



# SOUTH DAKOTA GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

JANUARY 11-12, 2024 | MATTHEWS TRAINING CENTER | PIERRE, SD

## Call Meeting to Order (1 pm CST / 12 pm MT)

### Division of Administration

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#### Action Items

1. Conflict of Interest Disclosure
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes available at <https://gfp.sd.gov/commission/archives>
3. Additional Commissioner Salary Days
4. Election of Officers

#### Informational Items

5. 2024 Legislative Items Update
6. Strategic Plan Year in Review
7. New Staff Introductions

## Open Forum – 2 pm CST / 1 pm MT

*The portion of the meeting is designated for public comment on petitions, proposals, and other items of interest not on the agenda.*

### Petition

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8. Elk Preference Points
9. Landowner Own Land Deer License Season Extension

### Proposals

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10. Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season
  - Season Recommendations and Bighorn Sheep Status Update Presentation
11. Waterfowl Hunting Seasons
  - Waterfowl Status and Season Setting Presentation
    - a. Duck Hunting Season
    - b. August Management Take
    - c. Early Fall Canada Goose
    - d. Goose Hunting Season
    - e. Special Canada Goose Hunting Season
    - f. Spring Light Goose Hunting Season
    - g. Sandhill Crane Hunting Season
    - h. Tundra Swan Hunting Season
    - i. Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season
    - j. Nonresident Waterfowl Hunting Seasons



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## 12. Elk Hunting Seasons

- a. Custer State Park Early Elk Hunting Season
- b. Custer State Park Elk Hunting Season
- c. Special Custer State Park Antlerless Elk Hunting Season
- d. Archery (Black Hills) Elk Hunting Season
- e. Black Hills (Firearm) Elk Hunting Season
- f. Prairie Elk Hunting Season

## Division of Parks and Recreation

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### Action Items

13. Lewis & Clark Marina Slip Fees

### Informational Items

14. End of the Year Volunteer Report
15. Outreach Programs and Event Attendance
16. 2024 Parks Theme Announcement
17. Parks and Recreation Staff Division Awards
18. End of the Year Sales Reports

## Division of Wildlife

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### Action Items

19. Turkey Youth Recruitment License
20. Bighorn Sheep Auction License
21. Aquatic Management Priorities

### Informational Items

22. 2023 Habitat Stamp Projects
23. End of the Year Sales Reports

## Solicitation of Agenda Items

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*Now is the time to submit agenda items for the Commission to consider at a following Commission Meeting.*

## Adjourn

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*Next meeting will be held on March 7-8, 2024, at the Missouri Avenue Events Center in Pierre, South Dakota.*

# GFP Commission Meeting Minutes

AmericInn | Fort Pierre, SD | December 7-8, 2023

## Call Meeting to Order

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Chair Rissler called the meeting to order at 1 pm CST at the AmericInn by Wyndham Fort Pierre Conference Center in Fort Pierre, South Dakota, on December 7, 2023. Commissioners Stephanie Rissler, Julie Bartling, Jim White, Robert Whitmyre, Jon Locken, Travis Bies, and Bruce Cull were present. Charles Spring joined via ZOOM. With eight commission members present, a quorum was established. The public and staff can listen via SDPB Livestream and participate via conference or in person, with approximately 52 total participants attending via Zoom or in person.

### 1. Conflict of Interest Disclosure [Action Item]

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Chair Rissler requested the disclosure of any potential conflicts of interest, but none were brought forward.

### 2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes [Action Item]

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Chair Rissler called for any additions or corrections to the regular minutes of November 2023 meeting. Minutes are available at <https://gfp.sd.gov/commission/archives/>.

MOTIONED BY BIES, SECONDED BY BARTLING TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 2023 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. The motion carried unanimously.

### 3. Additional Salary Days [Action Item]

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Chair Rissler called for additional salary days from the Commissioners. Rissler and Bies both submitted four additional salary days.

MOTIONED BY WHITMYRE, SECONDED BY WHITE TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL SALARY DAYS. The motion carried unanimously.

### 4. 2024 Legislative Item Update [Info Item]

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Secretary Robling gave a brief update on the legislative items being brought during the 2024 legislative session.

### 5. 2024 Commission Meeting Calendar Approval [Action Item]

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Secretary Robling brought forth the proposed 2024 commission meeting schedule from the Department.

MOTIONED BY LOCKEN, SECONDED BY BARTLING TO APPROVE THE 2024 COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR. The motion carried unanimously.

### 6. South Dakota GoOutdoors Update [Info Item]

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Keith Fisk, Licensing Program Administrator, gave an update on the South Dakota GoOutdoors licensing system.

### 7. New Staff Introduction [Info Item]

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Jeff VanMeeteren, Parks & Recreation Director, and Chad Switzer, Deputy Director of Wildlife introduced several new staff throughout the department to the Commissioners.

## Open Forum

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Deputy Secretary Scott Simpson opened the floor at 2:01 pm CST for discussion from those in attendance in matters of importance to them that are listed on the agenda not as a finalization or may not be on the agenda. Due to technical difficulties, the open forum was delayed.

- 2:20 pm: Nancy Hilding representing the Prairie Hills Audubon Society discussed various topics.

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Deputy Secretary Simpson closed the Open Forum at 2:23 pm CST.

## **8. BOR Cabin/Trailer Rates for Shadehill/Angostura** [Action Item]

Sean Blanchette, Staff Specialist with the Division of Parks and Recreation presented a permit fee rate increase schedule for the private cabins at Shadehill and Angostura Recreation Areas. These parks are located on land owned by the US Bureau of Reclamation and are subject to federal laws and regulations. Federal regulation requires that private exclusive use permit fees are assessed at fair market value and BOR requires using its Construction Cost Trends – Land Index to achieve fair market value. The index increase from 2023 was 17%. GFP developed a fixed schedule for the remainder of the permit terms with an annual adjustment rate of 5.4% of the BOR index to stabilize the annual fee adjustment for the permit holders. Although these rates are required by BOR, this is a GFP fee which is subject to Commission approval.

MOTIONED BY LOCKEN, SECONDED BY WHITMYRE TO APPROVE THE RATE INCREASES FOR THE CABINS AND TRAILERS FOR SHADEHILL AND ANGOSTURA. The motion carried unanimously.

## **9. Calendar Year 2024 Parks Division Marketing Plan** [Info Item]

April Larson, Marketing Coordinator and Nick Harrington, Communications Manager gave a presentation on the 2024 Marketing Plan for the Parks & Recreation Division.

## **10. Custer State Park Resort Repair & Maintenance Fund Expenditure Plan** [Info Item]

Josh Schmaltz CEO of Ramkota Companies – Custer State Park Resort and Matt Snyder CSP Park Superintendent provided an overview the of the 2023 Repair and Maintenance plan for CSP resort complexes. Over a million dollars was spent on upkeep to the resort facilities that included interior and exterior upgrades and repairs to cabins and lodges throughout the four resort complexes. An overview of anticipated upgrades and repairs was also provided for 2024 consisting of upgrades to lodging restrooms, adding insulation to the Event Barn for better climate control year-round.

## **11. Custer State Park Buffalo Sales & Auction Update** [Info Item]

Matt Snyder CSP Park Superintendent reported on the 58th annual bison auction where 498 animals were sold for a total of \$633,700. Prices were up 30% over the 2022 sale. There were 68 registered bidders with 37 in-person and 31 online. 6 online bidders made a purchase, and 18 onsite bidders make a purchase.

Bison went to buyers from South Dakota (13), Wyoming (3), Alabama, California, Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Tennessee.

## **12. November Monthly Reports: Camping Units and Revenue** [Info Item]

Jeff VanMeeteren, Parks & Recreation Director, gave an update on the camping units and revenue generated during the month of November.

## **13. Statewide Fish Management Plan Revision** [Info Item]

Aquatic Section Chief John Lott presented an update to the commission on fisheries planning efforts for 2024. Major planning efforts occurred for the 2014-2018 and 2019-2023 periods and simpler process is planned for 2024, with a focus on identifying management issues and priorities. Top priorities for fisheries and aquatics management efforts in 2024 are habitat and access improvements, urban and community fisheries, consistently needing stocking requests, and evaluating stockings and other management actions. Priorities for nine statewide fisheries programs and four fisheries management areas were also shared with the commission. The 2024 plan will be available for public comment through January 4<sup>th</sup>. A modified document incorporating changes resulting from public comments will be presented to the commission for adoption at their January 2024 meeting.

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## 14. Black Hills Beaver Survey

[Info Item]

Trenton Haffley, Regional Terrestrial Resource Supervisor and Mike Klosowski, Regional Wildlife Supervisor, provided a report to the commission following an examination of Black Hills beaver populations. In conjunction with the assessment, a multi-agency work group was formed by Game, Fish and Parks staff to facilitate information sharing and formulate recommendations aimed at determining the status of beavers in the Black Hills.

Two major factors emerged during the examination as potential influencers of beaver populations: habitat degradation and environmental issues such as drought and scouring runoff. Additionally, disease, predation, hunting/ trapping, and the low tolerance of beavers on private property were identified as possible contributing factors. A survey was conducted, revealing a decrease in the number of beaver caches from 60 in 2012 to 16 in the recent survey. The survey also indicated a 50% reduction in beaver distribution compared to the 2012 findings now standing at 25%.

In response to these findings, Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) initiated several riparian restoration projects designed to enhance habitat conditions, benefitting not only beavers but also other wildlife and plant communities. GFP staff outlined plans to continue monitoring beaver activity and to implement additional riparian restoration projects.

## 15. River Otter Season Survey

[Info Item]

Alex Solem, Senior Wildlife Biologist, reported the 2023 river otter hunting/trapping season began November 1 with a harvest limit of 20 river otters. This harvest limit was reached on November 18 and the season officially closed November 19 with a total of 20 river otters harvested. River otters were harvested in Grant (1), Deuel (5), Minnehaha (4), Roberts (4), Brown (1), Lake (2), Union (1), Bon Homme (1) and Codington counties (1) within the designated open season boundary. Harvest trends and population demographics are continually being collected for population monitoring efforts.

## 16. Oahe Walleye Fishing Update

[Info Item]

Jake Davis, Fisheries Program Manager, gave an update on the Oahe Walleye Fishing.

## 17. Aquatic Invasive Species End of Year Report

[Info Item]

Jake Davis, Fisheries Program Manager, presented a year end review of the AIS efforts in South Dakota.

## 18. Deer Fall Classification Results

[Info Item]

Andy Lindbloom, Senior Wildlife Biologist, reported that herd composition surveys are conducted by GFP every fall to evaluate age (fawn: doe) and sex (buck: doe) ratios across the state. Age ratios provide an estimate of fall recruitment which affects license allocation at the unit level. Statewide recruitment estimates for 2023 are 75 fawns:100 does for white-tailed deer and 63 fawns:100 does for mule deer, both which have increased from 2022.

## 19. Private Lands Habitat Program Year in Review

[Info Item]

Eric Magedanz, Senior Wildlife Biologist and John Mayrose, Wildlife Biologist, presented information pertaining to 2023 Overview of the Private Lands Habitat Program. The Private Lands Program has seen an increase in impacted acres since 2018. A slight decline is noted in 2023 but could be attributed to a decline in the average size of projects as the overall number of projects increased from 142 in 2022 to 161 in 2023 with still the majority of the month remaining. Wetland restoration projects sharply increased in 2023 and wildlife friendly fence projects continue on their upward trajectory since hiring additional private lands habitat biologists (PLHB). Since the onboarding of new PLHB, project voids in the state are being filled with PLHB reaching landowners in areas that have seen few projects completed most notably in the north central, southwest, and south-central parts of the state. Funding has been expanded in 2023 through

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seeking additional grant sources through NAWCA, NFWF, SWG, and RCPP. \$25 million in RCPP was recently awarded to implement conservation practices in SD; practices include: grazing management infrastructure, range and forage plantings, soil health practices, and foregone income payment on grass plantings. Ducks Unlimited was the lead and grant administrator but all RCPP partners will harness the program and funding opportunity. Partners include DU, USFWS, SD Grassland Coalition, SD Soil Health Coalition, Audubon Great Plains, Natural Resources Conservation Service. John Mayrose highlighted 3 projects showcasing public hunting access, grazing management, and woody habitat demonstrating the high quality of work being accomplished by PLHB's in SD.

## **20. Hunting Season Report & License Sales Update**

[Info Item]

Chad Switzer, Deputy Director of Wildlife, gave a report on the hunting season and license sales.

## **21. Adjourn**

[Action Item]

Next meeting is scheduled for January 11-12, 2024, at the Matthews Training Center in the Joe Foss Building in Pierre, SD.

MOTIONED BY WHITE, SECONDED BY BIES TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:09 AM CST ON DECEMBER 8, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted respectfully,



Kevin Robling, Department Secretary

**From:** [info@gfp.sd.us](mailto:info@gfp.sd.us)  
**To:** [sswanson@rap.midco.net](mailto:sswanson@rap.midco.net)  
**Cc:** [Kierl, Liz](#); [Harrington, Nick](#)  
**Subject:** Petition for Rule Change Form  
**Date:** Thursday, December 14, 2023 3:38:09 PM

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## South Dakota - Game, Fish, and Parks

### Petition for Rule Change

A new form was just submitted from the <http://gfp.sd.gov/> website with the following information:

ID: 207  
Petitioner Name: Stephen Swanson  
Address: 4777 Summerset Drive  
Rapid City, SD 57702  
Email: [sswanson@rap.midco.net](mailto:sswanson@rap.midco.net)  
Phone: 605-390-8412  
Rule Identification: Give one any elk tag to a hunter over the age of 65 and also has over 100 years of elk preference in different seasons.  
Decribe Change: For every hunter who meets the criteria of being over 65 and having over 100 years of elk preference, throw their name into a hat and draw one hunter to get an elk tag. Then that hunter would hunt in the unit he had the most preference points in.  
Reason for Change: This rule change would at least give the hunter one more chance to hunt elk in South Dakota before they can no longer hunt. I think it would make the hunter very happy and also all hunters young and old that the game and fish department is doing this.Thanks for listening.

**From:** [info@gfp.sd.us](mailto:info@gfp.sd.us)  
**To:** [layton.hendrickson@hotmail.com](mailto:layton.hendrickson@hotmail.com)  
**Cc:** [Kierl, Liz](#); [Harrington, Nick](#)  
**Subject:** Petition for Rule Change Form  
**Date:** Friday, December 22, 2023 6:40:12 PM

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## South Dakota - Game, Fish, and Parks

### Petition for Rule Change

A new form was just submitted from the <http://gfp.sd.gov/> website with the following information:

ID: 208

Petitioner Name: Layton Hendrickson

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Email: [layton.hendrickson@hotmail.com](mailto:layton.hendrickson@hotmail.com)

Phone: 605-415-8541

Rule Identification: Landowner Deer Season Dates

Describe Change: I would like the landowner (on your own land) deer tag to be valid from September 1-January 1 similar to the free antlerless tags. Having this tag only valid for a firearm during the standard rifle season but also valid with legal archery equipment for the dates remaining dates while keeping this tag only valid for owned/operated land.

Reason for Change: It would allow landowners to target deer potentially earlier and have the potential to archery hunt more than one deer. This may have a positive change in access because landowners could potentially tag out earlier and be willing to allow hunters on after they harvest. It would also give landowners benefits for providing habitat more of the year but also allow more consistent pressure throughout. It would also keep the season dates consistent with the free antlerless tags.



# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:01; 41:06:07; 41:06:56

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>January 11-12, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>March 7, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>March 7-8, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>

**SEASON INFORMATION**

**Duration of Proposal:** 2024 and 2025 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** September 1 – December 31, 2024  
September 1 – December 31, 2025

**Open unit:** Units 2, 4, and Custer State Park. See unit map for boundaries.

**Licenses:** 16 “ram bighorn sheep” licenses.

One of the licenses shall be an auction “ram bighorn sheep” license if a minimum of three total bighorn sheep licenses are allocated.

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Except for the auction license, application for a license may be made by any resident hunter who has not been previously issued a bighorn sheep license in South Dakota.
2. Landowner - operator preference is not applicable to these licenses.
3. All licensees are required to attend an orientation meeting prior to the first day of hunting by the license holder at the regional office in Rapid City.
4. One bighorn sheep license may be allocated as an auction license if a minimum of three bighorn licenses are approved by the Commission. The Commission shall determine in which unit or units the auction license is valid.
5. All successful hunters must submit their bighorn sheep to a designated department representative for inspection and marking within 24 hours after the kill.

**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

**Proposed changes from last year:**

1. Increase the number of “ram bighorn sheep” licenses from 11 to 16. Modify administrative rule to specify a maximum of 20, which will allow more flexibility to adjust the number of licenses less than 20 during recommendations, without the need to adjust administrative rule, provided the total remains less than 20.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

The bighorn sheep herd in the Hell Canyon Unit (BHS-BH4; Figure 1) has increased from a minimum count of 69 in 2022 to a minimum count of 85 in 2023, and more ram hunting opportunity can be provided without adversely affecting the ram age-structure. Surveys in Custer State Park (CBS-CU1; Figure 1) also suggest the ram population could sustain additional harvest without significantly affecting age-structure.

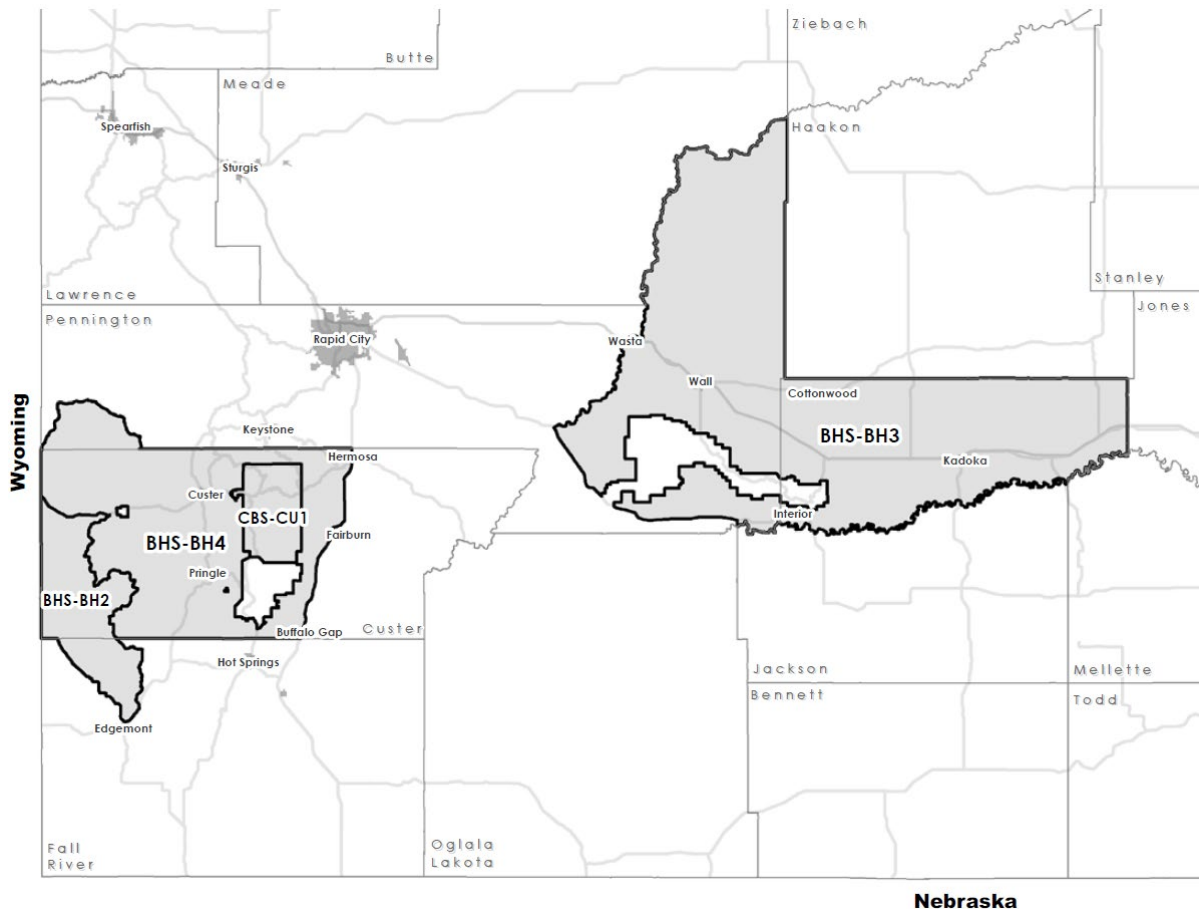
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Table 1. Minimum bighorn sheep counts, previous license allocation (2022 and 2023) and proposed license allocation (2024 and 2025) by bighorn sheep hunting unit.

Season	Unit	Herd	2023 Min. Count	Licenses	
				2022-2023	2024-2025
Custer State Park (CBS)	CU1	CSP	37	3	4
Bighorn Sheep (BHS)	BH1	Rapid City	45	0	0
	BH2	Elk Mountain	60	3	3
	BH3	Badlands	60	0	0
	BH4	Hell Canyon	85	4	8
NA	NA	Deadwood	26	NA	NA
Auction	All	All	NA	1	1
<b>Total</b>			<b>313</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>

Figure 2. Custer State Park (CBS-CU1) and bighorn sheep units (BHS-BH2, BHS-BH3, BHS-BH4).



**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

**41:06:56:03. Number and type of licenses.** No more than 44 20 ram bighorn sheep licenses may be issued for the bighorn sheep hunting season. One bighorn sheep license may be issued for sale by auction pursuant to the procedures established in this chapter, valid for one ram bighorn sheep.

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

1. The Issue – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – NA
4. Social Considerations – NA
5. Financial considerations – NA

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? The increase in licenses will increase hunting opportunity.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers, and outdoor recreationists? The recommendation will not decrease the population since only a limited number of male bighorn sheep will be harvested, and harvest losses are expected to be offset by reproduction each year.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Additional revenue will be generated from the sale of additional licenses.

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

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

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

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>January 11-12, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>April 4, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>

**SEASON INFORMATION**

**Duration of Proposal:** 2024/2025 hunting season

**Season Dates and Open Areas:**

High Plains Zone:	October 12, 2024 – January 16, 2025
Low Plains North & Low Plains Middle Zone:	September 21, 2024 – December 3, 2024
Low Plains South Zone:	October 26, 2024 – January 7, 2025

**Daily Limits:**

Tier 1 Option (Traditional Daily Bag Limit)

- Ducks: 6     The duck daily limit (including mergansers) may be comprised of no more than: 5 mallards (which may include no more than 2 hens), 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks, 1 pintail and 1 scaup.
- 2     Bonus blue-winged teal (first 16 days of the season only)  
 Low Plains North & Low Plains Middle Zones: September 21 – October 6, 2024  
 Low Plains South Zone: October 26 – November 10, 2024  
 High Plains Zone: October 12 – 27, 2024

Coots: 15

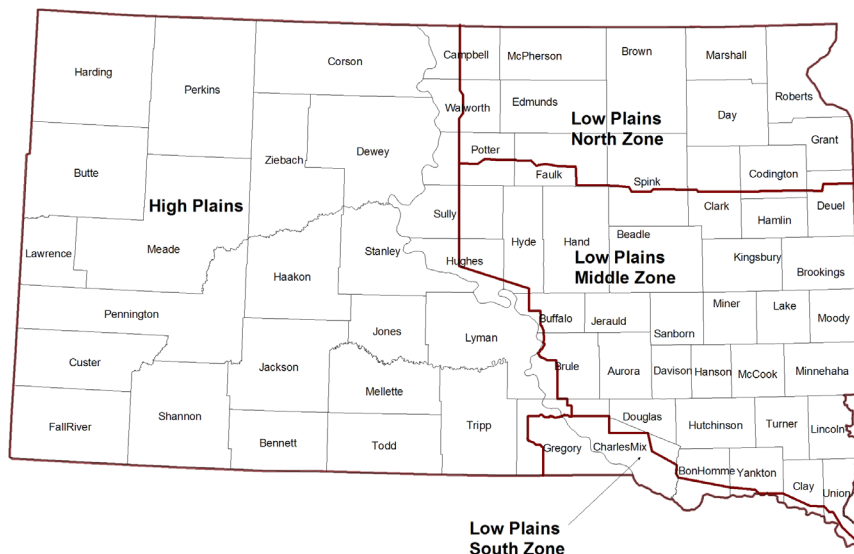
Tier 2 Option (3-Splash Daily Bag Limit)

- Ducks: 3     The duck daily limit (including mergansers) may be comprised of three of any species or gender.

Coots: 15

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

**Duck Hunting Zones**



**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

**Proposed changes from last year:**

None.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Comparison of the 2017 - 2022 duck season statistics

Year	Resident Hunters					Nonresident Hunters				
	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Day Hunted	Ave Bag	Satisfaction	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Day Hunted	Ave Bag	Satisfaction
2017	10,557	143,976	6.90	13.64	5.05	4,159	45,344	4.31	10.90	5.14
2018	10,271	134,307	6.88	13.08	4.99	4,051	41,515	4.31	10.25	5.11
2019	11,295	176,885	7.30	15.66	5.17	4,423	52,225	4.47	11.81	5.38
2020	12,285	190,515	7.75	15.51	5.15	4,274	51,169	4.36	11.97	5.38
2021	10,634	151,207	7.37	14.22	5.10	4,442	47,802	4.28	10.76	5.18
2022	10,417	158,173	7.40	15.18	5.10	4,267	52,082	4.34	12.21	5.40

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

None.

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

1. The Issue – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – NA
4. Social Considerations – NA
5. Financial considerations – NA

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user’s ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers, and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

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

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

**August Management Take**  
Chapters 41:06:16

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>January 11-12, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>April 4, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>

**SEASON INFORMATION**

**AUGUST MANAGEMENT TAKE**

**Duration of Proposal:** 2024 hunting season

**Season Dates:** August 17 - 31, 2024

**Open Area:** Meade County south of South Dakota Highway 34, Pennington County west of the Cheyenne River and the counties of Aurora, Beadle, Bon Homme, Brookings, Brown, Clark, Clay, Codington, Davison, Day, Deuel, Edmunds, Faulk, Hamlin, Hanson, Hutchinson, Grant, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, Marshall, McCook, McPherson, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Turner, Union and Yankton.

**Daily Bag Limit:** 15 Canada geese

**Possession Limit:** None

**Licenses:** Residents only

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Annual Small Game or Combination license and state Migratory Bird Certificate. The Federal Waterfowl stamp is not required.
2. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
3. All other restrictions are the same as during the Early Fall and Regular Canada Goose Season.

**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

**Proposed changes from last year:**

1. Remove Aurora, Beadle, Bon Homme, Brookings, Clay, Davison, Hanson, Hutchinson, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, McCook, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Sanborn, Turner, Union, and Yankton counties from the August Management Take Hunting season unit (Figure 1 and 2).

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

The August Management Take Canada goose season is intended to reduce local Canada goose populations, especially in areas where they are causing chronic depredation to agricultural crops. While depredation concerns continue in some of the counties that are recommended to be removed, there is a greater concern the August Management Take is not currently necessary as a management tool and provides minimal hunting opportunity in counties with low Canada goose populations in August. Canada goose kill permits issued to affected landowners, and harvest during other goose seasons can still be used to remove Canada geese at a localized scale within the proposed closed areas to mitigate potential depredation concerns.

Figure 1. Number of hunters, harvest and effort for the August Management Take by year from 2011 to 2023.

Year	Hunters	Harvest	Average Days Hunted	Average Season Bag
2011	3,211	30,300	2.74	9.44
2012	3,581	36,757	3.08	10.26
2013	2,345	18,592	3.42	7.93
2014	2,302	20,671	3.24	8.98
2015	1,686	10,221	3.03	6.06
2016-20*	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk
2021	2,463	24,942	2.33	10.13
2022	1,603	14,094	2.47	8.79
2023	1,263	11,035	2.50	8.74

\*The 2016-20 seasons were open only west of the Cheyenne River in Pennington County.

Figure 1. Areas open to hunting (gray shaded areas) for the Canada Goose August Management Take in 2023.

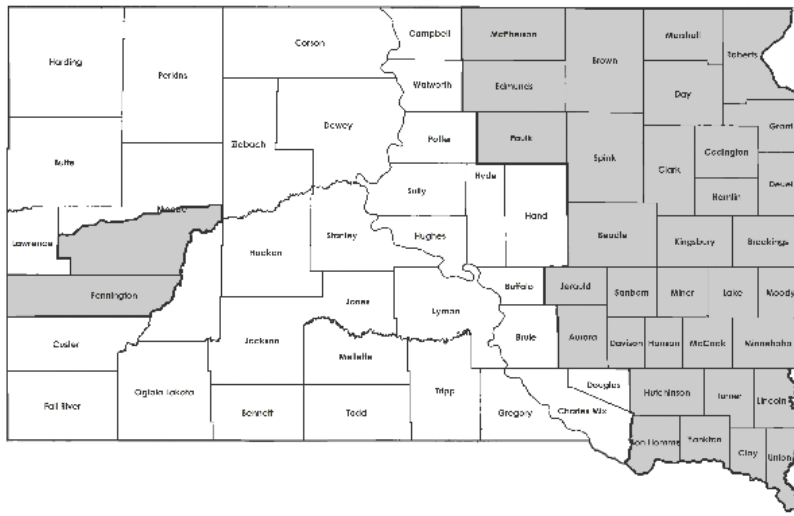
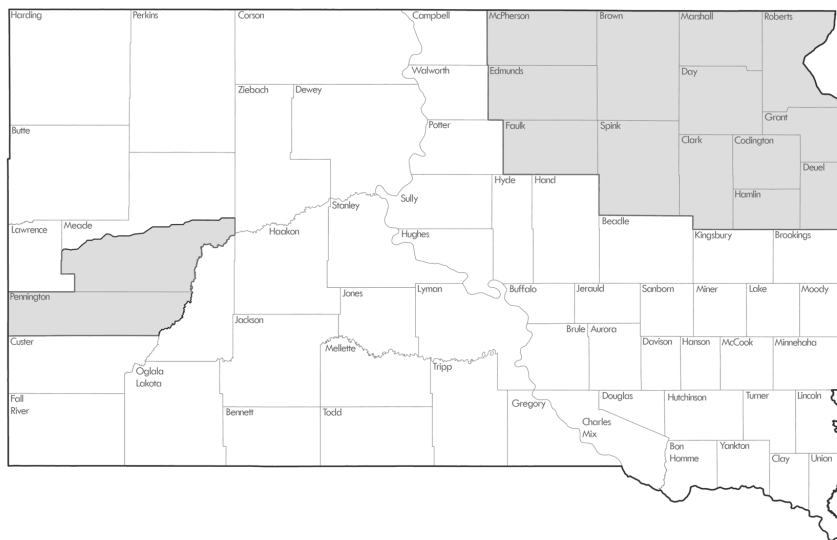


Figure 2. Proposed areas open to hunting (gray shaded areas) for the Canada Goose August Management Take in 2024.



**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

41:06:16:07. Goose hunting season, Conservation Order, and August Management Take established -- Shooting hours -- Exceptions -- Open units -- Closed areas. The light goose hunting season is open statewide for 105 consecutive days beginning on the last Saturday of September. A Conservation Order is open statewide from the day after Unit 2 dark goose season ends to May 15. Only light geese, as defined in § 41:06:16:06.01, may be taken during a Conservation Order. As used in this article, a Conservation Order is a Congressional Order which amends the Fish and Wildlife Service regulations based on a 1999 Congressional action (Pub. L. No. 106-108,) effectively reinstating regulations intended to reduce the population of mid-continent light geese (MCLG). The law authorizes the use of additional hunting methods (electronic calls and unplugged guns) to increase the take of MCLG. As a result, a Conservation Order for the reduction of the MCLG population was authorized.

Additionally, an August Management Take for the taking of Canada geese is open to South Dakota residents beginning on the third Saturday of August through August 31 in Meade County south of South Dakota Highway 34, Pennington County west of the Cheyenne River, and the counties of ~~Aurora, Beadle, Bon Homme, Brookings, Brown, Clark, Clay, Codington, Davison, Day, Deuel, Edmunds, Faulk, Hamlin, Hanson, Hutchinson, Grant, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, Marshall, McCook, McPherson, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Roberts, Sanborn, and Spink, Turner, Union and Yankton.~~

The white-fronted goose season is open statewide for 74 consecutive days beginning on the last Saturday of September.

The dark goose season is open statewide as specifically provided for in this section and the special Canada goose hunting units in § 41:06:16:08:

(1) Unit 1: the counties of Aurora, Beadle, Brookings, Brown, Butte, Campbell, Clark, Codington, Corson, Davison, Day, Deuel, Douglas, Edmunds, Faulk, Grant, Haakon, Hamlin, Hand, Hanson, Harding, Hutchinson, Jackson, Jerauld, Jones, Kingsbury, Lake, McCook, McPherson, Marshall, Meade, Mellette, Moody, Miner, Oglala Lakota, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Todd, Turner, Walworth, and Ziebach, that portion of Dewey County north of Bureau of Indian Affairs Road 8, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Road 9, and the section of U.S. Highway 212 east of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Road 8 junction, that portion of Potter County east of U.S. Highway 83, that portion of Sully County east of U.S. Highway 83, portions of Hyde, Buffalo, Brule, Charles Mix, and Bon Homme counties north and east of a line beginning at the Hughes-Hyde county line on State Highway 34, east to Lees Boulevard, southeast to the State Highway 34, east 7 miles to 350<sup>th</sup> Avenue, south to Interstate 90 on 350<sup>th</sup> Avenue, south and east on State Highway 50 to Geddes, east on 285<sup>th</sup> Street to U.S. Highway 281, north on U.S. Highway 281 to the Charles Mix-Douglas county boundary, the portion of Bon Homme County north of State Highway 50, the portions of Yankton and Clay counties north of County Highway 585 (306<sup>th</sup> Street) to U.S. Highway 81, then north on U.S. Highway 81 to 303<sup>rd</sup> Street, then east on 303<sup>rd</sup> Street to 444<sup>th</sup> Avenue, then south on 444<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 305<sup>th</sup> Street, then east on Bluff Road (305<sup>th</sup> Street) to County Highway 19, south to State Highway 50 and east to the Clay/Union County line, and the portion of Perkins County west of State Highway 75 and south of State Highway 20, that portion of Lincoln County west of State Highway 17 and south of County Highway 116 (Klondike Road), and the portion of Minnehaha County north of a line beginning at the junction of the South Dakota-Minnesota state line and County Highway 122 (254<sup>th</sup> Street) west to its junction with County Highway 149 (464<sup>th</sup> Avenue), the portion west of County Highway 149 (464<sup>th</sup> Avenue) to Hartford, the portion west of County Highway 151 (463<sup>rd</sup> Avenue) to State Highway 42, the portion south of State Highway 42 to State Highway 17, and the portion west of State Highway 17 to the Minnehaha-Lincoln county boundary. The season is open for 107 consecutive days, less the number of days set aside for the Early Fall Canada Goose season established in chapter 41:06:50 that begins on October 1;



(2) Unit 2: those portions of the state not described in Unit 1 and Unit 3. The season is open for 105 consecutive days preceding and including the Sunday closest to February 15; and

(3) Unit 3: Bennett County. The season is open for nine consecutive days beginning on the second Saturday of January.

Except for the light goose Conservation Order, shooting hours for geese are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily. The shooting hours for the light goose Conservation Order are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset daily.

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

- 1. The Issue – NA
- 2. Historical Considerations – NA
- 3. Biological Considerations – NA
- 4. Social Considerations – NA
- 5. Financial considerations – NA

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

- 1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? There will be less opportunity for hunting in order to conserve Canada goose populations.
- 2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? There will be less hunting opportunities.
- 3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers, and outdoor recreationists? The regulation is intended to conserve Canada goose populations.
- 4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Waterfowl license sales may decrease because hunting opportunity is decreased.

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

Early Fall Canada Goose  
Chapters 41:06:50

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 11-12, 2024	Pierre
	Public Hearing	April 4, 2024	Pierre
	Finalization	April 4-5, 2024	Pierre

SEASON INFORMATION

**Duration of Proposal:** 2024 hunting season

**Season Dates:** September 1 - 30, 2024      **Open Area:** Unit 1 (see map below)

**Daily Limit:** 15 Canada Geese      **Possession Limit:** 45 Canada Geese

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

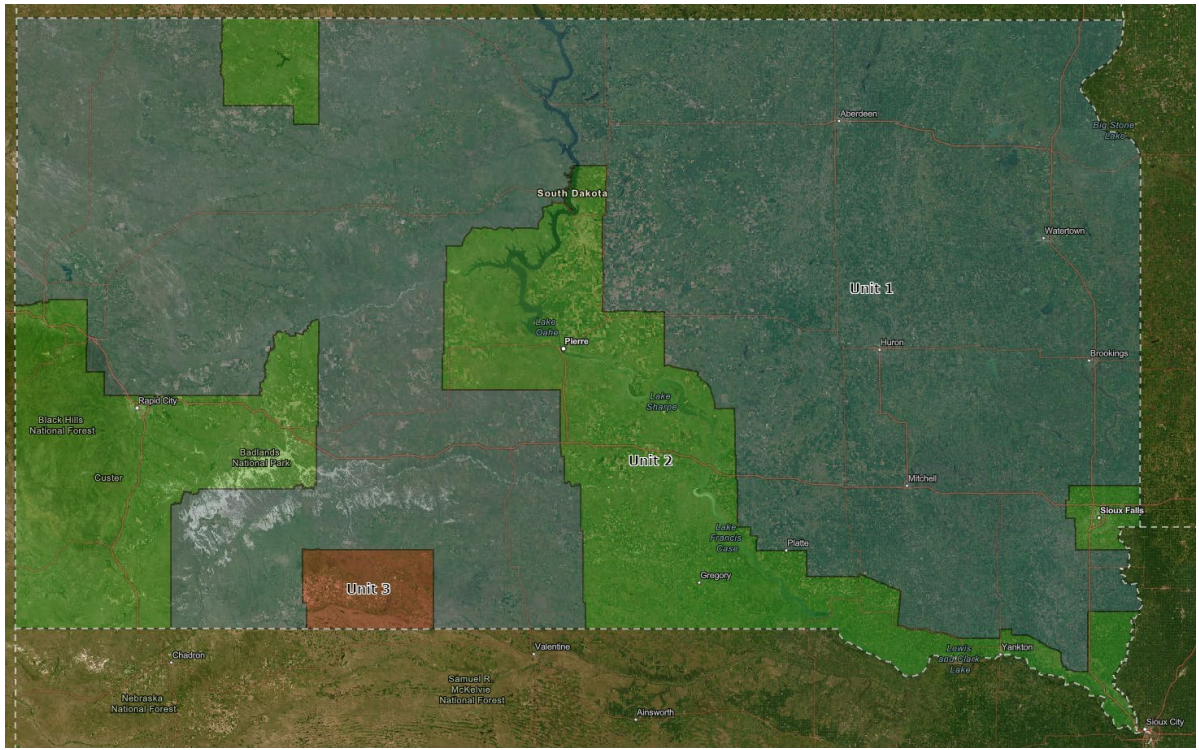
1. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**Proposed changes from last year:**

None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION



Comparison of the 2013 - 2022 Early Fall Canada goose harvest statistics

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number Hunters</i>	<i>Harvest</i>	<i>Average Season Bag</i>
2013	4,528	29,887	6.60
2014	5,106	28,814	5.64
2015	3,883	20,735	5.34
2016	3,366	27,660	8.22
2017	3,226	25,808	8.00
2018	2,716	17,904	6.59
2019	3,000	21,054	7.02
2020	3,857	33,769	8.76
2021	3,671	33,179	9.04
2022	3,034	28,547	9.41

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

None.

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

1. The Issue – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – NA
4. Social Considerations – NA
5. Financial considerations – NA

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user’s ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers, and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

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

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Goose Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:16

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>January 11-12, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>April 4, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>

### SEASON INFORMATION

**Duration of Proposal:** 2024/2025 waterfowl hunting seasons

**Season Dates:**

Canada Geese (and Brant)

- Unit 1: October 1 – December 16, 2024
- Unit 2: November 4, 2024 – February 16, 2025
- Unit 3: January 11-19, 2025

Light Geese

Statewide: September 28, 2024 – January 10, 2025

White-fronted Geese

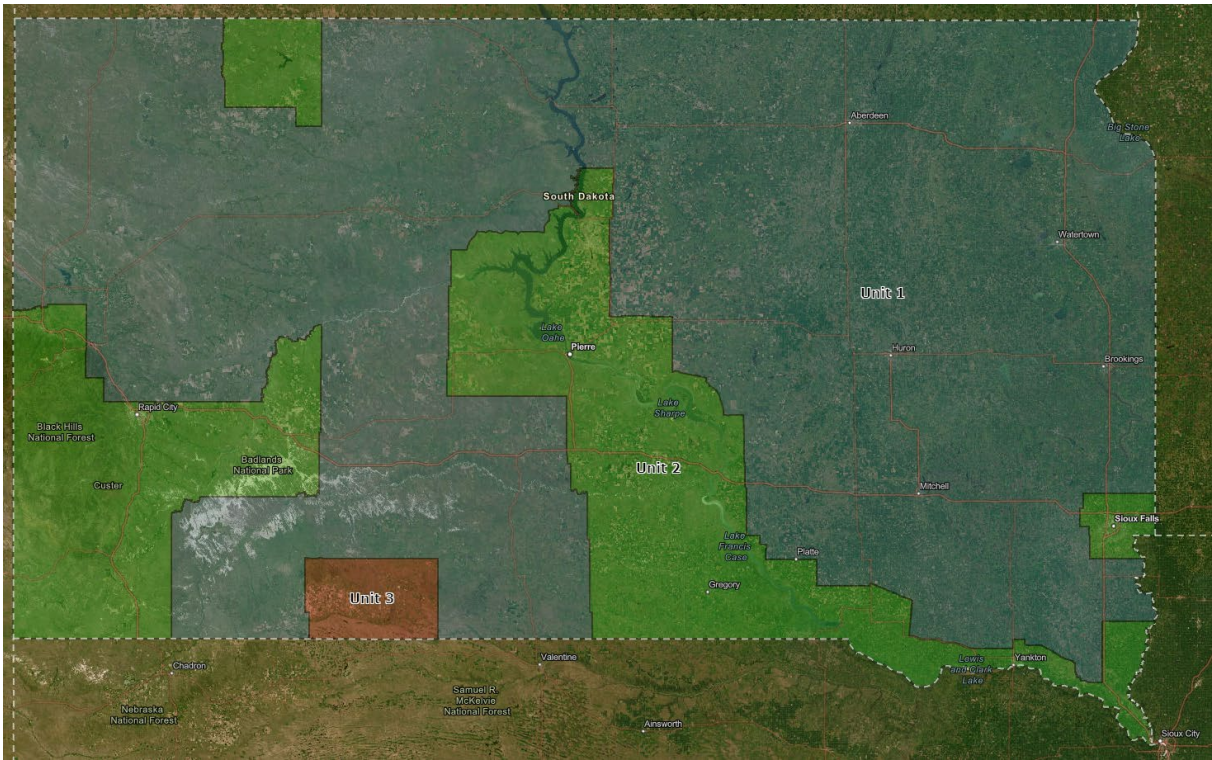
Statewide: September 28, 2024 – December 10, 2024

**Daily Limits:**

- Canada geese
  - Unit 1: 8
  - Unit 2: 4
  - Unit 3: 4
- Light geese: 50
- White-fronted goose: 3

**Possession Limits:**

- Light geese: Unlimited
- All other geese: Three times the daily limit



**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

**Proposed changes from last year:**

None.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Comparison of the 2013 - 2022 Canada goose harvest statistics

Year	Resident Hunters					Nonresident Hunters				
	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag	Satisfaction	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag	Satisfaction
2013	12,004	117,846	7.54	9.82	5.06	2,160	6,310	4.24	2.92	5.37
2014	12,130	97,956	6.92	8.08	4.96	1,969	5,193	4.31	2.76	5.22
2015	10,228	73,471	7.00	7.18	4.78	2,104	5,482	4.30	2.70	4.98
2016	9,964	85,809	6.98	8.61	4.87	2,046	5,485	4.51	2.77	4.86
2017	9,762	76,827	6.95	7.87	5.06	2,428	6,601	4.19	2.74	5.18
2018	8,633	63,848	6.67	7.40	4.93	2,289	5,638	4.17	2.52	5.11
2019	9,264	78,143	6.85	8.44	5.09	2,209	5,995	4.05	2.82	5.41
2020	10,356	93,682	6.96	9.05	5.07	2,199	6,924	3.96	3.15	5.38
2021	9,997	104,693	7.20	10.47	5.14	2,357	6,736	4.14	2.89	5.27
2022	8,973	90,680	6.96	10.11	5.07	2,327	8,209	4.11	3.55	5.51

Comparison of the 2013 - 2022 regular season light goose harvests

Year	Residents					Nonresidents				
	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Day Hunted	Ave Bag	Satisfaction	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Day Hunted	Ave Bag	Satisfaction
2013	3,747	46,871	5.25	12.51	5.01	641	6,451	4.85	10.06	5.48
2014	3,572	49,460	5.34	13.85	4.92	514	4,355	4.58	8.47	5.02
2015	3,096	37,266	5.66	12.04	4.78	519	3,492	4.71	6.72	4.83
2016	3,206	39,841	5.41	12.43	4.85	515	5,263	5.40	10.22	4.77
2017	4,159	70,772	6.05	17.02	5.09	1,013	13,972	4.27	13.80	5.22
2018	3,099	39,624	5.40	12.79	4.93	883	6,644	4.39	7.53	4.85
2019	3,060	41,524	4.85	13.57	5.18	774	5,714	4.61	7.38	5.55
2020	3,415	43,499	5.61	12.74	5.17	761	5,473	3.92	7.20	5.27
2021	2,799	50,282	5.51	17.97	5.26	788	8,980	4.15	11.40	5.38
2022	3,182	72,756	5.83	22.87	5.06	852	10,267	4.01	12.05	5.64

Comparison of the 2013 - 2022 white-fronted goose harvests

Year	Residents				Nonresidents			
	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag, Season	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag, Season
2013	1,098	1,694	5.83	1.54	224	197	5.13	0.88
2014	951	1,378	6.13	1.45	244	151	4.80	0.62
2015	1,097	1,618	5.93	1.47	275	201	5.20	0.73
2016	992	1,707	6.43	1.72	295	176	5.52	0.60
2017	1,185	2,286	6.30	1.93	354	292	5.00	0.83
2018	1,262	2,428	5.67	1.92	426	293	4.83	0.69
2019	1,015	2,176	4.60	2.14	358	601	4.78	1.68
2020	1,256	2,804	7.05	2.23	283	359	4.26	1.27
2021	1,358	3,748	5.61	2.76	466	1,071	4.33	2.30
2022	1,494	3,939	6.64	2.64	470	935	3.88	1.99

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

None.

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

1. The Issue – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – NA
4. Social Considerations – NA
5. Financial considerations – NA

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers, and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

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

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

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

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>January 11-12, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>April 4, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>

**SEASON INFORMATION**

**Duration of Proposal:** 2024 hunting season

**Season Dates:** October 19 – December 22, 2024

**Open Area:** Bennett County (Unit 3)

**Licenses:** 800 permits with 3-tags per permit

**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

**Proposed changes from last year:**

None.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Year	Licenses Available	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Applicants	Licenses Sold	Geese Harvested
2005	800	754	797	884
2006	800	799	800	1,136
2007	800	828	800	1,016
2008	800	740	800	720
2009	800	665	800	589
2010	800	524	800	810
2011	800	429	800	952
2012	800	406	800	1,139
2013	800	468	799	671
2014	800	412	800	585
2015	800	390	801	635
2016	800	370	799	410
2017	800	289	800	933
2018	800	241	799	598
2019	800	241	789	676
2020	800	188	754	731
2021	800	169	799	779
2022	800	170	666	480

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

None.

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

1. The Issue – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – NA
4. Social Considerations – NA
5. Financial considerations – NA

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers, and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

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



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

**Spring Light Goose Hunting Seasons**  
Chapter 41:06:16

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>January 11-12, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>April 4, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>

**SEASON INFORMATION**

**Spring Light Goose Conservation Order.**

**Duration of Proposal:** 2025 hunting season

**Season Dates:** February 17 – May 15, 2025

**Open Area:** Statewide

**Daily Limit:** None

**Possession Limit:** None

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. With the exception of items 2-5, requirements and restrictions for the Conservation Order are the same as fall waterfowl hunting seasons.
2. The Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation stamp is not required.
3. The use of electronic calls is allowed.
4. Shotguns may be capable of holding more than three shells.
5. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

**Proposed changes from last year:**

None.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Comparison of the 2014 - 2023 Conservation Order light goose statistics

Year	Residents			Nonresidents		
	Number Hunters	Harvest	Total Days Hunted	Number Hunters	Harvest	Total Days Hunted
2014	2,159	41,386	11,832	4,514	107,730	17,949
2015	2,147	53,046	12,402	4,277	112,285	16,569
2016	1,866	36,572	9,485	3,843	89,627	15,076
2017	2,672	56,683	16,068	4,448	124,777	17,559
2018	2,736	51,260	14,029	4,643	114,819	18,548
2019	1,413	31,475	6,976	2,700	49,219	9,490
2020	2,078	31,164	11,197	2,830	65,682	11,498
2021	1,755	32,553	9,144	4,446	95,776	17,870
2022	2,101	51,071	10,856	4,329	118,576	17,610
2023	3,537	61,751	14,497	3,688	102,820	13,856

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

None.

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

1. The Issue – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – NA
4. Social Considerations – NA
5. Financial considerations – NA

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers, and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

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

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

**Sandhill Crane Hunting Season  
Chapter 41:06:18**

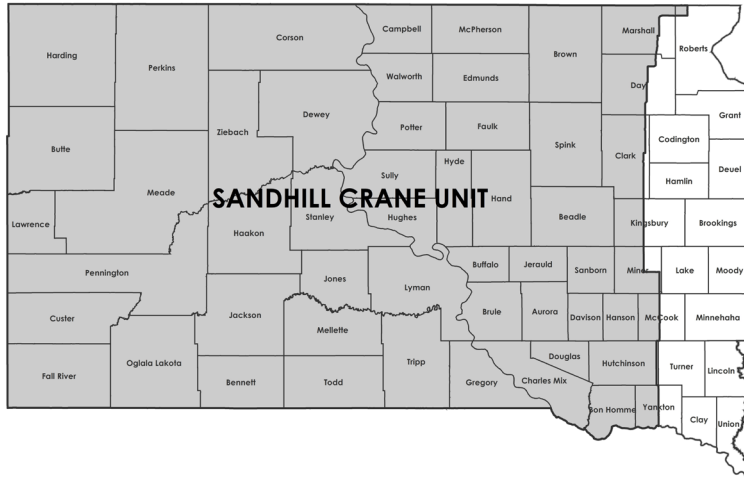
<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>January 11-12, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>April 4, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>

**SEASON INFORMATION**

**Duration of Proposal:** 2024 hunting season

**Season Dates:** September 28 – November 24, 2024

**Open Area:** That portion of the state lying west of a line beginning at the South Dakota-North Dakota border and State Highway 25, south on State Highway 25 to its junction with State Highway 34, east on State Highway 34 to its junction with U.S. Highway 81, then south on U.S. Highway 81 to the South Dakota-Nebraska border.



**Daily Limit:** 3 Sandhill cranes

**Possession Limit:** 9 Sandhill cranes

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
2. Nontoxic shot rules apply to Sandhill crane hunting.

**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

**Proposed changes from last year:**

None.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

None.

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

None.

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

1. The Issue – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – NA
4. Social Considerations – NA
5. Financial considerations – NA

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers, and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

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

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Tundra Swan Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:16

Table with Commission Meeting Dates, Proposal, Public Hearing, Finalization, and dates/locations.

SEASON INFORMATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2024/2025 hunting season

Season Dates: September 28, 2024 – January 10, 2025

Open Area: All counties east of the Missouri River except, for Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Clay, Douglas, Hutchinson, Lincoln, Turner, Union, and Yankton counties.

Licenses: 1,100 resident and 200 nonresident single tag licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

- 1. Each resident and nonresident hunter may apply for and receive only one permit from the respective resident and nonresident permit pools in the first drawing. Nonresident permits are issued only in conjunction with a prerequisite nonresident waterfowl license and must be applied for at the same time.
2. For the second drawing, if permits remain unsold, only those residents and nonresidents who do not have a permit may submit one application for a permit remaining in the respective resident and nonresident pools.
3. For the third drawing, if any resident or nonresident permits remain unsold, any resident or nonresident may apply for a first or second permit but, in total, may only have up to two permits.
4. Licenses required include all licenses needed for waterfowl hunting.
5. One tag will be issued with each permit and each swan must be tagged immediately upon retrieval.

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Proposed changes from last year:

None.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Comparison of the 2013 – 2022 Tundra Swan seasons

Year	Licenses Sold			Harvest (w/o cripples)	Avg Days Hunted	Percent Success	Average Satisfaction
	Resident	Nonres	Total				
2013	1,081	178	1,259	306	3.01	24%	5.31
2014	1,018	198	1,216	280	3.27	23%	5.11
2015	1,088	211	1,299	229	3.07	18%	5.09
2016	938	145	1,083	82	2.96	8%	4.81
2017	888	180	1,068	232	5.17	22%	5.10
2018	973	216	1,189	179	4.71	15%	4.85
2019	972	213	1,185	214	4.18	18%	5.11
2020	919	247	1,166	189	4.76	16%	4.76
2021	982	215	1,197	86	4.49	7%	4.49
2022	958	307	1,265	142	4.68	11%	4.72

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

None.

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

1. The Issue – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – NA
4. Social Considerations – NA
5. Financial considerations – NA

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user’s ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers, and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

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

## GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

### Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:49

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>January 11-12, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>April 4, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>

#### SEASON INFORMATION

**Duration of Proposal:** 2024 hunting season

**Season Dates:** September 7 - 8, 2024

**Open Area:** Statewide

**Daily Limit:** Same as for regular duck and goose seasons

**Possession Limit:** Same as for regular duck and goose seasons

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Residents and nonresidents who have not reached the age of 18 by the first day of the season may hunt in the youth waterfowl hunting season.
2. Each youth hunter must be accompanied by an adult while hunting.
3. The youth hunter must be properly licensed to hunt waterfowl in the state, unless participating under a Mentored Hunt scenario as described in "Mentored Youth Hunting".
4. All other hunting restrictions will be the same as during the regular waterfowl seasons.

#### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**Proposed changes from last year:**

None.

#### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

None.

#### DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

None.

#### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – NA
4. Social Considerations – NA
5. Financial considerations – NA

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers, and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

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



## GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

### Nonresident Waterfowl Hunting Seasons Chapter 41:06:16

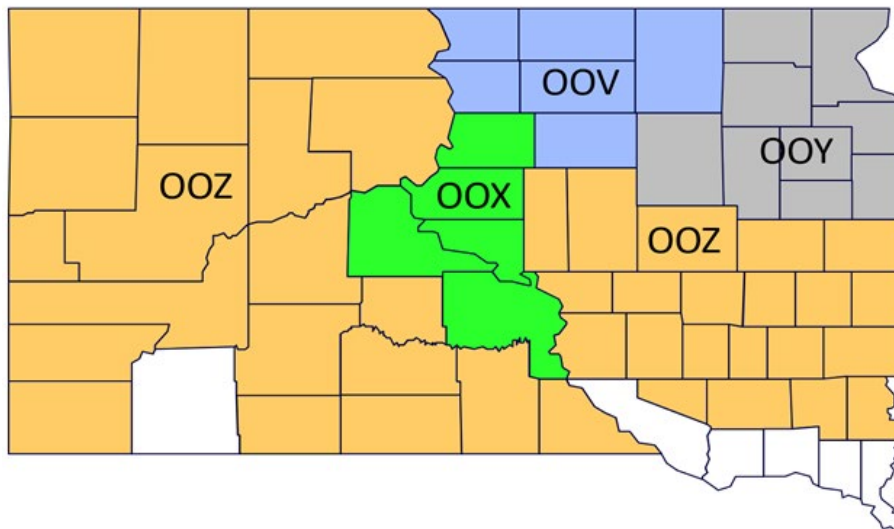
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**SEASON INFORMATION**

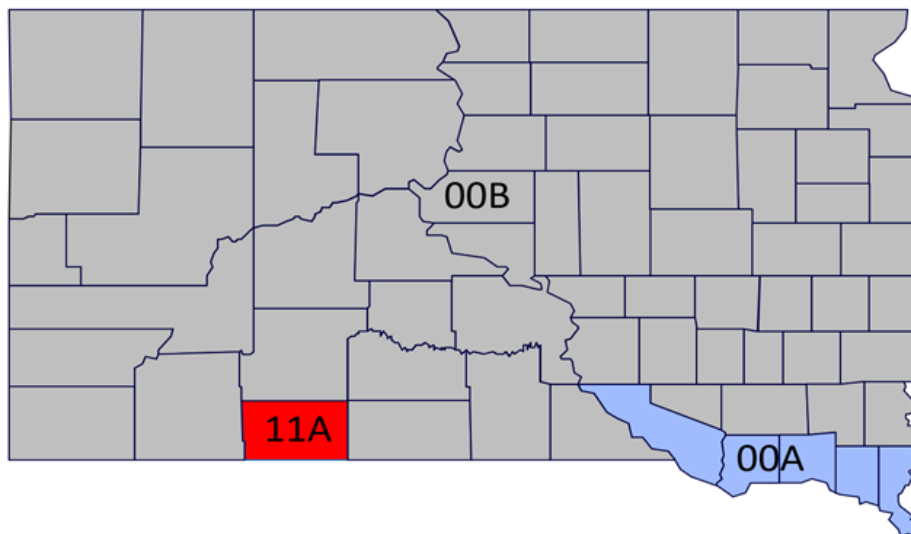
**Duration of Proposal:** 2024/2025 waterfowl hunting seasons

**Licenses:** Nonresidents: Limited in all units and seasons. 6,300 licenses.

Current 3-day Nonresident Waterfowl Units



Current 10-day and Season-long Nonresident Waterfowl Units



**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

**Proposed changes from last year:**

None.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

**Nonresident Waterfowl System**

Season/Unit	Private/Public	Length	Description	2023 Licenses	Recommended 2024 Licenses
NRW-00A	Public and Private	Season long	Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Clay and Union counties	250	250
NRW-00B	Public and Private	Two 5-day periods	Statewide except 00A and 11A	3,925	3,925
NRW-11A	Public and Private	Two 5-day periods	Bennett County	25	25
NRW-00V	Private	3 day	Brown, Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, McPherson and Walworth counties	550	550
NRW-00X	Private	3 day	Hughes, Lyman, Potter, Stanley and Sully counties	750	750
NRW-00Y	Public and Private	3 day	Clark, Codington, Day, Duel, Grant, Hamlin, Marshall, Roberts and Spink counties	500	500
NRW-00Z	Private	3 day	Statewide except Unit 00A, 00X, 00V, 00Y and 11A	300	300
<b>Total</b>				<b>6,300</b>	<b>6,300</b>

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

None.

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

1. The Issue – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – NA
4. Social Considerations – NA
5. Financial considerations – NA

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers, and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

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

# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Custer State Park Early Elk Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:28

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>January 11-12, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>April 4, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>

### SEASON INFORMATION

**Duration of Proposal:** 2024 and 2025 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** September 1 – 30, 2024  
September 1 – 30, 2025

**Licenses:** Last year there were 4 resident “Any Elk” licenses and 0 “Antlerless Elk” licenses.

The department will recommend specific number of licenses by tag types for the 2024 and 2025 hunting seasons at the March Commission meeting.

#### **Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. The unit is open within the boundaries of Custer State Park.
2. No person may possess more than one (1) elk license of any type in a year.
3. No more than two persons may submit applications together.
4. There is no landowner preference for this season.
5. A person who receives a license in the first drawing for this season may not apply for that license again.
6. Any elk that is harvested must be inspected by a Department representative within 24 hours after kill.

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

#### **Proposed changes from last year:**

1. Increase the maximum number of licenses from ten to twenty “any elk” licenses and provide the option for up to twenty “antlerless elk” licenses. Actual license number recommendations for the next two years will be provided during the March commission meeting after population surveys have been completed.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The proposed maximum number of elk licenses is established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission will propose and finalize the specific number of licenses and tag types and allocations amongst hunting units via administrative action.

License number and tag type recommendations for the next two years will be provided during the March commission meeting after population surveys have been completed.

Table 1. Number of elk hunters, applicants, harvest success, and elk harvested by year during the Custer State Park Early Archery Elk season.

Year	Licensed Hunters	Applicants	Harvest Success Rate	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
2014	4	3,023	100%	4	0
2015	4	3,600	75%	3	0
2016	3	3,707	33%	1	0
2017	3	3,704	33%	1	0
2018	3	3,772	67%	2	0
2019	3	4,055	100%	3	0
2020	3	4,353	33%	1	0
2021	3	4,456	33%	1	0
2022	4	4,904	50%	2	0
2023	4	5,028	NA	NA	NA

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

41:06:28:01. Custer State Park early archery elk hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses -- Season dates. The Custer State Park early archery elk hunting season is open one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset each day and is restricted by chapter 41:06:07. No more than ~~ten~~ twenty "any elk" licenses and no more than twenty "antlerless elk" licenses may be issued for the Custer State Park early archery elk hunting season. The Custer State Park early archery elk hunting season is open from September 1 through September 30.

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

1. The Issue – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – NA
4. Social Considerations – NA
5. Financial considerations – NA

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user’s ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers, and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

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

### Custer State Park Elk Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:27

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>January 11-12, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>April 4, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>

#### SEASON INFORMATION

**Duration of Proposal:** 2024 and 2025 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** October 1 – 31, 2024  
October 1 – 31, 2025

**Licenses:** Last year there were 12 resident “Any Elk” licenses and 0 “Antlerless Elk” licenses.

One of the licenses shall be a raffle “Any Elk” license that is valid during the Custer State Park elk hunting season and the Black Hills elk hunting season. The raffle license is not valid during the Custer State Park archery hunting season nor the Black Hills archery elk hunting season.

The department will recommend specific number of licenses by tag types for the 2024 and 2025 hunting seasons at the March Commission meeting.

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. The unit is open within the boundaries of Custer State Park.
2. No person may possess more than one (1) elk license of any type in a year.
3. No more than two persons may submit applications together.
4. There is no landowner preference for this season.
5. A person who receives a license in the first drawing for this season may not apply for that license again.
6. Any elk that is harvested must be inspected by a Department representative within 24 hours after kill.

#### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**Proposed changes from last year:**

1. Increase the maximum number of licenses from twenty to thirty “any elk” licenses and the option to provide up to thirty “antlerless elk” licenses. Actual license number recommendations for the next two years will be provided during the March commission meeting after population surveys have been completed.

#### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The proposed maximum number of elk licenses is established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission will propose and finalize the specific number of licenses and tag types and allocations amongst hunting units via administrative action.

License number and tag type recommendations for the next two years will be provided during the March commission meeting after population surveys have been completed.

Table 1. Number of elk hunters, applicants, harvest success, and elk harvested by year during the Custer State Park firearm elk season.

Year	Licensed Hunters	Applicants	Harvest Success Rate	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
2014	4	8,084	100%	4	0
2015	8	9,136	100%	8	0
2016	9	8,958	89%	8	0
2017	9	8,828	88%	8	0
2018	9	8,670	86%	8	0
2019	9	8,949	89%	8	0
2020	9	9,385	89%	8	0
2021	8	9,215	89%	8	0
2022	11	9,672	100%	11	0
2023	11	9,725	NA	NA	NA

Table 2. Number of elk hunters, applicants, harvest success, and elk harvested by year during the Special Custer State Park antlerless elk season.

Year	Licensed Hunters	Applicants	Harvest Success Rate	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
2014	Season Closed				
2015	Season Closed				
2016	20	3,138	90%	0	18
2017	29	3,436	86%	1	24
2018	23	3,175	19%	0	4
2019	Season Closed				
2020	Season Closed				
2021	Season Closed				
2022	Season Closed				
2023	Season Closed				

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

41:06:27:01. Custer State Park elk hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses -- Season dates. The Custer State Park elk hunting season is open from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset each day of the season and is restricted by chapter 41:06:07. No more than ~~20~~ thirty "any elk" licenses and no more than thirty "antlerless elk" licenses may be issued for the Custer State Park elk hunting season. The Custer State Park elk hunting season for Unit CUE-CU1 is open from October 1 through October 31.

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

1. The Issue – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – NA
4. Social Considerations – NA
5. Financial considerations – NA

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers, and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

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



# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Special Custer State Park Antlerless Elk Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:47

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>January 11-12, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>April 4, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>

### SEASON INFORMATION

**Duration of Proposal:** 2024 and 2025 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** Season is currently closed.

**Licenses:** Last year there were 0 “Antlerless Elk” licenses.

The department will recommend specific number of licenses by tag types for the 2024 and 2025 hunting seasons at the March Commission meeting.

### Requirements and Restrictions:

1. The unit is open within the boundaries of Custer State Park.
2. No person may possess more than one (1) elk license of any type in a year.
3. No more than two persons may submit applications together.
4. There is no landowner preference for this season.
5. No person who receives a license in the first drawing for this season shall be eligible to apply for a Special Custer State Park antlerless elk license in first drawings for next nine years.
6. Any elk that is harvested must be inspected by a Department representative within 24 hours after kill.

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

#### Proposed changes from last year:

1. Specify the option to provide up to twenty “antlerless elk” licenses. Actual license number recommendations for the next two years will be provided during the March commission meeting after population surveys have been completed.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The proposed maximum number of elk licenses is established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission will propose and finalize the specific number of licenses and tag types and allocations amongst hunting units via administrative action.

License number and tag type recommendations for the next two years will be provided during the March commission meeting after population surveys have been completed.

Table 1. Number of elk hunters, applicants, harvest success, and elk harvested by year during the Special Custer State Park antlerless elk season.

Year	Licensed Hunters	Applicants	Harvest Success Rate	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
2014	Season Closed				
2015	Season Closed				
2016	20	3,138	90%	0	18
2017	29	3,436	86%	1	24
2018	23	3,175	19%	0	4
2019	Season Closed				
2020	Season Closed				
2021	Season Closed				
2022	Season Closed				
2023	Season Closed				

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

41:06:47:01. Special Custer State Park antlerless elk hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses available -- Season dates. The ~~special~~ Special Custer State Park "antlerless elk" hunting season is open from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset each day of the season and is restricted by chapter 41:06:07. No more than twenty "antlerless elk" licenses may be issued for the ~~special~~ Special Custer State Park "antlerless elk" hunting season.

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

1. The Issue – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – NA
4. Social Considerations – NA
5. Financial considerations – NA

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user’s ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers, and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

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

## GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

### Archery (Black Hills) Elk Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:43

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>January 11-12, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>April 4, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>

**SEASON INFORMATION**

**Duration of Proposal:** 2024 and 2025 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** September 1 – 30, 2024  
September 1 – 30, 2025

**Licenses:** Last year there were 182 resident “Any Elk” licenses and 90 “Antlerless Elk” licenses.

The department will recommend specific number of licenses by tag types for the 2024 and 2025 hunting seasons at the March Commission meeting.

**Open Areas:** See Figure 1.

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. No person may possess more than one (1) elk license of any type in a year.
2. No more than two persons may submit applications together.
3. Except for landowner/operator preference applicants, no person who receives a license in the first drawing for this season shall be eligible to apply for a Black Hills archery elk hunting license in first drawings for next nine years.
4. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference application. Only one member of each qualifying landowner/operator household may apply every year.
5. Any elk that is harvested must be inspected by a Department representative within 24 hours after kill.

**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

**Proposed changes from last year:**

1. Increase the maximum number of “any elk” licenses from 200 to 300 and “antlerless elk” licenses from 150 to 300. Actual license number recommendations for the next two years will be provided during the March commission meeting after population surveys have been completed.
2. Clean-up Administrative Rule to match unit boundary descriptions for Black Hills Archery Elk with Black Hills Firearm Elk.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

The proposed maximum number of elk licenses is established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission will propose and finalize the specific number of licenses and tag types and allocations amongst hunting units via administrative action.

License number and tag type recommendations for the next two years will be provided during the March commission meeting after population surveys have been completed.

Figure 1. Map of Archery Elk Season hunting units in the Black Hills.

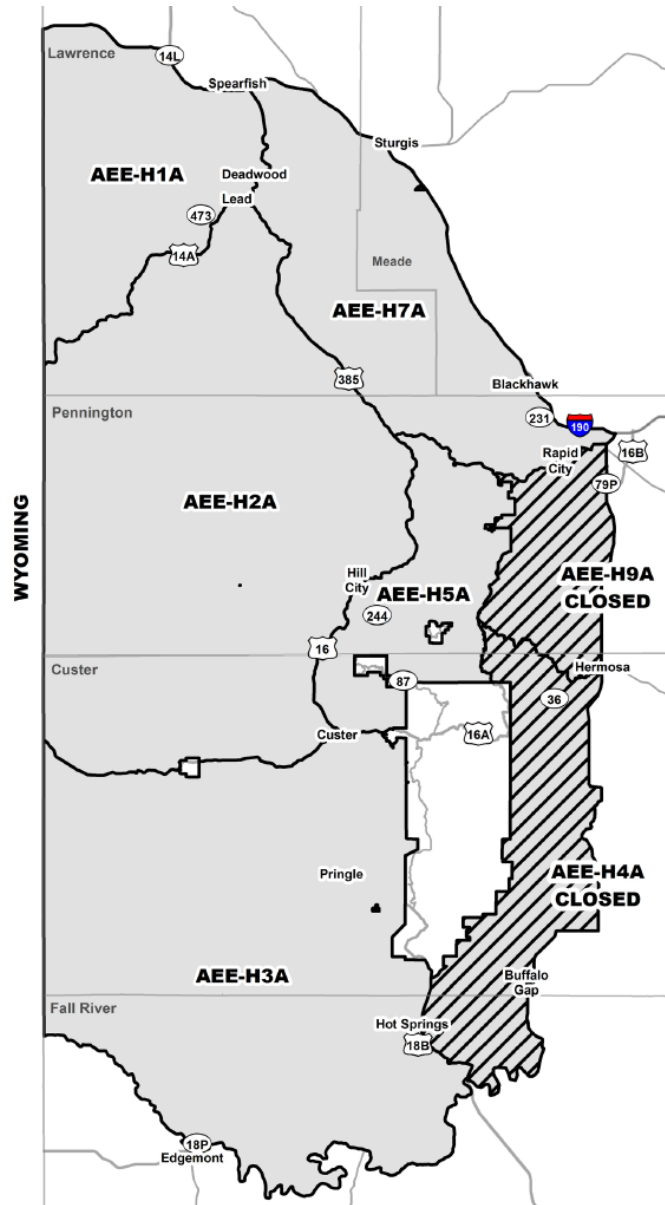


Table 1. Number of elk hunters, applicants, harvest success, and elk harvested by year during the Archery Elk Season in the Black Hills.

Year	Licensed Hunters	Applicants	Harvest Success Rate	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
2014	106	4,256	40%	38	4
2015	196	4,761	34%	55	12
2016	280	4,965	29%	57	25
2017	269	4,892	26%	50	20
2018	219	5,006	38%	65	19
2019	216	5,382	42%	77	14
2020	204	5,884	45%	80	12
2021	219	5,966	44%	82	14
2022	269	6,319	40%	89	18
2023	258	6,375	NA	NA	NA

## DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

41:06:43:01. Archery elk hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses available -- Season dates. The archery elk hunting season is open from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset each day of the season. No more than ~~200~~ 300 "any elk" licenses and ~~450~~ no more than 300 "antlerless elk" licenses may be issued for the archery elk hunting season. The archery elk hunting season for Units AAE-H1A, AAE-H2A, AAE-H3A, AAE-H4A, AAE-H5A, AAE-H7A, and AAE-H9A is open from September 1 through September 30.

41:06:43:02. Open units. The following is a description of the open units for the archery elk hunting season:

(1) Unit AEE-H1A: the portion of Lawrence County within a line beginning at the junction of the South Dakota-Wyoming border and Interstate 90, then easterly on Interstate 90 to the junction of U.S. Highway 85 at Exit 17, then southerly on U.S. Highway 85 to its junction with the South Dakota-Wyoming border, then northerly along the South Dakota-Wyoming border to its junction with Interstate 90, the point of beginning;

(2) Unit AEE-H2A: those portions of Lawrence, Pennington, and Custer Counties beginning at the junction of the South Dakota-Wyoming border and U.S. Highway 85, then northerly and easterly along U.S. Highway 85 to its junction with U.S. Highway 385, then southerly along U.S. Highway 385 to its junction with U.S. Highway 16 at Custer, then westerly along U.S. Highway 16 to its junction with the South Dakota-Wyoming border, then northerly along the South Dakota-Wyoming border to its junction with U.S. Highway 85, the point of beginning;

~~(3) Unit AEE-H3A: those portions of Pennington, Lawrence, and Meade Counties beginning at U.S. Highway 14A at Sturgis, then westerly along U.S. Highway 14A to its junction with U.S. Highway 85 at Deadwood, then southerly along U.S. Highway 85 to its junction with U.S. Highway 385 at Pluma, then southeasterly along U.S. Highway 385 to its junction with Pennington County Road C228 (Sheridan Lake Road), then easterly along Pennington County Road C228 to its junction with State Highway 44 in Rapid City, then northerly along State Highway 44 in Rapid City to its junction with State Highway 79 (Sturgis Road) in Rapid City, then northwesterly along State Highway 79 to its junction with Interstate 90 in Black Hawk, then northwesterly along Interstate 90 to Sturgis, the point of beginning;~~ those portions of Custer and Fall River Counties within a line beginning at the junction of the South Dakota-Wyoming state line and U.S. Highway 16, then east along U.S. Highway 16 to the Custer State Park western boundary, then south along the Custer State Park western boundary and the Wind Cave National Park western boundary to U.S. Highway 385, then south along U.S. Highway 385 to State Highway 79, then south along State Highway 79 to the Cheyenne River, then west along the Cheyenne River to the South Dakota-Wyoming state line, then north along the state line to the point of beginning;

(4) Unit AEE-H4A: those portions of Pennington, Custer, and Fall River Counties beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 385 and the southern boundary of Wind Cave National Park, then southerly along U.S. Highway 385 through Hot Springs and Maverick Junction to its junction with the Cheyenne River, then northeasterly along the Cheyenne River to its junction with Fall River County Road 6291 (South Buffalo Gap Road), then northerly along Fall River County Road 6291 and Custer County Road 101 to Buffalo Gap and its junction with Custer County Road 656 (River Side Road), then easterly along Custer County Road 656 one-half mile to Custer County Road 17 (Beaver Valley Road), then northerly and easterly along Custer County Road 17 to its junction with Custer County Road 719 (South Fairburn Road), then northerly along Custer County Road 719 to Fairburn to its junction with Custer County Road 18, then northerly along Custer County Road 18 (North Fairburn Road) to its junction with U.S. Highway 79, then northerly along U.S. Highway 79 to its junction with State Highway 40, then northwesterly along State Highway 40 to its junction with Pennington County Road 330 (Playhouse Road), then southerly along Pennington County Road 330 to its junction with U.S. Highway 16A, then southerly along U.S. Highway 16A to its junction with the north boundary of Custer State Park, then easterly along the Custer State Park boundary to the northeast corner of Custer State Park, then southerly along the east boundaries of Custer State Park and Wind Cave National Park to the southeast corner of Wind Cave National Park, then westerly along the south boundary of Wind Cave National Park to its junction with U.S. Highway 385, the point of beginning;

(5) Unit AEE-H5A: those portions of Pennington and Custer Counties beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 16A and the west boundary of Custer State Park, then westerly along U.S. Highway 16A to its junction with U.S. Highway 385 at Custer, then northerly along U.S. Highway 385 to its junction with State Highway 44 near Pactola Lake, then easterly along State Highway 44 to its junction with the Black Hills National Forest boundary, then southerly along the Black Hills National Forest boundary to its junction with U.S. Highway 16, then westerly along U.S. Highway 16 to its junction with the South

Rockerville Road at Rockerville, then southerly along the South Rockerville Road to its junction with State Highway 40 at Harney, then easterly along State Highway 40 approximately 1,000 feet to its junction with the Playhouse Road, then southerly along the Playhouse Road to its junction with U.S. Highway 16A near Spokane, then southeasterly along U.S. Highway 16A to its junction with the north boundary of Custer State Park, then westerly and southerly along the Custer State Park boundary to its junction with U.S. Highway 16A, the point of beginning. The Rushmore National Memorial, including all private lands within the memorial, is closed;

~~(6) Unit AEE-H7A: those portions of Pennington, Meade, and Lawrence Counties within a line beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 85 and Interstate 90 at Exit 17, then southerly along U.S. Highway 85 to its junction with U.S. Highway 385 at Pluma, then southerly along U.S. Highway 385 to its junction with State Highway 44 near Pactola, then easterly along State Highway 44 to its junction with State Highway 79 (Sturgis Road) at Rapid City, then northerly along State Highway 79 to its junction with Interstate 90 at Black Hawk, then northerly along Interstate 90 to its junction with U.S. Highway 85 at Exit 17, the point of beginning; and those portions of Pennington, Lawrence, and Meade Counties within a line beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 85 and Interstate 90 at Exit 17, then southerly along U.S. Highway 85 to its junction with U.S. Highway 385 at Pluma, then southerly along U.S. Highway 385 to its junction with State Highway 44 near Pactola, then easterly along State Highway 44 to its junction with State Highway 79 (Sturgis Road) in Rapid City, then northerly along State Highway 79 to its junction with Interstate 90 at Black Hawk, then northerly along Interstate 90 to its junction with U.S. Highway 85 at Exit 17, the point of beginning; and~~

(7) Unit AEE-H9A: those portions of Custer and Pennington Counties within an area bounded as follows: beginning at the junction of State Highway 40 and State Highway 79 at Hermosa, then northerly along State Highway 79 to its junction with State Highway 44 in Rapid City, then westerly along State Highway 44 to its junction with U.S. Highway 16, then westerly along U.S. Highway 16 to its junction with the South Rockerville Road, then southerly along the South Rockerville Road to its junction with State Highway 40, then easterly along State Highway 40 to its junction with State Highway 79 at Hermosa, the point of beginning.

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

- 1. The Issue – NA
- 2. Historical Considerations – NA
- 3. Biological Considerations – NA
- 4. Social Considerations – NA
- 5. Financial considerations – NA

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

- 1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user’s ability to participate? NA
- 2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
- 3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers, and outdoor recreationists? NA
- 4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

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

### Black Hills (Firearm) Elk Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:26

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>January 11-12, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>April 4, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>

#### SEASON INFORMATION

**Duration of Proposal:** 2024 and 2025 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:**

Units	2024 Hunting Season	2025 Hunting Season
Any Elk Units	October 1 - 31	October 1 - 31
Antlerless Elk Units: H1B, H4B, H7B, and H9B	October 15 - 31 AND December 1 - 16	October 15 - 31 AND December 1 - 16
Antlerless Elk Units: H2B, H2E, H2H, H3B, and H3E	October 15 - 31	October 15 - 31
Antlerless Elk Units: H2C, H2F, H2I, H3C and H3F	December 1 - 16	December 1 - 16
Antlerless Elk Units: H2G, H2J, H3D, and H3G	December 17 - 31	December 17 - 31

**Licenses:** Last year there were 535 resident “Any Elk” licenses and 730 “Antlerless Elk” licenses.

The department will recommend specific number of licenses by tag types for the 2024 and 2025 hunting seasons at the March Commission meeting.

**Open Areas:** See Figure 1.

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. No person may possess more than one (1) elk license of any type in a year.
2. No more than two persons may submit applications together.
3. Except for landowner/operator preference applicants, no person who receives a license in the first drawing for this season shall be eligible to apply for a Black Hills (firearm) elk license in first drawings for next nine years.
4. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference application. Only one member of each qualifying landowner/operator household may apply every year.
5. Any elk that is harvested must be inspected by a Department representative within 24 hours after kill.

#### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**Proposed changes from last year:**

1. Increase the maximum number of “any elk” licenses from 600 to 800 and “antlerless elk” licenses from 1,200 to 1,500. Actual license number recommendations for the next two years will be provided during the March commission meeting after population surveys have been completed.

#### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The proposed maximum number of elk licenses is established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission will propose and finalize the specific number of licenses and tag types and allocations amongst hunting units via administrative action.

License number and tag type recommendations for the next two years will be provided during the March commission meeting after population surveys have been completed.

Figure 1. Map of Black Hills elk season hunting units for “any elk” license types (left panel) and “antlerless elk” license types (right panel).

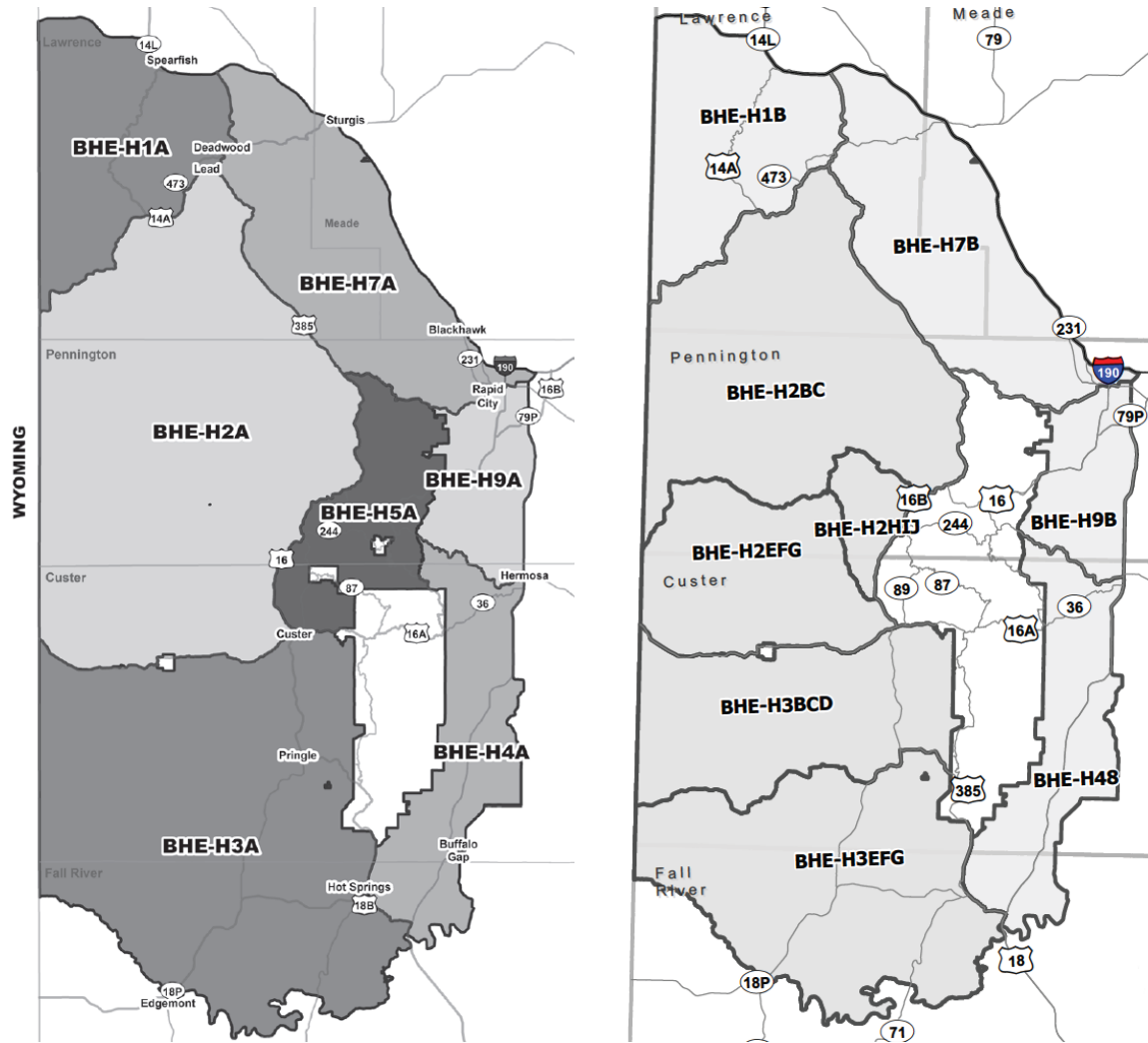


Table 1. Number of elk hunters, applicants, harvest success, and elk harvested by year during the Black Hills firearm elk season.

Year	Licensed Hunters	Applicants	Harvest Success Rate	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
2014	664	11,461	71%	295	178
2015	922	12,126	71%	312	345
2016	1,745	12,692	62%	363	724
2017	1,581	12,201	66%	364	682
2018	1,124	11,871	64%	315	402
2019	1,108	12,396	62%	332	354
2020	926	13,198	63%	360	224
2021	954	12,656	65%	370	249
2022	1,265	13,447	64%	426	381
2023	1232	12,999	NA	NA	NA



**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

41:06:26:01. Black Hills elk hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses -- Season dates. The Black Hills elk hunting season is open from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset each day of the season. No more than ~~600~~ 800 "any elk" licenses and ~~4,200~~ no more than 1,500 "antlerless elk" licenses may be issued for the Black Hills elk hunting season. The Black Hills elk hunting seasons are as follows:

- (1) Units BHE-H1A, BHE-H2A, BHE-H3A, BHE-H4A, BHE-H5A, and BHE-H7A are open from October 1 through October 31;
- (2) Units BHE-H1B, BHE-H2B, BHE-H2E, BHE-H4B, BHE-H7B, and BHE-H9B are open from October 15 through October 31 and from December 1 through December 16;
- (3) Units BHE-H2H, BHE-H3B, and BHE-H3E are open from October 15 through October 31;
- (4) Units BHE-H2C, BHE-H2F, BHE-H2I, BHE-H3C, and BHE-H3F are open from December 1 through December 16; and
- (5) Units BHE-H2D, BHE-H2G, BHE-H2J, BHE-H3D, and BHE-H3G are open from December 17 through December 31.

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

1. The Issue – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – NA
4. Social Considerations – NA
5. Financial considerations – NA

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers, and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

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

## GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

**Prairie Elk Hunting Season**  
Chapter 41:06:59

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>January 11-12, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>April 4, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2024</b>	<b>Pierre</b>

**SEASON INFORMATION**

**Duration of Proposal:** 2024 and 2025 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:**

Units	License Types	2024 Hunting Season	2025 Hunting Season
PRE-09A	Any Elk	Sept 15 - Oct 31 AND Dec 1 - 31	Sept 15 - Oct 31 AND Dec 1 - 31
PRE-11A	Antlerless Elk	July 15 - Aug 31	July 15 - Aug 31
PRE-11B	Any Elk	Sept 1 - Oct 15	Sept 1 - Oct 15
PRE-11C	Any Elk	Oct 16 - Nov 31	Oct 16 - Nov 31
PRE-11D	Antlerless Elk	Sep 1 - Oct 31	Sep 1 - Oct 31
PRE-11E	Antlerless Elk	Nov 1 - Dec 31	Nov 1 - Dec 31
PRE-15A	Any Elk	Sep 1 - Oct 31 AND Dec 1 - 31	Sep 1 - Oct 31 AND Dec 1 - 31
PRE-15B	Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 - Jan 31	Dec 1 - Jan 31
PRE-27A	Both	Oct 1 - 31 AND Dec 1 - 31	Oct 1 - 31 AND Dec 1 - 31
PRE-35A	Any Elk	Sept 15 - Oct 31 AND Dec 1 - 31	Sept 15 - Oct 31 AND Dec 1 - 31
PRE-35B	Any Elk	Sept 15 - Oct 31 AND Dec 1 - 31	Sept 15 - Oct 31 AND Dec 1 - 31
PRE-35C	Antlerless Elk	Oct 1 - Nov 15	Oct 1 - Nov 15
PRE-35D	Antlerless Elk	Nov 16 - Dec 31	Nov 16 - Dec 31
PRE-35E	Antlerless Elk	Oct 1 - Nov 15	Oct 1 - Nov 15
PRE-35F	Antlerless Elk	Nov 16 - Dec 31	Nov 16 - Dec 31
PRE-49A	Both	Sept 15 - Oct 31 AND Dec 1 - 31	Sept 15 - Oct 31 AND Dec 1 - 31
PRE-WRA	Both	Sept 1 - Dec 31	Sept 1 - Dec 31

**Licenses:** Last year there were 102 resident “Any Elk” licenses and 175 “Antlerless Elk” licenses.

The department will recommend specific number of licenses by tag types for the 2024 and 2025 hunting seasons at the March Commission meeting.

**Open Areas:** See Figure 1.

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. No person may possess more than one (1) elk license of any type in a year.
2. No more than two persons may submit applications together.
3. Except for landowner/operator preference applicants, no person who receives a license in the first drawing for this season shall be eligible to apply for a Prairie elk license in first drawings for next nine years.

4. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference application. Only one member of each qualifying landowner/operator household may apply every year.
5. Any elk that is harvested must be inspected by a Department representative within 24 hours after kill.

**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

**Proposed changes from last year:**

1. Increase the maximum number of “any elk” licenses from 150 to 200 and “antlerless elk” licenses from 300 to 400. Actual license number recommendations for the next two years will be provided during the March commission meeting after population surveys have been completed.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

The proposed maximum number of elk licenses is established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission will propose and finalize the specific number of licenses and tag types and allocations amongst hunting units via administrative action.

License number and tag type recommendations for the next two years will be provided during the March commission meeting after population surveys have been completed.

Figure 1. Map of Prairie elk season hunting units.

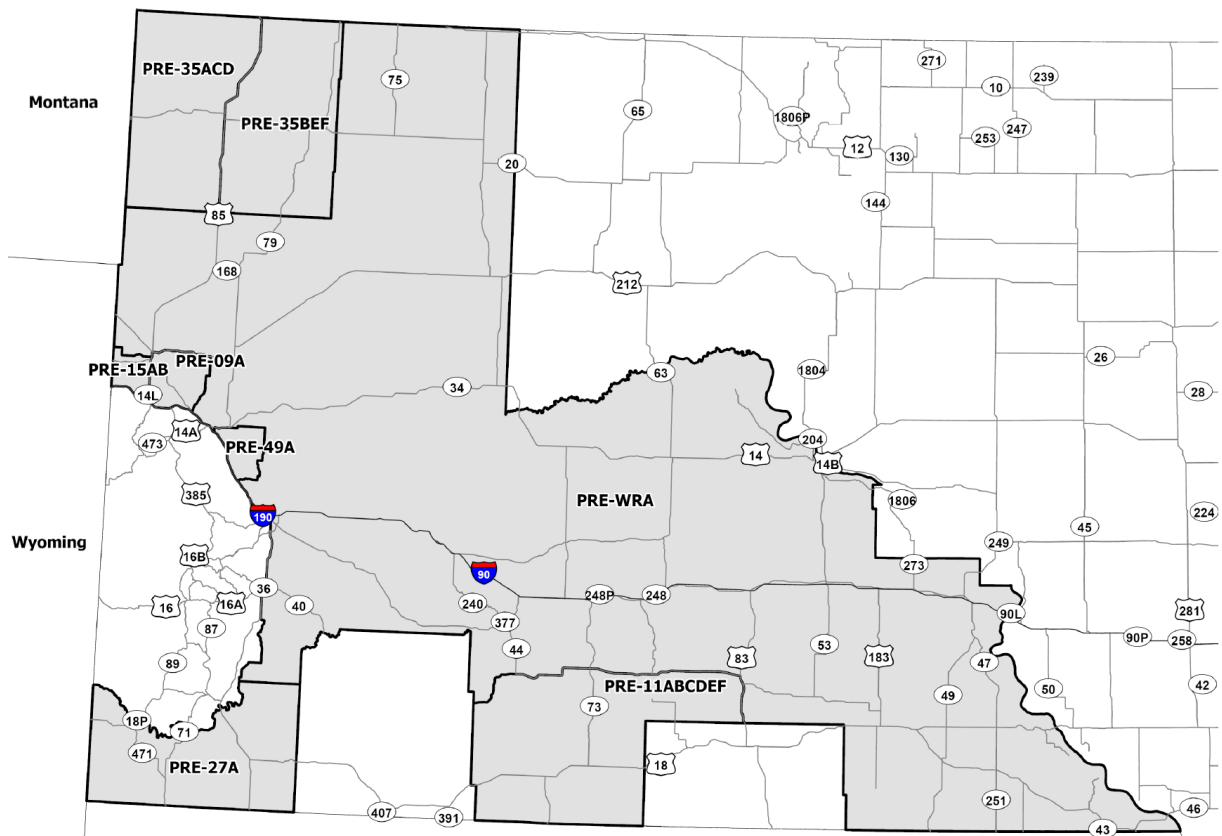


Table 1. Number of elk hunters, applicants, harvest success, and elk harvested by year during the Prairie elk season.

Year	Licensed Hunters	Applicants	Harvest Success Rate	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
2014	92	1,725	64%	33	25
2015	98	2,119	55%	29	25
2016	148	2,272	40%	32	27
2017	149	2,249	50%	41	34
2018	139	3,080	79%	59	51
2019	140	3,831	65%	41	50
2020	251	4,532	57%	56	87
2021	257	4,912	50%	57	71
2022	270	5,037	48%	74	55
2023	258	5,438	NA	NA	NA

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

41:06:59:01. Prairie elk hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses available -- Season dates. The prairie elk hunting season is open from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset each day of the season. No more than ~~450~~ 200 "any elk" licenses and ~~300~~ no more than 400 "antlerless elk" licenses may be issued for the prairie elk hunting season. The prairie elk hunting seasons are as follows:

- (1) Unit PRE-09A is open from September 15 through October 31 and from December 1 through December 31;
- (2) Unit PRE-11A is open from July 15 through August 31;
- (3) Unit PRE-11B is open from September 1 through October 15;
- (4) Unit PRE-11C is open from October 16 through November 30;
- (5) Unit PRE-11D is open from September 1 through October 31;
- (6) Unit PRE-11E is open from November 1 through December 31;
- (7) Unit PRE-11F is open from January 1 through the last day of February;
- (8) Unit PRE-15A is open from September 1 through October 31 and from December 1 through December 31;
- (9) Unit PRE-15B is open from December 1 through January 31;
- (10) Unit PRE-27A is open from October 1 through October 31 and from December 1 through December 31;
- (11) Unit PRE-35A is open from September 15 through October 31 and December 1 through December 31;
- (12) Unit PRE-35B is open from September 15 through October 31 and December 1 through December 31;
- (13) Unit PRE-35C is open from October 1 through November 15;
- (14) Unit PRE-35D is open from November 16 through December 31;
- (15) Unit PRE-35E is open from October 1 through November 15;
- (16) Unit PRE-35F is open from November 16 through December 31;
- (17) Unit PRE-49A is open from September 15 through October 31 and from December 1 through December 31; and
- (18) Unit PRE-WRA is open from September 1 through December 31.

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

1. The Issue – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – NA
4. Social Considerations – NA
5. Financial considerations – NA

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers, and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

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

LEWIS & CLARK MARINA - 2024 PROPOSED SLIP FEES			
	2023 Rate	2024 Rate	%
<b>A DOCK</b>			
42' SHORELINE	\$3,150.00	\$3,245.00	3%
42' X 16' OPEN	\$3,850.00	\$3,970.00	3%
42' X 16' NTC	\$3,960.00	\$4,080.00	3%
42' X 16' COVERED	\$4,375.00	\$4,510.00	3%
48' X 18' NTC	\$3,960.00	\$4,080.00	3%
48' X 18' OPEN	\$4,250.00	\$4,380.00	3%
48' BAYSIDE	\$3,775.00	\$3,890.00	3%
<b>B DOCK</b>			
36' SHORELINE	\$2,200.00	-	
36' X 14' OPEN	\$3,100.00	-	
36' X 14' NTC	\$3,300.00	-	
36' X 14' COVERED	\$3,700.00	-	
36' BAYSIDE	\$2,790.00	-	
42' X 16' OPEN	\$4,000.00	-	
42' BAYSIDE	\$3,300.00	-	
<b>C DOCK</b>			
36' SHORELINE	\$2,200.00	\$5,000.00	127%
36' X 14' COVERED	\$3,700.00	\$7,950.00	115%
36' BAYSIDE	\$2,790.00	\$6,200.00	122%
<b>D DOCK</b>			
34' SHORELINE	N/A	\$3,000.00	NEW
34' x 14' OPEN	N/A	\$4,700.00	NEW
36' BAYSIDE	N/A	\$3,500.00	NEW
<b>E DOCK</b>			
30' SHORELINE	\$3,000.00	\$3,090.00	3%
30' X 14' COVERED	\$6,200.00	\$6,390.00	3%
30' BAYSIDE	\$4,000.00	\$4,120.00	3%
<b>F DOCK</b>			
26' SHORELINE	\$2,500.00	\$2,575.00	3%
26' X 12' OPEN	\$3,500.00	\$3,605.00	3%
26' BAYSIDE	\$3,000.00	\$3,090.00	3%
<b>G DOCK</b>			
28' X 12' OPEN	\$4,500.00	\$4,635.00	3%
<b>H DOCK</b>			
24' SHORELINE	\$2,000.00	\$2,060.00	3%
24' X 10' COVERED	\$3,500.00	\$3,605.00	3%
24' BAYSIDE	\$2,500.00	\$2,575.00	3%
<b>I DOCK</b>			
24' SHORELINE	\$1,800.00	\$1,855.00	3%
24' X 10' OPEN	\$2,500.00	\$2,575.00	3%
24' BAYSIDE	\$2,000.00	\$2,060.00	3%
<b>J DOCK</b>			
30' SHORELINE	\$2,400.00	\$2,475.00	3%
30' X 14' OPEN	\$3,700.00	\$3,815.00	3%
40' X 16' OPEN	\$4,400.00	\$4,800.00	9%
<b>K DOCK</b>			
30' SHORELINE	\$2,500.00	\$2,575.00	3%
30' X 14' COVERED	\$5,200.00	\$5,360.00	3%
30' BAYSIDE	\$3,500.00	\$3,605.00	3%
<b>L DOCK</b>			
32' SHORELINE	\$2,500.00	\$2,575.00	3%
32' X 14' OPEN	\$4,200.00	\$4,330.00	3%
32' BAYSIDE	\$3,000.00	\$3,090.00	3%
<b>M DOCK</b>			
42' SHORELINE	\$2,900.00	\$3,165.00	9%
42' X 16' OPEN	\$4,600.00	\$5,015.00	9%
42' BAYSIDE	\$3,000.00	\$3,270.00	9%
<b>N DOCK</b>			
24' SHORELINE	\$2,000.00	\$2,060.00	3%
24' X 10' OPEN	\$2,700.00	\$2,785.00	3%
24' BAYSIDE	\$2,400.00	\$2,475.00	3%
<b>PWC DOCK</b>			
A, G & J	\$950.00	\$980.00	3%



# SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

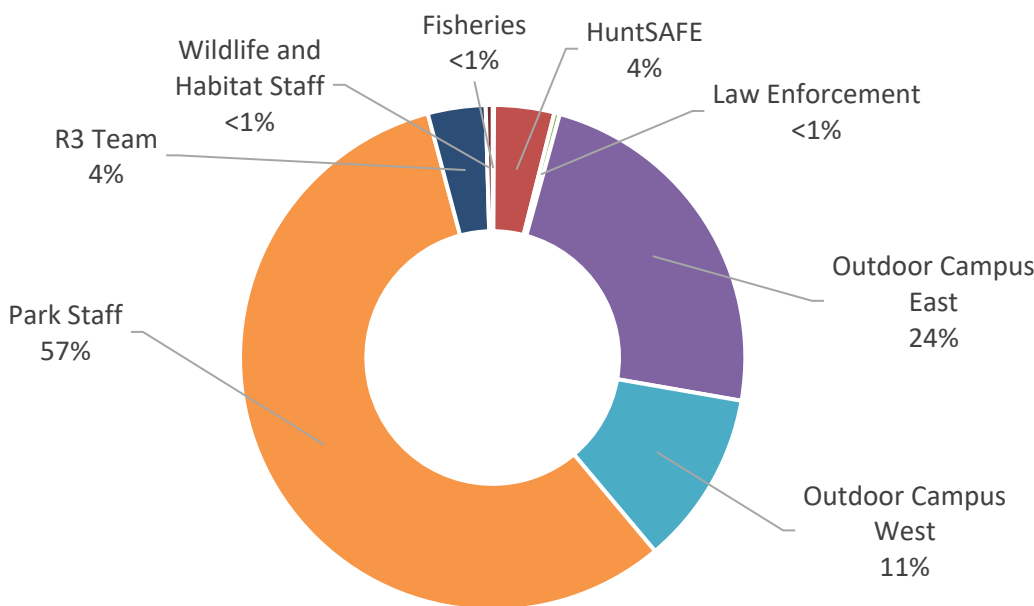
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## 2023 South Dakota State Parks Events and Outreach Participation

In 2023, South Dakota Game Fish and Parks held 3,663 programs with 97,439 participants. Of the reported programs, Parks staff hosted 1,941 events, reaching 63,983 participants. Educational and event programming is a great partnership between Wildlife and Park Divisions. Many outreach events are held in South Dakota State Parks because of the recreational opportunities and resources available.

Both the Wildlife Division and the Parks Division continue to focus on recruitment by teaching skills to encourage new hunting, fishing, and park entrance license sales and increase park visitation. Environmental education, fishing, hunting skills, and outdoor skills have the highest percentage of programs.

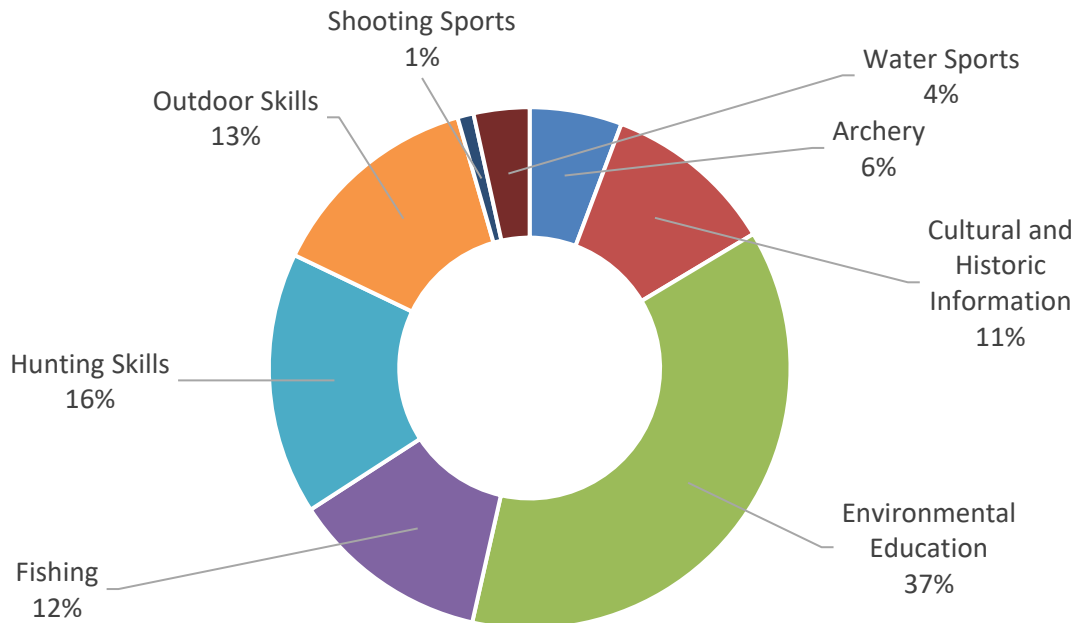
### 2023 All GFP Programming – Number of Programs Provided



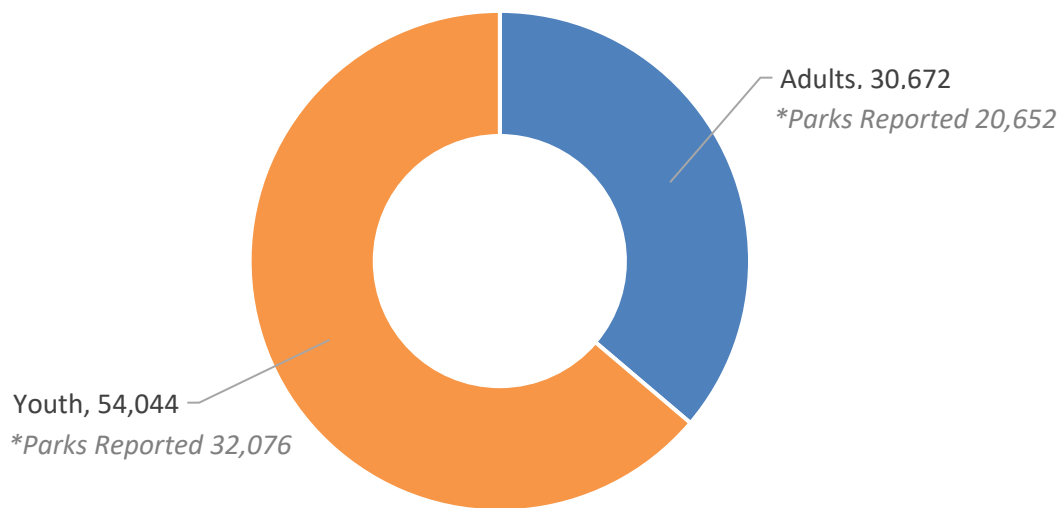
Program Provider	# Of Programs	% Of Programs
Fisheries	3	<1%
HuntSAFE	131	4%
Law Enforcement	12	<1%
Outdoor Campus East	799	11%
Outdoor Campus West	380	24%
Park Staff	1,941	57%
R3 Team	126	4%
Wildlife and Habitat Staff	15	<1%



2023 All GFP Programming - Topics



2023 All GFP Programming - Participation Ages



Note: A total of 12,723 participants did not report age, and were excluded to the above graph.





**All GFP Programming - Historical Programming Numbers and Attendance**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Programs Provided	4,230	1,041	2,531	3,824	3,663
People Reached	163,055	31,923	73,327	97,966	97,439

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Adult Attendees	40%	41%	41%	39%	36%
Youth Attendees	60%	59%	59%	61%	64%

	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
	# and % of programs		# and % of programs		# and % of programs		# and % of programs		# and % of programs	
Archery	235	5%	93	9%	162	7%	200	6%	195	6%
Cultural/ Historic	432	10%	127	12%	194	8%	341	10%	364	11%
Environmental Education	2,132	49%	326	31%	816	36%	1,372	39%	1,265	37%
Fishing	496	11%	165	16%	354	16%	371	11%	420	12%
Hunting Skills	343	8%	132	13%	268	12%	508	14%	554	16%
Outdoor Skills	527	12%	134	13%	374	16%	540	15%	457	13%
Shooting Sports	54	1%	26	3%	35	2%	36	1%	34	1%
Water Sports	179	4%	36	3%	80	3%	134	4%	118	4%

Note: The Wildlife Division continues to be focused on creating more hunters/trappers and anglers. Because of these efforts, there was a decrease in environmental education related programs and an increase in fishing and hunting skills programs in 2023 compared to 2022.





**2023 Top Attended Park Staff Events** \*not included in the charts above

Park	Event	Participants
Custer State Park	Buffalo Round Up	22,590
Fort Sisseton Historic State Park	Historic Festival	9,110
Good Earth State Park	Summer Concert Series	4,000
Adam's Homestead and Nature Preserve	Christmas at the Homestead	2,000
LaFromboise Island Nature	Trick or Treat Trails	1,800
Fort Sisseton Historic State Park	Fort Sisseton Harvest Festival	1,600
Big Sioux Recreation Area	Trick or Treat Trails	1,000
Newton Hills State Park	Sioux River Folk Festival	1,000
George S. Mickelson Trail	Fall Trail Trek	590

**2023 Top Attended R3 Programming Hosted in the State Parks**

Topic	Class	# Of Participants
Fishing	Fishing Club Ipswich	72
Fishing	Fishing 101	33
Hunting	Trapping Education Day	32
Hunting	Predator Bounty Program Class	30
Hunting	Predator Bounty Program Class	28
Hunting	Old Fashion Plinking Gallery	20
Fishing	Trout Fishing (Youth Conservation Camp)	17
Fishing	Angostura Reservoir Fishing (YCC)	17
Hunting	On Target	16
Fishing	Fly Fishing (YCC)	12

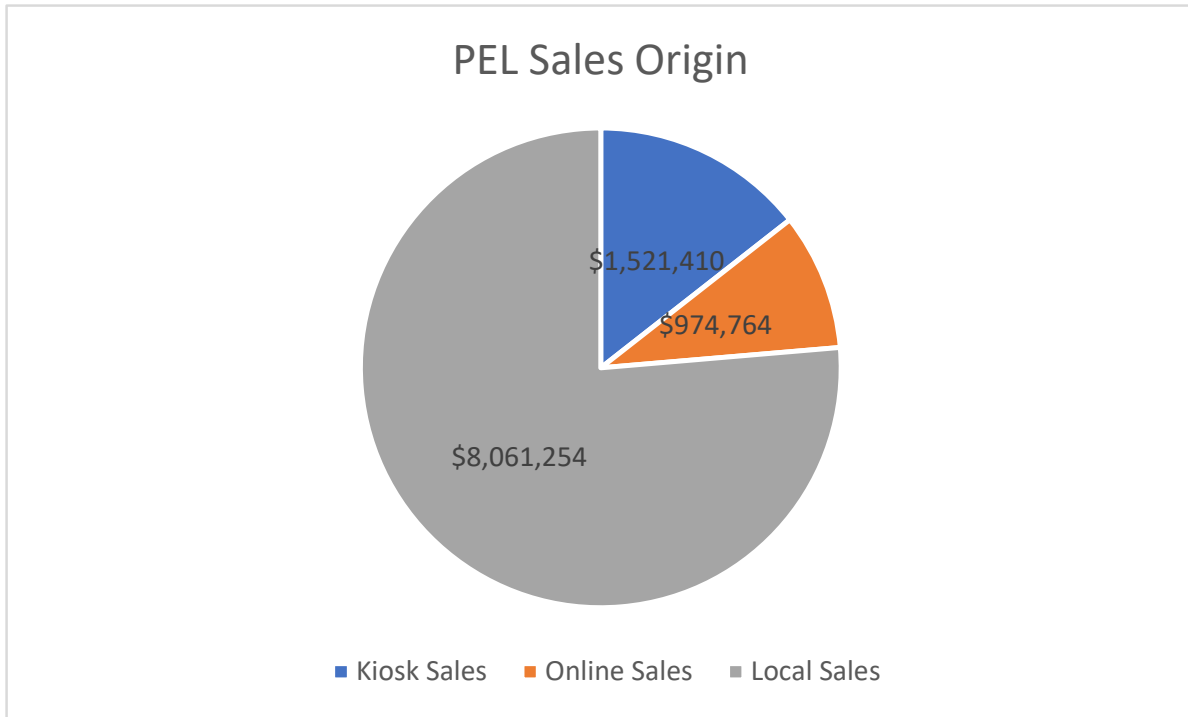
## South Dakota Division of Parks and Recreation 2023 Season Statistics

### Revenue and Sales

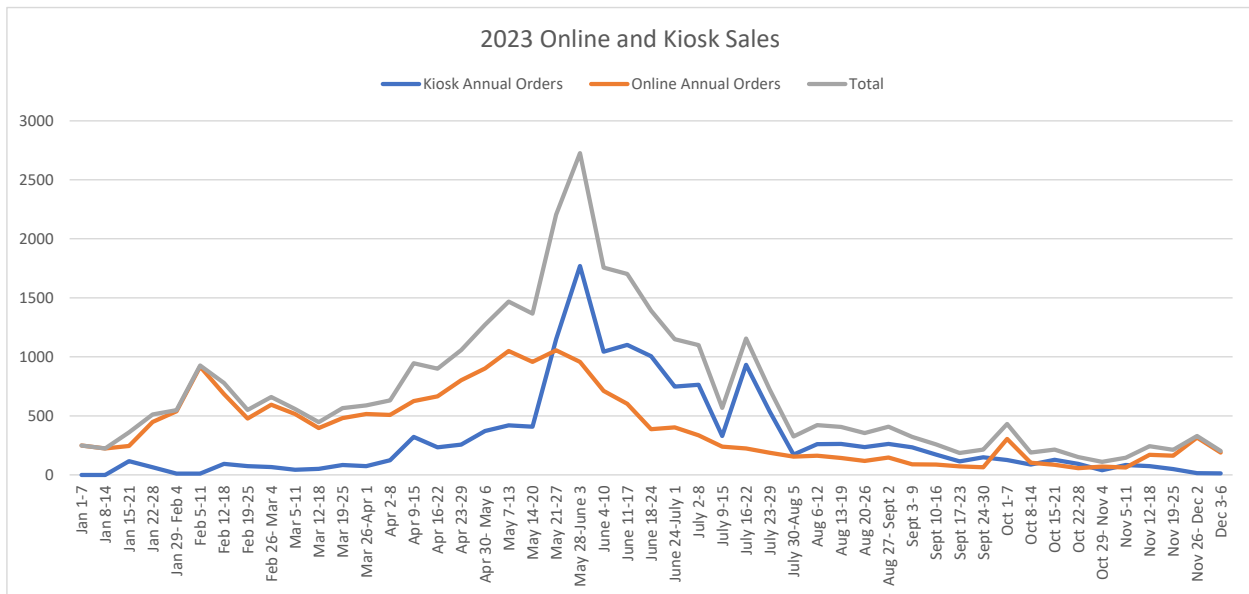
Division of Parks and Recreation					
December Revenue by Item					
	2022		2023		%
	Number	Dollar	Number	Dollar	Change
Annual	779	\$ 28,026	778	\$ 28,000	0%
2nd Annual	63	\$ 1,134	103	\$ 1,854	63%
Combo	1,678	\$ 90,612	1,900	\$ 102,582	13%
Transferable	121	\$ 9,680	136	\$ 10,880	12%
Daily License	548	\$ 4,384	730	\$ 5,840	33%
Unattended Vehicle Daily	39	\$ 585	23	\$ 345	-41%
GSM Annual Trail Pass	91	\$ 1,365	73	\$ 1,095	-20%
GSM Daily Trail Pass	28	\$ 112	8	\$ 32	-71%
Motorcoach Permit	2	\$ 6	3,498	\$ 10,494	174800%
CSP 7 Day Pass	507	\$ 10,140	652	\$ 13,040	29%
CSP 7 Day Bike Pass	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	
Rally Bike Band		\$ -		\$ -	
One-Day Special Event		\$ 150	0	\$ -	-100%
<b>PERMITS</b>	<b>3,856</b>	<b>\$ 146,194</b>	<b>7,900</b>	<b>\$ 174,162</b>	<b>19%</b>
Camping Services		\$ 153,259		\$ 167,799	9%
Picnic Reservations/ Boat Rentals		\$ 80		\$ 80	0%
Firewood	10	\$ 60	29	\$ 174	190%
Gift Card		\$ 17,662		\$ 16,167	-8%
Boat Slips		\$ -		\$ -	
<b>LODGING</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$ 171,060</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>\$ 184,220</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,866</b>	<b>\$ 317,254</b>	<b>7,929</b>	<b>\$ 358,382</b>	<b>13%</b>

Division of Parks and Recreation					
December YTD 2023 Revenue by Item					
	2022		2023		%
	Number	Dollar	Number	Dollar	Change
Annual	61,853	\$ 2,226,712	60,628	\$ 2,182,602	-2%
2nd Annual	9,847	\$ 177,246	9,485	\$ 170,734	-4%
Double	37,318	\$ 2,015,190	39,106	\$ 2,111,718	5%
Transferable	2,776	\$ 222,080	2,738	\$ 219,070	-1%
Daily License	105,562	\$ 844,494	111,542	\$ 892,339	6%
Unattended Vehicle Daily	1,266	\$ 18,985	1,059	\$ 15,885	-16%
GSM Annual Trail Pass	6,003	\$ 90,045	6,366	\$ 95,490	6%
GSM Daily Trail Pass	18,657	\$ 74,628	19,354	\$ 77,416	4%
Motorcoach Permit	14,200	\$ 42,600	22,308	\$ 66,924	57%
CSP 7 Day Pass	185,576	\$ 3,711,520	190,768	\$ 3,815,360	3%
CSP 7 Day Bike Band	16,389	\$ 327,780	18,894	\$ 377,880	15%
Rally Bike Band	29,558	\$ 591,160	26,233	\$ 524,660	-11%
One-Day Special Event		\$ 8,000		\$ 7,350	-8%
<b>PERMITS</b>	<b>489,005</b>	<b>\$ 10,350,440</b>	<b>508,482</b>	<b>\$ 10,557,428</b>	<b>2%</b>
Camping Services		\$ 13,666,869		\$ 12,877,729	-6%
Picnic Reservations/ Boat Rentals		\$ 11,725		\$ 22,070	88%
Firewood	37,506	\$ 225,036	37,574	\$ 225,446	0%
Gift Card		\$ 29,464		\$ 31,377	6%
Boat Slips		\$ 182,739		\$ 197,494	8%
<b>LODGING</b>	<b>37,506</b>	<b>\$ 14,115,833</b>	<b>37,574</b>	<b>\$ 13,354,117</b>	<b>-5%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>526,511</b>	<b>\$ 24,466,273</b>	<b>546,056</b>	<b>\$ 23,911,545</b>	<b>-2%</b>

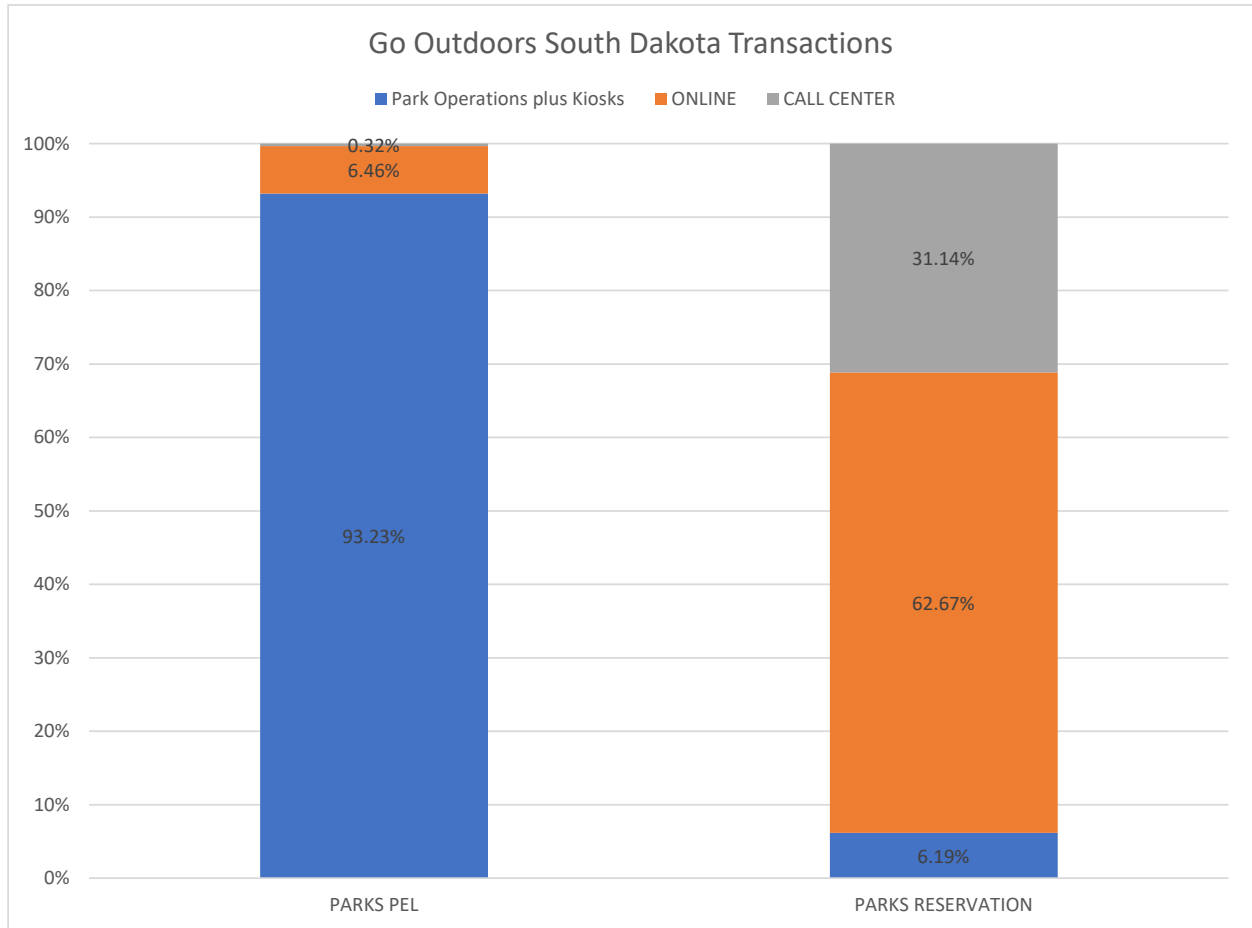
PEL Sales through Online (GoOutdoors SD) and Electronic Kiosks



GoOutdoors Online and Kiosk Transactions by Week

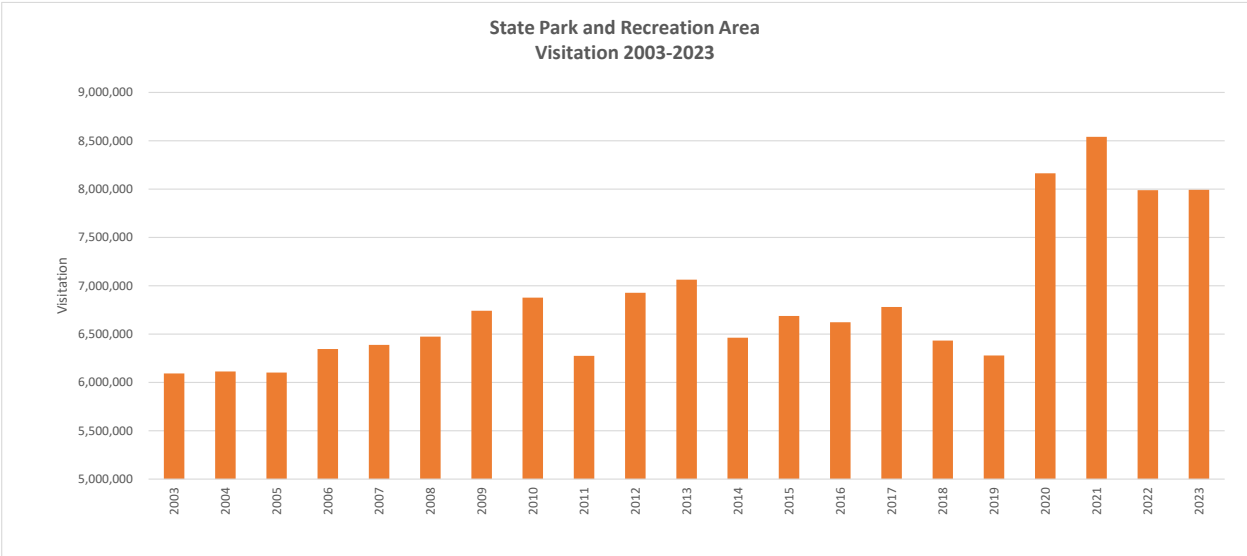
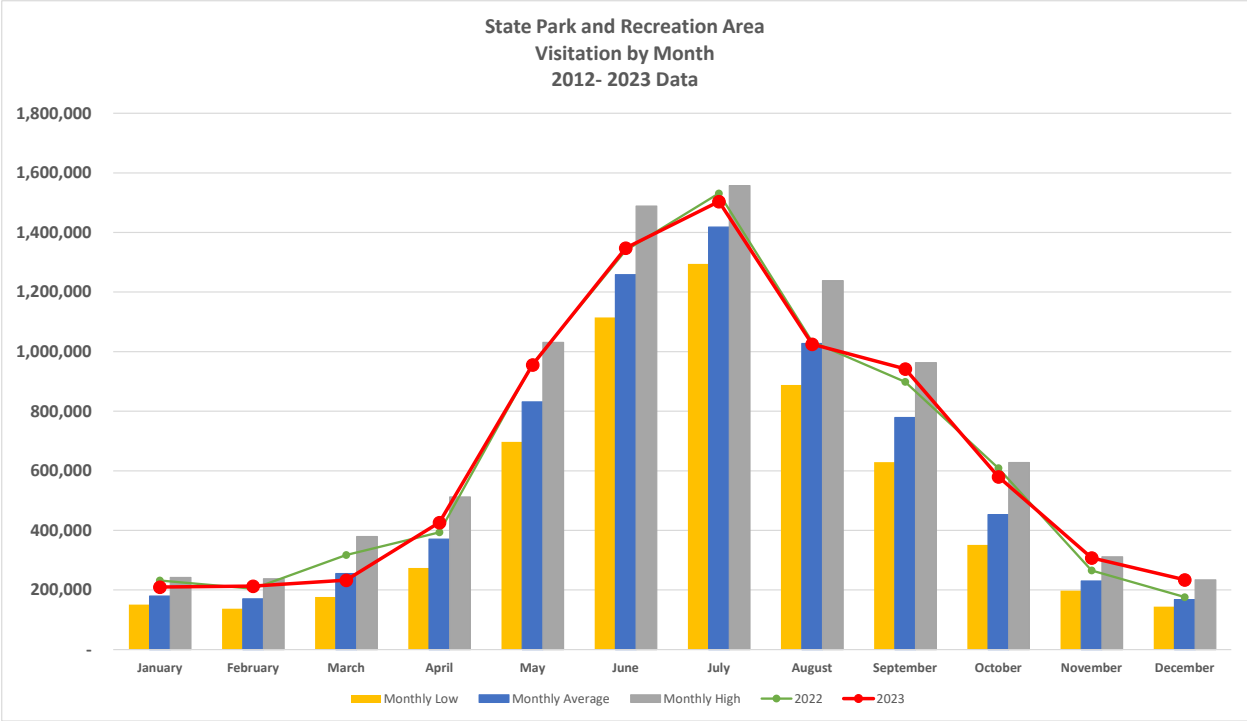


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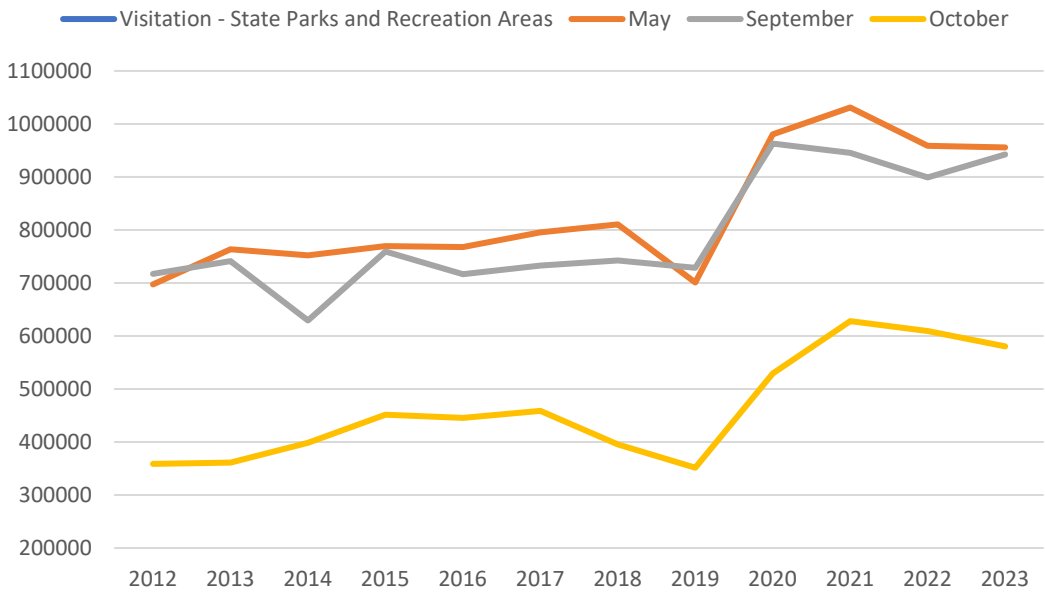


## Park Visitation

Division of Parks and Recreation							
December YTD 2023 Visitation by District							
LOCATION	2022	2023	%	LOCATION	2022	2023	%
Pickereel Lake	56,013	52,842	-6%	Lewis & Clark	1,136,954	1,206,694	6%
Fort Sisseton	65,225	96,714	48%	Chief White Crane	51,759	45,479	-12%
Roy Lake	172,531	143,670	-17%	Pierson Ranch	82,080	71,809	-13%
Sica Hollow	28,445	23,714	-17%	Springfield	161,469	161,591	0%
<b>DISTRICT 1</b>	<b>322,214</b>	<b>316,940</b>	<b>-2%</b>	Clay County	43,784	56,526	29%
				<b>DISTRICT 9</b>	<b>1,432,262</b>	<b>1,485,573</b>	<b>4%</b>
Richmond Lake	52,050	56,713	9%				
Mina Lake	48,180	43,376	-10%	North Point	126,511	97,633	-23%
Fisher Grove	15,707	15,739	0%	North Wheeler	18,357	26,797	46%
Lake Louise	30,989	31,203	1%	Pease Creek	40,973	37,890	-8%
<b>DISTRICT 2</b>	<b>146,926</b>	<b>147,031</b>	<b>0%</b>	Randall Creek	52,245	41,312	-21%
				Fort Randall Marina	20,077	20,795	4%
Pelican Lake	81,072	81,888	1%	<b>DISTRICT 10</b>	<b>258,163</b>	<b>224,427</b>	<b>-13%</b>
Sandy Shore	33,132	30,229	-9%				
Lake Cochrane	21,546	20,528	-5%	Farm Island	145,679	136,078	-7%
Hartford Beach	94,861	93,731	-1%	West Bend	37,707	37,919	1%
<b>DISTRICT 3</b>	<b>230,611</b>	<b>226,376</b>	<b>-2%</b>	LaFramboise Island	83,875	82,522	-2%
				<b>DISTRICT 11</b>	<b>267,261</b>	<b>256,519</b>	<b>-4%</b>
Oakwood Lakes	66,353	60,769	-8%				
Lake Poinsett	24,192	39,479	63%	Oahe Downstream	290,652	288,196	-1%
<b>DISTRICT 4</b>	<b>90,545</b>	<b>100,248</b>	<b>11%</b>	Cow Creek	204,676	212,776	4%
				Okobojo	65,810	63,166	-4%
Lake Thompson	53,078	91,825	73%	Spring Creek	348,686	342,763	-2%
Lake Hemman	93,845	134,784	44%	<b>DISTRICT 12</b>	<b>909,824</b>	<b>906,901</b>	<b>0%</b>
Walker's Point	41,746	40,779	-2%				
<b>DISTRICT 5</b>	<b>188,669</b>	<b>267,388</b>	<b>42%</b>	West Whitlock	48,954	45,978	-6%
				Swan Creek	16,415	15,496	-6%
Snake Creek	134,266	142,357	6%	Indian Creek	79,360	74,858	-6%
Platte Creek	153,236	141,539	-8%	Lake Hiddenwood	6,305	10,961	74%
Buryanek	32,771	31,546	-4%	Little Moreau	14,243	17,085	20%
Burke Lake	17,973	16,161	-10%	Revheim Bay	60,474	41,987	-31%
<b>DISTRICT 6</b>	<b>338,246</b>	<b>331,603</b>	<b>-2%</b>	West Pollock	66,873	60,376	-10%
				<b>DISTRICT 13</b>	<b>292,624</b>	<b>266,741</b>	<b>-9%</b>
Palisades	111,469	128,332	15%				
Big Sioux	66,546	67,707	2%	Bear Butte	17,916	33,222	85%
Beaver Creek	25,515	26,771	5%	<b>DISTRICT 14</b>	<b>17,916</b>	<b>33,222</b>	<b>85%</b>
Lake Vermillion	136,420	144,872	6%				
<b>DISTRICT 7</b>	<b>339,950</b>	<b>367,682</b>	<b>8%</b>	Shadehill	44,128	39,217	-11%
				Llewellyn Johns	4,523	5,695	26%
Newton Hills	169,594	128,400	-24%	Rocky Point	79,956	76,793	-4%
Good Earth	128,623	188,262	46%	<b>DISTRICT 15</b>	<b>128,607</b>	<b>121,705</b>	<b>-5%</b>
Union Grove	20,175	18,942	-6%				
Lake Alvin	230,935	166,896	-28%	Custer	2,212,960	2,180,744	-1%
Spirit Mound	22,128	20,666	-7%	<b>DISTRICT 16</b>	<b>2,212,960</b>	<b>2,180,744</b>	<b>-1%</b>
Adams	32,384	42,081	30%				
<b>DISTRICT 8</b>	<b>603,839</b>	<b>565,247</b>	<b>-6%</b>	Angostura	174,445	161,755	-7%
				Sheps Canyon	33,346	32,940	-1%
				<b>DISTRICT 17</b>	<b>207,791</b>	<b>194,695</b>	<b>-6%</b>
				<b>TOTAL YTD</b>	<b>7,988,408</b>	<b>7,993,042</b>	<b>0%</b>
				<b>TOTAL for Month</b>	<b>179,118</b>	<b>234,099</b>	<b>31%</b>



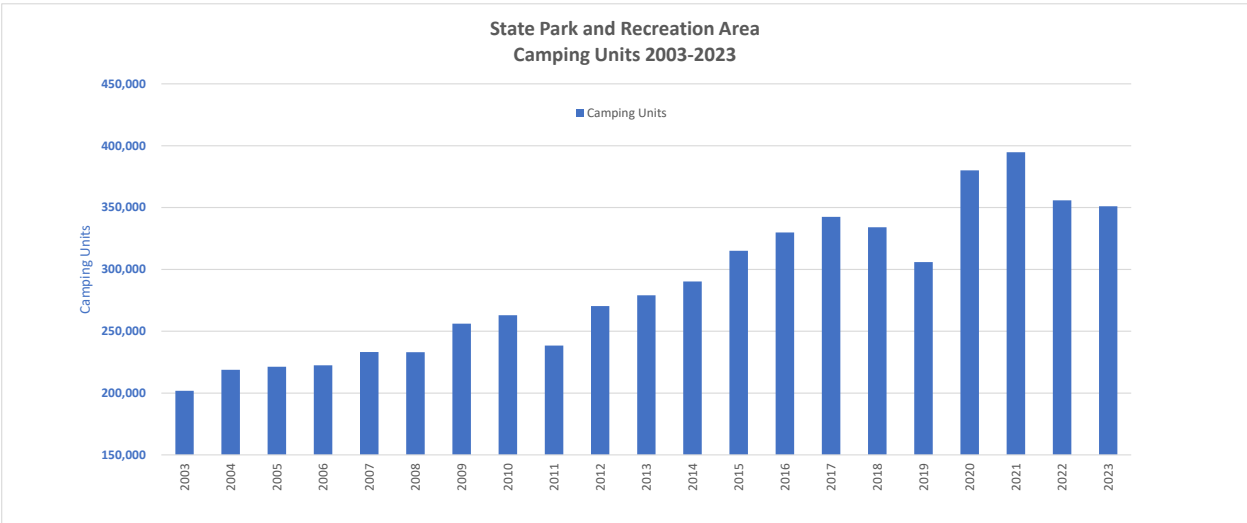
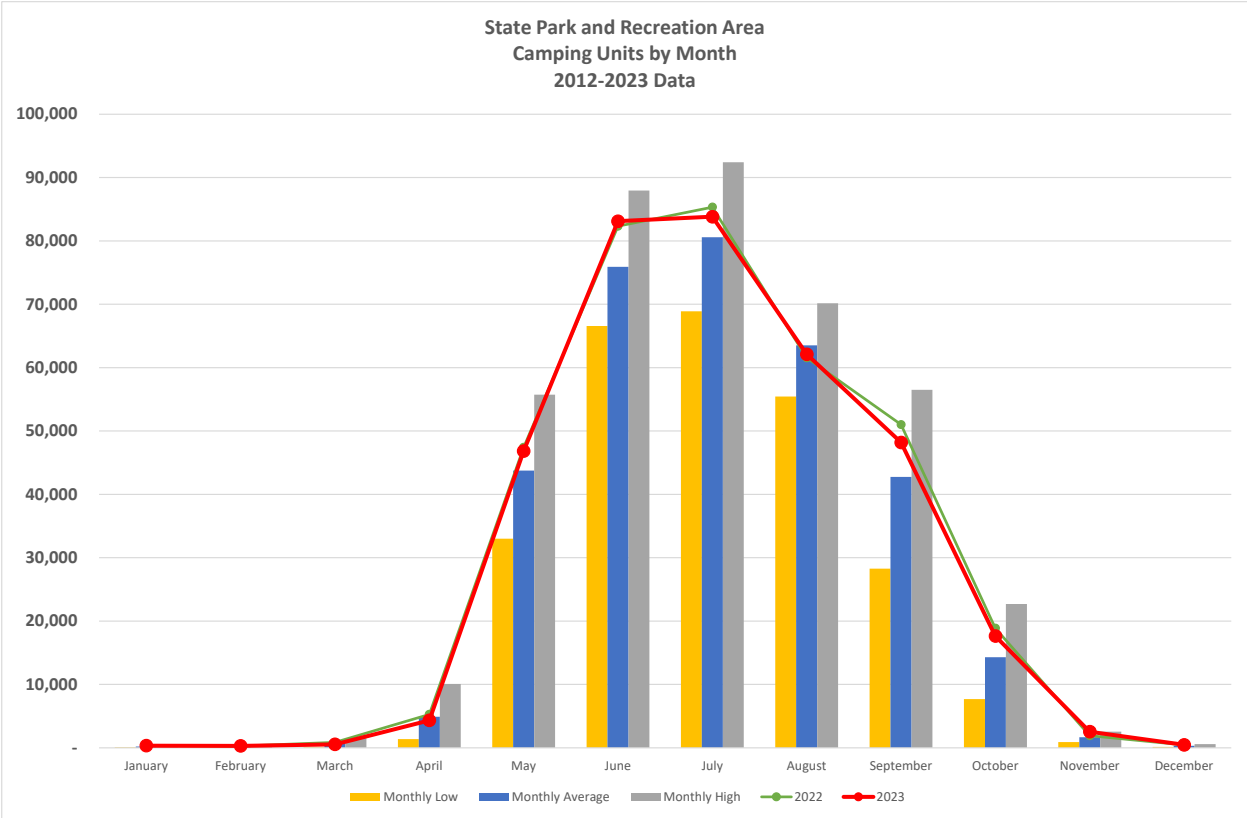
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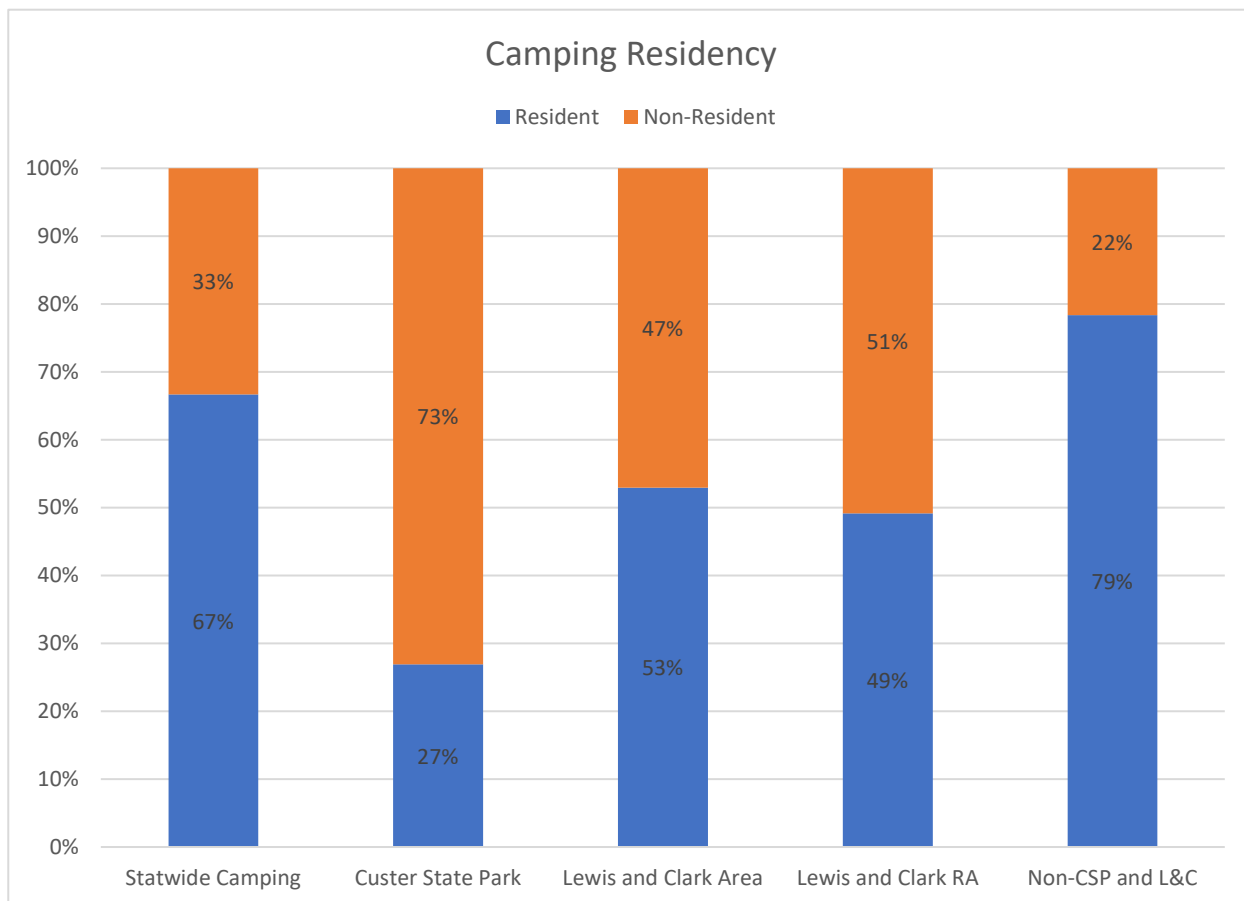
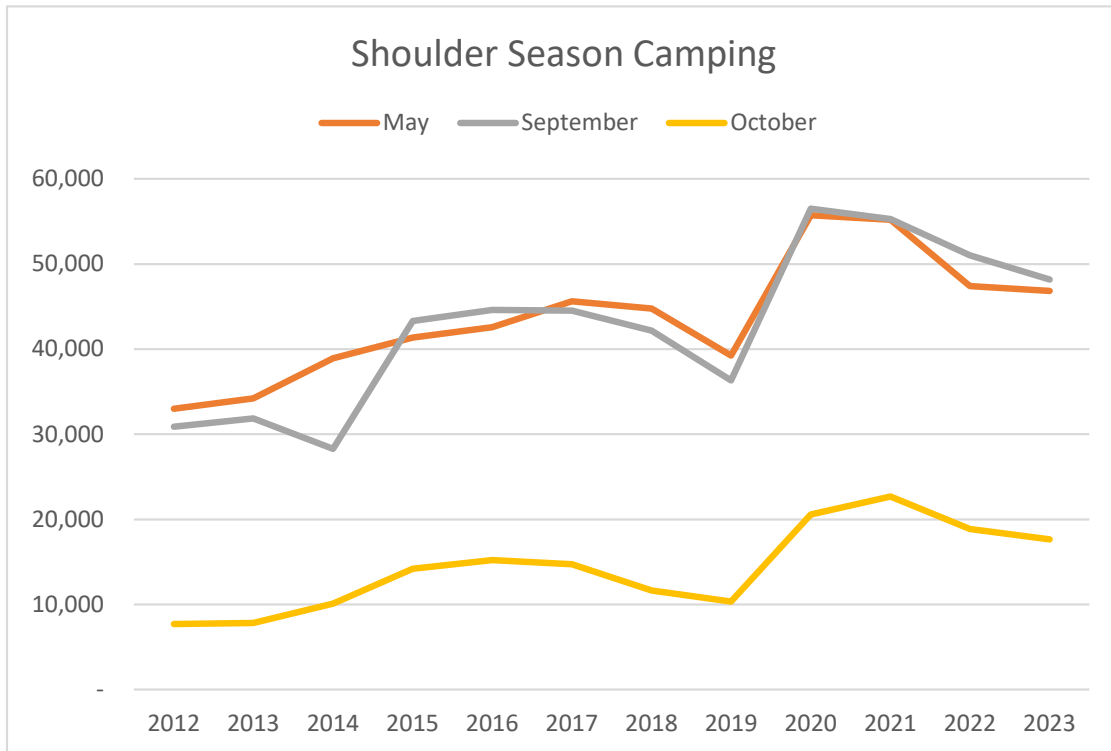




# State Park Camping

Division of Parks and Recreation							
December YTD 2023 Camping by District							
LOCATION	2022	2023	%	LOCATION	2022	2023	%
PickereLake	5,806	5,434	-6%	North Point	10,273	9,465	-8%
Fort Sisseton	1,535	1,808	18%	North Wheeler	1,115	1,140	2%
Roy Lake	8,227	8,129	-1%	Pease Creek	1,972	1,913	-3%
Sica Hollow	274	356	30%	Randall Creek	6,553	6,762	3%
<b>DISTRICT 1</b>	<b>15,842</b>	<b>15,727</b>	<b>-1%</b>	South Shore	412	433	5%
Richmond Lake	1,915	1,855	-3%	South Scap	102	97	-5%
Mina Lake	3,330	3,329	0%	Whetstone	499	416	-17%
Fisher Grove	1,406	1,381	-2%	White Swan	202	194	-4%
Amsden	185	377	104%	<b>DISTRICT 10</b>	<b>21,128</b>	<b>20,420</b>	<b>-3%</b>
Lake Louise	2,102	2,284	9%	Farm Island	8,242	7,811	-5%
<b>DISTRICT 2</b>	<b>8,938</b>	<b>9,226</b>	<b>3%</b>	West Bend	8,400	7,720	-8%
Pelican Lake	6,346	6,378	1%	<b>DISTRICT 11</b>	<b>16,642</b>	<b>15,531</b>	<b>-7%</b>
Sandy Shore	1,871	2,068	11%	Oahe Downstream	13,817	13,612	-1%
Lake Cochrane	2,213	2,127	-4%	Cow Creek	2,689	2,908	8%
Hartford Beach	6,677	6,837	2%	Okobojo	1,527	1,337	-12%
<b>DISTRICT 3</b>	<b>17,107</b>	<b>17,410</b>	<b>2%</b>	Spring Creek	879	861	-2%
Oakwood Lakes	9,268	9,241	0%	<b>DISTRICT 12</b>	<b>18,912</b>	<b>18,718</b>	<b>-1%</b>
Lake Poinsett	8,549	8,153	-5%	West Whitlock	5,054	4,749	-6%
<b>DISTRICT 4</b>	<b>17,817</b>	<b>17,394</b>	<b>-2%</b>	East Whitlock	59	63	7%
Lake Thompson	7,791	7,851	1%	Swan Creek	679	784	15%
Lake Herman	6,068	6,075	0%	Indian Creek	7,732	7,596	-2%
Walker's Point	3,059	2,980	-3%	Lake Hiddenwood	91	236	159%
Lake Carthage	819	1,032	26%	Walth Bay	23	117	409%
<b>DISTRICT 5</b>	<b>17,737</b>	<b>17,938</b>	<b>1%</b>	West Pollock	871	1,141	31%
Snake Creek	8,498	8,211	-3%	<b>DISTRICT 13</b>	<b>14,509</b>	<b>14,686</b>	<b>1%</b>
Platte Creek	1,605	1,634	2%	Bear Butte	1,616	1,503	-7%
Buryanek	2,833	2,957	4%	<b>DISTRICT 14</b>	<b>1,616</b>	<b>1,503</b>	<b>-7%</b>
Burke Lake	111	37	-67%	Shadehill	7,323	7,484	2%
Dude Ranch	230	214	-7%	Llewellyn Johns	481	565	17%
Elm Creek	45	56	24%	Rocky Point	6,685	6,815	2%
<b>DISTRICT 6</b>	<b>13,047</b>	<b>12,839</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>DISTRICT 15</b>	<b>14,489</b>	<b>14,864</b>	<b>3%</b>
Palisades	6,175	6,140	-1%	Custer	54,219	55,596	3%
Big Sioux	7,630	7,980	5%	<b>DISTRICT 16</b>	<b>54,219</b>	<b>55,596</b>	<b>3%</b>
Lake Vermillion	12,030	12,299	2%	Angostura	18,264	17,117	-6%
<b>DISTRICT 7</b>	<b>25,835</b>	<b>26,419</b>	<b>2%</b>	Sheps Canyon	1,978	2,121	7%
Newton Hills	11,603	11,123	-4%	<b>DISTRICT 17</b>	<b>20,242</b>	<b>19,238</b>	<b>-5%</b>
Good Earth	-	-		<b>TOTAL YTD</b>	<b>355,911</b>	<b>351,066</b>	<b>-1%</b>
Union Grove	1,433	1,496	4%	<b>TOTAL for Month</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>DISTRICT 8</b>	<b>13,036</b>	<b>12,619</b>	<b>-3%</b>				
Lewis & Clark	42,988	40,783	-5%				
Chief White Crane	13,875	12,300	-11%				
Clay County	1,031	1,972	91%				
Pierson Ranch	5,089	4,543	-11%				
Springfield	1,515	1,199	-21%				
Sand Creek	210	77	-63%				
Tabor	87	64	-26%				
<b>DISTRICT 9</b>	<b>64,795</b>	<b>60,938</b>	<b>-6%</b>				





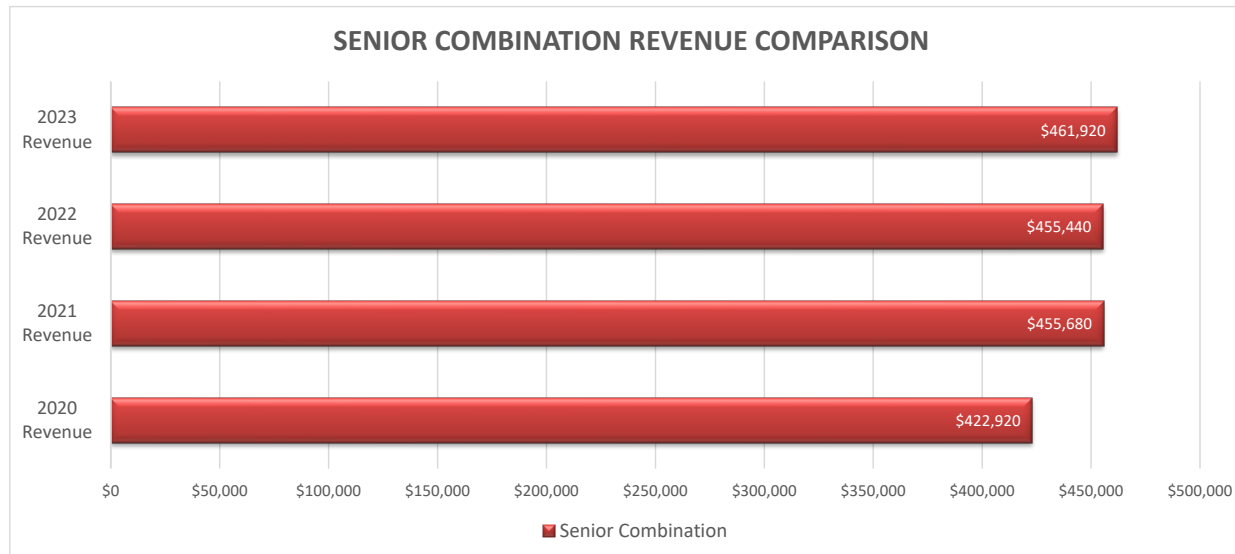
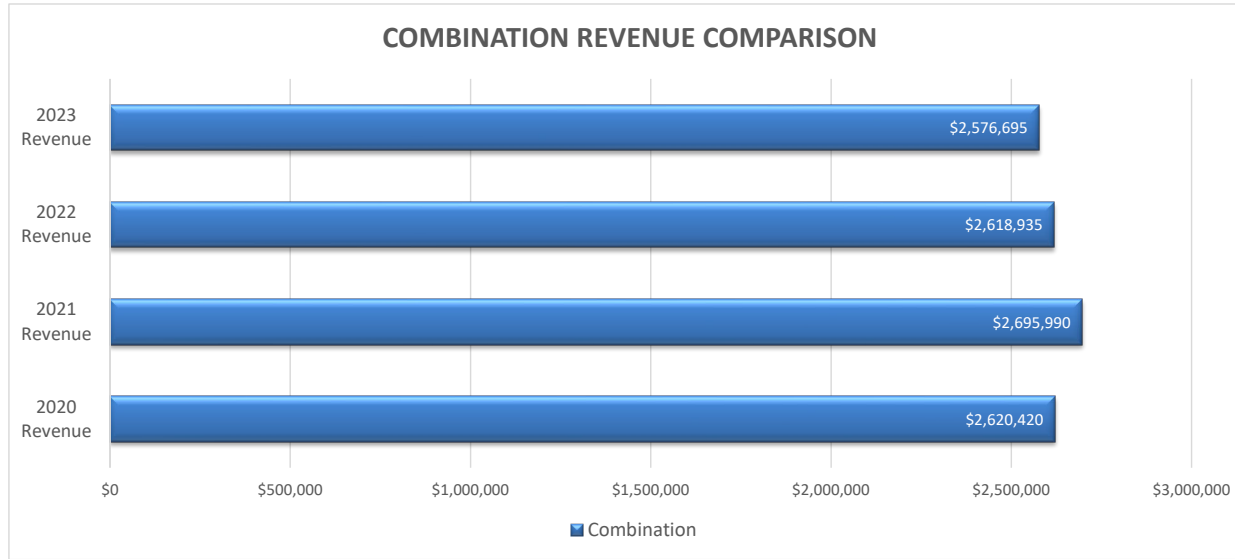
## Modern Lodging

Park Location	Modern Lodging Accommodation	2022 Occupancy Nights	2023 Current Occupancy Nights	Percentage Occupancy Change From 2022 to 2023
Shadehill Recreation Area	Group Lodge	170	153	-10%
Shep's Canyon Recreation Area	Group Lodge	93	88	-5%
Spring Creek Recreation Area	Suite 13A	31	50	61%
Spring Creek Recreation Area	Suite 13B	29	39	34%
Spring Creek Recreation Area	Suite 13C	21	35	67%
Spring Creek Recreation Area	Suite 13D	29	41	41%
Spring Creek Recreation Area	Modern Cabin 11 (new 2023)	-	77	-
Spring Creek Recreation Area	Modern Cabin 12 (new 2023)	-	71	-
Spring Creek Recreation Area	Modern Cabin 1 (Seasonal May-Oct)	67	64	-4%
Spring Creek Recreation Area	Modern Cabin 2 (Seasonal May-Oct)	67	61	-9%
Spring Creek Recreation Area	Modern Cabin 3 (Seasonal May-Oct)	48	62	29%
Spring Creek Recreation Area	Modern Cabin 4 (Seasonal May-Oct)	45	56	24%
Spring Creek Recreation Area	Modern Cabin 5 (Seasonal May-Oct)	43	63	47%
Spring Creek Recreation Area	Modern Cabin 6 (Seasonal May-Oct)	47	60	28%
*Spring Creek Recreation Area	Modern Cabin 7 (Seasonal May-Oct)	44	44	0%
**Spring Creek Recreation Area	Modern Cabin 8 (Seasonal May-Oct)	54	38	-30%
**Spring Creek Recreation Area	Modern Cabin 9 (Seasonal May-Oct)	54	35	-35%
Spring Creek Recreation Area	Modern Cabin 10 (Seasonal May-Oct)	74	82	11%
Oahe Downstream Recreation Area	Group Lodge (day use only)	78	98	26%
Oahe Downstream Recreation Area	Modern Cabin A	112	169	51%
Oahe Downstream Recreation Area	Modern Cabin B	117	130	11%
Oahe Downstream Recreation Area	Modern Cabin C (smaller unit)	88	138	57%
Oahe Downstream Recreation Area	Modern Cabin D (smaller unit)	125	148	18%
Roy Lake State Park	Modern Cabin 4	107	120	12%
Roy Lake State Park	Modern Cabin 5	118	110	-7%
Roy Lake State Park	Modern Cabin 6	123	111	-10%
Roy Lake State Park	Modern Cabin 7	98	104	6%
Roy Lake State Park	Modern Cabin 8	122	102	-16%
Roy Lake State Park	Modern Cabin 9	113	129	14%
Roy Lake State Park	Modern Cabin 10 Demo Fall 2023	89	74	-17%
Roy Lake State Park	Modern Cabin 11 Demo Fall 2023	79	66	-16%
Roy Lake State Park	Suite 12	111	108	-3%
Roy Lake State Park	Suite 13	115	121	5%
Roy Lake State Park	Suite 14	120	100	-17%
Roy Lake State Park	Suite 15	121	125	3%
Roy Lake State Park	Suite 16	113	136	20%
Roy Lake State Park	Suite 17 New to system 2023	-	73	-
Mina Lake Recreation Area	Modern Cabin	105	122	16%
Lake Thompson Recreation Area	Group Lodge	90	123	37%
Palisades State Park	Group Lodge	121	129	7%
Newton Hills State Park	Modern Cabin	158	111	-30%
Newton Hills State Park	Upper Group Lodge	116	115	-1%
Newton Hills State Park	Group Scout Lodge	36	79	119%
		3491	3960	13%
* closed in August 2023 (renovations)				
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COMBINATION LICENSES

December 15 - December 14

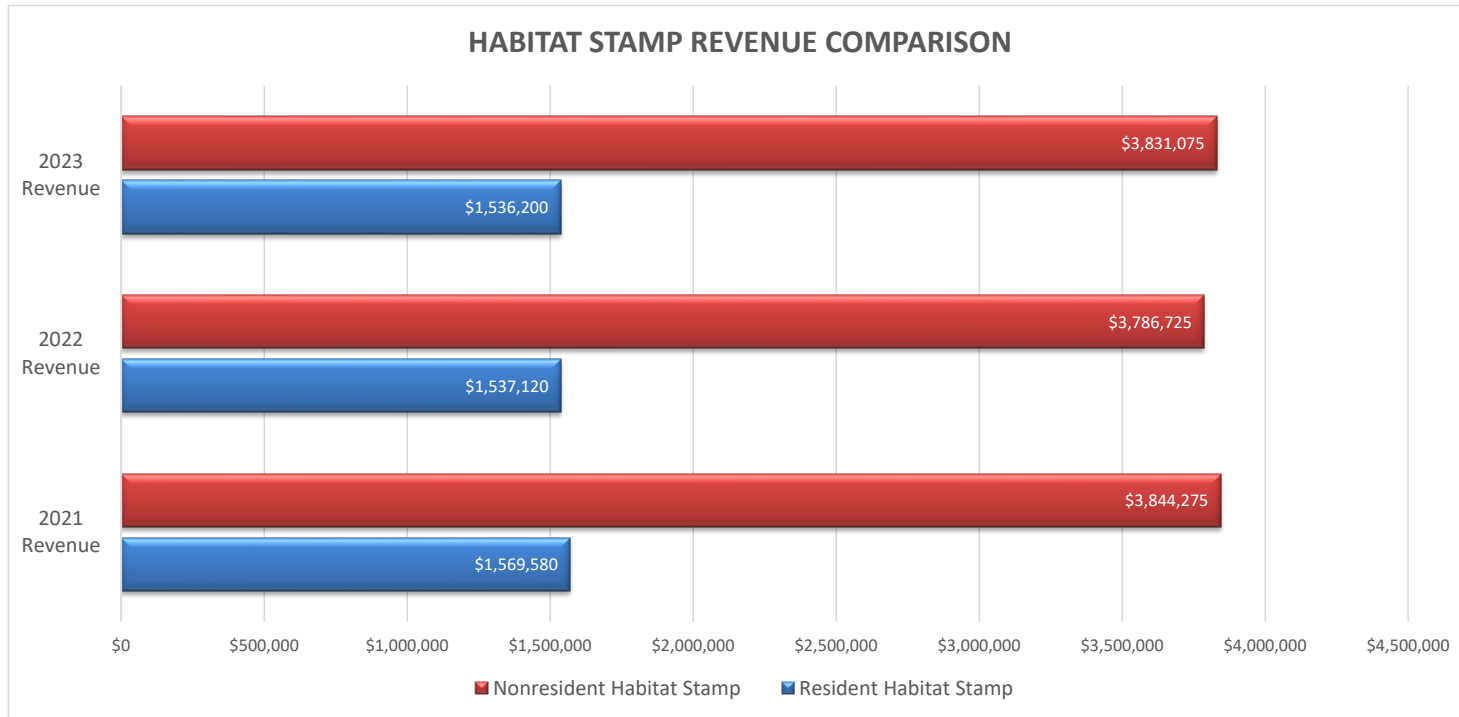
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	2020	2021	2022	3-yr Avg	2023	2023 Revenue	2022 vs 2023	3 Yr. Avg vs 2023	2022 vs 2023		3 Yr. Avg vs 2023
Combination	47,644	49,018	47,617	48,093	46,849	\$2,576,695	(768)	(1,244)	(\$42,240)	(\$68,420)	-3%
Senior Combination	10,573	11,392	11,386	11,117	11,548	\$461,920	162	431	\$6,480	\$17,240	4%
<b>Combination License Totals</b>	<b>58,217</b>	<b>60,410</b>	<b>59,003</b>	<b>59,210</b>	<b>58,397</b>	<b>\$3,038,615</b>	<b>(606)</b>	<b>(813)</b>	<b>(\$35,760)</b>	<b>(\$51,180)</b>	<b>-1.37%</b>



## HABITAT STAMP

December 15 - December 14

License Type	2020	2021	2022	3-yr Avg	2023	+/- Licenses			+/- Revenue		% Change from 3 Yr. Avg
						2023 Revenue	2022 vs 2023	3 Yr. Avg vs 2023	2022 vs 2023	3 Yr. Avg vs 2023	
Resident Habitat Stamp	58,914	156,958	153,712	n/a	153,620	\$1,536,200	(92)	n/a	(\$920)	n/a	n/a
Nonresident Habitat Stamp	81,857	153,771	151,469	n/a	153,243	\$3,831,075	1,774	n/a	\$44,350	n/a	n/a
<b>Habitat Stamp Totals</b>	<b>140,771</b>	<b>310,729</b>	<b>305,181</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>306,863</b>	<b>\$5,367,275</b>	<b>1,682</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>\$43,430</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>



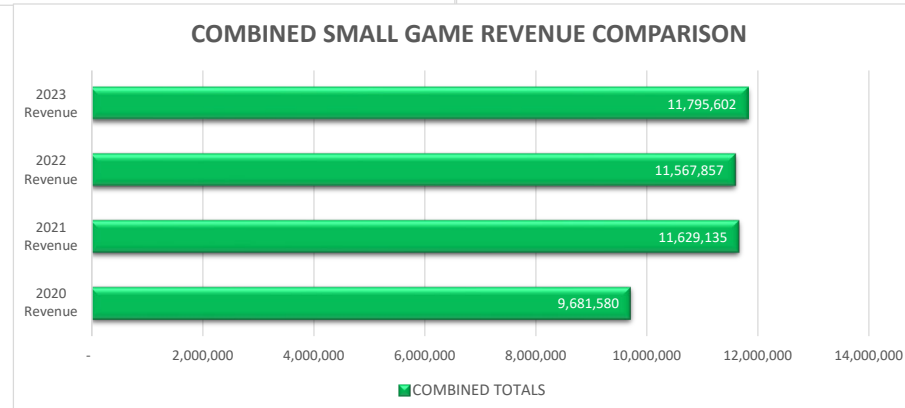
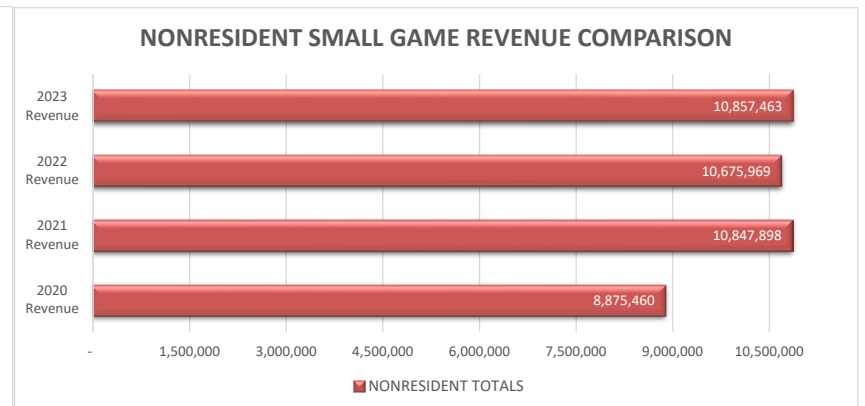
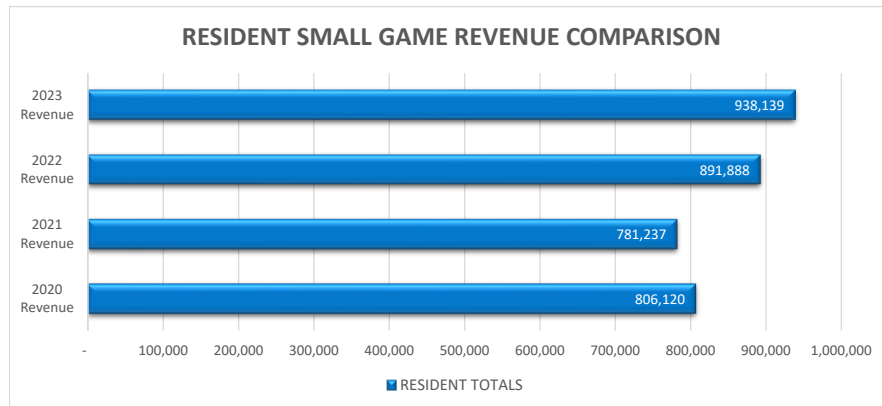
**SMALL GAME LICENSES**

December 15 - December 14

License Type	2020	2021	2022	3-yr Avg	2023	2023 Revenue	+/- Licenses		+/- Revenue		% Change
							2022 vs 2023	3 Yr Avg vs 2023	2022 vs 2023	3 Yr Avg vs 2023	from 3 Yr Avg
Small Game	15,887	14,765	18,511	16,388	20,155	\$665,115	1,644	3,767	\$54,252	\$124,322	23%
1-Day Small Game	1,392	1,371	935	1,233	917	\$11,004	(18)	(316)	(\$216)	(\$3,788)	-26%
Youth Small Game	3,926	4,795	6,004	4,908	6,058	\$30,290	54	1,150	\$270	\$13,796	23%
Furbearer	3,594	4,047	3,625	3,755	3,383	\$101,490	(242)	(372)	(\$7,260)	(\$11,170)	-10%
Predator/Varmint	1,690	1,386	2,040	1,705	1,906	\$9,530	(134)	201	(\$670)	\$1,003	12%
Migratory Bird Certificate: 3-Duck	n/a	532	1,419	n/a	1,791	\$8,955	372	n/a	\$1,860	n/a	n/a
Migratory Bird Certificate: Traditional	25,849	24,513	22,748	24,370	22,351	\$111,755	(397)	(2,019)	(\$1,985)	(\$10,095)	-8%
<b>RESIDENT TOTALS</b>	<b>52,338</b>	<b>51,409</b>	<b>55,282</b>	<b>52,359</b>	<b>56,561</b>	<b>\$938,139</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>4,202</b>	<b>\$46,251</b>	<b>\$114,068</b>	<b>8.02%</b>
Small Game	64,662	78,012	76,517	73,064	78,269	\$9,470,549	1,752	5,205	\$211,992	\$629,845	7%
Youth Small Game	1,909	3,247	3,226	2,794	3,303	\$33,030	77	509	\$770	\$5,090	18%
Shooting Preserve 1-Day Nonresident	1,044	1,347	1,231	1,207	1,161	\$53,406	(70)	(46)	(\$3,220)	(\$2,131)	-4%
Shooting Preserve 5-Day Nonresident	10,046	13,967	14,409	12,807	13,852	\$1,052,752	(557)	1,045	(\$42,332)	\$79,395	8%
Shooting Preserve Annual Nonresident	293	382	362	346	301	\$36,421	(61)	(45)	(\$7,381)	(\$5,405)	-13%
Furbearer	13	12	4	10	3	\$825	(1)	(7)	(\$275)	(\$1,833)	-69%
Predator/Varmint	4,272	4,405	4,194	4,290	4,286	\$171,440	92	(4)	\$3,680	(\$173)	0%
Migratory Bird Certificate: 3-Duck	n/a	315	375	n/a	561	\$2,805	186	n/a	\$930	n/a	n/a
Migratory Bird Certificate: Traditional	2,168	5,045	3,781	3,665	7,247	\$36,235	3,466	3,582	\$17,330	\$17,912	98%
<b>NONRESIDENT TOTALS</b>	<b>84,407</b>	<b>106,732</b>	<b>104,099</b>	<b>98,183</b>	<b>108,983</b>	<b>\$10,857,463</b>	<b>4,884</b>	<b>10,800</b>	<b>\$181,494</b>	<b>\$722,699</b>	<b>11.00%</b>
<b>COMBINED TOTALS</b>	<b>136,745</b>	<b>158,141</b>	<b>159,381</b>	<b>151,422</b>	<b>165,544</b>	<b>\$11,795,602</b>	<b>6,163</b>	<b>14,122</b>	<b>\$227,745</b>	<b>\$836,767</b>	<b>9.33%</b>

\*The license year for Migratory Bird Certificates changed in 2021 so license sales are not comparable between years.

\*Migratory Bird Certificates changed from 1 option to 2 in 2022

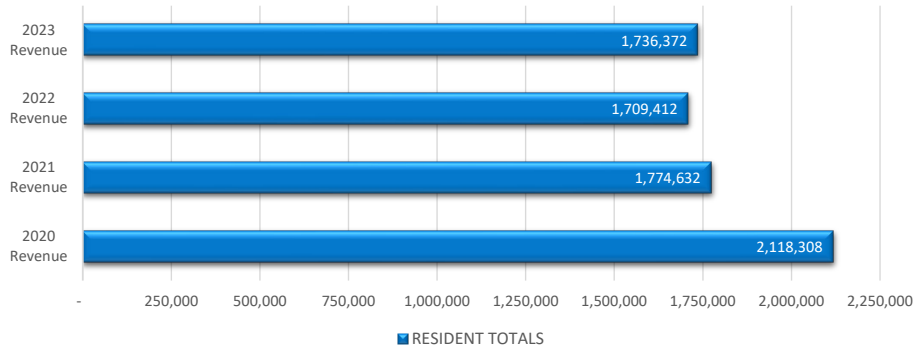


**FISHING LICENSES**

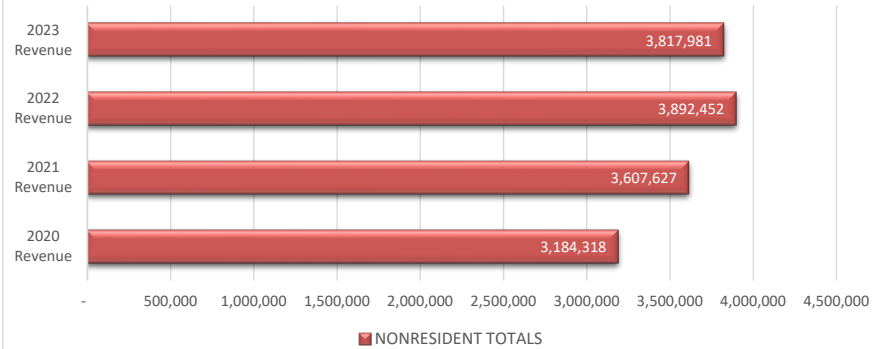
December 15 - December 14

License Type	2020	2021	2022	3-yr Avg	2023	2023 Revenue	+/- Licenses		+/- Revenue		% Change from 3 Yr Avg
							2022 vs 2023	3 Yr Avg vs 2023	2022 vs 2023	3 Yr Avg vs 2023	
1-Day Fishing	7,237	6,654	6,614	6,835	7,082	\$56,656	468	247	\$3,744	\$1,976	4%
Annual Fishing	67,347	55,518	53,345	58,737	54,016	\$1,512,448	671	(4,721)	\$18,788	(\$132,179)	-8%
Senior Fishing	14,558	13,908	13,570	14,012	13,939	\$167,268	369	(73)	\$4,428	(\$876)	-1%
<b>RESIDENT TOTALS</b>	<b>89,142</b>	<b>76,080</b>	<b>73,529</b>	<b>79,584</b>	<b>75,037</b>	<b>\$1,736,372</b>	<b>1,508</b>	<b>(4,547)</b>	<b>\$26,960</b>	<b>(\$131,079)</b>	<b>-5.71%</b>
1-Day Fishing	33,740	43,946	37,984	38,557	37,050	\$592,800	(934)	(1,507)	(\$14,944)	(\$24,107)	-4%
3-Day Fishing	21,628	19,882	18,980	20,163	18,751	\$693,787	(229)	(1,412)	(\$8,473)	(\$52,256)	-7%
Annual Fishing	27,526	32,371	38,544	32,814	37,782	\$2,531,394	(762)	4,968	(\$51,054)	\$332,878	15%
<b>NONRESIDENT TOTALS</b>	<b>82,894</b>	<b>96,199</b>	<b>95,508</b>	<b>91,534</b>	<b>93,583</b>	<b>\$3,817,981</b>	<b>(1,925)</b>	<b>2,049</b>	<b>(\$74,471)</b>	<b>\$256,515</b>	<b>2.24%</b>
<b>COMBINED TOTALS</b>	<b>172,036</b>	<b>172,279</b>	<b>169,037</b>	<b>171,117</b>	<b>168,620</b>	<b>\$5,554,353</b>	<b>(417)</b>	<b>(2,497)</b>	<b>(\$47,511)</b>	<b>\$125,437</b>	<b>-1.46%</b>

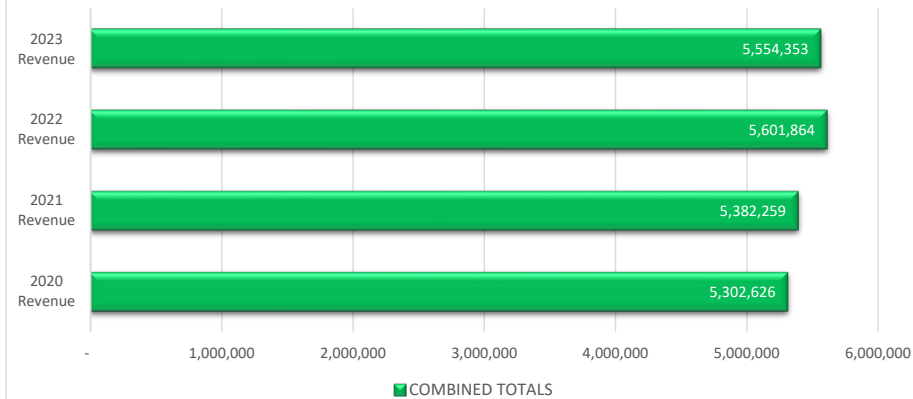
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**NONRESIDENT FISHING REVENUE COMPARISON**



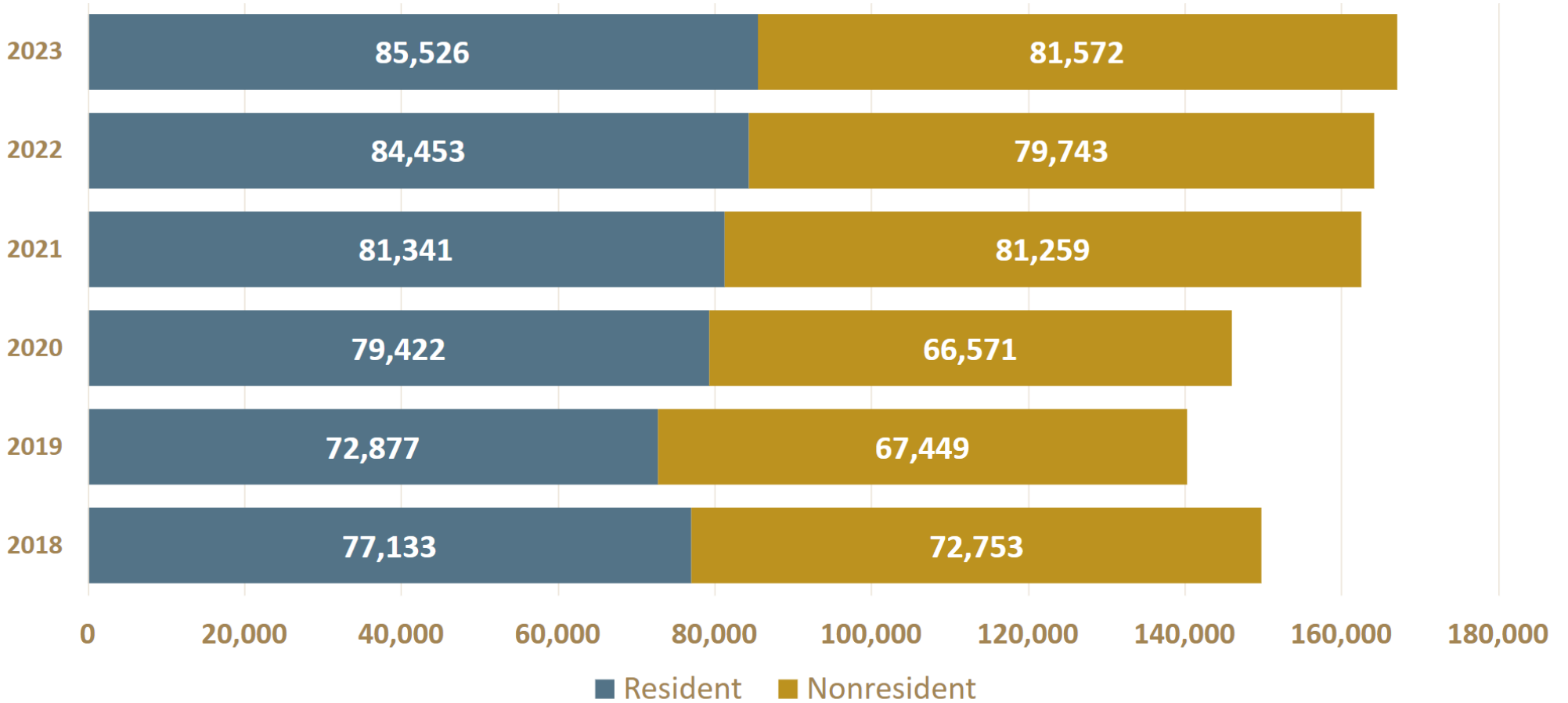
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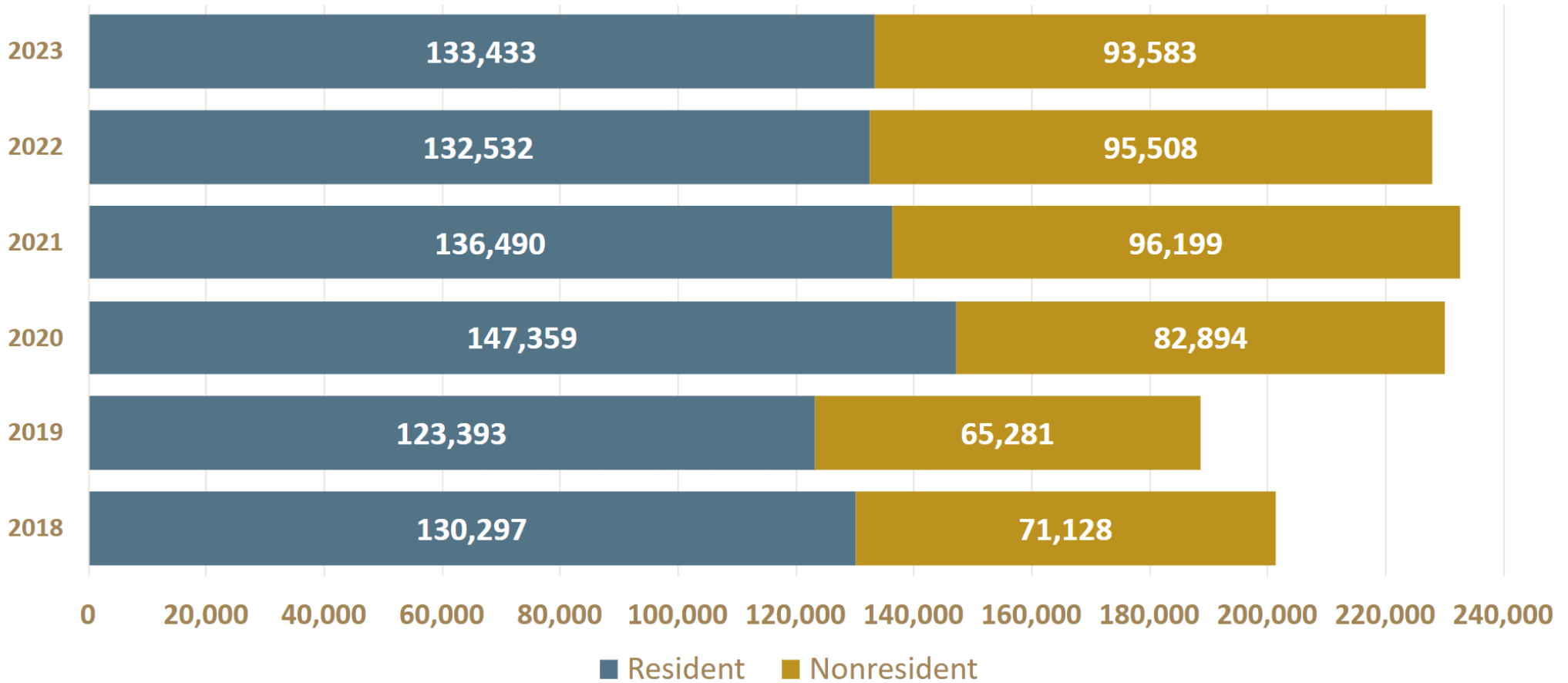


# LICENSES SOLD TO HUNT SMALL GAME





# LICENSES SOLD TO FISH



# Public Comments

## Other

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**Joseph Carda**

**Tyndall SD**

**Position:** other

**Comment:**

I believe it is time to change the rules regarding having a scope on a muzzleloader. The one power scope is outdated and should be changed. If anything 3-9 power should be allowed for those of us that have poor sight.

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**Mark Papka**

**Sioux Falls SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

This is in regards to the Bureau of Reclamation requiring the permit fees for the cabin/trailer permits at Shadehill Recreation area be increased by 17% from 2023 to 2024. I believe an increase of that magnitude is unwarranted. Citing the Bureau of Reclamations own literature stating that since the early to mid 1980's construction projects have decreased and have flattened over the last few periods. The Mortenson national nonresidential construction cost increased this quarter by +1.28% , slowing to +2.94% over the previous 12 months yet the (BOR) wants an increase of 17 %. This is especially excessive since the South Cabin area of the Shadehill Recreation area is very primitive with little to no improvements for years. I believe it is unrealistic and unfair to lump all cabin/trailer permit fees the same when some areas are remote and primitive with no services.

Sincerely, Mark Papka

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**Loren Luckow**

**Hettinger ND**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

I have been a cabin owner at the West Cabin Site at Shadehill Reservoir for 42 years. The first 35 years the annual lease provided reasonable access to the lake. Then the lease went from \$440 per year to \$2100 per year, a 377% increase. Only a government agency can get away with that. Now you are proposing another increase in the annual lease. Where will it end. Recreation at Shadehill has become a game for the rich. I have enjoyed every moment that I spent at my cabin over the years but as a retiree on SS the expense has become too much. The landowner to the west of my cabin site has sold 1/2 acre lots for \$30,000 and 1 acre lots for \$55,000. Those new owners have free access to the improved dock area at the Crappie Hole which was funded in part by our increase in the annual lease. Here's hoping we can get back to affordable recreation for the average working man.

**Thomas Ecker**

**Lead SD**

**Position:** other

**Comment:**

I am submitting comment regarding the GFP's proposal to raise the current cabin lot lease at Angostura Recreation Area by 17%. I realize that the rate hike is not actually up for debate. If the BOR requires it take place, it will take place. However, I would like GFP to give serious consideration to adjusting the annual lease rates according to location of the cabin lot. I fail to understand why a cabin owner within steps of the water lakefront pays the same annual lease fee amount as a cabin owner four rows back and hundreds of yards from the water. Though we're all told that the property is all public access, it's actually very awkward to cross through the yards of three neighbors in order to reach the lake, use your boat, and access the bike and hiking trail. Lake front cabins have been selling for jaw-dropping prices over the past few years. It's become obvious that new owners did not buy the cabins for the beauty of the cabin itself. Those cabins are being torn down and replaced with beautiful new homes in addition to large double garages. I appreciate the opportunity to provide my comment. My wife and I have owned our cabin for the past 32 years. We've seen lots of changes, some good, some not so good. We miss the more positive relationship(s) we have had in the past with local park management. We hope that can improve. Thanks again!

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**Matthew Hill**

**Dante SD**

**Position:** other

**Comment:**

I realize this suggestion is not tied to any current proposal/finalization and I may be submitting this proposal in the wrong spot on the website. I would like the commission to strongly consider a year round statewide coyote bounty related to earning deer preference points. My initial thoughts would be if an individual turned in 20 coyote tails no matter the period of time that they would be granted a year preference point to use towards certain deer units. With low fur prices we have less and less people trapping and hunting our predators and I think this would be a very good way to gain ground on controlling our predators, specifically coyotes, which in turn will help the deer and our pheasant populations. If people choose to circumvent going out and harvesting a coyote themselves and buy tails it will only result in increasing fur prices, which will also give more reason for the folks that have been trying to make some extra money through trapping more reason to get out there. Thank you

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**Bill Plattner**

**Biwabik MN**

**Position:** other

**Comment:**

Being harassed by farmers when hunting on shoulders of roads and minimum maintenance roads. Probably won't go back to South Dakota

**Joseph Carda**

**Tyndall SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

Need to change the rules for muzzle loading when it comes to scopes. Should be allowed to use a scope. Helps with those who are older.

## DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH, AND PARKS NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

This meeting will be held in person, via zoom/conference call, and Livestream. Listen to the meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m. CST via Livestream at <https://www.sd.net/remotel1/> or join via zoom by clicking on the link below. Depending on your application, you may be required to enter the meeting ID and password. Remember to **enter your display name and mute your microphone**. To help keep background noise and distractions to a minimum, make sure you **mute your microphone and turn off your video** when you are not speaking.

**Thursday, January 11, 2024 starting at 1 pm CST and Friday, January 12, 2024 starting at 8 am CST,**  
Zoom Meeting Link <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/92827772568?pwd=cHByUFQNi8rRXJ0dGIEazNRbjBqZz09>  
or join via conference call      Dial 1 253 205 0468      Meeting ID: 928 2777 2568      Passcode: 421262

**Public Input:** To provide comments, join the meeting in person, via zoom, or via conference call per the info above. To conduct the public hearing and/or open forum as efficiently as possible, we ask those wishing to testify to **register by 1:00 pm CST the day of the meeting by email to [Liz.Kierl@state.sd.us](mailto:Liz.Kierl@state.sd.us)**. Testifiers should provide **their full names, whom they represent, their city of residence, and which proposed topic they will address**.

**Written comments** can be submitted at <https://gfp.sd.gov/forms/positions/>. To be included in the public record, comments must include the complete name and city of residence and meet the **submission deadline of seventy-two hours before the meeting (not including the day of the meeting)**.

Dated this 4th day of January 2024.

*s/ Stephanie Rissler*

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Stephanie Rissler, GFP Commission Chair