

**AGENDA (Revised)**  
**Game, Fish, and Parks Commission**  
August 6-7, 2015  
AmericInn Conference Center  
301 Centennial Street, Aberdeen, SD

**Tour GPA's at 8 a.m.**

**Call to order 1 PM CDT**

**Division of Administration**

Action items:

1. Approve Minutes of the July 2015 Meeting  
<http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/commission/archive/2015/July/July2015Minutes.pdf>
2. Additional Commissioner Salary Days
3. License List Requests

Information item:

4. Notification of Lien Filing
5. Habitat Pays
6. Habitat Conservation Fund Board

**Proposals**

7. Fishing Limits, Regulations, and Bass and Walleye Management
8. Paddlefish Season Dates and Regulations
9. Private Fish Hatchery Application Requirements
10. Bobcat Hunting/Trapping Season and Population Update
11. Mountain Lion Hunting Season and Population Update

**2 PM Public Hearing**

**Finalizations**

12. Threatened and Endangered Species
13. Duck Hunting Season
14. Goose Hunting Season

**Open Forum**

**Division of Parks and Recreation**

Action item:

15. Custer State Park Private Cabin Transfer

Information items:

16. Status of Park Road and Connector Road Projects
17. Parks Revenue and Visitation
18. Review of Park Fees and Recommended Changes
19. Miscellaneous Updates

## **Executive Session 8 AM Friday morning**

### **Division of Wildlife**

#### Action Items:

20. 2016 Elk Raffle License
21. Land Acquisitions
  - a. Kirschenman Property – Yankton County
  - b. Randall Estate Property – Day County
22. Clear Lake Lot Disposals – Marshall County

#### Information items:

23. Land Acquisition
24. Waterfowl Population Status
25. Elk Contingency Licenses for 2015
26. License Sales Report
27. Review of License Fees
28. Storage/Equipment Replacement at Sioux Falls Outdoor Campus
29. Miscellaneous

### **Adjourn**

#### Next meeting information:

October 1-2, 2015  
Spearfish Holiday Convention Center  
305 North 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Spearfish, SD 57783

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission  
July 1-2, 2015

Chairman Cooper called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. CDT at the RedRossa Convention Center in Pierre, South Dakota. Commissioners John Cooper, Cathy Peterson, Jim Spies, Barry Jensen, H. Paul Dennert, Gary Jensen, and W. Scott Phillips were present. Duane Sather was absent. Secretary Kelly Hepler was present along with approximately forty public, staff, and media.

## **DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION**

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Cooper called for any additions or corrections to the June 4-5, 2015, minutes or a motion for approval.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Peterson TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 4-5, 2015, MEETING AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Additional Commissioner Salary Days**

Chairman Cooper requested two additional salary days and Dennert requested one additional salary day.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Spies TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL SALARY DAYS AS REQUESTED. Motion carried unanimously.

### **License List Requests**

Director Chris Petersen presented a license list request from Rhonda Else of Lee's Meats and Sausage, Inc. of Tea, So. Dak. requesting a list of 1,000 west river and 3,000 east river hunters in specific counties. The list will be used to mail a flyer to promoting their wild game processing services. This is a full fee request.

Petersen presented a license list request from Dale Houser of Dakota Plains Taxidermy, of Kimball, So. Dak. of 2015 successful any elk applicants for both archery and rifle seasons. The list will be used to mail a brochure to promote his business. This is a full fee request.

Motion by Spies with second by Dennert TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUESTS FROM RHONDA ELSE AND DALE HOUSER AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Notification of lien filing**

Director Petersen presented information to the Commission as required by SDCL 5-22-3 about a Public Improvement Contract Lien for the Roy Lake Comfort Station Project. Petersen indicated the project has been completed; however, a subcontractor filed the lien on funds held by GFP for the project. No Commission action is required.

## **PROPOSALS**

### **Threatened and Endangered Species Listings (June 2015 Proposal)**

Attorney Richard Neill reminded the Commission that the Public Hearing for the proposed changes to the Threatened and Endangered Species rules presented at the June Commission meeting required a 30-day public notice and comment period. Because there was not sufficient time between the June meeting and today's Public Hearing to provide the public with the statutorily required 30 day notice and opportunity for comment, it is necessary for the Commission to defer final action on the T&E rule proposal until its regularly scheduled August 2015 meeting. Neill informed the Commission that a separate Public Notice pertaining specifically to the T&E rule proposal which complies with the 30 day public notice/comment requirement has been published as required by state law. The Legislative Research Council requested that an explanation of the procedural status for the adoption of this rule be noted in the July minutes in order to provide an audit trail and clarification for the public comment period. Neill stated the Public Hearing for the proposed change to remove the Bald Eagle from the South Dakota list of Threatened and Endangered Species List will be held at the same time as the August 6, 2015, Public Hearing on other rule proposals and any Commission action on this particular proposal can be considered and taken following the August Public Hearing.

### **Duck Hunting Season**

Senior Wildlife Biologist Rocco Murano presented the Waterfowl season setting schedule (later in these minutes) before the duck and goose hunting season recommended changes.

Wildlife Management Program Administrator Chad Switzer presented the Duck Hunting Season dates, open areas, daily limits, and possession limits. Switzer included five years of harvest information and information about the liberal package of daily limits for the different species of ducks before presenting the recommended change to decrease the daily limit of scaup from three to two.

Decrease the scaup daily limit from 3 to 2.

Motion by Peterson with second by Phillips TO PROPOSE THE CHANGE TO THE DUCK HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Goose Hunting Season**

Switzer presented the Goose Hunting Season dates for light geese, white geese, and Canada geese (and Brant) along with daily limits, possession limits, number of hunters, and harvest information. Switzer indicated the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering the allowance of a liberal package for South Dakota and the recommended change is to increase the number of hunting days for white-fronted geese.

Increase the number of hunting days for white-fronted geese from 72 to 86 consecutive days.

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

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Public Hearing began at 2:04 p.m. and concluded at 2:07 p.m. and the minutes follow these minutes.

## **FINALIZATIONS**

Senior Big Game Biologist Andy Lindbloom presented a PowerPoint on Pronghorn Management and Research Updates prior to finalizations; see report information later in these minutes.

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

Chief Tom Kirschenmann presented the proposed changes to the Antelope Hunting Season indicating these changes begin the first year of a two-year cycle of the newly implemented multi-year season setting process approved by the Commission last year. The season dates, open area, number of licenses, requirements, and restrictions were presented along with supportive information that included five years of harvest and success rate information were presented before the recommendation to adjust the number of licenses from proposal.

Recommended changes from proposal:

1. Offer resident hunters 165 more one-tag licenses (165 tags) and 125 less two-tag licenses (250 tags) than proposed.
2. Offer nonresident hunters 5 less two-tag licenses (10 tags) than proposed.

Motion by Peterson with second by Gary Jensen TO AMEND PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ANTELOPE HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Offer resident hunters 240 more one-tag licenses (240 tags) and no additional two-tag licenses than 2014.
2. Offer nonresident hunters 1 more one-tag licenses (1 tag) and no more two-tag licenses than 2014.

Motion by Phillips with second by Peterson TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO THE ANTELOPE HUNTING SEASON 41:06:23 AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Biologist Chad Lehman presented a PowerPoint on the Fall Wild Turkey Outlook providing the preliminary data and season objectives. Lehman included information about brood data, flock counts, feather collection, hunter harvest and success, depredation, matrix modeling, research, and public and staff comments.

The Department had no recommended changes to proposal. Chief Kirschenmann indicated the Fall Turkey Season will be visited again next year due to

on-going work to revise the Turkey Management Plan. Discussion ensued about the concerns of the National Wild Turkey Federation board members in South Dakota; the hen winter and fall hunt survival rates; depredation and the tools utilized for depredation issues, along with the reduction of tags in the Black Hills unit.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Spies TO AMEND PROPOSAL TO REDUCE THE BLACK HILLS UNIT RESIDENT LICENSES TO 400 ONE-TAG "ANY TURKEY" LICENSES AND THE BLACK HILLS UNIT NON-RESIDENT TO 32 ONE-TAG "ANY TURKEY" LICENSES. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Offer 100 more one-tag licenses for resident hunters on the East River Prairie Units.
2. Modify Unit NE1 to include those portions of Marshall County south and east of South Dakota State Highway 25 and north of South Dakota State Highway 10 and Roberts County north of South Dakota State Highway 10 (see attached map).
3. Offer 350 less one-tag licenses for resident hunters and 28 less on-tag licenses for nonresident hunters for the Black Hills Unit.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Spies TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO THE FALL WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON 41:06:14 AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

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

#### **Waterfowl Hunting Season 41:06:16**

Chief Kirschenmann presented the proposed changes to the Early Fall Canada Goose Hunting Season and Waterfowl Hunting Seasons with no recommended changes to proposal. Kirschenmann indicated the actual change to the unit description is found within the Waterfowl Chapter 41:06:16 and that no actual change is occurring within the Early Fall Goose season Chapter 41:06:50. However, both were listed in the rule proposal presented to the Commission; as there are distinct ties between both chapters in creating the Sioux Falls metro unit. This begins a three-year season setting schedule for the Early Fall Canada Goose Hunting Season and includes the new metro area of Sioux Falls. Staff is working with landowners in and around the Sioux Falls metro area for access. Discussion included the size and boundaries of the unit.

Amend 41:06:16:07 to modify the boundaries of Units 1 and 2 by adding those portions of Lincoln and Minnehaha counties within a line beginning at the junction of the South Dakota-Minnesota state line and Minnehaha County Highway 122 (254th Street) west to its junction with Minnehaha County Highway 149 (464th Avenue), south on Minnehaha County Highway 149 (464th Avenue) to Hartford, then south on Minnehaha County Highway 151 (463rd Avenue) to State Highway 42, east on State Highway 42 to State Highway 17, south on State Highway 17 to its junction with Lincoln County Highway 116 (Klondike Road), and east on Lincoln County Highway 116 (Klondike Road) to the South Dakota-Iowa state line, then north along the South Dakota-Iowa and South Dakota-Minnesota border to the point of beginning, to Unit 2.

Motion by Dennert with second by Peterson TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO THE WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON 41:06:16 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Custer State Park hunting restrictions 41:06:06**

Superintendent Matt Snyder presented the proposed changes to hunting restrictions in Custer State Park indicating the change was to clean up and provide consistent guidelines when hunting near roads and buildings within Custer State Park. The change will reduce conflicts between hunters and other park visitors. The recommended change came from the Legislative Research Council to simplify the proposed change in rule. Discussion included concern to get information out to the hunter about the change, when and where hunters can load their gun, and law enforcement.

Recommendation to Amend 41:06:07:10 as: No person may hunt any big game species within 200 yards of any public access road or building in Custer State Park.

Motion by Peterson with second by Barry Jensen TO AMEND PROPOSAL AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

**41:06:07:10. Hunting restrictions near roads and buildings.** No person may hunt any big game species within 200 yards of any public access road or building in Custer State Park.

Motion by Peterson with second by Barry Jensen TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO CUSTER STATE PARK RESTRICTIONS 41:06:07 AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

### **OPEN FORUM**

Chairman Cooper invited those who wished to visit with the Commission on something other than the items listed under Finalizations to come forward. No one came forward. Chairman Cooper then called a fifteen-minute recess.

### **DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

#### **Custer State Park private cabin transfer**

Matt Snyder presented Resolution 15-07 requesting a change in ownership of a cabin located in Custer State Park from a couple wishing to add their children to the current lease. Snyder stated he has visited with all persons involved and they understand the terms and conditions for the change. Snyder indicated the change requires Commission approval. Discussion ensued about the leases and the property located in Custer State Park when all private cabin leases expire in the year 2029.

Motion by Dennert with second by Barry Jensen TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 15-07 AS PRESENTED (Appendix A). Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Good Earth State Park update**

Director Doug Hofer shared that the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation (PWF) entered into a contract for deed to purchase the Spring Creek Country Club (SCCC) just southeast of Sioux Falls and adjacent to the Good Earth State Park. The PWF will lease the golf course back to the current operators for ten years. Upon the end

of the 10-year contract for deed with SCCC, the PWF intends to donate the 194-acre golf course property to the state for an addition to the Good Earth State Park.

Hofer had slides showing the Spring Creek Golf Course location in relationship to the Good Earth State Park along with a history of land acquisitions since 1987 including the Iowa side of the Blood Run Historical Landmark. Hofer shared the PWF has begun another phase of fundraising for Good Earth State Park of \$2 million making their total commitment to the Blood Run/Good Earth State Park project at \$7.5 million. Hofer stated the PWF has been an invaluable partner on this project.

Director Hofer shared that the Department of Ag is conducting an inventory of properties the PWF own adjacent to Good Earth State Park to identify what would be eligible for additional Forest Legacy Grant funding. Hofer then indicated that Iowa has joined in on the project and are developing a Master Plan to be complete in July of 2017.

Hofer shared Good Earth Visitor Center site has been relocated and schematic plans are complete. It is anticipated construction will be complete the summer of 2016 with road construction to begin later this year.

### **Parks Reservation System update**

Visitor Coordinator Lynn Spomer presented a PowerPoint with information about the current reservation system. Spomer indicated this is the third year of a three-year contract that contains an option for two one-year extensions. In October, the first of the two extensions will be entered into with Leisure Interactive of Sioux Falls. Spomer shared reservation system statistics and features, and options to increase website use to decrease call center costs.

### **June storm damage**

Assistant Director Bob Schneider presented slides showing damage in parks from June 19-22. Schneider indicated there were no major injuries. Damage was sustained to campers, boats, and vehicles, as well as to a storage shed at the Snake Creek Dock 44 Marina. Damaged park property included downed and damaged trees, minor structural damage, and some erosion on the Mickelson Trail. Parks sustaining damage included Lake Louise, Snake Creek, North Point, Angostura, West Bend, Farm Island, and Palisades. All campgrounds were back in business the following weekend due to long hours and hard work by staff and volunteers.

Discussion included how losses to private campers and boats and the removal of damaged or downed trees are addressed.

### **Parks Revenue and Camping Reservations**

Director Hofer stated the storm did not hurt revenue or visitation for the month of June as year-to-date permit sales were up seven percent and camping services are up nine percent year-to-date. All Districts showed revenue up at least four percent for June. District 14 including Shadehill and Belle Fourche Reservoir showed the most growth in camping with a 23% increase over the same timeframe in 2014.

### **Miscellaneous Updates**

Snyder indicated the Custer State Park Visitor Center project is a little behind schedule due to recent rains. The rains came at a good time as they provided insight as to the possible water issues the new visitor center could have had; and allowed some modifications for drainage. The anticipated opening is still spring of 2016.

Matt Snyder indicated the film company is planning another visit in July in preparation for making the film for the new visitor center.

Director Hofer stated the Custer State Park Resort improvements cost estimates and design work is complete; and the building committee will meet later this month.

Chairman Cooper called a recess at 4:50 p.m. indicating the meeting would resume at 8 a.m. the next morning.

The meeting resumed at 8:02 a.m. on Friday, July 2 in the same location with Commissioners Cooper, Peterson, Gary Jensen, Spies, Phillips, and Dennert present. Absent were Barry Jensen and Sather. Secretary Hepler was present along with twenty-five public, staff, and media.

## **DIVISION OF WILDLIFE**

### **2016 Elk raffle license**

This item was moved to the August meeting.

### **Land Acquisition update**

Program Administrator Paul Coughlin presented the land acquisition update indicating the proposed acquisition of 175 acres in Yankton County and 160 acres in Day County have been advertised and will be brought to the Commission for consideration at the August meeting. Commissioner Peterson indicated she visited the Yankton parcel and Dennert indicated he visited the Day County parcel.

### **Antelope survey and populations**

Andy Lindbloom presented the Pronghorn Management and Research Updates that included objectives for two on-going research projects with SDSU. Lindbloom provided updates on the management surveys, pronghorn management plan, season recommendations for the firearm, archery, and mentored youth pronghorn. He included harvest information, recruitment survey methods and estimates, fall recruitment, aerial survey data, winter severity index since 2000, population objectives, harvest strategies, management unit objectives, and Data Analysis Units before presenting the season recommendations.

### **Brook Brown Boating Safety Officer Award**

Boating Safety Program Manager Brandon Gust presented the 2015 Brook Brown Boating Safety Officer Award to Conservation Officer Dan Altman of Yankton, South Dakota.

### **Update on AIS activities**

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Coordinator Mike Smith indicated about half of the signs are up at the boat ramps. Smith shared that sampling has begun at Lewis and Clark Lake and the samples were sent to the lab in Montana. The July samples from Angostura were taken and have been held until results from the sample the Bureau of Reclamation have been received. Samples will be taken from both waters again in August.

Assistant Director Arden Petersen shared that officers are checking anglers and boaters for boat plugs and transportation of bait and fish when leaving the water or fish cleaning stations. There seems to be a great level of support for the regulation and people seem to understand the importance of these changes. Moving bait remains a challenge and recreational boaters are less aware and less understating of the regulation changes. There is an effort to identify ways to get the message out to the recreational boaters. Petersen indicated the meeting last week with the bait dealers went well as many of them were already properly transporting baitfish. Discussion included a need to establish a boat inspection program.

Mike Smith shared that Rusty Crayfish have been found at the Gavins Point Dam on the Nebraska side and crayfish from the South Dakota side were sent to SDSU for identification and were confirmed as Rusty Crayfish. Rusty Crayfish are larger than native crayfish and will reduce the quality of food for native fish. Smith indicated the Corp is concerned about Lake Yankton. Rusty Crayfish will be included in the goals and objectives of the updated AIS management plan and a draft of the plan should be available to the Commission next week as the comment period just concluded.

### **Mussel survey/inventory**

Program Administrator Chelsey Pasbrig provided background on mussels that included why they are important and the need to identify threats that affect their life cycle. There are 34 species in South Dakota and the objective of the survey and inventory is to document the distribution, species composition, and abundance; while assessing their decline and to identify the variation of populations. Various locations in rivers and streams across South Dakota are being inventoried for mussels. Pasbrig shared the study area, the work completed since 2014, preliminary results, and the significance of the research.

### **Elk habitat conditions**

Chief Tom Kirschenmann provided background on contingency elk licenses and the current elk habitat conditions. Regional Supervisor Mike Kintigh indicated the U.S. Forest Range Conservationists were contacted about current conditions and will be meeting with GFP staff on July 24 to discuss forage conditions for this fall. Kintigh stated there are no concerns at this time as the Black Hills are wet and believes there will be no need for the use of the contingency licenses.

Discussion ensued on the improved working relationship with the U.S. Forest Service and desire to continue communications with them, the grazing operators, and GFP staff.

### **Waterfowl season setting schedule**

Rocco Murano presented a PowerPoint on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife changes to the Migratory Bird Regulation Cycle. The presentation included why the changes were needed, current timeline, federal process, and a solution that includes merging the early and late season setting process into one that uses the previous year's population information for predicting regulation changes early in the year for fall hunting seasons. The implications for these changes will allow the Commission to review the waterfowl season regulations earlier in the year and consider changes before publishing the South Dakota Hunting Handbook.

### **Habitat and access on private land**

Paul Coughlin gave a PowerPoint presentation on habitat in South Dakota indicating 80% of land in South Dakota is held in private ownership. Ducks Unlimited and other partners realized the need to work with landowners in order to enhance habitat and established staff in four areas of the state and thus the Wetland/Grassland Program began. Coughlin stated there is a lot common ground for farmers, ranchers, and wildlife that include grazing components, wetlands, native grass projects, and more to help with wildlife habitat and will enhance producer operations.

In 2014, GFP had 97 projects with two thirds of them involving different landowners working on their own land. NAWCA is a partner that brings grant dollars to South Dakota for wetland/grassland projects and requires matching dollars where GFP land acquisition dollars meet the match criteria for the NAWCA grant dollars which have totaled about \$11 million since 2001.

GFP provides matching grant dollars to local conservation districts through the South Dakota Ag Conservation Commission and with the U.S. FWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife Private Lands Program.

GFP Private Lands Biologist Brian Pauly shared information on the Wildlife Partners Program where private lands biologists help with woody habitat, food plots, nesting cover, and habitat fencing projects that help fill voids in areas the federal programs do not offer. Pauly shared expenditures of the program since 2005 and additional details on the woody habitat, food plots, nesting cover, and habitat fencing program that assist landowners.

Hunting Access Coordinator Mark Norton provided information on hunting access efforts stating that the Walk In Area (WIA) program for 2015 has 1.2 million acres available to sportsmen and women which includes 112,000 of undisturbed acres, with 1,344 cooperators receiving more than \$2 million in payments.

Norton shared that the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) for access and habitat along the James River Valley has 82,000 acres enrolled with 832 contracts providing an additional 110,000 of WIA acres for public hunting.

Mark Norton indicated the Controlled Hunting Access Program has 20,000 acres with 10 cooperators in 2015, and these operators receive payment only for the hunters they allow onto their property enrolled in the program, The Lower Oahe Waterfowl Access Area for 2015 has 6 cooperators with 31,000 acres for controlled hunts north of Pierre, South Dakota.

Dave Nomsen of Pheasants Forever stated that their enhanced efforts for pheasant habitat in South Dakota will be primarily on CRP lands, School and Public lands, and private lands because their core work is with landowners.

Matt Morlock of Pheasants Forever talked about the Farm Bill Biologist Program providing history of the program since 2003. This program is in 19 states with 120 positions across the country and are located in USDA service centers, as this is where producers initially come for Ag planning. The impact of these programs use set aside programs on marginal acres to establish good wildlife habitat. The biologists help with better grazing systems for landowners and work on bridging multiple programs within Farm Services.

Landowner contacts are made by hosting workshops during a CRP signup and share about the program and management techniques; field tours with biologists and landowners are utilized to share practices and often spur on additional projects with the producers who attend the field tours. Morlock extended an invitation to Commissioners to do a field tour.

Discussion and questions included how to get this information to producers, the fencing program in the northwest to remove woven wire on the antelope range, and information on the website to provide access to these programs and contact information to directly reach the right people for the different programs.

Hepler stated the website will be operating this fall as he is working with Department of Ag and the website will include Ag groups and concerns for the monarch butterfly. Hepler indicated discussion is to begin to increase work force and to get pollinator plots into the parks. Cooper extended invitation to Pheasants Forever to plan to schedule a tour in conjunction with a meeting in 2016.

#### **License sales report**

Chief Scott Simpson reviewed the June over-the-counter sales report which showed fishing licenses continue to be strong and will see some additional sales when non-resident pheasant hunters arrive and want to fish as well.

Simpson provided elk applications information for 2015 as all draws are complete and all licenses were sold in the first round. The total number of applications were down while online applications remain above 92% for all license types.

#### **Miscellaneous updates**

Director Leif indicated he believes there will be no contested case hearing for the dates reserved later this month.

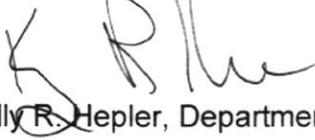
Commission Cooper shared Commissioner committee assignments as: GFP Budget Committee - John Cooper, Cathy Peterson, Gary Jensen; Building Committees: 1) Custer State Park Visitor Center - Gary Jensen, 2) Custer State Park Resorts Bonding/Building Committee - Scott Phillips, 3) Good Earth State Park Visitor Center - Duane Sather; South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation Board - Cathy Peterson; Governor's Wildlife Habitat Conservation Fund Board - John Cooper; ADC Policy Advisory Committee - Barry Jensen; Aquatic Invasive Species Advisory Committee - Gary Jensen.

The Stakeholder Work Groups assignments are: 1) Canada Goose Management Plan - Paul Dennert; 2) Wild Turkey Management Plan - John Cooper and Scott Phillips alternating based upon availability; 3) Deer Management Plan - Scott Phillips (WR) with Jim Spies and Duane Sather alternating for ER based upon availability.

**Adjourn**

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Dennert to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 108 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K R Hepler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and "R".

Kelly R. Hepler, Department Secretary

Appendix A

**RESOLUTION NO. 15 - 07**

Whereas, the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks Commission has been advised that Martin L. Luschei and Joan Rathbun were the owners of a cabin located in Custer State Park (Custer County, South Dakota) on property described as:

No. 3 Birchlawn, located in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) and the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Twelve (12), Township Four (4) South, Range Five (5) East of the Black Hills Meridian, Custer County, South Dakota; and

Whereas, the property upon which the cabin is located is owned by the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks and has been leased to Martin L. Luschei and Joan Rathbun by permit by reason of a Stipulation of Settlement and Dismissal entered in Craft v. Wipf, Civil Action No. 85-5092, U.S. District Court for the District of South Dakota, Western Division, and subsequent agreements and permits executed thereafter based on said Stipulation and Dismissal; and

Whereas, the Commission has been advised that Martin L. Luschei and Joan Rathbun desire to and have transferred and assigned all of their interest in said cabin and cabin site permit to Martin L. Luschei, Joan Rathbun, Kathleen Mellstrom, Nancy Bowman, and Thomas F. Luschei, as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common; and

Whereas, the Commission has been requested to approve said Transfer and Assignment.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that in the event the Department receives an executed Agreement and Assignment of the above described cabin site permit and cabin and appurtenances located thereon and which further provides that said Assignees agree to abide by all of the terms and conditions of the aforementioned Stipulation of Settlement and Dismissal and all subsequent agreements relative thereto, including but not limited to Cabin Site Permits, Addendums, and all agreements relative to establishing the lease or rental payments due the Department, then in that event, the Department is authorized to execute a Consent to the requested Assignment.

Public Hearing Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission  
July 1, 2015

The Public Hearing Officer Scott Simpson began the public hearing at 2:04 p.m. with Commissioners Cooper, Peterson, Jensen, Jensen, Spies, Dennert, and Phillips present. Simpson indicated all written comments were provided to the Commissioners prior to this time and will be reflected in the Public Hearing Minutes.

Antelope Hunting Season

No oral or written testimony was received.

Fall Turkey Hunting Season

No oral testimony was received.

Brent Johnson of Rapid City, SD, emailed, "...I am not a biologist, but I do have a constant, 20-year, boots on the ground resident's understanding of our great resource. Stewardship is needed now and that means we have to stop shooting hens..."

Gary Colbath of Rapid City, SD, emailed, "...I would encourage you to eliminate the fall season for the Hills and reduce tags for West River..."

Mark Malone of Pierre, SD, emailed, "...I understand the expected mortality over the winter and addition to hunter opportunity in the fall, but the numbers are getting too low to be allowing hens to be killed. Even if only a smaller percentage of hens that are killed would have survived, that still means an extra flock or two in a few years for hunters to enjoy. As avid of a turkey hunter as I am, I would even support lowering the tag numbers in CSP and possibly even the second season in the hills. The poor hatches and already low numbers should be taken into consideration and forcing us to make a decision to cancel the hills fall turkey season this year."

Donald Wojciechowski of Hermosa, SD, emailed, "Please consider allowing archery turkey beginning at the same time as archery deer (last Saturday Sept). The season date revisions made in 2014 were VERY unfair to archery hunters. Some folks do not rifle hunt and do not wish to archery hunt during rifle seasons (after November 1). If the above is not possible, I would appreciate the commission documenting the reasoning for rejection."

Alan Lien of Chamberlain, SD, emailed, "I oppose the issuing of 500 Fall Any Turkey license in the Black Hills..."

Scott T. Kuck of Aberdeen, SD, emailed, "I am writing to you once again to request that the fall turkey season be closed in the Black Hills...I strongly urge you to continue the closure of the fall turkey season in the western Black Hills, and respectfully request that you close the fall season for the entire Black Hills."

Leonard Remer of Hermosa, SD, wrote, "...If there is truly a movement to close the fall 2015 turkey season, due to declining numbers of birds, I very much want to object to this insane idea..."

Tony A. Remer of Hermosa, SD, wrote, "...Please understand that limiting the season and or the #s of licenses is making a problem a bigger problem and expense for residents..."

James Schultes of Hermosa, SD, wrote, "Since you want to cancel turkey hunting season this fall. Leonard Remer is our neighbor. In the wintertime, my wife has counted over 600 some turkeys behind our place. After Fish & Game did their trapping. Since you want to close the season, maybe you can tell me where you want us to dump the these birds."

#### Early Fall Canada goose Hunting Season

No oral testimony was received.

Howard Brown of Brandon, SD, emailed, "I'm very excited about the new metro goose season around the Sioux Falls area..."

Darrel Miles of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed, "Great idea, not only will it provide additional days of hunting. But will also provide for the management of the ongoing population problem on Canadian geese in this area..."

James Stenseth of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed, "If you really want to thin out wildlife around Sioux Falls, shoot off some of the deer around here."

Gary Townsend of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed, "I think you have a very good idea to help control the goose population in Sioux Falls. It's nice to see the creative thinking that your office exhibits."

Dave Gilbert of Madison, SD, emailed, "I am in favor of the proposed 'Metro Goose Hunting Unit' around the City of Sioux Falls..."

Casey Rorvick of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed, "...I would like it to be put on public record that I am in favor of this proposal."

Pat Malcomb of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed, "...there are thousands of geese just around Sioux Falls we could be hunting. I think this is a great plan."

Craig Bowman of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed, "I'm all for the late season goose hunting around Sioux Falls to try to eliminate the number of Canadian honkers wintering here..."

#### Custer State Park hunting restrictions

No oral testimony was received.

George Welk of Fort Pierre, SD, emailed, "...I oppose this proposal...I personal don't believe that instituting the rule will further enhance the view of animals in the park..."

The Public Hearing concluded at 2:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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## REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Type of List Requested Big Game - Snow Falls Area

Number of Licenses in list 5250

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:

Rock Communications

Phone Number

641-791-3136

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:

Kellie Hala

117 E. 14th St. N

Newton, IA 50208

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

Email Address: Kellie.hala@rockcommunications.com

Purpose for which list will be used:

Schools Sports Mailing

### 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. A fee of \$100 per thousand names will be assessed for the sale of this list, 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.

Kellie Hala  
Authorized Signature of Purchaser

8/26/15  
Date

Date of Commission Action



**SOUTH DAKOTA GAME, FISH, and PARKS COMMISSION**

**Division of Administration  
August 6, 2015**

**SUBJECT: Public Improvement Contract Lien: Roy Lake Comfort Station  
(Project #: RoyE15Ma)**

On July 6, 2015 House of Glass, Inc. of Aberdeen, South Dakota, filed a \$3,370.69 lien pursuant to SDCL Chapter 5-22 on monies held by the SD Department of Game, Fish, and Parks for the Roy Lake Comfort Station Project (Attachment I).

The funds required to cover the lien have been segregated from other funds held by the Department for the project, and the subcontractor has commenced an action to foreclose on its lien.

No action is required by the GFP Commission at this time. This report is made to comply with the mandate of SDCL 5-22-3.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA GAME, FISH, and PARKS COMMISSION:** No action required.

# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## FISH LIMITS 41:07:03

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 6-7, 2015	Aberdeen
	Public Hearing	October 1, 2015	Spearfish
	Finalization	October 1-2, 2015	Spearfish

## WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

1. Modify **41:07:03:02.01. "South Dakota-Nebraska boundary waters."** by changing white bass limits on Nebraska border waters to match those of Nebraska.
  
2. Modify **41:07:03:03. "Daily, possession, and length limit restrictions on special management waters -- Additional restrictions described."** to:
  - a. Remove the restriction allowing only largemouth and smallmouth bass that are less than 14 inches in length or 18 inches or greater in length to be harvested from Lake Cochrane in Deuel County and Waubay Lake in Day County.
  - b. Remove the 15 inch minimum length restriction exemption in July and August for walleye from Ft. Randall Dam down to the South Dakota-Nebraska state line on the Missouri River.
  - c. Remove the 15 inch minimum length restriction for walleye from the Cattail/Kettle Lake Complex in Marshall County and Bitter Lake in Day County.
  - d. Remove the 15 inch minimum length restriction and remove the two fish daily limit restriction for walleye from Opitz Lake in Day and Marshall Counties.
  - e. Add a 15 inch minimum length restriction for largemouth and smallmouth bass in Bismarck Lake, Custer County.
  - f. Change the name of the "Black Hills Trout Management Area" to the Black Hills Fish Management Area".
  
3. Modify **41:07:03:05. "Anglers restricted to one day's limit while on the water or actively fishing."** to add language that allows for the removal of fish eyes for use as bait while on the water and to specify that the stipulation requiring fish to remain whole only applies to gamefish.

## SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. Changing white bass limits on Nebraska border water (change to 15 daily/30 possession) will align border water regulations with Nebraska regulations.

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a) Harvest of bass in Lake Cochrane is very low. Additionally, management objectives for bluegill require a high density of smaller bass in the system. This regulation change would better facilitate current management objectives.

Waubay Lake has a history of prey abundance fluctuations. This regulation change would follow suit with the previous removal of the walleye 15 inch minimum length limit from Waubay Lake.

b) Current walleye regulations in the area from Ft. Randall Dam down to the SD/NE state line on the Missouri River mirror regulations above the dam on Lake Francis Case with a 15 inch minimum exemption during July and August. This regulation change would align the walleye regulations for the area from Ft. Randall Dam down to the SD/NE state line with the area from the SD/NE state line downstream to Gavins Point Dam. Regulations would be clearer with the same walleye 15 inch minimum length restriction from Ft. Randall Dam down to Gavins Point Dam.

c) Cattail/Kettle Complex walleye population has not shown improvement and actually has declined with the 15 inch minimum length limit in effect.

The Bitter Lake walleye population has a large 2011 year class present. Fish growth is slow and walleye are succumbing to natural mortality prior to attaining 15 inches in length.

d) Abundance of Opitz Lake walleye in the 13-15 inch range is generally high; however, abundance of 16-17 inch walleye continues to be low. It is believed that the lake is losing walleye to natural mortality prior to attaining 15 inches in length.

e) Bismarck Lake was recently renovated. Smallmouth bass have been stocked and in an effort to build the newly created fishery. A minimum length restriction will help protect these fish until a fishery develops.

f) With changes in species present and angler desires, the Black Hills Trout Management Area currently requires management of many different fish species. Recent strategic planning efforts have been based on fish management areas. Changing the name will help standardize language.

3. Anglers have a long history around the Midwest of using fish eyes (especially perch eyes) as bait while ice fishing. This is often done by extracting eyes from fish that have been harvested. It is currently legal to remove gills, entrails and scales from a fish while on the water, but not eyes.

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# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## GENERAL PROVISIONS 41:07:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 6-7, 2015	Aberdeen
	Public Hearing	October 1, 2015	Spearfish
	Finalization	October 1-2, 2015	Spearfish

## WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

1. Modify **41:07:01:01. "Definition of terms."** to (a) change the name of the "Black Hills Trout Management Area" to the Black Hills Fish Management Area" and to (b) correct the boundary description of the Black Hills Fish Management Area. (All references in 41:07:01 to the "Black Hills Trout Management Area" will be changed to "Black Hills Fish Management Area"
  
2. Add new rule **41:07:01:19. "Commercial take of white bass"** to allow white bass (in accordance with SDCL 41-13-6) to be declared rough fish in defined waters for the purpose of contracted commercial fishing.

## SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. a) With changes in species present and angler desires, the Black Hills Trout Management Area currently requires management of many different fish species. Recent strategic planning efforts have been based on fish management areas. Changing the name will help standardize language.  
  
 b) The description of the boundary for the Black Hills Fish Management Area needs to include an additional statement to be accurate. "...to Maverick Junction near the city of Hot Springs, then westerly on Highway 18 to Edgemont, then northwesterly along the Burlington Northern Railroad..."
  
2. White bass are present in many waters in eastern South Dakota. Some of these waters are fished by the holder of a rough fish removal contract. In the process of seining rough fish, many white bass are caught. White bass often die when caught with this gear. Allowing contract fisherman to retain and sell these fish would prevent unnecessary waste. It will also allow contract fisherman to sell up to a defined weight of these fish, making their operation more financially viable. This is a benefit to fish management efforts as it helps to keep the contract fisherman in business and able to respond to the department's needs to remove rough fish like common carp.

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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION  
PROPOSAL

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PADDLEFISH SNAGGING 41:07:05, SPEARING 41:07:06

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 6-7, 2015	Aberdeen
	Public Hearing	October 1, 2015	Spearfish
	Finalization	October 1-2, 2015	Spearfish

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

1. Modify 41:07:05:02 "Snagging season in special management areas." to a) allow snagging of paddlefish on the Big Sioux River during the October paddlefish season below Gavins Point Dam and to b) remove statement "Any paddlefish tag that is locked closed before attachment or that is altered or modified in any way is void and may not be replaced".
2. Modify 41:07:06:03.01. "Archery allowed for taking paddlefish from portion of Missouri River." to change the archery paddlefish season below Gavin's Point Dam to run from June 1 through June 30. The current archery paddlefish season runs for 30 consecutive days beginning on the second Saturday in July.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. a) Iowa allows anglers to snag on the Big Sioux River up to the I29 Bridge. Due to the small size of the Big Sioux River, there are issues with anglers staying within the state boundary in which they are snagging. This rule change would allow South Dakota anglers to snag paddlefish in the Big Sioux River up to the I29 Bridge. Iowa is also working to make this adjustment in their rules for their spring snagging season.  
b) Language in 41:07:05:02 dictating that paddlefish tags locked prior to attachment or altered in any way are void and may not be replaced is contrary to language in 41:06:02:01 and in how the department currently handles these tags.
2. Changing the dates of the archery paddlefish season so it is earlier in the summer will allow archers a better chance to harvest paddlefish on the Missouri River downstream from Gavins Point Dam.

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

# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## BAIT 41:09:04, PRIVATE HATCHERIES 41:09:07

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 6-7, 2015	Aberdeen
	Public Hearing	October 1, 2015	Spearfish
	Finalization	October 1-2, 2015	Spearfish

## WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

1. Modify 41:09:04:03. **“Waters closed to taking of bait.”** to change the name of the “Black Hills Trout Management Area” to the Black Hills Fish Management Area”
2. Modify 41:09:07:06.04. **“Fish health inspection required.”** to include submission of fish health inspection results to Game, Fish and Parks as a condition of private aquaculture license renewal.

## SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. With changes in species present and angler desires, the Black Hills Trout Management Area currently requires management of many different fish species. Recent strategic planning efforts have been based on fish management areas.
2. Private aquaculture facilities are required to have an annual fish health inspection completed. There is no administrative rule requiring that records and results of an inspection be provided to the department. This change would clarify that failure to provide the results of the annual inspection may be cause for refusal of license renewal.

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  NO ACTION

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 NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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 6-7, 2015</b>	<b>Aberdeen</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>October 1, 2015</b>	<b>Spearfish</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>October 1, 2015</b>	<b>Spearfish</b>

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2015-16 and 2016-17 trapping and hunting seasons

<b>Season Dates:</b>	<b>Area:</b>
December 26, 2015 – February 15, 2016	All counties west of the Missouri River.
December 26, 2015 – January 17, 2016	Bon Homme, Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Clay, Hughes, Hutchinson, Hyde, Union 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:**

Add Clay, Hughes, Hutchinson, Hyde, and Union counties to the open area in the East River season.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

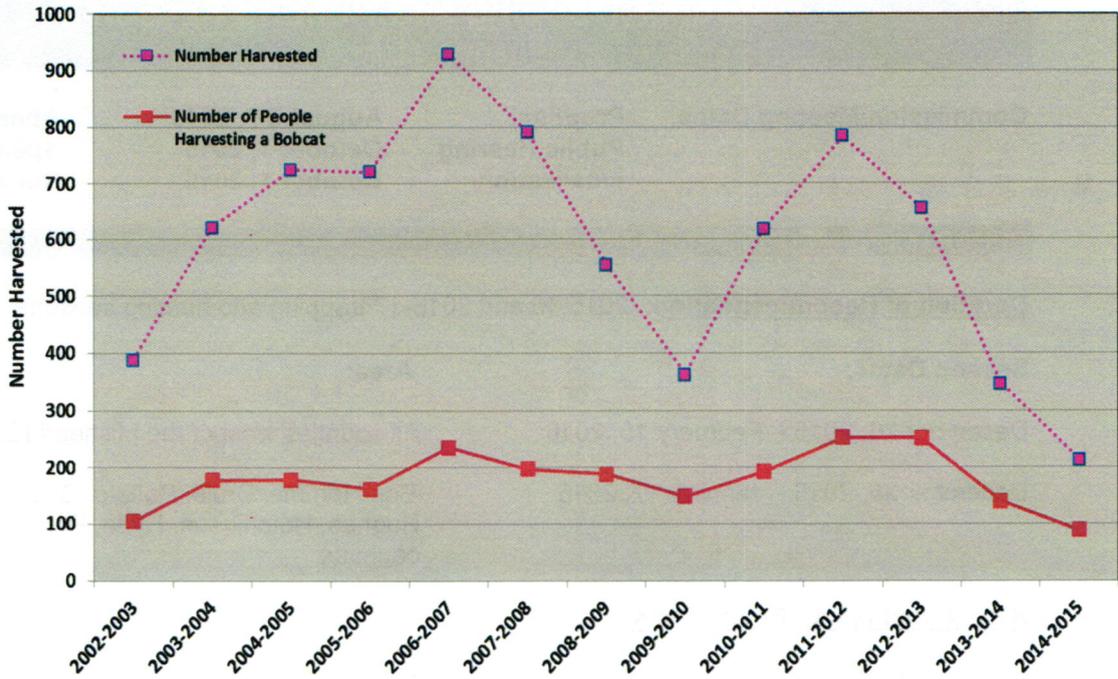
Bobcats continue to be killed by vehicles and trapped incidentally by people pursuing coyotes in these areas. By allowing a restricted harvest in these areas GFP will gain valuable biological information (i.e. sex ratio and age class) regarding this population and allow fur harvesters to utilize this resource.

**Bobcat Harvest Statistics**

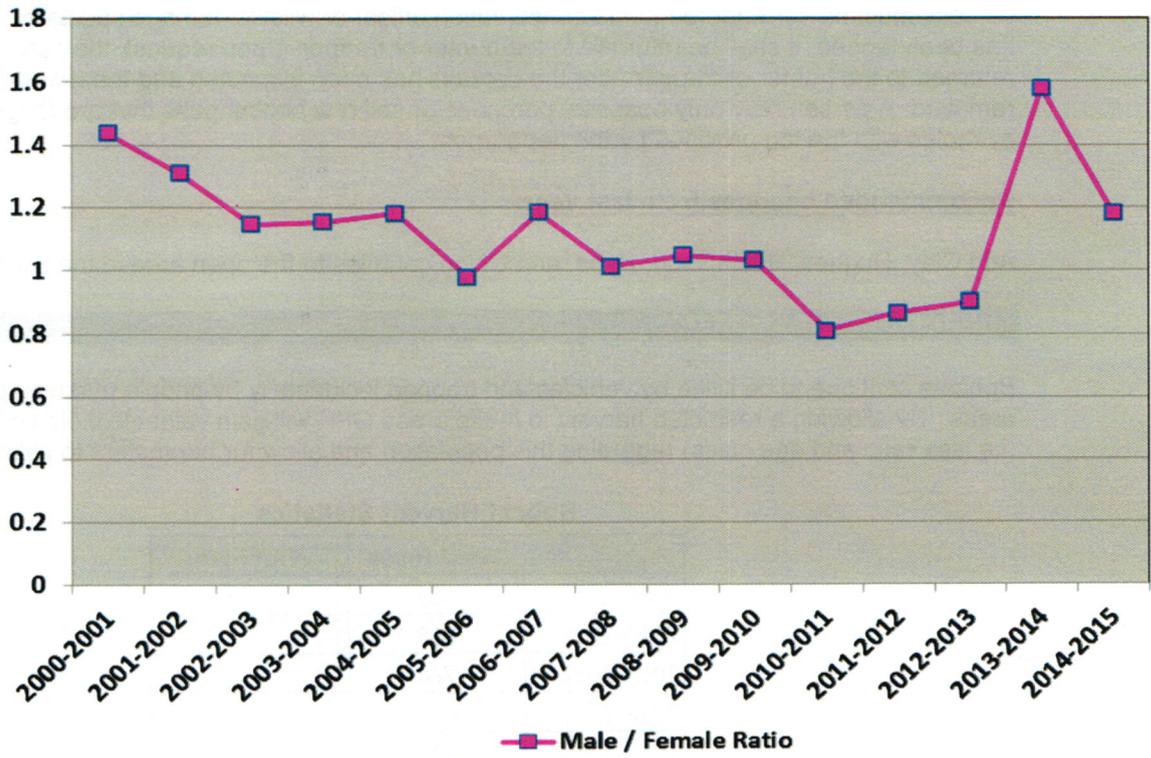
	West River	East River
<b>2009-2010</b>	363	
<b>2010-2011</b>	618	
<b>2011-2012</b>	784	
<b>2012-2013</b>	615	40
<b>2013-2014</b>	323	24
<b>2014-2015</b>	206	8

<b>APPROVE</b> _____	<b>MODIFY</b> _____	<b>REJECT</b> _____	<b>NO ACTION</b> _____
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### Statewide Bobcat Harvest / Number of People Harvesting Bobcats



### WR Bobcat - Male / Female Ratio



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

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

**Mountain Lion Hunting Season**

Chapters 41:06:02 and 41:06:61

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>August 6-7, 2015</b>	<b>Aberdeen</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>October 1, 2015</b>	<b>Spearfish</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>October 1-2, 2015</b>	<b>Spearfish</b>

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2015-16 and 2016-17 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** December 26, 2015 – March 31, 2016

**Open Area:** Statewide

**Licenses:** Residents: Unlimited licenses  
Nonresidents: 250 licenses

**Harvest Limit:** Black Hills Fire Protection District: 60 mountain lions or 40 female mountain lions (includes Custer State Park)

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Residents may harvest no more than one (1) mountain lion in a season.
2. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
3. No person may hunt mountain lions with the aid of traps or bait.
4. A person may use an electronic call to hunt mountain lions.
5. All firearms, muzzleloaders, and archery equipment must meet the same minimum requirements as established in rules for deer hunting.
6. The use of dogs to hunt mountain lions is only allowed during those specified hunting intervals in Custer State Park that allow the use of dogs and year round outside of the Black Hills Fire Protection District on private land with permission of the landowner or lessee. However, a pursuit of a mountain lion by dogs that originates on private land may cross over or culminate on property owned by the Office of School and Public Lands or the United State Bureau of Land Management other than the Fort Meade Recreation Area.
7. Licensed hunters must accompany the dog handler when the dogs are released and must continuously participate in the hunt thereafter until the hunt is completed.
8. No person may release dogs on tracks indicating multiple mountain lions traveling together.
9. In Custer State Park, a person using dogs shall attempt to harvest the first legal mountain lion they have a reasonable opportunity to harvest, except under the condition where the lion pursued shows obvious signs of lactation.
10. No mountain lion with a spotted coat (kitten) and no mountain lion accompanying another mountain lion may be harvested.
11. All mountain lions harvested must be presented to a department representative within 24 hours of harvest for inspection.
12. The Game, Fish, and Parks Commission, by resolution, may authorize the mountain lion season to extend beyond March 31.
13. Any properly licensed hunter can harvest one mountain lion year round outside the Black Hills Fire Protection District.

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

**Recommended changes from last year:**

1. Modify the harvest limit for the Black Hills Fire Protection District (including CSP) from 75 mountain lions or 50 female mountain lions to 60 mountain lions or 40 female mountain lions.
2. Allow 250 nonresident mountain lion licenses (excludes Custer State Park).
3. Establish a nonresident mountain lion license with a fee of \$121 (includes \$6 surcharge).
4. For hunters possessing a Custer State Park access permit, hunting intervals will rotate after every 14 days, beginning with an interval allowing the use of dogs (see schedules below).
  - Dog Hunting Allowed Intervals
    - a) Decrease the number of access permits from 4 to 3 per hunting interval.
  - No Dog Hunting Allowed Intervals
    - a) Decrease the number of hunting intervals from 4 to 3.
    - b) Decrease the number of access permits from 30 to 15 per hunting interval.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

**Mountain Lion Harvest Statistics**

Year	Licenses Sold	Season Dates	BLACK HILLS HARVEST			Harvest Limit
			Males	Females	Total	
2005/06	2,589	Oct. 1 - Dec. 15	6	7	13	25 or 5 breeding age females
2006/07	3,297	Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	7	8	15	25 or 8 females
2007/08	4,067	Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	2	15	17	35 or 15 females
2008/09	2,678	Jan. 1 - Mar. 31	11	15	26	35 or 15 females
2009/10	2,356	Jan. 1 - Mar. 31	16	24	40	40 or 25 females
2010/11	2,560	Jan. 1 - Mar. 31	20	27	47	45 or 30 females
2011/12	3,786	Jan. 1 - Mar. 31	27	46	73	70 or 50 females
2012/13	4,344	Dec. 26 - Mar. 31	26	35	61	100 or 70 females
2013/14	3,293	Dec. 26 - Mar. 31	22	31	53	75 or 50 females
2014/15	3,210	Dec. 26 - Mar. 31	21	22	43	75 or 50 females

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

## 2015-16 Custer State Park Mountain Lion Hunting Season Interval Schedule

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### DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						26
27	28	29	14 Days 30	31		

### JANUARY

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

### FEBRUARY

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

### MARCH

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

	Four (4) hunting intervals with 3 access permits (dog hunting allowed).
	Three (3) hunting intervals with 15 access permits (no dog hunting allowed).

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

## 2016-17 Custer State Park Mountain Lion Hunting Season Interval Schedule

### DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	26	27	14 Days 28	29	30	31

### JANUARY

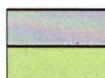
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	14 Days 11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	14 Days 25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

### FEBRUARY

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

### MARCH

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



Four (4) hunting intervals with 3 access permits (dog hunting allowed).

Three (3) hunting intervals with 15 access permits (no dog hunting allowed).

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

**State Threatened and Endangered Species Listings**

Chapter 41:10:02:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre
	Public Hearing	August 6, 2015	Aberdeen
	Finalization	August 6-7, 2015	Aberdeen

**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

Proposed change:

Remove bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) from list of state threatened birds (41:10:02:02).

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

The bald eagle was listed as a federal endangered species in most of the lower U.S. states in 1978 due to the impact of DDT (an organochloride used as a pesticide) accumulation in fish. DDT and other pesticide contamination in fish eaten by bald eagles caused eggshell thinning, premature egg breakage, embryo deaths and poisoning of adult birds. This species was also listed as a state endangered species on South Dakota's first list of threatened and endangered species in 1978. Bald eagles recovered throughout the U.S. due to banning of DDT, reintroduction programs, habitat protection, and protection from illegal killing and poisoning.

Although no bald eagle reintroductions were conducted in South Dakota, this species has steadily increased from the first known successful nest in the state in 1993 to more than 100 nests today. A subset of nests is monitored each year by state, federal, tribal and private entities to estimate production and to detect any regional or statewide changes to the nesting population. SDGFP participates in an aerial midwinter bald eagle survey to estimate wintering birds on standardized routes along the Missouri River. SDGFP also periodically conducts aerial searches for nests on likely habitat, such as along rivers.

This species was downlisted from state endangered to state threatened in 2003. In 2005, as part of an interagency effort to plan for the needs of endangered or threatened species that depend on the Missouri River, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks completed the "South Dakota Bald Eagle Management Plan." The management goal for nesting bald eagles in South Dakota is an average of 25 active bald eagle nests per year, with a five-year running average. Figure 1 illustrates the estimated number of active bald eagle nests from 1992 – 2014. This depicts a conservative estimate because not all nest locations are known to the agency, and some nests in remote locations cannot be monitored. The higher number depicted for 2012 reflects results of statewide aerial surveys, which are more effective in detecting nests than ground observations. Figure 2 depicts known bald eagle nests as of 2014 based on compiled information. Based on nest monitoring and aerial surveys in 2015, the current estimated number of active nests is 140-150.

Because this species has met and exceeded its state management goal, the Department recommends that protection under the state endangered species law is no longer justified. This species will continue to be protected by the federal Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Bald eagle recovery represents an endangered species success story at the state and national levels.

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

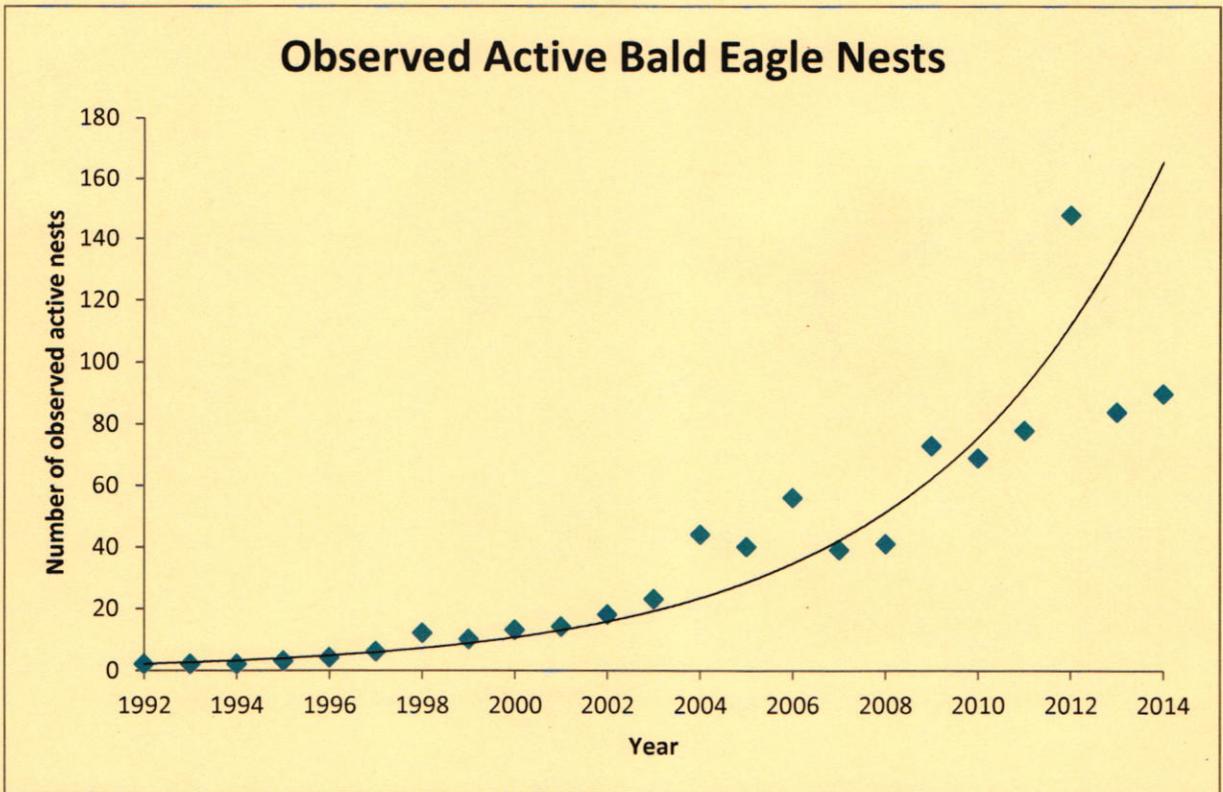


Figure 1. Number of active bald eagle nests detected in South Dakota from 1992 – 2014. NOTE: The higher number depicted for 2012 reflects results of statewide aerial surveys, which are more effective in detecting nests than ground observations.

## 2014 Bald Eagle Nests

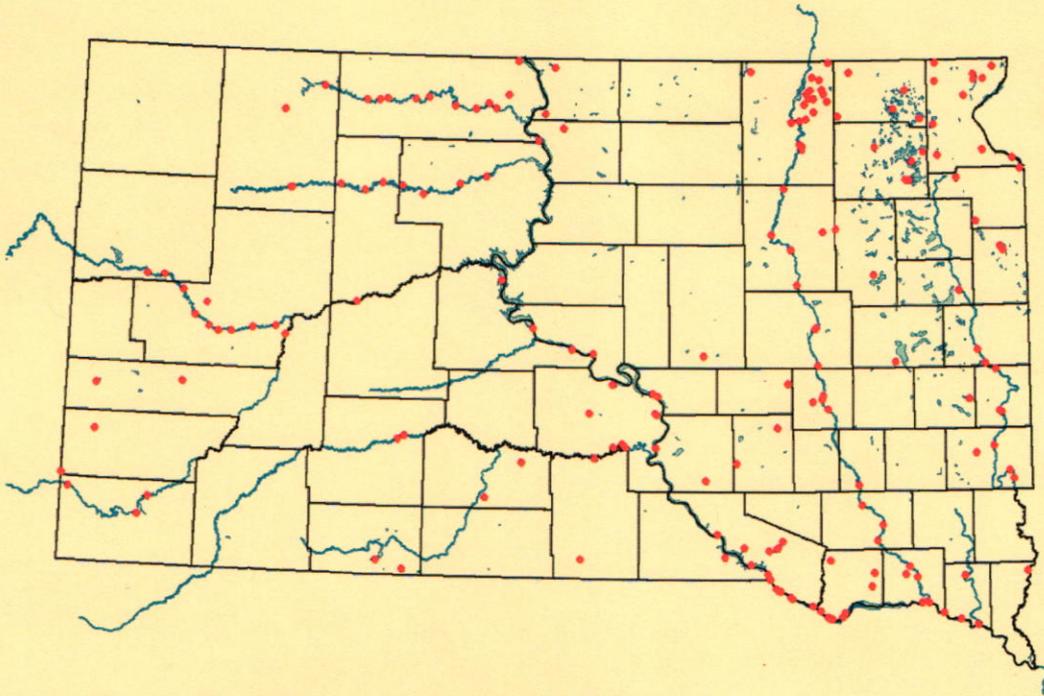


Figure 2. Known bald eagle nests as of December 2014.

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# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

## Duck Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:16

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 1-2, 2015	Pierre
	Public Hearing	August 6, 2015	Aberdeen
	Finalization	August 6-7, 2015	Aberdeen

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

#### Season Dates and Open Areas:

High Plains Zone:	October 10, 2015 – January 14, 2016
Low Plains North & Low Plains Middle Zone:	September 26 – December 8, 2015
Low Plains South Zone:	October 10 – December 22, 2015

#### 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, 2 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 26 – October 11, 2015
  - High Plains and Low Plains South Zones: October 10 – 25, 2015

Coots: 15

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

Possession Limits: Three times the daily bag limits.

### Duck Hunting Zones



#### Proposed change from last year:

- 1. Decrease the scaup daily limit from 3 to 2.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

#### Recommended changes from proposal:

- 1. Retain the current scaup daily bag limit of 3.
- 2. Increase the canvasback daily limit from 1 to 2.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Ducks Harvested
2010	14,038	4,123	262,302
2011	13,394	4,132	264,740
2012	12,797	3,961	233,608
2013	13,456	3,842	240,393
2014	13,471	3,565	221,981

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

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

**Goose Hunting Season**

Chapter 41:06:16

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	Proposal	July 8-9, 2015	Pierre
	Public Hearing	August 7, 2015	Aberdeen
	Finalization	August 7-8, 2015	Aberdeen

**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

**Season Dates:**

Light Geese  
Statewide: September 26 – December 20, 2015

Canada Geese (and Brant)  
Unit 1: October 1 – December 16, 2015  
Unit 2: November 2, 2015 – February 14, 2016  
Unit 3: January 9-17, 2016

White-fronted Geese  
Statewide: September 26 – December 20, 2015

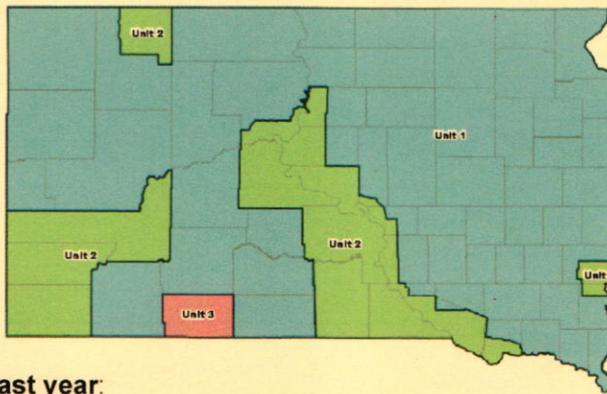
**Daily Limits:**

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 change from last year:**

1. Increase the number of hunting days for white-fronted geese from 72 to 86 consecutive days.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

The 3-year average for white-fronted geese is over 800,000, which allows for a liberal harvest package indicated in the national management plan. Therefore, the number of hunting days can increase from 72 to 86 days with a daily bag limit of 2 birds.

Year	Canada Geese (all seasons)			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
2010	13,552	2,198	129,628	4,031	551	36,259	985	261	891
2011	13,376	2,167	137,837	3,614	617	40,828	973	288	1,011
2012	13,725	2,277	164,417	4,113	726	55,171	1,685	440	3,485
2013	12,004	2,160	124,156	3,747	641	53,322	1,098	224	1,891
2014	12,130	1,969	103,149	3,572	514	53,815	951	244	1,529

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

<b>Park Interior Roads by County</b>		
<b>County</b>	<b>Park Paved Roads (Miles)</b>	<b>Park Gravel Roads (Miles)</b>
Beadle	0	1.49
Bon Homme	0.67	1.31
Brookings	8.75	1.35
Brown	2.13	0.06
Brule	0	1.05
Butte	2.95	2.24
Campbell	0	3.56
Charles Mix	14.79	8.82
Clay	0.16	0.51
Codington	3.08	1.67
Custer	38.18	45.57
Day	3.06	1.74
Deuel	0.56	0.06
Dewey	1.4	0.06
Edmonds	1.69	0.42
Fall River	10.44	7.28
Faulk	0.27	0.04
Gregory	6.66	7.61
Hand	2.41	0.31
Hughes	8.71	4.34
Kingsbury	2.66	1.43
Lake	5	1.26
Lincoln	6.33	0.85
Lyman	0.43	0.38
Marshall	3.95	2.7
McCook	3.35	3.84
Meade	1.58	3.73
Miner	0	0.83
Minnehaha	4.67	0.16
Perkins	3.09	13.48
Potter	3.64	1.06
Roberts	3.91	0.38
Sanborn	0	0.26
Spink	0.72	0.59
Stanley	7.75	3.92
Sully	2.64	9.09
Union	2.3	0
Walworth	7.82	5.41
Yankton	15.71	1.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>181.46</b>	<b>140.14</b>

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## GFP CONNECTOR ROAD REPORT

Class	Park Name	County	Surface Type	Management	Agreement In Place?	Year Agree Signed	GFP Ratio	County Ratio	Township Ratio	Other Ratio	Length (Miles)	Surface Width	ROAD NAME	NOTES
SP	Oakwood Lakes - South	Brookings	Paved	Township	No						0.24	22	OAKWOOD PARK DR	No Agreement
SP	Oakwood Lakes - North	Brookings	Paved	Township	No						0.51	22	202 ST	No Agreement
RA	Richmond Lake (Forest Drive Unit)	Brown	Paved	County	No						0.99	22	COUNTY ROAD 6B	No Agreement
RA	Rocky Point	Butte	Paved	BOR	Yes	2011	50%			50%	1.52	24	FISHERMANS ROAD	MOU - 50 / 50 Cost Share
RA	Rocky Point	Butte	Paved	County	Yes	1999	50%			50%	0.53	24	FISHERMANS ROAD	MOU - expires 2024
RA	West Pollock	Campbell	Paved	County	Yes	2012	75%	25%			1.75	22	104 ST	
RA	Pease Creek	Charles Mix	Paved	County	Yes	2008	75%	25%			2.2	22	292 ST / 373 AVE / 293 ST	
RA	North Point	Charles Mix	Paved	Township	No						0.05	20	381 AVE	Marina Access Road
RA	Platte Creek	Charles Mix	Paved	County	Yes	2008	75%	25%			1.73	20	282 ST	
RA	Pelican	Codington	Paved	Township	Yes	2011	100%				0.98	26	175 ST	
RA	Pelican	Codington	Paved	Township	Yes	1978	100%				0.25	24	450 AVE	1978 Easement
RA	Angostura	Fall River	Paved	County	Yes	2009	75%	25%			2.04	24	N. ANGOSTURA ROAD	
RA	Angostura	Fall River	Paved	County	Yes	2009	75%	25%			3.49	24	S. ANGOSTURA ROAD	
LUA	Lake Faulkton	Faulk	Paved	County	No						0.56	24	NORTH LAKE ST	No Agreement
RA	Burke Lake	Gregory	Paved	County	Yes	1993	75%	25%			1.02	24	291 ST	
LUA	East Shore	Hughes	Paved	COE	No						0.24	18	EVERGREEN ST	No Agreement
RA	Spring Creek	Hughes	Paved	County	No						1.19	24	SPRING CREEK PLACE	No Agreement
RA	Spring Creek - LHP Unit	Hughes	Paved	County	Yes	2013	50%	50%			0.11	24	LAKE PLACE	Double Chip Seal
RA	West Bend	Hughes	Paved	County	Yes	1995					9.2	26	319 AVE	Slide Repair Agreement
RA	Lake Thompson	Kingsbury	Paved	Township	Yes	2000	100%				3.06	24	438 AVE	
RA	Walkers Point	Lake	Paved	Township	Yes	2012	33%		67%		0.5	24	459 AVE	
LUA	Cedar Shores	Lyman	Paved	County	Yes						1.43	24	G.S.M. SHORELINE DRIVE	DOT/CO/City Agreement
SP	Good Earth	Lincoln	Paved	Other	Yes	2012	50%			50%	0.73	21	270 ST	
SP	Roy Lake	Marshall	Paved	County	Yes	2013	75%	25%			2.21	26	116 ST	
SP	Roy Lake	Marshall	Paved	County	Yes	2013	75%	25%			1.42	27	438 AVE	
SP	Sica Hollow	Marshall	Paved	County	No						1.25	20	COUNTY ROAD 10	No record Cooperative Agreement outside of park
SP	Bear Butte	Meade	Paved	County	No						0.38	20		No Agreement - GFP has taken care & maintenance
SP	Palisades	Minnehaha	Paved	Township	Yes	1998	40%	33%	27%		1.25	24	485 AVE	
RA	Shadehill	Perkins	Paved	County	No						1	24	190 AVE	No Agreement - GFP has taken care & maintenance
LUA	East Whitlocks	Potter	Paved	County	Yes	2004	75%	25%			2.59	24	EAST WHITLOCKS ACCESS	
RA	West Whitlocks	Potter	Paved	County	Yes	2007	75%	25%			2.59	26	160 ST / 294 AVE	
SP	Sica Hollow	Roberts	Paved	County	No						0.73	20	113 ST	No record Cooperative Agreement outside of park
SP	Fisher Grove	Spink	Paved	Township	No						0.25	22	FISHERS LANE	No Agreement - GFP has taken care & maintenance
LUA	Bushs Landing	Sully	Paved	County	Yes	2011	75%	10%		15%	5.16	26	284 AVE / 182 ST	"Other" is DOT
RA	Cow Creek	Sully	Paved	County	Yes	2013	50%	50%			0.69	26	COW CREEK ROAD	
LUA	Little Bend	Sully	Paved	County	Yes	2005	75%	15%		10%	8.36	26	185 ST / 278 AVE / 184 ST	"Other" is DOT
RA	Okobojo	Sully	Paved	County	Yes	2013	75%	25%			2.44	26	194 ST	
LUA	Sutton Bay	Sully	Paved	County	Yes	2005					3.13	22	291 AVE	05 Agreement to pave - No GFP funds
SP	Union Grove	Union	Paved	County	Yes	2005	50%	50%			1.3	240	471 AVE	Resurface Project
RA	Indian Creek	Walworth	Paved	County	Yes	2012	75%	25%			0.97	24	288 AVE	
RA	Swan Creek	Walworth	Paved	County	Yes	2012	75%	25%			8.16	22	142 ST	
RA	Revheim Bay	Walworth	Paved	County	No						0.4	28	LAKE FRONT DRIVE & REVHEIM ROAD	Easement granted to County

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Class	Park Name	County	Surface Type	Management	Agreement In Place?	Year Agree Signed	GFP Ratio	County Ratio	Township Ratio	Other Ratio	Length (Miles)	Surface Width	ROAD NAME	NOTES
LUA	James River #2	Beadle	Gravel	Township	No						0.8	16	192 ST	No Agreement
LUA	Tabor	Bon Homme	Gravel	County	No						1.82	18	427 AVE	No Agreement - but History of Cooperation
SP	Oakwood Lakes	Brookings	Gravel	Township	No						1	0	462 AVE	No Agreement
LUA	Elm Creek	Brule	Gravel	County	Yes	2011	75%	25%			2.8	18	ELM CREEK ROAD	
LUA	Newell Lake	Butte	Gravel	GFP	No						1.99	24	NEWELL LAKE ROAD	Crosses private property - Seeking Easement
LUA	Shaw Creek	Campbell	Gravel	County	No						0.97	20		No Agreement
RA	North Point	Charles Mix	Gravel	Township	Yes	2013					0.19	0	381 AVE	Marina Access Road - 3 Way Agree GFP/CO/TS
LUA	NW Pelican	Codington	Gravel	County	Yes	1995					0.44	24	450 AVE	Maintenance Agreement - County responsibility
LUA	Amsden	Day	Gravel	Township	No						0.5	20	413 AVE	No Agreement
ORC	Sheps Canyon	Fall River	Gravel	County	Yes	2013	40%	60%			5.89	24	SHEPS CANYON ROAD	Mag Water
RA	Buryanek	Gregory	Gravel	County	Yes	2009	100%				2.66	20	BURYANEK ROAD	County did work, GFP paid materials
LUA	Joe Day Bay	Gregory	Gravel	County	No						2.07	20	JOE DAY ROAD	No Agreement
LUA	South Wheeler	Gregory	Gravel	County	No						0.89	20	SOUTH WHEELER ROAD	No Agreement
LUA	Rosehill	Hand	Gravel	Township	Yes	1991					3.25	18	212 ST	DOT/GFP/TS participation
LUA	North Bend	Hughes	Gravel	County	No						4.18	16	CHANEY RUSH ROAD	No Agreement
LUA	Thompson/Henry	Kingsbury	Gravel	Township	Yes	1998	100%				2.99	0	212 ST	
NA	Roughlock Falls	Lawrence	Gravel	County	Yes	2013	50%	50%			0.98	18	ROUGHLOCK FALLS ROAD	
LUA	Four Mile/Bullhead	Marshall	Gravel	Township	No						0.12	26	SPILLWAY DRIVE	No Agreement
LUA	Hugh Glass	Perkins	Gravel	Township	No						0.35	0	HUGH GLASS ROAD	No Agreement
LUA	Bob's Landing	Potter	Gravel	County	No						0.2	20		Maintenance Agreement for Interior Road
LUA	Dodge Draw	Potter	Gravel	County	Yes	1992	75%	25%			4.61	20	154 ST	
LUA	Chantier Creek	Stanley	Gravel	County	No						0.65	18	CHANTIER CREEK PLACE	No Agreement
LUA	Foster Bay	Stanley	Gravel	County	No						2.75	16	FOSTERS BAY ROAD	No Agreement
LUA	Minneconjou	Stanley	Gravel	County	No						2.27	18	262 AVE	No Agreement
RA	Oahe Downstream - OHV Area Access	Stanley	Gravel	COE	No						0.44	18	206 ST	No Agreement
LUA	Bushs Landing	Sully	Gravel	County	No						1.12	0	182 ST	Agreement likely, can not find
LUA	Sutton Bay	Sully	Gravel	County	No						0.85	20	SUTTON BAY TRAIL	No Agreement
LUA	Thomas Bay	Walworth	Gravel	County	No						1.4	22	THOMAS BAY ROAD	No Agreement
LUA	Walth Bay	Walworth	Gravel	County	No						1.52	22	WALTH BAY ROAD	No Agreement
											Total Gravel Miles		49.7	
											Total Connector Miles		128.3	

## January to July 2015 Revenue Comparison by Item

	2014		2015		% Change
	Number	Dollar	Number	Dollar	
Annual	37,128	\$ 1,113,847	38,941	\$ 1,168,224	5%
Second Vehicle	10,008	\$ 150,113	10,240	\$ 153,601	2%
Combo	19,280	\$ 867,616	20,502	\$ 922,592	6%
Transferable	1,429	\$ 92,885	1,340	\$ 87,129	-6%
Daily / Person	20,123	\$ 80,492	22,641	\$ 90,564	13%
Daily / Vehicle	47,093	\$ 282,556	54,418	\$ 326,510	16%
Unattended Vehicle Daily	851	\$ 8,514	1,258	\$ 12,580	48%
Motorcoach Permit	17,842	\$ 53,525	4,430	\$ 13,290	-75%
GSM Annual Trail Pass	1,620	\$ 24,300	1,855	\$ 27,825	15%
GSM Daily Trail Pass	8,678	\$ 26,034	9,098	\$ 27,294	5%
CSP Temp Daily / Vehicle	83,625	\$ 1,254,379	91,320	\$ 1,369,793	9%
Bike Band	12,868	\$ 128,676	22,666	\$ 226,661	76%
One-Day Special Event	N/A	\$ 4,581	N/A	\$ 4,415	-4%
<b>PERMITS</b>	<b>260,545</b>	<b>\$ 4,087,518</b>	<b>278,709</b>	<b>\$ 4,430,478</b>	<b>8%</b>
Camping Services Permits	-	\$ 5,875,590	-	\$ 6,548,919	11%
Gift Card	-	\$ 3,085	-	\$ 4,600	49%
Picnic Reservations	-	\$ 14,615	-	\$ 15,319	5%
Firewood	25,347	\$ 101,389	28792	\$ 115,169	14%
<b>LODGING</b>	<b>25,347</b>	<b>\$ 5,994,679</b>	<b>28792</b>	<b>\$ 6,684,006</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>285,892</b>	<b>\$ 10,082,197</b>	<b>307,502</b>	<b>\$ 11,114,484</b>	<b>10%</b>

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July 2015 YTD Revenue Comparison by District

LOCATION	2014	2015	%
Fort Sisseton	\$ 55,527	\$ 55,735	0%
Roy Lake	\$ 165,552	\$ 180,127	9%
Sica Hollow	\$ 1,117	\$ 1,595	43%
<b>DISTRICT 1</b>	<b>\$ 222,196</b>	<b>\$ 237,457</b>	<b>7%</b>
Richmond Lake	\$ 51,672	\$ 51,138	-1%
Mina Lake	\$ 80,188	\$ 87,360	9%
Lake Louise	\$ 42,303	\$ 51,691	22%
Fisher Grove	\$ 16,942	\$ 16,326	-4%
Amsden	\$ 2,975	\$ 2,685	-10%
<b>DISTRICT 2</b>	<b>\$ 194,080</b>	<b>\$ 209,200</b>	<b>8%</b>
Sandy Shore	\$ 36,131	\$ 35,305	-2%
Hartford Beach	\$ 121,725	\$ 130,744	7%
Lake Cochrane	\$ 46,271	\$ 49,256	6%
Pelican Lake	\$ 110,158	\$ 119,582	9%
Pickrel Lake	\$ 147,206	\$ 163,389	11%
<b>DISTRICT 3</b>	<b>\$ 461,491</b>	<b>\$ 498,276</b>	<b>8%</b>
Oakwood Lakes	\$ 208,517	\$ 243,482	17%
Lake Poinsett	\$ 168,505	\$ 173,652	3%
Lake Thompson	\$ 203,843	\$ 215,477	6%
<b>DISTRICT 4</b>	<b>\$ 580,865</b>	<b>\$ 632,612</b>	<b>9%</b>
Lake Herman	\$ 165,132	\$ 175,176	6%
Walkers Point	\$ 60,561	\$ 70,712	17%
<b>DISTRICT 5</b>	<b>\$ 225,693</b>	<b>\$ 245,889</b>	<b>9%</b>
Snake Creek	\$ 246,291	\$ 263,887	7%
Platte Creek	\$ 44,612	\$ 44,702	0%
Burke Lake	\$ 1,829	\$ 1,695	-7%
Buryanek	\$ 55,954	\$ 62,445	12%
<b>DISTRICT 6</b>	<b>\$ 348,686</b>	<b>\$ 372,730</b>	<b>7%</b>
Palisades	\$ 169,631	\$ 192,883	14%
Lake Vermillion	\$ 225,543	\$ 237,375	5%
Big Sioux	\$ 142,279	\$ 159,519	12%
<b>DISTRICT 7</b>	<b>\$ 537,453</b>	<b>\$ 589,777</b>	<b>10%</b>
Newton Hills	\$ 300,657	\$ 334,001	11%
Lake Alvin	\$ 23,290	\$ 33,584	44%
Union Grove	\$ 29,879	\$ 31,027	4%
Adams	\$ 305	\$ 696	128%
<b>DISTRICT 8</b>	<b>\$ 354,131</b>	<b>\$ 399,307</b>	<b>13%</b>

LOCATION	2014	2015	%
Lewis & Clark	\$ 1,089,704	\$ 1,193,709	10%
Springfield	\$ 22,879	\$ 23,268	2%
Chief White Crane	\$ 230,524	\$ 249,686	8%
Pierson Ranch	\$ 83,726	\$ 92,260	10%
Tabor	\$ 939	\$ 623	-34%
Sand Creek	\$ 762	\$ 1,299	71%
<b>DISTRICT 9</b>	<b>\$ 1,428,534</b>	<b>\$ 1,560,845</b>	<b>9%</b>
White Swan	\$ 2,569	\$ 2,202	
South Scalp	\$ 658	\$ 500	
South Shore	\$ 2,359	\$ 3,256	38%
North Point	\$ 320,231	\$ 353,086	10%
Pease Creek	\$ 24,083	\$ 24,197	0%
Randall Creek	\$ 167,223	\$ 169,139	1%
Whetstone	\$ 6,318	\$ 6,814	8%
North Wheeler	\$ 7,552	\$ 8,358	11%
<b>DISTRICT 10</b>	<b>\$ 530,993</b>	<b>\$ 567,553</b>	<b>7%</b>
Farm Island	\$ 209,986	\$ 220,024	5%
West Bend	\$ 184,575	\$ 192,263	4%
<b>DISTRICT 11</b>	<b>\$ 394,561</b>	<b>\$ 412,287</b>	<b>4%</b>
Okobojo	\$ 10,489	\$ 11,082	6%
Oahe Downstream	\$ 346,066	\$ 366,677	6%
Spring Creek	\$ 14,370	\$ 15,630	9%
Cow Creek	\$ 47,407	\$ 49,149	4%
<b>DISTRICT 12</b>	<b>\$ 418,332</b>	<b>\$ 442,539</b>	<b>6%</b>
East Whitlock	\$ 506	\$ 558	10%
West Whitlock	\$ 125,768	\$ 134,211	7%
Lake Hiddenwood	\$ 4,350	\$ 7,198	65%
Swan Creek	\$ 9,661	\$ 9,022	-7%
Indian Creek	\$ 155,694	\$ 170,456	9%
West Pollock	\$ 16,747	\$ 15,726	-6%
WalthBay	\$ 779	\$ 1,690	117%
Revheim Bay	\$ 340	\$ 319	
<b>DISTRICT 13</b>	<b>\$ 313,845</b>	<b>\$ 339,179</b>	<b>8%</b>
Mickelson Trail	\$ 66,904	\$ 73,595	10%
Bear Butte	\$ 16,989	\$ 20,011	18%
<b>DISTRICT 14</b>	<b>\$ 83,893</b>	<b>\$ 93,606</b>	<b>12%</b>
Shadehill	\$ 156,410	\$ 192,238	23%
Llewellyn Johns	\$ 5,736	\$ 6,351	11%
Rocky Point	\$ 124,812	\$ 149,969	20%
<b>DISTRICT 15</b>	<b>\$ 286,958</b>	<b>\$ 348,557</b>	<b>21%</b>
Custer	\$ 3,070,722	\$ 3,468,596	13%
<b>DISTRICT 16</b>	<b>\$ 3,070,722</b>	<b>\$ 3,468,596</b>	<b>13%</b>
Angostura	\$ 432,393	\$ 476,845	10%
Sheps Canyon	\$ 41,314	\$ 50,273	22%
<b>DISTRICT 17</b>	<b>\$ 473,707</b>	<b>\$ 527,118</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>PIERRE OFFICE</b>	<b>\$ 156,057</b>	<b>\$ 168,957</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 10,082,197</b>	<b>\$ 11,114,484</b>	<b>10%</b>

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**DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION**  
**January to July 2015 Camping Unit Comparison by District**

Dist	Park	2014 Units	2015 Units	%	Dist	Park	2014 Units	2015 Units	%	
1	Fort Sisseton	1,174	1,027	-13%	9	Lewis & Clark	24,036	25,683	7%	
	Roy Lake	4,056	4,336	7%		Tabor	81	54	-33%	
	Sica Hollow	68	76	12%		Sand Creek	61	111	82%	
	<u>5,298</u>	<u>5,439</u>	<u>3%</u>	Springfield		736	710	-4%		
2	Richmond Lake	856	963	13%		Chief White Crane	6,332	6,674	5%	
	Mina Lake	1,442	1,558	8%		Pierson Ranch	<u>2,418</u>	<u>2,722</u>	<u>13%</u>	
	Lake Louise	989	1,138	15%			<u>33,664</u>	<u>35,954</u>	<u>7%</u>	
	Fisher Grove	564	615	9%		10	North Point	6,066	6,568	8%
	Amsden	237	215	-9%			North Wheeler	498	518	4%
	<u>4,088</u>	<u>4,489</u>	<u>10%</u>	Pease Creek			1,025	999	-3%	
3	Sandy Shore	755	761	1%	Randall Creek		4,642	4,949	7%	
	Hartford Beach	2,923	3,198	9%	South Shore		196	268	37%	
	Lake Cochrane	1,251	1,293	3%	Whetstone Bay		420	441	5%	
	Pelican South	2,927	3,245	11%	White Swan		219	184	-16%	
	Pickerel Lake	3,881	4,073	5%	South Scalp		-	21		
	<u>11,737</u>	<u>12,570</u>	<u>7%</u>		<u>13,066</u>		<u>13,948</u>	<u>7%</u>		
4	Oakwood Lakes	4,849	5,234	8%	11		Farm Island	4,114	4,494	9%
	Lake Poinsett	4,386	4,460	2%		West Bend	<u>5,406</u>	<u>5,810</u>	<u>7%</u>	
	Lake Thompson	4,237	4,459	5%		<u>9,520</u>	<u>10,304</u>	<u>8%</u>		
	<u>13,472</u>	<u>14,153</u>	<u>5%</u>	12	Oahe Downstream	8,220	8,763	7%		
5	Lake Herman	3,228	3,427		6%	Cow Creek	1,767	1,757	-1%	
	Walkers Point	1,519	1,640		8%	Okobojo Point	760	785	3%	
	Lake Carthage	524	422	-19%		<u>10,747</u>	<u>11,305</u>	<u>5%</u>		
	<u>5,271</u>	<u>5,489</u>	<u>4%</u>	13	West Whitlock	3,294	3,458	5%		
6	Snake Creek	5,994	6,366		6%	Lake Hiddenwood	152	192	26%	
	Platte Creek	1,060	1,185		12%	East Whitlock	43	42	-2%	
	Burke Lake	34	23		-32%	Swan Creek	381	453	19%	
	Buryanek	1,699	1,829		8%	Indian Creek	4,194	4,706	12%	
	<u>8,787</u>	<u>9,403</u>	<u>7%</u>		Walth Bay	1	14	1300%		
7	Palisades	2,456	2,740		12%	West Pollock	676	624	-8%	
	Lake Vermillion	4,829	5,086	5%		<u>8,741</u>	<u>9,489</u>	<u>9%</u>		
	Big Sioux	2,630	2,932	11%	14	Bear Butte	<u>394</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>24%</u>	
	<u>9,915</u>	<u>10,758</u>	<u>9%</u>			<u>394</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>24%</u>		
8	Newton Hills	5,416	6,025	11%	15	Shadehill	2,903	3,307	14%	
	Union Grove	859	916	7%		Llewellyn Johns	248	301		
	<u>6,275</u>	<u>6,941</u>	<u>11%</u>	Rocky Point		<u>2,723</u>	<u>2,992</u>	<u>10%</u>		
					<u>5,874</u>	<u>6,600</u>	<u>12%</u>			
				16	Custer	27,563	28,068	2%		
				17	Angostura	9,053	9,936	10%		
					Sheps Canyon	<u>859</u>	<u>920</u>	<u>7%</u>		
					<u>9,912</u>	<u>10,856</u>	<u>10%</u>			
				<b>TOTAL FEE AREA</b>		<u>184,324</u>	<u>196,256</u>	<u>6%</u>		
				<b>CAMPER UNITS</b>						

### State Park Fee History 2008-2015 and contemplated 2016 adjustment

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Units sold 2014	Contemplated 2016 Fee Increases
<b>Park Entrance License</b>										
Annual	\$23.00	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	45,714	
Second Vehicle	\$11.50	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	11,938	
Combo			\$42.00	\$42.00	\$42.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	24,020	
Transferable	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00	1,590	
Daily/Person	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	30,815	
Daily/Vehicle	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00	76,246	
George S. Mickelson Trail Annual Pass	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	2,505	
George S. Mickelson Trail Daily Pass	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	17,003	\$ 1.00
Motorcoach	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	36,842	
CSP 7-Day/Vehicle	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	142,595	\$ 5.00
CSP Motorcycle Band/Motorcycle - 7-Day			\$10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	50,329	
<b>Camping Fees</b> All camping and miscellaneous units (except reservations) are CY 2013 numbers. Reservation numbers are 2014.										
Preferred Campgrounds	\$15.17	\$15.17	\$15.17	\$17.06	\$17.06	\$17.06	\$19.00	\$19.00	182,952	
Modern Campgrounds	\$13.27	\$13.27	\$13.27	\$15.17	\$15.17	\$15.17	\$17.00	\$17.00	23,268	
Lewis & Clark Waterfront Campsites	\$17.06	\$17.06	\$17.06	\$18.96	\$18.96	\$18.96	\$21.00	\$21.00	19,552	
Basic campgrounds	\$11.37	\$11.37	\$11.37	\$13.27	\$13.27	\$13.27	\$15.00	\$15.00	3,759	
Basic Equestrian CG except CSP	\$9.48	\$9.48	\$9.48	\$11.37	\$11.37	\$11.37	\$13.00	\$13.00	152	
Semi-modern Equestrian CG except CSP	\$15.17	\$15.17	\$15.17	\$17.06	\$17.06	\$17.06	\$19.00	\$19.00	700	
CSP Modern Campgrounds	\$20.86	\$20.86	\$20.86	\$22.75	\$22.75	\$22.75	\$25.00	\$25.00	43,388	
CSP Equestrian Campground	\$23.70	\$23.70	\$23.70	\$25.59	\$25.59	\$25.59	\$30.00	\$30.00	3,083	
CSP Center Lake Campground	\$15.17	\$15.17	\$15.17	\$17.06	\$17.06	\$17.06	\$19.00	\$19.00	6,331	
CSP French Creek Natural Area	\$3.80/person	\$3.80/person	\$3.80/person	\$5.69/person	\$5.69/person	\$5.69/person	\$7/person	\$7/person	96	
CSP Game Lodge & Stockade Group Areas	\$3.80/person	\$3.80/person	\$3.80/person	\$5.69/person	\$5.69/person	\$5.69/person	\$7/person	\$7/person	268	
Youth Group Camping Statewide	\$ .47/person	\$ .50/person	\$ .50/person							
Camping Cabin except CSP and L&C	\$33.18	\$33.18	\$33.18	\$35.07	\$35.07	\$35.07	\$40.00	\$40.00	12,338	
L&C Camping Cabin	\$37.91	\$37.91	\$37.91	\$39.81	\$39.81	\$39.81	\$45.00	\$45.00	2,119	
CSP Camping Cabins	\$42.65	\$42.65	\$42.65	\$44.55	\$44.55	\$44.55	\$50.00	\$50.00	5,970	
Group Lodge - Mina	\$127.96	\$127.96	\$127.96	\$151.66	\$151.66	\$151.66	\$185.00	\$185.00	93	
Group Lodge - Shadehill	\$127.96	\$127.96	\$127.96	\$151.66	\$151.66	\$ 175.36	\$185.00	\$185.00	132	
Group Lodge - Lake Thompson	\$189.57	\$189.57	\$189.57	\$213.27	\$213.27	\$ 227.49	\$240.00	\$240.00	88	
Group Lodge - Newton Hills	\$189.57	\$189.57	\$189.57	\$213.27	\$213.27	\$ 227.49	\$240.00	\$240.00	130	
Group Lodge - Palisades	\$189.57	\$189.57	\$189.57	\$213.27	\$213.27	\$ 227.49	\$240.00	\$240.00	95	
Group Lodge - Sheps Canyon							\$240.00	\$240.00	43	
Group Meeting Lodge - Oahe Downstream	\$118.48	\$118.48	\$118.48	\$118.48	\$118.48	\$118.48	\$125.00	\$125.00	66	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>										
Picnic Reservation	\$10.43	\$10.43	\$10.43	\$18.96	\$18.96	\$18.96	\$18.96	\$20.00	575	
Firewood	\$2.84	\$2.84	\$2.84	\$3.79	\$3.79	\$3.79	\$4.74	\$4.74	35,254	
Non-Resident on-line Reservations	\$5.00	\$7.70	\$7.70	\$7.70	\$7.70	\$7.70	\$7.70	\$7.70	21,865	
Non-Resident call center Reservations	\$5.00	\$7.70	\$7.70	\$7.70	\$7.70	\$7.70	\$7.70	\$7.70	15,610	\$2.00
Resident on-line Reservations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	37,625	
Resident call center Reservations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	27,752	\$ 2.00
Fort Sisseton S. Barracks per weekend							\$300.00	\$300.00		
Fort Sisseton event tent - off site							\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		
Fort tent transport fee - per mile over 25							\$2.00/mile	\$2.00/mile		
Fort grounds - outdoor wedding if benches used							\$125.00	\$125.00		
Lewis & Clark catamaran dry storage							\$300.00	\$300.00	40	
Angostura catamaran dry storage							\$150.00	\$150.00	10	
<b>Boat License Fees</b>										
1-year under 19 ft motorized	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	31,687	\$ 5.00
1-year 19 & over motorized	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	18,307	\$ 5.00
1-year non-motorized/electric	\$10.00	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	4,762	\$ 2.50

yellow represents most recent fee adjustment  
Proposed 2016 fee increase



June 26, 2015

South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Commission  
Secretary Hepler  
523 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Commission members and Secretary Hepler,

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) requests consideration by the Commission and Department to allow RMEF to participate in the South Dakota Special Elk Permit Raffle program for 2015-2016 as described in Chapter 41:06:27 of your rules. The RMEF appreciates the opportunity to continue this highly successful partnership. Revenues generated since this relationship was formed in 1990 continue to benefit elk and other wildlife in South Dakota.

Please accept the enclosed information as our official application under the terms and conditions listed in Rule 41:06:27:02:03.

Enclosed are:

1. A letter from Tom Slowey, Eastern South Dakota Regional Director;
2. RMEF's Federal Tax Exempt ID Number;
3. A copy of our report to SDGFP which describes the results of the 2014-2015 South Dakota Special Elk Permit Raffle;
4. Drawing results of the 2014-2015 Raffle;
5. South Dakota RMEF project summary through June 2014;

The RMEF volunteers of the State of South Dakota recognize the positive impact that funds raised through the sale of the Special Elk Permit raffle program have on Department goals, especially in these

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION



challenging economic times. This program affords them another way to achieve their mission of protecting and enhancing habitat critical not only to the State's elk population, but to all the other species that share that environment with them. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to meeting with you at the July 2015 Commission meeting.

Sincerely,

Tom Slowey  
RMEF South Dakota Regional Director

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cc: Larry Gehrke, Special Elk Permit Raffle Coordinator  
Tom Kirschenmann, SD G,F,& P



**June 26, 2015**

**South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Commission  
Secretary Kelly Hepler  
523 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501**

**Dear Commission members and Secretary Hepler,**

**Attached you will find the summary of the 2014-2015 South Dakota "Special Elk Tag". As anticipated, interest in the tag as a "Special Elk" opportunity continues to grow. Thank you again for making the change from the Custer State Park tag to the current offering so that the program can continue to generate more revenue for mission each year.**

**RMEF would hope to continue to be a part of this relationship, benefiting elk and other wildlife in South Dakota, and we appreciate being considered for the special elk tag for the 2015-2016 season. We understand that if selected the raffle must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of 41:06:27 of the Administrative Rules.**

**On July 22nd, RMEF volunteers represented by the Volunteer State Chair and RMEF Regional Director, met with representatives from South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks, National Park Service, Black Hills National Forest, Custer State Park, The US Forest Service, and Pennington County Weed and Pest Board. At that meeting RMEF funds in the amount of \$61,858 were combined with 2014 "Special Elk Tag" revenues totaling \$27,785. \$65,000 of the total \$89,643 was allocated to 6 projects including weed control, Fencing, habitat assessment, and water development. With a balance of over \$24,000, requests for additional proposals are being requested from RMEF partners.**

**The RMEF volunteers in South Dakota are extremely committed to elk and elk habitat and thank you for the continued opportunity to carry out our mission through this relationship.**

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# ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION



**Sincerely,**

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**RMEF South Dakota Regional Director**  
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**Cell (605) 661-0477**  
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**YEARLY TOTALS**      **2015 \$10-3/\$25**    **2014 \$10-3/\$25**    **2013 \$10-3/\$25**

<b>Total # Mailing</b>	<b>16773</b>	<b>13412</b>	<b>12659</b>
<b>Total Mail Purchase</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>678</b>
<b>Total Mail Tickets Sold</b>	<b>2998</b>	<b>2581</b>	<b>2316</b>
Total Dollars Collected	\$ 36,270	\$ 32,660	\$ 32,330
Total Expenses	7534.44	5780.31	5377.14
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 28,736</b>	<b>\$ 26,880</b>	<b>\$ 26,953</b>
<b>Expense Ratio</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>17%</b>

**Chapter Sales**

Yankton	\$ 900	\$ 1,965	\$ 2,220
Rapid City	\$ 1,530	\$ 1,875	\$ 1,515
Sioux Falls	\$ 780	\$ 1,020	\$ 600
Mitchell	\$ 500	\$ 495	\$ 1,005
Huron	\$ 465	\$ 365	\$ 665
Winner	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 335
Spearfish	\$ 610		\$ 535
Brandon	\$ 690	\$ 1,310	\$ 185
Platte	\$ 925	\$ 150	\$ 225
Madison	\$ 440	\$ 250	\$ 550
Aberdeen	\$ -	\$ 220	\$ 440
Chamberlain	\$ 595	\$ 515	\$ 350
Custer-Hot Springs	\$ -		\$ 200
Pierre	\$ 85	\$ 310	\$ -
Brookings	\$ 450	\$ -	\$ 455
Watertown	\$ 255	\$ 320	\$ 725
Morbridge	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lead-Deadwood	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 390
<b>Chapter Sales</b>	<b>\$ 10,425</b>	<b>\$ 10,995</b>	<b>\$ 10,395</b>
<b>Mail-ins</b>	<b>\$ 25,795</b>	<b>\$ 21,665</b>	<b>\$ 19,435</b>
<b>Internet / Underwriting</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>		<b>\$ 2,500</b>

South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks - Wildlife Division  
Land Acquisition and Disposal Report  
August 2015

Action Items

**Kirschenman Addition to Ulmer GPA**

**Location:** Seven miles northeast of Lesterville in Yankton County

**Description:** 175 acres

**Management Objective:** Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting

**Cost:** \$665,000.00 (100% Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Grant Program funding)

**Expected Closing:** November 2015

**Requested Commission Action:** Adopt RESOLUTION 15 – 08 authorizing and confirming the purchase

**Randall Estate Property**

**Location:** Four miles southwest of Waubay in Day County

**Description:** 160 acres

**Management Objective:** Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting

**Cost:** \$215,000.00 (100% Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Grant Program funding)

**Expected Closing:** August 2015

**Requested Commission Action:** Adopt RESOLUTION 15 – 09 authorizing and confirming the purchase

**Clear Lake Lots Disposal**

**Location:** Three miles southeast of Lake City in Marshall County

**Description:** Two tracts totaling 0.5 acre. Lots being disposed of to address encroachment and loss of control issues

**Expected Closing:** September 2015

**Requested Commission Action:** Adopt RESOLUTION 15 – 10 authorizing and directing the disposal

Information Items

**Cutler Property**

**Location:** Three miles northwest of Claremont in Brown County

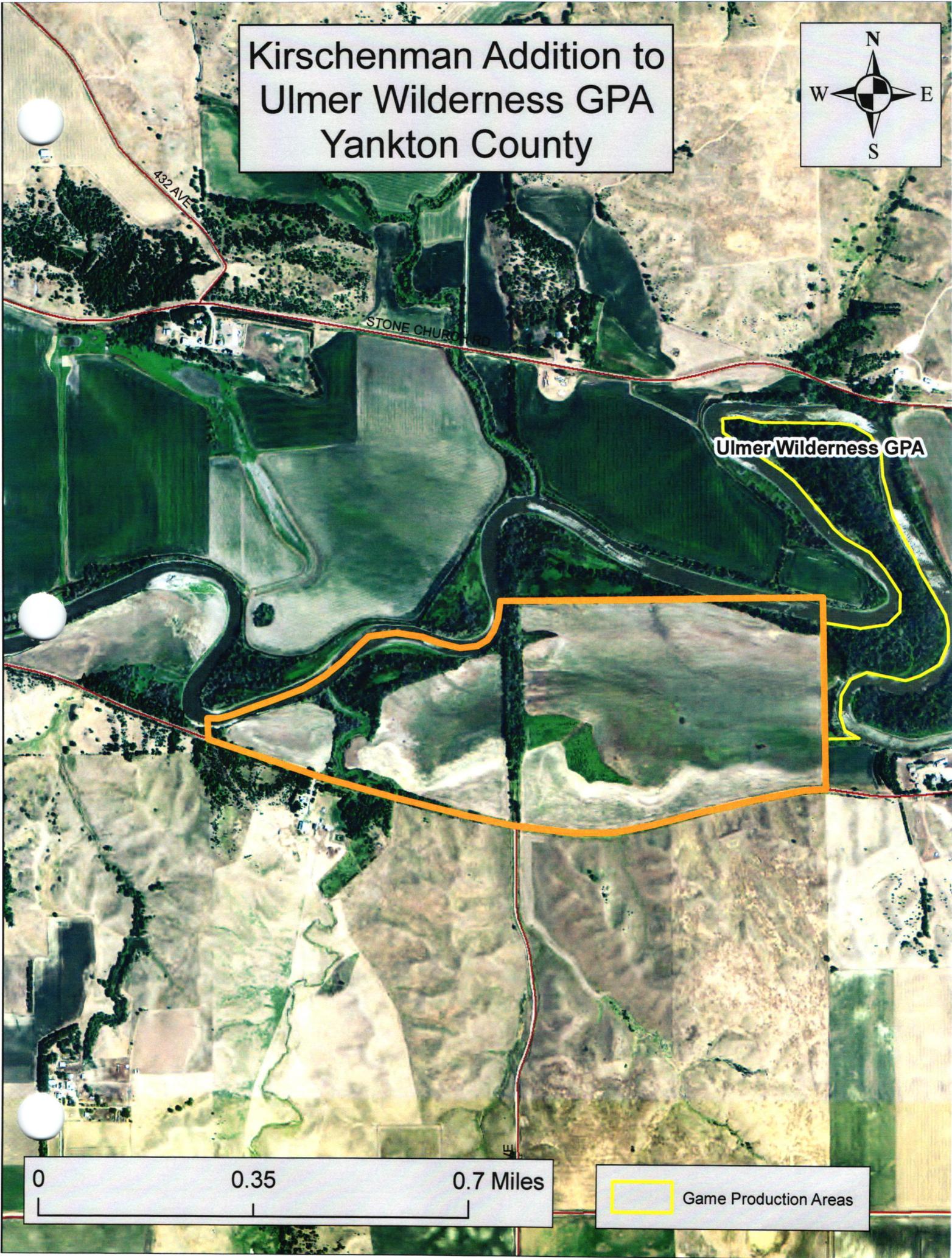
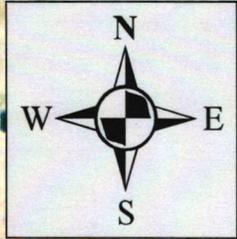
**Description:** 320 acres

**Management Objective:** Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting

**Cost:** \$535,000.00 (100% Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Grant Program funding)

**Expected Closing:** December 2015

# Kirschenman Addition to Ulmer Wilderness GPA Yankton County

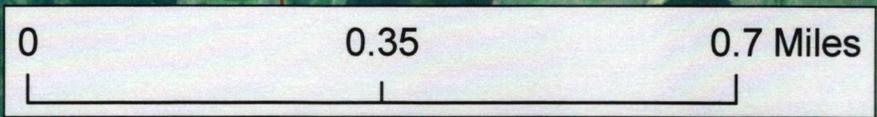
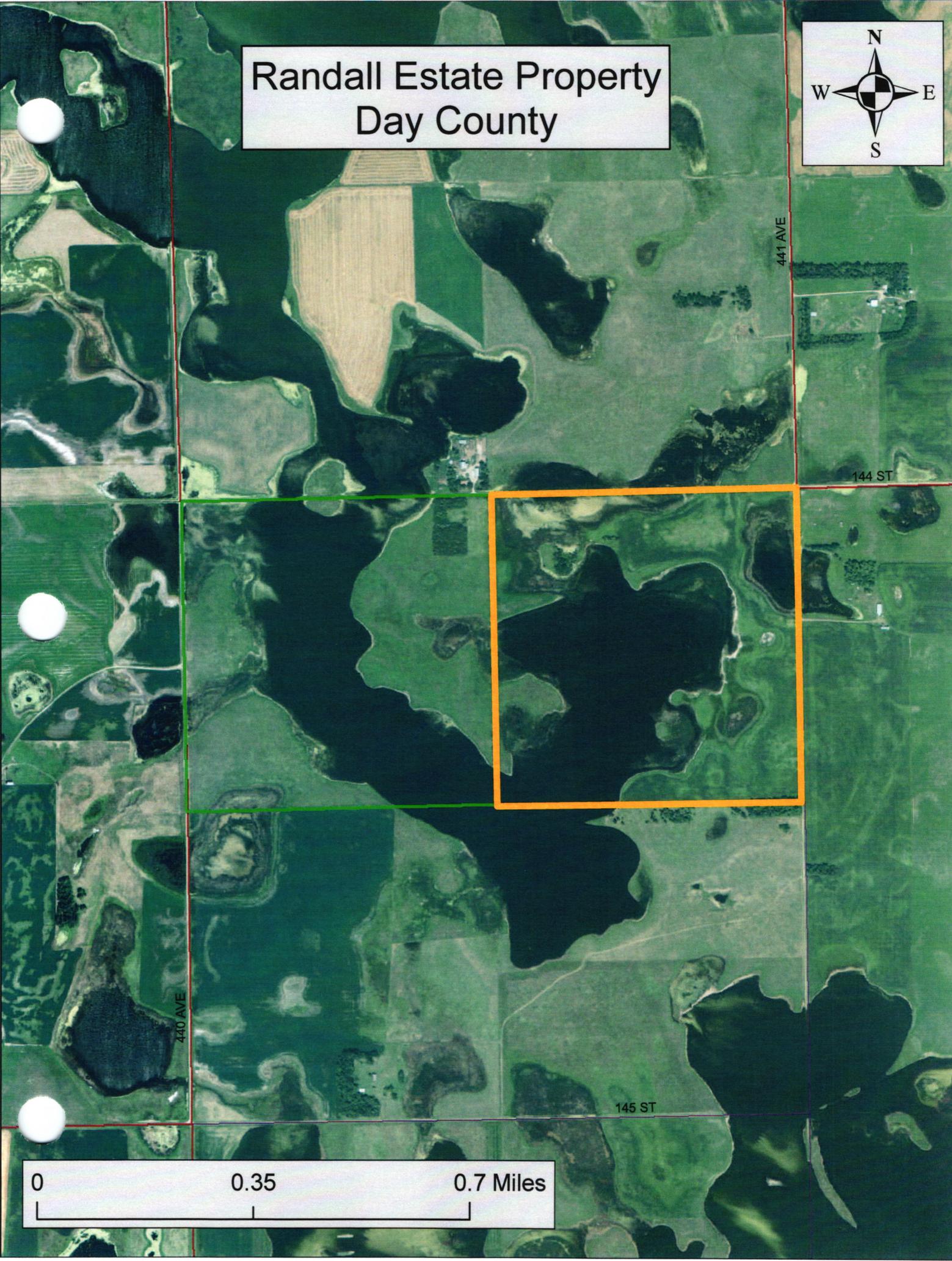
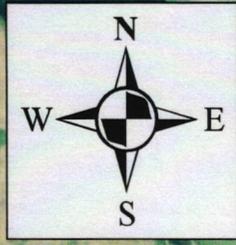


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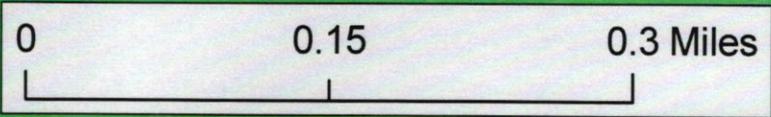
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Game Production Areas

# Randall Estate Property Day County

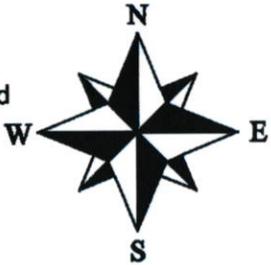


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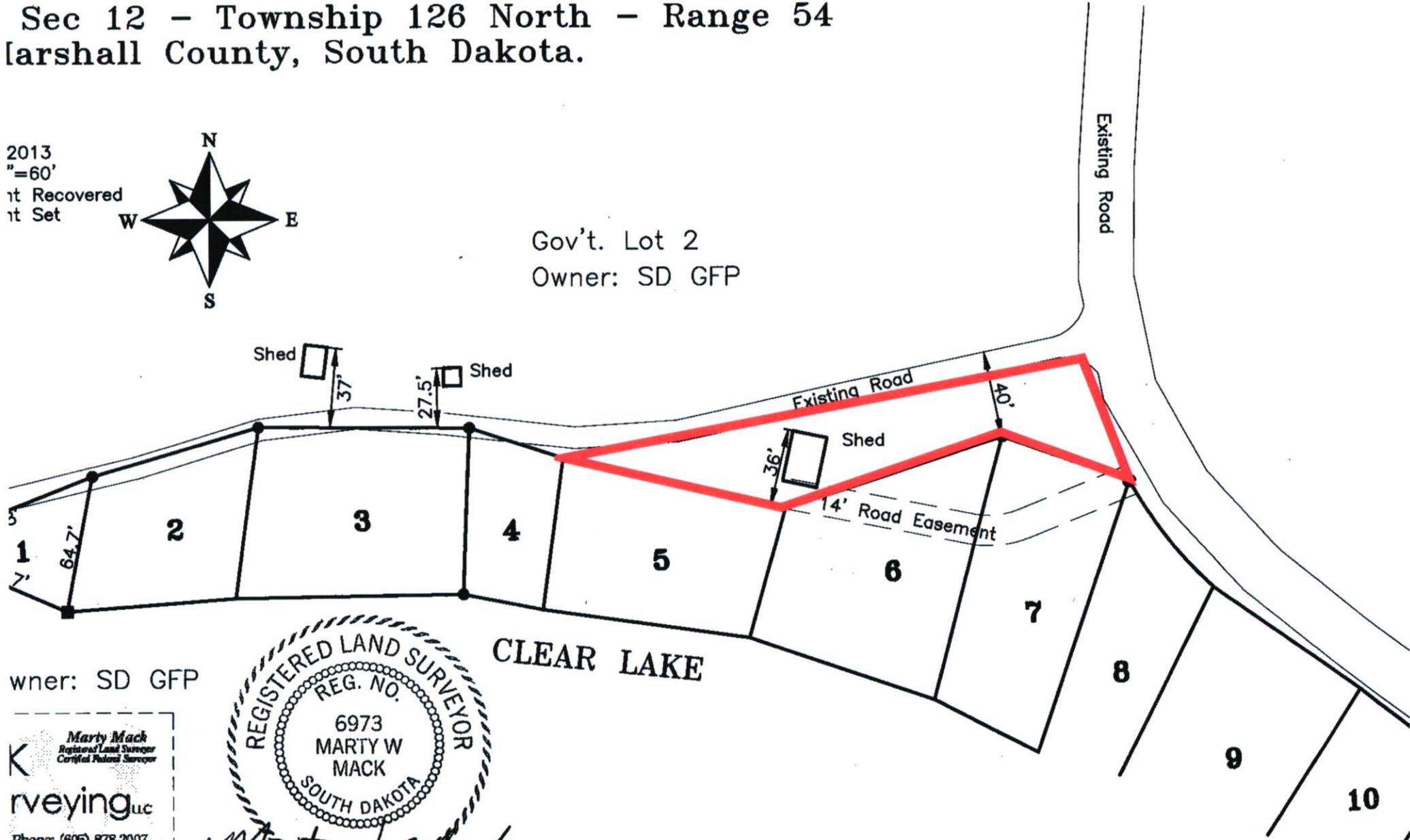


Survey of  
 's Second Clear Lake Subdivision in the SW  
 Sec 12 - Township 126 North - Range 54  
 Marshall County, South Dakota.

2013  
 "=60'  
 1st Recovered  
 1st Set



Gov't. Lot 2  
 Owner: SD GFP



wner: SD GFP

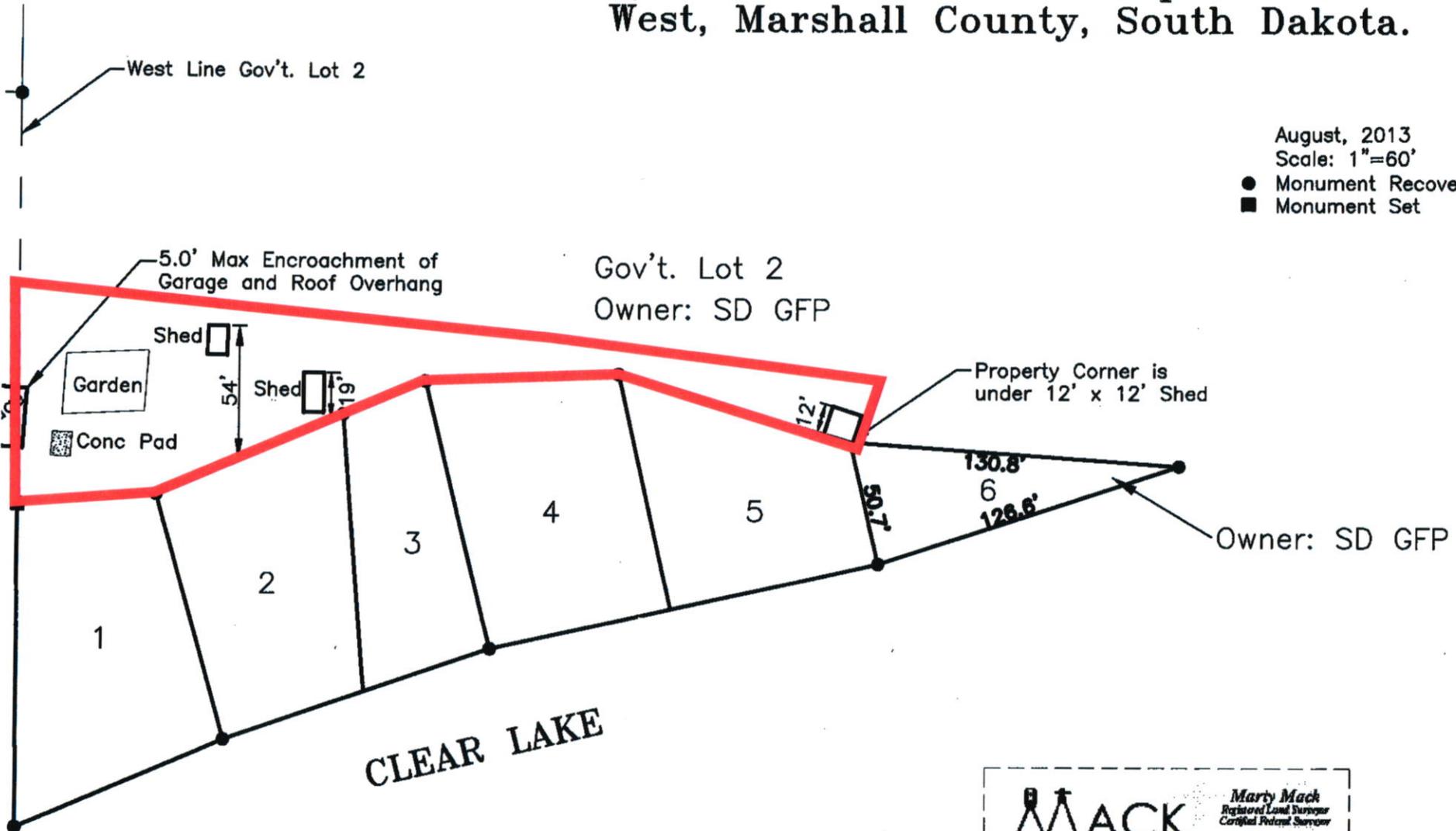


CLEAR LAKE

*Marty W. Mack*  
 Registered Land Surveyor

**K** *Marty Mack*  
 Registered Land Surveyor  
 Certified Public Surveyor  
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# Survey of Isensee's First Clear Lake Subdivision in the 1/4 of Sec 12 - Township 126 North - Range West, Marshall County, South Dakota.



August, 2013  
Scale: 1"=60'  
● Monument Recovered  
■ Monument Set





**Mack**  
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6 MAY 2013

SOUTH DAKOTA

*Marty Mack*

Registered Land Surveyor

# Cutler Property Brown County



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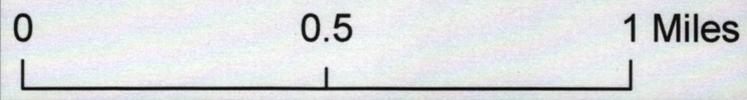
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# License Sales Totals

(as of July 29)

date updated: 29 July 2015

<b>Resident</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Combination	41,596	39,965
Junior Combination	6,200	6,327
Senior Combination	7,064	6,178
Small Game	1,854	1,912
Youth Small Game	955	891
1-Day Small Game	204	129
Migratory Bird Certificate	14,912	17,055
Predator/Varmint	1,189	1,162
Furbearer	2,490	2,596
Annual Fishing	59,371	61,048
Senior Fishing	11,980	12,103
1-Day Fishing	4,078	4,240
Gamefish Spearing/Archery	2,573	2,624

<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Small Game	3,506	2,509
Youth Small Game	245	187
Annual Shooting Preserve	101	74
5-day Shooting Preserve	570	524
1-day Shooting Preserve	251	165
Spring Light Goose	4,274	4,572
Youth Spring Light Goose	163	165
Migratory Bird Certificate	236	339
Predator/Varmint	3,670	3,194
Furbearer	5	5
Annual Fishing	24,588	22,929
Family Fishing	8,534	8,232
Youth Annual Fishing	1,311	1,341
3-Day Fishing	17,626	16,859
1-Day Fishing	15,460	14,895
Gamefish Spearing/Archery	578	571
<b>TOTAL ON FILE =</b>	<b>235,584</b>	<b>232,791</b>

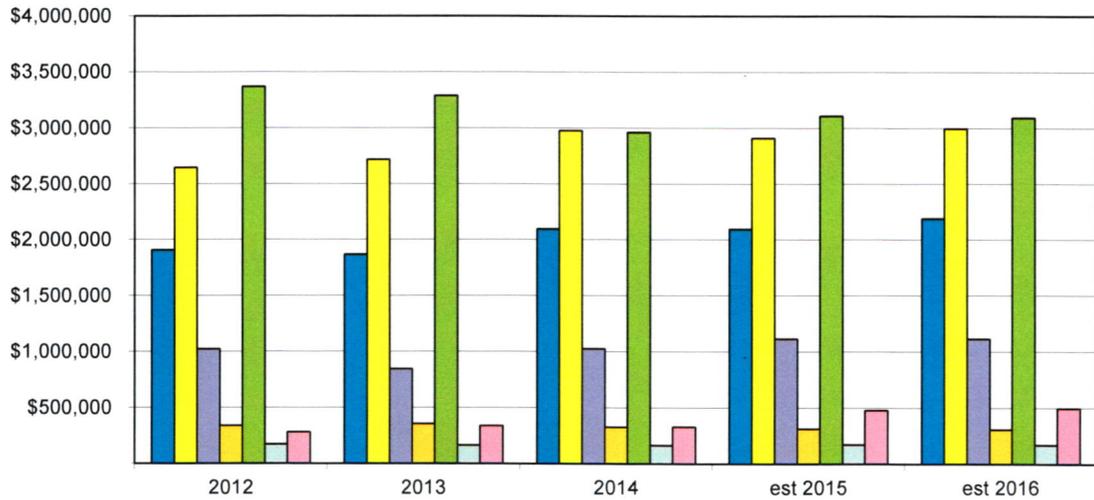


NONRESIDENT LICENSE FEES

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Fishing												
annual	\$59	\$60	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$60	\$67	\$67
youth									\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
family	\$59	\$60	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$60	\$67	\$67
one-day	\$12	\$14	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$14	\$16	\$16
three-day	\$30	\$32	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$32	\$37	\$37
paddlefish tag	\$5	\$20	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$20	\$40	\$40
game fish spearing									\$5	-----	-----	\$5
Small game												
<u>ten-day</u>	\$100	\$110	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$110	\$121	\$121
youth	\$25	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$25	\$10	\$10	-----	\$10
Shooting preserve												
<u>one-day</u>		\$35	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$35	\$46	\$46
<u>five-day</u>		\$65	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$65	\$76	\$76
<u>annual</u>	\$35	\$85	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$85	\$121	\$121
Waterfowl												
<u>ten-day or annual</u>	\$105	\$110	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$110	\$121	\$121
<u>three-day</u>	\$75	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$75	\$86	\$86
<u>spring light goose</u>	\$45	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$45	\$46	\$50
<u>youth spring light goose</u>	\$25	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$25	\$26	\$26
<u>early fall Canada goose</u>	\$45	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$45	\$46	\$50
<u>tundra swan tag</u>	\$10	\$15	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$15	\$16	\$25
youth												\$10
Turkey												
<u>spring one-tag</u>	\$85	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$85	\$86	\$100
<u>spring two-tag</u>	\$100	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$100	\$101	\$125
<u>fall one-tag</u>	\$75	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$75	\$76	\$90
<u>fall two-tag</u>	\$85	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$85	\$86	\$100
Deer												
<u>one-tag "any"</u>	\$155	\$195	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$195	\$285	\$285	\$286	-----	\$286
<u>two-tag "any+antlerless"</u>	\$205	\$245	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$245	\$335	\$335	\$336	-----	\$336
<u>one-tag antlerless</u>	\$55	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$55	\$56	\$80
<u>two-tag antlerless</u>	\$80	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$80	\$81	\$120
<u>special buck</u>	\$505	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$505	\$506	\$560
youth	\$5	\$10	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$10	\$10	\$10
Antelope												
<u>one-tag "any"</u>	\$155	\$195	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$195	\$285	\$285	\$286	-----	\$286
<u>two-tag "any+doe-fawn"</u>	\$205	\$245	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$245	\$335	\$335	\$336	-----	\$336
<u>one-tag "doe-fawn"</u>	\$55	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$55	\$56	\$80
<u>two-tag "doe-fawn"</u>	\$80	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$80	\$81	\$120
Furbearer					\$250	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$250	\$275	\$275
Predator/varmint	\$35	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$35	\$40	\$40
Preference Point											\$10	\$10

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE REVENUE

<b>RESIDENT</b>	<b>2012</b>		<b>2013</b>		<b>2014</b>		<b>est 2015</b>		<b>est 2016</b>	
<b>Fishing</b>	\$	1,908,600	\$	1,868,378	\$	2,096,067	\$	2,094,625	\$	2,190,625
<b>Combination</b>	\$	2,645,826	\$	2,718,335	\$	2,976,837	\$	2,913,300	\$	2,998,500
<b>Small game</b>	\$	1,024,282	\$	846,405	\$	1,026,820	\$	1,115,500	\$	1,116,750
<b>Turkey</b>	\$	339,305	\$	355,824	\$	329,035	\$	312,500	\$	308,750
<b>Deer</b>	\$	3,369,760	\$	3,289,852	\$	2,963,017	\$	3,110,550	\$	3,095,850
<b>Antelope</b>	\$	173,685	\$	164,655	\$	163,709	\$	172,825	\$	168,625
<b>Other big game</b>	\$	282,540	\$	340,354	\$	331,252	\$	480,356	\$	497,870
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>9,746,010</b>	\$	<b>9,583,803</b>	\$	<b>9,886,737</b>	\$	<b>10,199,656</b>	\$	<b>10,376,970</b>



<b>NONRESIDENT</b>	<b>2012</b>		<b>2013</b>		<b>2014</b>		<b>est 2015</b>		<b>est 2016</b>	
<b>Fishing</b>	\$	2,731,668	\$	2,923,356	\$	3,548,952	\$	3,809,300	\$	4,065,800
<b>Small game</b>	\$	11,884,140	\$	10,881,268	\$	11,511,606	\$	12,165,250	\$	12,535,300
<b>Turkey</b>	\$	365,145	\$	355,764	\$	334,795	\$	313,000	\$	313,000
<b>Deer</b>	\$	1,862,390	\$	2,025,202	\$	1,680,992	\$	1,485,236	\$	1,449,800
<b>Antelope</b>	\$	72,675	\$	80,080	\$	118,118	\$	114,400	\$	114,400
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>16,916,018</b>	\$	<b>16,265,670</b>	\$	<b>17,194,463</b>	\$	<b>17,887,186</b>	\$	<b>18,478,300</b>

