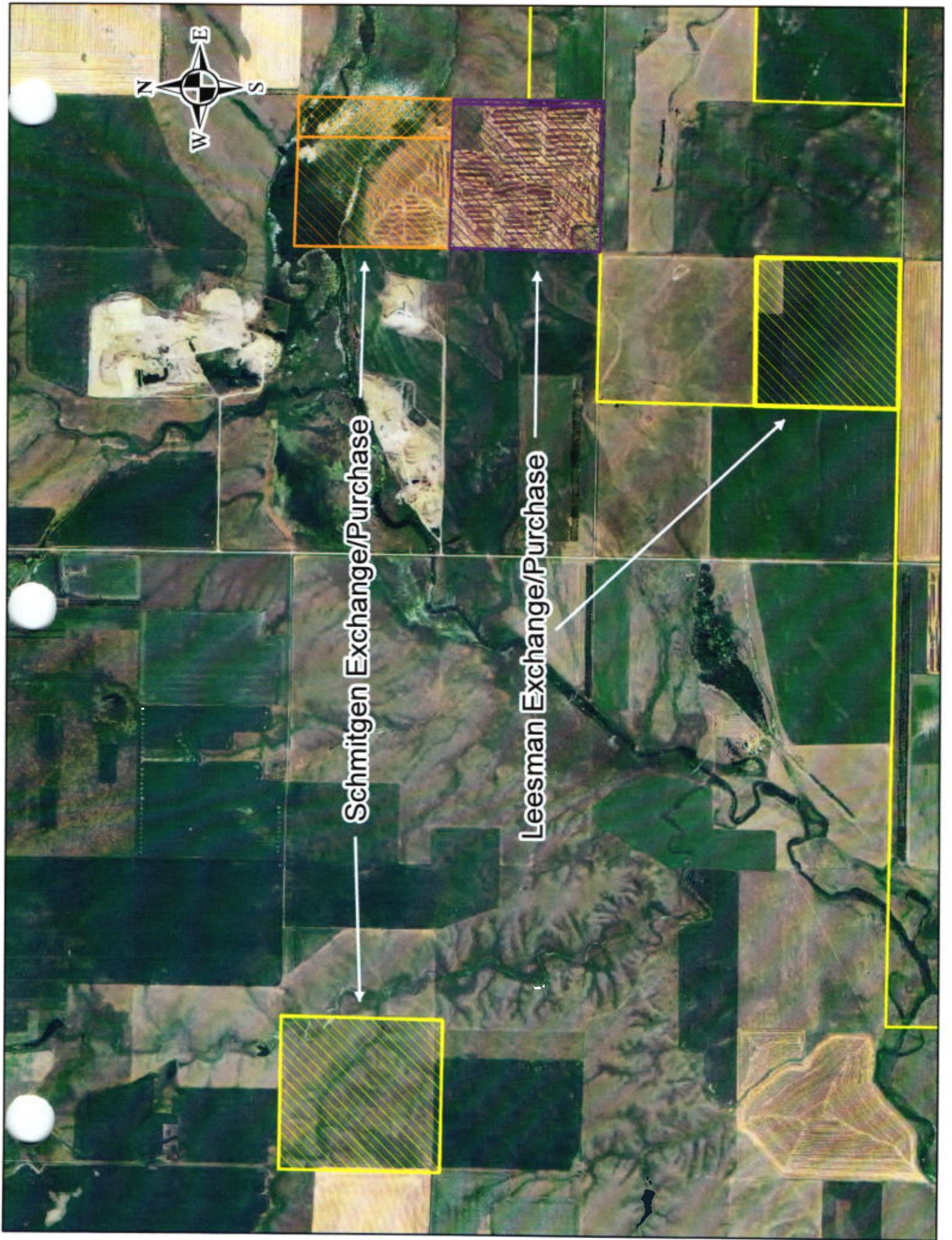
Location: Northwest Moody County

Description: 160 acre tract of restored grassland and wetland

Management Objective: Wildlife management and public hunting

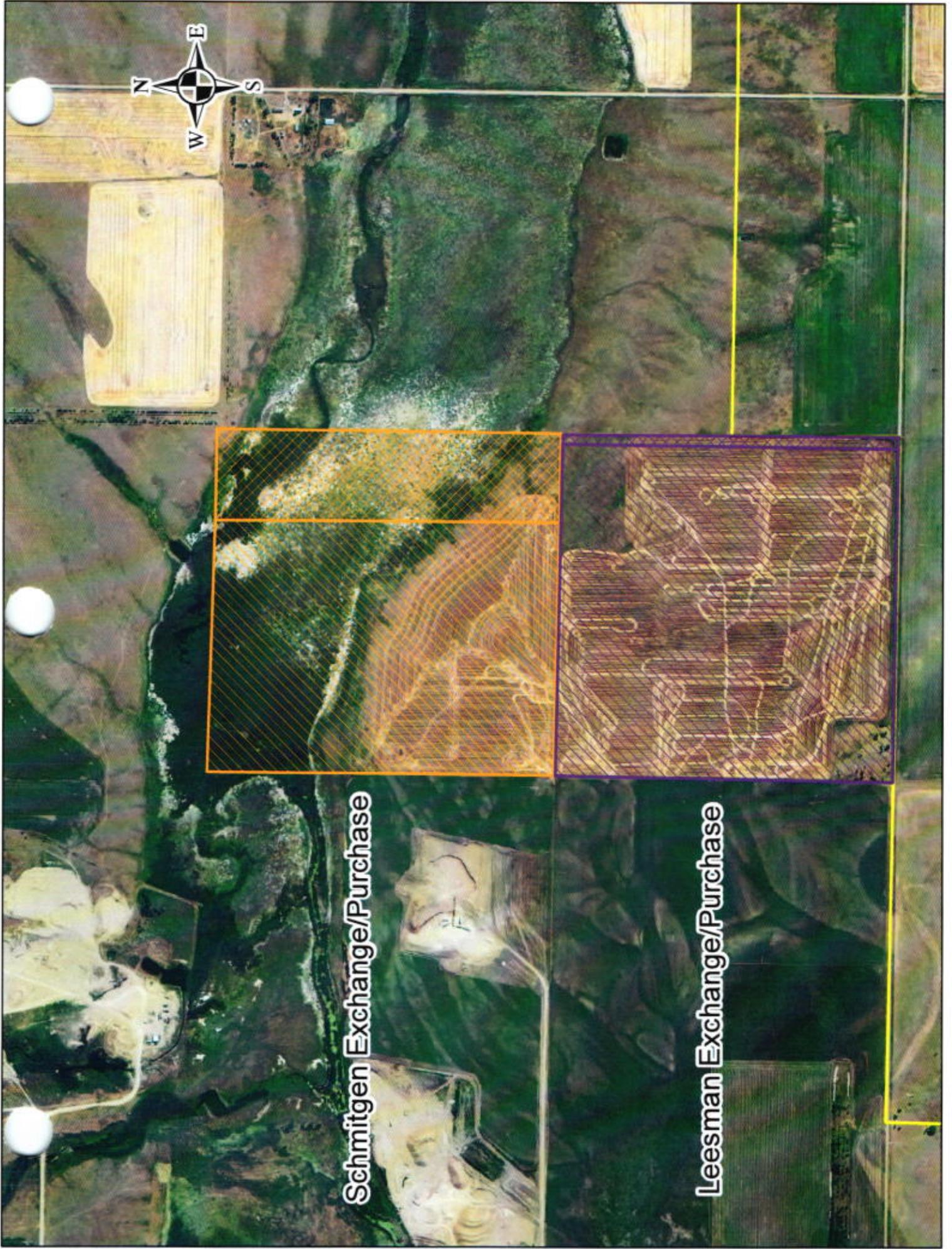
Cost: Property is being appraised

Expected Closing: Unknown



Schmitgen Exchange/Purchase

Leesman Exchange/Purchase



Schmitgen Exchange/Purchase

Leesman Exchange/Purchase

STATEWIDE FISHERIES & AQUATIC RESOURCES 2014-2018 STRATEGIC PLAN



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FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREAS

South Dakota is divided into four geographic management regions known as fisheries management areas. The Statewide Plan contains information on management goals, objectives, and strategies common to all the fisheries management areas, while individual fisheries management area plans will discuss area-specific information.

Fisheries management plans are being developed for the [Black Hills](#), [West River](#), [Missouri River](#), and [East River](#) fisheries management areas.

WHAT IS THE STATEWIDE FISHERIES STRATEGIC PLAN?

This document is a summary of a much larger document, the Statewide Fisheries Strategic Plan. As an overall statewide plan, it encompasses the management of all the fisheries and aquatic resources across the state, including maintaining recreational fisheries and native aquatic communities, enhancing habitats, and providing angler opportunities and access. The plan outlines fisheries management priorities for 2014-2018 to assist in maintaining the quality of aquatic resources for current and future users.

WHAT INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN THE STATEWIDE FISHERIES PLAN?

The Statewide Fisheries Plan includes a brief inventory of South Dakota's aquatic resources, and descriptions of staff, infrastructure, and monetary resources available to accomplish management objectives. Nine fisheries programs are also described with associated issues, objectives and strategies.

STATEWIDE FISHERIES PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- Fish and Angler Surveys
- Fisheries Research
- Fishing Access
- Habitat Management
- Non-Game Management
- Fish Production and Stocking
- Bait and Private Aquaculture
- Aquatic Invasive Species
- Fish Health and Contaminants

WHY IS A FISHERIES PLAN NEEDED?

Outlining management priorities with a strategic plan, is a way to optimize use of limited resources (staff, money, facilities and equipment) by prioritizing how these resources are used to best meet fisheries management needs.

MAJOR ISSUES IDENTIFIED DURING THE PLANNING PROCESS INCLUDE:

- A standardized survey data collection process and centralized storage system is lacking.
- A process for prioritizing waters for fish and angler surveys is not well established.
- Implementation of habitat improvement projects is expensive, while staff and monetary resources are limited.
- Relationships with the public, other governmental agencies and conservation organizations need to be developed and strengthened.
- The role of Game, Fish and Parks in aquatic habitat preservation and restoration is not well defined.
- Prioritization of fishing access projects is hampered by the lack of a fishing access inventory and needs assessment.
- Large data gaps in non-game species distribution, status, and habitat requirements make prioritizing research and survey needs difficult.
- Fish diseases and aquatic invasive species threaten recreational fisheries and non-game aquatic communities.

OBJECTIVES ADDRESSING SOME OF THESE ISSUES INCLUDE:

1. Standardize fish population sampling protocols.
2. Develop a centralized database for storing fisheries-related data.
3. Develop a process for selecting and prioritizing fish population and angler surveys.
4. Add to existing information on fishing access to include population demographic and angler use information to help in access project prioritization.
5. Develop partnerships with other governmental entities, non-governmental organizations and the public related to aquatic habitat projects.
6. Develop a comprehensive plan to maintain and enhance aquatic habitats in South Dakota.
7. Develop a series of standardized survey programs for non-game fish and other aquatic species.
8. Update the aquatic invasive species management plan.
9. Revise and implement the fish health management plan.

STRATEGIES TO ACCOMPLISH THESE OBJECTIVES INCLUDE:

- Develop a statewide data management system.
- Establish a survey review and prioritization process.
- Participate in watershed and lake conservation projects linked to important fisheries and aquatic resources.
- Conduct a comprehensive fishing access inventory and needs assessment.
- Develop standard surveys to monitor non-game species and prioritize research needs.
- Update the state fish health plan to include bait and private aquaculture, GFP egg taking procedures, and fish trap and transfer activities.
- Investigate ways to increase reliability of egg sources and availability of catchable fish for stocking.

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!

Your input is essential to the success of fisheries planning efforts. To review the Statewide fisheries plan, or any of the fisheries management plans, please go to <http://gfp.sd.gov/fishing-boating/tacklebox>.

To comment on the statewide fisheries plan you can:

1. Send an email to wildlifeinfo@state.sd.us and use the subject line "Statewide Fisheries Plan Comments"
2. Mail your comments to:
South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks
Fisheries Plan Comments
523 E Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501
3. Call the GFP INFO line at 605-223-7660

Comments should be received by Nov. 30, 2013.

BLACK HILLS FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA STRATEGIC PLAN



WHAT IS THE BLACK HILLS FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA?

The Black Hills Fisheries Management Area is one of four South Dakota geographic areas for which specific fisheries management plans are being created.

Bounded roughly by the Redwater River to the North, Highways I-90 and 79 to the East, Highway 18 to the South, and Wyoming to the West, the Black Hills Fisheries Management Area boasts aquatic habitats and fisheries unique in South Dakota.

WHAT MAKES THE BLACK HILLS FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA SPECIAL?

Coldwater streams in the Black Hills contain the only naturally-reproducing trout populations in the state. A number of small lakes and three large reservoirs in the Black Hills provide abundant opportunities for trout fishing, but also maintain populations of a variety of cool and warm water fish species.

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!

Your input is essential to the success of fisheries planning efforts. To review the entire Black Hills Fisheries plan, or the Statewide Fisheries Strategic Plan, please go to <http://gfp.sd.gov/fishing-boating/tacklebox>.

To comment on the Black Hills fisheries plan you can:

1. Send an email to wildlifeinfo@state.sd.us and use the subject line "Black Hills Plan Comments"
2. Mail your comments to:
South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks
Fisheries Plan Comments
523 E Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501
3. Call the GFP INFO line at 605-223-7660

Comments should be received by Nov. 30, 2013.

BLACK HILLS FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN OVERVIEW

This is a summary of a much larger document, the Black Hills Fisheries Management Area Strategic Plan. As an overall plan, it encompasses all fisheries resources in the Black Hills. More detailed plans focusing on stream fisheries and small lakes and ponds will be developed within the next two years. In addition, plans specific to the three major reservoirs in the Black Hills – Pactola Reservoir, Deerfield Reservoir, and Sheridan Lake, will also be created.



LEGEND

- Game Production Area
- Parks and Recreation Area
- Black Hills National Forest
- Bureau of Land Management
- Custer State Park
- Wind Cave National Park

MAJOR ISSUES IDENTIFIED DURING THE PLANNING PROCESS INCLUDE:

- Current information is needed detailing the preferences, demographics, and behaviors of Black Hills anglers.
- Introduced species are likely having negative impacts on recreational fisheries and native fish populations.
- Habitat degradation, particularly sedimentation, is hurting fisheries and fishing opportunities.
- Relationships with private landowners and federal agencies need to be developed and strengthened.
- Research is needed in several areas, including: trout reproduction, genetics, non-game fish sampling procedures, and fish stocking protocols.
- Habitat restoration projects need to be prioritized and evaluated both biologically and economically.

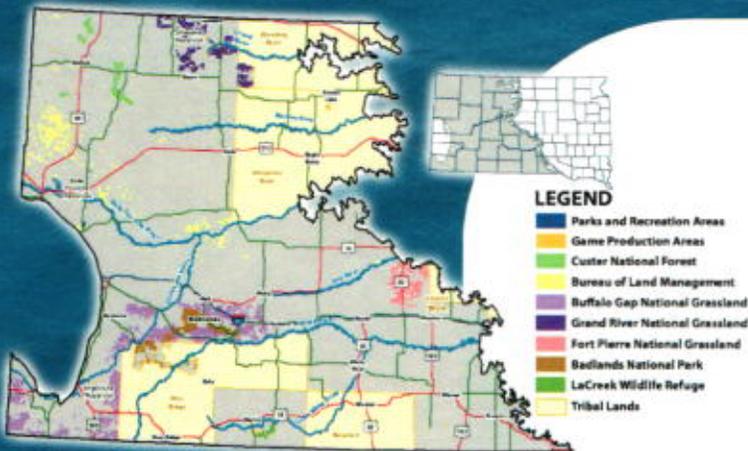
OBJECTIVES ADDRESSING SOME OF THESE ISSUES INCLUDE:

1. Determine current Black Hills angler demographics and preferences.
2. Generate specific plans for streams, small lakes, and the three large reservoirs.
3. Prevent new introductions and manage the presence of undesirable introduced fish species in Black Hills waters.
4. Complete existing and currently identified habitat improvement projects.
5. Determine factors that may be limiting the quality of Black Hills fisheries.
6. Refine existing trout stocking and evaluation criteria.
7. Develop a database and procedural manual to identify habitat degraded waters and direct the selection of habitat improvement projects.

STRATEGIES TO ACCOMPLISH THESE OBJECTIVES INCLUDE:

- Conduct a comprehensive angler survey to determine what anglers want from their fishing experiences and their current level of satisfaction.
- Write specific plans for Black Hills streams, small lakes and ponds, and individual plans for Deerfield Reservoir, Pactola Reservoir, and Sheridan Lake using the information from the comprehensive angler survey and fish population surveys.
- Use social media, traditional outreach methods, and law enforcement to prevent unplanned and undesirable fish introductions.
- Conduct research on trout reproduction, growth, and the effects of introduced non-trout fish species on Black Hills lakes and streams.
- Complete habitat projects in the Pactola Basin, Grace Coolidge and Gimlet Creeks, and Bismarck, Horsethief, and Lakota Lakes.
- Modify routine fish population surveys to collect needed data.
- Review historic stocking and regulation information, the scientific literature, angler preference data, and hatchery rearing capabilities.
- Identify areas for long and short term habitat monitoring.
- Train staff in habitat evaluation and sampling.
- Identify essential habitat features, and available data to be included in a habitat database and procedural manual.

WEST RIVER FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA STRATEGIC PLAN



WEST RIVER FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN OVERVIEW

This is a summary of a much larger document, the West River Fisheries Management Area Strategic Plan. As an overall plan, it encompasses all fisheries resources in the West River Fisheries Management Area. In addition, the plan inventories West River fisheries resources and management activities.



WHAT IS THE WEST RIVER FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA?

The West River Fisheries Management Area is one of four South Dakota geographic areas for which specific fisheries management plans are being created.

The West River Fisheries Management Area includes all of South Dakota west of the Missouri River except for the Black Hills, which is in its own fisheries management area.

The fisheries of the West River Fisheries Management Area are influenced by low annual precipitation and erodible soils.

WHAT MAKES THE WEST RIVER FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA SPECIAL?

The West River Fisheries Management Area offers anglers a wide range of fishing opportunities including large reservoirs, small ponds, and river fishing.

Major fisheries in the West River Fisheries Management area include Shadehill, Belle Fourche and Angostura, the three irrigation reservoirs on the Grand, Belle Fourche and Cheyenne River drainages, respectively. Western tributaries of the Missouri River contribute to the sport fishery and add to the diversity of the area for native fish species.

The most distinguishing feature of the West River Fisheries Management Area is the large number of small, man-made dams and ponds constructed for municipal water supply, livestock watering, and recreation.

Privately owned lands dominate this area, but state, county, municipal, federal, and tribal lands contain some of the most used fisheries.

Fisheries management in the area focuses on walleyes in the three large reservoirs, bass and panfish in the small dams, and catfish in the rivers.

MAJOR ISSUES IDENTIFIED DURING THE PLANNING PROCESS INCLUDE:

- Aging, sedimentation and structural problems of impoundments.
- Lack of information on angler demographics and preferences.
- Lack of partnerships in the management of west river fisheries with governments and groups.
- Impacts of water levels on large reservoirs fisheries.
- Limited shoreline angling due to aquatic vegetation in the summer months.
- Unauthorized fish stockings.

OBJECTIVES ADDRESSING SOME OF THESE ISSUES INCLUDE:

1. Improve angling opportunities by rehabilitating aging small dams and ponds.
2. Improve fisheries by improving water quality and reducing sedimentation.
3. Determine the demographics and desires of anglers fishing in the West River Fisheries Management Area.
4. Reduce the impacts of unauthorized fish introductions.
5. Increase angler access to all types of fisheries.

STRATEGIES TO ACCOMPLISH THESE OBJECTIVES INCLUDE:

- Determine angler needs and preference using surveys to gather public input
- Rehabilitate small impoundments.
- Participate in watershed enhancement projects.
- Foster partnerships with groups, agencies, and private landowners.
- Complete projects to provide access to waters by vehicle and boat.
- Reduce unauthorized fish stockings using marketing and educational techniques.



YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!

Your input is essential to the success of fisheries planning efforts. To review the entire West River fisheries plan, or the Statewide Fisheries Strategic Plan, please go to <http://gfp.sd.gov/fishing-boating/tacklebox>.

To comment on the West River fisheries plan you can:

1. Send an email to wildlifeinfo@state.sd.us and use the subject line "West River Plan Comments"

2. Mail your comments to:

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks

Fisheries Plan Comments

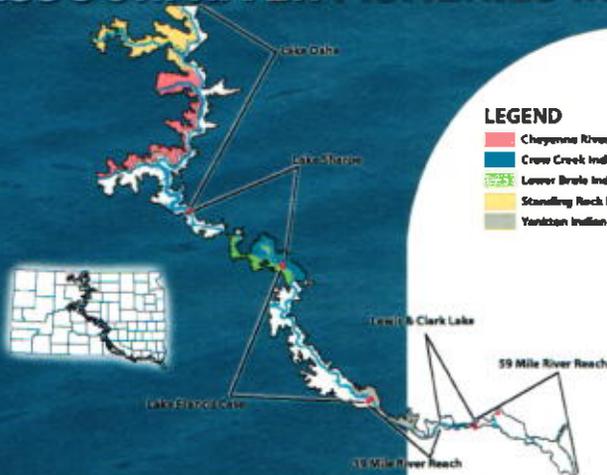
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MISSOURI RIVER FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA STRATEGIC PLAN



WHAT IS THE MISSOURI RIVER FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA?

The Missouri River Fisheries Management Area is one of four South Dakota geographic areas for which specific fisheries management plans are being created.

Consisting of four mainstem Missouri River reservoirs, Lakes Oahe, Sharpe, Francis Case, and Lewis & Clark and two sections of un-impounded river below Ft. Randall Dam and Gavins Point Dam, the Missouri River Fisheries Management Area contains some of South Dakota's most popular sport fisheries as well as big river native fish communities that include the federally endangered Pallid Sturgeon.

WHAT MAKES THE MISSOURI RIVER FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA SPECIAL?

Sport fisheries exist on all stretches of the Missouri River and its reservoirs within South Dakota. Over 350,000 angler days are spent annually equating to a direct economic input that can exceed \$50 million. The Missouri River is a major contributor to South Dakota's walleye spawning operations, helping to sustain walleye fisheries throughout the state. The waters of the Missouri River Fisheries Management Area also provide unique fisheries, including paddlefish snagging seasons and Chinook Salmon fisheries.



MISSOURI RIVER FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN OVERVIEW

This is a summary of a much larger document, the Missouri River Fisheries Management Area Strategic Plan. As an overall plan, it encompasses all fisheries resources in the Missouri River. In addition, the plan inventories Missouri River resources and management activities.



MAJOR ISSUES IDENTIFIED DURING THE PLANNING PROCESS INCLUDE:

- Changing nature of fish populations complicates management.
- Information obtained from fish population surveys may be inadequate to document population status for some species.
- Changes in productivity, sedimentation and erosion can impact fish populations and angler access.
- The Missouri River system is highly susceptible to aquatic invasive species infestation.
- Factors influencing angler satisfaction are not well understood.
- Balancing biological and social needs to develop regulations is challenging.
- Many large river species native to the Missouri River are declining in numbers.

OBJECTIVES ADDRESSING SOME OF THESE ISSUES INCLUDE:

1. Annually identify factors limiting sportfish populations and angler satisfaction.
2. Assess current fish population surveys to determine how well they describe trends in fish populations.
3. Improve public involvement in fisheries management.
4. Annually pursue opportunities to cooperate with outside entities on the management of fisheries and aquatic resources within the Missouri River.
5. Incorporate efforts to determine status of aquatic non-game species into survey designs and management strategies.
6. Assist with the development of the Missouri River Fisheries Management Area section of the state angler access plan.
7. Complete reservoir and river reach specific plans.

STRATEGIES TO ACCOMPLISH THESE OBJECTIVES INCLUDE:

- Investigate factors influencing sportfish populations and angler satisfaction such as aquatic invasive species.
- Investigate how well current gear types monitor fish populations and whether the American Fisheries Society standard fish sampling methods are potential alternatives.
- Increase information transfer to anglers by evaluating communication efforts, identifying target audiences and removing communication barriers.
- Increase information exchange, communication and coordination with government, non-governmental organizations, private entities and anglers.
- Identify non-game species on which to focus monitoring efforts.
- Examine trends in species status and incorporate non-game species data into a statewide database.
- Work to compile an inventory of angler access issues and opportunities and incorporate information on fishing access into an access development and improvement plan for the Missouri River.

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!

Your input is essential to the success of fisheries planning efforts. To review the entire Missouri River fisheries plan, or the Statewide Fisheries Strategic Plan, please go to <http://gfp.sd.gov/fishing-boating/tacklebox>.

To comment on the Missouri River fisheries plan you can:

1. Send an email to wildlifeinfo@state.sd.us and use the subject line "Missouri River Plan Comments"
2. Mail your comments to:
South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks
Fisheries Plan Comments
523 E Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501
3. Call the GFP INFO line at 605-223-7660

Comments should be received by Nov. 30, 2013.

EAST RIVER FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA STRATEGIC PLAN



LEGEND

- Game Production Areas
- Parks and Recreation Areas
- USFWS Wildlife Refuge
- Waterfowl Production Area
- Tribal Lands

WHAT IS THE EAST RIVER FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA?

The East River Fisheries Management Area is one of four South Dakota geographic areas for which specific fisheries management plans are being created.

The East River Fish Management Area covers all waters and land east of the Missouri River. There are 210,000 acres of natural and manmade lakes and thousands of miles of rivers and streams within this area.

What makes the East River Fisheries Management Area unique?

Nearly 70% of South Dakotans live within the East River Fisheries Management Area. Fortunately, the area contains abundant and diverse fisheries that support close to a million days of fishing with an economic value of over \$50 million each year. The East River Fisheries Management Area is also home to many of South Dakota's threatened, endangered, or rare aquatic species.



EAST RIVER FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN OVERVIEW

The East River Fisheries Management Area Strategic Plan will guide the management of East River Fisheries. The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) vision is to maintain abundant aquatic habitat with plentiful fish and wildlife while preserving our fishing heritage, and providing fisheries programs that are efficient, friendly and science-based.



MAJOR ISSUES IDENTIFIED DURING THE PLANNING PROCESS INCLUDE:

- Deteriorating quality of natural lakes, reservoirs, rivers and streams.
- Watershed degradation.
- Decline in use of outdoor aquatic resources due to cultural changes.
- Invasion of exotic plants and animals.
- Fishing access problems during high water conditions.
- Poor panfish size on some small lakes and reservoirs.
- Insufficient knowledge about river and stream fish communities and sport fisheries.
- Balancing the time used for routine monitoring surveys with the time needed to implement management actions.

OBJECTIVES ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES INCLUDE:

1. Participate in watershed maintenance and restoration efforts.
2. Identify critical shoreline habitat to protect with restoration projects.
3. Assess the condition of stream and riverine fish communities.
4. Improve angling opportunities in small reservoirs.
5. Evaluate the stocking of hatchery-reared yellow perch.
6. Investigate the cause of short-lived panfish in lakes with poor panfish size.
7. Improve angler access to all waters.
8. Create additional urban and community fishing opportunities.

STRATEGIES TO ACCOMPLISH THESE OBJECTIVES INCLUDE:

- Participate in at least two watershed projects within the East River Fisheries Management Area.
- Implement projects to protect and enhance critical shoreline habitats.
- Develop a standardized survey to assess stream and riverine fish communities.
- Conduct at least one demonstration project designed to improve small impoundment fish populations.
- Stock yellow perch eggs, fry and fingerlings and evaluate success.
- Identify yellow perch populations with high mortality and research potential causes.
- Work with counties, townships and private landowners to create fishing access along public road right-of-ways.
- Gather urban and community angler input on preferred methods for receiving information.
- Establish five new urban and community fisheries.

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!

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Division of Parks and Recreation

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Pierre, SD 57501

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September 23, 2013

Mr. Doug Hofer Director
Parks Division
Game, Fish and Parks Department
523 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501-3182

Dear Mr. Hofer:

We would like to make a request to purchase and install two additional employee housing units at Custer State Park. As earlier discussed, getting quality employees is the key to customer satisfaction and having the right type housing makes the difference in whether someone wants to work with us or not.

We would like to add two six-bedroom units, as shown in the enclosed photos. Each unit has six bedrooms, each having its own bath, queen bed, desk, easy chair, chest, television/DVD player and small refrigerator. Each unit also has a kitchen, living room/recreation area, and washer and dryer. They are not trailers, and are built to international building code and IBC certified. Also enclosed are the locations which have been worked out with your Custer Park management staff.

Our purchase price on the six-bedroom units is \$50,000 per unit. The setup and moving costs are \$18,000 per unit, for a total cost of \$136,000. They are giving us a special price for up to five units due to special circumstances — the company formerly using the units pays a substantial removal charge if the units are taken from the current site.

We would propose taking a possessory interest in each one as was done with the other employee housing units we added earlier to the Park's employee housing

Yours truly,

REGENCY CSP VENTURES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

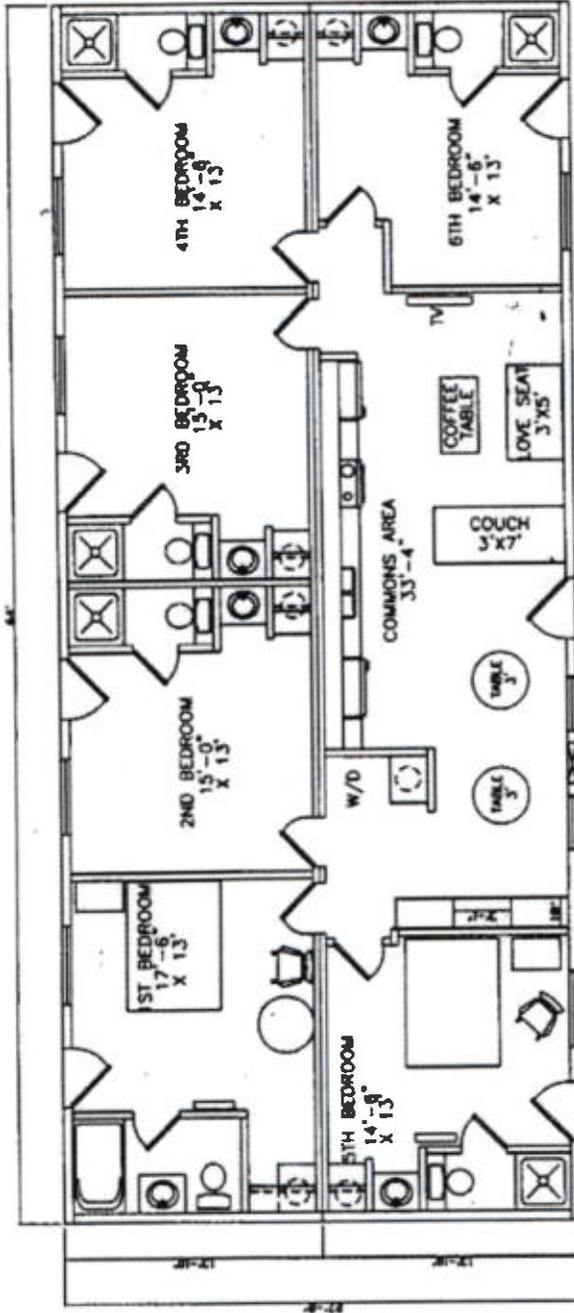


David Sweet, Chair
U.S. Hotel and Resort Management, Inc.
General Partner

Enclosures

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MAN CAMP
 27'-6" x 64'-0" 1773 SQ FT
 SIX BEDROOM, SIX BATHS

**FIFTH AMENDMENT TO CONCESSION AGREEMENT
CUSTER STATE PARK RESORT**

This FIFTH AMENDMENT TO CONCESSION AGREEMENT between the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks ("Department"), 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota, 57501, and US Hotels and Resorts Management, Inc. and Regency CSP Ventures L.P., a South Dakota Limited Partnership, acting by and through US Hotels and Resorts Management, Inc., as its general partner ("Concessionaire"), 3211 West Sencore Drive, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 57107.

WHEREAS, the Department entered into a Concession Lease Agreement on the 8th day of December, 2006 ("Concession Agreement"), to facilitate the operation of the four resorts at Custer State Park, hereinafter referred to as the "Resort"; and

WHEREAS, The Department and the Concessionaire subsequently entered into written amendments to the Concession Agreement on June 11, 2007, December 7, 2007, September 1, 2009, and October 20, 2010, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Department and the Concessionaire recognize the need for Concessionaire to provide additional seasonal employee housing units at the Legion Lake Resort and Blue Bell Lodge employee housing complexes at an estimated cost to the Concessionaire of \$136,000; and

WHEREAS, the Department and Concessionaire agree to designate the ownership of said employee housing units as Concessionaire Facilities; and

WHEREAS, such designation of the additional employee housing units as Concessionaire Facilities results in the establishment of a possessory interest held by the Concessionaire in the buildings pursuant to ARSD. Article 41:13.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED that the Concession Lease Agreement dated December 8, 2006, between Department and the Concessionaire, as subsequently amended, is further amended as follows:

1. The Department Authorizes the Concessionaire to construct and place one (1) 28' x 64' seasonal employee housing unit at the Legion Lake Resort employee housing complex and one (1) 28' x 64' seasonal employee housing unit at the Blue Bell Lodge employee housing complex.
 - a. The buildings will be "Concessionaire Facilities" for which the Concessionaire shall retain possessory interest.
 - b. The underground utilities for the units shall be considered "Government Facilities" for which no possessory interest can be granted and to which the Department shall retain ownership.

- c. Authorization to provide the seasonal housing units is contingent upon compliance with all applicable building codes and the Department securing all environmental clearances. Final placement of the units is subject to Department approval.
- 2. Exhibit A-2 will be amended to designate the newly provided seasonal employee housing units as Concessionaire Facilities. The following lines are hereby added to Exhibit A-2 attached to the Concession Agreement

| Fac. NO | Description | Replacement Cost | Possessory Interest |
|---------|--|------------------|---------------------------|
| | Seasonal Employee Housing Unit (28'x64') Legion Lake Resort – Building Only | | Per ARSD Article 41:13 |
| | Seasonal Employee Housing Unit (28'x64') Blue Bell Lodge– Building Only | | Per ARSD Article 41:13 |

- 3. Except as modified by this Fifth Amendment to Concession Agreement, all other terms and conditions set forth in the Concession Lease Agreement dated December 8, 2006, as subsequently amended on June 11, 2007, on December 7, 2007, September 1, 2009, and October 20, 2010, respectively, shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Fifth Amendment to Concession Agreement on this _____ day of _____, 2013.

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

BY: _____ DATE: _____
 Douglas Hofer, Director, Division of Parks and Recreation

CONCESSIONAIRE

BY: _____ DATE: _____
 David Sweet, CEO
 US Hotels and Resorts Management, Inc.

BY: _____ DATE: _____
 David Sweet, CEO, US Hotels and Resorts Management, Inc.
 As general partner of Regency CSP Ventures, L.P., a South
 Dakota Limited Partnership

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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

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

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | October 3-4, 2013 | Spearfish |
| | Public Hearing | November 7, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Finalization | November 7-8, 2013 | Pierre |

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 Sheps Canyon Horse Camp to the list of areas that require an equestrian campground fee.
2. Adjust the daily camping and lodging fees as follows:

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

(1) Custer State Park modern campground fee, ~~\$18.96~~ **21.00**. Campgrounds included are Game Lodge; Sylvan Lake; Grace Coolidge; Legion Lake; Stockade North; Stockade South; and Blue Bell;

(2) Modern campground fee, ~~\$11.38~~ **13.00**. Campgrounds included are Fort Sisseton, except during the Fort Sisseton Festival (see subdivision (6) of this section); Union Grove; Platte Creek; Swan Creek; Fisher Grove; West Whitlock; Indian Creek; Pease Creek; Okobojo Point; Cow Creek; Buryanek; and West Pollock;

(3) Custer State Park semimodern campground fee, ~~\$17.06~~ **19.00**. The campground included is Center Lake;

(4) Basic campground fee, ~~\$9.48~~ **11.00**. 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;

(5) Custer State Park French Creek natural area, ~~\$5.69~~ **7.00** for each person;

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(6) Use of a campground site at Fort Sisseton during the annual Fort Sisseton Festival, ~~\$16.44~~ **25.00**. Program participants and Festival campers are exempt from paying the camping fee;

(7) Equestrian campground fee, ~~\$14.38~~ **13.00**. Campgrounds included are Bear Butte Horse Camp and Sica Hollow Horse Camp. However, at Lewis and Clark Horse Camp, Newton Hills Horse Camp, Oakwood Lakes Horse Camp, Pease Creek Horse Camp, Pelican Lake Horse Camp, and Union Grove Horse Camp, and Sheps Canyon Horse Camp the camping fee is ~~\$13.27~~ **15.00**;

(8) Camping cabin fee, ~~\$35.07~~ **40.00**. Campgrounds included are those in all state parks and recreation areas where camping cabins are located. However, at Lewis and Clark Recreation Area, Pierson Ranch Recreation Area, and Chief White Crane Recreation Area the camping cabin fee is ~~\$39.84~~ **45.00**. At Custer State Park the camping cabin fee is ~~\$44.55~~ **50.00**;

(9) Nonprofit youth group camping fee, ~~\$0.47~~ **0.50** for each person or ~~\$5.74~~ **6.00**, whichever is greater;

(10) Preferred campground fee, ~~\$13.27~~ **15.00**. Campgrounds included are Oakwood Lakes; Angostura, including Shep's Canyon; Lake Vermillion; Lewis and Clark, except those campsites designated as prime waterfront campsites; Newton Hills; Snake Creek; Palisades; Roy Lake; Lake Herman; Lake Poinsett; Walker's Point; Pickerel; Shadehill-Ketterlings Point; Sandy Shore; Lake Cochrane; Farm Island; Lake Louise; Lake Thompson; Mina; Chief White Crane, except those campsites designated as prime waterfront campsites; Pierson Ranch; North Point; Oahe Downstream; Big Sioux; Hartford Beach; Richmond; Springfield; Rocky Point; West Bend; Randall Creek; and South Pelican;

(11) Prime campsite fee, ~~\$15.17~~ **17.00**. Sites included are: all campsites furnished with sewer, water, and electrical service; Lewis and Clark campsite numbers 117P to 161P, inclusive; 163P; 164P; 166P; 213P to 223P, inclusive; 317P to 334P, inclusive; and 384P to 409P, inclusive; and Chief White Crane campsite numbers 111P to 145P, inclusive;

(12) Primitive lodging campsite fee, ~~\$20.85~~ **23.00**. The campground included is Fort Sisseton State Park;

(13) Custer State Park group camping area fee, ~~\$5.69~~ **7.00** a person for overnight use with a minimum fee of ~~\$113.74~~ **140.00**;

(14) The group lodging fee at: Mina Lake State Recreation Area is ~~\$160~~ **185.00** and Shadehill State Recreation Area is \$185 a night for the first 8 persons age 12 and over plus \$17 for each additional person age 12 and older; Lake Thompson State Recreation Area, Palisades State Park, Sheps Canyon State Recreation Area, and Newton Hills State Park is \$240 a night for the first 12 persons age 12 and over plus \$17 for each additional person age 12 and older;

(15) Custer State Park, French Creek Horse Camp fee, ~~\$21.80~~ **26.00**;

(16) Oahe Downstream Group Lodge use fee is ~~\$37.92~~ **40.00** per night for nonprofit youth groups year-round and for nonprofit groups and government agencies from November 1 to March 31, inclusive, and ~~\$118.49~~ **125.00** per night for all other groups year-

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round. The use fee for all groups except nonprofit youth groups is \$118.49 125.00 from April 1 to October 31, inclusive.

An additional charge of \$3.79 4.00 a unit is made for campground sites with electricity.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Establishes the authority to charge a fee for use of the Sheps Canyon Horse Camp. Eleven campsites and trailhead parking are scheduled for completion in November, 2013 and the corrals, potable water source and vault toilet will be installed over the winter/spring.

Use at state parks and recreation areas continues to grow. A record number of campers used the parks last year and that record is on pace to be broke again this year. Camping units are bigger than in the past and have more features, leading to increased electricity, water and sewer use. Rising utility costs, along with personnel, facility maintenance and equipment costs add pressure to the budget. User fee adjustments are needed to balance the anticipated fiscal year 2015 operating budget. The adjusted South Dakota's camping, cabin and lodge fees will generate approximately \$665,000 and the prices are comparable with those of other state park systems in the region.

APPROVE MODIFY REJECT NO ACTION

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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

Chapter 41:03:04:05.02 Reserved group picnic shelter fee
Chapter 41:03:04:07.01 Sale of firewood
Chapter 41:03:04:13 Park facility use fees

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|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal | October 3-4, 2013 | Spearfish |
| | Public Hearing | November 7, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Finalization | November 7-8, 2013 | Pierre |

PARKS & RECREATION DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

Modify 41:03:04:05.02 Reserved group picnic shelter fee; 41:03:04:07.01 Sale of firewood and 41:03:04:13 Park facility use fees.

Requirements and Restrictions:

Requires park users to pay a fee to reserve a group picnic shelter, purchase firewood and use certain facilities in a state park, recreation area and certain lakeside use areas.

Recommended changes:

1. Increase the fee to reserve a picnic shelter by 5.5% to recover the sales tax the department pays on reservation revenue.
41:03:04:05.02. Reserved group picnic shelter fee. The fee for reserving a designated group picnic shelter is ~~\$18.96~~ **20.00** a day payable in advance.

2. Increase the fee to purchase a bundle of firewood by \$1.00
41:03:04:07.01. Sale of firewood. In a state park, state recreation area, or lakeside use area where firewood is sold by the department the price is ~~\$4.00~~ **5.00** a cubic foot.

3. Adjust the fee to use certain park facilities and authorize fees for new services and facilities.
41:03:04:13. Park facility use fees. The fee for the use of the following state park facilities is:
 - (1) Fort Sisseton or Pierson Ranch picnic shelter with kitchenette, \$50 per day;

 - (2) Fort Sisseton south barracks, ~~\$125 per day~~ **300.00 for a period beginning 10:00 am Friday and ending 6:00 pm Sunday;**

 - (3) Fort Sisseton event tent -- on site, \$150 per day (must be rented for a minimum of two consecutive days); off-site, ~~\$750~~ **1,000** per day **plus \$2.00 per mile transport fee for set up over 25 miles.**

 - (4) Fort Sisseton grounds for outdoor wedding, \$125 when park benches are used.**

(5) Lewis and Clark catamaran dry slip storage, \$300 for a period beginning May 1 and ending September 30. For seasonal slip rental beginning on or after July 15, the fee is \$60 plus \$2.00 per day. Temporary slip rental is \$5.00 per day.

(6) Angostura catamaran dry slip storage, \$150 for a period beginning May 1 and ending September 30. For seasonal slip rental beginning on or after July 15, the fee is \$30 plus \$2.00 per day. Temporary slip rental is \$5.00 per day.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Providing campers the opportunity to purchase firewood in the campground is a popular service. We discourage campers from bringing firewood to the parks from outside the area because of the risk of importing the deadly emerald ash bore into South Dakota. Making firewood readily available at the park is the best tool we have to keep ash bores out of the parks. Increasing the cost for a bundle of firewood from \$4.00 to \$5.00 will help cover our cost of preparing firewood and making it available for campers.

Fort Sisseton is an extremely popular venue for special events. These events take considerable staff time, usually on weekends and evenings. The fee adjustments for the use of specific park facilities will help offset the cost of making the Fort Sisseton venue and facilities available. Sailing is a popular activity on both Lewis and Clark Lake and Angostura Reservoir. Giving sailors the opportunity to store their catamarans right on the lake shore is a much appreciated service and encourages park use.

These cost adjustments will generate approximately \$38,000 and will help offset the cost of making firewood available and specialized facilities and services at state park areas.

APPROVE

MODIFY

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NO ACTION

**Proposed
Custer State Park Resort
Estimated 2014 R & M Projects**

09/23/2013

STATE GAME LODGE

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Refinish Dining Room Hardwood Floor | \$ 1,200.00 |
| Refinish Lobby/Bar Hardwood Floor | \$ 1,500.00 |
| STATE GAME LODGE TOTAL | \$ 2,700.00 |

LEGION LAKE LODGE

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| Renovate Int/Ext 3 Cabins (4, 5, 6) | \$ 75,000.00 |
| Infrastructure improvements for Employee Housing | \$ 10,000.00 |
| LEGION LAKE LODGE TOTAL | \$ 85,000.00 |

BLUE BELL LODGE

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|--|----------------------|
| Refinish Dining Room Hardwood Floor | \$ 9,000.00 |
| Refurbish logs/structural integrity on Lodge | \$ 150,000.00 |
| Stain/Refurbish Logs White Buffalo Room | \$ 25,000.00 |
| New employee work camper sites | \$ 25,000.00 |
| Infrastructure improvements for Employee Housing | \$ 10,000.00 |
| BLUE BELL LODGE TOTAL | \$ 219,000.00 |

SYLVAN LAKE LODGE

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|--|----------------------|
| Refinish Lodge Hardwood Floors | \$ 6,000.00 |
| Refinish Auditorium Hardwood Floors | \$ 14,000.00 |
| Replace Boat Dock on Sylvan Lake Lodge | \$ 6,000.00 |
| Replace Patio Doors in Dining Rooms | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Renovate Int/Ext 4 cabins (504, 508, 515, 516) | \$ 140,000.00 |
| SYLVAN LAKE LODGE TOTAL | \$ 181,000.00 |

All Resorts

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|-----------------------|---------------|
| Resort Emergency Fund | \$ 100,000.00 |
|-----------------------|---------------|

TOTAL FOR CSP RESORT **\$ 587,700.00**

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|---|------------------|
| Projected 2014 Revenue | \$ 12,250,000.00 |
| Projected 5% R & M Fee contribution | \$ 612,500.00 |
| Estimated carry over balance from 2013* | \$ (100,000.00) |
| Estimated balance at end of 2014 | \$ (75,200.00) |

**Actual 2013 carryover balance will be known after the close of Resort's Fiscal Year on October 31, 2013*

JANUARY- SEPTEMBER 2013 REVENUE COMPARISON BY PRODUCT

| | 2012 | | 2013 | | % Change |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------|
| | # Sold | \$ Sold | # Sold | \$ Sold | |
| Annual | 45,607 | \$ 1,277,002.10 | 41,969 | \$ 1,259,075.30 | -1.4% |
| Second Vehicle | 13,677 | \$191,481.00 | 12,038 | \$ 168,530.45 | -12.0% |
| Combo | 16,510 | \$693,418.00 | 19,865 | \$ 893,903.00 | 28.9% |
| Transferable | 901 | \$54,059.00 | 1,135 | \$ 73,795.00 | 36.5% |
| 2012 Online PEL sales | 3,879 | \$101,588.00 | | \$ - | -100.0% |
| Daily / Person (\$4) | 29,844 | \$119,375.68 | 26,726 | \$ 106,905.59 | -10.4% |
| Daily / Vehicle (\$6) | 72,751 | \$436,507.51 | 71,362 | \$ 428,171.34 | -1.9% |
| Unattended Vehicle Daily (\$4) | 187 | \$746.00 | 0 | \$ - | -100.0% |
| Unattended Vehicle Daily (\$10) | 1,462 | \$14,615.00 | 1,081 | \$ 10,808.00 | -26.0% |
| Motorcoach Permit | 5,500 | \$16,501.00 | 6,548 | \$ 19,644.00 | 19.0% |
| GSM Annual Trail Pass (\$15) | 1,615 | \$24,225.00 | 2,092 | \$ 31,375.00 | 29.5% |
| GSM Daily Trail Pass (\$3) | 14,365 | \$43,095.00 | 13,664 | \$ 40,992.00 | -4.9% |
| CSP Temp Daily / Vehicle (\$15) | 126,285 | \$1,894,270.00 | 132,866 | \$ 1,992,995.69 | 5.2% |
| Bike Band (\$10) | 17,607 | \$176,070.00 | 18,256 | \$ 182,560.00 | 3.7% |
| Rally Bike Band (\$10) | 38,759 | \$387,590.00 | 38,346 | \$ 383,460.00 | -1.1% |
| One-Day Special Event | N/A | \$14,378.00 | N/A | \$ 8,071.00 | -43.9% |
| | <u>385,070</u> | <u>\$ 5,444,921.29</u> | <u>385,948</u> | <u>\$5,600,286.37</u> | <u>2.9%</u> |
| Gift Card | | | | \$ 12,632.00 | |
| Camping Services Permits | | \$5,562,524.16 | | \$ 6,118,415.68 | 10.0% |
| Picnic Reservations | | \$10,183.40 | | \$ 11,281.25 | 10.8% |
| Firewood | 29,562 | \$118,247.12 | | \$ 123,196.69 | 4.2% |
| | | <u>\$5,690,954.68</u> | | <u>\$ 6,265,525.62</u> | <u>10.1%</u> |
| Totals: | | \$11,135,875.97 | | \$11,865,811.99 | 6.6% |

JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2013 REVENUE COMPARISON BY DISTRICT

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| Dis Park | 2012 | 2013 | % Change | Dis Park | 2012 | 2013 | % Change |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------|---|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 1 Fort Sisseton Roy Lake Sica Hollow | \$234,915.77 | \$205,326.88 | -12.6% | 10 North Point North Wheeler Pease Creek Randall Creek South Shore Whetstone Bay | \$468,828.82 | \$508,422.70 | 8.4% |
| 2 Richmond Lake Mina Lake Lake Louise Fisher Grove Amsden | \$207,663.97 | \$220,924.68 | 6.4% | 11 Farm Island West Bend | \$346,495.30 | \$375,968.50 | 8.5% |
| 3 Sandy Shore Hartford Beach Lake Cochrane Pelican South Pickerel Lake | \$438,311.90 | \$455,723.18 | 4.0% | 12 Oahe Downstream West Shore Cow Creek Okobojo Point Spring Creek East Shore | \$412,796.08 | \$449,614.39 | 8.9% |
| 4 Oakwood Lakes Lake Poinsett Lake Thompson | \$562,004.40 | \$600,348.90 | 6.8% | 13 West Whitlock Lake Hiddenwood East Whitlock Swan Creek Bush's Landing Indian Creek Revheim Bay Little Bend Bob's Landing Walth Bay West Pollock | \$345,214.60 | \$341,582.76 | -1.1% |
| 5 Lake Herman Walkers Point | \$236,602.61 | \$230,207.79 | -2.7% | 14 GSM Trail Bear Butte | \$110,169.09 | \$113,672.40 | 3.2% |
| 6 Snake Creek Platte Creek Burke Lake Buryanek | \$355,390.65 | \$364,303.56 | 2.5% | 15 Shadehill Llewellyn Johns Rocky Point | \$252,575.60 | \$307,841.02 | 21.9% |
| 7 Palisades Lake Vermillion Big Sioux | \$568,442.10 | \$626,165.15 | 10.2% | 16 Custer | \$4,130,722.69 | \$4,496,164.42 | 8.8% |
| 8 Newton Hills Lake Alvin Union Grove Adams | \$385,289.01 | \$385,532.70 | 0.1% | 17 Angostura | \$433,228.66 | \$459,347.79 | 6.0% |
| 9 Lewis & Clark Tabor Sand Creek Springfield Chief White Crane Pierson Ranch | \$1,507,461.72 | \$1,544,142.17 | 2.4% | 20 Pierre Office | \$139,763.00 | \$180,523.00 | 29.2% |
| | | | | TOTALS: | \$11,135,875.97 | \$11,865,811.99 | 6.6% |

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| Dis/ Park | 2012 Units | 2013 Units | % | Dist Park | 2012 Units | 2013 Units | % |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 Fort Sisseton | 1,475 | 1,316 | -10.8% | 9 Lewis & Clark | 36,574 | 35,636 | -2.6% |
| Roy Lake | 5,672 | 5,615 | -1.0% | Tabor | 56 | 71 | 26.8% |
| Sica Hollow | 137 | 153 | 11.7% | Sand Creek | 76 | 97 | 27.6% |
| | <u>7,284</u> | <u>7,084</u> | <u>-2.7%</u> | Springfield | 1,066 | 1,063 | -0.3% |
| 2 Richmond Lake | 1,340 | 1,514 | 13.0% | Chief White Crane | 9,167 | 9,066 | -1.1% |
| Mina Lake | 2,363 | 2,370 | 0.3% | Pierson Ranch | 4,104 | 4,103 | 0.0% |
| Lake Louise | 1,643 | 1,672 | 1.8% | | <u>51,043</u> | <u>50,036</u> | <u>-2.0%</u> |
| Fisher Grove | 0 | 645 | | 10 North Point | 6,821 | 8,187 | 20.0% |
| Amsden | 350 | 318 | -9.1% | North Wheeler | 453 | 473 | 4.4% |
| | <u>5,696</u> | <u>6,519</u> | <u>14.4%</u> | Pease Creek | 1077 | 1302 | 20.9% |
| 3 Sandy Shore | 908 | 945 | 4.1% | Randall Creek | 5,741 | 6,320 | 10.1% |
| Hartford Beach | 3,539 | 3,997 | 12.9% | South Shore | 235 | 305 | 29.8% |
| Lake Cochrane | 1,808 | 1,708 | -5.5% | Whetstone Bay | 285 | 511 | 79.3% |
| Pelican South | 3,662 | 4,012 | 9.6% | White Swan | 0 | 95 | |
| Pickerel Lake | 5,894 | 5,813 | -1.4% | | <u>14,612</u> | <u>17,193</u> | <u>17.7%</u> |
| | <u>15,811</u> | <u>16,475</u> | <u>4.2%</u> | 11 Farm Island | 5,568 | 5,957 | 7.0% |
| 4 Oakwood Lakes | 7,439 | 7,491 | 0.7% | West Bend | 6,303 | 6,584 | 4.5% |
| Lake Poinsett | 6,292 | 6,217 | -1.2% | | <u>11,871</u> | <u>12,541</u> | <u>5.6%</u> |
| Lake Thompson | 5,223 | 5,985 | 14.6% | 12 Oahe Downstream | 10,651 | 11,909 | 11.8% |
| | <u>18,954</u> | <u>19,693</u> | <u>3.9%</u> | Cow Creek | 2635 | 2507 | -4.9% |
| 5 Lake Herman | 4,898 | 5,101 | 4.1% | Okobojo Point | 945 | 954 | 1.0% |
| Walkers Point | 2,705 | 2,516 | -7.0% | | <u>14,231</u> | <u>15,370</u> | <u>8.0%</u> |
| Lake Carthage | 611 | 637 | 4.3% | 13 West Whitlock | 4,409 | 4,194 | -4.9% |
| | <u>8,214</u> | <u>8,254</u> | <u>0.5%</u> | Lake Hiddenwood | 261 | 227 | -13.0% |
| 6 Snake Creek | 8,272 | 8,084 | -2.3% | East Whitlock | 85 | 75 | -11.8% |
| Platte Creek | 1,265 | 1,183 | -6.5% | Swan Creek | 545 | 468 | -14.1% |
| Burke Lake | 60 | 73 | 21.7% | Indian Creek | 5,404 | 5,419 | 0.3% |
| Buryanek | 2,272 | 2,257 | -0.7% | Walth Bay | 0 | 75 | |
| | <u>11,869</u> | <u>11,597</u> | <u>-2.3%</u> | West Pollock | 910 | 640 | -29.7% |
| 7 Palisades | 3,785 | 3,850 | 1.7% | | <u>11,614</u> | <u>11,098</u> | <u>-4.4%</u> |
| Lake Vermillion | 7,127 | 7,347 | 3.1% | 14 Bear Butte Lake | 739 | 991 | 34.1% |
| Big Sioux | 4,376 | 4,224 | -3.5% | | <u>739</u> | <u>991</u> | <u>34.1%</u> |
| | <u>15,288</u> | <u>15,421</u> | <u>0.9%</u> | 15 Shadehill | 3,935 | 4,268 | 8.5% |
| 8 Newton Hills | 8,751 | 8,519 | -2.7% | Llewellyn Johns | 227 | 297 | 30.8% |
| Union Grove | 1,181 | 1,326 | 12.3% | Rocky Point | 3873 | 4009 | 3.5% |
| | <u>9,932</u> | <u>9,845</u> | <u>-0.9%</u> | | <u>8,035</u> | <u>8,574</u> | <u>7%</u> |
| | | | | 16 Custer | 43,199 | 45,411 | 5.1% |
| | | | | | <u>43,199</u> | <u>45,411</u> | <u>5.1%</u> |
| | | | | 17 Angostura | 13,315 | 12,676 | -4.8% |
| | | | | Sheps Canyon | 0 | 930 | |
| | | | | | <u>13,315</u> | <u>13,606</u> | <u>2.2%</u> |
| | | | | TOTAL FEE AREA | | | |
| | | | | CAMPER UNITS | 261,707 | 269,708 | 3.1% |