

**AGENDA**  
**Game, Fish, and Parks Commission**  
August 7-8, 2014  
Holiday Inn Express  
110 E Stanley Road, Ft. Pierre, SD 57532

**10 AM Tour of Oahe Downstream Shooting Range**

**Call to order 1 PM CDT**

**Division of Administration**

Action items:

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

Information item:

4. License Sales Report
5. Governors Pheasant Habitat Working Group update

**Open Forum**

**2 PM Public Hearing - Finalizations**

6. Waterfowl Hunting Season
7. Fall Turkey Hunting Season

**Petition for Rule Change**

8. Petition to remove Shoot Preserve Daily Bag Limit

**Proposals**

9. Bobcat Hunting-Trapping Season
10. Mountain Lion Hunting Season

**Division of Parks and Recreation**

Action Items:

11. Park Lodge & Camping Cabin Occupancy Fee Proposal
12. Lewis and Clark Marina - consideration of proposals - Friday morning

Information items:

13. Project Aware clean up on Big Sioux River
14. Mt. Rushmore to Mickelson connector Trail Environmental Impact Study Proposal
15. Review of Park Fees
16. June Revenue and Visitation Report

**Executive Session 4:30 PM - Thursday, August 7**

## **Division of Wildlife**

### Action items:

17. Antelope Management Plan
18. Land Acquisition - North Rush Lake FEMA Property

### Information items:

19. Land acquisition update
20. Waterfowl population update
21. Mountain lion update
22. Review of license fees
23. Deer hunter opinion survey
24. Deer fawn survival study
25. Sage Grouse management plan
26. Public opinion of stocking Atlantic salmon in Lake Oahe
27. History of Private Shooting Preserves in SD
28. WMI big game action plan update
29. Miscellaneous updates

## **Adjourn**

### Next meeting information:

October 2-3, 2014 - Sturgis Best Western

# Division of Administration

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission  
July 8-9, 2014

Chairman John Cooper called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. Central Time at the Holiday Inn Express Conference room in Fort Pierre, South Dakota. Commissioners John Cooper, Cathy Peterson, Jim Spies, Barry Jensen, Scott Phillips, Paul Dennert, Gary Jensen, and Duane Sather were present along with Secretary Jeff Vonk. Public, staff, and media numbered about sixty people.

## **DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION**

### **Approve Minutes**

Chairman Cooper called for approval of the June 4 Governance meeting and the June 5-6, 2014, Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission.

Motion by Peterson with second by Spies TO APPROVE THE JUNE 4 AND JUNE 5-6, 2014, MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Additional Salary Days**

Chairman Cooper called for any additional Commissioner salary days and Phillips requested one and Gary Jensen requested two additional days.

Motion by Dennert with second by Spies TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL SALARY DAYS REQUESTED BY PHILLIPS AND GARY JENSEN. Motion carried unanimously.

### **License List Requests**

Director Chris Petersen presented three license list requests for Commission consideration:

Lee's Meats & Sausage, Inc. requested a list of successful license holders (3,000 East and 1,000 West River) to mail a Wild Game Processing Flyer. This is a full fee request.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Sather TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST FROM LEE'S MEATS & SAUSAGE, INC. AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Delta Waterfowl Foundation requested a list of all resident and nonresident waterfowl license holders to mail information soliciting membership. This is a reduced fee request.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Phillips TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST FROM DELTA WATERFOWL FOUNDATION AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Dakota Plains Taxidermy requested a list of all successful applicants of an "any" elk license for 2014 to mail a brochure to promote the business. This is a full fee request.

Motion by Spies with second by Dennert TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST FROM DAKOTA PLAINS TAXIDERMY AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

### **License Sales Report**

Director Petersen presented the June 27 License Sales Report indicating fishing license sales remain strong showing an overall increase in license sales of two percent. Small game and waterfowl sales will begin growing this fall.

### **OPEN FORUM**

Sal Roseland of Seneca, SD, provided the Commission a letter of petition requesting the daily bag limit of pheasant harvest on private shooting preserves be removed in accordance with SDCL 1-26-13. Roseland requested the Commission approve the petition and begin the public comment period.

Jim Daley of Deuel County supported the petition Sal Roseland presented.

Discussion began with Chairman Cooper asking if the Shooting Preserve Association was aware of this petition and Daley indicated the organization is basically dormant and inactive as he served on their board.

Roseland indicated he visited with 10-15 operators who indicated their support of this requested rule change and he had 10-11 hunting groups request more than the allowed 20 cocks above the daily limit when hunting on his preserve.

Additional discussion included the cost of additional birds, preserve harvest information, sportsmen wanting more birds, and that allowing unlimited cocks on shooting preserve operations would be similar to other states.

Chairman Cooper indicated the Commission has received the petition and has thirty days to take action on the petition. Director Leif indicated the thirtieth day would be August 7, the first day of the next Commission meeting. No action was taken at this time.

### **PUBLIC HEARING - FINALIZATIONS**

The Public Hearing began at 2:07 p.m. and concluded at 2:15 p.m. minutes will follow the minutes of this regular meeting.

### **Fall Turkey Hunting Season 41:06:14**

Chad Lehman provided a PowerPoint Presentation giving the population objectives, modeling process, and results for the different areas of the Black Hills Fall Turkey Hunting Season that included a list of reasons supporting the proposed changes.

Chad Switzer presented the Fall Wild Turkey Hunting Season proposed changes following the PowerPoint Presentation indicating the South Dakota Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation requested the Fall Turkey Hunting Season be closed for 2014.

Commission discussion began with the total number of tags a hunter was allowed to purchase in the requirement and restrictions portion of the finalization sheet and should this be reduced.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Gary Jensen TO AMEND THE PROPOSED CHANGE BY LOWERING THE TOTAL OF FALL TURKEY LICENSES A PERSON MAY PURCHASE FROM FIVE (5) TO TWO (2). Discussion ensued as to the timing for this change due to drawing deadlines and season start time.

GFP Attorney Richard Neill indicated this change was not included in the Public Hearing Notice and would require continuation of the public hearing to allow for public testimony prior to finalization. Director Leif indicated Finalization would be at the August meeting and administratively would be achievable. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Peterson TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON FALL WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON DUE TO AMENDED PROPOSAL. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Antelope Hunting Season 41:06:23**

Andy Lindbloom gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the 2014 Revised Pronghorn Management Plan that included aerial survey biennial rotation information, the process used to define management units and population objectives, a new statewide objective, and an updated Harvest Strategies Table. The information in this Presentation serves as the WMI Report and the Antelope management action item on the Agenda. Switzer handed out a printed copy of the Management Plan and asked Commissioners to review the plan in the coming month as this would be an action item at the August meeting.

Switzer presented the proposed changes to the Antelope Hunting Season with a recommended change as preference points are now covered in a separate rule.

Repeal Unit PPA-ZZ1.

Motion by Peterson with second by Spies TO AMEND PROPOSAL TO REPEAL UNIT PPA-ZZ1 AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Offer resident hunters 115 less one-tag licenses (115 tags) and 405 less two-tag licenses (810 tags) than 2013.
2. Offer nonresident hunters 61 more one-tag licenses (61 tags) than 2013.
3. Unit 60A (Tripp) will be issued zero firearm licenses. Therefore, Unit 60A will also be closed to archery antelope hunting.
4. Repeal Unit PPA-ZZ1.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Sather TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO ANTELOPE HUNTING SEASON 41:06:23 AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Vonk presented the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies 2014 Wildlife Biologist of the Year award to Senior Game Biologist Andy Lindbloom.

### **Early Fall Canada Goose and Waterfowl Hunting Season 41:06:50 and 41:06:16**

Chad Switzer presented the proposed changes with no recommended changes to proposal. No public testimony was received at the public hearing; however, Commissioner Phillips indicated he received a call from the Rapid City Airport Manager in support of the changes.

Amend 41:06:16:07 to modify the boundaries of Units 1 and 2 by: 1) adding all of Custer, Fall River, and Pennington counties into Unit 2, and 2) adding that portion of Perkins County west of S.D. Highway 75 and south of S.D. Highway 20 to Unit 1 (area open to Early Fall Canada Goose Hunting Season).

Motion by Phillips with second by Sather TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO EARLY FALL CANADA GOOSE AND WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON 41:06:50 AND 41:06:16 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Abandoned game at wildlife processing facilities 41:06:03**

Emmett Keyser presented the proposed new rule defining the terms and process for a wildlife processing facility to deem game left at their facility to be "abandoned" with recommended changes.

**41:06:03:13. Process of abandonment for game left at a wildlife processing facility.** A wildlife processing facility and a person who deposits lawfully taken game with the facility for processing may agree upon a period of time following which the facility may consider the game, except a migratory bird, to be abandoned by the person. With the exception of a migratory bird, the facility may distribute abandoned game to a non-profit organization or to any charitable organization that distributes food or other services to the needy. At no time shall any abandoned game be considered the property of the wildlife processing facility.

Motion by Dennert with second by Gary Jensen TO AMEND THE PROPOSED NEW RULE FOR WILDLIFE PROCESSING FACILITIES IN CHAPTER 41:06:03 POSSESSION, PROCESSING, AND TRANSPORTATION OF GAME AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Spies with second by Peterson TO FINALIZE THE NEW RULE UNDER POSSESSION, PROCESSING, AND TRANSPORTATION OF GAME 41:06:03 AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

### **License Forms and Fees 41:06:02**

Chief Scott Simpson presented the proposed changes to clarify the process for replacing lost or destroyed licenses and establish a fee consistent for the Department and designated license agents providing this service. Simpson indicated there were no recommended changes to proposal.

Amend Administrative Rule: 41:06:02:01:03. Replacement of lost or destroyed license, permit, or game tag.

1. The current rule establishes the process and fee for replacing a lost or destroyed license. The proposed change would include replacement of a license where:
  - a. "through licensee's oversight the license is not in the licensee's possession" (left at home)
  - b. "a licensee is requesting a replacement license for a license that has been issued, but not received" (in the mail)
2. The current rule would be amended to require the licensee to return the original license ("left at home" or "in the mail") to the department within 10 days
3. The Administrative Fee for replacing a license would be set at \$20 for all license types
4. The proposed change would require the department to charge the license agent's fee established by SDCL 41-6-66.1

Motion by Spies with second by Barry Jensen TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO LICENSE FORMS AND FEES 41:06:02 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Restrictions on use of firearms and bow in parks**

#### **Uses of Parks and Public Lands 41:03:01**

Bob Schneider presented the proposed change to Uses of Parks and Public Lands with no recommended changes indicating the changes were a response to HB 1130 which was passed during the 2014 legislative session. The statute change allows for the use of a crossbow as a legal weapon during a firearm hunting season.

Amend 41:03:01:16 and 41:03:01:16.02 to clarify the restriction of firearms, crossbows, and bows in state parks, state recreation areas, state nature areas, state lakeside use areas, lake and fishing access areas and game production areas.

Motion by Sather with second by Dennert TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO USES OF PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS 41:03:01 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Licensing agent defined 41:02:01:11**

Schneider presented the proposed change to modify the definition of a licensing agent to include the selling of park entrance licenses. There were no recommended changes to proposal.

Modify definition of a licensing agent to allow license agents to sell park entrance licenses.

Motion by Spies with second by Barry Jensen TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO LICENSING AGENT DEFINED 41:02:01:11 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

## **PROPOSALS**

### **Goose Hunting Season**

Chief Tom Kirschenmann presented changes to the Goose Hunting Season to increase the daily bag limit of light geese to 50 and change Unit 2 season dates. Kirschenmann indicated the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved the daily bag changes last fall and that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service bird counts will be available before finalization of proposed changes at the August meeting.

1. Increase the daily bag limit for light geese from 20 to 50.
2. Change Unit 2 so the season is open for 105 days preceding the Sunday closest to February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Phillips with second by Gary Jensen TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO GOOSE HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Duck Hunting Season**

Chief Kirschenmann presented the season dates, open areas, daily and possession limits, and recommended changes to the duck hunting season. Changes include decreasing canvasback daily limit and allow for the bonus blue-winged teal as approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

1. Decrease the canvas back daily limit from 2 to 1.
2. Allow 2 bonus blue-winged teal for the first 16 days of the duck season.

Motion by Spies with second by Barry Jensen TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE DUCK HUNTING SEASON AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

## **DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **City of Mobridge Waterfront lease amendment**

Concession Manager Sean Blanchette presented history and background on the department's lease agreement with the City of Mobridge for city riverfront Title VI land. A PowerPoint Presentation showed the rifle range property on the leased land and photos of improvements made in 2013. Currently, the City of Mobridge provides insurance coverage and law enforcement for the department owned range while the Parks Division maintains the area. The First Amendment to the lease removes the shooting-rifle range from the city's lease and returns it to the state. Discussion included the partnerships involved with the rifle range, maintenance, law enforcement, and insurance. The City will continue to provide law enforcement at the range through a joint powers agreement with the department.

Motion by Peterson with second by Sather TO APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PURPOSES CITY OF MOBRIDGE ON LAKE OAHE AS PRESENTED (Appendix A). Motion carried unanimously.

### **Custer State Park and Good Earth Visitors Center bond resolution**

Director Hofer provided the Custer State Park Visitor Center update prior to Chris Petersen presenting the Special Resolution No.14-09 to the Commission for consideration.

Director Petersen indicated the approval of the Special Resolution would allow GFP to sell up to \$3 million in bonds as part of a larger bonding package with SDSU. The combined bond issue will result in a lower interest rate. The 2014 Legislature approved bonding authority in HB 1013 for the Custer State Park and Good Earth Visitors Centers. The Commission approval is required from the South Dakota Bonding Authority to include these projects in the bonding package.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Sather TO APPROVE SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. 14-09 AS PRESENTED (Appendix B). Motion carried unanimously.

### **Custer State Park Visitor Center Update**

Director Hofer shared that the State Engineer's office suggested using a CMR alternative for the Custer State Park Visitor Center project to accelerate the construction

schedule and better control costs. The State's Engineer's office has used this process several times. A CMR is a "Contract Manager at Risk." The CMR works with the design consultant to develop a guaranteed maximum price before the construction contracts are advertised. The Building Committee met to review the four Request for Proposals received and J. Scull Construction of Rapid City was selected as the CMR for the Custer State Park Visitor Center project.

Hofer indicated the schematic design concepts and displays for the Good Earth Visitor Center are complete and that the State Engineer's office has contracted with HDR to roll back the top eighteen inches of soil within the footprint of the construction project area to identify any subsurface archeological resources that might be present before construction may begin. This needs to be completed before the Request for Proposal can be advertised and a construction contractor is selected. Construction of the visitor center could begin in 2015 and trail development is underway this summer.

### **Lewis and Clark Marina Request for Proposal**

Sean Blanchette indicated the prospectus for the Lewis and Clark Marina was issued on March 5<sup>th</sup>. An on-site visit was conducted on June 11 for prospective bidders. The deadline to submit proposals was June 30<sup>th</sup> and two proposals were received on June 30<sup>th</sup>. One offer did not agree to the required purchase price and the other did not contain the financial information required in the prospectus. The bids will be reviewed and a recommendation may be forthcoming at the August meeting.

### **Southeast SD Park Flooding Issues**

Jeff VanMeeteren presented a PowerPoint Presentation of photos of damage from the rain storm on June 16 where 10-13 inches of rain fell in southeast South Dakota. Beaver Creek Nature Area, Big Sioux Recreation Area, Newton Hills, Lake Alvin, Lake Lakota, and Sergeant Creek were park areas that sustained damage along with Nine-Mile Game Production Area. Flood waters receded within hours and clean up in the parks was completed quickly. The worst damage was at Beaver Creek Nature Area where a bridge was washed out and paved roads sustained significant damage.

### **June Revenue and Visitation Report**

Director Doug Hofer presented the June Revenue and Visitation Report indicating that revenue is up about 10-11% year-to-date. June being a cool month contributed to year-to-date visitation being down slightly; however, the Fourth of July weekend had the parks full of campers and other park users. Year-to-date camping unit numbers are up 7% from last year.

Chairman Cooper called for a recess at 5:01 p.m. indicating the Executive Session is canceled and the meeting will resume at 8 a.m. the next morning.

The meeting resumed at 8 a.m. Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at the Fort Pierre Holiday Inn Express with Commissioners Cooper, Gary Jensen, Barry Jensen, Spies, Sather, Phillips, and Dennert present. Commissioner Peterson was absent. Secretary Vonk was present along with approximately twenty public, staff, and media.

**Executive Session** was canceled.

## **DIVISION OF WILDLIFE**

### **Antelope management plan**

This was covered in the PowerPoint Presentation before the Antelope Hunting Season Finalization.

### **Depredation hunt resolutions**

Keith Fisk presented background about the need for depredation hunts which are used outside the regular hunting season. Fisk indicated only one depredation hunt was held during the 2013-2014 winter and that was for elk. Unsuccessful elk licensed hunters were contacted and several elk were harvested and the remaining elk were successfully disbursed.

Fisk recommended approval of Resolution 14-07 to allow the Department Secretary to permit depredation pool hunts for big game other than elk and mountain lions for the 2014-2015 winter.

Motion by Sather with second by Gary Jensen TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 14-07 AS PRESENTED (Appendix C). Motion carried unanimously.

Keith Fisk recommended approval of Resolution 14-08 allowing the Department Secretary to permit elk depredation hunts for elk as permitted by rule for the 2014-2015 winter.

Motion by Spies with second by Dennert TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 14-08 AS PRESENTED (Appendix D). Motion carried unanimously.

### **Elk raffle license for 2015**

Chief Kirschenmann indicated the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) is a big partner on GFP research projects. The RMEF was the only applicant for the 2015 elk raffle license which is valid in any Black Hills Unit that elk licenses are available. Kirschenmann recommended Commission approval of the RMEF application allowing them to begin the raffle process.

Motion by Spies with second by Phillips TO APPROVE THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION APPLICATION FOR THE 2014-2015 SPECIAL ELK TAG. Motion carried unanimously.

### **2014 Elk license raffle report from Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation**

Tom Slowey Regional Director for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) provided background on fundraising sales and proceeds for the past five years. The proceeds from the 2014 sales were \$26,880 and a meeting is scheduled next week to determine how the funds will be used on elk projects.

### **Land acquisition update**

Paul Coughlin shared with the Commission the appraisal process continues on the Homestake Mine Hydro 2 area and that the Department intends to use funds available from the cleanup of Whitewood Creek and Federal Aid dollars for this purchase. Federal rules require compliance for endangered species and cultural resources. Coughlin is also checking to see if Hydro 2 is listed in the Registry of Historical Places.

Coughlin shared about a process called "Land Banking" in the Federal framework that will allow the Department to "bank" land acquisitions purchased with license dollars to be used for matching funds on projects using Federal grants.

### **WMI big game action plan update**

See comments under antelope hunting season finalization.

### **Pheasant lead study results**

Travis Runia gave a PowerPoint Presentation providing the research locations, methodology, and results by study site, preserve lands, and other lands. Information included a pen trial of hen pheasants and lead ingestion.

### **Statewide angler survey results**

Cindy Longmire gave a PowerPoint Presentation and handout of information on the Statewide Angler Survey. Information included background, methods used, response rates, harvest rates by fish species, angler use days, and satisfaction information.

### **Deer license allocation-alternatives for the future**

Chief Kirschenmann began the discussion indicating he led an internal work group that looked at the current deer license allocation system including the landowner allocations and possible future allocations of the eight different deer seasons. The work group was tasked to look at alternatives to increase the number of applicants that could receive their preferred buck license.

Director Leif indicated there are approximately 66,000 individual applicants for approximately 44,000 buck licenses not including the unlimited archery licenses. Leif provided detailed information on the three different landowner preferences/licenses and the criteria of each and included how they are used in the application or drawing process.

Kirschenmann started the discussion on future alternatives by sharing that the SD Wildlife Federation and several individuals have submitted ideas and suggestions for alternatives in the past few months. Kirschenmann shared the top four alternatives the internal working group identified were: 1) no change; 2) combine the firearm seasons; 3) choose a preferred season; and 4) first draw preference or choice.

Kirschenmann expounded on the "first draw preference or choice" by talking about the structure of the draw and the upsides and downsides of the structure. The archery season and preference points were included in the discussion of the "first draw preference or choice."

Director Leif asked for Commission direction as to: should the Division of Wildlife pursue or continue looking at alternatives? Discussion included hunter and public involvement, educating the public and sportsmen about the alternatives, survey license applicants, timeframe needed before the next deer season recommendations, and landowner involvement. The Commission consensus was to move forward with the process.

### **Licensing system upgrade update**

Chief Scott Simpson indicated the license system upgrade did roll out and there have been some administrative issues which is not a surprise; however, for the most part the system shows a seamless transition for most applicants.

### **Bighorn sheep update**

Chad Lehman indicated Bighorn sheep will be transplanted from Alberta, Canada, and released in the Deadwood area. An open house is scheduled for July 29 to visit with folks in the Deadwood area. Staff has made a great effort to contact all landowners with domestic sheep or goats to visit about the release and concerns about disease. Lehman handed out a copy of the letter provided to landowners and interested parties about the transplant.

Staff continues to monitor the seventeen sheep released in the Hells Canyon area earlier this year and all ewes have lambed and still have their lambs.

Kirschenmann indicate the Bighorn sheep coordination team has a meeting scheduled in August.

### **Wildlife Division staff awards**

Wildlife Director Tony Leif introduced the staff that worked on the Wildlife Action Plan which included Eileen Stukel, Dave Ode, Silka Kempema, Casey Heimerl, Chelsey Prasbrig, Chelsea Krause, Heather Berg, and David Freidel and presented them with the Division of Wildlife Excellence in Teamwork Award. This award is presented to a group of employees who coordinated efforts to accomplish a project or objective that was of substantial value in meeting the mission of the Wildlife Division. The employee group demonstrated the ability to work collectively to overcome obstacles that were insurmountable by individual efforts.

Director Leif presented the Exemplary Public Service Award to John Lott for his significant contribution to communities both through his employment with the Wildlife Division and for accomplishments that originate from his personal time.

### **Miscellaneous updates**

Commissioner Phillips shared that he and Commissioner Gary Jensen participated in a grazing workshop with the U.S. Forest Service on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The Forest Service wanted to show GFP staff how to use the Ocular Method to determine the level of grazing on a pasture. Phillips indicated this was a good step to continue a cooperative effort to understand grazing and forage utilization in the Black Hills.

Regional Supervisor Mike Kintigh indicated he would take the Forest Service Staff to some GFP property and use the Ocular Methods of measuring forage utilization. Determining the amount of forage available in the Black Hills and the proportion

available for cattle grazing and wildlife is important information when developing the Elk Management Plan.

Motion by Sather with second by Phillips to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Vonk, Department Secretary

Appendix A

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE  
FOR PARK AND RECREATION PURPOSES  
CITY OF MOBRIDGE  
ON LAKE OAHE**

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE is entered in to on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 by and between the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (“State”) and the City of Mobridge (“City”).

WHEREAS, the State and City entered a lease on May 10, 2003 for the City’s management of the Mobridge waterfront property for parks and recreation purposes containing 210.19 acres, more or less; and

WHEREAS, the lease property includes a rifle range for which City has law enforcement and insurance coverage responsibilities and for which State has maintenance responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires and State is agreeable to relinquish the rifle range from City’s responsibilities under said lease and provide for joint responsibilities under a separate agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, the LEASE FOR PARK AND RECREATION PURPOSES CITY OF MOBRIDGE ON LAKE OAHE is hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 28 RIFLE-SHOOTING RANGE is hereby deleted in its entirety.
2. Exhibit A-2 is hereby removed from the Lease.
3. Except as modified by this FIRST AMENDMENT, all terms and conditions set forth in the LEASE FOR PARK AND RECREATION PURPOSES CITY OF MOBRIDGE ON LAKE OAHE dated May 10, 2003 shall remain in full force and effect.

**END OF AGREEMENT TEXT**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunder subscribed their names this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Douglas Hofer, Director  
Division of Parks and Recreation  
(STATE)

CITY OF MOBRIDGE

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Jamie Dietterle, Mayor  
City of Mobridge  
(CITY)

**Appendix B**  
**SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. 14-09**

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TWELFTH LEASE SUPPLEMENT TO THE LEASE DATED FEBRUARY 1, 1984, WITH THE SOUTH DAKOTA BUILDING AUTHORITY TO INCLUDE A VISITOR CENTER AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AT GOOD EARTH STATE PARK AND AT CUSTER STATE PARK.

The South Dakota Building Authority has requested that the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks execute a Twelfth Lease Supplement to the Lease dated February 1, 1984, to provide for the construction of (i) a visitor center and associated interpretive displays at Good Earth State Park at Blood Run and (ii) a visitor center at Custer State Park, in both cases including provision for related engineering and bonding services, site preparation, and the construction of improvements, as generally contemplated in House Bill No. 1013, enacted during the 2014 Session of the South Dakota Legislature. The request by the South Dakota Building Authority is based upon the expectation of the Authority's issuing Revenue Bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 which will relate to the Lease Supplement for these projects.

The form of the proposed Lease Supplement is attached hereto and provision is made for the determination of rents under the formula heretofore established by the Authority and heretofore accepted by the Department. The Authority anticipates sale of the Revenue Bonds and, therefore, requests the execution of the Twelfth Lease Supplement.

***THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission of the State of South Dakota as follows:***

That the Commission Chair and Department Secretary be and they are hereby authorized to execute, acknowledge and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Department the Twelfth Lease Supplement between the Department and the South Dakota Building Authority to include a visitor center and related improvements at Good Earth State Park and at Custer State Park by executing the Twelfth Lease Supplement.

All prior resolutions and other acts or proceedings of this Commission which are in any way inconsistent with the terms of this Resolution are hereby amended to the extent necessary to give full force and effect to this Resolution.

Adopted and approved this 8th day of July, 2014.

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, Department of Game, Fish, and Parks

Appendix C

**RESOLUTION 14-07**

**BIG GAME OTHER THAN ELK AND MOUNTAIN LION  
DEPREDATION HUNTER POOL**

WHEREAS, the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission has promulgated rules to provide for a big game depredation pool of hunters designed to assist in reducing wildlife damage to property by big game species other than elk and mountain lion, and;

WHEREAS, applications for depredation pool permits have been received and a random drawing held to establish the lists of depredation pool hunters for each county, and;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that high populations of game animals coupled with severe winter weather conditions may cause property damage, which in some instances cannot be resolved by any other method except by reducing the number of game animals in a specific geographic area;

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks or his designee to issue no more than the maximum number (600 permits plus an additional 200 landowner/operator permits) of depredation pool permits to depredation pool hunters to respond to property damage caused by game animals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in issuance of the depredation pool permits, the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks or his designee is authorized to establish when and where each permit is valid and the number, species and sex of the game animals other than elk and mountain lion permitted to be taken by the holder of each depredation pool permit.

Appendix D

**RESOLUTION 14-08**

**ELK DEPREDATION HUNTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission has promulgated rules to provide for elk depredation hunts designed to assist in reducing wildlife damage to property, and;

**WHEREAS**, applications for elk permits have been received and a list of elk applicants is available in Game, Fish, and Parks license application records, and;

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that high populations of elk have caused property damage, which in some instances cannot be resolved by any other method except by reducing the number of animals in a specific geographic area;

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT**, the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks or his designee to issue up to 50 elk depredation permits (as approved in rule) to respond to property damage.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in issuance of the elk depredation permits, the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks or his designee is authorized to establish when and where each permit is valid and the number, species and sex of the game animals permitted to be taken by the holder of each elk depredation permit.

Public Hearing Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission  
July 8, 2014

Public Hearing Officer Scott Simpson began the Public Hearing at 2:07 PM at the Holiday Inn Express in Fort Pierre, South Dakota. Comments received prior to July 3 were provided to the Commission and written comments received since were read to the Commissioners. All written and oral testimony received is reflected in these minutes.

### **Fall Turkey Hunting Season**

John Cooper shared that he received two calls about the unlimited tags in Gregory County from local folks with concerns that hunters who did not get tags would go to Gregory County for a turkey.

The SD National Wild Turkey Federation Director Mike McKerman sent a letter requesting the closure of the 2014 season and provided additional suggestions for consideration.

John Halverson of Rapid City, SD, emailed: "Please suspend all Fall Turkey Eason until such time as the population has recovered. Since hens are legal game in this season, all tags have the greater potential of further depleting the resource."

Bud Shearer of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: "There is no need to change the start date for Fall Turkey. Once the total Black Hills tags drop below 1,000 STOP all nonresident sells! The start date for Fall Turkey should remain Oct.1."

Charles Rokusek of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: "I see that there has been a proposal to change the start of the fall turkey season from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1. I see a problem with that proposal. where we hunt, we have no problem getting permission to hunt fall turkeys in early October but the closer we get to November and the rut, the number of archery deer hunters increase on the area we hunt and we would be interfering with their archery hunting if we are out pursuing turkeys and they are trying to archery deer hunt. Therefore, I am asking that you remove that date of Nov. 1 and move it back to Oct. 1. I believe this would be better for everyone involved."

DeAllyn Christensen of Florence, SD, emailed: "I would like to see rifle closed for a season or two, just to get numbers back again. I would do the same for pheasants also. The numbers are very scarce and the spring weather isn't helping any either."

### **Antelope Hunting Season**

No oral testimony was received.

Larry C. Stomprud of Mudd Butte, SD, emailed: "...My recommendation for this year: Reinstate an allocation of 8% non-resident licenses. A plus for you would be increased revenue. If the biologists think an additional 8% is too many, then reduce the resident licenses by a similar amount..."

Willie Dvorak of Mellette, SD, emailed: "...A workable option is to offer the drawing to all. Cap the nonresidents in the drawing to no more than 20%. This is good for landowners, guides, nonresidents, residents, enforcement and the State and Wildlife budgets. This is win-win-win for all involved..."

Steve Bulle of Keystone, SD, emailed: "I would respectfully request that you reject the failed management practices of the past that have caused the precipitous

decline in numbers of most of South Dakota's big game populations. Please take bold steps to eliminate, or at least severely reduce, the proposed issuance of 2,766 tags to hunt an antelope population that is, like the other big game populations in South Dakota, in serious trouble. Please give the antelope population an honest chance to recover to reasonable levels.”

Vytas Butikas of Western Springs, IL, emailed: “As a non-resident hunter I am encouraging you to allow us to re-enter the pool of potential recipients for antelope tags as we believe that our participation in the season will be beneficial to South Dakota for several reasons.

- Non-resident fees are higher and will increase funds to your department.
- Non-residents will bring additional revenue to State businesses and increase tax base.
- Non-residents will spread the word of the many opportunities for excellent hunting in South Dakota to other Non-resident hunters.

As an avid hunter I would truly relish the chance to once again hunt in your great state and continue to explore all that South Dakota has to offer.”

John Halverson of Rapid City, SD, emailed: “As much as I love hunting antelope, please be very conservative on issuing tags and setting limits until such time as the population is closer to full recovery.”

John Simpson of Pierre, SD, emailed: “I oppose issuing non-res. Rifle antelope tags this year regardless of what certain guides/outfitter’s claim, our state’s herd#’4 are not sufficiently high enough to justify non-res tags. Current total license allocations barely allow residents to obtain their preferred tags. The proposed”% shuffle” simply isn’t fair to residents. I strongly suspect the idea for non-res tags originated from guides/outfitters who generally are more interested in revenue than the well-being of the resource.”

David Becha of Pierre, SD, emailed: “So if I am reading this correctly there are a total of 2,705 resident and 61 nonresident tags issued. If one half of the tags per unit are allocated for landowner/operator preference. That would leave 1,383 tags for the non landowners. If the landowners take there portion of the tags. A little out of proportion I would say. Or is there another underlying reason for this? Correct me if I am wrong.”

Dale Burnette of Selby, SD, emailed: “The antelope numbers in Walworth and Potter counties are very low.”

### **Early Fall Canada Goose Hunting Season**

No oral or written testimony was received.

### **Abandoned game at wildlife processing facilities**

No oral testimony was received.

Mark Jarnecke of Newell, SD, Tri-County Lockers, Inc. mailed a comment: “We at Tri-County Lockers in Newell feel this is a good opportunity to dispose of wildlife not picked up. Minimum of 4-6 months recommended.”

John Halverson of Rapid City, SD, emailed: “I would like to see it legal for an unrelated resident to pick up the game if it has been considered abandoned after a

stipulated period of time. Especially, if the game processing fees have been paid up front. That way it could not be construed as someone purchasing wild game.”

**Replacement of lost or destroyed licenses**

No oral or written testimony was received.

**Restrictions on use of firearms and bows in parks**

No oral or written testimony was received.

**Definition of licensing agents**

No oral or written testimony was received.

The public hearing concluded at 2:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Vonk, Department Secretary

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**REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS**

**Application**

Type of List Requested Licensed preserve operators

Number of licenses in list ?200 names & addresses

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:

MacFarlane Pheasants, Inc.

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:

2821 South US Hwy. 51

Janesville, WI 53546

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

request list to be sent by email

Email Address: chard@pheasant.com

Phone Number

800-345-8348

Purpose for which list will be used:

We plan to send a letter with our brochure to these places introducing our company.

**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.



Authorized Signature of Purchaser

7-29-14

Date

Date of Commission Action

# License Sales Totals

(as of Aug 1)

date updated: 1 August 2014

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	2013	2014	% Change
Resident Predator/Varmint	1,234	1,167	-5.4%
Furbearer	2,850	2,604	-8.6%
Resident Small Game	2,286	1,922	-15.9%
Resident 1-Day Small Game	155	130	-16.1%
Resident Youth Small Game	939	896	-4.6%
Combination	41,496	40,061	-3.5%
Senior Combination	5,941	6,196	4.3%
Junior Combination	6,479	6,356	-1.9%
Resident 1-Day Fishing	4,287	4,299	0.3%
Resident Annual Fishing	61,798	61,335	-0.7%
Senior Fishing	11,807	12,177	3.1%
Resident Gamefish Spearing/Archery	2,434	2,636	8.3%
Resident Migratory Bird Certificate	17,820	17,084	-4.1%
Nonresident Predator/Varmint	4,161	3,221	-22.6%
Nonresident Furbearer	5	5	0.0%
Nonresident Small Game	3,266	2,526	-22.7%
Nonresident Youth Small Game	234	187	-20.1%
Nonresident Spring Light Goose	4,215	4,572	8.5%
Nonresident Youth Spring Light Goose	131	165	26.0%
Nonresident Migratory Bird Certificate	214	340	58.9%
Nonresident 1-Day Fishing	14,689	15,258	3.9%
Nonresident 3-Day Fishing	16,760	17,142	2.3%
Nonresident Annual Fishing	20,283	23,030	13.5%
Nonresident Family Fishing	7,781	8,287	6.5%
Nonresident Youth Annual Fishing	1,118	1,362	21.8%
Nonresident Gamefish Spearing/Archery	478	577	20.7%
Nonresident Annual Shooting Preserve	96	73	-24.0%
Nonresident 5-day Shooting Preserve	506	530	4.7%
Nonresident 1-day Shooting Preserve	179	165	-7.8%
<b>TOTAL ON FILE =</b>	<b>233,642</b>	<b>234,303</b>	<b>0.3%</b>

# Finalizations

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION  
FINALIZATION

**Goose Hunting Season**  
Chapter 41:06:16

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>July 8-9, 2014</b>	<b>Ft. Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>August 7, 2014</b>	<b>Ft. Pierre</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>August 7-8, 2014</b>	<b>Ft. Pierre</b>

**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

**Season Dates:**

Light Geese

Statewide: September 27 – December 21, 2014

Canada Geese (and Brant)

Unit 1: October 1 – December 16, 2014

Unit 2: November 3, 2014 – February 15, 2015

Unit 3: January 10-18, 2015

White-fronted Geese

Statewide: September 27 – December 7, 2014

**Daily Limits:**

Canada geese

Unit 1: 8

Unit 2: 4

Unit 3: 4

Light geese: 50

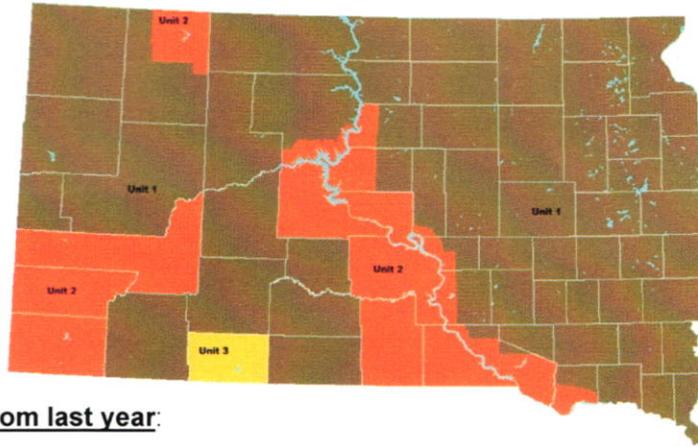
White-fronted goose: 2

**Possession Limits:**

Light geese: Unlimited

All other geese: Three times the daily limit.

**Canada Goose Units**



**Proposed changes from last year:**

1. Increase the daily bag limit for light geese from 20 to 50.
2. Change Unit 2 so the season is open for 105 days preceding the Sunday closest to February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service had approved this daily bag limit increase in 2013 after South Dakota had finalized the 2013 goose seasons. In an attempt to meet population goals, it is necessary to use all available management tools.

Changing the season dates for the Unit 2 goose unit as described above would result in Unit 2 opening on a Monday and the season closing on a Sunday (current structure opens on a Saturday and ends on a Friday). Federal framework allows for this season to end on the Sunday nearest February 15<sup>th</sup>. This change would provide hunters with an additional weekend to hunt later in the season when Canada geese are staging on the Missouri River and urban ponds and feeding in fields. See attached chart which displays Canada goose harvest from 2008-2013 for the first five days of the season compared to the last five days of the season on the Lower Oahe Waterfowl Access Area north of Pierre.

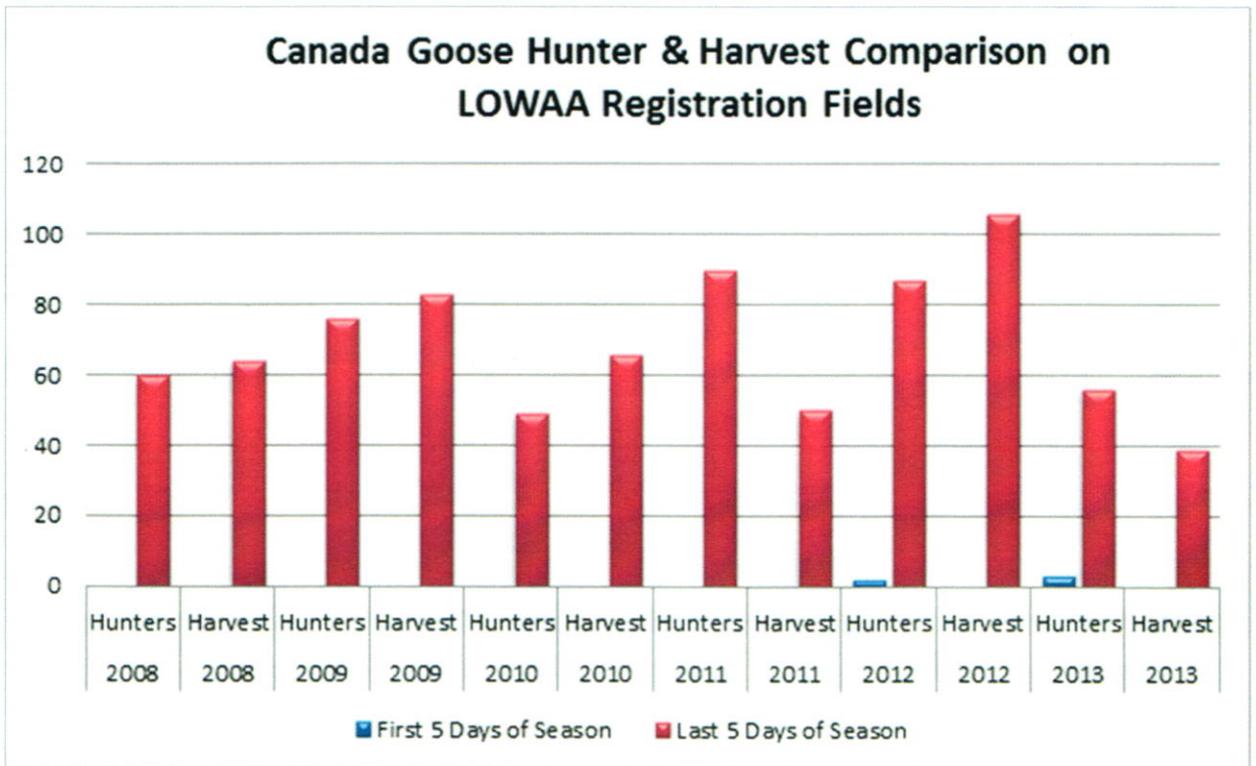
<b>APPROVE</b> _____	<b>MODIFY</b> _____	<b>REJECT</b> _____	<b>NO ACTION</b> _____
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Current Season Dates

Hunting Season	Start	End
2014-2015	01-Nov	13-Feb
2015-2016	31-Oct	12-Feb
2016-2017	29-Oct	10-Feb
2017-2018	04-Nov	16-Feb
2018-2019	03-Nov	15-Feb
2019-2020	02-Nov	14-Feb
2020-2021	31-Oct	12-Feb
2021-2022	30-Oct	11-Feb
2022-2023	29-Oct	10-Feb
2023-2024	04-Nov	16-Feb
2024-2025	02-Nov	15-Feb

Proposed Season Dates

Hunting Season	Start	End
2014-2015	03-Nov	15-Feb
2015-2016	02-Nov	14-Feb
2016-2017	31-Oct	12-Feb
2017-2018	06-Nov	18-Feb
2018-2019	05-Nov	17-Feb
2019-2020	04-Nov	16-Feb
2020-2021	02-Nov	14-Feb
2021-2022	01-Nov	13-Feb
2022-2023	31-Oct	12-Feb
2023-2024	06-Nov	18-Feb
2024-2025	04-Nov	17-Feb



Year	Canada Geese			Light Geese (fall season only)			White-fronted Geese		
	Res Hunters	NR Hunters	Geese Harvested	Res Hunters	NR Hunters	Geese Harvested	Res Hunters	NR Hunters	Geese Harvested
2009	12,927	1,986	104,453	4,298	733	55,823	902	240	1,534
2010	13,552	2,198	129,628	4,031	551	36,259	985	261	891
2011	13,376	2,167	107,537	3,614	883	42,657	973	288	1,010
2012	13,715	2,277	98,872	4,113	726	55,171	1,685	440	3,485
2013	12,004	2,160	75,677	3,747	641	53,322	1,098	224	1,891

APPROVE     
  MODIFY     
  REJECT     
  NO ACTION

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

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**Duck Hunting Season  
Chapter 41:06:16**

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>July 8-9, 2014</b>	<b>Ft. Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>August 7, 2014</b>	<b>Ft. Pierre</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>August 7-8, 2014</b>	<b>Ft. Pierre</b>

**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

**Season Dates and Open Areas:**

High Plains Zone:	October 11, 2014 – January 15, 2015
Low Plains North & Low Plains Middle Zone:	September 27 – December 9, 2014
Low Plains South Zone:	October 11 – December 23, 2014

**Daily Limits:**

Ducks: 6 The duck limit may be comprised of no more than: 5 mallards (which may include no more than 2 hens), 3 wood ducks, 3 scaup, 2 redheads, 2 pintails, and 1 canvasback.

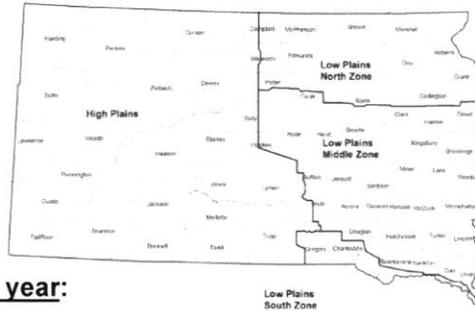
- 2 Bonus blue-winged teal (first 16 days of the season only)
  - Low Plains North & Low Plains Middle Zones: September 27 – October 12
  - High Plains and Low Plains South Zones: October 11 - 26

Coots: 15

Mergansers: 5 (may include no more than 2 hooded mergansers).

**Possession Limits:** Three times the daily bag limits.

**Duck Hunting Zones**



**Proposed changes from last year:**

- 1. Decrease the canvasback daily limit from 2 to 1.
- 2. Allow 2 bonus blue-winged teal for the first 16 days of the duck season.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service recently approved a 3-year bonus blue-winged teal experimental season for production states as an alternative to early teal seasons. The recently released teal harvest assessment estimates that blue-winged teal populations could sustain harvest rates 2-2.5 times and 7-9 times the average observed harvest rates, based on additive and compensatory mortality models, respectively.

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Ducks Harvested
2009	13,873	4,010	252,882
2010	14,038	4,123	262,302
2011	13,394	4,132	264,740
2012	12,797	3,961	233,608
2013	13,221	3,842	240,393

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

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION  
FINALIZATION

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Fall Wild Turkey Hunting Season  
Chapter 41:06:14

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 8-9, 2014	Yankton
	Public Hearing	August 7, 2014	Ft. Pierre
	Finalization	August 7-8, 2014	Ft. Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**Season Dates:** November 1, 2014 – January 31, 2015

**Licenses:**

BH1	750 resident and 60 nonresident one-tag “any turkey” licenses
ER Prairie	Residents: 785 single tag “any turkey” licenses Residents: 50 two-tag “any turkey” licenses
WR Prairie	Unlimited resident and nonresident single tag “any turkey” licenses for the West River Prairie Unit (WR1).

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. One-half of the prairie licenses are available for landowner preference applicants.
2. A person may apply for both a Black Hills license and a prairie unit license in the first drawing.
3. A person is limited to a total of two (2) fall turkey licenses.
4. Hutchinson, Davison and Hanson counties, and the areas below Oahe Dam east of State Hwy1806 and north of Hwy 14-34 in Stanley County, are designated for shotgun or archery hunting only.
5. A person may not use any firearm on the south unit and the signed portion of the north unit of the Bureau of Land Management Fort Meade Recreation Area.
6. No person may shoot a turkey that is in a tree or roost.

**Recommended changes from last year:**

1. Offer 205 more one-tag licenses and 650 less two-tag licenses for resident hunters on the East River Prairie Units.
2. Offer 750 fewer one-tag licenses for resident hunters and 60 fewer one-tag licenses for nonresident hunters for Unit BH1.
3. Change the season dates from the October 1 – January 31 to November 1 – January 31.
4. Modify Unit BH1 unit to include those portions of Custer, Fall River, Lawrence, Meade, and Pennington counties within a line beginning at the junction of U.S. Hwy. 85 and Interstate 90 at exit 17; south on U.S. Hwy. 85 to U.S. Hwy. 385; south on U.S. Hwy. 385 to S.D. Hwy. 89; south on S.D. Hwy. 89 to Pilger Mountain Road; west on Pilger Mountain Road to Dewey Road; west on Dewey Road to the WY/SD line; south on the WY/SD line to U.S. Hwy. 18; east on U.S. Hwy. 18 to the Cheyenne River; east along the Cheyenne River to S.D. Hwy. 79; north on S.D. Hwy. 79 to Interstate 90; north and west on Interstate 90 to exit 17, the point of beginning (see attached map).
5. Change the unlimited WR Prairie licenses from a two-tag license to a single tag license.
6. Close Bennett, Corson, Custer, Fall River, Haakon, Jackson, Meade, Pennington, Shannon and Ziebach counties to fall turkey hunting in the West River Prairie Unit.
7. Reduce the maximum number of licenses a person is limited from five to two fall turkey licenses.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

1. Decrease the number of “any turkey” licenses from 100 to 50 in Unit 62A (Union County).
2. Repeal Unit BFT-ZZ1.
3. Repeal Unit PFT-ZZ1.

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

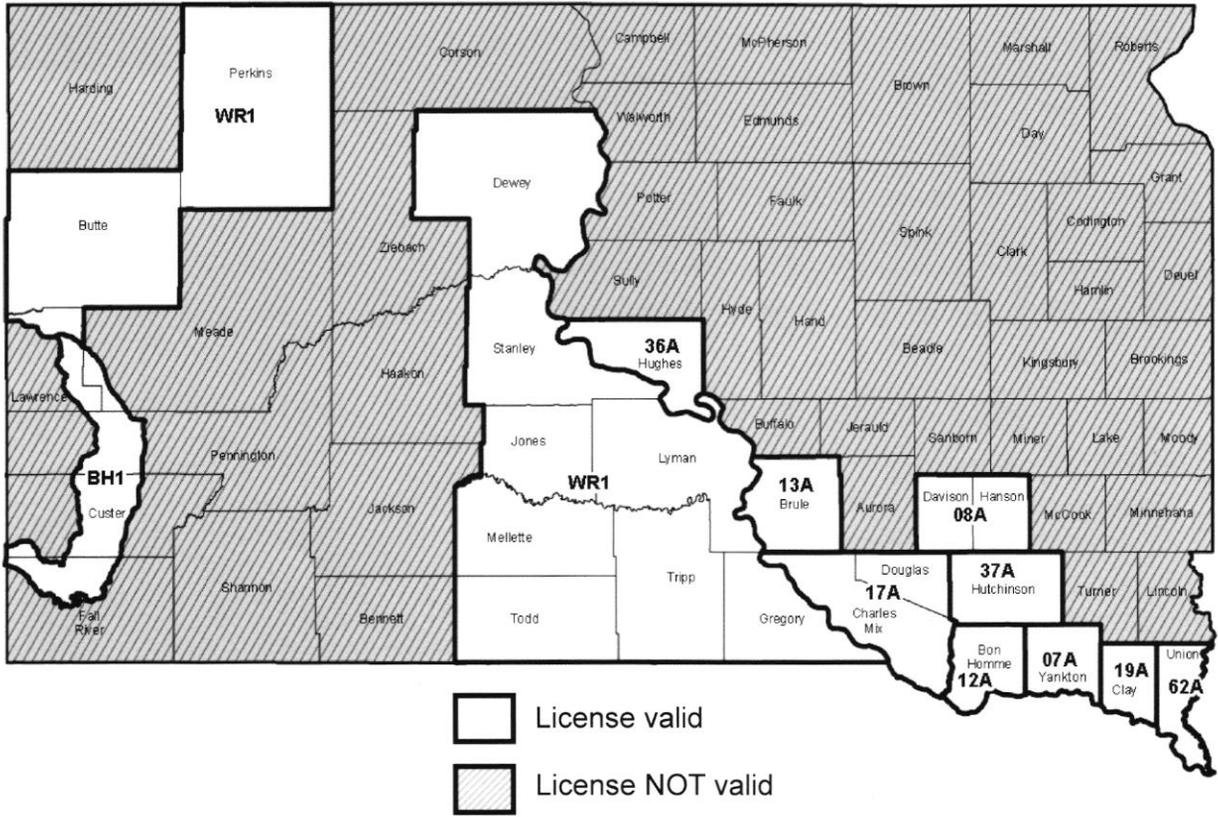
**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Year	Prairie				Black Hills			
	Licenses Sold	Toms Harvested	Hens Harvested	Success	Licenses Sold	Toms Harvested	Hens Harvested	Success
2009	5,876	2,335	2,002	43%	3,646	658	711	38%
2010	5,995	3,019	2,419	48%	3,312	907	646	47%
2011	5,649	2,497	1,838	41%	3,098	537	513	34%
2012	5,075	2,109	1,225	37%	2,165	483	458	46%
2013	4,695	1,167	670	22%	1,546	179	169	22%

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

# FALL TURKEY UNITS

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## 2014 Fall Turkey Licenses (All tags are for "any turkey")

Unit	1-tag	2-tag	Unit	1-tag	2-tag
07A	100		19A	50	
08A		50	36A	30	
12A	200		37A	30	
13A	75		62A	50	
17A	200		BH1	750	

West River Prairie Unit (WR1)—Unlimited resident and nonresident 1-tag "any turkey" licenses

2014 Fall Turkey

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident		Nonresident		License Totals							
		AnyT 31	2 AnyT 37	AnyT 31	2 AnyT 37	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
01A	Minnehaha	CLOSED											
06A	Brookings	CLOSED											
07A	Yankton	100				100		100	100				
08A	Davison/Hanson		50				50	50	100				
12A	Bon Homme	200				200		200	200				
13A	Brule	75				75		75	75				
17A	Charles Mix/Douglas	200				200		200	200				
19A	Clay	50				50		50	50				
23A	Deuel	CLOSED											
36A	Hughes	30				30		30	30				
37A	Hutchinson	30				30		30	30				
44A	Lincoln	CLOSED											
52A	Moody	CLOSED											
62A	Union	50				50		50	50				
NE1	Northeast	CLOSED											
BH1	Black Hills	750		60		750		750	750	60		60	60
WR1	West River	Unlimited		Unlimited									
	TOTAL	1,485	50	60		1,485	50	1,535	1,585	60		60	60
Unit #	Unit Name	AnyT 31	2 AnyT 37	AnyT 31	2 AnyT 37	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
<b>RES &amp; NR:</b>						<b>1,545</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1,595</b>	<b>1,645</b>				

FALL TURKEY  
2013--2014 Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2013 Resident Licenses	2014 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2013 Resident Tags	2014 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
01A	Minnehaha	60	0	-60	-100%	60	0	-60	-100%
06A	Brookings	40	0	-40	-100%	40	0	-40	-100%
07A	Yankton	130	100	-30	-23%	130	100	-30	-23%
08A	Davison/Hanson	50	50	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
12A	Bon Homme	180	200	20	11%	360	200	-160	-44%
13A	Brule	150	75	-75	-50%	150	75	-75	-50%
17A	Charles Mix/Douglas	350	200	-150	-43%	700	200	-500	-71%
19A	Clay	50	50	0	0%	100	50	-50	-50%
23A	Deuel	50	0	-50	-100%	50	0	-50	-100%
36A	Hughes	50	30	-20	-40%	50	30	-20	-40%
37A	Hutchinson	30	30	0	0%	30	30	0	0%
44A	Lincoln	50	0	-50	-100%	50	0	-50	-100%
52A	Moody	20	0	-20	-100%	20	0	-20	-100%
62A	Union	70	50	-20	-29%	140	50	-90	-64%
NE1	Northeast	1,000	0	-1,000	-100%	1,000	0	-1,000	-100%
BH1	Black Hills	1,500	750	-750	-50%	1,500	750	-750	-50%
WR1	West River	Unlimited	Unlimited	NA	NA	Unlimited	Unlimited	NA	NA
	TOTAL	3,780	1,535	-2,245	-59%	4,480	1,585	-2,895	-65%

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents for the Black Hills.  
Unlimited resident and nonresident single tag "any turkey" licenses for the West River Prairie Unit.

# Petition for Rule Change

July 8, 2014

South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Commission

Dear Commissioners,

In accordance with SDCL 1-26-13, I am writing to request a change to Administrative Rule 41:09:01:03:01 by removing the current maximum daily bag limit for pheasants on shooting preserves.

**41:09:01:03.01. Daily bag limit -- Shooting hours.** ~~The maximum daily bag limit for pheasants on shooting preserves is 20 cocks from the beginning of the hunting preserve season through the end of the statewide pheasant season as described in § 41:06:08:01. From the end of the statewide pheasant season through the end of the private shooting preserve season, the maximum daily bag limit is 15 cocks. The maximum daily bag limit for wild turkeys is 2 birds.~~

The shooting hours are restricted to sunrise to sunset each day.

**Source:** 13 SDR 26, effective September 10, 1986; 23 SDR 20, effective August 13, 1996; 25 SDR 193, adopted July 19, 1998, effective July 1, 1999; 31 SDR 191, adopted May 18, 2005, effective April 1, 2006; 36 SDR 39, effective September 23, 2009.

I respectfully request your approval of this petition, and urge you to begin the public comment period.

The purpose of this proposed change would be to open a discussion on removing the cap on the number of birds that can be harvested on private preserves while also considering opportunities for increasing the resources available to support pheasant habitat.

As a South Dakota resident interested in our heritage, economy and habitat, I believe this proposed change will allow us to begin a dialogue to bring those sides together. South Dakota is one of two states that cap the number of birds that can be harvested on private preserves. This limitation puts South Dakota businesses, many of them farmers and small businesses owners, at an economic disadvantage relative to other states. Simple economics – supply and demand – traditionally guides our business approach in South Dakota, but in this case it does not.

At the same time, you're likely aware that Governor Dugaard has appointed a work group tasked with examining strategies for developing pheasant habitat in South Dakota. The Governor led a Pheasant Habitat Summit and is following up with this work group, chaired by former Secretary of Labor, Pam Roberts. The Governor expects

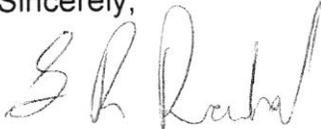
practical solutions for maintaining and improving pheasant habitat. I envision an opportunity here, if we do this right, to facilitate a discussion that may lend itself directly to the governor's initiative.

Here's the bottom line – please allow this discussion to take place. Engage the rule and start the public comment clock so that the stakeholders can have the discussion. I think there's a bridge that can be crossed together, with mutual benefit – for both private business and the public. Like the governor, I envision real solutions for habitat development – and as a defender of private business and free enterprise – I also envision a solution that doesn't hinder private business.

I suspect there are multiple ways to address this issue, but I don't believe it has to be an "all or nothing" approach. I believe we can work this out, find common ground and mutual benefit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sal Roseland".

Sal Roseland  
33635 171<sup>st</sup> Street  
Seneca, SD 57474  
605-216-0883

## Written Testimony

July 8, 2014

To: South Dakota Game Fish and Parks Commission

From: Sal Roseland

Re: SDCL 1-26-13

Limitation on SD Pheasant Hunting Preserves

Commissioners,

For the record, my name is Sal Roseland. My family farms and ranches near Seneca, South Dakota. Our place has been in our family for six generations and was homesteaded in 1881. In 2002 I graduated from Northern State University and returned home to join my family – and raise my own.

My wife, my kids and I live on the original homestead. We started R & R Pheasant Hunting in 2002 to help supplement the operation. Anyone who comes from an ag or small business background – knows that sometimes you need to be resourceful to make everything work. 12-years into it – we still work around the clock and it's a livelihood we wouldn't trade for anything. In 2012 – we were awarded the Governor's Habitat Award. As a production ag & cattle producer first -I fully understand our obligation to the land. As a side - we've also become one of the larger employers in Faulk County.

I am a South Dakota resident interested in our heritage, economy and our habitat. Those critical issues – I believe – can bring the various sides together. I think that's a commonality – we can all focus on.

I was asked by several commercial hunting operators to help facilitate a discussion. To do that – we need your help. That discussion is the removal, by rule according to SDCL 1-26-13, the arbitrary limitation on the number of pen-raised pheasants that can be harvested on private hunting preserves. On their behalf and

individually, I am petitioning you to engage this discussion under SDCL 1-26-13 and open up the 30 day comment period.

I'm going to attempt to lay out both perspectives and rationale for why we need to have this discussion.

South Dakota is accompanied by only Hawaii as the only states in the Union that have a cap on the number of birds that can be harvested on private preserves. That, in itself, puts South Dakota businesses, many of them – like me – farmers, ranchers and small businesses owners, at an economic disadvantage relative to other states. I can tell you from experience – South Dakota is losing revenue because hunters are choosing other states. We're losing clients – because we're not able to offer something – other states offer – or in this case – do not limit.

Simple economics – supply and demand – traditionally guides our business approach in South Dakota – but in our case – it does not. A growing trend that I've heard and seen in the preserve business – is out of state hunters – after they've taken their preserve limit – leave and continue to hunt on public lands, taking public resources. Resident sportsmen and taxpayers – should be deeply troubled by that growing trend. Personally, I'd prefer they have the ability to stay put.

At the same time – and as you all know, this year Governor Dugaard has appointed a work group tasked with examining strategies for developing pheasant habitat in South Dakota. The governor led Pheasant Habitat Summits throughout the state and former Secretary of Labor, Pam Roberts – is chairing this group. The governor is expecting practical solutions for maintaining and improving pheasant habitat. Call me crazy – but I envision – an opportunity here and if we do this right - this discussion may lend itself directly to the governor's initiative.

Here's the bottom line, please allow this discussion to take place. Engage the rule and start the 30 day clock so that the stakeholders can have the discussion. I think there's a bridge that can be crossed together, with mutual benefit – for both private business and the public. Like the governor, I envision real solutions for habitat development. And, as a believer in free enterprise – I also envision a solution that doesn't hinder private business.

I suspect there are multiple ways to address this issue – but I don't believe it has to be an "all or nothing" approach. I think we can work this out, find common ground – and mutual benefit.

Again, separately – I've provided the actual petition and encourage you to allow the discussion to move forward. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

## SDCL 1-26-13

Petition for rules--Denial or initiation of proceedings--Copies to Interim Rules Committee and director. An interested person, other than an inmate as defined in § 1-15-20.1, may petition an agency requesting the promulgation, amendment, or repeal of a rule. The petition shall contain the text or substance of any new rule or amendment sought, the identification of any rule sought to be repealed, reasons for the proposal, and the name and address of the petitioner. Within thirty days after submission of a petition, the agency either shall deny the petition in writing (stating its reasons for the denials) or shall initiate rule-making proceedings in accordance with § 1-26-4. The agency shall serve a copy of any petitions and denials on the members of the Interim Rules Review Committee and the director of the Legislative Research Council.

**Source:** SL 1966, ch 159, § 6; SL 1972, ch 8, § 18; SL 1975, ch 16, § 24; SL 1997, ch 12, § 2; SL 1999, ch 6, § 2.

**Ascher, Debra**

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**Subject:** FW: Preserves and pheasant limits

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**From:** Charles Rokusek [<mailto:crokusek55@outlook.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, August 04, 2014 7:39 PM

**To:** Barry Jensen; Peterson, Cathy; Sather, Duane; Jensen, Gary; Spies, Jim; John Cooper; Paul Dennert; Phillips, W. Scott; SDGFPINFO

**Cc:** Jan Nicolay

**Subject:** Preserves and pheasant limits

## 29 – 90 Sportsman’s Club

August 3, 2014

Dear G, F & P Commissioners & Staff:

At our July 10, 2014 monthly meeting we discussed the issue of raising the limit of birds which can be shot on a shooting preserve from 20 to 30 and decided we needed to be heard. The following is our response to the above mentioned proposal.

Of the members present at the meeting there wasn’t one person in favor of increasing the number of birds which can be shot on a shooting preserves.

After looking at our bylaws and position statements we feel that if this proposal would pass it would give a black eye to our outdoor heritage and paint sports men and women who pursue our outdoor resources as greedy. We will also feel that we will start losing the support of the non-hunting public, as they perceive this as more of killing something instead of actually hunting. We cannot lose this support if we are to maintain the sport that so many of us enjoy.

Therefore, we are asking for your support by not passing this proposal and helping to maintain the public trust we need to maintain our Outdoor Heritage.

Sincerely,

Charles Rokusek  
Sec. – Trea.  
29 – 90 Sportsman’s Club  
5208 W. Emmitt Circle  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57106  
605-362-9827

**Ascher, Debra**

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**Subject:** FW: Shooting Preserve Inc. in birds shot per day

**From:** Charles Rokusek [<mailto:crokusek55@outlook.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, August 04, 2014 11:19 AM

**To:** Barry Jensen; Peterson, Cathy; Sather, Duane; Jensen, Gary; Spies, Jim; John Cooper; Paul Dennert; Phillips, W. Scott; Vonk, Jeff; Keyser, Emmett

**Cc:** Jan Nicolay

**Subject:** Shooting Preserve Inc. in birds shot per day

August 4, 2014

Charles Rokusek  
5208 W. Emmitt Circle  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57106

Game, Fish & Parks  
Commissioners and Staff  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear G, F & P Commissioners & Staff:

I am addressing the following proposal: Changing the number of pheasants which can be shot on shooting preserves from 20 to 30.

I have been against any proposal which would increase the number of pheasants which can be shot on shooting preserves for many years.

If we want to maintain the support of the non-hunting public we must be cognizant of the perception they will get if this proposal is passed. By raising this number from 20 to 30, it will be sending a perceived message that these individuals are no longer sports men and women, but are greedy non- sports men and women. It is no longer a hunt, but how many can I kill for the thrill of killing something. This will then start eroding the support which we have worked so hard to maintain through our efforts of educating the general populace and sporting public on issues which have arisen over the years.

Also, if you take a look at who is asking for this increase, it is coming from sources which are using the word preserve in their name, and the perceived definition of a preserve is to preserve not to kill large numbers.

I personally feel this will have a negative impact on the our support which we get from the non-hunting public and that should not happen as we need their support to help maintain our Outdoor Heritage.

Therefore, I am asking for your support, by not passing this proposal.

Sincerely,

Charles Rokusek  
605-362-9827

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

July 12, 2014

Jeff Vonk,  
Game, Fish & Parks Secretary  
Department of G.F. & P.  
523 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501-3182

Dear Mr Vonk and G.F.P. Commissioners:

First, let me commend you for moving forward cautiously regarding the request by hunting preserve owners to up the daily pheasant bag from 20 to 30. I don't know anyone who can figure out what these "hunters" are doing with 20 birds, not to mention 30. I noticed that in 2009, five years ago, bag limit was raised from 15 to 20. These foks will never stop; we all know that. Maybe their lust for shooting can be satiated by shooting clay birds!

On another note, I am curious why non-resident hunters only have the option of the two-5 day periods? According to the Handbook, preserve shooters can take out both 5-day and 1-day licenses! Why is this? I have many friends in Kansas and Missouri who would love to come up here for a weekend hunt. Why are they being denied the shorter license? It's true, too, isn't it that there's a one day fishing license? Let's give this some consideration, please.

On a related matter, why isn't there a discounted license for in-state seniors? Even the University of South Dakota offers seniors a serious reduction in tuition for seniors. How many seniors do you know taking college courses? Not many, I think, but it's offered. Then, a friend from Missouri tells me that he believes hunting licenses are free to seniors and that there's some kind of "lifetime" license. What about that? Good, grief, even the NRA sells lifetime memberships!

I think we need a little more creativity here and attention paid to seniors. Hunting by residents is falling off enough. Now, I find myself buying the one-day small game @ \$10. I realize that there's the senior combination license but some of us don't fish! Let's just do a senior small-game.

Lastly, please provide data and info as follows: SD Private Shooting Preserve Fact Sheet, General information on shooting preserves, SD licensed shooting preserves, map, SD State Laws-private shooting preserves (latest revision) and SD Department of G.F. & P Administrative rules on Shooting Preserves.

Cordially yours,

  
Douglas P. Sall



# Proposals

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION  
PROPOSAL

**Bobcat Trapping and Hunting Season**  
Chapter 41:08:01

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>August 7-8, 2014</b>	<b>Ft. Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>October 2, 2014</b>	<b>Sturgis</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>October 2-3, 2014</b>	<b>Sturgis</b>

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

<b>Season Dates:</b>	<b>Area:</b>
December 26, 2014 – February 15, 2015	All counties west of the Missouri River.
December 26, 2014 – January 18, 2015	Buffalo, Brule, Charles Mix, Bon Homme, and Yankton counties.

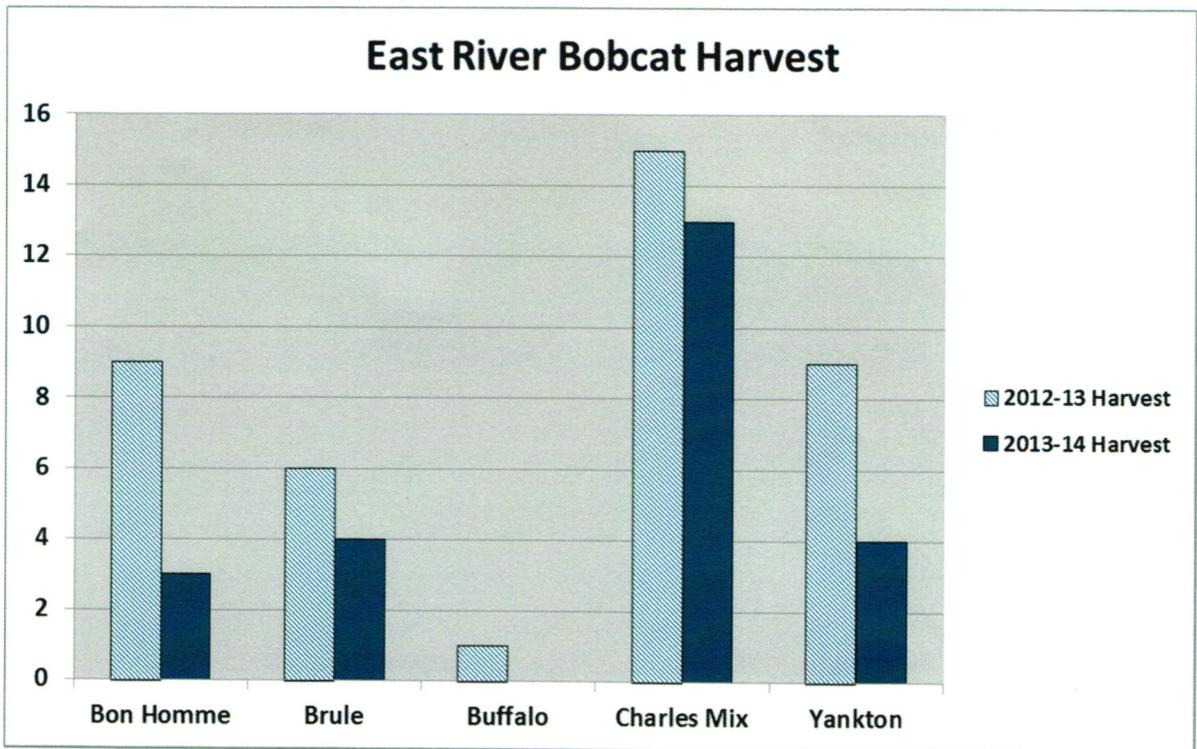
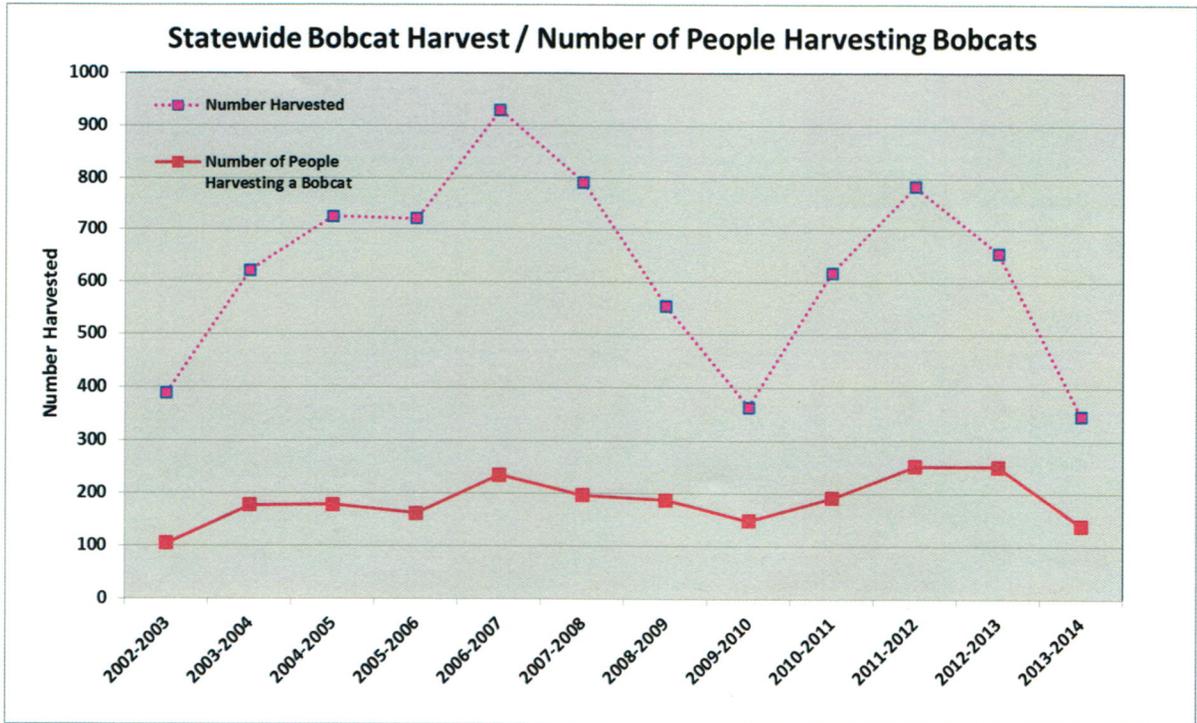
**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Trappers or hunters who participate in the bobcat season east river are limited to one bobcat per trapper or hunter.
  
2. A bobcat taken must be presented to a conservation officer or wildlife damage specialist for registration and tagging of the pelt within 5 days of harvest. Additionally, once the season has closed, an individual has 24 hours to notify a conservation officer or wildlife damage specialist of any untagged bobcats harvested during the season. The pelt must be removed from the carcass and the carcass must be surrendered to the conservation officer or wildlife damage specialist. After the pelt has been tagged, it shall be returned to the hunter or trapper. Upon request, the carcass may be returned to the hunter or trapper after the carcass has been inspected and the lower jaw has been removed. A person may only possess, purchase or sell raw bobcat pelts that are tagged through the eyeholes with the tag provided by the department.

**Recommended changes from last year:** None.

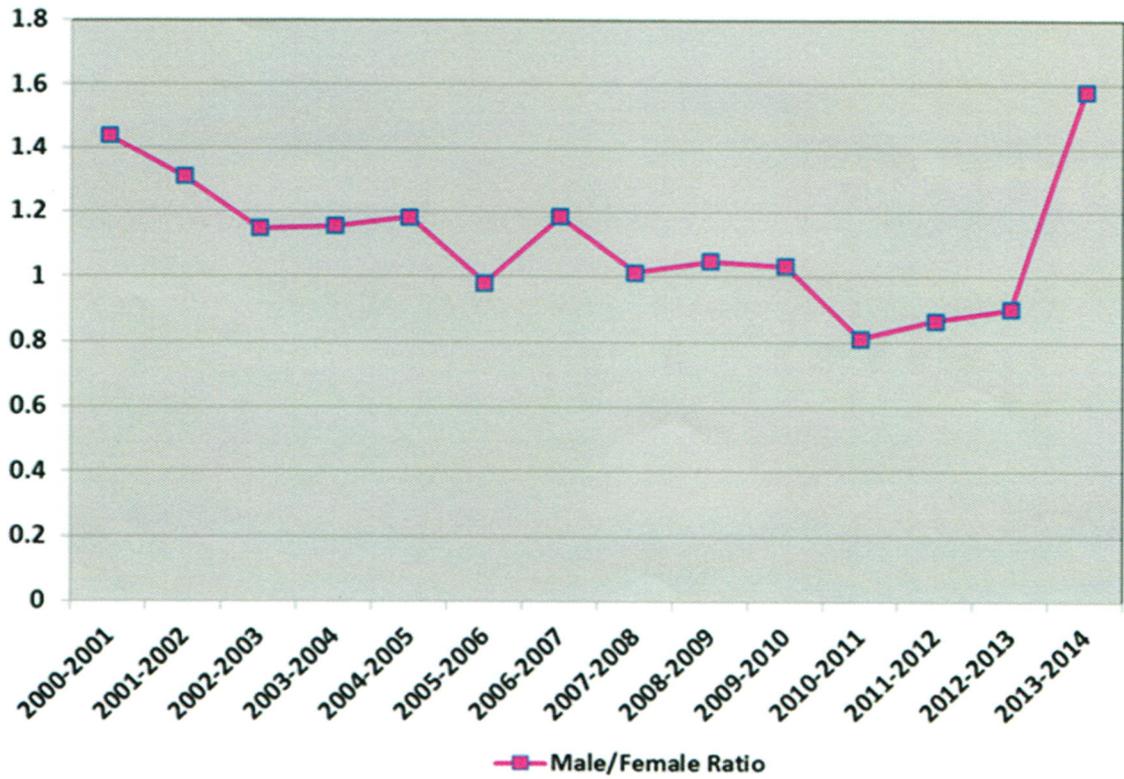
**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

<b>APPROVE</b> _____	<b>MODIFY</b> _____	<b>REJECT</b> _____	<b>NO ACTION</b> _____
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APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

### WR Bobcat - Male / Female Ratio



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

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

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

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>August 7-8, 2014</b>	<b>Ft. Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>October 2, 2014</b>	<b>Sturgis</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>October 2-3, 2014</b>	<b>Sturgis</b>

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

- Season Dates:** December 26, 2014 – March 31, 2015  
**Open Area:** Statewide  
**Licenses:** Unlimited resident only  
**Harvest Limit:** 75 mountain lions or 50 female mountain lions (includes Custer State Park)

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

- Residents may harvest no more than one (1) mountain lion in a season.
- 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.
- Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
- No mountain lion with a spotted coat (kitten) and no mountain lion accompanying another mountain lion may be harvested.
- A person may use an electronic call to hunt mountain lions.
- All firearms, muzzleloaders, and archery equipment must meet the same minimum requirements as established in rules for deer hunting.
- The Game, Fish, and Parks Commission, by resolution, may authorize the mountain lion season to extend beyond March 31.
- 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.
- Any properly licensed hunter can harvest one mountain lion year round outside the Black Hills Fire Protection District.

**Recommended changes from last year:** None.

**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
2014	3,293*		22	31	53

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

**2014-15 Custer State Park Mountain Lion Hunting Season Interval Schedule**

<b>APPROVE</b> _____	<b>MODIFY</b> _____	<b>REJECT</b> _____	<b>NO ACTION</b> _____
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DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					26	27
28	29	30	17 Days 31			

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

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

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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# Division of Parks and Recreation

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION  
PROPOSAL

11.

Camping Permits and Rules  
Chapter 41:03:04

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 7-8, 2014	Fort Pierre
	Public Hearing	October 2, 2014	Sturgis
	Finalization	October 2-3, 2014	Sturgis

PARKS DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

**Recommended changes:**

Modify 41:03:04 Camping Permits and Rules

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

(14) The group lodging fee at: Mina Lake State Recreation Area is \$185 and Shadehill State Recreation Area is \$185 a night for the first eight persons age 12 and over plus \$17 **\$10** for each additional person age 12 and older; **with a maximum occupancy of 10 persons.** 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 **\$10** for each additional person age 12 and older; **with a maximum occupancy of 15 persons.**

**41:03:04:10.02. Camping cabin and rent-a-camper occupancy restricted.** ~~No more than four persons~~ **Camping cabin and rent-a-camper occupancy is restricted to the number of sleeping spaces provided,** or one "family" with an extra tent. ~~may reserve a camping cabin or rent-a-camper.~~ **A single bed is one sleeping space, and a double or larger bed is two sleeping spaces.**

**41:03:04:13. Park facility use fees.** The fee for the use of the following state park facilities is:

**(7) Palisades State Park event shelter located adjacent to the lodge, \$50.00 per day.**

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

41:03:04:03 – The proposed change is designed to establish a recommended number of occupants based upon the number of supporting beds in each lodge, similar to how the park camping cabins are regulated (no age restrictions). The maximum number would allow for some minor overflow in the event that groups exceed the recommended occupancy. Children under 12 years of age require a bed and the old rule did not take this into account causing facilities to be overloaded.

41:03:04:10.2 – The proposed change sets the occupancy of cabins or rent-a-campers according to the sleeping spaces available since not all cabins or rent-a-campers have the same sleeping capacity.

41:03:04:13 – The proposed change sets a fee for the use of a garage located adjacent to the Palisades lodge. The garage has been converted into an event shelter and is typically used for day-use events (i.e. weddings, family reunions, parties, etc.) in conjunction with the lodge and is equipped with folding chairs and tables for up to 65 people, and a serving buffet counter. The facility is heated for use in inclement weather. This change offers lodge users the flexibility to use the event shelter for an additional fee. The fee will cover equipment maintenance, repairs, utilities, and replacement costs.

APPROVE       MODIFY       REJECT       NO ACTION

# State Park Fee History 2005-2014

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>Park Entrance License</b>										
Annual	\$20.00	\$23.00	\$23.00	\$23.00	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Second Vehicle	\$10.00	\$11.50	\$11.50	\$11.50	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Combo						\$42.00	\$42.00	\$42.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
Transferable	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00
Daily/Person	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00
Daily/Vehicle	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
George S. Mickelson Trail Annual Pass	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
George S. Mickelson Trail Daily Pass	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Motorcoach	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
CSP 7-Day/Person	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CSP 7-Day/Vehicle	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
CSP Motorcycle Band/Person - Rally only	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CSP Motorcycle Band/Motorcycle - 7-Day						\$10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
<b>Camping Fees</b>										
Preferred Campgrounds	\$13.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$20.05
Modern Campgrounds	\$11.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$ 16.00	\$17.94
Lewis & Clark Waterfront Campsites	\$15.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$ 20.00	\$22.16
Basic campgrounds	\$9.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$ 14.00	\$15.83
Basic Equestrian CG except CSP	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$ 12.00	\$14.72
Semi-modern Equestrian CG except CSP	\$13.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00	\$20.05
CSP Modern Campgrounds	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$22.00*	\$22.00*	\$22.00*	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$ 24.00	\$26.38
CSP Equestrian Campground	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$25.00*	\$25.00*	\$25.00*	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$ 27.00	\$31.65
CSP Center Lake Campground	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00	\$20.05
CSP French Creek Natural Area	\$2/person	\$2/person	\$2/person	\$4/person	\$4/person	\$4/person	\$6/person	\$6/person	\$6/person	\$7.39/person
CSP Game Lodge & Stockade Group Areas	\$3/person	\$3/person	\$3/person	\$4/person	\$4/person	\$4/person	\$6/person	\$6/person	\$6/person	\$7.39/person
Youth Group Camping Statewide	\$ 50/person	\$0.50/person								
Camping Cabin except CSP and L&C	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$37.00	\$37.00	\$ 37.00	\$42.20
L&C Camping Cabin	\$37.00	\$37.00	\$37.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$42.00	\$42.00	\$ 42.00	\$47.48
CSP Camping Cabins	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$47.00	\$47.00	\$ 47.00	\$52.75
Group Lodge - Mina	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$ 160.00	\$195.18
Group Lodge - Shadephill	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$ 185.00	\$195.18
Group Lodge - Lake Thompson	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$ 240.00	\$253.20
Group Lodge - Newton Hills	N/A	N/A	\$175.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$ 240.00	\$253.20
Group Lodge - Palisades	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$ 240.00	\$253.20
Group Lodge - Sheps Canyon	N/A	\$ 240.00	\$253.20							
Group Meeting Lodge - Oahe Downstream	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$131.88
<b>Miscellaneous</b>										
Picnic Reservation	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.80
Firewood	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$5.00
Non-Resident Reservation Fee	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$7.70	\$7.70	\$7.70	\$7.70	\$7.70	\$7.70
Resident Reservation Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fort Sisseton S. Barracks per weekend										\$316.50
Fort Sisseton event tent - off site										\$1,055.00
Fort tent transport fee - per mile over 25										\$2.00/mile
Fort grounds - outdoor wedding if benches used										\$131.88
Lewis & Clark catamaran dry storage										\$316.50
Angostura catamaran dry storage										\$158.25
<b>Boat License Fees</b>										
1-year <19 ft motorized	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
3-year <19 ft motorized	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$55.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1-year 19 & over motorized	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
3-year 19 & over motorized	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$110.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1-year non-motorized/electric	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50
3-year non-motorized/electric	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

All camping & miscellaneous fees include sales tax. There is no sales tax on park entrance or boat licenses. Electrical cost is included in camping fee for those sites with electricity. Cost is \$4.00 per night.

Most recent fee adjustments are shaded.

## YEAR TO DATE July 2014 Revenue Comparison by Item

	2013		2014		% Change
	Number	Dollar	Number	Dollar	
Annual	36,544	\$ 1,114,196	37,128	\$ 1,113,847	0%
Second Vehicle	10,239	\$ 151,082	10,008	\$ 150,113	-1%
Combo	17,853	\$ 818,781	19,280	\$ 867,616	6%
Transferable	1,068	\$ 72,651	1,429	\$ 92,885	28%
Daily / Person	17,327	\$ 69,960	20,123	\$ 80,492	15%
Daily / Vehicle	44,604	\$ 269,019	47,093	\$ 282,556	5%
Unattended Vehicle Daily	544	\$ 5,908	851	\$ 8,514	44%
Motorcoach Permit	3,594	\$ 10,797	17,842	\$ 53,525	396%
GSM Annual Trail Pass	1,627	\$ 25,185	1,620	\$ 24,300	-4%
GSM Daily Trail Pass	8,417	\$ 25,677	8,678	\$ 26,034	1%
CSP Temp Daily / Vehicle	85,228	\$ 1,272,601	83,625	\$ 1,254,379	-1%
Bike Band	12,375	\$ 123,750	12,861	\$ 128,606	4%
Rally Bike Band	-	\$ -	-	\$ 70	
One-Day Special Event	-	\$ 4,330	N/A	\$ 4,581	6%
<b>PERMITS</b>	<b>239,420</b>	<b>\$ 3,963,937</b>	<b>260,537</b>	<b>\$ 4,087,517</b>	<b>3%</b>
Camping Services Permits	-	\$ 5,176,079	-	\$ 5,875,590	14%
Gift Card	-	\$ 12,147	-	\$ 3,085	-75%
Picnic Reservations	-	\$ 10,259	-	\$ 14,615	42%
Firewood	-	\$ 79,214	-	\$ 101,389	28%
<b>LODGING</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 5,277,700</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 5,994,679</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 9,241,637</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 10,082,196</b>	<b>9%</b>

July 2014 YTD Revenue Comparison by District

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LOCATION	2013	2014	%
Fort Sisseton	\$ 39,038	\$ 55,527	42%
Roy Lake	\$ 137,065	\$ 165,552	21%
Sica Hollow	\$ 1,402	\$ 1,117	-20%
<b>DISTRICT 1</b>	<b>\$ 177,506</b>	<b>\$ 222,196</b>	<b>25%</b>
Richmond Lake	\$ 44,052	\$ 51,672	17%
Mina Lake	\$ 74,878	\$ 80,188	7%
Lake Louise	\$ 39,798	\$ 42,303	6%
Fisher Grove	\$ 7,342	\$ 16,942	131%
Amsden	\$ 2,210	\$ 2,975	35%
<b>DISTRICT 2</b>	<b>\$ 168,281</b>	<b>\$ 194,081</b>	<b>15%</b>
Sandy Shore	\$ 27,330	\$ 36,131	32%
Hartford Beach	\$ 95,704	\$ 121,725	27%
Lake Cochrane	\$ 39,686	\$ 46,271	17%
Pelican Lake	\$ 92,405	\$ 110,158	19%
Pickrel Lake	\$ 133,794	\$ 147,206	10%
<b>DISTRICT 3</b>	<b>\$ 388,918</b>	<b>\$ 461,491</b>	<b>19%</b>
Oakwood Lakes	\$ 189,985	\$ 208,517	10%
Lake Poinsett	\$ 147,969	\$ 168,505	14%
Lake Thompson	\$ 176,059	\$ 203,843	16%
<b>DISTRICT 4</b>	<b>\$ 514,013</b>	<b>\$ 580,865</b>	<b>13%</b>
Lake Herman	\$ 142,451	\$ 165,132	16%
Walkers Point	\$ 58,942	\$ 60,561	3%
<b>DISTRICT 5</b>	<b>\$ 201,393</b>	<b>\$ 225,693</b>	<b>12%</b>
Snake Creek	\$ 226,313	\$ 246,291	9%
Platte Creek	\$ 46,251	\$ 44,612	-4%
Burke Lake	\$ 1,587	\$ 1,829	15%
Buryanek	\$ 53,190	\$ 55,954	5%
<b>DISTRICT 6</b>	<b>\$ 327,342</b>	<b>\$ 348,685</b>	<b>7%</b>
Palisades	\$ 159,092	\$ 169,631	7%
Lake Vermillion	\$ 197,905	\$ 225,543	14%
Big Sioux	\$ 136,768	\$ 142,279	4%
<b>DISTRICT 7</b>	<b>\$ 493,765</b>	<b>\$ 537,453</b>	<b>9%</b>
Newton Hills	\$ 264,985	\$ 300,657	13%
Lake Alvin	\$ 22,758	\$ 23,290	2%
Union Grove	\$ 29,020	\$ 29,879	3%
Adams	\$ 105	\$ 305	190%
<b>DISTRICT 8</b>	<b>\$ 316,868</b>	<b>\$ 354,132</b>	<b>12%</b>

LOCATION	2013	2014	%
Lewis & Clark	\$ 997,213	\$ 1,089,704	9%
Springfield	\$ 20,290	\$ 22,879	13%
Chief White Crane	\$ 203,152	\$ 230,524	13%
Pierson Ranch	\$ 77,957	\$ 83,726	7%
Tabor	\$ 360	\$ 939	161%
Sand Creek	\$ 640	\$ 762	19%
<b>DISTRICT 9</b>	<b>\$ 1,299,612</b>	<b>\$ 1,428,533</b>	<b>10%</b>
White Swan		\$ 2,569	
South Scalp		\$ 658	
South Shore	\$ 3,404	\$ 2,359	-31%
North Point	\$ 274,894	\$ 320,231	16%
Pease Creek	\$ 19,586	\$ 24,083	23%
Randall Creek	\$ 135,623	\$ 167,223	23%
Whetstone	\$ 6,301	\$ 6,318	0%
North Wheeler	\$ 6,980	\$ 7,552	8%
<b>DISTRICT 10</b>	<b>\$ 446,787</b>	<b>\$ 530,992</b>	<b>19%</b>
Farm Island	\$ 181,277	\$ 209,986	16%
West Bend	\$ 150,626	\$ 184,575	23%
<b>DISTRICT 11</b>	<b>\$ 331,902</b>	<b>\$ 394,561</b>	<b>19%</b>
Okobojo	\$ 9,422.70	\$ 10,488.78	11%
Oahe Downstream	\$ 325,802	\$ 346,066	6%
Spring Creek		\$ 14,370	
Cow Creek	\$ 44,377	\$ 47,407	7%
<b>DISTRICT 12</b>	<b>\$ 379,602</b>	<b>\$ 418,332</b>	<b>10%</b>
East Whitlock	\$ 821	\$ 506	-38%
West Whitlock	\$ 115,644	\$ 125,768	9%
Lake Hiddenwood	\$ 4,903	\$ 4,350	-11%
Swan Creek	\$ 12,032	\$ 9,661	-20%
Indian Creek	\$ 136,728	\$ 155,694	14%
West Pollock	\$ 16,517	\$ 16,747	1%
WalthBay		\$ 779	
Revheim Bay	\$ 250	\$ 340	36%
<b>DISTRICT 13</b>	<b>\$ 286,895</b>	<b>\$ 313,844</b>	<b>9%</b>
Mickelson Trail	\$ 68,867	\$ 66,904	-3%
Bear Butte	\$ 15,583	\$ 16,989	9%
<b>DISTRICT 14</b>	<b>\$ 84,450</b>	<b>\$ 83,893</b>	<b>-1%</b>
Shadehill	\$ 146,983	\$ 156,410	6%
Llewellyn Johns	\$ 3,952	\$ 5,736	45%
Rocky Point	\$ 110,360	\$ 124,812	13%
<b>DISTRICT 15</b>	<b>\$ 261,296</b>	<b>\$ 286,958</b>	<b>10%</b>
Custer	\$ 2,992,872	\$ 3,070,722	3%
<b>DISTRICT 16</b>	<b>\$ 2,992,872</b>	<b>\$ 3,070,722</b>	<b>3%</b>
Angostura	\$ 363,297	\$ 432,393	19%
Sheps Canyon	\$ 30,484	\$ 41,314	36%
<b>DISTRICT 17</b>	<b>\$ 393,781</b>	<b>\$ 473,708</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>PIERRE OFFICE</b>	<b>\$ 176,355</b>	<b>\$ 156,057</b>	<b>-12%</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 9,241,637</b>	<b>\$ 10,082,196</b>	<b>9%</b>

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# Division of Wildlife

South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks - Wildlife Division  
Land Acquisition and Disposal Report  
August 2014

**Action Items**

**North Rush Lake FEMA Property**

**Location:** Day County

**Description:** 2.44 acre access point to North Rush Lake

**Management Objective:** Establish a public Water Access Area

**Cost:** No cost – property would be transferred from Day County to the State of South Dakota for the use and benefit of the Department of Game, Fish & Parks.

**Expected Closing:** October 2014

**Requested Commission Action:** Adopt RESOLUTION 14 – 10 to authorize and confirm the decision to accept the property.

**Information Items**

**Spearfish Canyon HMC (Hydro #2) Property**

**Location:** Lawrence County

**Description:** 33.03 acres

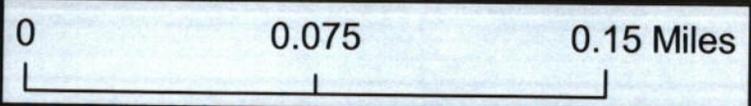
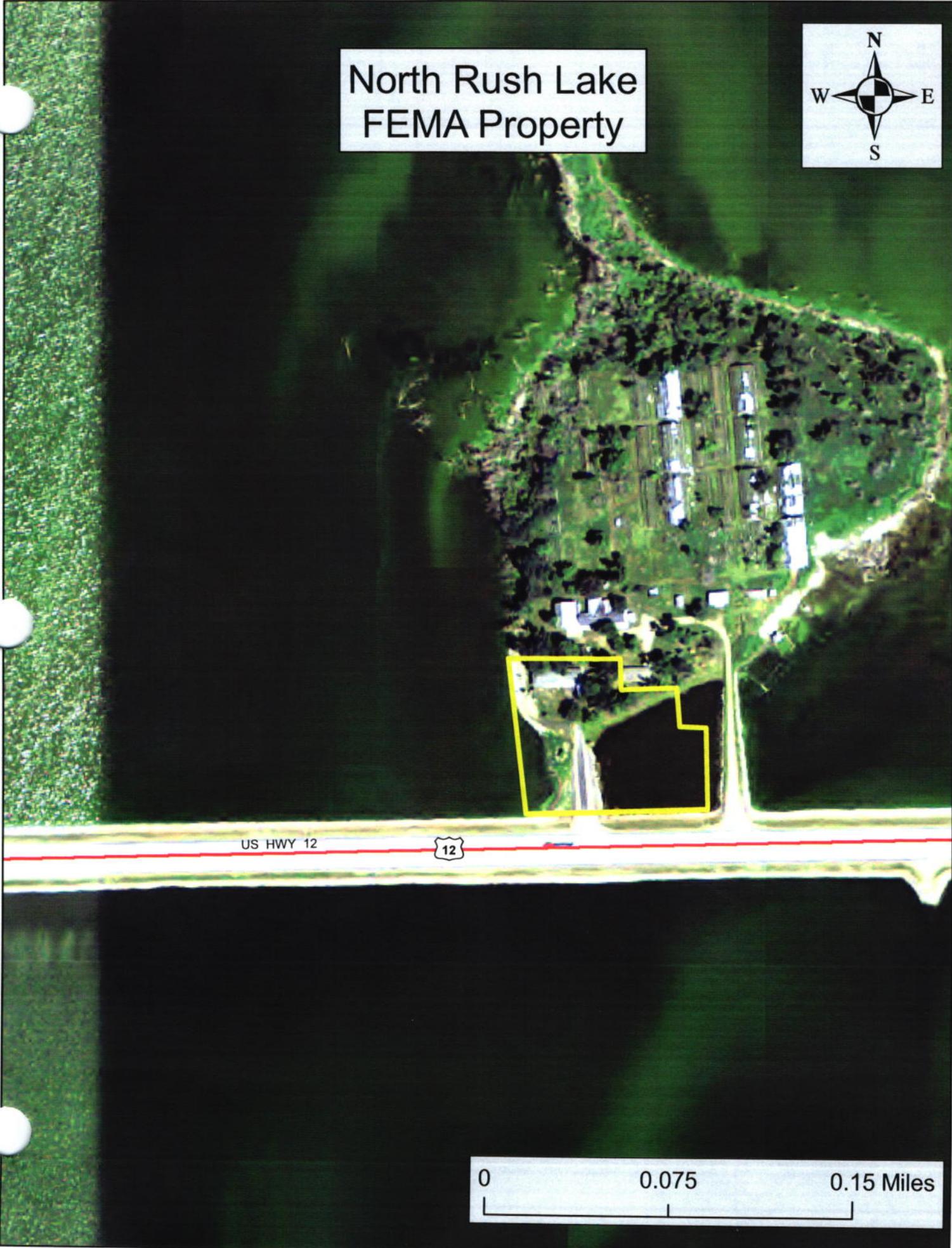
**Management Objective:** Game Production Area and fishing access

**Cost:** Property appraisal is currently being updated

**Expected Closing:** December 2014

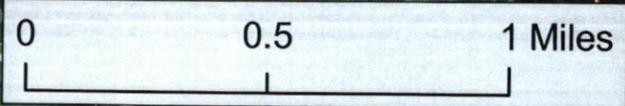
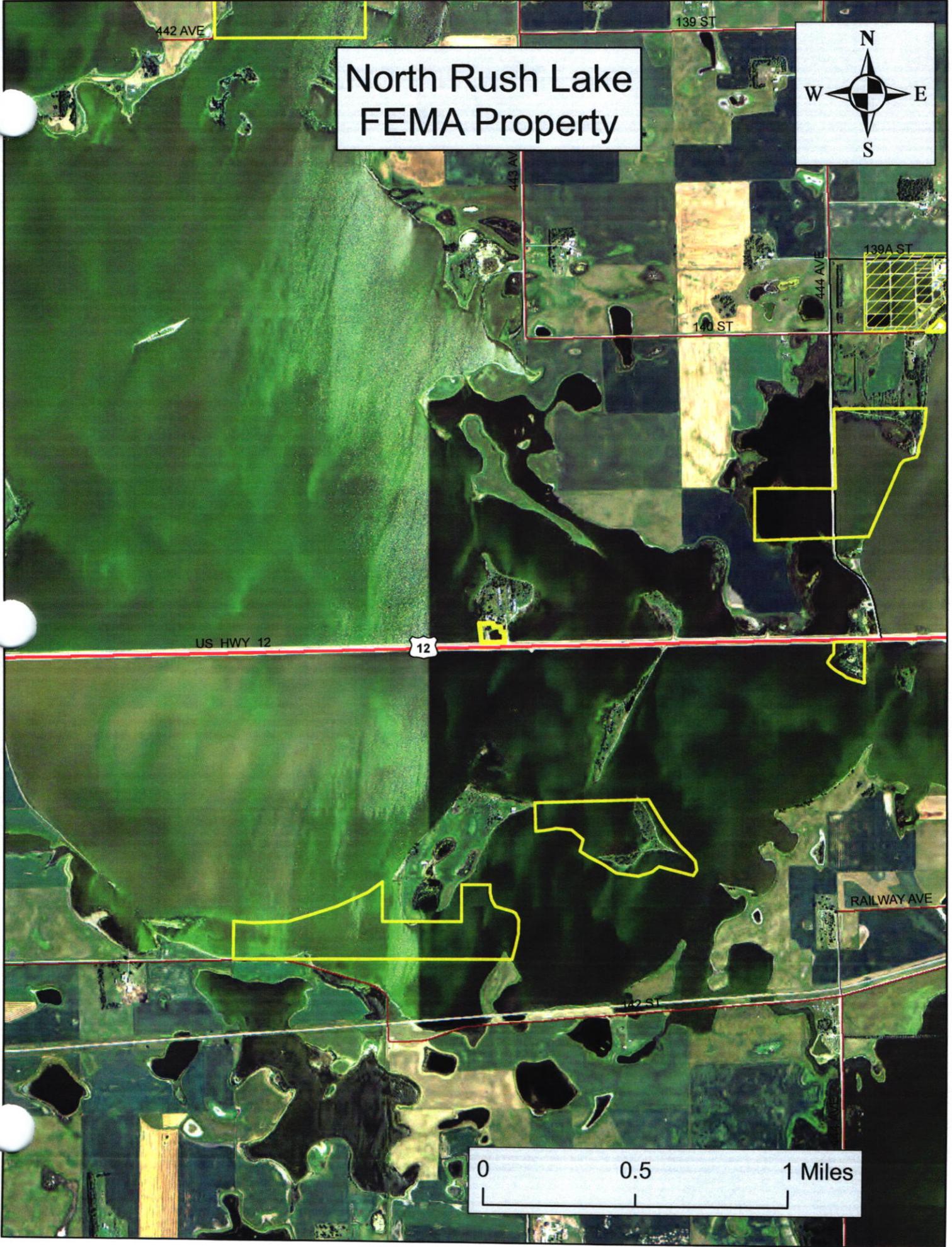


# North Rush Lake FEMA Property





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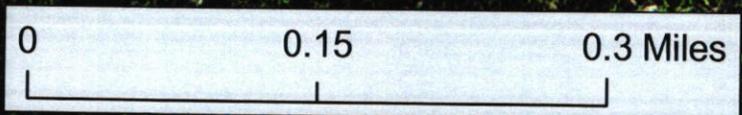
North Rush Lake FEMA Property – looking west

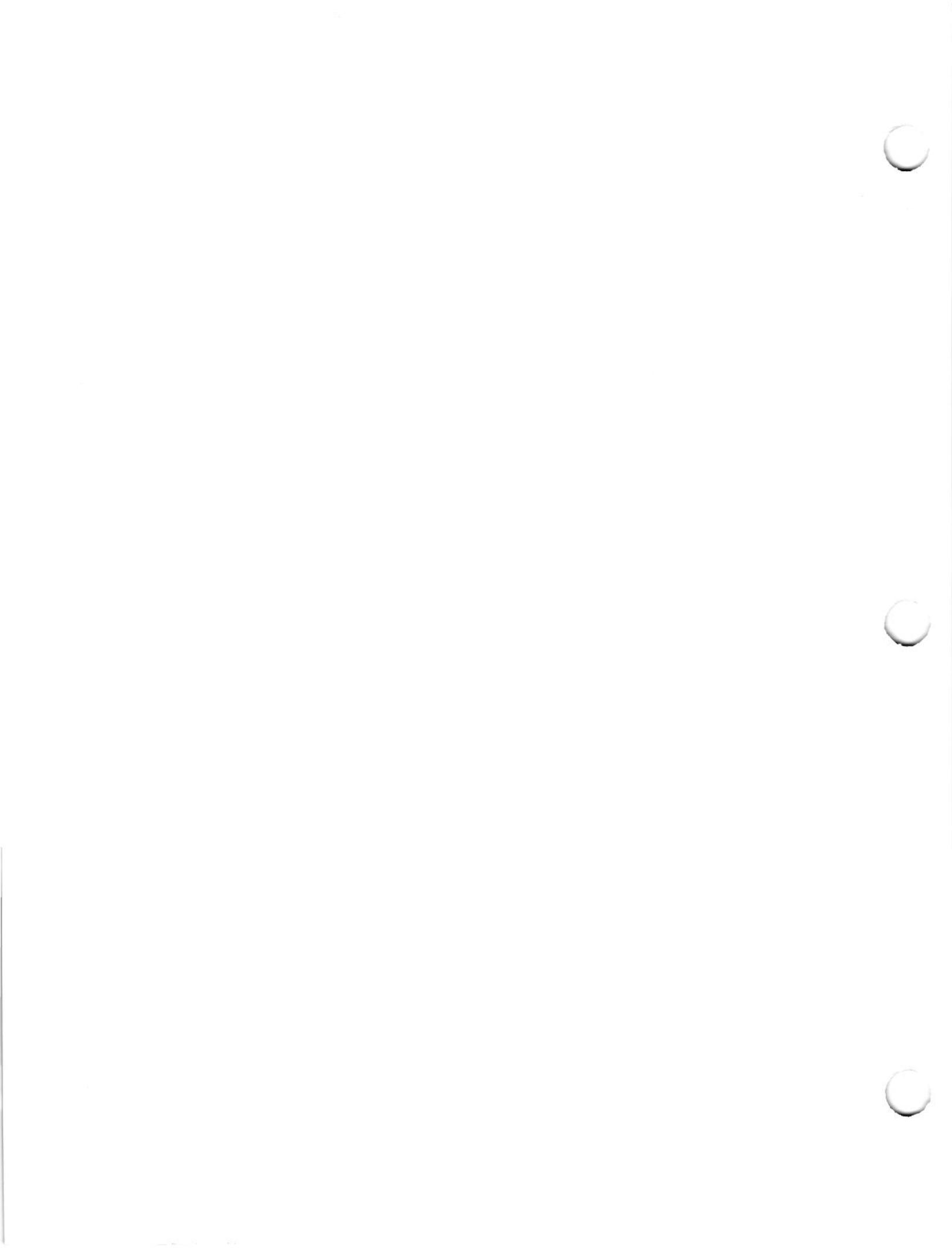


North Rush Lake FEMA Property – parking area on north end



Spearfish Canyon  
HMC Property



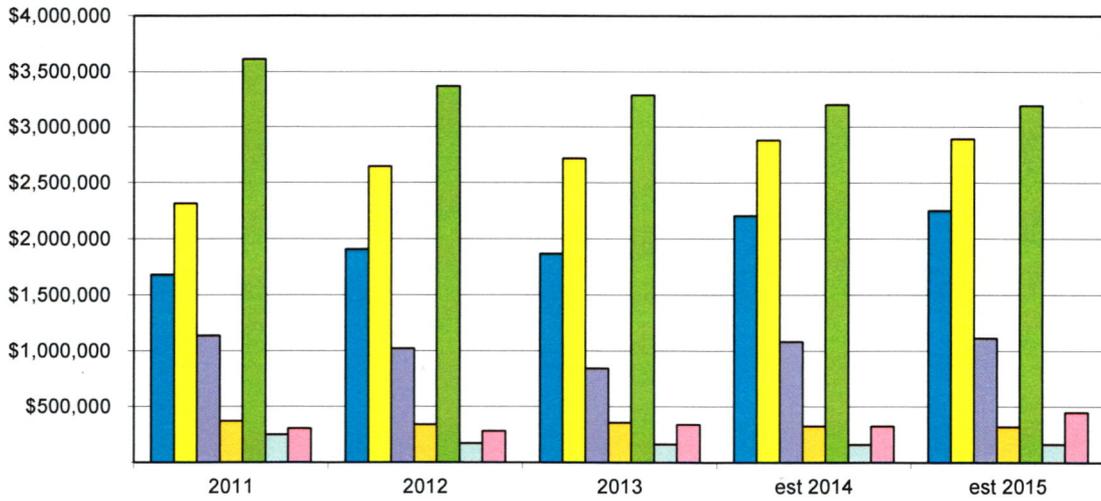




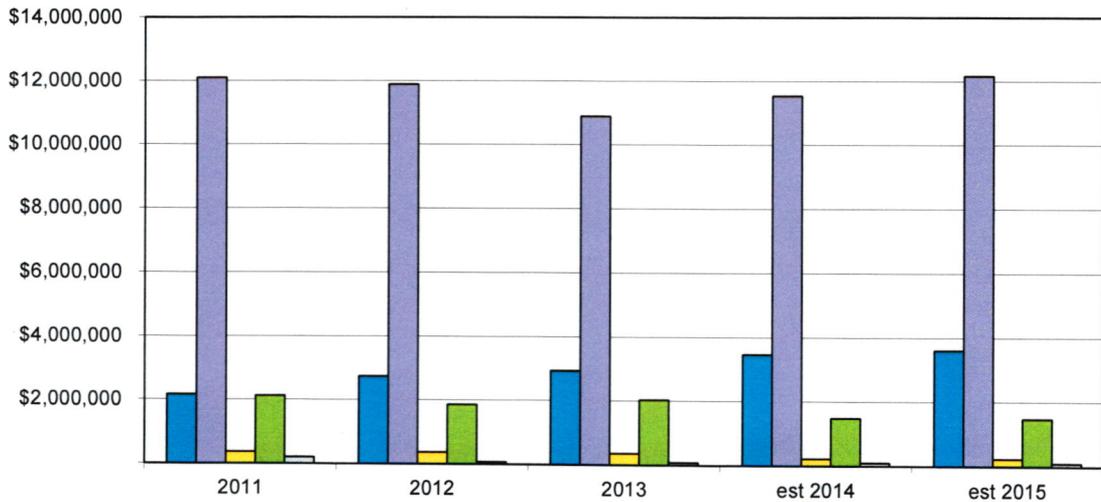
NONRESIDENT LICENSE FEES

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>Fishing</b>																	
annual	\$49	\$59	-----				\$59	\$60	-----							\$60	\$67
youth			-----						-----						\$25	\$25	\$25
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	\$5
<b>Small game</b>																	
ten-day	\$95	\$100	-----				\$100	\$110	-----						\$110	\$121	\$121
youth	\$25	\$25	-----						-----				\$25	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
<b>Shooting preserve</b>																	
one-day			-----					\$35	-----						\$35	\$46	\$46
five-day			-----					\$65	-----						\$65	\$76	\$76
annual	\$30	\$35	-----				\$35	\$85	-----						\$85	\$121	\$121
<b>Waterfowl</b>																	
ten-day or annual	\$100	\$105	-----				\$105	\$110	-----						\$110	\$121	\$121
three-day	\$70	\$75	-----						-----						\$75	\$86	\$86
spring light goose		\$45	-----						-----						\$45	\$46	\$50
youth spring light goose		\$25	-----						-----						\$25	\$26	\$26
early fall Canada goose			\$45	-----					-----						\$45	\$46	\$50
tundra swan tag	\$10	\$10	\$5	\$5	\$10	-----	\$10	\$15	-----						\$15	\$16	\$25
<b>Turkey</b>																	
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
<b>Deer</b>																	
one-tag "any"	\$150	\$155	-----				\$155	\$195	-----			\$195	\$285	\$285	\$285	\$286	\$286
two-tag "any+antlerless"	\$200	\$205	-----				\$205	\$245	-----			\$245	\$335	\$335	\$335	\$336	\$336
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	\$10	
<b>Antelope</b>																	
one-tag "any"	\$150	\$155	-----				\$155	\$195	-----			\$195	\$285	\$285	\$285	\$286	\$286
two-tag "any+doe-fawn"	\$200	\$205	-----				\$205	\$245	-----			\$245	\$335	\$335	\$335	\$336	\$336
one-tag "doe-fawn"	\$150	\$155	-----	\$155	\$55	-----			-----						\$55	\$56	\$80
two-tag "doe-fawn"	\$150	\$155	-----	\$155	\$80	-----			-----						\$80	\$81	\$120
<b>Furbearer</b>																	
Predator/varmint	\$30	\$35	-----						-----			\$250	-----		\$250	\$275	\$40

<b>RESIDENT</b>		<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>est 2014</b>	<b>est 2015</b>
<b>Fishing</b>	\$	1,679,657	\$ 1,908,600	\$ 1,868,378	\$ 2,207,525	\$ 2,253,525
<b>Combination</b>	\$	2,316,332	\$ 2,645,826	\$ 2,718,335	\$ 2,882,500	\$ 2,893,300
<b>Small game</b>	\$	1,139,908	\$ 1,024,282	\$ 846,405	\$ 1,083,500	\$ 1,116,750
<b>Turkey</b>	\$	371,545	\$ 339,305	\$ 355,824	\$ 324,075	\$ 318,750
<b>Deer</b>	\$	3,613,800	\$ 3,369,760	\$ 3,289,852	\$ 3,201,850	\$ 3,195,050
<b>Antelope</b>	\$	251,205	\$ 173,685	\$ 164,655	\$ 159,675	\$ 162,575
<b>Other big game</b>	\$	304,360	\$ 282,540	\$ 340,354	\$ 326,385	\$ 449,720
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>9,678,818</b>	\$ <b>9,743,998</b>	\$ <b>9,583,803</b>	\$ <b>10,185,510</b>	\$ <b>10,389,670</b>



<b>NONRESIDENT</b>		<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>est 2014</b>	<b>est 2015</b>
<b>Fishing</b>	\$	2,162,914	\$ 2,731,668	\$ 2,923,356	\$ 3,464,400	\$ 3,608,300
<b>Small game</b>	\$	12,099,855	\$ 11,884,140	\$ 10,881,268	\$ 11,534,700	\$ 12,166,400
<b>Turkey</b>	\$	362,475	\$ 365,145	\$ 355,764	\$ 222,475	\$ 231,750
<b>Deer</b>	\$	2,122,140	\$ 1,862,390	\$ 2,025,202	\$ 1,482,744	\$ 1,472,600
<b>Antelope</b>	\$	199,410	\$ 72,675	\$ 80,080	\$ 97,114	\$ 100,900
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>16,946,794</b>	\$ <b>16,916,018</b>	\$ <b>16,265,670</b>	\$ <b>16,801,433</b>	\$ <b>17,579,950</b>



# HISTORY OF PRIVATE SHOOTING PRESERVE LAW AND RULE CHANGES

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In 1963, the South Dakota Legislature enacted the Private Shooting Preserve Act authorizing the issuance of licenses for private shooting preserves. The Game, Fish, and Parks Commission was given general authority "to establish standards and to make such other rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper in carrying out the purposes of the Act" and approve of Private Shooting Preserve Permits. The permit could be issued to an individual, co-partnership, association, or corporation-owning holding, controlling by lease, or otherwise any contiguous tract of land not to exceed 1,280 acres. The private shooting preserve fee for a Class A permit was \$100.00, for a preserve of up to 640 acres. A Class B permit had a fee of \$100.00 plus 50 cents for each preserve acre for preserves over 640 acres, up to the maximum of 1,280 acres.

The GFP Commission could approve the permit application, if the:

1. Applicant proposes to comply with all laws;
2. Applicant is financially able to provide the necessary facilities;
3. Preserve was at least 5 miles from an existing preserve;
4. Preserve was to be open to the public;
5. Preserve operation did not work fraud on the public;
6. Preserve operation was not designed to circumvent state law;
7. Issuance of the permit was in the public interest; and
8. Preserve operator furnished a bond of \$2,000.00.

The Commission was given specific authority to:

1. Issue and renew shooting preserve permits.
2. Add specific species of game permitted to be hunted on a preserve.
3. Prescribe the method of marking game released on the preserve.
4. Establish limits of the age, sex, and number of each game species to be taken on a preserve.
5. Issue and set the fees for game tag fees; and
6. Revoke or suspend private shooting preserve permits.

The preserve operator was required to mark the game released on the shooting preserve. All game birds released on the shooting preserve had to have the middle toe on either or both feet removed back to and including the nail, prior to becoming thirty (30) days of age. The permittee had to furnish tags, supplied by the Commission, to the guests. The fee for the tags was 10 cents apiece. The tags had to be securely attached around the leg of the killed bird before it was removed from the premises.

However, the 1963 Act also allowed a hunter to harvest wild game of the same released species on the preserve, but only during the regular state season for that species, provided such person was also licensed to hunt such species outside the preserve. The permittee had to reimburse the Commission for each wild bird taken at a rate of 125% of the fee charged the guest by the permittee or a minimum fee of \$5.00 for each wild bird taken.

Preserve hunters were required to possess either a South Dakota resident hunting license (\$2.00) or a nonresident general hunting license (\$2.00) to hunt any of the marked and released game (pheasant, partridge, quail, turkey, and mallard duck) on the preserve during the seven month season from September 1 through March 31. Such license authorized the hunter to harvest only preserve marked and released birds.

The preserve operator was required to keep the following records:

1. Name and address of each hunter.
2. South Dakota general hunting license of each hunter.
3. Date and amount of game and species taken.
4. The number of the tag affixed to each unit of wild game harvested.
5. Date and number of each species released.
6. Source of game released.

## **Subsequent Legislative or Commission changes to laws and rules concerning Private Shooting Preserves.**

**1967**

### **Legislative Changes**

The applicant was required to submit with his application, a detailed plan of operation for the proposed preserve to be considered by the Commission.

The permittee shall be required to release a minimum of 500 pheasants during the course of the shooting preserve season. No permittee shall be allowed to harvest over 80% of the pheasants released.

At the time of release, all birds shall be marked with a metal band supplied by the Commission to the preserve operator. The said bands must be securely attached around one leg of the birds to be released.

The permittee will furnish serially numbered tags, supplied by the Commission, to be placed on all harvested birds before being taken from the preserve.

**1976**

### **Commission Changes**

A Commission rule changed the number of birds required to be released from 500 pheasants to a minimum of 200 pheasants. The operator still could not harvest more than 80% of the birds released.

**1977**

**Commission Changes**

A violation of the laws or rules promulgated relative to private shooting preserves was deemed to be a Class 1 misdemeanor.

A Commission rule (41:09:01:03) that specifies at the time of release, all birds must be marked.

**1978**

**Commission Changes**

Prior Commission rules authorized the harvest of 80% of the birds released. This rule was amended to provide that the operator could not harvest over 80% of the **number** of birds released.

**1982**

**Commission Changes**

The 10-cent fee for the kill tag was repealed.

**1984**

**Commission Changes**

A Commission rule established a 5-cent fee for the required leg bands and kill tags furnished by the Department to the shooting preserve operator.

**1985**

**Legislative Changes**

The Legislature gave the Commission: 1) the authority to establish which small game species may be hunted under each shooting preserve permit; 2) the authority to determine the season length on shooting preserves that may include all or any part of the seven-month period, between September 1 through March 31; 3) the authority to require game to be tagged as directed by the Commission of all game species, wild or released, authorized by the shooting preserve permit and shot on the shooting preserve; and 4) that in addition to the resident and nonresident general hunting licenses previously required to hunt on private shooting preserve, each hunter was now required to have a South Dakota pheasant restoration stamp with a fee of \$7.00.

## Legislative Changes

The Legislature changed the shooting preserve permit fee from the \$100.00 permit fee to include the 50 cents per acre that is now to be assessed to all acres, not just those in excess of 640 acres. The total fee could not exceed \$400.00.

The required distance between private shooting preserves was decreased from 5 miles to a 3 mile limitation.

A new qualification was added, requiring that the applicant for the private shooting preserve permit had to be a resident of the state of South Dakota. This section did not apply to a shooting preserve licensed prior to 1986.

The applicant could no longer operate or own an interest in more than two (2) shooting preserves.

A new provision was added requiring that the private shooting preserve had to be at least one (1) mile from any game production area or other publicly owned shooting area. This section did not apply to a shooting preserve licensed prior to 1986.

A South Dakota resident, in addition to the general hunting license and the pheasant restoration stamp, was required to have the small game license to hunt the preserve for a total fee of \$13.00. If a nonresident hunted on a shooting preserve during the regular game bird season, the nonresident was required to possess all nonresident licenses necessary to hunt off the preserve. The total required fee for the nonresident in such a situation would be \$57.00 for pheasants, partridges, and quail; \$27.00 for turkey; and \$59.00 for mallards. However, if hunting was done outside of the regular game bird season, the nonresident was not required to be licensed to hunt on the preserve.

## Commission Changes

Commission rule changes provided that the operator could not allow the number of wild and released birds harvested to exceed 80% of the number of birds released. The pheasants also had to be at least seven (7) weeks old and marked at time of release. A conservation officer must verify the releases.

The game birds were required to have the middle toe on one of the feet removed back to the first joint before thirty (30) days of age. Instead of toe clipping, the bird could be fitted with an anti-pecking device that would result in permanent marking of the nares. The marked appendage that permanently marks the bird shall remain attached to the bird, while the bird is possessed, placed in public storage, transported, or shipped by anyone. The kill tags shall be securely attached around the radius bone of the wing or around the neck of partridge and quail and attached to the web of the wing of turkeys.

Renewal applications were required to be submitted by March 1. New applications were required to be submitted by May 10. All required records of the operators were to be submitted to the Department within thirty (30) days of the close of the operator's season and in no case later than April 10. Renewal applications will be considered in May and new applications will be considered by the Commission in June.

Another rule change provided in part that the seven (7) week old pheasants released had to be Chinese ring-necked pheasants and not "Jumbo" pheasants. The rule also provided that turkeys had to be wild turkeys as defined by rule 41:06:00.01:02(15) and at least sixteen (16) weeks of age at their release. "Wild turkey," a dark turkey which bears the characteristics of a Merriam (*Meleagris gallopavo merriami*) turkey, Rio Grande (*M. g. intermedia*), or Eastern (*M. g. silvestris*); any such turkey released to the wild must be marked prior to becoming four (4) weeks of age by using an anti-pecking device, wing pinioning, or by toe clipping one toe (including the nail) on either foot.

The Commission set the daily bag limit at eight (8) roosters per day except in Harding, Butte, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, and Fall River counties. In these six (6) counties, the daily bag limit was set at fifteen (15) any sex pheasants outside of the regular season in their respective areas and fifteen (15) roosters during the regular state season. The maximum daily limit for turkeys was set at two (2).

The Commission also required the operator to record whether each bird harvested was marked or unmarked (wild) and whether the harvested pheasant and turkey was male or female.

## 1987

### Legislative Changes

South Dakota residents were required to possess a basic game and fish license and a pheasant restoration stamp for a total of \$7.00 to hunt on a private shooting preserve. The necessity for the small game stamp was eliminated. The nonresident was required to possess a nonresident general hunting license and a pheasant restoration stamp for a total of \$10.00 to hunt on the preserve whether the hunting was done during the regular season or outside of such season. SDCL 41-10-12.

The shooting preserve permit fee was changed so the fee would be based on the entire preserve season, not the calendar year. The basic permit fee remained at \$100.00 for each preserve but the cost per acre was decreased from 50 cents to 40 cents an acre. The maximum fee of \$400.00 was repealed. SDCL 41-10-4.

The section of prior law, which had provided that a properly licensed person could harvest wild game at a private shooting preserve during the regular season, was repealed due to some confusion and possible contradiction in the statutes. SDCL 41-10-15.

Amendments were made to permit possession by a properly licensed person of pen raised and wild birds shot on the shooting preserve, if they were properly tagged. SDCL 41-10-16. Prior to this change and the repeal of SDCL 41-10-15, confusion and contradiction in such sections was noted.

## **Commission Changes**

Game birds released by the preserve operator could now be marked by anti-pecking device, wing pinion, or the removal of hind toe by the time the bird was four (4) weeks of age.

The species of game birds that could be released into the wild were clarified and enumerated as ringneck pheasants, hungarian or chukar partridge, wild turkeys, or quail.

**1988**

## **Commission Changes**

A change was made to eliminate the necessity for a minimum number of partridge and quail to be released into the wild by the operator. The operator was only required to release a minimum of 200 pheasants if pheasants were to be hunted.

An application for a renewal of a shooting preserve permit is to be considered by the Director of the Division of Wildlife rather than the full Commission. The Commission will consider the renewal of a permit, if the renewal was denied by the Director.

The establishment of 160 acres as the minimum size of a shooting preserve operation. Shooting preserves currently, less than 160 acres would be allowed to continue. A maximum size of 1,280 acres has been established by state law.

**1989**

## **Legislative Changes**

The \$2,000.00 surety bond requirement was repealed. SDCL 41-10-5.

The required distance between existing preserves was again reduced from three miles to one mile. SDCL 41-10-7(7).

The "pheasant restoration stamp" (since it was changed in name to "habitat stamp") was repealed. The law was changed by including the new "habitat stamp" as a requirement for hunting on a private shooting preserve. The resident was now required to have the resident basic game and fish license, and habitat stamp for a total cost of \$13.00. The nonresident was required to have the nonresident general hunting license and habitat stamp for a total cost of \$13.00. SDCL 41-10-12.

**1990**

## **Legislative Changes**

Effective January 1, 1991, license requirements for a resident on a shooting preserve were: resident basic game and fish license (\$5.00) and the resident shooting preserve license. The fee for the shooting preserve license has yet to be set by the Commission.

The license requirements for a nonresident were: a nonresident shooting preserve license. This fee also has to be set by the Commission. However, any person (resident or nonresident) who has obtained all of the required state licenses and stamps to hunt small game in South Dakota outside of a private shooting preserve is exempt from obtaining the respective shooting preserve licenses. SDCL 41-10-12

For the year 1990 the cost of the required state licenses and stamps to hunt small game off a preserve are: residents -- \$19.00 or \$30.00 and for nonresidents -- \$63.00. The cost of the required state licenses and stamps to hunt small game off a preserve for the year 1991 was yet to be determined.

### **Commission Changes**

The minimum release age of game birds was changed for all game birds, except turkeys. The birds have to be at least twelve (12) weeks of age, if toe clipped and fifteen (15) weeks of age of an anti-pecking device was used to identify the marked and released birds. If the anti-pecking device is used, the device must be worn by the bird until it is at least fifteen (15) weeks of age. Turkeys must be at least sixteen (16) weeks of age prior to release.

The minimum number of pheasants required to be released remained at 200 except that such number had to be released during the course of the shooting preserve season.

The kill tag is now required to remain attached to the game bird while the bird is possessed, placed in public storage, transported, or shipped by anyone.

The fee for furnishing kill tags remained at 5 cents each, but a fee for each kill tag not returned, as required by the operator to the Department, was set at \$2.00 for each tag.

The fee for a private shooting preserve license was set by the Commission at their July meeting. The cost for a nonresident shooting preserve license would be \$20.00 and a resident stamp would cost \$10.00 plus the individual would be required to buy a basic game and fish license (\$5.00). 41:06:02:03: (31 & 32). The shooting preserve license allows a person to hunt only the birds listed on each preserve operators permit and hunt land only on licensed shooting preserves.

**1991**

### **Commission Changes**

A rule set the procedures for issuance of a permit for a shooting preserve located within one mile of a publicly owned shooting area. Comments would be received during a public hearing, orally or in writing and a written report and recommendation of the Wildlife Division.

At the public hearing on an application for issuance of a permit for a shooting preserve located within one mile of a publicly owned shooting area, the Commission shall receive oral or written comments from the public and a written report from the Division of Wildlife. Both the public comments and the report from the Division of Wildlife shall be based on the following information:

- (1) Existing or potential wild pheasant population on the publicly owned shooting area;
- (2) Potential for disease transmission from an adjoining preserve to wild pheasants on the publicly owned shooting area;
- (3) Extent of habitat developments on the publicly owned shooting area specifically designed to enhance a population of wild pheasants;
- (4) Information related to the management of other wildlife species or recreational opportunities on the publicly owned shooting area that may be negatively affected by an adjoining shooting preserve; and
- (5) Any information, which may indicate detriment to the public interest.

The report of the Division of Wildlife shall also address the factors listed in SDCL 41-10-7 and shall include the Wildlife Division's recommendation for action on the application. The Commission shall consider the factors listed in SDCL 41-10-7, the comments from the public, and the report and recommendation of the Division of Wildlife in making its decision on the preserve application.

## **1992**

### **Legislative Changes**

A change was made in the game harvest recordkeeping, where in the past the preserve operator was required to list the number of the kill tag(s) affixed to each unit of game taken on a preserve. This section of the law was repealed. These numbers no longer need to be recorded on the game harvest record sheet. This was part of the original shooting preserve law from 1963.

## **1995**

### **Commission Changes**

The deadline date for receiving NEW preserve applications has been changed from May 10 to April 1. Renewal applications still need to be in the Pierre office by March 1. A rule change for the game harvest records will allow operators to send in completed game harvest and release records on prior approved computer formats. The records will still need the date(s) hunted, hunter name, complete address, hunting license letter and number, species and number taken (M and W). Another change will require preserve operators to keep daily harvest records for the hunts. The new change will require operators to update their records at the end of each hunting day.

A change was made to eliminate the need to leave the marked appendage on the harvested bird for storage or transportation. All pheasants (marked or wild) harvested on preserves will still need to have one leg left on the bird with the spur to identify the sex of the bird and the attached kill tag.

A new permit to transport birds harvested on preserves to another location for processing. This was used as a trial basis in 1994-95 and was approved by the Commission.

A new permit to allow preserve operators to ship birds harvested on preserves by various common carriers was approved by the Commission.

### **Legislative Changes**

A bill concerning preserves, House Bill 1273, was signed into law that created changes for NEW private shooting preserve applications. With this law, all new preserve applications will have public notice of their application printed in local newspapers and public hearing before consideration by the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission. New preserves will be proposed in May and will be considered with public hearing at the June Commission meeting.

**1996**

### **Legislative Changes**

Senate Bill 116 repealed the one (1) mile requirement from any other permitted private shooting preserve. This change will allow shooting preserves to border each other. The one (1) mile requirement from any public hunting area was not changed 41-10-7(10).

### **Commission Changes**

The minimum release requirement changed from 200 pheasants to minimum of 600 rooster pheasants or minimum of 300 rooster pheasants if the permittee has not received a shooting preserve operating permit any time prior to the current permit or no portion of land contained within the current permit has been a part of a previously permitted shooting preserve.

Only birds released from August 1 through the end of the current shooting preserve season may be counted toward the required minimum and included on the game release records. Eighty percent (80%) of the total number of pheasants released throughout this release period must be males, except in the counties of Harding, Butte, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, and Fall River. A permittee may not allow the number of wild and released birds harvested to exceed 80% of the number of birds, which have been released, except that 100% of chukar partridge released may be harvested.

The Commission required that all birds must be at least fifteen (15) weeks of age at the time of release.

The Commission now requires the head, leg, or sufficient plumage must remain attached to the bird to identify the sex and species of the bird. The kill tag must remain attached to the bird while the bird is possessed, placed in public storage, transported, or shipped by anyone.

Each permittee shall list the number of birds released within the preserve on the game release record sheet and indicate the sex of each pheasant and turkey released. The permittee shall include a copy of each vendor purchase receipt with the game release records sent to the Pierre office. Any permittee incubating and hatching eggs shall have this process verified annually by a conservation officer.

The Department is now required to send out a certified of letter of notice. Applicants may appeal the denial of a renewal application and request a review by the Commission.

The Commission added to the definition of "other publicly owned shooting areas" to include all lands leased by the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks for the purpose of managing wildlife.

The Commission approved several new preserve rules. They include: 1) a rule that distinguished between a new and renewing preserve, 2) a rule that allows preserves to adjust the preserve acres boundaries due to substantial and detrimental changes in habitat and add new contiguous acres, 3) a rule that required all preserve permittees to attend a training and information meeting prior to the beginning of the preserve season.

## **1999**

### **Commission Changes**

Fall River County was removed from the counties where 80% of the total number of pheasants released throughout this release period must be males.

## **2001**

### **Commission Changes**

The Commission changed the requirement that 80% of the total number of pheasants released must be males to 100% of the total number of pheasants released must be males. Shooting preserve can release hen pheasants; however, they do not count towards their minimum release requirements, with the exception of Harding, Butte, Lawrence, Meade, and Pennington.

The rule was amended so that at no time following the required releases may a permittee allow the number of wild and released birds harvested to exceed 100% of the number of birds released.

## **2002**

### **Commission Changes**

The Commission adopted a rule that states, a preserve operator shall make personal contact with the local conservation officer to verify the bird marking method, planned date of any release, and the number of each bird species to be released.

The Commission no longer requires markings (i.e. toe clippings or identifiable marks through the nares) for chukar partridge.

## 2003

### Commission Changes

The Commission changed the requirement that one front toe or one hind toe on either foot be removed back to the first joint including the nail before becoming four (4) weeks of age to six (6) weeks of age.

All applications for both new and renewing preserves must now be sent into the Pierre office no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 2005

### Legislative Changes

The Department of Game, Fish, and Parks will issue private shooting preserve permits and inspect acres described in the application instead of the Commission and raised that maximum acreage of a preserve from 1,280 acres to 2,560 acres.

The Legislature removed the requirement for the Commission to hold a public hearing on new preserve applications. It also required the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks to publish a public notice of all new preserve application in three (3) newspapers. Any interested parties then have 20 days to submit a written respond to the Director of Wildlife about the public notice. The Department must then send out written notification of the decision of issuance of the permit to the applicant and all interested parties that submitted a written response no more than ten (10) days after the end of the public response period.

Two new bills were signed into law in 2005. The first, SDCL 41-10-7.1, provides for a contested case hearing upon denial of shooting preserve operating permit. The statute allows shooting preserve permit applicants who were denied a preserve permit to request a contested case hearing before the GFP Commission.

The second statute enacted in 2005, SDCL 41-10-7.2, provides for a contested case hearing where a new shooting preserve permit is granted by the Commission. The statute enables a person who requests 'interested party status' the opportunity to present data, opinions, and arguments in writing to the GFP Commission, per SDCL 41-10-4.5, and request a contested case hearing on the permit that was previously granted by the Commission.

### Commission Changes

Approval of the operation plan will now come from the Department instead of the Commission.

The Commission will no longer review new preserve applications.

The Commission will no longer hold a public hearing for preserve applications that are within one (1) mile of a publicly owned shooting area.

The Commission changed the tagging requirements so that kill tags should be placed securely attached around the leg or neck of all permitted bird species harvested on preserve acres.

The Commission repealed SDAR 41:09:01:06:01 Notice of a public hearing.

The Commission added a rule that defined a contiguous tract of land.

## 2006

### Commission Changes

Harding, Butte, Lawrence, Meade, and Pennington counties are no longer be able to shoot hen pheasants. In addition, a hen pheasant will no longer count towards the minimum release requirement.

The Commission changed the maximum daily bag limit for pheasants on shooting preserves to fifteen (15) cocks statewide. The maximum daily bag limit for wild turkeys was two (2) birds.

In lieu of the processing permit, a permittee or employee may transport permitted species harvested on a shooting preserve to another location for processing, if the carrier of the birds has a duplicate copy of the guest register required by SDCL 41-10-17. In addition, the permittee may use computer formats that list hunter and harvest information for the birds being transported for processing with prior Department approval.

The Commission repealed SDAR 41:09:01:04:02 Private Shooting Preserve Common Carrier Shipping Permits.

## 2007

### Commission Changes

Preserves are now required to maintain a separate set of game release and guest register records for each permitted shooting preserve. The permittee must maintain and record daily all records on forms provided by the Department or in computer formats that have received prior approval of the Department. Preserve permittee are also required to deliver all records required to the Pierre office no later than April 15.

The private shooting preserve permittee is now required to make a payment in full for all kill tags to the Pierre office no later than April 15.

The Commission changed the adjustment to preserve acreage rule to allow land that is not contiguous to the preserve. The adjustment is effective for only the year in which it was approved and cannot be considered as existing acreage for renewal applications.

**2009**

**Commission Changes**

The Commission raised the kill tag fee from 5 cent per tag to 25 cents per tag.

The Commission changed the maximum daily bag limit for pheasants on shooting preserves to twenty (20) cocks from the beginning of the hunting preserve season through the end of the statewide pheasant season as described in 41:06:08:01. From the end of the statewide pheasant season through the end of the private shooting preserve season, the limit is fifteen (15) cocks. The maximum daily bag limit for wild turkeys is two (2) birds.

The Commission added a three-year private shooting preserve permit. The applicants can now apply for a one or three year permit. Fees for the one-year permit did not change. The fee for the three-year permit is \$300 plus \$1.20 per acre. The application fee must be submitted in full with the application.

**2010**

**Commission Changes**

The Commission will now allow the head, leg, and sufficient plumage to be detached from the bird and discarded if the bird is processed at a wildlife processing facility, if the bird is immediately packaged by a transparent vacuum-sealed or shrink-wrap packaging process, and if the kill tag is encased in the same package and clearly legible. The package shall contain only those individual bird parts associated with the original kill tag.

**2011**

**Legislative Changes**

The legislature amended SDCL 41-10-8, the 'consent to entry and search of premises by officer--noncompliance as misdemeanor' law, to state that any law enforcement officer or any representative of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks may enter and inspect the premises on which preserve operations are conducted 'during normal hours of preserve operation' without a search warrant.

**2014**

**Commission Changes**

The Commission no longer requires markings (i.e. toe clippings or identifiable marks through the nares) for any partridge species.