

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

A Public Hearing will be held at the Cedar Shores Resort, 1500 Shoreline Drive, Oacoma, South Dakota, on April 3, 2014, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. (CDT), to consider adoption, amendment and repeal of Rules pertaining to:

1. ARSD 41:06:22 – Archery Deer Hunting Season. (**Commission must approve**)

Effect: The proposed amendment would move the starting date for the archery deer hunting season up from the fourth Saturday of September to either the first or second Saturday of September as the Commission may determine is consistent with the deer management plan in South Dakota.

Reason: An interested party petitioned the Commission to propose an earlier starting date for the archery deer hunting season for the reasons that such a change would provide bow hunters who hunt public land extra time to do so before the various waterfowl and pheasant seasons begin, provide bow hunters a limited combination hunt for antelope and deer, and provide bow hunters a better opportunity to shoot a buck in velvet (which is a separate category in the Pope & Young record book).

2. ARSD 41:06:26 – Black Hills Elk Hunting Season.

Effect: The proposed amendments would adjust the number of licenses available from 445 “any elk” and 175 “antlerless elk” licenses (total of 620 licenses) to 420 “any elk” and 350 “antlerless elk” licenses (total of 770 licenses), and modify the boundary of Unit 7 to remove that portion of the unit situated east of Interstate 90.

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives.

3. ARSD 41:06:27 – Custer State Park Elk Hunting Season (Any Elk)

Effect: The proposed amendment would adjust the number of licenses available from 4 “any elk” to 3 “any elk” licenses.

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives.

4. ARSD 41:06:28 – Custer State Park Early Archery Elk Hunting Season.

Effect: The proposed amendment would adjust the number of licenses available from 3 “any elk” to 2 “any elk” licenses.

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives.

5. ARSD 41:06:43 – Archery Elk Hunting Season.

Effect: The proposed amendments would adjust the number of licenses available from 92 “any elk” and 15 “antlerless elk” licenses (total of 107 licenses) to 92 “any elk” and 40 “antlerless elk” licenses (total of 132 licenses), and modify the boundary of Unit 7 to remove that portion of the unit situated east of Interstate 90..

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives.

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

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

comments must include the name, home town/city and state of the person submitting the comments.

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

Dated this _____ day of March, 2014.

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Jeffrey R. Vonk, Secretary

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