

TJ Hauck, Ramona, SD
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Comment: The deal is one sided. Quit worrying about lakes farmers don't want us on. Take care and use the sportsman's money to make the what is deemed to be the public's lakes better. Make them strong fisheries. Improve access. Put in more Ramps.

Alex Dagen Mitchell SD
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Comment: oppose

Ryan Wendling Beresford SD Wendl26t@yahoo
Comment: Stupid compromise. Totally disagree. But sportsman's voices haven't been heard the last few years so go ahead and screw this one up as well.

Mackenzie Heinemann Dell Rapids SD
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Comment: If this is passed, then every landowner will want to do this. This will create a pay-to-play fishing environment in this state and takes rights away from non-land owning sportsmen and women. Why should the GFP pay this guy \$8,000 for six months of open access? The lake is stocked by the GFP and if the landowner won't comply with state law then he should not reap the benefits of stocking the lake.

James Vis Sioux Falls SD
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Comment: I am disappointed in how GFP has handled the whole situation.

Jeff Sebesta, Sioux Falls, SD
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Comment: Dear Board members, I feel paying a landowner for access to this lake is a bad idea. Did he stock the lake? Who did and who paid for the rearing of the fish and wages of those who stocked it? If this is now a private body of water should it be called a lake?

Jordan Schreur Sioux Falls SD
Comment: It is great that there is a chance of getting Reetz lake back open for at least open water fishing but the start date of May 1 should be April 15 being that most years our ice is off in the beginning of April. Also we should keep the bass regulations at 14" and 1 over 18"

Steven Mahlstedt Brookings SD Mahlstedt88@gmail.com
Comment: I feel that adopting the landowner dictated restrictions sets a horrible precedent by allowing a landowner to dictate lake management, rather than a qualified GFP team of biologists specifically trained in this field. Also, the lake should either be open or closed to the public year round. Ice season by permission only opens it to pay to play. I would rather the lake remain closed than to see this precedent set. Thank you.

Patrick Carney Sioux Falls SD
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Comment:I do not like the idea of using license fees to pay for limited use of Reetz lake. I would rather see those funds utilized on public waters to improve infrastructure and fish populations.

Dan Graf Whitewood SD
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Comment:Leave Reetz Lake closed to public fishing. Policing the lake and the harvest restrictions would be too difficult for wardens and the land owner. Ask land owner if research could be done to study the lake and compare what fish populations do when there is no public fishing. Maybe the land owner could open lake up for one or two fishing tournaments a year. Money received from the event could be given to charity and/or Game Fish and Parks. Many fishermen would be excited to fish once or twice a year on a lake that is closed to public fishing! Fishermen would have a gem that is protected except for the one or two times a year. Everyone could win.

Jeff Hanisch Montrose SD

Comment:Invest our money into bodies of water that are public.

Ryan Carlson Brandon SD
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Comment:I oppose any deal on Reetz Lake that does not allow year round access, and ZERO cost to the GFP and the State of South Dakota.

Quintin Biermann Rapid City SD
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Comment:I feel that sportsman's dollars would be better served improving docks and accesses as well as lakeside use facilities.

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Comment:

1. Too much money for only 6 month Lease.
2. The Lake is NOT "Open" during Ice Fishing.
3. Landowner is "Double Dipping" !! Charging SDGF&P a summer fee for Trophy Fishing 6 months and Then Leasing Lake (uncontrolled) to "Whom Ever" for The Remainder of the Yeat
For

Mark Widman Tea SD
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Comment:Please do not support this proposal. It sets a bad precedent for managing our wildlife resources. All wildlife and all water is held in the public trust and should not be managed by property owners.

Use our Sportsman's dollars to net all the fish out of closed waters and move to water that is open to the public.

Chad Ringgenberg Aberdeen SD 1973novass@gmail.com

Comment:I've fished Reetz Lake with my family for years with my two teenage boys and my wife. Rarely have I kept fish from the fishery. I was glad to see it is proposed to reopen, until I saw the details. Where is the logic behind this proposal? Are the Biologists

standing behind this? It makes no sense to basically make this body of water a catch and release pond, except for the land owners. SD sportsman are to pay how much a year for access and maintain the lake? I'm sorry, but if I had a vote, I would reject this and keep the lake closed. We can't start a precedent like this on our other waters.

Derek Simon Aberdeen SD
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Comment: The current proposal for Reetz Lake isn't one I support. The slot limits are not based on facts or put in place to create a healthy sporting lake and are arbitrary at best. In my opinion the proposal will waste fish resources and cause the majority of fish to die off before ever reaching the proposed size limits. If tax dollars are going toward the lake the GFP should be allowed to manage the lake and that includes setting limits and size restrictions.

Having the lake closed for part of the year is also unacceptable. If I had to choose between the current proposal and leaving it closed. I'd choose the later.

Dylan Cavanaugh, Aberdeen, SD
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Having the lake closed for part of the year is also unacceptable; it removes the resource from a good number of fishermen who only ice fish. Again if tax money is going toward it the access should be dictated by the GFP and based in facts, not fluff. If I had to choose between the current proposal and leaving it closed. I'd pick the leaving it closed.

Bryan Phillips Aberdeen SD bphillips@nvc.net

Comment: I am generally opposed to this proposal as I do not feel that there is enough information about the deal publicly and it would seem to set a very bizarre precedent. Are the proposed daily limits based on studies, biology, etc. in ANY WAY.? Who will manage the fishery if the proposal is passed?

Our legislatures have made water access an even more difficult issue for all and recent legislation has in no way tackled the very complex issue. While I understand the need to honor landowner rights and wishes; there should be a general public interest that takes priority over personal demands.

This proposal does not seem to be a good deal for anyone going forward.

Jenifer Ringgenberg Aberdeen SD sodaksun@gmail.com

Comment: I do not agree with the Reetz Lake proposal. The lake should be reopened with the same rules and regulations to EVERYONE that is fishing this lake. Our tax dollars are paying for dock/access maintenance and stocking fish. I do not understand the reasoning behind a decision to allow the lake to be closed to the general public for half the year, then allow the landowners and their buddies/customers to take limits way exceeding the average sportsman fishing the same lake during months it is open to the public. It should be ALL or NOTHING. Either we ALL get the same rules and season for fishing, or NO ONE, including the landowners, get to fish our state- stocked and maintained lake.

Jon Kludt, Mitchell, SD

Comment: I like the idea of sharing the resource. I was not going to ice fish it anyway. I like the size limits. The access lease price is what it is even though it skyrocketed.

People including myself will say this is a lopsided deal that the public gets a lemon and will always get lemons.

I guess I've made lemonade at that the lake because it provides for a good fishing trip if you like catching good fish.

I'm in favor of experimental regs. (Not every lake has to be managed the same just because its simpler to do so.) Please consider a one over 17 inches for black bass at Reetz or wherever/whenever appropriate and won't offend to many.

Trappor Masson Spearfish SD Trappor26@yahoo.com

Comment: I support imposing stricter limits on harvesting fish. There should be much tighter limits on walley and other fish on the Missouri river. Fishermen are coming from out of state to harvest fish because their home states have tight limits or catch and release, and several instate firshermen and guides are out every day harvesting limits of fish.

Al Engstrom Watertown SD alengstrom@iw.net

Comment: oppose

Brian Slack Sioux Falls SD

Comment: oppose

Tom Wight

Watertown SD

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Comment: While this may seem like a compromise to some, it's opening the door for more problems. If the limit is one fish of a certain size during the allowed period it should also be when the lake is closed. When the lake is closed what is keepin

Derek Wyszynski Colman SD

Comment: I ask you to please reject the proposal for the Reetz Lake access. While I can understand the payment portion of the proposal, I am strongly against allowing a more liberal harvest regulation while the lake has restricted access. In the end this is a privatization of a public resource for half of the year.

Tim Amy Watertown SD

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Comment: It's great trying to open this body of water again but having two different seasons is a NO go for me. The Reetz's owe the ground underneath the water but don't owe the water or the fish. Vote NO on this one.

Jeremy Yost Bowdle SD

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Comment: I think this agreement would set a bad example for public access. I would rather see the money go to fighting for open access or purchasing another property in the area.

Dave Martz Watertown SD

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Comment: Paying them off will open "can of worms" for other landowners to set prices for their access. At what price will it stop?

Dale Olson
Harrisburg SD
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Comment: If the state intends to make public water private they should remove the fish and relocate them to a lake the public can fish all year long at the current limits.

Justin Murphy Crooks SD
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Comment: oppose

Jared Mouw Sioux Falls SD
Comment: oppose.

Anthony Martinec Sioux Falls SD ajm3416@live.com
Comment: oppose.

Jeremiah Schultz Elk Point SD
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Comment: If the private owner does not have the same regulations as the public this is a bad idea all the way around.....please do not let this pass as it will start a domino effect that the GFP cannot control. Make the rules the same all year round for both parties is the only fair way to do this.

Donald Noethlich
Aberdeen SD
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Comment: I think money could be better spent on other lakes we should go in and rip up the boat landing and remove all gravel from parking lot and put them to use at a state lake which is in need such as Reid lake which I have seen no progress on in a long time and GFP officer that I have talked to have been very rude to me on this subject as well.

Chris Duklet Watertown SD
Comment: I love fishing on Reetz Lake. The work and effort put in by the GF&P to make it truly a trophy lake has been exceptional. Needless to say I was very disappointed when it was closed last year. A situation that could have been avoided with some decency on the part of fishermen and some understanding by government that a landowner can't make money on flooded land. At least someone could have proposed taking the flooded land out of the tax rolls or paying its taxes through increased license fees for residents and non-residents alike.
But I absolutely, can't in any way, support such a proposal that would give a private landowner exclusive rights to a trophy fishery that has been developed with tax payer dollars to be used by that landowner for their own use, the use of selected friends or for the commercial use of this public resource by individuals who pay for the privilege. And to top it off, the landowner and their select guests, don't have to play by the same rules as the people who's taxes paid for such a terrific natural lake that was long term developed for all of us.

I get it from the landowner's perspective too. I've seen our family farm get sold when times got tough in the '80s. I get that the land is your livelihood. But I'm also very concerned when we legalize that private citizens have all the rights to water in a specific area. Long term what legal precedent are we setting?

So to the members of the GFP Commission, all state elected officials, landowners, employees of the GFP and my fellow sportsmen and women I urge you to decline this proposal for the following reasons:

1. Water and it's corresponding fisheries are a PUBLIC ASSET and RESOURCE. Keep it that way. Let all future generations enjoy it together equally as it was intended.
2. Land is needed for people to make an income, not solely as a base to levy taxes. No usable land should mean no taxes. Find a way to help the landowner, not burden them with taxes from lands that can't be used. Take the money out of this.

Thank you.

Mike Reilly Huron SD
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Comment: This will set a standard. Non-meandered water is held in trust for the public. If the public can not use the water, then the land owner should not benefit. He owns the land, NOT the water.

Dale Lang, Watertown, SD
Comment: OPEN TO ALL OR NONE ALL YEAR

James Thompson Madison SD thompsji.69@gmail.com
Comment: After reading this deal I feel that it is slanted way to much in the landowners favor and the state needs to walk away from this lake. My opinion is that these are greedy landowners that want the lake stocked at license holder expense and then want to charge the same license holder again to fish it. Take the fish out and put them in other public lakes and let the landowners deal with restocking at there own expense.

Nate Anderson Webster SD
Comment: Worst deal ever. I'm opposed 100% of any deal to pay a landowner for access to public waters. Also to restrict the public 6 months out of the year and let the landowner have a free of all the other 6 months. Haha. Who with GFP even thinks of these deals? Put the time and money into one of the other 100 lakes in NE SD and let the landowners of Day Co. sleep in the beds they made.

Terry Doren Mccool Lake SD
Terry.doren@gmail.com
Comment: oppose

Kyle Roth Hartford SD
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Comment: The entire lake should be closed to ALL recreation, public or paid, and any future management instead of paying these greedy landowners.

Jim Forrette Milbank, SD
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Comment: You are setting a dangerous precedent if you pay for this opening. I am strongly opposed to this whole process. Let Mr. Reetz charge ignorant /well to do/privileged people to fish on his "private lake" do not use my license fees for this unworthy spectacle.

Tyler Gill Great Falls MT
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Comment: That's bull crap if he wants to make it fully private net all the fish out that south Dakota tax payers payed for (which was me until 3 years ago) drain it and the the people who own the property turn it into a great fishery

Erick Larson Aberdeen SD Ezinstaller@gmail.com
Comment: oppose

Jason Devitt Sioux Falls SD
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Comment: You need to stop letting people take all these 22-27 inch walleyes and filleting them. Are you kidding? That is the future of all lakes. You have all these lakes so messed up. Why take out the good spawners. You get paid to manage so manage!

Brent Garvey Goodwin SD

Comment: Please do not start using sportsmen's dollars to negotiate restricted access. Please redirect these funds to areas where all sportsmen can benefit.

Andrew Davies, Sioux Falls, SD
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Comment: Terrible deal. This should remain open to public year round if a payment is going to be made. Additionally, the catch limits should be revisited.

Chad Boike Clara City MN
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Comment: oppose

Bryan Olson Clark SD
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Comment: If the restrictions were the same for everybody, year round then it would maybe make sense. I would rather see the money go towards upkeep at other public accesses.

Patrick Lauseng Watertown SD patlauseng@hotmail.com
Comment: oppose

Jon Serck Alcester SD jon@vistrctsd.com

Comment: I think the money could be better spent on other lakes in South Dakota. I feel if we set this as an example then other land owners will take advantage of us. If we set this example we could spend millions on stocking, upkeep, and boat ramp updates for land owners to use the lake for pay to play purposes.

Jeff Kral
Sleepy Eye MN
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Comment: sounds like a slippery slope

Roger Mckee Tea SD trkyh8@aol.com

Comment:This is not an equal comprmise. Only the landowner wins

Brad Mork Tea SD

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Comment:Regulations need to be the same year around.

Paul Saylor Milbank SD

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Comment:This is how comprise can work. Our best "closed waters" need to be opened. Great work...obviously a reasonable land owner. Thanks

Chris Thomas Watertown SD

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Comment:This is NOT a good deal for the sportsman. Sounds to me like the landowner is setting himself up for a private fishery funded by the rest of our money and we get little return! This is becoming ridiculous. I see both sides of the issue but something needs to be done or kiss the revenue from fishing goodbye and can guarantee it's not just the out of state fisherman we will lose. Myself as well of thousands of other South Dakotans will also choose not to buy a license if this continues as well. Thank you and hopefully soon this issue can be resolved.

Loren Kwasniewski

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Comment:Do the right thing , just say No

Robert Garner Vermillion SD rags57078@yahoo.com

Comment:This is not fair for the sportsmen/women . The limits should be the same year around , what is good for one is good for all .

Todd Rose Watertown SD

Rosebme5@yahoo.com

Comment:Please don't support this access agreement. Please spend the money to fix access to another public lakes. Goose Lake by Watertown didn't have a dock in last week and needs some work to raise the ramp. This is too much money for this little access. The limits are fine, but they should be in affect year round! Who controls the limits of public water and fish?

Renee Allen Pierre SD

Comment:Keep Reetz Lake closed. Landowners wanted the lakes closed now they have it. The public has plenty of other water to fish and hunt without begging certain landowners for access to public waters. No way do I want a penny of my license dollars going to a landowner to fish his lake. Spend the money with other landowners that are much more willing to work with the GFP or use the money to improve other accesses across NE SD. Any lake can be turned into a trophy lake

Todd Rose Watertown SD

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Nathan Nelson
Lake Norden SD Infdfire@gmail.com

Comment: I support the proposal to reopen reetz to the public. We fished reetz multiple times a week all summer long when it was open. Reetz is one of the funniest lakes to fish in South Dakota. Reetz has never been a lake that you go to for catching fish to take home and eat. It is good to have catch and release lakes in South Dakota cause it keeps the fishing pressure low and makes for a great time for the guys that like to catch and release. I did do some ice fishing up there but I don't consider it a lose for it to be closed for the winter. This proposal is a lot better then what we have right now!

Zachery Hunke Watertown SD
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Comment: I do not support making agreements that allow for separate sets of rules for certain individuals. It is important that our game commission does not spend sportsman's dollars in this fashion.

Kerry Mertz Arlington SD

Comment: Oppose any funding from the state to the landowner under the proposal.

Mike Eliason Aberdeen SD
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Comment: I am avid angler which had previously fished Reetz lake prior to it being removed from public use. I support the efforts of the GFP staff for their work in trying to reopen the lake for public use. I also would like to thank the Reetz family for allowing this recent proposal. I do support the fish regulations that are proposed as a "Trophy Fishery". There are plenty of lakes in the area where anglers can keep fish, so it is nice to have one that is essentially a catch & release fishery. I realize that only having the lake open to the public for a select period of time will cause some to be opposed to the proposal. Hopefully this proposal will pass and provide a good start to possibly opening the lake year round in the future.

Jason Jacobs
St. Cloud MN

Comment: Do not pay the land owners for access to Reetz lake. Stop stocking the lake immediately. Let all the fish die of old age. Land owners should never control public waters. I buy a South Dakota fishing license every year

Jeremy Cadotte Mitchell SD
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Comment: Please do not finalize this agreement with reetz lake. I've lived in South Dakota my whole life and there are so many other beautiful public lakes we can put effort into maintenance, stocking, and public Access for many recreational purposes. I have never fished reetz lake, I'm sure it's a great place, but the regulations go against state laws and

that's wrong, and not to mention only turning it into a guides Haven in the winter time. Citizens should not have to pay for access or be treated differently than an out of stater with bigger pockets, or even a resident with big pockets. There's many other ways to use this money. That lake is completely private, leave the cost to keep it up in the land owners hands. I don't feel many people with benefit from this agreement and will be very disappointed to see it finalized. ??

Gary Ledbetter Yankton SD Garenole@gmail.com
Comment:Pathetic Agreement

Jared Pearson Summerset SD Docjcpearson@gmail.com
Comment:I oppose this proposal as I feel it sets a precedent for future manipulation of public resources to benefit private entities. While these individual do own the access routes and property surface rights, it is the states waters and states resources including all fish and wildlife that use those waters.

I oppose this because of the variance in daily limits. If it is a private lake than state limits should be used year round. If it were a private lake with year round access than I would be OK with restrictions that are consistent. I oppose this because my license dollars have been allocated to pay for stocking this lake, boat landings, and state employee wages to oversee this lake.

I oppose this as the amount of funds being used for limited access and restrictions could be better used to ensure quality opportunities on WIAs or state owned lakes.

Lastly I oppose this because all access to or across any private lands should be consistent across the board and not negotiated on a personal situation basis to prevent corruption of deals to those with special contacts. This is a bad deal for the state now and for all future situations.

Jeff Ringgenberg
Watertown SD
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Comment:I don't believe there should be two sets of regulations for the different periods. I feel it should be the same, whichever the landowner decides. You are setting a bad precedent with this proposal.

Brett Andrews Aberdeen SD

Comment:My overall stance is I support the proposed changes to limits on Reetz Lake. SDGFP has invested too much time and money into this lake to lose it. It has a decent boat ramp and they have stocked fish in it. It is hard to drive by the boat ramp and see it abandoned. But it is hard to blame Mr. Reetz, if I owned the lake I can see where he is coming from.

I personally love the fact it is a "Trophy Lake." And that the new regulations would extend beyond walleyes. It is nice to have a lake that you can go to and just fish to catch nice fish. I don't fish to keep fish and I am a big believer in catch and release fishing. When Reetz was open I would fish that lake 75% of the time I would go to the glacial lakes to fish.

I wish the lake would be open during ice fishing season but like I said I don't own the lake and we should take what we can get from Mr. Reetz. I believe he wants the lake to be open he just doesn't want the quality of the fishery to be ruined by people keep fish. That is why he is imposing the "trophy" length limits and quantities.

All in all; I would rather fish Reetz for a few months out of the year, than not be able to fish it at all.

Matthew Johnson Webster SD johnsonfarms@itctel.com
Comment: Thank you Reetz farms and GFP.

Mike Van Cleave Aberdeen SD van57401@yahoo.com
Comment: I don't want you to allow anyone to set fishing or hunting regulations. Also you should get all the fish out of reetz lake and other closed waters and put them in to waubay lake for everybody. It looks to me that about 25 to 30 people with water on there land are getting laws changed so they can control the fishing and hunting. A very small percentage of the people of South Dakota .

Eric Moore Yankton SD
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Comment: To the best of my knowledge Reetz is the only lake in Eastern South Dakota that is basically a public catch and release lake. This is an incredible fishery that a "Sportsman" can go and catch good quality fish or take a youth on a fishing trip to remember. It does allow one trophy fish to be taken if one would like a mount for the living room. The reason it is this way is Greedy Fisherman aren't allowed to over fish and take limit after limit of fish off the lake till the quantity and size of the fish are not longer there and then they are off to pillage the next lake or reservoir. I feel that SD hunting and fishing organizations should encourage more of these types of lakes and fisheries around the state. Sounds like some of you don't like the economic of how this is trying to be accomplished Or are caught up in keeping your limit of fish.

Bill Antonides Aberdeen SD
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Comment: I will not add all the reasons given by SDWF, as I helped write them and I'm sure you have seen them over and over again.
However, I will emphasize one point: Public dollars should not be given to private parties in exchange for public access to publicly owned waters and the publicly owned fish and fowl in and on these public waters. I might think differently on a perpetual easement, but the law only allows a contract for a blink in time.
And yes, you can use my name and any attribute any official comments from the SDWF to me. Thank you! Bill Antonides
President, SDWF Camo Coalition

Norman West Yankton SD nwest@midco.net
Comment: Please keep Reetz Lake a trophy lake. I agree with the proposed compromise that the GFP has reached with the Reetz Lake landowner.

David Coley
Pierre SD
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Comment: I strongly oppose this proposal. This looks to be the next logical step in the process in turning the only lake in South Dakota with trophy walleye regulations into a pay lake. I believe these fish are still a public resource and that they were stocked with funds from license fees and taxes on sporting goods. Allowing landowners to set more liberal

lake regulations that only apply to them and their guests is simply wrong. Most of the fishing on this lake that I have witnessed in the past has been during the time this lake would be closed to the public.

It seems that the best option would be a voter initiative to redefine "public water" in South Dakota.

A second option would be for GF&P to purchase some of the land under the better non-meandered lakes.

Ryan Roehr Aberdeen SD
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Comment:Hi, I first like to say thank you for your time. I'm torn on this Reitz Lake water issue because I've talked to local business owners in Webster and they both said they think this is a unfair deal for SD people that own the public trust waters, but yet they like to see some business come back that they have lost due to HB 1001(these numbers clearly show they have lost business due to it, and they know it wouldn't all come back unless HB 1001 is drastically changed/removed). But being that said, this is my own opinion on Reitz Lake.

Please vote no on this agreement because ONLY the GFP and commission can set the regulations and time frame. These are public trust resources and by law I thought only the GFP and commission can set the regs and they have to be the same for all(as I recall from the last meeting the Reitz family said the regulations they wanted and time frame, NOT the GFP). This kinda references back to the supreme court ruling of no one has superior rights to the public trust waters. Once someone or a corporation has superior rights to the public trust then that would violate the supreme court ruling(which HB 1001 currently does already). If the regulation were to be the same and for 6 months each party would be equal, I could go along with a deal. Even though \$8000 is too high for what little time we have. Can we the public that own the public trust see the GFP test results of the past years that warrants one family having regular state limits and the public having just the trophy limits for 5 months, because I heard at several commission meetings that this is what the GFP uses to determine regulations.

2. I like the commission to formally vote on the matrix that was brought forward from the GFP. I have a copy of it and I thought that's what they wanted to go by regarding working on "deals" ? Can we postpone the Reitz lake vote until that matrix is denied or approved first and then go by that for the deal? We can't just be giving a blank check to the GFP on regards to the water deals(I think one should be in place or maybe it is for Walk In areas). I can think of 2 lakes that the boat ramps that are currently in place that could use \$1-2000 worth or fixes right now.

3. This deal is setting up a very slippery slope, and plus I thought Mr. Hepler just last month said, "we need to simplify rules/regulations and try to figure out how to recruit and retain kids and people to hunt and fish" This does the very opposite of that. In fact I put 100% of the blame of reduced kids fishing and hunting in SD in the past 2 years on HB 1001 that Mr. Hepler clearly endorses over and over again.

Please vote NO, unless the deal would be 6 months for each and each party would have equal limits set BY THE COMMISSION. Based on test results of the GFP. But can we first have a standard set in place that the deals are done by, example that matrix.

Thank you, Ryan J. Roehr

Don Roehr, Landowner/4th generation farmer of South Dakota that lost land to the flood in Marshall county.

Andrew Quintana

Raymond SD

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Comment: Working with landowners is a critical piece to solving the many problems SD GFP faces. I applaud the efforts that you've made to help provide access to areas that the public has not had access to in the past, or has lost access through the non meandered waters state Supreme Court decision.

I believe that by the compromising upon the Reetz lake issue to the landowners request, you set a terrible precedent for the future in how other landowners will handle issues we face with access to waters affected by Non Meandered waters decision. . There has been countless dollars spent into creating a trophy fishery paid for by the license fees and dollars of the public. I believe the alternatives are simple for this access issue. Create equal access for all including the landowners or remove public access. Sometimes we have to realize a poor investment and cut our losses. Equality of opportunity needs to be the mindset going forward. I believe if the Reetz family is not willing to make a realistic compromise then SD GFP should invest their time, efforts and public resources into better opportunities that benefit the public fairly.

Thank you for consideration Andrew R Quintana
Jeffrey Clow Harrisburg SD dj27193@gmail.com
Comment: oppose

Kelly Kistner

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Dear Members of the Commission,

The South Dakota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America appreciates this opportunity to submit comment on the proposed changes to Reetz Lake Fish Harvest Restrictions and to regain public open water fishing access to the lake that is currently a closed nonmeandered lake in Day County.

The South Dakota Division of the IWLA has very serious concerns with this proposal for the following reasons. We believe the proposal sets a major precedent that allows an individual to dictate when the public can use the water that lawfully already belongs to all the people of the State. That public ownership is ascribed in the Public Trust Doctrine and state water law dating back more than 140 years. Two recent rulings of the South Dakota Supreme Court upheld the Public Trust Doctrine and the public's ownership of the waters of the state.

We believe approving this proposal only reinforces what we consider the flawed legislation passed during the Special Legislative Session over a year ago. The current law provides no recourse to the public to petition the GF&P Commission to open access to the people's water. The current law also offers no appeal process and provides for little or no public input.

We oppose anything that sets a precedent, such as outlined in this proposal, where an individual is able to control access to the public's water. If an individual wants to be fairly compensated to allow boat ramps, parking areas and/or access roads to public water we could support that.

However allowing an individual to dictate when the public can use public water while yet allowing their "friends" to ignore established rules and harvest regulations defeats the purpose of having trophy lake management.

This proposal establishes a precedent that other individuals could use to control not only who and when people are on the public's water, but they would also be getting public license money to do it.

The current non-meandered water law clearly states an individual landowner cannot charge or be compensated to allow access. The South Dakota Division believes the price of this proposal is way too high to allow only a select few people to harvest fish that belong to all the people of the state from the public's water.

We also believe the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department has highly skilled and dedicated fisheries biologists, some of the best in the nation. We firmly believe that any decision regarding fish harvest on public water must be made by scientists and that decision must be science-based. We ask that any and all harvest regulations are made by the agency's biologists and not by an individual with personal interests in mind.

We urge this Commission to reject this proposal and we ask the Game, Fish and Parks Department to continue to work on another proposal for your future consideration. At this point we feel no agreement is better than an agreement that establishes what we believe is a bad precedent.

The South Dakota Division of the Izaak Walton League thanks you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. We ask that we be kept informed on this issue as it moves forward.

David Vangsness Milbank SD

Comment: This is just as way for another land owner to profit from state owned wildlife and public entrusted water! These restrictions only benefit the land owner by letting them dictate to the state making their own seasons and regulations! The way this set up should not even be considered, off limits to one off limits to all. If this is not acceptable then netting or a fish kill should be done to this and every state stocked lake that is closed! Those fish belong to myself and every sportsman.

Gary And Marlys Wickre Britton SD gmwickre@venturecomm.net

Comment: We are strongly opposed to the Reetz Lake proposal as it is worded. Setting special limits for special groups would set a terrible precedent and could lead to the privatization of more public trust waters. If opened to summer fishing, we would like to see all lake specific harvest restrictions removed for the season and have statewide regulations for all species from May 1 to September 30 as well as the landowner permission required season.

The public Hearing concluded at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly R Hepler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "K" and a distinct "R".

Kelly R. Hepler, Department Secretary

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 Pierre, SD 57501
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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Application

Type of List Requested Elk Deer 1 Black Hills - only

Number of licenses in list _____ ?

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list: How many names are in B.H units - will buy.

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization: Kurt Rantapaa

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

Phone Number 605-381-8033 Jeri 605-641-2418 - Kurt.

Purpose for which list will be used: Black Hills Hunting Lodge
4 Bedroom Borders 2 units
2 Bath. 13 miles south of Deadwood.
Private land option

This list is Names and Mailing Addresses ONLY
 The sale of lists by the Department of Game, Fish & Parks is authorized by SDCL 1-27-1 and ARSD 41:06:02:04, 05 and 06. The fee for a Game, Fish & Parks Commission approved exception is \$100, otherwise the fee is \$100 per thousand names or a minimum of \$100 whichever is greater.
 Unless requested and approved as part of this request, the license list will not include

anyone under eighteen years of age. Names are for one-time use only and are to be used only by the person, entity or organization approved per this request.

Kurt Rantapaa 7-12-18
 Authorized Signature of Purchaser Date

Date of Commission Action

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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Application

Type of List Requested Prairie Elk II ABCD (any elk and antlerless elk)

Number of licenses in list all that SD GFP ^{sells} every year
Requesting free list annually, within one week of draw.

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list: Wayne Johnson

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization: 9320 Sheridan Lake Rd.
Rapid City SD 57702

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

Email Address: Karmen Kay Johnson @ hot mail . com

Phone Number 605-343-0497

Purpose for which list will be used: (1) To determine which (if any) license holders are lying to me about what license they have. It has happened in the past. Because I always have and always will permit free cow hunting some any-elk tag holders have discovered they can get permission by telling me they have a cow tag, then go shoot a bull.
(2) I may want to offer a service to any-elk license holders with a couple of guided bull hunts.

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Authorized Signature of Purchaser

Wayne Johnson

Date

July 3, 2018

Date of Commission Action



GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 10-11, 2019 **Pierre – RedRossa Convention Center**
808 W Sioux Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501

February 28- March 1, 2019 **Pierre – RedRossa Convention Center**
808 W Sioux Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501

April 4-5, 2019 **Rapid City - Outdoor Campus West**
4130 Adventure Trail, Rapid City, SD 57702

May 2-3, 2019 **Custer State Park - Creekside Lodge**
US Hwy 16A, Custer, SD 57730

June 6-7, 2019 **Pierre - Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center**
920 W Sioux Avenue, Pierre, SD 57522

July 8-9, 2019 **Fort Pierre - AmericInn & Convention Center**
3112 Island Drive, Fort Pierre, SD 57532

August No Meeting

September 5-6, 2019 **Spearfish – Holiday Inn Convention Center**
305 North 27th St, Spearfish, 57783

October 3-4, 2019 **Oacoma – Arrowwood Cedar Shores Resort**
1500 Shoreline Dr., Oacoma, SD 57365

November 7-8, 2019 **Watertown – Convention Center**
1901 9th Ave SW, Watertown, SD 57201

December 12-13, 2019 **Pierre – RedRossa Convention Center**
808 W Sioux Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501

January 9-10, 2020 **Pierre – RedRossa Convention Center**
808 W Sioux Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501

March 5-6, 2020 **Pierre – RedRossa Convention Center**
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Meeting times are Thursday 1:00p.m. -5:00p.m. reconvening Friday 8:00a.m.-12:00p.m.



Deer License Proposal FAQ's

1. Why did the Department recommend and the Commission propose this change?

In 2010, the Department surveyed deer hunters asking hunters if they would be in favor of a license system that would increase hunters' chances of drawing at least one "preferred" deer license.

East/West River Deer Hunters

How strongly would you favor or oppose a system that would increase hunters' chances of getting at least one "preferred" deer license per year?

Summarized (n=2,821):

Oppose	9.9
Neutral/No Opinion	30.8
Favor	59.4

Black Hills Deer Hunters

How strongly would you favor or oppose a system that would increase hunters' chances of getting at least one "preferred" deer license per year?

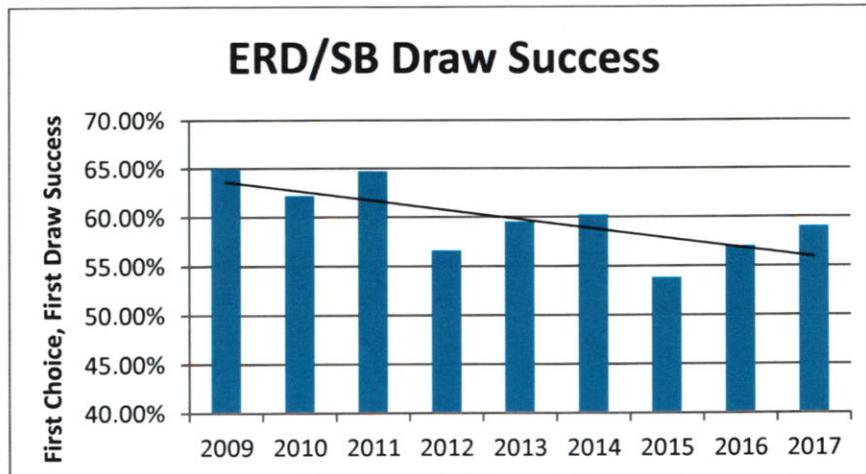
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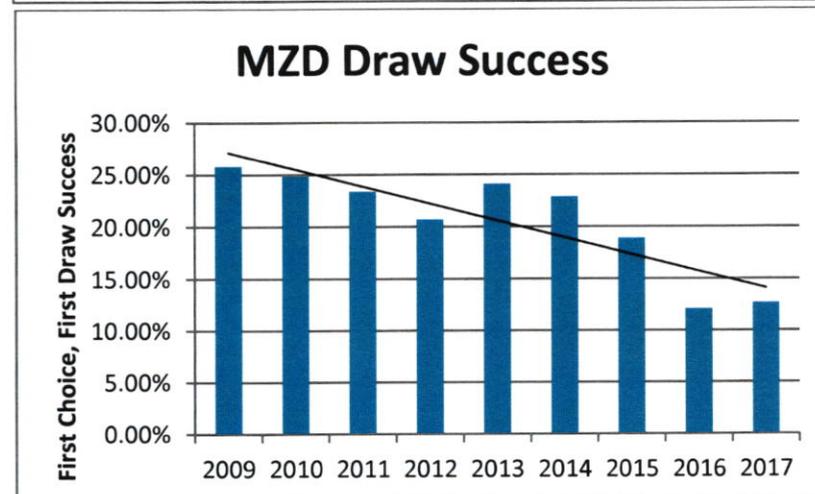
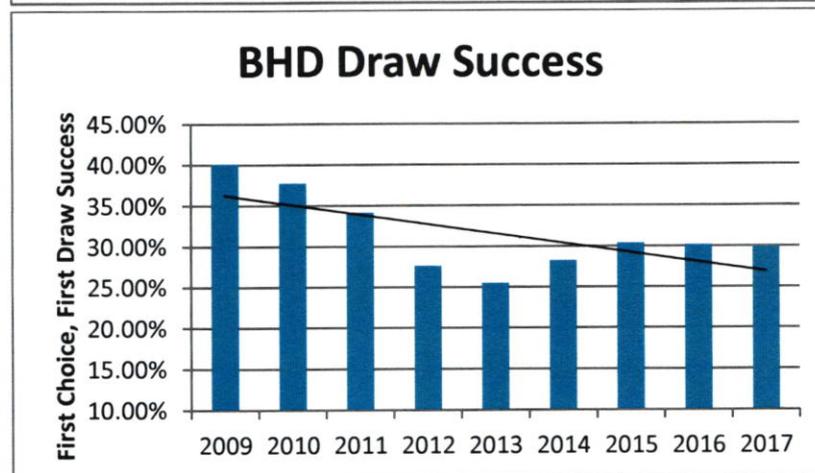
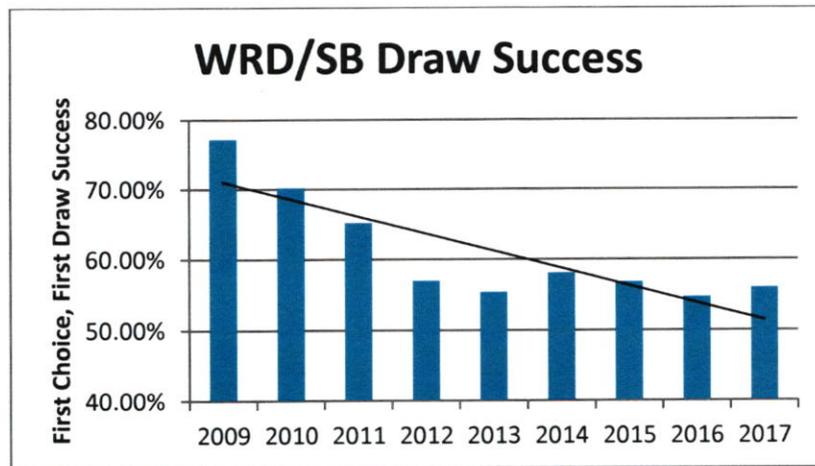
Oppose	21.2
Neutral/No Opinion	23.1
Favor	55.7

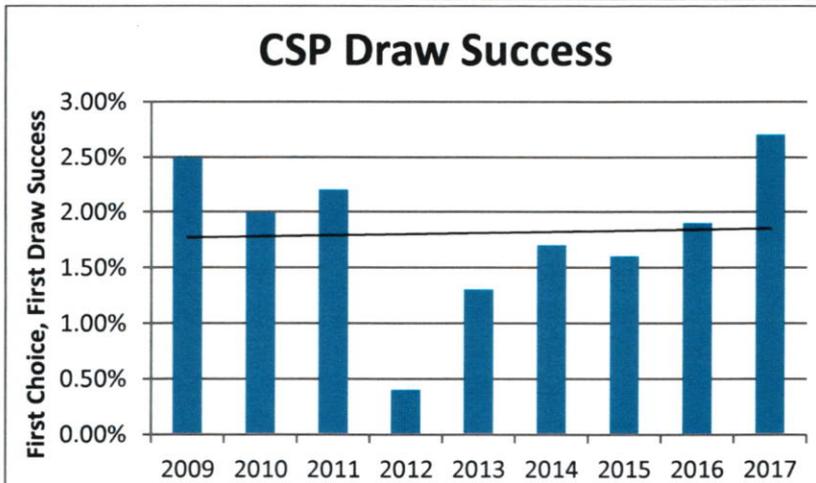
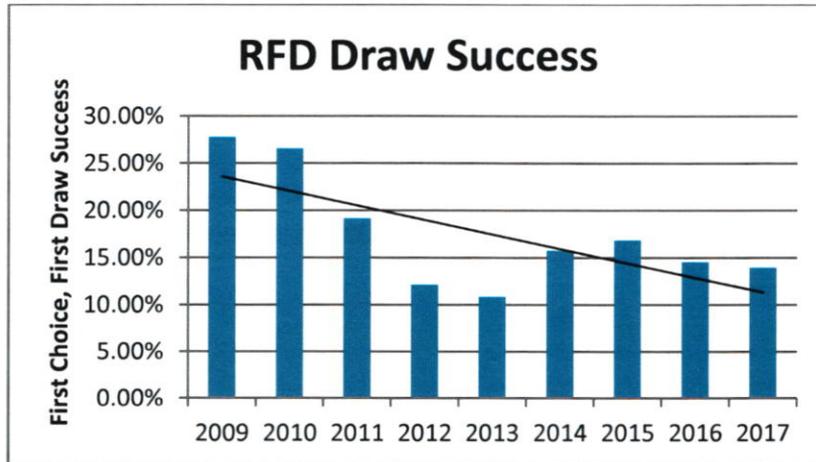
2014, 71% (n=4,054) of surveyed deer hunters and landowners supported the concept of increasing hunters' chances of drawing at least one buck license.

During the development of the statewide deer management plan several social management considerations were identified through stakeholder group meetings and public comments to the deer plan. One area which received considerable attention from the public was deer license allocation. The Commission work group had asked the Department to generate potential alternatives to the current license allocation process with an end goal of potentially increasing the number of hunters who would draw their "preferred" deer license.

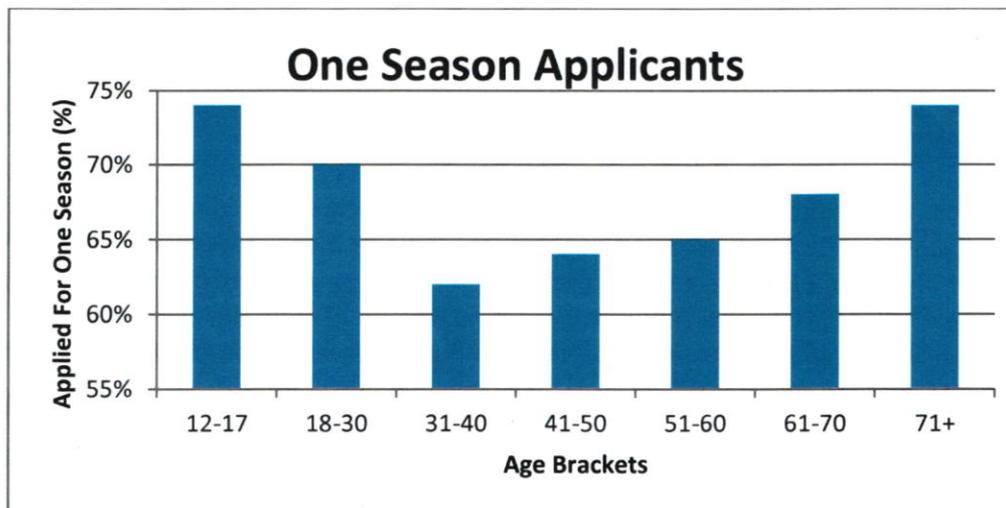
2. Has first choice, first draw success (odds of drawing a license) decreased over the last few years?







3. **What are the stats of people and their ages applying for just one/preferred license?**
Of the 52,633 deer applicants in 2017; 35,140 applied for just one season.





4. **What is the biggest difference between the current system and the proposed deer license draw alternative?**
Drawings for East River, West River, Black Hills, National Wildlife Refuge, Custer State Park, and Muzzleloader deer seasons would be at the same time and applicants would have to choose between one of the six seasons as their first and second choice in the first draw.
5. **The proposed alternative does not limit applicants to just one license. Through the 4th draw, residents could potentially get up to 5 licenses and nonresidents up to 3. Can you elaborate on how this could work?**

DRAWING	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT
1	Maximum 1 license (includes Special Buck)	Maximum 1 license (includes Special Buck)
2	Maximum of 1 license if unsuccessful in Drawing 1	Maximum of 1 license if unsuccessful in Drawing 1
3	Maximum of 2 licenses through the third draw if successful in Drawings 1 or 2.	Maximum of 2 licenses through the third draw if successful in Drawings 1 or 2 (<i>available licenses from the original 8% nonresident allocation; only includes WRD, BHD and RFD</i>)
<i>Leftover Resident and Nonresident Licenses Pooled</i>		
4	Maximum of up to a total of 5 licenses through drawing 4	Maximum of 1 license (<i>limited to a total of 3 licenses through Drawing 4; two of which would have been obtained in Drawing 1-3 from the original 8% allocation</i>)
5	Unlimited. First come, first-served basis	Unlimited. First come, first-served basis

6. **Does the alternative license drawing process currently proposed by the GFP Commission allow nonresidents an earlier opportunity or an advantage over the current system?**

No, the proposal is more restrictive to nonresidents than our current system because it adds another draw tier before leftover licenses are pooled and made available to nonresidents. Our current system today, leftover licenses are pooled in the 3rd draw and made available to residents and non-residents where an applicant (both residents and nonresidents) through the 3rd draw could get a maximum of 5 licenses by submitting five separate applications if they had no licenses when the 3rd draw started.

With the deer license draw Commission proposal, leftover licenses would not be pooled until the 4th draw and made available for both residents and nonresidents. However, nonresidents would be limited to a maximum of 1 additional license/application in the 4th draw. The maximum number of licenses a nonresident could obtain through the 4th draw would be 3. The first two would have to be from the original 8% allocation (west river deer, black hills deer and refuge deer only) through the first three draws and then a nonresident could get one additional leftover license after the leftovers are pooled in the 4th draw.



7. Is the Commission proposal expected to generate more revenue for the Department?

No, the Department expects the proposal to be revenue neutral because the same number of deer licenses will be sold. However, there is a good chance the Department could lose revenue because fewer people may purchase preference points and fewer nonresident licenses may be sold because the proposal further restricts nonresident draw opportunities.

8. What does that 3rd draw look like under the Commission's current proposal?

Third Draw – Residents (including residents successful in the 1st or 2nd draw periods) would have the opportunity to apply for a 1st and 2nd choice across the combination of the 6 seasons (East River Deer, West River Deer, Black Hills Deer, National Wildlife Refuge Deer, Custer State Park Deer, and Muzzleloader Deer). The Department projects a greater amount of leftover licenses will be available for residents to pick up a 2nd buck license if desired in the 3rd draw.

Non-Residents (including those successful in the 1st or 2nd draw periods) would have the opportunity to apply for 1st and 2nd choice of **available non-resident licenses (original 8%)** across the combination of West River Deer, Black Hills Deer, National Wildlife Refuge Deer, and Muzzleloader "antlerless whitetail" Deer only.

9. Tell me more about the 4th draw?

Fourth Draw – Licenses remaining in the 4th draw period would be pooled and made available to both residents and non-residents across the combination of the 6 seasons (East River Deer, West River Deer, Black Hills Deer, National Wildlife Refuge Deer, Custer State Park Deer, and the unlimited Muzzleloader "antlerless whitetail" Deer). Resident hunters would have the opportunity to pick up 3 additional licenses and nonresidents would have the opportunity to pick up one additional leftover license. East River licenses would not be available to non-residents until the 4th draw where they would be limited to one license.

10. If I didn't draw my 1st or 2nd choice in the 1st draw, can I use my preference in the 2nd and/or 3rd draws to increase my draw odds?

Yes, you could use preference through the 3rd draw for either your 1st or 2nd choice if you click the "use my preference" box. If you never click the "use my preference" box then you would be able to purchase preference for all six seasons. You would not earn a preference point for your unsuccessful application(s) in the first draw until the following year pending you agreed to purchase the \$5.00 preference point.

11. Is the Department going to refund me for the preference points I purchased since 2015?

No, the Commission proposal allows you to use your accumulated preference in both 1st and 2nd choices in draws 1-3 if you choose to use them. So the use of accumulated preference for more than one season could be used in the same year.

12. Under the proposed alternative can my 2nd choice be a different weapon/season than my 1st choice? E.g., 1st choice is ERD-07A can my 2nd choice be MZD?

Yes, absolutely and you can click the box to use preference for muzzleloader for your 2nd choice as well.



13. How does this proposed alternative impact group applications? What is the most important takeaway to know about group applications with this alternative? What are the biggest changes?

The group application process will not change with the proposed alternative. Applicants will still be able to submit a group application for a 1st choice, 1st draw season as long as the group uses the same group ID number. There would be no changes when submitting a group application.

14. You stated that we would be taking approx. 25,000 applications out of the 1st draw. Can you help me understand this more? How does this differ from what we have currently?

Proposed Alternative: Based on the results received from mock applications filled out by the 223 folks that attended the focus groups, below is a breakdown of what their preferred season selections were. We used those figures to put the 17,235 individual hunters who applied for 2+ licenses into one season because in the 1st draw under the proposal they would have to make a preferred choice, thus reducing the number of applications received by 24,616.

Proposed Alternative (ERD, WRD, BHD, MZD, RFD, CSP)		
Season	Preferred Choice	Percent
BHD	31	14%
CUD	12	5%
ERD	74	33%
MZD	21	9%
RFD	3	1%
WRD	82	37%

Residents Only- Proposed Alternative		2017 Applicants: One Season	Mock Applications (Preferred Choice)	Projected Total Applicants	Projected Applicants Removed from the First Draw:
	2017 Total Applicants				
ERD/ESD	32053	21916	5719	27635	4418
WRD/WSD	20422	8616	6338	14954	5468
BHD	13339	4331	2396	6727	6612
MZD	7847	400	1623	2023	5824
RFD	1139	38	232	270	869
CUD	2391	39	927	966	1425
	77191	35340	17235	52575	24616

In 2017, 17,235 residents applied for two or more 1st draw licenses that included some combination of ERD, WRD, BHD, CSP, MZD, RFD.

Approximately 24,616 applications would be taken out of the 1st draw with the proposed alternative if those 17,235 were allowed to select one season in the 1st draw.





15. The 32 units/licenses that are hard to draw (took 2+ preference points in 2017), will remain hard to draw. What do you mean when you say this?

Units/Licenses that took 2+ preference points to draw in 2017					
WRD	ERD	RFD	CSP	MZD	BHD
15A01	05A01	LC101	CU101	ST101	BH101
20A01	07A01	LC201	CU111		
21A01	12A01	SL101			
24B11	17A01	SL201			
27A01	37A11	SL301			
27L01	38A01	SL501			
35C01	59A01	WA101			
35L01	61A01	WA301			
45B01	63A01				
58A01					
45D01					

The above 32 license draw probabilities are projected to increase substantially under the new proposal; however, the 32 licenses that allow a hunter to harvest an "any deer" or "any white-tailed deer" out of the 148 available will still be hard to draw. Hard to draw units are a factor of supply and demand. Typically these are units which may have fewer overall licenses yet a strong base of deer hunters wanting to hunt that given unit.

16. How many applicants that submitted three or more applications for the six firearm seasons in 2017 actually drew three or more licenses?

In 2017, 331 (5.6%) of the 5,932 applicants that applied for 3+ seasons actually drew 3+ first draw, first choice licenses. In 2017, 8592 (50%) of the 17,235 applicants that applied for two or more seasons drew only one license and 28% didn't draw any first choice, first draw licenses.

17. How many residents applied for both an East River Deer and a West River Deer licenses in 2017?

6,485 applicants. How many residents drew both an ERD and a WRD first choice license in 2017? 1,987 applicants

18. How does the proposed alternative impact landowner preference?

Eligible landowners would be able to use landowner preference in their 1st draw; 1st choice application just as they can with the current system.

A landowner could get a landowner own land tag for the unit they own/operate land in and also apply for a 1st choice, 1st draw license in a different season.

19. Please explain how the Special Buck seasons work for East and West River.

Special buck would be treated like a unit within East River deer and a unit within West River deer. The Special Buck drawing would be held earlier like it is today; however, if the Special Buck applicant is successful at drawing a license they could not apply for another license until the 3rd draw. The most significant change under the proposal is as follows: If the applicant is unsuccessful in the Special Buck draw, they could not apply until the second draw.





If Special Buck did not count as a 1st choice application in the proposed alternative, the amount of applicants would increase significantly and draw probabilities would be reduced because it would be an additional way of drawing an additional “any deer” license. What makes Special Buck “special” is the fact that it is not tied to a specific West River or East River unit and it is valid on all private land in all East River units or valid on all private land in all West River units.

20. With the cubed preference point system now in place, does the proposed alternative provide even greater success rates for the preferred choice? Can you provide some context to connecting cubed preference points and this alternative?

Preference points are now being cubed for all deer drawings, which increases applicants’ draw odds that have more preference.

The Department has received a lot of suggestions in regards to letting the cubed system function for a couple of years before more changes are implemented. The Department does believe cubing preference will increase an applicant’s chances; however, making people choose a preferred season in the 1st draw will result in fewer applicants for all seasons, resulting in less preference points that are being cubed, thus increasing draw odds.

21. Under the Commission proposal approximately 4,000 additional hunters would have an opportunity to deer hunt and be in the field with family and friends, while the number of licenses offered stays the same. Can you expand on how important that is as we tackle recruitment, retention and reactivation efforts?

Residents Only- Proposed Alternative		2017 Overall 1 st Draw Success	Projected 1 st Draw Success
	2017 Successful Applicants		
ERD/ESD	18955	59%	69%
WRD/WSD	11346	56%	76%
BHD	3999	30%	59%
MZD	1000	13%	49%
RFD	158	14%	59%
CSP	64	3%	7%
	35522	46%	68%

Under the proposed alternative nobody would have two licenses after the first draw for the six firearm season. Because of this, the Department projects over 4,000 licenses would be allocated to someone who would not have drawn a license under the current system, resulting in more deer hunters being able to hunt on an annual basis.

22. If implemented, how will the department determine if this alternative drawing process is working or is successful?

If the proposed drawing structure is passed, the Department would analyze draw probabilities in 2022 after three years of implementation and draw statistics are available. At that time the Department would bring a recommendation to the Commission that would retain, modify or remove the proposed alternative.





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23. If this proposed drawing structure is approved, will the department conduct mock or draft draws before implementing?

Yes, in order to test run the new programming language that would be necessary if the proposed alternative was approved, the Department would set-up mock applications to ensure things run smoothly.

24. What is the timeline for the proposals?

The proposed changes are scheduled for action (adopt, modify or reject) by the Commission on October 4th, 2018 in Deadwood. Before that time, the public is encouraged to comment on the proposal by visiting the Department's webpage at: <https://gfp.sd.gov/forms/positions/> or by sending a letter to: SDGFP, 523 East Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501.

25. What is the timeline if the Commission passes this proposal at their October meeting?

Adopted changes would be implemented for the 2019 deer hunting seasons.



Comes, Rachel

From: info@gfp.sd.us
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2018 11:49 PM
To: nafapresidnet@n-a-f-a.com
Cc: Comes, Rachel
Subject: Petition for Rule Change Form

Categories: Commission

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: 47
Petitioner Name: Sheldon Nicolle
Address: 300 Luby Drive
 Tom Bean, TX 75489
Email: nafapresidnet@n-a-f-a.com
Phone: 214-288-0670
Rule Identification: Rule 41:06:16:11

Describe Change: On behalf of the North American Falconers Association, I humbly petition the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks Commission consider establishing the following two licenses to accommodate nonresident falconers and future falconry field meets: • Establish a limited pool of 100 non-resident combination waterfowl/small game licenses restricted to take by means of falconry • Establish a reduced fee non-resident small game license restricted to take by means of falconry

Reason for Change: Dear GFP Commission, The North American Falconers Association (NAFA) would love to return to South Dakota, the location of many historic falconry field meets in the past. The limited number of non-resident waterfowl license creates a significant challenge to the planning and execution of our annual field meet. Furthermore, the cost of a non-resident waterfowl endorsement, in combination with the non-resident small game license, constitutes a substantial cost (upwards of \$246 in 2017) in licenses fees for a 5 day field meet. We humbly request new rules to accommodate non-resident falconers in South Dakota. NAFA is the largest falconry membership organization in the world representing falconers from all across North America. Falconry, the cultural heritage sport of taking wild game in partnership with a trained bird of prey, is a time-honored, traditional hunting method that dates back to the very beginning of recorded human history. Today, falconry is practiced by an estimated 5,000 men and women throughout Canada, Mexico, and the United States. Each year NAFA celebrates falconry through our annual field meet. This once-a-year week long get-together typically attracts 200-300 falconers and their families to the host city and has deep roots in South Dakota. From 1963-1975, 8 of NAFA's first 12 annual field meets were held in either Yankton or Centerville, South Dakota. The annual NAFA field meet is not a competition nor is it a falconry exhibition. It is largely a social gathering where falconers meet other falconers from across North American (and the world), coming together at nightly member functions to exchange information, share experiences, and purchase the latest and greatest falconry equipment and hawking "furniture" from a wide array of falconry artisans. These nightly meetings provide members the opportunity to present and discuss training methods and falconry standards. Most importantly, our members get the opportunity to spend days in the field hunting with their birds and friends that they only see at these once a year field meets. Along with the basic camaraderie between falconers, the annual field meet provides a venue for the annual NAFA business meeting where issues pertaining to falconry and our national organization are discussed and decided. These events have a significant impact to the local economy and provide a unique opportunity to the citizenry of the host community where they can witness the cultural heritage sport of falconry. Interested observers are invited and encouraged to visit the host hotel and the falconers weathering yard - an open air, fenced in, yard where falconry birds are tethered out and given the opportunity to bathe or drink, and spread their wings and soak up the sun or pull up foot. During the meet spectators will see hundreds of raptors of all varieties in and around the weathering yard. Attendees will see everything from the smallest North American falcon, the American kestrel (commonly known as the Sparrow Hawk) to a golden eagle. Red-tailed hawks, peregrine falcons, gyrfalcons, Harris's hawks and goshawks will also be there in abundance along with a few

exotic species from other parts of the world. As much as NAFA and the falconry community would love to return to South Dakota for an annual field meet, there are obstacles to NAFA's return. Falconers pursue a diverse array of small game species that include rabbits, jack rabbits, squirrels, quail, pheasants, grouse, partridge, dove, and ducks. The biggest challenge is the fall non-resident waterfowl licenses that are limited in number and distributed by a lottery drawing. Distributing by lottery complicates the planning and organizing our annual event. Pursuant to the statutory authority established in Statute 41-6-10.1 and 41-6-18.1 and Rule 41:06:16:11, I, Sheldon Nicolle on behalf of the North American Falconers Association, humbly petition the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) Commission consider establishing the following two licenses to accommodate nonresident falconers and future falconry field meets:

- Establish a limited pool of 100 non-resident combination waterfowl/small game licenses restricted to take by means of falconry
- Establish a reduced fee non-resident small game license restricted to take by means of falconry

By creating two new licenses the larger majority of falconers, dirt hawkers (people that fly hawks and eagles on rabbits, jack rabbits, and tree squirrels, and other ground quarry), who pursue small game other than waterfowl, may purchase the falconry small game license. Falconers that pursue waterfowl may purchase combination falconry waterfowl and small game license. By limiting these licenses to 'take by means of falconry' falconers will not be competing with resident and non-resident gun hunters. Falconry as a means of take has a limited impact on prey species, specifically migratory ducks. Per Rule 41:09:06:28, the daily bag limit in South Dakota is three of any game species in the aggregate, half the daily bag limit of 6 for gun hunters. For a falconer to get the daily bag limit is very rare. In fact, over the last 6 field meets and considering all falconers in attendance, an average of just over 13 ducks were taken during the week for a total of 80 ducks harvested during the last 6 field meets. In comparison to pursuing waterfowl with a falcon, an average of just over 32 jack rabbits and 97 cottontail rabbits were taken over the same one week period with hawks and eagles. Catching game with a trained raptor is not as easy as it might seem. Falconry is about opportunity, the total experience, being in the field, and, most importantly, it is about hunting with a trained raptor. As Aldo Leopold once said, "the hawk, at the slightest error in technique of handling, may either 'go tame' like Homo sapiens or fly away into the blue. All in all, falconry is the perfect hobby." Thank you for your careful consideration of our petition for possible rule changes to better accommodate falconry in South Dakota. Yours in conservation, Sheldon Nicolle, President, NAFA NAFAPresident@n-a-f-a.com

Comes, Rachel

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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: 50
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Rule Identification: 41:06:26

Describe Change: Create a new rule in the Black Hills Hunting chapter to allow a nonprofit conservation organization to raffle an elk license to be valid in any elk hunting unit where "any elk" licenses are issued excluding CSP. Allow this to be a resident only license and funds generated from the raffle will be used for wildlife management.

Reason for Change: Ducks Unlimited is looking for additional opportunities to raise money for conservation efforts throughout the state. We currently have over 6,000 members in the state that we will offer this raffle to and hope to raise a significant amount of additional money for conservation outside of our normal grass roots fundraising efforts. Life to date DU has invested over \$100 million in conservation efforts in South Dakota. As you know, much more is needed. This will provide an opportunity to generate more fundraising for this mission. Bill Marketon, State Chairman Ducks Unlimited

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

GENERAL PROVISIONS 41:07:01, FISHING SEASONS 41:07:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	September 6-7, 2018	Yankton
	Public Hearing	October 4, 2018	Deadwood
	Finalization	October 4-5, 2018	Deadwood

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

1. Modify **General Provisions 41:07:01 and Fishing Seasons 41:07:02** by repealing liberalized fishing regulations and removing definitions.
2. Modify **General Provisions 41:07:01** by adding a definition of possession limits and allowing for an unlimited domicile possession limit.
3. Modify **41:07:02:02 South Dakota – Minnesota boundary waters** by removing closed fishing seasons for game fish on Minnesota – South Dakota boundary waters.
4. Modify **41:07:02:05 Special management waters** by removing stream closures in Eastern South Dakota.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. Previously, when a fish kill was anticipated on a water, the department utilized liberalized fishing regulations to allow people to utilize the fish in those waters prior to the fish dying. Once liberalized regulations were instituted on these waters, fish were already dying (not susceptible to angling) and were not utilized by anglers. For this reason, liberalized regulations have not been used for some time as they have not been effective at accomplishing their goal.
2. Possession limits do not have a biological impact on fish populations and are difficult to enforce. This change would provide additional flexibility in how and when anglers keep and store fish. Domicile is defined as a person's established, fixed, and permanent home to which the person, whenever absent, has the present intention of returning.
3. This regulation change would reduce regulation complexity and increase recreational opportunities for SD licensed anglers on the SD/MN border waters. This change would align the SD/MN border waters fishing season with SD inland water seasons and provide additional angling opportunities in the spring.
4. Closed seasons on streams are not regulating fish populations biologically. There are very few people that utilize angling opportunities in the spring in these systems. In cooperation with this regulation change, opening spearing for Northern Pike and catfish species year-round would also allow additional opportunity in these streams.

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

FISH LIMITS 41:07:03, SNAGGING OF PADDLEFISH 41:07:05

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	September 6-7, 2018	Yankton
	Public Hearing	October 4, 2018	Deadwood
	Finalization	October 4-5, 2018	Deadwood

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

1. Modify **41:07:03:01**. by
 - a. removing White Bass and Rock Bass daily and possession limits

2. Modify **41:07:03:03**. "**Daily, possession, and length limit restrictions on special management waters -- Additional restrictions described.**" to:
 - a. Eliminate the 1 trout over 14" regulation from Black Hills lakes
 - b. Establish a minimum length limit of 24-inches and a daily limit of 1 for Lake Trout or Splake in the Black Hills Fish Management Area
 - c. Remove the 15" minimum size restriction on Walleye for all waters that have a 4 fish Walleye daily limit except for waters with evaluations in progress (Mo River Reservoirs, Angostura, Shadehill)
 - d. Remove black bass (Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass) size restrictions from all waters with the exception of Burke Lake, New Wall Lake, and Lake Yankton
 - e. Add a 28-inch minimum length and a daily limit of 1 for Walleye on Horseshoe Lake (Day County)

3. Modify **41:07:05:02**. **Snagging season in special management areas.** by allowing Lake Francis Case Paddlefish license holders to take a Paddlefish with snagging gear or bow and arrow.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. a. White Bass and Rock Bass are present in high abundance throughout many South Dakota waters. Angler attitudes towards these species vary, but few anglers specifically target them. For those that do target and harvest these species, there is no reason we should limit their ability to harvest.

2. a. Reservoirs within the Black Hills Fish Management Area are put-and-take fisheries for trout. Many of the fish stocked are above 14 inches upon stocking. Anglers often catch only trout over 14 inches in an outing. In an effort to increase opportunity and better utilize stocked products, the one over 14 inch restriction could be removed on reservoirs.
 - b. Retired broodstock Lake Trout were obtained from the federal hatchery system and stocked in Deerfield Reservoir in an attempt to provide additional angling opportunity for the species. Due to the size at stocking, Staff believe there is a good chance these Lake Trout will reproduce within Deerfield Reservoir over time. Slow growing, long lived species such as Lake Trout can be susceptible to overfishing, especially in small reservoirs. Specifically, a 2015 graduate thesis on Lake Trout population dynamics

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contained a chapter on harvest restrictions and their impact on the Lake Trout fishery in Pactola Reservoir. The limit of 1 Lake Trout daily over 24 inches was found to be functioning well at allowing fish to reach sexual maturity, limiting harvest and providing a trophy fishery while not causing excessive pressure on prey fish populations. With the smaller size and amount of cold water habitat in Deerfield Reservoir, providing harvest protection is thought to be even more important to maintain the fishery as the carrying capacity is likely to be lower, in comparison to Pactola Reservoir. It should also be noted that currently Lake Trout fall under daily trout limits in the Black Hills Fish Management Area outside of Pactola Reservoir. This means that anglers may currently harvest 5 Lake Trout daily with only one over 14 inches in length from Deerfield Reservoir. Wildlife Division recommendation 2a on this action sheet seeks to remove the 14 inch minimum on trout caught in reservoirs within the Black Hills Trout Management Area. This would lead to a daily limit of 5 Lake Trout with no size restriction from Deerfield Reservoir if additional restrictions were not put in place specifically on Deerfield Reservoir. A 24" minimum length limit for the Black Hills Fisheries Management Area, in association with the daily limit of one Lake Trout or Splake would also simplify enforcement.

c. Evaluation of Walleye regulations over time throughout South Dakota has led to removals of many minimum size restrictions in recent years. Further review of Walleye lakes with a 4 fish daily limit and a 15 inch minimum size restriction indicates they are not biologically effective over the long-term in producing larger fish. For this reason, removal of the remaining 15 inch minimums on Walleye fisheries with a 4 fish daily limit would provide additional opportunities for anglers to harvest fish without having a biological impact on fish populations. Exceptions to these removals would be those waters currently with an evaluation in progress (Lake Sharpe, Lake Francis Case, Angostura, Shadehill)

-- Remove minimums from the following:

1. Lake Mitchell including Firesteel Creek above Lake Mitchell to Davison County Road No. 12 (Loomis Oil)
2. Richmond Lake
3. Pickerel Lake
4. Clear Lake
5. Roy Lake
6. Lake Enemy Swim
7. Elm Lake

d. Black bass (Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass) are not targeted by the majority of anglers and harvest of bass generally is very low compared with other game fish species. Length restrictions have not been shown to have a biological impact on fish populations. Regulation removals would occur on 35 waters. Evaluations are ongoing on a few waters with bass restrictions. These restrictions would remain in place.

e. This type of regulation has been very successful and popular with anglers in the two other lakes in the state that have it in place. Adding this Walleye restriction on Horseshoe Lake will create more diversity in fishing opportunities for anglers.

3. There has been some desire by anglers for the ability to take Lake Francis Case Paddlefish with archery equipment. Currently the Lake Francis Case Paddlefish season only allows snagging of Paddlefish. This change would give any license holder the opportunity to take a Paddlefish with either gear.

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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

SPEARING 41:07:06

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	September 6-7, 2018	Yankton
	Public Hearing	October 4, 2018	Deadwood
	Finalization	October 4-5, 2018	Deadwood

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

1. Modify **41:07:06:01.01 Spearing of rough fish in South Dakota – Nebraska boundary waters**. by:
 - a. Opening rough fish spearing on the border 24 hr/day, year-round
 - b. Adding crossbows to the list of legal methods for rough fish
2. Modify **41:07:06:03. Areas open to spearing of game fish**. by:
 - a. Opening the entirety of Lake Sharpe and Lake Francis Case to gamefish spearing and archery
 - b. Removing the requirement to purchase a game fish spearing and archery permit
 - c. Change spearing season dates for Northern Pike and catfish on inland waters to year round
 - d. Changing border water gamefish season to July 1-Dec 31 to match NE
 - e. Allowing for take of gamefish below Gavins Point Dam
3. Modify **41:07:06:07. Restricted areas**. by prohibiting spearing and archery in Angostura Marina and Lewis and Clark Lake Marina

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. These changes would allow additional opportunity for rough fish spearing and archery on the border waters with Nebraska.
2.
 - a. Diving and spearing of rough fish is already legal in the area closed to game fish spearing on Lake Sharpe and Lake Francis Case. Allowing spearing of game fish would allow additional opportunity for spearers.
 - b. The game fish spearing and archery permit was implemented to collect information on the number of people spearing/shooting game fish in South Dakota. This objective has been accomplished and the permit is no longer needed.
 - c. Allowing spearing of Northern Pike and catfish species on all inland waters, year round, will allow additional opportunity for a small number of anglers who would take advantage of the opportunity.
 - d,e. These changes would allow additional opportunity for game fish spearing and archery on the border waters with Nebraska.
3. Modifying this regulation will increase safety and reduce the potential for boat congestion and property damage around two very busy marinas. Current regulation only restricts "underwater spearing" within 100 yards from boat docks, swimming and recreation areas.

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

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES 41:10:04

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	September 6-7, 2018	Yankton
	Public Hearing	October 4, 2018	Deadwood
	Finalization	October 4-5, 2018	Deadwood

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

1. Modify **41:10:04:01**. by adding Starry Stonewort to the list of aquatic invasive species.
2. Modify **41:10:04:02**. by allowing exemptions for commercial plant harvesters and lakeshore property owners from the prohibition on possessing aquatic invasive species.
3. Modify **41:10:04:03**. by allowing the GFP department secretary to authorize certain boats to keep plugs in while trailered.
4. Modify **41:10:04:06**. by adding Lake Yankton to the list of containment waters.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. Starry stonewort is now located less than an hour from the South Dakota border in MN and there is a risk of boaters spreading it here. Adding starry stonewort to our AIS list will enable law enforcement to prevent boaters with starry stonewort present from launching in SD waters.
2. There is currently no provision for commercial aquatic plant harvesters to possess and transport aquatic invasive plants as part of their harvesting operation. This rule change establishes that mechanism, if commercial operators abide by the conditions of the agreed-upon work plan. Shoreline property owners who want to remove aquatic invasive plants from their lakeshore would be permitted to dispose of them at locations identified in their permit.
3. The department secretary currently can allow anglers participating in events where transport of fish in live wells is desirable to increase survival of fish after a weigh-in event to transport fish in water from a lake, river, or stream. Allowing the secretary to authorize boat plugs to remain in place outside of boat ramp parking areas would facilitate the occurrence of off-site, live release tournaments in highly regulated situations where sufficient oversight and monitoring occurs to ensure that water will not be transferred between waterbodies.
4. Lake Yankton now has Asian Clams and Zebra Mussels and adding it to the list of containment waters would help slow the spread of these aquatic invasive species to other waters in the state.

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

Bobcat Trapping and Hunting Season
Chapter 41:08:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	September 6-7, 2018	Yankton
	Public Hearing	October 4, 2018	Deadwood
	Finalization	October 4-5, 2018	Deadwood

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2018-19 and 2019-20 trapping and hunting seasons

Season Dates:	Area:
December 26, 2018 – February 15, 2019	All counties west of the Missouri River.
December 26, 2018 – January 20, 2019	Bon Homme, Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Clay, Hughes, Hutchinson, Hyde, Union and Yankton counties.

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Trappers or hunters who participate in the bobcat season east river are limited to one bobcat per trapper or hunter.

2. A bobcat taken must be presented to a conservation officer or wildlife damage specialist for registration and tagging of the pelt within 5 days of harvest. Additionally, once the season has closed, an individual has 24 hours to notify a conservation officer or wildlife damage specialist of any untagged bobcats harvested during the season. The pelt must be removed from the carcass and the carcass must be surrendered to the conservation officer or wildlife damage specialist. After the pelt has been tagged, it shall be returned to the hunter or trapper. Upon request, the carcass may be returned to the hunter or trapper after the carcass has been inspected and the lower jaw has been removed. A person may only possess, purchase or sell raw bobcat pelts that are tagged through the eyeholes with the tag provided by the department.

Recommended changes from last year:

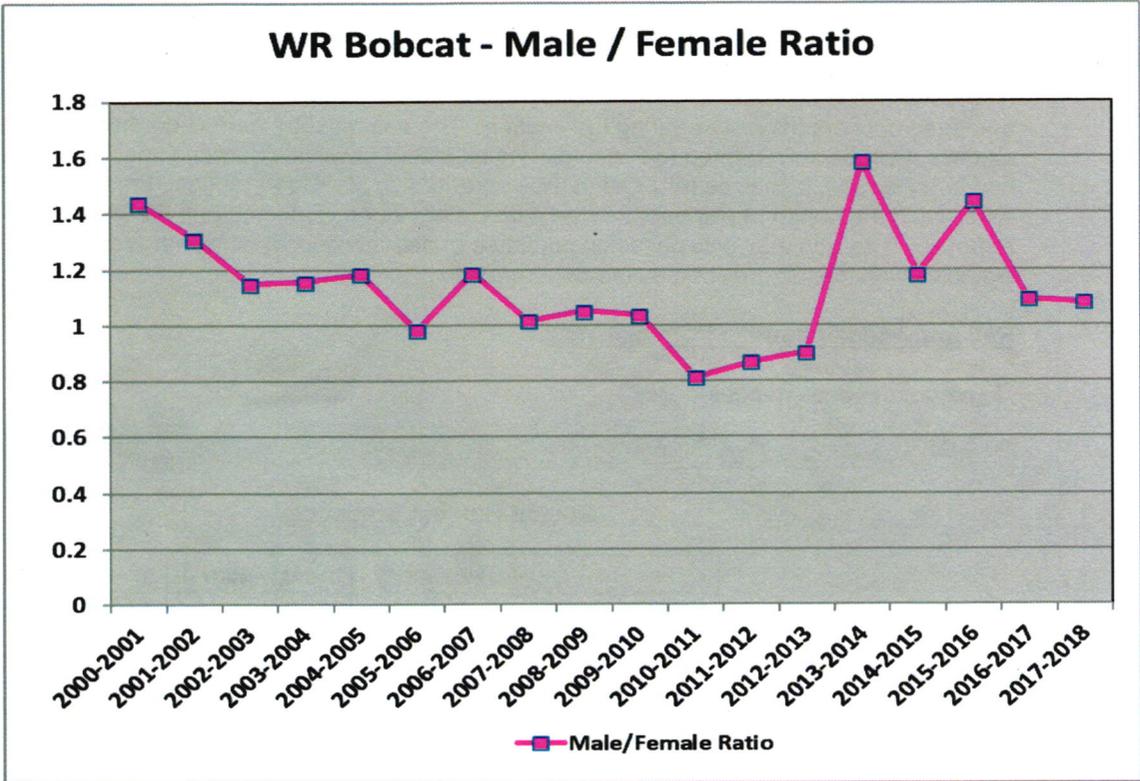
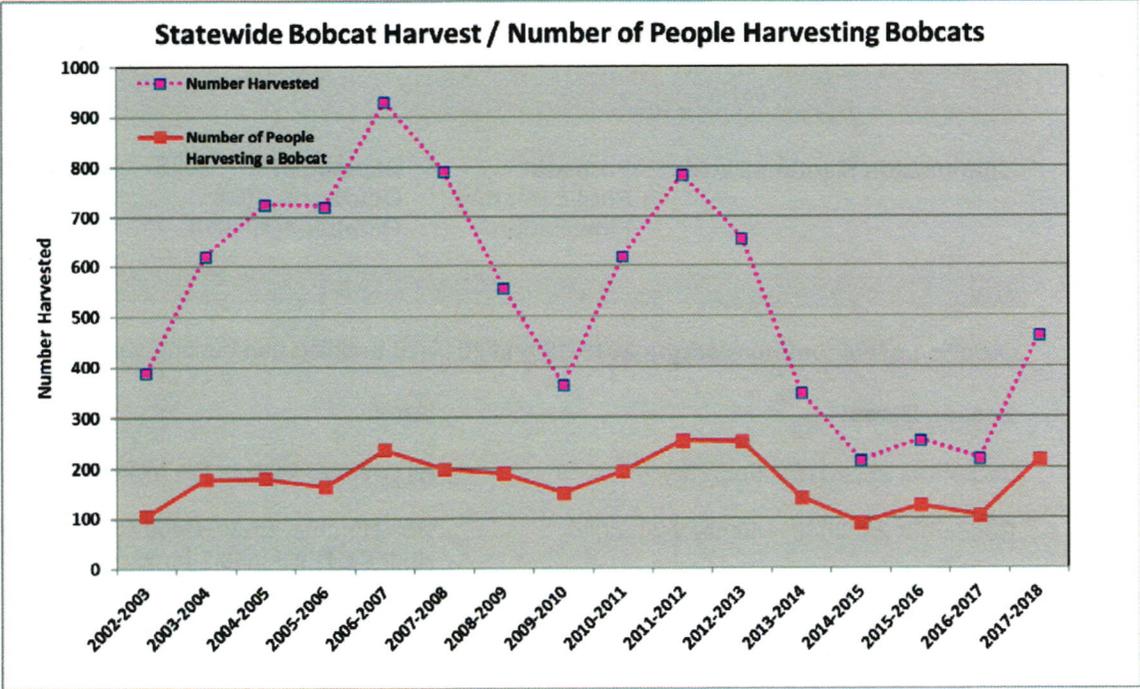
No recommended changes.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Bobcat Harvest Statistics

	West River	East River
2009-2010	363	
2010-2011	618	
2011-2012	784	
2012-2013	615	40
2013-2014	323	24
2014-2015	206	8
2015-2016	242	12
2016-2017	206	12
2017-2018	428	34

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



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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Deer Hunting Season Drawing Structure

Chapter 41:06:01; 41:06:20; 41:06:21

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 11, 2018	Pierre
	Public Hearing	Sept. 6- 7, 2018	Yankton
	Public Hearing	October 4-5, 2018	Deadwood
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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes to current deer license drawing structure:

1. Create a combined drawing of the Black Hills, East River, West River, Custer State Park, Muzzleloader and Refuge deer hunting licenses where applicants are required to choose a preferred license in either the special buck drawing or the first combined drawing for licenses.
2. Modify the leftover license allocation process for the combined deer drawing as follows:
 - a. A person cannot apply for a leftover license in the second combined drawing if they have successfully drawn a license for any of the Black Hills, East River (including Special Buck), West River (including Special Buck), Custer State Park, Muzzleloader or Refuge deer seasons.
 - b. Both persons with and without a license for one of the 6 seasons in the combined drawing can acquire a license in the third combined drawing.
 - c. After the third combined drawing, leftover resident and nonresident licenses will be pooled.
 - d. Through the fourth combined drawing a resident may obtain up to a total of five licenses. Nonresidents may obtain one license in the fourth combined drawing.
 - e. After the fourth drawing, deer hunters may obtain an unlimited number of leftover licenses on a first-come first-serve basis.

Drawing	Resident	Nonresident
1	Maximum 1 license <i>(includes Special Buck)</i>	Maximum 1 license <i>(includes Special Buck)</i>
2	Maximum of 1 license if unsuccessful in Drawing 1	Maximum of 1 license if unsuccessful in Drawing 1
3	Maximum of 2 licenses through the third draw if successful in Drawings 1 or 2	Maximum of 2 licenses through the third draw if successful in Drawing 1 or 2 <i>(available licenses from the original 8% nonresident allocation; only WRD, BHD, and RFD)</i>
<i>Leftover Resident and Nonresident Licenses Pooled</i>		
4	Maximum of up to a total of 5 licenses through Drawing 4	Maximum of 1 license <i>(limited to a total of 3 licenses through Drawing 4; two of which could have been obtained in Drawings 1-3 from the original 8% allocation.)</i>
5	Unlimited. First-come, First-served basis	Unlimited. First-come, First-served basis

3. Allow applicants to choose to use preference points for leftover licenses in the first three combined deer drawings. Applicants that choose to use preference points in leftover license drawings will not be allowed to accrue an additional point for an unsuccessful application in

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the first drawing for the season where preference points were used to draw a leftover license.

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

Refuges and Boating Restrictions Chapters 41:04:02 and 41:07:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 11, 2018	Pierre
	Public Hearing	September 6-7, 2018	Yankton
	Finalization	September 6-7, 2018	Yankton

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Recommended changes from last year:

- 1) Add a "no discharge of a weapon from a boat" on the waters west of a half mile east of 427th avenue within Indian Springs from October 10 to December 31.
- 2) Add fishing from a boat is prohibited on the waters west of a half mile east of 427th avenue within Indian Springs from October 10 to December 31.



Indian Springs Clark County



State Refuge Waterbody

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Miles

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

STAFF COMMENTS

Indian Springs is a nonmeandered waterbody and as a result, numerous discussions regarding the continued allowance of recreational use on the waters of Indian Springs have occurred with the surrounding landowners. This change in rule would allow recreational users the opportunity to recreate on all portions of Indian Springs the vast majority of the year and would meet the requests of the landowners.

Division of Parks and Recreation
August YTD 2018 Revenue by Item

	2017		2018		%
	Number	Dollar	Number	Dollar	
Annual	49,254	\$ 1,477,622	48,893	\$ 1,466,789	-1%
2nd Annual	13,876	\$ 208,141	13,602	\$ 204,033	-2%
Combo	22,668	\$ 1,020,050	24,355	\$ 1,095,986	7%
Transferable	1,695	\$ 110,178	1,866	\$ 121,307	10%
Daily License	107,376	\$ 585,302	94,500	\$ 566,998	-3%
Unattended Vehicle Daily	1,921	\$ 19,208	1,693	\$ 16,926	-12%
GSM Annual Trail Pass	3,143	\$ 47,145	2,888	\$ 43,320	-8%
GSM Daily Trail Pass	10,430	\$ 41,718	9,296	\$ 37,184	-11%
Motorcoach Permit	19,340	\$ 58,019	17,416	\$ 52,249	-10%
CSP 7 Day Pass	137,164	\$ 2,743,270	130,032	\$ 2,600,647	-5%
CSP 7 Day Bike Band	19,045	\$ 190,453	18,408	\$ 184,081	-3%
Rally Bike Band	28,369	\$ 283,690	31,224	\$ 312,240	10%
One-Day Special Event		\$ 7,250		\$ 8,878	22%
PERMITS	414,280	\$ 6,792,046	394,174	\$ 6,710,638	-1%
Camping Services		\$ 8,016,253		\$ 8,255,753	3%
Picnic Reservations		\$ 15,893		\$ 13,700	-14%
Firewood	28,742	\$ 143,712	36,068	\$ 180,341	25%
Gift Card		\$ 5,725		\$ 11,052	93%
LODGING	28,742	\$ 8,181,583	36,068	\$ 8,460,846	3%
TOTAL	443,022	\$ 14,973,629	430,242	\$ 15,171,484	1%

Division of Parks and Recreation
August 2018 YTD Revenue by District

LOCATION	2017	2018	%
Pickereel Lake			
Fort Sisseton			
Roy Lake			
Sica Hollow			
DISTRICT 1	\$ 445,055	\$ 452,293	2%
Richmond Lake			
Mina Lake			
Fisher Grove			
Amsden			
Lake Louise			
DISTRICT 2	\$ 262,109	\$ 261,004	0%
Pelican Lake			
Sandy Shore			
Lake Cochrane			
Hartford Beach			
DISTRICT 3	\$ 398,312	\$ 443,527	11%
Oakwood Lakes			
Lake Poinsett			
Lake Thompson			
DISTRICT 4	\$ 765,660	\$ 845,652	10%
Lake Herman			
Walker's Point			
DISTRICT 5	\$ 280,074	\$ 298,302	7%
Snake Creek			
Platte Creek			
Buryanek			
Burke Lake			
DISTRICT 6	\$ 400,931	\$ 422,921	5%
Palisades			
Big Sioux			
Lake Vermillion			
DISTRICT 7	\$ 750,164	\$ 744,372	-1%
Newton Hills			
Good Earth			
Union Grove			
Lake Alvin			
Adams			
DISTRICT 8	\$ 528,644	\$ 544,573	3%

LOCATION	2017	2018	%
Lewis & Clarks			
Chief White Cran			
Pierson Ranch			
Springfield			
Sand Creek			
Tabor			
DISTRICT 9	\$ 1,858,127	\$ 1,928,809	4%
North Point			
North Wheeler			
Pease Creek			
Randall Creek			
South Shore			
South Scalp			
Whetstone			
White Swan			
DISTRICT 10	\$ 623,109	\$ 640,637	3%
Farm Island			
West Bend			
DISTRICT 11	\$ 500,877	\$ 502,368	0%
Oahe Downstream			
Cow Creek			
Okobojo			
Spring Creek			
DISTRICT 12	\$ 535,138	\$ 502,884	-6%
West Whitlock			
East Whitlock			
Swan Creek			
Indian Creek			
Lake Hiddenwood			
Revheim Bay			
Walth Bay			
West Pollock			
DISTRICT 13	\$ 358,714	\$ 357,260	0%
Mickelson Trail			
Bear Butte			
DISTRICT 14	\$ 128,066	\$ 101,039	-21%
Shadehill			
Llewellyn Johns			
Rocky Point			
DISTRICT 15	\$ 423,412	\$ 442,150	4%
Custer			
DISTRICT 16	\$ 5,828,227	\$ 5,655,754	-3%
Angostura			
Sheps Canyon			
DISTRICT 17	\$ 686,696	\$ 735,603	7%
PIERRE OFFICE	\$ 200,314	\$ 292,336	46%
TOTAL	\$ 14,973,629	\$ 15,171,484	1%

Division of Parks and Recreation
August YTD 2018 Camping by District

LOCATION	2017	2018	%
Pickereel Lake	5,588	5,266	-6%
Fort Sisseton	1,313	1,032	-21%
Roy Lake	5,793	5,977	3%
Sica Hollow	118	121	3%
DISTRICT 1	12,812	12,396	-3%
Richmond Lake	1,341	1,291	-4%
Mina Lake	2,425	2,285	-6%
Fisher Grove	964	928	-4%
Amsden	253	118	-53%
Lake Louise	1,688	1,852	10%
DISTRICT 2	6,671	6,474	-3%
Pelican Lake	4,590	4,508	-2%
Sandy Shore	1,095	1,276	17%
Lake Cochrane	1,768	1,744	-1%
Hartford Beach	4,731	4,763	1%
DISTRICT 3	12,184	12,291	1%
Oakwood Lakes	7,925	7,724	-3%
Lake Poinsett	7,144	7,664	7%
Lake Thompson	6,152	6,237	1%
DISTRICT 4	21,221	21,625	2%
Lake Herman	4,840	4,816	0%
Walker's Point	2,456	2,491	1%
Lake Carthage	566	659	16%
DISTRICT 5	7,862	7,966	1%
Snake Creek	7,997	8,073	1%
Platte Creek	1,461	1,328	-9%
Buryanek	2,454	2,295	-6%
Burke Lake	43	33	-23%
DISTRICT 6	11,955	11,729	-2%
Palisades	3,923	3,660	-7%
Big Sioux	4,659	4,671	0%
Lake Vermillion	7,652	7,248	-5%
DISTRICT 7	16,234	15,579	-4%
Newton Hills	8,813	8,373	-5%
Good Earth	9	67	
Union Grove	1,339	1,189	-11%
DISTRICT 8	10,161	9,629	-5%

LOCATION	2017	2018	%
Lewis & Clark	35,074	35,116	0%
Chief White Crane	9,821	9,789	0%
Pierson Ranch	3,855	3,954	3%
Springfield	1,090	1,050	-4%
Sand Creek	101	83	-18%
Tabor	69	41	-41%
DISTRICT 9	50,010	50,033	0%
North Point	8,579	8,672	1%
North Wheeler	733	634	-14%
Pease Creek	1,371	1,254	-9%
Randall Creek	6,610	6,524	-1%
South Shore	409	319	-22%
South Scalp	87	60	-31%
Whetstone	350	272	-22%
White Swan	223	205	-8%
DISTRICT 10	18,362	17,940	-2%
Farm Island	6,330	6,376	1%
West Bend	8,831	8,421	-5%
DISTRICT 11	15,161	14,797	-2%
Oahe Downstream	11,965	11,610	-3%
Cow Creek	2,105	2,336	11%
Okobojo	1,366	1,299	-5%
DISTRICT 12	15,436	15,245	-1%
West Whitlock	3,759	3,641	-3%
East Whitlock	83	88	6%
Swan Creek	654	563	-14%
Indian Creek	5,601	6,606	18%
Lake Hiddenwood	335	10	-97%
Walth Bay	22	32	45%
West Pollock	897	1,135	27%
DISTRICT 13	11,351	12,075	6%
Bear Butte	983	935	-5%
DISTRICT 14	983	935	-5%
Shadehill	4,671	4,696	1%
Llewellyn Johns	448	459	2%
Rocky Point	4,924	5,017	2%
DISTRICT 15	10,043	10,172	1%
Custer	40,562	40,813	1%
DISTRICT 16	40,562	40,813	1%
Angostura	15,819	15,490	-2%
Sheps Canyon	1,559	1,566	0%
DISTRICT 17	17,378	17,056	-2%
TOTAL	278,386	276,755	-1%

Division of Parks and Recreation
August YTD 2018 Visitation by District

LOCATION	2017	2018	%
Pickereel Lake	27,780	35,813	29%
Fort Sisseton	34,757	34,632	0%
Roy Lake	131,563	132,782	1%
Sica Hollow	11,360	8,824	-22%
DISTRICT 1	205,460	212,051	3%
Richmond Lake	30,821	24,017	-22%
Mina Lake	29,203	32,528	11%
Fisher Grove	24,268	22,500	-7%
Lake Louise	24,148	25,084	4%
DISTRICT 2	108,440	104,129	-4%
Pelican Lake	19,553	35,834	83%
Sandy Shore	15,593	19,189	23%
Lake Cochrane	11,830	15,860	34%
Hartford Beach	57,963	61,774	7%
DISTRICT 3	104,939	132,657	26%
Oakwood Lakes	58,222	65,086	12%
Lake Poinsett	47,837	56,091	17%
Lake Thompson	35,131	37,242	6%
DISTRICT 4	141,190	158,419	12%
Lake Herman	73,238	71,418	-2%
Walker's Point	31,806	31,568	-1%
DISTRICT 5	105,044	102,986	-2%
Snake Creek	136,269	113,383	-17%
Platte Creek	90,141	92,510	3%
Buryanek	21,065	20,685	-2%
Burke Lake	11,718	12,774	9%
DISTRICT 6	259,193	239,352	-8%
Palisades	68,773	64,512	-6%
Big Sioux	40,493	38,418	-5%
Beaver Creek	17,894	13,245	-26%
Lake Vermillion	84,081	77,817	-7%
DISTRICT 7	211,241	193,992	-8%
Newton Hills	99,508	89,908	-10%
Good Earth	46,303	32,236	-30%
Union Grove	9,747	9,446	-3%
Lake Alvin	30,381	24,995	-18%
Spirit Mound	12,458	12,726	2%
Adams	24,795	19,053	-23%
DISTRICT 8	223,192	188,364	-16%

LOCATION	2017	2018	%
Lewis & Clark	566,984	556,156	-2%
Chief White Crane	50,743	43,704	-14%
Pierson Ranch	56,143	50,196	-11%
Springfield	70,979	68,813	-3%
DISTRICT 9	744,849	718,869	-3%
North Point	91,704	84,700	-8%
North Wheeler	12,254	11,859	-3%
Pease Creek	29,646	28,551	-4%
Randall Creek	37,406	35,616	-5%
Ft. Randall Boat Club	14,141	14,320	1%
DISTRICT 10	185,151	175,046	-5%
Farm Island	120,473	118,024	-2%
West Bend	42,474	37,674	-11%
LaFramboise Island	53,271	46,731	-12%
DISTRICT 11	216,218	202,429	-6%
Oahe Downstream	307,567	230,533	-25%
Cow Creek	154,276	151,910	-2%
Okobojo	36,374	39,422	8%
Spring Creek	126,724	150,728	19%
DISTRICT 12	624,941	572,593	-8%
West Whitlock	35,546	33,632	-5%
Swan Creek	31,467	18,379	-42%
Indian Creek	52,524	56,157	7%
Lake Hiddenwood	15,212	4,611	-70%
Revheim Bay	41,526	40,467	-3%
West Pollock	47,202	59,230	25%
DISTRICT 13	223,477	212,476	-5%
Bear Butte	19,560	14,360	-27%
DISTRICT 14	19,560	14,360	-27%
Shadehill	31,219	30,202	-3%
Llewellyn Johns	4,933	3,536	-28%
Little Moreau	8,008	8,988	12%
Rocky Point	75,930	62,850	-17%
DISTRICT 15	120,090	105,576	-12%
Custer	1,453,324	1,419,657	-2%
DISTRICT 16	1,453,324	1,419,657	-2%
Angostura	155,724	152,248	-2%
Sheps Canyon	39,465	33,911	-14%
DISTRICT 17	195,189	186,159	-5%
TOTAL	5,141,498	4,939,115	-4%

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

Elk Contingency Licenses 41:06:26

Commission Meeting: September 6-7, 2018 Yankton

CONTINGENCY LICENSE ALLOCATION BY UNITS

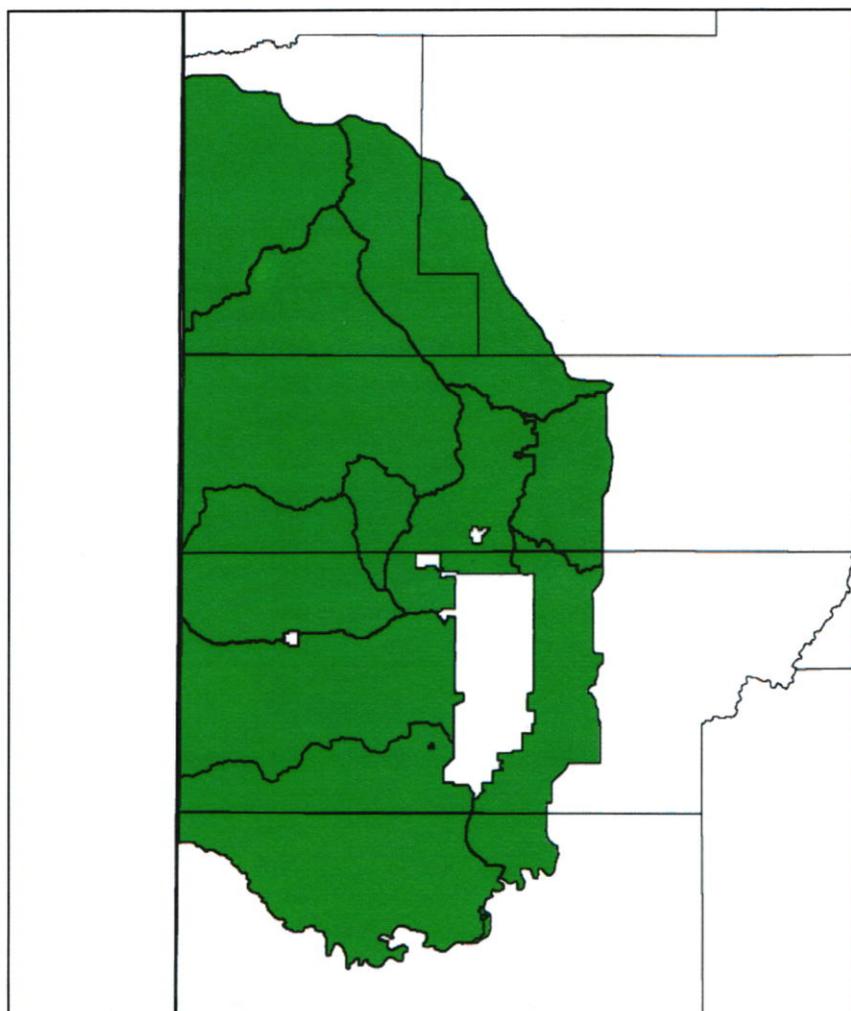
As described in the "South Dakota Elk Management Plan, 2015-2019" and formalized in administrative rule, the GFP Commission can allocate a pool of "antlerless elk" contingency licenses (not to exceed 20 percent of all antlerless elk licenses allocated for the Black Hills elk hunting season) that would be issued by resolution if summer range conditions dictate an adjustment in the harvest management strategy previously adopted by the GFP Commission.

Department recommendation for 2018 Hunting Season:

Zero (0) elk contingency licenses for the 2018 hunting season

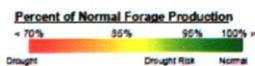
SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

South Dakota Grasslands Drought Condition
Current Status - August 27, 2018



Drought Tool - Current
Production value for Black Hills
Elk Units as of August 27, 2018

UNITNO	Mean Value
BHE-H1B	1.09
BHE-H2BCD	1.11
BHE-H2EFG	1.18
BHE-H2HIJ	1.16
BHE-H3BCD	1.18
BHE-H3EFG	1.10
BHE-H4A	1.09
BHE-H5A	1.15
BHE-H7B	1.10
BHE-H9B	1.10



ELK UNIT CONTINGENCY LICENSE DECISION SUPPORT TABLE			
<u>Contingency Licenses</u>			
NRCS Forage Production (% of normal/per elk unit)	<i>(% of current year unit antlerless allocation)</i>		
	Decrease Obj	Maintain Obj	Increase Obj
90 - 100%	none	none	none
80 - 89%	10%	5%	none
70 - 79%	15%	10%	5%
≤ 69%	20%	15%	10%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - use forage production value calculated during the last week of August - elk tags to be calculated and distributed by a unit basis - discussions with USFS range conservationists will occur annually - impacts of fires will be considered on a case-by-case basis - will not issue less than 5 			

Elk Unit	Forage Production Value*	Unit Objective	2018 Antlerless lics	Contingency %	Contingency #
BHE-H1B	109%	increase	20	0%	0
BHE-H2BCD	111%	maintain	175	0%	0
BHE-H2EFG	118%	maintain	225	0%	0
BHE-H2HIJ	116%	maintain	45	0%	0
BHE-H3BCD	118%	maintain	45	0%	0
BHE-H3EFG	110%	decrease	150	0%	0
BHE-H4A	109%	increase	10	0%	0
BHE-H5A	115%	increase	0	0%	0
BHE-H7B	110%	increase	10	0%	0
BHE-H9B	110%	maintain	20	0%	0
		total	700		0

* Current NRCS Drought Tool mean forage production value as of August 27, 2018

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

License Sales Totals

(as of August 29)

date updated: 30 August 2018

Resident	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	+/- Licenses	+/- Revenue
Combination	41,208	42,833	43,714	43,286	41,404	-1,882	\$ (103,510)
Junior Combination	6,639	6,557	6,584	6,438	5,739	-699	\$ (18,873)
Senior Combination	6,342	7,187	7,850	8,415	8,808	393	\$ 15,720
Small Game	2,702	2,563	2,368	2,055	2,085	30	\$ 990
Youth Small Game	1,200	1,334	1,168	1,148	1,218	70	\$ 350
1-Day Small Game	136	204	236	187	174	-13	\$ (156)
Migratory Bird Certificate	19,246	16,953	15,209	15,389	14,869	-520	\$ (2,600)
Predator/Varmint	1,210	1,251	1,458	1,182	1,229	47	\$ 235
Furbearer	2,671	2,566	2,407	2,358	2,672	314	\$ 9,420
Annual Fishing	63,696	61,635	60,899	59,766	55,322	-4,444	\$ (124,432)
Senior Fishing	12,605	12,327	12,468	12,853	12,572	-281	\$ (3,372)
1-Day Fishing	1,200	4,927	5,105	5,157	4,525	-632	\$ (5,056)
Gamefish Spearing/Archery	2,702	2,635	2,651	2,838	2,908	70	\$ 350
Nonresident	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018		
Small Game	2,904	3,683	3,698	2,840	2,967	127	\$ 15,367
Youth Small Game	192	246	284	224	202	-22	\$ (220)
Annual Shooting Preserve	78	104	81	81	82	1	\$ 121
5-day Shooting Preserve	582	594	643	671	721	50	\$ 3,800
1-day Shooting Preserve	166	228	305	224	221	-3	\$ (138)
Spring Light Goose	4,572	4,249	3,965	4,494	4,711	217	\$ 10,850
Youth Spring Light Goose	165	161	138	159	179	20	\$ 520
Migratory Bird Certificate	409	289	389	473	458	-15	\$ (75)
Predator/Varmint	3,501	3,999	4,100	4,161	4,319	158	\$ 6,320
Furbearer	5	4	3	2	4	2	\$ 550
Annual Fishing	23,932	25,370	26,681	24,975	24,895	-80	\$ (5,360)
Family Fishing	8,734	8,996	9,322	8,991	8,400	-591	\$ (39,597)
Youth Annual Fishing	1,438	1,412	1,571	1,299	1,204	-95	\$ (2,375)
3-Day Fishing	19,675	20,307	21,229	20,318	20,576	258	\$ 9,546
1-Day Fishing	18,267	17,494	19,520	18,697	16,610	-2,087	\$ (33,392)
Gamefish Spearing/Archery	647	633	668	651	710	59	\$ 295
TOTALS =	246,824	250,741	254,714	249,332	239,784	-9,548	\$ (264,722)

CUSTER DEER

2018 Resident Apps	Online Apps	% Online	1st Choice Successful	2017 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2016 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2015 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2014 Apps	1st Choice Successful		
2505	2483	99.12%	63	2391	64	2088	40	1867	29	1755	29		
			% 1st Choice Successful		2.51%		2.68%		1.92%		1.55%		1.65%

WEST RIVER DEER

2018 Resident Apps	Online Apps	% Online	1st Choice Successful	2017 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2016 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2015 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2014 Apps	1st Choice Successful
19630	18501	94.25%	10111	18946	9955	19219	9790	17820	9433	16599	9431
			% 1st Choice Successful		51.51%		50.94%		52.93%		56.82%
2018 Nonresident Apps	Online Apps	% Online	1st Choice Successful	2017 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2016 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2015 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2014 Apps	1st Choice Successful
3676	3588	97.61%	1383	3394	1354	3503	1387	3196	1345	2867	1320
			% 1st Choice Successful		37.62%		39.59%		42.08%		46.04%
Landowner Apps	Online Apps	% Online	1st Choice Successful	2017 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2016 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2015 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2014 Apps	1st Choice Successful
1518	1320	86.96%	1440	1476	1391	1528	1481	1490	1435	1454	1427
			% 1st Choice Successful		94.86%		96.92%		96.31%		98.14%

BLACK HILLS DEER

2018 Resident Apps	Online Apps	% Online	1st Choice Successful	2017 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2016 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2015 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2014 Apps	1st Choice Successful
13739	13167	95.84%	3927	13158	3842	12932	3811	12152	3592	11324	3098
			% 1st Choice Successful		28.58%		29.47%		29.56%		27.36%
2018 Nonresident Apps	Online Apps	% Online	1st Choice Successful	2017 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2016 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2015 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2014 Apps	1st Choice Successful
1345	1315	97.77%	338	1223	332	1191	317	1001	294	890	252
			% 1st Choice Successful		25.13%		26.62%		29.37%		28.31%
Landowner Apps	Online Apps	% Online	1st Choice Successful	2017 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2016 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2015 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2014 Apps	1st Choice Successful
198	150	75.76%	179	181	157	160	142	149	149	145	145
			% 1st Choice Successful		90.40%		88.75%		100.00%		100.00%

PRAIRIE ANTELOPE

2018 Resident Apps	Online Apps	% Online	1st Choice Successful	2017 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2016 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2015 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2014 Apps	1st Choice Successful
8389	7951	94.78%	3490	8011	3491	7252	2489	7025	2581	5923	2377
			% 1st Choice Successful		43.58%		34.32%		36.74%		40.13%
2018 Nonresident Apps	Online Apps	% Online	1st Choice Successful	2017 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2016 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2015 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2014 Apps	1st Choice Successful
716	706	98.60%	114	664	108	530	61	465	61	296	57
			% 1st Choice Successful		16.27%		11.51%		13.12%		19.26%
Landowner Apps	Online Apps	% Online	1st Choice Successful	2017 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2016 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2015 Apps	1st Choice Successful	2014 Apps	1st Choice Successful
458	403	87.99%	436	437	425	465	455	368	360	347	338
			% 1st Choice Successful		97.25%		97.85%		97.83%		97.41%