



## **DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS**

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Dear fellow angler,

Spring fishing is a favorite for families and seasoned anglers in our state. South Dakota's lakes, rivers, streams and stock dams offer countless opportunities for families to get outside and enjoy the fresh air and catch fish, especially now that waters are warming up and school is almost out.

The northeast area lakes will continue to be a destination for anglers again this spring and summer. With that, there is new information you need to be aware of as you visit and fish our northeast area lakes.

As of Friday, April 29, 2016, a court order was issued that enjoins and prohibits the public from entering or using water above four individuals' (Robert Duerre, Thad Duerre, Clint Duerre and LaRon Herr) land for any recreational purpose, including hunting and fishing, without their permission. The water subject to the court order comprises a significant portion of what is locally known as Duerre Slough and Jesse Slough in Troy Township, Day County, South Dakota. Even though these waters are not completely closed to access or fishing, you must first obtain permission from the landowner to fish or recreate on water above their property.

To legally access other bodies of water which are not subject to an existing injunction, you may do so by any means other than by trespassing upon privately owned property. For example, access may be obtained from a public boat ramp or lake access area, from an unvacated county highway, township road, section line, or by means of privately owned land with permission of the landowner. However, if you are in doubt, please seek permission from the landowner before accessing a particular area.

To locate the boundaries of the land which is subject to the court order on Jesse Slough and Duerre Slough, please visit <http://gfp.sd.gov/fishing-boating/rules-regs.aspx>.

Please also be reminded that recreating on these additional bodies of water in Day County is prohibited: Long Lake, Park's Slough and Schiley Slough.

Folks have been asking us if more landowners will try to get an injunction on water over their property and right now, we do not know the answer to this question, but it is certainly possible. Another big question is if our agency will appeal the court's decision, and that is yet to be determined.

If you have additional questions about the injunction, please contact Scott Lindgren or Mike Klosowski at 605.882.5200 out of the Watertown office.

Sincerely,

Kelly Hepler  
Secretary of the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks