



AGENDA *(Revised)*

Game, Fish and Parks Commission

October 6-7, 2016

Wrangler Inn

820 W Grand Crossing, Mobridge, SD

Call to order 1:00 PM

Division of Administration

Action Items:

1. Conflict of Interest Disclosure
2. Approve Minutes of the August 2016 Meeting <http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/commission/docs/2016/august-meeting-minutes.pdf>
3. Additional Commissioner Salary Days
4. License List Request

Information Items:

5. Strategic Planning Update

2:00 PM Public Hearing

Petition for Rule Change

6. Amend Rules Pertaining to Nonresident Waterfowl License Allocations

Proposals

7. Spring Turkey Hunting Season
8. Removal of Shed Antlers on Department Lands
9. Fish Possession Restrictions While Fishing
10. Aquatic Invasive Species

Finalizations

11. Fishing Limits, Seasons, and Regulations
12. Fishing Tournaments
13. Bait Trapping and Use
14. Fish Health Inspections
15. Game Fish Spearing and Archery
16. Fisheries Management Authorization
17. Elk Depredation Permits

This agenda is subject to change without prior notice.

Open Forum

Division of Parks and Recreation

Action Items:

18. Good Earth State Park Land Acquisition
19. Fort Randall Marina

Information Items:

20. Bureau of Reclamation Angostura/Shadehill Market Rent Appraisal Results and Permit Rate Increase
21. George S. Mickelson Trail – Mount Rushmore Connector Trail Environmental Impact Statement Update
22. Big Stone Island Lot Land Acquisition
23. Indoor Fish Cleaning Station at Indian Creek
24. Parks Revenue, Camping and Visitation Reports

Division of Wildlife

Action Items:

25. Big Game Depredation Resolution
26. Resident Canada Goose Management Plan
27. Resolution in Support of Recovering America's Wildlife Act

Information Items:

28. Aquatic Invasive Species Operational Activities Report
29. Salmon Spawning Update
30. Walleye Stocking at Stockade and Sheridan Lakes
31. Land Acquisition Project Review
32. Mountain Lion Update
33. Elk Herd Reduction Plan for Wind Cave National Park
34. Elk Contingency Licenses
35. Deer Management Plan
36. Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) in Deer
37. Licenses Sales

Adjourn

Next meeting information:

November 3-4, 2016
Holiday Inn Express
1103 N Splitrock Blvd., Brandon, SD

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
August 4-5, 2016

Chairman Cooper called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CDT at the RedRossa in Pierre, South Dakota. Commissioners Cathy Peterson, Barry Jensen, Mary Anne Boyd, H. Paul Dennert, Gary Jensen, Russell Olson, W. Scott Phillips, and Jim Spies were present. Secretary Kelly Hepler was present along with approximately 35 public, staff, and media.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Chairperson Peterson called for conflicts of interest to be disclosed. None were presented.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Peterson called for any additions or corrections to the July 7-8, 2016, minutes or a motion for approval.

Motion by Dennert with second by Spies TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 7-8, 2016, MEETING. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Commissioner Salary Days

Commissioner Boyd requested one additional salary day. Commissioner G. Jensen requested two additional salary days. Commissioners Peterson, B. Jensen, Dennert and Phillips each requested three additional salary days.

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

Land Acquisition Plan

Paul Coughlin, Program Administrator and Al Nedved, Assistant Director updated the Commission on the land acquisitions and priorities plan and the 120+ public comments received. Nedved indicated this plan will allow the Department to continue a consistent and transparent process. Coughlin noted a modification to the document to involve the Commission earlier in the process. Coughlin also explained the SD Legislature grants authority for the Department to acquire land and that the Department always opens a 30 day public comment period required by law and have made it a practice to inform County Commissioners of the intent to acquire property.

Motioned by B. Jensen with second by Dennert TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT LAND ACQUISITION PRIORITIES AND GUIDELINES PLAN. Motion carried unanimously.

Strategic Plan Update

Emily Kiel, Communication Director introduced Consultant Sue Konstant who has been working with the Department on the creation of a strategic plan. Konstant provided an updated timeline indicating staff rollout and stakeholder engagement sessions will be held the last week in August and the first week in September with formal implementation of the plan scheduled for January of 2017 with 3, 6 and 12 month reviews. Konstant introduced the Departments vision, values and mission statement as well as the four goal areas including the 22 objectives. She further explained the measurable outcomes and plans for strategy development with targeted completion dates.

Updated Smartphone App

Kiel provide the Commission an overview on the hunting and fishing apps that were first developed in 2010 and 2011 that allow users to view regulations and maps, purchase license, reserve campsites and other helpful information. Kiel explained how these apps are a key component to how we provide customer services as well as serving as an effective communications tool. Kiel further updated the Commission on the changes and new features such as licenses being stored on your device eliminating the need to carry a paper copy of license, automatic updates without the need to download new versions, the GFP events calendar and twitter feed to stay up to date on activities, regulation changes and more.

Call Center

Kiel informed the Commission on the upgraded call center services. In an effort to provide the better quality customer service the Department is working with Five Star Call Center to provide additional phone coverage at extended business hours seven days a week from 7:00 am – 9:00 pm CST. She explained how GFP will continue to manage incoming calls during the work week, but now when lines are busy, overflow calls will be routed to call center customer service representative who have been equipped with materials and education necessary to be successful on behalf of the Department. A system to route technical questions or issues back to GFP staff has also been identified and daily/weekly/monthly metrics will also be available to include calls received, dropped, topic, time spent. Kiel noted that by increasing the number of individuals capable of handling calls and expanding the service hours available to customers, the Department feels we can better meet the needs of our customers.

Watertown Office

Arden Petersen, Special Assistant provided information on the new site at Lake Pelican for the Watertown office stating it will be an opportunity for our state specifically the northeast. Petersen indicated the site is near the current park and will include additional office space, a shop and an educational component. The request for statement of interest has gone out 14 candidates and that the building committee will soon meet to select an architect. Once the architect has been identified they will determine how building will be placed and further discuss budget and financing.

PROPOSALS

Bobcat Hunting/trapping Season

Program Administrator Keith Fisk presented the recommended season dates of the bobcat trapping and hunting seasons with no recommended changes from the previous season. Season dates for all counties west of the Missouri River are December 26, 2016- February 15, 2017. Season dates for Bon Homme, Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Clay, Hughes, Hutchinson, Hyde, Union and Yankton counties are December 26, 2016 – January 22, 2016.

Fishing Limits, Seasons, and Regulations

Program Administrator Geno Adams presented recommended changes to allow the use and possession of baitfish and noncommercial taking of bait in Black Hills Fish Management Area to improve law enforcement and fisheries management.

1. Modify **41:07:01:03. "Baitfish use restricted."** To allow for baitfish use within the Black Hills Fish Management Area.
2. Modify **41:09:04:03. "Waters closed to taking of bait."** to allow non-commercial take of bait in the Black Hills Fish Management Area.
3. Repeal **41:07:01:15. "High-grading of fish prohibited on South Dakota-Minnesota boundary waters."** to remove high-grading restrictions specific to SD/MN border waters and replace them with the SD inland water regulations.
4. Modify **41:07:03:03. "Daily, possession, and length limit restrictions on special management waters -- Additional restrictions described."** to:
 - a) remove 15 inch minimum size restrictions for black bass (largemouth and smallmouth bass) on Carthage, Dimock, Vermillion, Hanson and Staum Lakes,
 - b) remove 14 to 18 inch protected slot limit for black bass on Enemy Swim and Pickerel Lakes and
 - c) remove the 15 inch minimum size restriction for walleye and the 14 to 18 inch protected slot limit for black bass from Campbell Slough.

Motioned by B. Jensen with second by Boyd TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CHANGES AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Adams presented the recommended changes to allow snagging of salmon on Lake Oahe in October and November, and clarify the hours which snagging paddlefish can occur on portion of the Big Sioux River.

Motioned by Dennert with second by Olson TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN REGARDS TO THE SNAGGING OF SALMON AND PADDLEFISH AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Fishing Tournaments

Program Administrator Will Sayler presented establish an application fee for fishing tournaments to provide compensation to the Department for the added staff time

associated with fishing tournaments. Saylor noted youth events would be exempt from the license requirement and fee and it is stated as such in the application.

1. Establish an application fee for fishing tournaments with the fee increasing as the number of tournament boats/participants increases. Recommended fees are:

Number of:		Tournament Fee
Boats	Participants	
20-49	50-99	\$200
50-74	100-149	\$350
75-99	150-199	\$525
100 or more	200 or more	\$800

2. Establish that participation in a non-permitted fishing tournament is a violation.

Motioned by Spies with second by B. Jensen TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Fish Health Inspections

Saylor presented recommended changes to allow fish health inspections to be conducted according to the "World Animal Health Organization" (OIE).

Motioned by Boyd with second by Olson TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE FISH HEALTH INSPECTIONS. Motion carried unanimously.

Game Fish Spearing and Archery

Fisheries Chief John Lott presented proposed changes to allow more opportunity to people that spear and use bow and arrow to take game fish.

Recommended changes include:

1. Lengthening the spearing/archery season for game fish (except paddlefish and sturgeon) in inland waters open to game fish spearing from current dates of June 15 through March 15 to May 1 through March 31, inclusive.
2. Changing hours from sunrise to sunset to ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
3. Adding crossbows as a legal method of take for game fish on inland and border waters.
4. Opening all inland waters (including rivers and streams during open seasons), except those managed for muskies or closed elsewhere in administrative rule, to take of catfish and northern pike during established season dates.
5. Closing Middle Lynn Lake to the spearing of catfish and northern pike due to it being a newly-stocked muskie water.

6. Opening Waubay and Bitter Lakes in Day County, Swan and Dry #2 Lakes in Clark County, Albert, Henry, Thompson, and Whitewood Lakes in Kingsbury County, to spearing of all game fish except paddlefish and sturgeon during established season dates.

Motioned by Olson with second by Boyd TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Landowner Fisheries Management Authorization

Lott presented recommended create a new rules that would provide authorization for landowners to perform fisheries management activities on created, man-made impoundments on land they own or operate.

Activities allowed would include:

1. the use of special sampling equipment including nets, seines, and electrofishing equipment
2. stocking permitted species of fish
3. chemical control of vegetation
4. fish removal beyond the allowance of applicable fish limits
5. allowance for an agent, contractor, or employee to conduct fisheries management activities

Requirements would include:

1. the landowner control all the land surrounding the created impoundment by ownership, easement, or lease
2. involvement of a Conservation Officer whenever live fish are transported off the property
3. notification of a Conservation Officer whenever fish in excess of applicable limits are transported

Motioned by G. Jensen with second by Phillips TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH RULES IN REGARDS TO PRIVATE HATCHERIES. Motion carried unanimously.

Elk Depredation Permits

Assistant Director Tom Kirschenmann and Fisk presented proposed to repeal the entire chapter on elk depredation permits and combine applicable elements with the depredation hunt chapter

Motioned by Dennert with second by Boyd TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE THE ELK DPREDATION CHAPTER. Motion carried unanimously.

Depredation Permits

Kirschenmann and Fisk presented proposed changes to modify the process which elk depredation hunts are administered and combine these processes with other big game depredation hunt registration and selection processes. Commission amended the proposal for the elk permit fee from \$0 to \$20.

Motioned by Dennert with second by Spies TO AMEND THE PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE AN ADDITION \$20 FEE FOR ELK. Roll call vote: Boyd-no; Dennert-yes; B. Jensen-yes; Gary Jensen-yes; Phillips-yes; Spies -yes; Peterson-yes. Motion carries with 6 yes votes and 1 no vote.

Motioned by G. Jensen with second by Phillips TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Silvia Christen, SD Stockgrowers requested GFP to issue some elk contingency licenses due to extreme drought which would alleviate the pressure on the forest and forage conditions. Her recommendation would be to issue half of the tags to take the pressure off the land. Christen also noted the US Forest Services range report did not identify the severity of the drought conditions.

Mike Jarding, Hot Springs, SD As a landowner and rancher in Southern Black Hills Jarding was in attendance representing 11 landowners with 20,000 acres of land in unit 3. This group of landowners does not want to see elk herd population reduced at this time as they think the elk population is too low and should have a separate objective goal from Unit 2 where the majority of the herd is. While the group understand that some landowners are having depredation issues they are working hard to increase habitat for wildlife by use of water tanks, food plots and cattle rotation. They are also not allowing cow elk hunting on land this fall as quote is two times what it was last year.

Aaron Thompson, Spearfish Livestock Association was present to comment on the elk contingency tags. Thompson noted he participated in elk stakeholder group and was presented at the meeting with US Forest Service and GFP. While he understood that 200 tags would not be released per the data presented at the meeting he was surprised to see that none were issued. Thompson understands this is a difficult decision and not everyone will be happy with decision, but thinks the Department need to make a decision based upon the data available. He noted the growing season is May and June and the average rainfall in northern black hills is 7.65 inches and only received.52 inches documented and believes the current status warrants issuing some contingency tags. Thompson stated the plan was developed to provide a framework to make decisions at times like these and would like the Department to consider issuing100 contingency tags which would result in 60 cow elk being taken. He wants the management plan to be adhered to as they are an expense and result of a cooperative effort between landowners and GFP.

Commissioner Dennert noted rainfall at this point would go toward next year's growth and stunted plants cannot be used for grazing.

Commissioner B. Jensen inquired if Thompson has utilized the GFP depredation programs and asked if he thought it would help the situation. He also noted the Department utilizes as much biological and survey data as available.

Thompson indicated that depredation can be a very helpful tool, but doesn't know if it would help the current issue and that he doesn't know who tags should be allocated, noting that any elk taken off the forest at this point would be a good thing.

Commissioner G. Jensen asked Thompson if people have been asked to move their cattle yet and to explain the difference in how the forest service is looking at the applicable science and how Thompson is viewing it. G. Jensen also inquired how Thompson came to the conclusion of issuing 100 tags.

Thompson said that yes people are moving their cattle early in the rotation prior to the original move date. He noted the forest service involvement has been weak and they have not demonstrated an interest in the process giving vanilla answers to the Department. Thompson explained that he calculated percentage of AUM's being consumed per elk which is more than cattle and feels 100 elk is the compromise.

Josh Nelson, Sioux Falls, SD spoke to the Commission thanking the Department for their hard work and complimented the Outdoor Campus in Sioux Falls. Nelson referred to a story on Keloland in regards to the Departments land acquisition process which led to his suggestion to have the Department survey and plat section lines that provide access to public lands to avoid conflicts with landowners.

Jim Shaffer, Sioux Falls, SD President of Southeast South Dakota Quality Deer Management Association informed the Commission that is organization recently restarted their chapter and their first membership meeting will be September 13th at the Outdoor Campus in Sioux Falls. Shaffer spoke in regards to the duck season in area C and ask the Commission to consider holding the season opener as it is normally held for two weekends and the weekend between because ducks do not show up until season closes. He also recommended starting the second part of the split season around thanksgiving for 66 days.

Steve Rounds, Pierre, SD Oahe Marina was present to formally request that the boundaries between the Highway 14 Bridge and Oahe Dam be open to the taking of game fish by spearfishing for 3 days August 12 – 14 for a tournament. Rounds indicated they are expecting around 30 teams and asked that a conservation officer be available at the safety meeting.

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

Elk Contingency Licenses

Kirschenmann provided background to the Commission on of the established pool of stand-by contingency antlerless elk licenses that could be issued if disease or environmental conditions in the Black Hills dictated a need for them. He further explained there factors to help determine if it would be necessary to use them such as drought monitors, discussions with the Forest Service and landowners, and current season structure and license allocations be used during the black hills season for each unit.

Kintigh provided a recap of the meeting with the Forest Services in regards to condition assessments.

Kirschenmann presented the Commission with the recommendation to not issue elk contingency licenses. This recommendation is based upon Forest Services condition assessments, elk population status, population objective projections and license allocations based on success rate which varies for each area.

Motioned by Olson with second by Spies TO NOT ALLOCATE ELK CONTINGENCY LICENSES. Roll call vote: Boyd-no; Dennert-no; B. Jensen-yes; Gary Jensen-yes; Olson-yes; Phillips-no; Spies -yes; Peterson-no. Motion fails with 4 yes votes and 4 no vote.

Taking into consideration the concerns of the livestock and grazing communities and the reduced habitat due to drought the Commission requested the Department return with a revised recommendation to allocate 50 licenses.

Kirschenmann presented a resolution for 50 antlerless elk licenses in the northern Black Hills. These licenses are in addition to all other tags previously allocated to elk hunters through the first and second elk drawing and will be spread across ten units in the northern Black Hills; five per unit: 1B, 7B, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2I and 2J.. The majority will be used in Unit 2 which has the highest number of elk and an area currently being managed to slightly reduce elk numbers

Motioned by Phillips with second by Dennert TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 16-10 (Appendix B) ALLOCATING 50 ANTLERLESS ELK HUNTING LICENSES FOR THE 2016 ELK HUNTING SEASON. Motion carried unanimously.

Gamefish Spearing Between Oahe Dam and Highway 14

Regional Manager Mark Ohm and Lott presented the request from Steve Rounds, Oahe Marina and Resort to open the boundaries between the Oahe Dam and Highway 14 for 3 days (August 12 – 14) for a spearfishing tournament.

Motioned by G. Jensen with second by Dennert TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 16-09 (Appendix A) GRANTING THE REQUEST TO TEMPORARLY OPEN THE WATERS OF LAKE SHARPE TO SPEARFISHING OF ALL GAME FISH SPECIES. Motion carried unanimously.

Bobcat Harvest and Population Update

Fisk presented the Commission with update on the bobcat harvest and population data. Specifics include total bobcats harvested in the 2014-2015 season to be 254, research results on survival rates, trapping efforts and recommendation to keep the same season structure as the previous year.

Land Acquisition Guidance Document Update

Program Administrator Paul Coughlin provided the current land acquisition and disposal report to the Commission. The Kirschenman addition to the Ulmer GPA located seven miles northeast of Lesterville in Yankton County and consisting of 175 acres is expected to close in November of 2016. Early development project include property in Southeast Beadle County consisting of 320 acres, the Carthage area property in Miner County consisting of 160 acres and the Hayes area property in Stanley County consisting of 106 acres. All of these properties would be utilized as game production areas and are currently being appraised utilizing Pittman-Robertson grant program funding.

Resident Canada Goose Management Plan

Program Administrator Chad Switzer and Senior Wildlife Biologist Rocco Murano presented the Commission with the Canada Goose management plan for review. They provided an overview of the plan process noting the stakeholder group meetings, population objectives, landowner and hunter poll details and management strategies.

State Wildlife Action Plan Update

Senior Wildlife Biologist Eileen Dowd-Stukel presented the Commission with an update on the state wildlife action plan. Specifically noted were funding sources, nongame species, and the importance of partnerships to prevent fish and wildlife from becoming endangered and to provide for the needs of fish, wildlife and habitat diversity.

Missouri River Reservoir Fishing Update

Senior Wildlife Biologist Mark Fincel presented the Commission with a power point on Missouri River Reservoir fishing and survey results. Noted fishing was great until mid-June specifically the Crappe and Pike population as well as prey fish. Fincel also noted the Salmon fishing has produced state record fish recently caught over 30 pounds and lots of 20+ pound fish being caught. He indicated catch rates are slow. Lake Sharpe was good early on with a good late bite producing above average angling opportunities. Lake Francis Case had mixed angler reports with good results early on with is slowing down in the summer. Fincel noted Lewis and Clark has been the most difficult to manage and highlighted the research that they are currently working on.

Fish Ladder Project Update

Wildlife Biologist Chelsea Pasbrig presented the Commission with an update on the fish ladder project. Pasbrig explained how drop culverts create stream fragmentation and over time with culverts and roads barriers are created resulting in a loss of spawning habitat and foraging grounds leading to loss of species. The goal is to create scaled down fish ladders. Pasbrig indicated they tested in experimental streams at SDSU with 15 species of fish with 5 different ladder designs with results indicate that only one fish could pass without the ladders. Field tested in 2015 at 19 sites throughout the state results indicated all fish (game and nongame species) passed everywhere under all conditions with the fish ladders. Staff also tested ladders under water velocities particularly flooding conditions, varying culvert sizes and plunge pool depth

ranging from 8 inches to 5 feet. Staff recommendation a 10 percent slope is ideal but tested up to 60 percent slope and fish still passed. Pasbrig stated next steps include timing, alternative ladders and fabrication materials as well as working with the fish stakeholder groups.

HuntSAFE Instructor Awards

Conservation Officer Tony Stokely presented the HuntSAFE Team Award to Rich Jobe, Trevor Jobe, Glen Nelson, Allen Miller, Jeremy West, Mike Carlson, Bruce Plate, and Barry Banks. The Vermillion HuntSAFE Team has a total of 150 years combined experience and has gone above and beyond to encourage youth involvement.

Conservation Officer Bill Eastman presented Chuck Berdan of Belle Fourche the HuntSAFE instructor of the year award. Eastman stated Berdan has been an instructor since 1978 noting his extensive background in wildlife management and his willingness to help.

License sales report

Wildlife Administration Chief Scott Simpson provided the provided the licensed sales report at of July 29 indicating resident combination licenses are up and fishing licenses are slightly down. Nonresident fishing license sales are up and looking to sell 80,000 – 90,000 small game licenses. Simpson noted 213 nonresident waterfowl licenses have been sold.

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Dock 44 Concession Prospectus Issuance Request

Sean Blanchette, concessions manager provided information on Dock 44 Concessionaire located inside Snake Creek Recreation Area noting facilities and services available. Blanchette stated the resort owner Dahl's intent to relinquish rights and issue a prospectus for sale of the resort at the price of \$176,500. It was noted Dahl operates under the 2005 rules requiring the price to be set by an appraisal. Blanchette recommended terms of the new agreement include a 10 year lease at current terms with minimum required services, 20 boat slips, rental of housekeeping cabins, resort store operation, fishing license, bait and tackle sales, boat fuel, oil and grease sales, and sanitary boat pump out with a suggested franchise fee of percent of gross receipts up to \$300,000 and 6 percent in excess of \$300,000. There would also be a requirement of 1.5 percent annual gross receipts for required minimum repair and maintenance reserve.

Motioned by G. Jensen, seconded by Spies TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE AND ADVERTISE A PROSPECTUS FOR THE SALE OF Dock 44. Motion carried.

Lewis and Clark Marina Contract Amendment Request to Allow Video Lottery

Blanchette, presented a request from Lewis and Clark Marina to amend their current contract to allow video lottery at their expense, as an additional service. The request would only allow machines in Department approved areas. This area would be

within their existing restaurant area and the machines would be enclosed and separate from other services as to no conflict or distract with the experience of other patrons. It was noted that two other concessionaries currently have video lottery and three others have in the past.

Motioned by Spies, seconded by Boyd TO APPROVE THE AMENDED THE LEWIS AND CLARK CONCESSIONS AGREEMENT TO ALLOW FOR VIDEO LOTTERY. Motion carried.

Good Earth State Park Update

Regional Manager Jeff VanMeeteren provided an update on Good Earth State Park. VanMeeteren provided a rendering of the building noting the specific areas. He also talked about the trail system, bridges, decks and foresting project. VanMeeteren also explained the process on the development of the exhibits and the visitor's center with the final review in mid-August or September. He noted work continues on the film as well as fundraising at this time.

Good Earth Land Acquisition

Division Director Katie Ceroll provided information on the acquisition plan of 12.45 forested acres. Ceroll explained they the Department is currently working through the appraisal process with plan to submit request to purchase at October meeting.

Spearfish Canyon Proposed State Park Update

Assistant Director Al Nedved provided a powerpoint update to the Commission on Spearfish Canyon State Park. Nedved indicated key components of the bill recently introduced by Thune with the support of Rounds and Noem that facilitates the transfer of 1,426 acres of property from little spearfish canyon. The vision for the state park would be a total size of 1,600 acre state park which would include 524 acres of land transferred from the Forest Services that includes Bismarck Lake and Camp Bob Marshall. Nedved noted the master plan is underway to advertise for consultants to develop vision, operations and natural resources management plan as well as allow for public input and a strategy for the timeline.

Reservation System Request for Proposal

Ceroll provided the plan to present a request for proposal for reservation system point of sale system. Ceroll noted deadlines, potential start date and transition timeframe as well as possible contract options. This will be for a 5 year contact with possible 5 year extension to take reservations for 48 parks and 14 field entry first come first serve and point of sales for entrance fees to ice.

Parks Revenue, Camping and Visitation Reports

Assistant Director Bob Schneider provided the year to date comparison of parks revenue indicating it has been another good year. He explained permits are up 16 percent and lodging is up 5 percent partially due to the \$5.00 increase to the 7day pass at Custer State Park. We will see less revenue on the bike band as the Rally will not receive the turnout it did last year being the 50th anniversary. Schneider noted they are

seeing an average 1,500 – 1,600 people utilize the Custer State Park visitor center daily with overall state park visitation up 5 percent.

Adjourn

Motioned by Dennert with second by Phillips TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.
Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. CT

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly R. Hepler, Department Secretary

Appendix A

RESOLUTION 16 – 09

WHEREAS, by rule the public is prohibited from spearfishing game fish other than catfish on the waters of Lake Sharpe between the upstream edge of the Highway 14/34 bridge at Pierre/Ft. Pierre and the Oahe Dam; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ARSD § 41:07:06:03, upon request the Game, Fish and Parks Commission (Commission) may by resolution temporarily open waters which are closed to the public for game fish spearfishing; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has received a written request from an interested party to temporarily open the waters of Lake Sharpe to spearfishing of all game fish species between the Oahe Dam and the upstream edge of the Highway 14/34 bridge in Pierre/Ft. Pierre from August 12, 2016, at 6:00 o'clock A.M. through August 14, 2016, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., inclusive; and

WHEREAS, the requesting party will place restrictions on tournament participants to help reduce congestion, allow for unencumbered boat navigation, and address safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, prior to the Commission's consideration of the request at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 4-5, 2016, the public was provided with notice of the request and invited to submit both written and oral testimony concerning whether the request should be granted; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has carefully considered the request as well as written and oral testimony from the public concerning whether the request should be granted and based thereon has determined that the request should be granted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission does hereby grant the request to temporarily open the waters of Lake Sharpe between the Oahe Dam and the upstream edge of the Highway 14/34 bridge in Pierre/Ft. Pierre to spearfishing of all game fish species from August 12, 2016, at 6:00 o'clock A.M. through August 14, 2016, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., inclusive.

Appendix B

RESOLUTION 16 - 10

WHEREAS, pursuant to ARSD § 41:06:26:06, the Game, Fish and Parks Commission (Commission) may, by resolution, allocate antlerless elk contingency licenses, up to a maximum of 20 percent of all antlerless elk licenses available for all combined Black Hills elk hunting units as deemed necessary for elk management in the Black Hills; and

WHEREAS, the Commission allocated 1,255 antlerless elk hunting licenses for the 2016 Black Hills elk hunting season at its regularly scheduled April 7-8, 2016 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Game, Fish and Parks (Department) presented information to the Commission about the current range conditions in the Black Hills at the August 4-5, 2016 Commission meeting; and

WHEREAS, prior to the Commission's consideration of allocating elk contingency licenses at its August 4-5, 2016 meeting, the public was provided with notice of the Commission's intention to consider allocating elk contingency licenses thereby offering the opportunity for the public to submit both written and oral testimony concerning the issuance of any such licenses; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has carefully considered the Department's recommendation as well as written and oral testimony from the public concerning issuance of elk contingency licenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby allocates a total of 50 antlerless elk hunting licenses for the 2016 elk hunting season that shall be distributed into elk hunting units with 5 licenses in each of elk hunting units H1B, H7B, H2B, H2C, H2D, H2E, H2F, H2G, H2I, and H2J .

28 September, 2016

GFP Commission
c/o South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks
Joe Foss Building
523 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Commissioners:

Please accept this letter as an amendment to our 26 September 2016 letter detailing a formal Commission Petition requesting your action.

Specifically, we petition the commission regarding administrative rule 41:06:16:11 as follows:

(5) Unit NRW-00X: the counties of Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, McPherson, Walworth, Potter, Stanley, Sully, Hughes, and Lyman. No more than 1,500 fall three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued. The licenses issued pursuant to this subdivision in Potter, Stanley, Sully, Hughes, and Lyman are valid only on private property as provided by SDCL [41-6-18.4](#);

(6) Unit NRW-00Y: the counties of Brown, Marshall, Roberts, Day, Grant, Clark, Codington, Deuel, and Hamlin. No more than 500 three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued;

We petition the Commission to invalidate those nonresident licenses in Unit NRW-00X issued in Campbell, Edmunds, Faulmk, McPherson and Walworth counties – those permits valid on both private and public land and the 500 three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses valid on both private and public land in NRW-00Y.

Please note: we support your issuing the three-day temporary nonresident licenses valid only on private land in Potter, Stanley, Sully, Hughes and Lyman counties. As you are aware these permits involved a special, negotiated and widely supported compromise that essentially “traded nonresident waterfowl license for local access”. We appreciate the efforts by the Commission and the Wildlife Division staff to establish an outstanding public hunting access program, specifically the Lower Oahe Waterfowl Access Program. Our issue is not and never has been with these permits – we respectfully request that these permits be left as is.

The permits issued in Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, McPherson and Walworth counties should be rescinded because they represent an increase above the 5% annual increase as specified in 41-6-18.4 and do not have the required corresponding increase in public waterfowl hunting access as specified in 41-6-18.4.

We also petition you rescind the 500 three day temporary nonresident licenses issued in Unit NRW-00Y. These permits have never met the required corresponding increase in public waterfowl hunting assess as specified in 41-6-18.4.

In summary we petition the GFP Commission to take emergency rule action to immediately invalidate those three-day nonresident waterfowl licenses as specified above. The rule action should rescind, recall and invalidate those permits and refunds issued to the involved hunters.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to your timely action on this petition.

Sincerely,

George Vandel, vice-president
South Dakota Waterfowl Association

Chris Hesla, executive director
South Dakota Wildlife Federation

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

Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:13

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 6-7, 2016	Mobridge
	Public Hearing	November 3, 2016	Brandon
	Finalization	November 3-4, 2016	Brandon

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: April 1 – May 21, 2017 Archery
 April 8 – May 21, 2017 Black Hills regular and single-season Prairie units
 April 8 – April 30, 2017 Split-season early Prairie units
 May 1 – May 21, 2017 Split-season late Prairie units; Black Hills late season

Licenses: Black Hills: Unlimited resident and nonresident one-tag “male turkey” licenses
 Prairie: 5,602 resident and 244 nonresident one-tag “male turkey” licenses
 750 resident and 60 nonresident two-tag “male turkey” licenses
 Archery: Unlimited resident and nonresident one-tag “male turkey” licenses

Access Permits: Access permits valid April 8-30
 Good Earth State Park: 5 archery turkey access permits
 Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve: 20 archery turkey access permits

Requirements and Restrictions:

- Turkey hunters may apply for and receive one license in each of the Black Hills regular season, Black Hills late season, Prairie, and Archery Units in the first and second lottery drawings.
- Turkey hunters may purchase only one regular Black Hills and one archery turkey license.
- Residents may purchase one late Black Hills late season license.
- One-half of the licenses in each prairie unit are available for landowner/operator preference.
- Prairie units adjoining the White River and Cheyenne River also include an adjacent area one mile wide on the opposite side of the river.
- No person may shoot a turkey in a tree or roost.
- A person may use only bow and arrow, a shotgun using shot shells or a muzzleloading shotgun in state parks and recreation areas within prairie units; units (01A, 06A, 08A, 08B, 22A, 23A, 29A, 32A, 37A, 40A, 44A, 44B, 48A, 52A, 56A, 61A) in eastern SD; and in the portion of Unit 58A lying south of Oahe Dam, east of SD Highway 1806 and north of U.S. Highway 14 except as posted by the Corps of Engineers and GFP.

Recommended changes from last year:

- Offer residents 52 less one-tag “male turkey” licenses and 600 less two-tag “male turkey” licenses for the Prairie Units than 2016 for an overall decrease of 1,252 tags. Offer nonresidents 6 more one-tag “male turkey” licenses and 42 less two-tag “male turkey” licenses for the Prairie Units than 2016 for an overall decrease of 78 tags.
- Make adjustments to the Black Hills and Unit 49A (Meade County) unit boundaries as outlined in the South Dakota Wild Turkey Management Plan, 2016-2020 (see attached maps).
- Offer 10 more archery turkey access permits for Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve than 2015 for a total of 20 access permits.
- Remove the language in administrative rule depicting the license type and number of licenses from each hunting unit.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licenses			Harvest			Success		
	BH	Prairie	Archery	BH	Prairie	Archery	BH	Prairie	Archery
2012	4,435	7,863	2,555	1,685	5,554	739	38%	43%	29%
2013	4,512	7,874	2,830	1,517	5,213	641	34%	41%	23%
2014	3,944	7,189	2,722	1,258	3,597	695	32%	40%	26%
2015	3,877	6,961	2,919	1,258	3,565	790	32%	42%	27%
2016	4,056	6,850	3,202	1,575	2,486	885	39%	31%	28%

*Includes both resident and nonresident harvest statistics.

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Current Unit Boundaries



Recommended Unit Boundaries



APPROVE MODIFY REJECT NO ACTION

SPRING TURKEY
2016--2017 Comparison

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Unit #	Unit Name	2016 Resident Licenses	2017 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2016 Resident Tags	2017 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
01A	Minnehaha	80	80	0	0%	80	80	0	0%
02A	Pennington	300	200	-100	-33%	600	200	-400	-67%
06A	Brookings	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
07A	Yankton	230	230	0	0%	230	230	0	0%
08A	Davison/Hanson	80	80	0	0%	80	80	0	0%
08B	Davison/Hanson	80	80	0	0%	80	80	0	0%
11A	Bennett	50	30	-20	-40%	50	30	-20	-40%
12A	Bon Homme	300	250	-50	-17%	300	250	-50	-17%
13A	Brule	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
15A	Butte/Lawrence	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
16A	Campbell/Walworth	10	10	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
17A	Charles Mix/Douglas	400	350	-50	-13%	400	350	-50	-13%
19A	Clay	120	120	0	0%	120	120	0	0%
19B	Clay	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
20A	Corson	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
21A	Custer	150	150	0	0%	300	150	-150	-50%
22A	Day/Codington	60	80	20	33%	60	80	20	33%
23A	Deuel	90	90	0	0%	90	90	0	0%
24A	Dewey/Ziebach	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
27A	Fall River	150	150	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
29A	Grant	220	220	0	0%	220	220	0	0%
30A	Gregory	800	700	-100	-13%	800	700	-100	-13%
31A	Haakon	300	200	-100	-33%	600	400	-200	-33%
32A	Hamlin	0	10	10	NA	0	10	10	NA
35A	Harding	150	100	-50	-33%	150	100	-50	-33%
36A	Hughes	40	30	-10	-25%	40	30	-10	-25%
37A	Hutchinson	80	60	-20	-25%	80	60	-20	-25%
39A	Jackson	200	150	-50	-25%	200	150	-50	-25%
40A	Jerauld	10	10	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
41A	Jones	75	75	0	0%	75	75	0	0%
44A	Lincoln	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
44B	Lincoln	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
45A	Lyman	150	100	-50	-33%	150	100	-50	-33%
48A	Marshall/Roberts	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
49A	Meade	350	300	-50	-14%	700	600	-100	-14%
50A	Mellette	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
52A	Moody	60	60	0	0%	60	60	0	0%
53A	Perkins	100	100	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
56A	Sanborn	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
58A	Stanley	50	40	-10	-20%	50	40	-10	-20%
58B	Stanley	4	2	-2	-50%	4	2	-2	-50%
60A	Tripp	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
61A	Turner	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
62A	Union	120	120	0	0%	120	120	0	0%
62B	Union	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
65A	Oglala Lakota	60	40	-20	-33%	60	40	-20	-33%
67A	Todd	75	75	0	0%	75	75	0	0%
TOTAL		7,004	6,352	-652	-9.3%	8,354	7,102	-1,252	-15.0%

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents in West River units.

2017 Spring Turkey

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident		Nonresident		License Totals							
		TomT 32	2 TomT 35	TomT 32	2 TomT 35	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Licenses	NR Tags
01A	Minnehaha	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
02A	Pennington	200	0	16	0	200	0	200	200	16	0	16	16
06A	Brookings	20	0	0	0	20	0	20	20	0	0	0	0
07A	Yankton	230	0	0	0	230	0	230	230	0	0	0	0
08A	Davison/Hanson	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
08B	Davison/Hanson	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
11A	Bennett	30	0	3	0	30	0	30	30	3	0	3	3
12A	Bon Homme	250	0	0	0	250	0	250	250	0	0	0	0
13A	Brule	150	0	0	0	150	0	150	150	0	0	0	0
15A	Butte/Lawrence	350	0	28	0	350	0	350	350	28	0	28	28
16A	Campbell/Walworth	10	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	0	0	0	0
17A	Charles Mix/Douglas	350	0	0	0	350	0	350	350	0	0	0	0
19A	Clay	120	0	0	0	120	0	120	120	0	0	0	0
19B	Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20A	Corson	100	0	8	0	100	0	100	100	8	0	8	8
21A	Custer	150	0	12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12
22A	Day/Codington	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
23A	Deuel	90	0	0	0	90	0	90	90	0	0	0	0
24A	Dewey/Ziebach	150	0	12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12
27A	Fall River	0	150	0	12	0	150	150	300	0	12	12	24
29A	Grant	220	0	0	0	220	0	220	220	0	0	0	0
30A	Gregory	700	0	56	0	700	0	700	700	56	0	56	56
31A	Haakon	0	200	0	16	0	200	200	400	0	16	16	32
32A	Hamlin	10	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	0	0	0	0
35A	Harding	100	0	8	0	100	0	100	100	8	0	8	8
36A	Hughes	30	0	0	0	30	0	30	30	0	0	0	0
37A	Hutchinson	60	0	0	0	60	0	60	60	0	0	0	0
39A	Jackson	150	0	12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12
40A	Jerauld	10	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	0	0	0	0
41A	Jones	75	0	6	0	75	0	75	75	6	0	6	6
44A	Lincoln	50	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	0	0	0	0
44B	Lincoln	50	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	0	0	0	0
45A	Lyman	100	0	8	0	100	0	100	100	8	0	8	8
48A	Marshall/Roberts	400	0	0	0	400	0	400	400	0	0	0	0
49A	Meade	0	300	0	24	0	300	300	600	0	24	24	48
50A	Mellette	350	0	28	0	350	0	350	350	28	0	28	28
52A	Moody	60	0	0	0	60	0	60	60	0	0	0	0
53A	Perkins	0	100	0	8	0	100	100	200	0	8	8	16
56A	Sanborn	20	0	0	0	20	0	20	20	0	0	0	0
58A	Stanley	40	0	4	0	40	0	40	40	4	0	4	4
58B	Stanley	2	0	1	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	1
60A	Tripp	400	0	32	0	400	0	400	400	32	0	32	32
61A	Turner	20	0	0	0	20	0	20	20	0	0	0	0
62A	Union	120	0	0	0	120	0	120	120	0	0	0	0
62B	Union	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65A	Oglala Lakota	40	0	4	0	40	0	40	40	4	0	4	4
67A	Todd	75	0	6	0	75	0	75	75	6	0	6	6
	TOTAL	5,602	750	244	60	5,602	750	6,352	7,102	244	60	304	364
	Unit	TomT 32	2 TomT 35	TomT 32	2 TomT 35	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
		RES & NR:				5,846	810	6,656	7,466				

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ADMINSTRATIVE ACTION

Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season – Hunting Unit License & Access Permit Allocations

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 6-7, 2016	Mobridge
	Public Hearing	November 3, 2016	Brandon
	Finalization	November 3-4, 2016	Brandon

LICENSE & ACCESS PERMIT ALLOCATION BY SEASONS AND UNITS

Spring Turkey

2016-2017 Tag Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2015 Resident Tags	2016 Resident Tags
01A	Minnehaha	80	80
02A	Pennington	600	600
06A	Brookings	20	20
07A	Yankton	230	230
08A	Davison/Hanson	80	80
08B	Davison/Hanson	80	80
11A	Bennett	70	50
12A	Bon Homme	250	300
13A	Brule	150	150
15A	Butte/Lawrence	900	350
16A	Campbell/Walworth	0	10
17A	Charles Mix/Douglas	400	400
19A	Clay	120	120
19B	Clay	0	0
20A	Corson	100	100
21A	Custer	360	300
22A	Day/Codington	60	60
23A	Deuel	90	90
24A	Dewey/Ziebach	150	150
27A	Fall River	300	300
29A	Grant	220	220
30A	Gregory	850	800
31A	Haakon	600	600
32A	Hamlin	0	0
35A	Harding	150	150
36A	Hughes	40	40
37A	Hutchinson	80	80
39A	Jackson	200	200
40A	Jerauld	10	10
41A	Jones	100	75
44A	Lincoln	50	50
44B	Lincoln	50	50
45A	Lyman	150	150
48A	Marshall/Roberts	500	400
49A	Meade	700	700
50A	Mellette	350	350
52A	Moody	60	60
53A	Perkins	200	200
56A	Sanborn	20	20
58A	Stanley	50	50
58B	Stanley	4	4
60A	Tripp	400	400
61A	Turner	20	20
62A	Union	120	120
62B	Union	0	0
65A	Oglala Lakota	70	60
67A	Todd	75	75
TOTAL		9,109	8,354

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

2017 License Allocations

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident	
		TomT	2 TomT
		32	35
01A	Minnehaha	80	0
02A	Pennington	200	0
06A	Brookings	20	0
07A	Yankton	230	0
08A	Davison/Hanson	80	0
08B	Davison/Hanson	80	0
11A	Bennett	30	0
12A	Bon Homme	250	0
13A	Brule	150	0
15A	Butte/Lawrence	350	0
16A	Campbell/Walworth	10	0
17A	Charles Mix/Douglas	350	0
19A	Clay	120	0
19B	Clay	0	0
20A	Corson	100	0
21A	Custer	150	0
22A	Day/Codington	80	0
23A	Deuel	90	0
24A	Dewey/Ziebach	150	0
27A	Fall River	0	150
29A	Grant	220	0
30A	Gregory	700	0
31A	Haakon	0	200
32A	Hamlin	10	0
35A	Harding	100	0
36A	Hughes	30	0
37A	Hutchinson	60	0
39A	Jackson	150	0
40A	Jerauld	10	0
41A	Jones	75	0
44A	Lincoln	50	0
44B	Lincoln	50	0
45A	Lyman	100	0
48A	Marshall/Roberts	400	0
49A	Meade	0	300
50A	Mellette	350	0
52A	Moody	60	0
53A	Perkins	0	100
56A	Sanborn	20	0
58A	Stanley	40	0
58B	Stanley	2	0
60A	Tripp	400	0
61A	Turner	20	0
62A	Union	120	0
62B	Union	0	0
65A	Oglala Lakota	40	0
67A	Todd	75	0
	TOTAL	5,602	750

*Unlimited single tag licenses for archery and Black Hills.

**Additional 8% nonresident allocation for West River prairie units.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL**

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**Custer State Park Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:15**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 6-7, 2016	Mobridge
	Public Hearing	November 3, 2016	Brandon
	Finalization	November 3-4, 2016	Brandon

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: April 8 – May 21, 2017

Licenses: 100 resident one-tag "male turkey" licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Season opens the 2nd Saturday in April and runs through the eighth day prior to Memorial Day, inclusive.
2. License valid for only one male turkey.
3. No person may shoot a turkey in a tree or roost.
4. Restricted to shotguns using shotshells, muzzleloading shotguns and archery equipment only.

Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licenses	Applications	Harvest	Success	Ave. Days Hunted
2005	100	663	47	47%	1.7
2006	100	683	47	47%	2.2
2007	125	737	71	57%	2.5
2008	135	741	75	56%	1.8
2009	135	718	80	59%	2.2
2010	135	731	78	58%	2.1
2011	135	664	59	44%	3.0
2012	135	540	64	47%	2.2
2013	135	574	57	43%	2.2
2014	135	540	78	58%	2.7
2015	135	574	50	37%	2.6
2016	100	564	49	49%	2.1

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

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

Uses of Parks and Public Lands
Chapters 41:03:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 6-7, 2016	Mobridge
	Public Hearing	November 3, 2016	Brandon
	Finalization	November 3-4, 2016	Brandon

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Amend current administrative rule to allow for the removal of shed antlers from state owned lands.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Discussion surrounding the Department regulation that prohibits the removal of shed antlers from agency lands was elevated in the winter/spring of 2016 when a GFP news release was distributed reminding the public that it is not legal to remove shed antlers from State Parks and Game Production Areas. This brought about many concerns and questions why this activity is prohibited. Following several internal discussions by both Wildlife and Parks staff, it is the recommendation of the Department to make a change to this administrative rule.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

FISH LIMITS
41:07:03

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 6-7, 2016	Mobridge
	Public Hearing	November 3, 2016	Brandon
	Finalization	November 3-4, 2016	Brandon

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

1. Add language that would allow ice anglers to keep a legally caught possession limit of fish while on the ice.
2. Add language that would allow ice anglers to clean fish species, while on the ice, that do not have water-specific size restrictions.
3. Add language that dictates fish possessed on the ice must adhere to the transportation rule that requires fish to be readily countable.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. There are two situations with regards to ice fishing that affect an anglers ability to abide by the requirement that only one day's limit be possessed when actively fishing:
 - a. It is becoming more common for anglers to stay on the ice overnight and fish for a number of days without leaving a lake, and.
 - b. Anglers who fished the previous day, stayed in a motel overnight, and then will be on their way home after a second day of fishing, will have the previous day's catch in their vehicle, while on the ice.
2. Modifying language to allow anglers to possess more than one day's limit while on the ice, in association with obeying transportation requirements for fish, would provide a way for ice anglers fishing multiple days to abide by possession limits.
3. With the change in ice shack accommodations, anglers have all the comforts of home on the ice. Many anglers are cleaning their fish prior to transporting them to their domicile. In addition, many anglers would like to cook and eat their fish while on the ice. The existing rule doesn't allow for fish to be cleaned beyond the removal of gills, entrails, and eyes.

The requirement that fish for which water-specific length limits are in place must be kept whole allows for enforcement of length limits.

4. Without modifying the language to require that fish possessed on the ice meet transportation requirements, ice anglers could have a frozen block of fish on the ice prior to transporting them or could cut each fish into more than two fillets, making inspections problematic.

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

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES
41:10:04

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 6-7, 2016	Mobridge
	Public Hearing	November 3, 2016	Brandon
	Finalization	November 3-4, 2016	Brandon

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Add Red Swamp Crayfish to the list of invertebrate aquatic invasive species.
2. Allow for the transport of aquatic invasive species by:
 - a. An employee of a business that has been approved by the department to transport a boat or motorboat to a facility for the purposes of aquatic invasive species removal.
 - b. A person that has been authorized by the Department to transport their own watercraft to a Department-approved facility for immediate decontamination.
3. Remove the exception in the current rule that allows all drain plugs, bailers or valves in trailered boats to be closed or remain in place during transport from a boat ramp parking area to an immediately-adjacent fish cleaning station.
4. Remove the exception in the current rule that allows fish or aquatic bait to be transported in water obtained from a lake, river, or stream from a boat ramp parking area to an immediately-adjacent fish cleaning station.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. Red Swamp crayfish are one of the primary crayfish species sold and transported throughout the country for human consumption but can have detrimental effects on native crayfish.
2. There is currently no means available for people who discover they have aquatic invasive species attached to their boat to legally transport the boat to a location where equipment necessary for aquatic invasive species removal, like heated pressure washers, exists. The recommended rule change allows for transport of infested boats by employees of companies who perform decontamination of boats and boat owners for this purpose.
3. The current rule allowing boats to travel to an "immediately adjacent" fish cleaning station with drain plugs in place has created a lot of confusion. It can be difficult for the public to know which fish cleaning facilities are considered immediately adjacent to a boat ramp parking area and which are not. Removing the exception and requiring all trailered boats to have all drain plugs, bailers, valves or other devices opened or removed when not in a boat ramp parking area or while being launched or loaded will clarify the rule and improve compliance and enforceability.
4. Removing the exception that allows fish and aquatic bait to be transported in water from a lake, river, or stream to an immediately-adjacent fish cleaning station will clarify the rule and improve compliance and enforceability.

APPROVE MODIFY REJECT NO ACTION

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION

GENERAL PROVISIONS, BAIT, FISH LIMITS

Chapters 41:07:01, 41:09:04, 41:07:03

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 4 – 5, 2016	Pierre
	Public Hearing	October 6, 2016	Mobridge
	Finalization	October 6 – 7, 2016	Mobridge

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

1. Modify 41:07:01:03. **“Baitfish use restricted.”** To allow for baitfish use within the Black Hills Fish Management Area.
2. Modify 41:09:04:03. **“Waters closed to taking of bait.”** to allow non-commercial take of bait in the Black Hills Fish Management Area.
3. Repeal 41:07:01:15. **“High-grading of fish prohibited on South Dakota-Minnesota boundary waters.”** to remove high-grading restrictions specific to SD/MN border waters and replace them with the SD inland water regulations.
4. Modify 41:07:03:03. **“Daily, possession, and length limit restrictions on special management waters -- Additional restrictions described.”** to:
 - a) remove 15 inch minimum size restrictions for black bass (largemouth and smallmouth bass) on Carthage, Dim ock, Vermillion, Hanson and Staum Lakes,
 - b) remove 14 to 18 inch protected slot limit for black bass on Enemy Swim and Pickerel Lakes and
 - c) remove the 15 inch minimum size restriction for walleye and the 14 to 18 inch protected slot limit for black bass from Campbell Slough.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

No changes from proposal.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. This regulation will improve law enforcement and fisheries management by allowing the use of live baitfish in all waters within the Black Hills Fish Management Area (BHFMA) except those closed due to invasive species issues. Currently, it is only lawful to use baitfish or minnows for the purpose of taking fish in Stockade, Sheridan and Pactola Reservoirs. Additionally, the possession of baitfish is currently not allowed anywhere in the BHFMA, except when adjacent to these waters, thus, making it unlawful for anglers to even transport bait from a bait dealer to any of the exempted waters.

APPROVE MODIFY REJECT NO ACTION

2. This regulation will improve fisheries management and law enforcement as it will standardize the Black Hills Fish Management Area (BHFMA) with the rest of the state in regards to the non-commercial taking of bait. Currently, only creek chubs may be taken from waters within the BHFMA, however, there is no reason why the BHFMA should be any different than other areas of the state. Additionally, any concerns over AIS or sportfish species being taken are covered by other regulations.
3. Minnesota is changing their regulation to allow MN licensed anglers to high-grade all species on SD/MN border waters. That move would match their existing inland waters rules. Repealing the high-grading regulation specific to the SD/MN border waters would mean the high-grading regulation for SD inland waters (no high-grading for WAE only) would apply to all border water and inland waters.
4. a) **Carthage, Dimock, Hanson** - Repeated attempts over many years to increase bass abundance by stocking and length restrictions have failed. Angler use has been low (anecdotal observation). These waters will be stocked with walleyes and yellow perch in an attempt to increase angler use on these underutilized waters.

Vermillion - This large impoundment has always produced a small number of trophy-length largemouth bass without any management strategies except the 15-inch minimum length restriction. However, since very few people target largemouth bass on this water.

Staum - This small impoundment is significantly silted-in and becomes nearly impossible to fish by early summer due to excessive submerged aquatic vegetation. In addition, winter fish kills have become more frequent in recent years. Removal of this length limit will allow bass to be harvested before they are lost to fish kills.

b) **Enemy Swim and Pickerel** - Growth rates have decreased on these populations for the past 5 years and current growth rates are way behind the regional averages. These populations are at very high abundances and the quality of fish is lower than in many of our other smallmouth bass fisheries. With many years of creel information on these lakes it is obvious anglers are not willing to harvest bass below the protected slot which essentially makes this regulation ineffective. These regulations have been in place for over ten years now and fisheries have not benefitted.

c) **Campbell Slough** - Does not have a public boat ramp on the lake so access is limited. The lake has a maximum depth of only 9 ft. and is considered a warm water marginal fishery; therefore, restrictive regulations are unnecessary.

SNAGGING OF SALMON, SNAGGING OF PADDLEFISH
Chapters 41:07:04 and 41:07:05

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 4 – 5, 2016	Pierre
	Public Hearing	October 6, 2016	Mobridge
	Finalization	October 6 – 7, 2016	Mobridge

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

1. Modify **Chapter 41:07:04** to eliminate the language repealing the "Snagging of Salmon" chapter and add new provisions that would allow for the snagging of salmon on Lake Oahe in October and November.
2. Modify **41:07:05:02. "Snagging season in special management areas."** to clarify the hours during which snagging can occur on portions of the Big Sioux River included in the fall paddlefish snagging season.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

No changes from proposal.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. Chinook salmon in Lake Oahe attempt to spawn and subsequently die. As this is a put-grow-take fishery, return to angler is one of the most important metrics in how successful the program is. Allowing for the snagging of salmon in the months of October and November, when there are very few other species in shallow water in the back end of bays, would add opportunity and allow people to better utilize this resource without negatively impacting other fisheries resources.
2. There is some confusion as to if the snagging hours for paddlefish on the Missouri River below Gavins Point Dam also apply to the open area in the Big Sioux River. This will clarify the snagging hours.

APPROVE MODIFY REJECT NO ACTION

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

**Fishing Tournaments
Chapter 41:09:15**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 4 – 5, 2016	Pierre
	Public Hearing	October 6, 2016	Mobridge
	Finalization	October 6 – 7, 2016	Mobridge

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

1. Establish an application fee for fishing tournaments with the fee increasing as the number of tournament boats/participants increases. Recommended fees are:

Number of:		Tournament Fee
Boats	Participants	
20-49	50-99	\$200
50-74	100-149	\$350
75-99	150-199	\$525
100 or more	200 or more	\$800

2. Establish that participation in a non-permitted fishing tournament is a violation.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

The department recommends the commission not adopt the proposed fishing tournament fees or the associated rule that would make it a violation for participating in a non-permitted tournament.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Department staff recommended the implementation of a tournament application fee to recover the cost of staff time spent on the approval process and use of field staff to monitor larger tournaments and clean-up after those events. During the public comment period, it became evident that the proposed fees for smaller events were considered excessive, were not in line with staff resource expenditures, and there was not a way to realistically address the tournament permitting needs of weekly fishing leagues, small bass club tournaments, and non-profit events.

APPROVE
 MODIFY
 REJECT
 NO ACTION

PRIVATE HATCHERIES, IMPORTATION OF FISH

Chapters 41:09:07, 41:09:08

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 4 – 5, 2016	Pierre
	Public Hearing	October 6, 2016	Mobridge
	Finalization	October 6 – 7, 2016	Mobridge

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

1. Modify 41:09:07:06.04. "Fish health inspection required." and 41:09:08:03.04. "Importation requirements for fish or fish reproductive products." to allow fish health inspections to be conducted according to the "World Animal Health Organization (OIE) Aquatic Code" 19th Edition, 2016 or according to The American Fisheries Society Fish Health Section's "Suggested Procedures for the Detection and Identification of Certain Finfish and Shellfish Pathogens" 2014 Edition.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

No changes from proposal.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. Adding (OIE) inspection protocols will allow state hatcheries, fisheries managers, the bait and private aquaculture industries and importers of fish flexibility in available sampling protocols and allow them to use the method of inspection that best fits their situation while still protecting the fisheries resources of South Dakota.

APPROVE

MODIFY

REJECT

NO ACTION

SPEARING
Chapter 41:07:06

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 4 – 5, 2016	Pierre
	Public Hearing	October 6, 2016	Mobridge
	Finalization	October 6 – 7, 2016	Mobridge

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Modify 41:07:06:03. Areas open to spearing of game fish -- Additional permit required.

Recommended changes include:

1. Lengthening the spearing/archery season for game fish (except paddlefish and sturgeon) in inland waters open to game fish spearing from current dates of June 15 through March 15 to May 1 through March 31, inclusive.
2. Changing hours from sunrise to sunset to ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
3. Adding crossbows as a legal method of take for game fish on inland and border waters.
4. Opening all inland waters (including rivers and streams during open seasons), except those managed for muskies or closed elsewhere in administrative rule, to take of catfish and northern pike during established season dates.
5. Closing Middle Lynn Lake to the spearing of catfish and northern pike due to it being a newly-stocked muskie water.
6. Opening Waubay and Bitter Lakes in Day County, Swan and Dry #2 Lakes in Clark County, Albert, Henry, Thompson, and Whitewood Lakes in Kingsbury County, to spearing of all game fish except paddlefish and sturgeon during established season dates.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

No changes from proposal.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. Department staff met with a group of individuals in April 2016 who use spear guns to take game fish and a group of individuals in May 2016 who use bow and arrow to take game fish. Conditions needed for realistic take of game fish using these methods was discussed as were possible ideas for increasing opportunities.

APPROVE

MODIFY

REJECT

NO ACTION

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2. The group that uses spear guns to take game fish was interested in increasing opportunities in eastern South Dakota to take walleyes. Currently, no waters in eastern SD are open to the taking of walleyes. Current game fish season dates of June 15 through March 15 are not conducive to taking game fish in Eastern SD waters with a spear gun, as water conditions by June 15 are too turbid. Moving the season start date to May 1 would increase the likelihood of water clarity suitable for spearfishing.
3. The eight eastern SD lakes recommended for addition to the list of waters open to spearing of all game fish species includes waters with established walleye fisheries, large surface acres, minimal shoreline development, potential for clear water at some times of the year, minimal recreational boating traffic, and a good boat ramp.
4. The behavior of most game fish make them difficult to successfully take with a bow and arrow. Game fish species of interest to bow fishers are northern pike, catfish, and Chinook salmon. Adding rivers and streams to the list of waters open for take of northern pike and catfish would significantly increase opportunity for those using bow and arrow as a method of take.
5. Individuals in the bow fishing group who met with department staff did not use crossbows but had no issue with adding it as a legal method of take to provide opportunity for those who may have an interest in doing so. Crossbows are currently a legal method of take for rough fish.
6. Changing hours for take of game fish to begin one-half hour before sunrise would greatly increase the ability of individuals using a bow and arrow to take Chinook salmon in the fall from Lake Oahe.

Landowner Fisheries Management Authorization
Chapter 41:07:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 4 – 5, 2016	Pierre
	Public Hearing	October 6, 2016	Mobridge
	Finalization	October 6 – 7, 2016	Mobridge

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Create a new rule in **41:07:01** to provide authorization for landowners to perform fisheries management activities on created, man-made impoundments on land they own or lease.

Activities allowed would include:

1. the use of special sampling equipment including nets, seines, and electrofishing equipment
2. stocking permitted species of fish
3. chemical control of vegetation
4. fish removal beyond the allowance of applicable fish limits
5. allowance for an agent, contractor, or employee to conduct fisheries management activities

Requirements would include:

1. the landowner control all the land surrounding the created impoundment by ownership, easement, or lease
2. involvement of a Conservation Officer whenever live fish are transported off the property
3. notification of a Conservation Officer whenever fish in excess of applicable limits are transported away from the private land where the water is located

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

No changes from proposal.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. South Dakota statute requires Game, Fish and Parks authorization for certain activities typically used to manage fisheries including use of special sampling equipment, stocking and removal of fish, and applying chemicals to control vegetation.
2. Landowners have expressed a desire to be able to manage the fisheries on created, man-made impoundments on land they own or lease. Currently, these activities are permitted on a case by case basis, with each management activity on a water requiring submission of a separate application each time a landowner wishes to conduct a specific management action. Creating an administrative rule that would serve as a continual authorization to conduct the designated management actions would facilitate landowner management of created, man-made impoundments on land they control.

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3. Private companies have expressed an interest in offering fisheries management services to landowners for created, man-made waters but there is not currently a mechanism for them to do so. This administrative rule would establish that mechanism in association with the landowner's authorization to conduct fisheries management activities.
4. Lists of species that could be stocked, allowable sampling gear that could be used, and conditions under which chemicals could be applied would be specified in individual landowner authorizations.

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION

Depredation Permits
Chapter 41:06:46

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 4-5, 2016	Pierre
	Public Hearing	October 6, 2016	Mobridge
	Finalization	October 6-7, 2016	Mobridge

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Requirements and Restrictions:

Residents Only

Deer, Antelope, and Turkey:

1. By resolution, the GFP Commission may determine the number of big game depredation permits and authorize the Secretary to issue big game depredation permits where appropriate.
2. Big game depredation permits may be used between December 1 and March 31.
3. Hunters that register for the pool from December 1-31 will be randomly selected to determine the order in which they are contacted if a depredation hunt is needed in a county where they are willing to hunt. After December 31, additional hunters will be registered in the pool in the order that they enroll.
4. The maximum number of landowner/operator depredation permits that may be issued is four permits per household or ranch.
5. No person may register for more than 10 counties.
6. There is no fee for depredation permits.

Elk:

1. By resolution, the GFP Commission may determine the number of elk depredation permits and authorize the Secretary to issue elk depredation permits where appropriate.
2. Elk depredation permits may be used between January 1 and December 31.
3. Hunters that register for the pool from December 1-31 will be randomly selected to determine the order in which they are contacted if a depredation hunt is needed. After December 31, additional hunters will be registered in the pool in the order that they enroll.
4. The maximum number of landowner/operator depredation permits that may be issued is one per household or ranch.
5. There is no fee for depredation permits.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Combine the elk depredation hunt registration and selection process with the deer, antelope and turkey registration and selection process.
2. Require online registration for all depredation hunts.
3. Require that landowners receiving big game depredation assistance must allow hunting access to hunters that possess a big game depredation permit without charge.
4. By resolution, the GFP Commission may determine the number of elk depredation permits and authorize the Secretary to issue permits where and when appropriate.
5. Elk depredation hunts may be utilized throughout the year if necessary.
6. Hunters that register for the elk pool from December 1-31 will be randomly selected to determine the order in which they are contacted if a depredation hunt is needed. After December 31, additional hunters will be registered in the pool in the order that they enroll.
7. Only a resident who was not issued an elk license from the current regular elk drawing may register for an elk depredation hunt.
8. Establish a \$20 fee for elk depredation permits.
9. The maximum number of landowner/operator elk depredation permits that may be issued is one per household or ranch.

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10. Elk depredation hunts may be used in an established elk hunting unit as well as areas outside an established elk hunting unit. Elk depredation hunts will not occur within an established elk hunting unit during any open elk hunting season.
11. Landowner preference or preference points do not apply.
12. Participation in an elk depredation hunt does not affect future eligibility or preference points in future lottery drawings for elk seasons. The nine year waiting period for a person does not apply.
13. The pool of registered elk hunters expires on December 31 of the following year.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

GFP would like to modify the process which elk depredation hunts are administered and combine these processes with other big game depredation hunt registration and selection processes.

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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION

Elk Depredation Permits

Chapter 41:06:52

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 4-5, 2016	Pierre
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	Finalization	October 6-7, 2016	Mobridge

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. The commission by resolution shall specify the number and type of elk depredation permits that may be issued.
2. For any hunt conducted in a geographic area lying outside of an established elk hunting unit, the hunt may be conducted within any time period determined by the department.
3. For any hunt conducted in a geographic area lying within an established elk hunting unit, the hunt may be conducted anytime except during the regular elk season.
4. Landowners are eligible for 1 permit for each ranch unit if they are qualified for landowner preference and if they have not received an elk license for the current elk season.
5. Any elk depredation permit holders would not lose any preference points they accumulated over the years; landowners who participate in a hunt would not lose their eligibility to apply for a license for the subsequent elk season.

Recommended changes from last year:

Repeal entire chapter and combine applicable elements with depredation hunt chapter.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Moving forward, GFP would like to combine the registration and selection process with the other species (i.e. deer, antelope, and turkey) depredation pool hunt process.

APPROVE ____ MODIFY ____ REJECT ____ NO ACTION ____

RESOLUTION 16-13

BIG GAME DEPREDATION HUNTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to SDCL 41-6-29.1, the Game, Fish and Parks Commission may authorize the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks to issue a specific number of depredation permits to respond to property damage by game animals that cannot be resolved by any other method, and the Commission has promulgated rules to provide for big game depredation hunts designed to assist in reducing wildlife damage to property by big game species (deer, elk, antelope, and turkey); and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that for the next two years (2016 and 2017) the Game, Fish and Parks Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks or his designee to issue no more than 600 permits plus an additional 200 landowner/operator permits) for each species (deer, antelope and turkey) per year and no more than 100 elk depredation permits per year, as the Secretary may deem necessary to respond to property damage caused by big game animals.

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

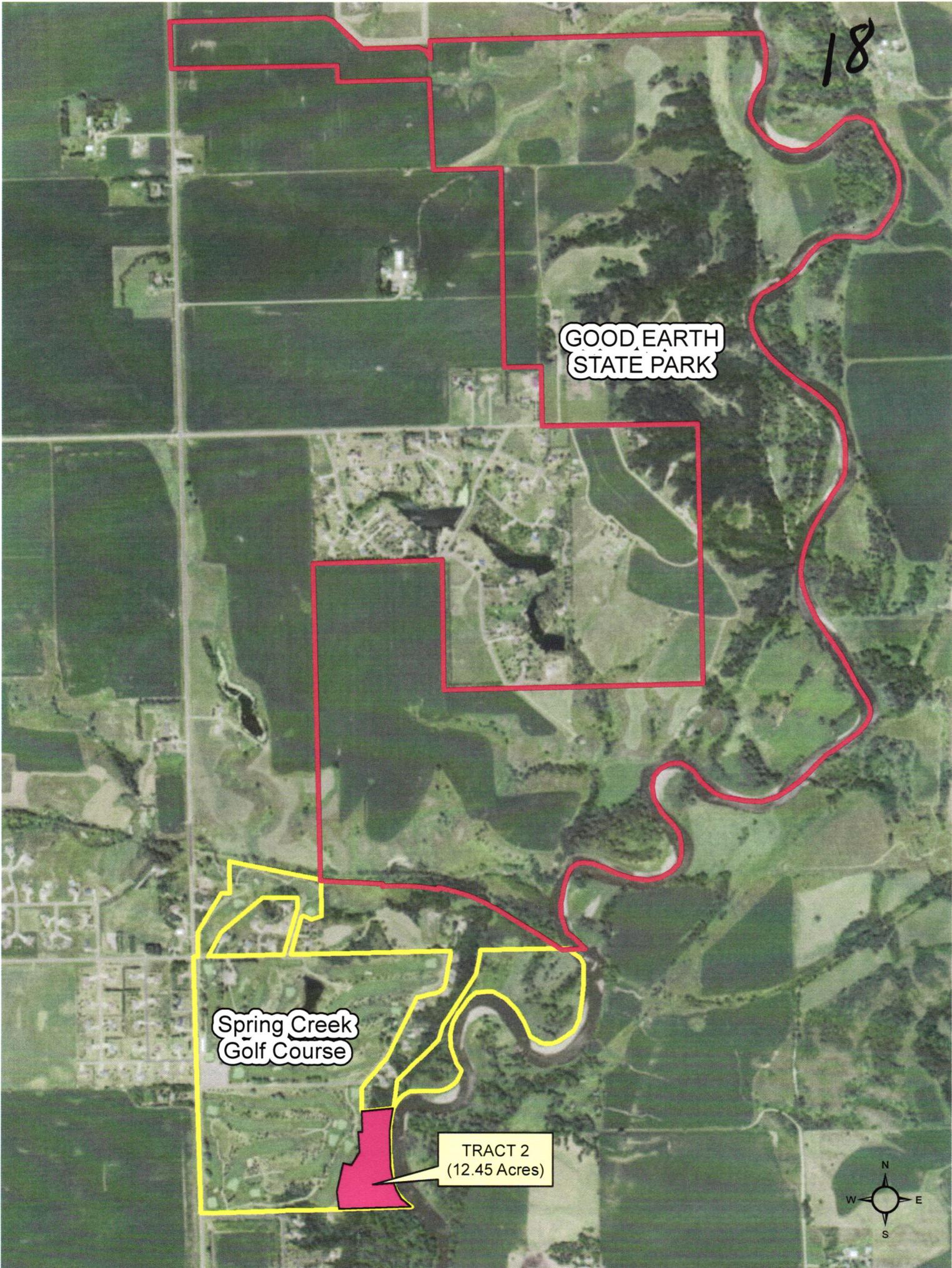
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall replace in their entirety Resolutions Nos. 15-06 and 15-07 previously adopted by this Commission to authorize the Secretary to issue depredation permits to respond to property damage caused by big game animals.

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GOOD EARTH
STATE PARK

Spring Creek
Golf Course

TRACT 2
(12.45 Acres)



RESOLUTION NO. 16-11

Whereas, the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) has expressed an interest in acquiring real property from the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation, of Pierre, South Dakota, which property is described as:

Tract 2 of Spring Creek Country Club Addition in Government Lot 1 and the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$) and the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 26, Township 100 North, Range 49 West of the 5th P.M., Lincoln County, South Dakota, according to the recorded plat thereof, subject to easements, rights-of-way, restrictions, reservations, and covenants of record; and

Whereas, the property is to be acquired by and utilized by the Division of Parks and Recreation as an addition to and for the development of Good Earth State Park in Lincoln County, South Dakota; and

Whereas, SDCL 41-4-1.1 requires that before GFP acquires and purchases property GFP must notify owners of land located adjacent to the property sought to be acquired by publishing notice of the same once in each legal newspaper of the county in which the property to be purchased is located; and

Whereas, GFP has published the required legal notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of action by the Commission authorizing the intended purchase, which notice included the time and location of the meeting at which the Commission's action is expected and by giving notice of instructions for presenting oral and written comments to the Commission; and

Whereas, the Commission has reviewed any and all comments that may have been received relative to the intended purchase and after consideration of the same, the Commission approves of the intended purchase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that GFP is authorized to purchase the above described real property at a price of \$392,250.00, which represents seventy-five (75%) percent of the appraised value of the property, and consummate a purchase agreement with the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation to acquire by purchase the above described real property.

RESOLUTION 16 - 12

WHEREAS, the Department of Game, Fish and Parks (hereinafter "Department") entered in to a Concession Lease Agreement with Fort Randall Marina, Inc., a non-profit corporation, for the operation of Fort Randall Marina located at North Point Recreation Area on August 12, 2003, for a term of ten years; and

WHEREAS, the Commission approved the First Amendment to the Concession Lease Agreement which was executed by the Department on July 2, 2012, which contained provisions for extension of the lease term in exchange for the conversion of individually owned private exclusive use slip in to Marina owned and seasonal rental slips; and

WHEREAS, The Marina met to the Department's satisfaction the first phase of the marina slip conversion agreement which extended the lease term to December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The Marina intends to formally change its corporate status from "non-profit" to "for-profit" and issue shares of stock in the newly formed business corporation to its investors to facilitate the conversion of additional slips to marina ownership; and

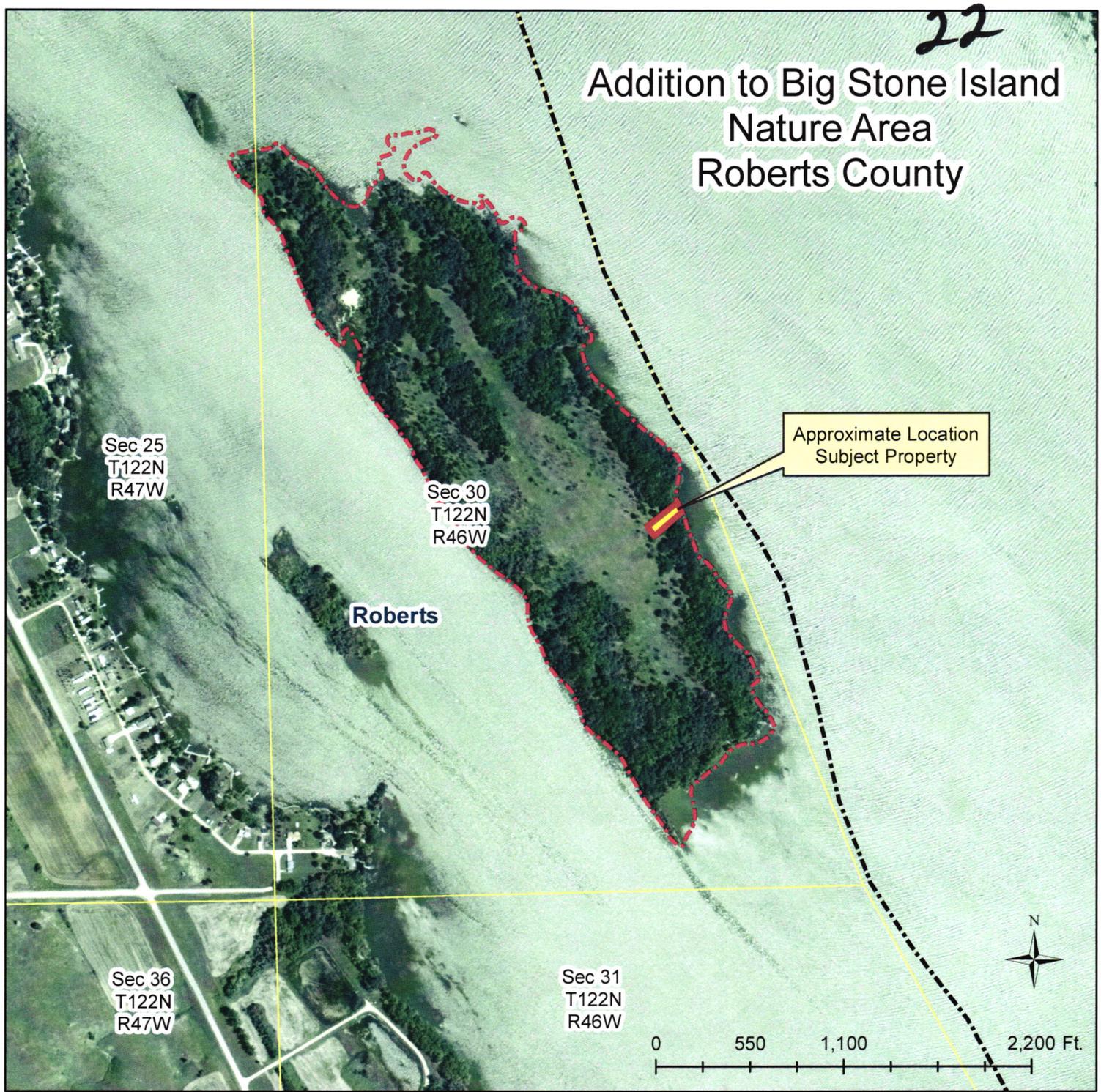
WHEREAS, ARSD 41:13 provides that a change in the controlling interest of the Concession Lease Agreement from that which was present at the time of the execution of the original lease to another person or business entity is subject to approval by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Department concurs with and seeks Commission approval of the Marina's plans to change its corporate status and transfer its interest in the Marina to the newly established "for profit" corporation for the purposes hereinabove described.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the GFP Commission does hereby approve the plans of Fort Randall Marina, Inc., a non-profit corporation, to change its corporate status to a "for-profit" entity and thereafter transfer its interest in the Concession Lease Agreement for Fort Randal Marina, as amended, to the newly established "for profit" business corporation.

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Addition to Big Stone Island Nature Area Roberts County



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DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION
January to September 2016 Revenue Comparison by Item

	2015		2016		%
	Number	Dollar	Number	Dollar	
Annual	45,052	\$ 1,351,564	51,038	\$ 1,531,134	13%
Second Vehicle	11,846	\$ 177,685	13,553	\$ 203,297	14%
Combo	22,839	\$ 1,027,763	23,635	\$ 1,063,594	3%
Transferable	1,373	\$ 89,274	1,543	\$ 100,307	12%
Daily / Person	32,338	\$ 129,351	32,087	\$ 128,348	-1%
Daily / Vehicle	80,697	\$ 484,180	81,924	\$ 491,545	2%
Unattended Vehicle Daily	1,726	\$ 17,258	1,805	\$ 18,048	5%
Motorcoach Permit	8,495	\$ 25,485	14,565	\$ 43,694	71%
GSM Annual Trail Pass	2,073	\$ 31,095	2,582	\$ 38,730	25%
GSM Daily Trail Pass	13,594	\$ 40,782	11,693	\$ 46,772	15%
CSP Temp Daily / Vehicle	149,674	\$ 2,245,116	155,881	\$ 3,117,620	39%
Bike Band	29,035	\$ 290,354	16,587	\$ 165,867	-43%
Rally Bike Band	54,579	\$ 545,786	30,581	\$ 305,810	-44%
One-Day Special Event	N/A	\$ 9,745	N/A	\$ 10,777	11%
PERMITS	453,321	\$ 6,465,438	437,474	\$ 7,265,543	12%
Camping Services Permits	-	\$ 7,729,058	-	\$ 8,152,602	5%
Gift Card	-	\$ 5,120	-	\$ 4,135	-19%
Picnic Reservations	-	\$ 17,284	-	\$ 19,375	12%
Firewood	34,032	\$ 170,161	32063	\$ 160,316	-6%
LODGING	34,032	\$ 7,921,623	32063	\$ 8,336,428	5%
TOTAL	487,353	\$ 14,387,061	469,537	\$ 15,601,971	8%

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION
January to September 2016 Revenue Comparison by District

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LOCATION	2015	2016	%
Fort Sisseton Pickerel Lake Roy Lake Sica Hollow			
DISTRICT 1	\$ 453,253	\$ 463,647	2%
Richmond Lake Mina Lake Lake Louise Fisher Grove Amsden			
DISTRICT 2	\$ 248,804	\$ 259,785	4%
Sandy Shore Hartford Beach Lake Cochrane Pelican Lake			
DISTRICT 3	\$ 389,508	\$ 404,537	4%
Oakwood Lakes Lake Poinsett Lake Thompson			
DISTRICT 4	\$ 733,216	\$ 773,240	5%
Lake Herman Walkers Point			
DISTRICT 5	\$ 277,199	\$ 290,433	5%
Snake Creek Platte Creek Burke Lake Buryanek			
DISTRICT 6	\$ 413,363	\$ 429,131	4%
Palisades Lake Vermillion Big Sioux			
DISTRICT 7	\$ 768,391	\$ 836,758	9%
Newton Hills Lake Alvin Union Grove Adams			
DISTRICT 8	\$ 475,274	\$ 484,308	2%

LOCATION	2015	2016	%
Lewis & Clark Springfield Chief White Crane Pierson Ranch Tabor Sand Creek			
DISTRICT 9	\$ 1,875,925	\$ 1,902,730	1%
White Swan South Scalp Randall Creek South Shore North Point Pease Creek Whetstone North Wheeler			
DISTRICT 10	\$ 643,246	\$ 627,973	-2%
Farm Island West Bend			
DISTRICT 11	\$ 466,802	\$ 488,891	5%
Okobojo Spring Creek Oahe Downstream Cow Creek			
DISTRICT 12	\$ 530,082	\$ 558,837	5%
WalthBay East Whitlock West Whitlock Lake Hiddenwood Swan Creek Indian Creek Revheim Bay West Pollock			
DISTRICT 13	\$ 393,398	\$ 395,525	1%
Mickelson Trail Bear Butte			
DISTRICT 14	\$ 124,874	\$ 140,060	12%
Shadehill Llewellyn Johns Rocky Point			
DISTRICT 15	\$ 405,473	\$ 447,996	10%
Custer			
DISTRICT 16	\$ 5,404,003	\$ 6,256,553	16%
Angostura Sheps Canyon			
DISTRICT 17	\$ 610,519	\$ 653,109	7%
PIERRE OFFICE	\$ 173,731	\$ 187,719	8%
TOTAL:	\$ 14,387,061	\$ 15,601,971	8%

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DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION
January TO September 2016 CAMPING UNIT COMPARISON BY DISTRICT

Park	2015 Units	2016 Units	%
Fort Sisseton	1,407	1,459	4%
Pickerel Lake	6,185	6,158	0%
Roy Lake	6,457	6,253	-3%
Sica Hollow	134	166	24%
District 1	14,183	14,036	-1%
Richmond Lake	1,495	1,556	4%
Mina Lake	2,419	2,510	4%
Lake Louise	1,698	1,678	-1%
Fisher Grove	990	967	-2%
Amsden	302	224	-26%
District 2	6,904	6,935	0%
Sandy Shore	1,079	1,199	11%
Hartford Beach	4,830	5,054	5%
Lake Cochrane	1,916	1,902	-1%
Pelican South	4,680	4,868	4%
District 3	12,505	13,023	4%
Oakwood Lakes	8,177	8,514	4%
Lake Poinsett	6,835	7,741	13%
Lake Thompson	6,705	6,593	-2%
District 4	21,717	22,848	5%
Lake Herman	5,444	5,573	2%
Walkers Point	2,679	2,910	9%
Lake Carthage	589	702	19%
District 5	8,712	9,185	5%
Snake Creek	8,800	8,860	1%
Platte Creek	1,484	1,429	-4%
Burke Lake	30	41	37%
Buryanek	2,536	2,717	7%
District 6	12,850	13,047	2%
Palisades	4,240	4,375	3%
Lake Vermillion	8,001	8,310	4%
Big Sioux	4,705	5,729	22%
District 7	16,946	18,414	9%
Newton Hills	9,566	10,188	7%
Union Grove	1,432	1,330	-7%
District 8	10,998	11,518	5%

Park	2015 Units	2016 Units	%
Lewis & Clark	39,771	39,530	-1%
Tabor	82	94	15%
Sand Creek	126	121	-4%
Springfield	1,040	1,032	-1%
Chief White Crane	10,163	10,417	2%
Pierson Ranch	4,305	4,159	-3%
District 9	55,487	55,353	0%
North Point	9,551	9,493	-1%
North Wheeler	690	780	13%
Pease Creek	1,383	1,310	-5%
Randall Creek	6,948	6,926	0%
South Shore	418	379	-9%
Whetstone Bay	489	448	-8%
White Swan	237	252	6%
South Scalp	21	56	167%
District 10	19,737	19,644	0%
Farm Island	6,701	6,927	3%
West Bend	7,539	8,560	14%
District 11	14,240	15,487	9%
Oahe Downstream	12,951	13,866	7%
Cow Creek	2,429	2,458	1%
Okobojo Point	1,125	1,361	21%
District 12	16,505	17,685	7%
West Whitlock	4,396	4,176	-5%
Lake Hiddenwood	302	414	37%
East Whitlock	50	86	72%
Swan Creek	556	672	21%
Indian Creek	6,347	6,308	-1%
Walth Bay	14	30	114%
West Pollock	777	801	3%
District 13	12,442	12,487	0%
Bear Butte	1,073	1,013	-6%
District 14	1,073	1,013	-6%
Shadehill	5,135	5,760	12%
Llewellyn Johns	432	505	17%
Rocky Point	5,020	5,432	8%
District 15	10,587	11,697	10%
Custer	47,793	50,122	5%
District 16	47,793	50,122	5%
Angostura	15,144	16,114	6%
Sheps Canyon	1,386	1,574	14%
District 17	16,530	17,688	7%
TOTAL FEE AREA			
CAMPER UNITS	299,209	310,182	4%

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**DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION
September YTD 2016 VISITATION COMPARISON**

Park	2015	2016	% Change
Fort Sisseton	50,213	51,285	2%
Pickerel Lake	20,043	14,410	-28%
Roy Lake	150,546	147,225	-2%
Sica Hollow	9,656	13,592	41%
District 1	230,458	226,512	-2%
Richmond Lake	26,478	28,165	6%
Mina Lake	42,869	46,975	10%
Lake Louise	23,040	25,678	11%
Fisher Grove	20,123	20,620	2%
District 2	112,510	121,438	8%
Sandy Shore	20,104	22,543	12%
Hartford Beach	79,042	72,625	-8%
Lake Cochrane	12,957	9,916	-23%
Pelican	22,131	26,058	18%
District 3	134,234	131,142	-2%
Oakwood Lakes	59,900	66,915	12%
Lake Poinsett	42,535	53,886	27%
Lake Thompson	40,039	38,419	-4%
District 4	142,474	159,220	12%
Lake Herman	77,929	77,578	0%
Walkers Point	33,627	32,202	-4%
District 5	111,556	109,780	-2%
Snake Creek	148,778	130,423	-12%
Platte Creek	142,054	95,004	-33%
Burke Lake	12,500	14,121	13%
Buryanek	34,993	37,378	7%
District 6	338,325	276,926	-18%
Palisades	66,876	75,935	14%
Lake Vermillion	88,878	89,474	1%
Big Sioux	40,053	47,908	20%
Beaver Creek	18,831	18,648	-1%
District 7	214,638	231,965	8%
Newton Hills	106,691	86,785	-19%
Good Earth	21,698	20,746	-4%
Lake Alvin	35,586	23,032	-35%
Union Grove	14,330	8,927	-38%
Adams	18,631	28,097	51%
Spirit Mound	13,847	10,497	-24%
District 8	210,783	178,084	-16%

Park	2015	2016	% Change
Lewis & Clark	634,194	618,893	-2%
Springfield	87,450	76,979	-12%
Chief White Crane	60,997	59,290	-3%
Pierson Ranch	57,579	56,033	-3%
District 9	840,220	811,195	-3%
North Point	106,965	97,596	-9%
North Wheeler	13,193	19,604	49%
Pease Creek	23,717	31,444	33%
Randall Creek	44,861	31,233	-30%
Ft. Randall Boat Club	17,825	17,803	0%
District 10	206,561	197,680	-4%
Farm Island	112,806	125,806	12%
West Bend	41,065	47,071	15%
LaFramboise Island	63,504	63,891	1%
District 11	217,375	236,768	9%
Oahe Downstream	324,091	411,098	27%
Cow Creek	159,959	166,748	4%
Okobojo Point	24,409	29,157	19%
Spring Creek	110,614	125,063	13%
District 12	619,073	732,066	18%
West Whitlock	78,547	67,236	-14%
Lake Hiddenwood	18,901	19,659	4%
Swan Creek	40,976	48,024	17%
Indian Creek	72,537	65,681	-9%
Revheim Bay	34,052	36,433	7%
West Pollock	51,230	50,113	-2%
District 13	296,243	287,146	-3%
Bear Butte	38,817	31,685	-18%
District 14	38,817	31,685	-18%
Shadehill	35,205	37,401	6%
Llewellyn Johns	4,316	4,530	5%
Little Moreau	11,305	9,955	-12%
Rocky Point	73,491	78,351	7%
District 15	124,317	130,237	5%
Custer	1,607,658	1,738,058	8%
District 16	1,607,658	1,738,058	8%
Angostura	153,283	170,074	11%
Sheps Canyon	38,711	40,772	5%
District 17	191,994	210,846	10%
TOTALS:	5,637,236	5,810,748	3%

Resolution 16-15

Resolution of the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission

“Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America’s Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources”

WHEREAS, Congress passed the Pittman-Robertson, Dingell-Johnson and Wallop-Breaux Acts to establish funds financed by hunters, recreational shooters, anglers, and boaters to support wildlife and sportfish recovery and management; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and sustainable funding mechanism is needed for many species of fish and wildlife that are not pursued by hunters, trappers, or anglers; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks has the primary statutory responsibility for the management of all fish and wildlife in the state; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota’s Wildlife Action Plan addresses the needs of the state’s fish and wildlife species, including species of greatest conservation need; and

WHEREAS, limited financial resources are available to fully implement the state’s Wildlife Action Plan to help prevent future endangered species listings and provide for the needs of all species and key habitats; and

WHEREAS, the recent Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America’s Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources, composed of 26 business and conservation leaders from across the United States, recommends that a new funding mechanism be established for state fish and wildlife conservation and management for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, securing dedicated federal funding is likely to require a nonfederal match similar to that in place for the Pittman-Robertson, Dingell-Johnson and Wallop-Breaux Acts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Commission supports the Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America’s Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources’ recommendation that Congress dedicate \$1.3 billion dollars annually in existing revenue from the development of energy and mineral resources on federal lands and waters to the Wildlife Conservation Restoration Program to diversify funding and management of all fish and wildlife; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in the event new dedicated federal funding should be secured, the Commission supports collaborative efforts to locate and establish the required nonfederal match funding mechanisms for wildlife conservation and the implementation of the state’s Wildlife Action Plan.

The Game, Fish and Parks Commission therefore adopts this Resolution at their October 6-7, 2016 Commission meeting.

Cathy Peterson, Chair
Game, Fish and Parks Commission

**South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks - Wildlife Division
Land Acquisition and Disposal Report
October 2016**

Action Items

None

Information Items– The following proposed acquisitions have been advertised per SDCL 41-4-1.1, and will be brought to the GFP Commission for final action at the November 2016 meeting.

Smith Addition to Helgeson GPA

Location: Three miles northwest of Vienna in Clark County

Description: 2.12 acres

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

Cost: \$3,180.00

Expected Closing: December 2016

Schneiderhan Property

Location: Six miles southwest of Carthage in Miner County

Description: 160 acres

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

Acquisition Cost: \$552,000.00 (P-R grant program funding)

Expected Closing: December 2016

Northwestern Engineering Property Addition to OCW

Location: Rapid City, Pennington County

Description: 13.22 acres

Management Objective: Administrative facilities

Cost: \$289,800.00

Expected Closing: December 2016

DOT Addition to Spring Creek GPA

Location: Seven miles south of Hill City in Pennington County

Description: 4.86 acres

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

Cost: \$18,225.00

Expected Closing: December 2016

Early Development Projects**Southeast Beadle County Property**

Location: Beadle County

Description: 320 acres

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

Acquisition Cost: Property is being appraised (P-R grant program funding)

Expected Closing: Unknown

Hayes Area Property

Location: Stanley County

Description: 106 acres

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

Acquisition Cost: Property is being appraised (P-R grant program funding)

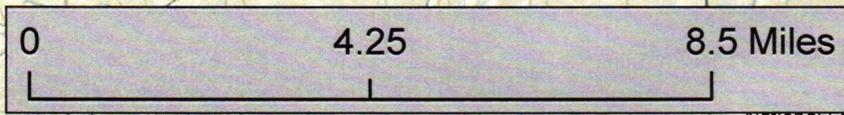
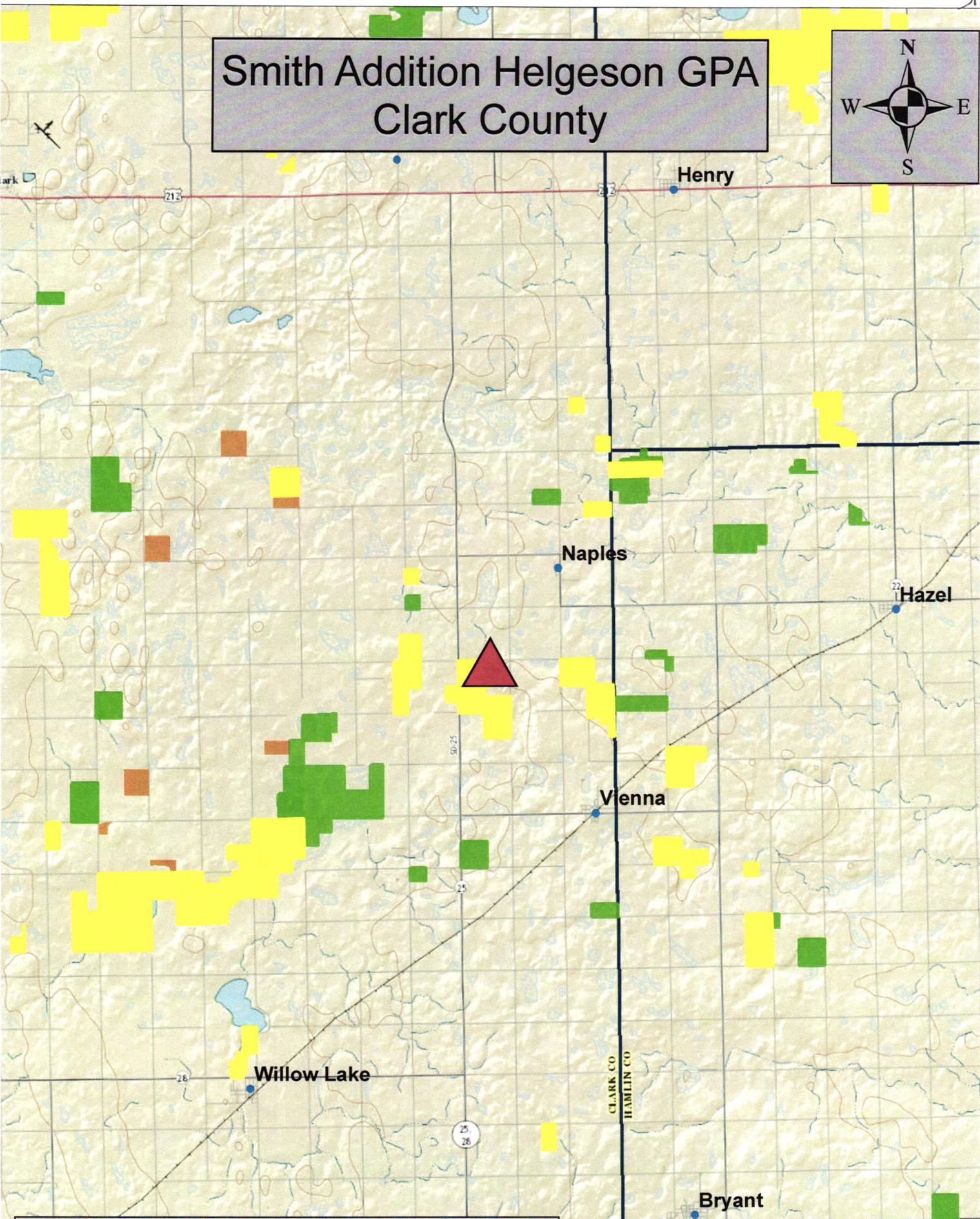
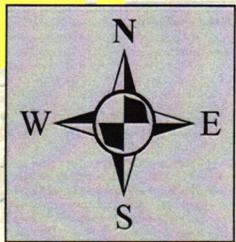
Expected Closing: Unknown

Disposal of Deadwood Lots

Location: Lawrence County

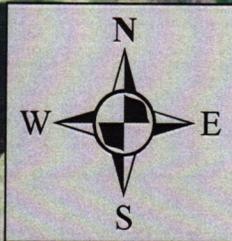
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Smith Addition Helgeson GPA Clark County



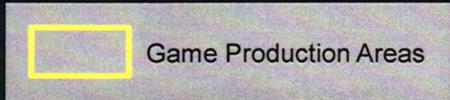
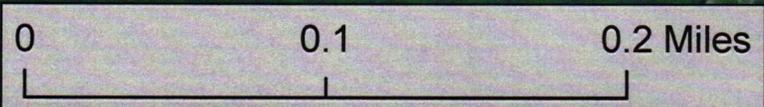
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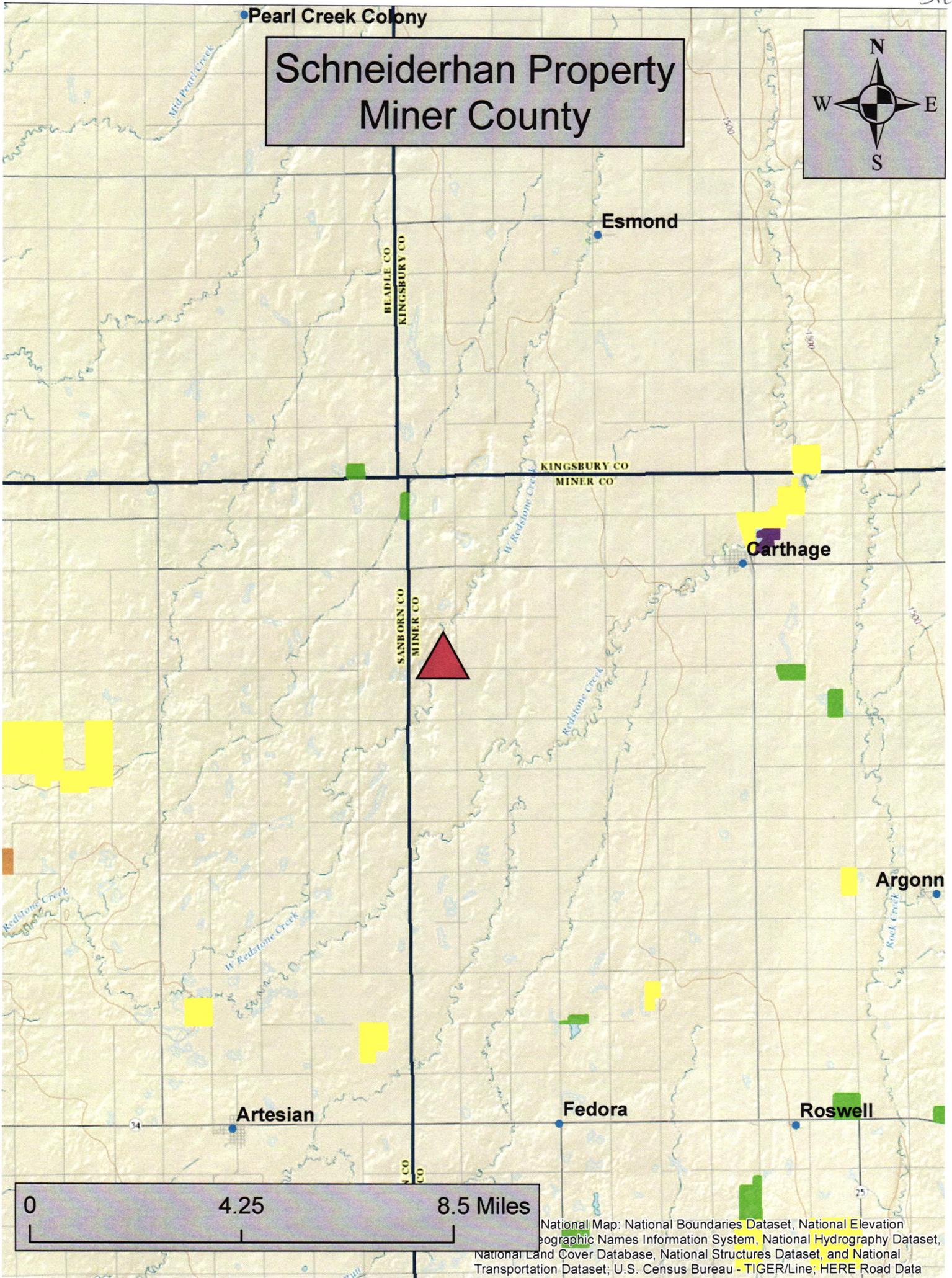
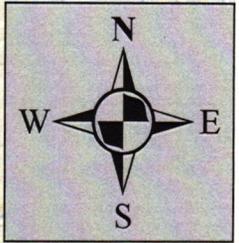


2.12 acre addition

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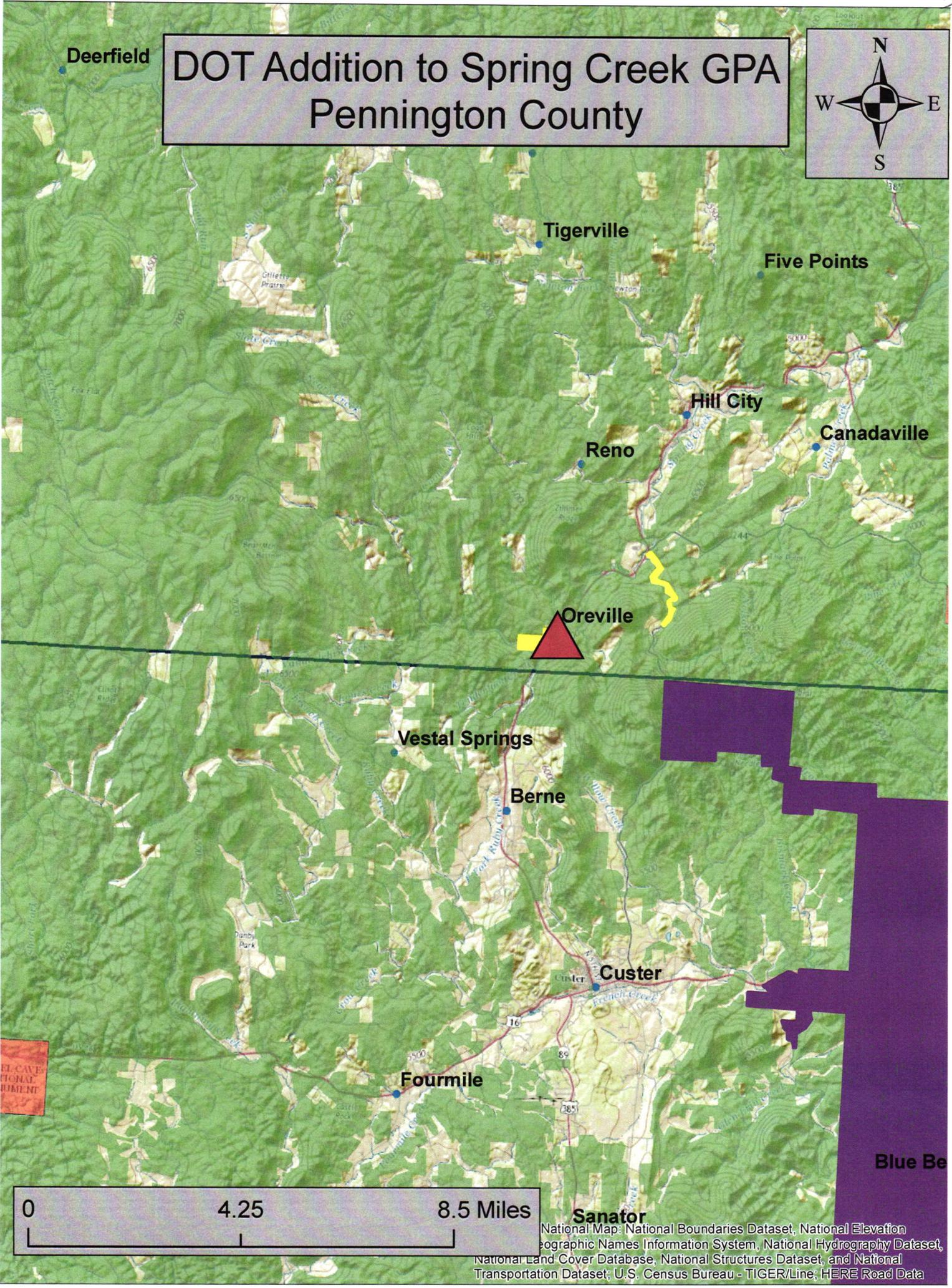
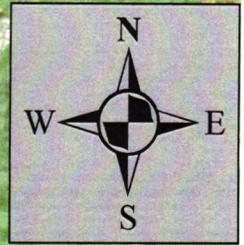
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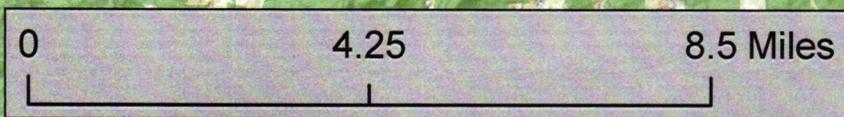
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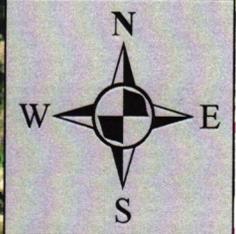
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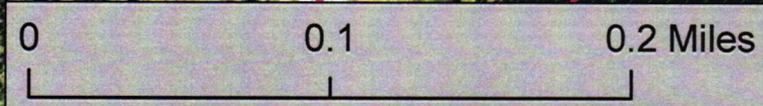


SPRING CREEK GPA

4.86 acre addition

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US HWY 16



 Game Production Areas

License Sales Totals

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(as of Oct 3)

date updated: 3 Oct 2016

Resident	2016	2015
Combination	45,374	44,394
Junior Combination	7,127	7,042
Senior Combination	8,078	7,404
Small Game	5,824	5,948
Youth Small Game	2,718	2,722
1-Day Small Game	287	259
Migratory Bird Certificate	23,339	24,162
Predator/Varmint	1,552	1,331
Furbearer	2,555	2,712
Annual Fishing	61,954	62,913
Senior Fishing	12,721	12,620
1-Day Fishing	6,013	5,854
Gamefish Spearing/Archery	2,698	2,686

Nonresident	2016	2015
Small Game	6,805	6,792
Youth Small Game	448	419
Annual Shooting Preserve	172	183
5-day Shooting Preserve	2,700	2,688
1-day Shooting Preserve	461	431
Spring Light Goose	3,967	4,249
Youth Spring Light Goose	138	161
Migratory Bird Certificate	651	629
Predator/Varmint	4,472	4,297
Furbearer	4	5
Annual Fishing	27,506	26,220
Family Fishing	9,615	9,282
Youth Annual Fishing	1,589	1,454
3-Day Fishing	23,942	23,159
1-Day Fishing	22,830	20,082
Gamefish Spearing/Archery	688	640
TOTAL ON FILE =	286,228	280,738