

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

PUBLIC WATERS

Chapter 41:04:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 16-17, 2020	Pierre
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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

41:04:02:22. Edmunds County public water safety zones. Edmunds County public water safety zones are as follows:

(1) The waters of Mina Lake fronting on that portion of Mina Lake State Recreation Area from a point along the shoreline due south of the southwest corner of the bathhouse and extending 200 feet in either direction along the shoreline are a "public swimming zone";

~~(2) The waters of Mina Lake fronting an area extending southwest of the south end of the dam located on the southeast side of the lake for 100 yards are a "public swimming zone";~~

(3) The waters of Mina Lake fronting on the east bridge across S.D. Highway 134 are a "no wake zone"; and

(4) The waters of Mina Lake are a "no wake zone" during any time at which the water level in Mina Lake reaches the height of 18 inches or more over the level of the top of the spillway.

41:04:02:28. Hamlin County public water safety zones. Hamlin County public water safety zones are as follows:

(1) The waters of Lake Poinsett fronting on that portion of department land known as Sorenson Public Access Area beginning at a point approximately 100 feet north of the south property line in the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 36, township 113 north, range 53 west of the fifth principal meridian and extending approximately 500 feet northerly of this point are a "no wake zone";

~~—— (2) The waters of Lake Norden fronting on that portion of the land known as the Lake Norden Recreation Area beginning at a point 70 feet southwest of the spillway and extending approximately 275 feet southwesterly from that point are a "no wake zone."~~

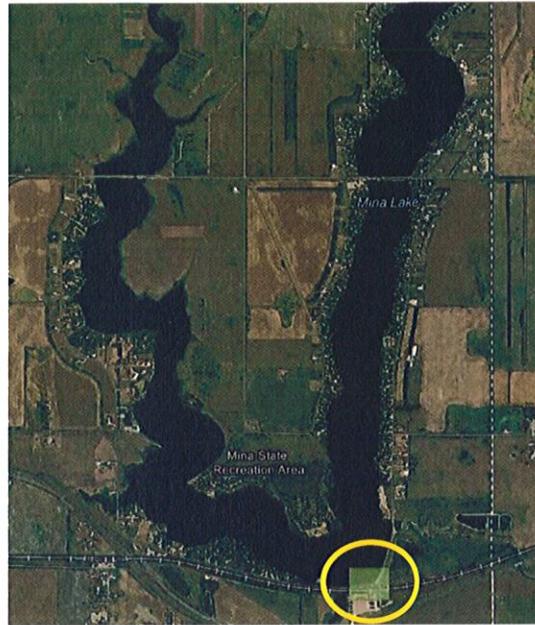
Recommended changes from last year:

1. Remove the current water safety zone at Mina Lake on the southwest side of the dam (see map).
2. Remove the current water safety zone at Lake Norden (see map).

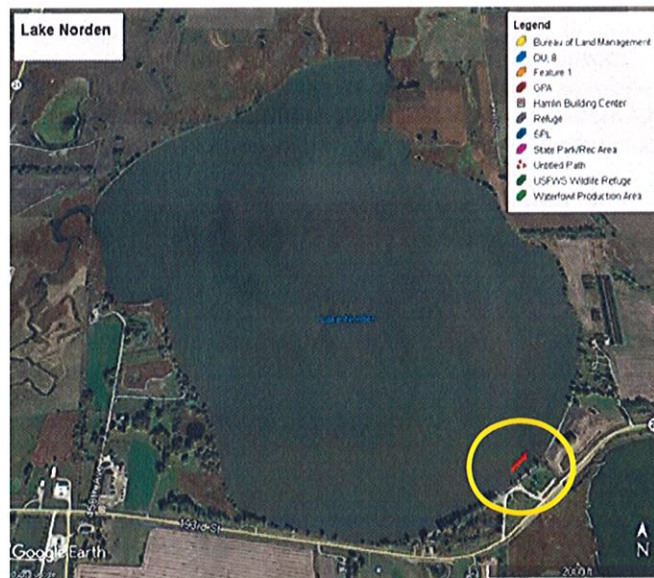
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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

It is the Department recommendation to remove the current water safety zone at Mina Lake on the southwest side of the dam. There is no active swimming beach located at this location and there has been no public desire for a buoyed safety zone in this area.



It is the Department recommendation to remove the current water safety zone at Lake Norden in Hamlin County. Recreational use of this swimming area is limited. Placement and maintenance of the buoys has diminished over time. Department staff have visited with several home owners along the lake and with the mayor of Lake Norden with a strong majority in favor of removing this safety zone.



RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

Not applicable.

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Black Hills Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:56

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 16-17, 2020	Pierre
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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2020 hunting season

Season Dates: September 1 – December 31, 2020

Open Area: Units 2, 3, 4, and Custer State Park. See unit map for boundaries.

Licenses: No more than 8 "ram bighorn sheep" licenses.

One of the 8 licenses shall be an auction "ram bighorn sheep" license if a minimum of three total bighorn sheep licenses are allocated.

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. All licensees are required to attend an orientation meeting prior to the opening day of the season at the regional office in Rapid City.
2. Except for the auction license, application for a license may be made by any resident hunter who has not been previously issued a bighorn sheep license in South Dakota.
3. An applicant can apply for up to two licenses if one choice includes Custer State Park.
4. Land operator preference is not applicable to these licenses.
5. One bighorn sheep license shall be allocated as an auction license if a minimum of three bighorn licenses are approved by the Commission. The Commission shall determine in which unit or units the auction license is valid.
6. All successful hunters must submit their bighorn sheep to a conservation officer or Department representative for inspection and permanent marking within 24 hours after the kill.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. No more than 8 bighorn sheep licenses may be issued.
2. Establish Unit 4 which includes those portions of Custer and Pennington counties beginning at the junction of the WY state line and Summit Ridge Rd (USFS Rd 265) then north on Summit Ridge Rd to Boles Canyon Rd (USFS 117) then north on Boles Canyon Rd to Six-Mile Rd (USFS 301) the east on Six-Mile Rd to Ditch Creek Rd (USFS Rd 291) then south on Ditch Creek Rd to the Custer/Pennington county line then east on the Custer/Pennington county line to SD Hwy 79 then south on SD Hwy 79 to the Custer/Fall River county line then west on the Custer/Fall River county line to Pilger Mountain Rd (USFS Rd 317) then north on Pilger Mountain Rd to Pleasant Valley Rd (USFS Rd 715) then north and east on Pleasant Valley Rd to Richardson Cutoff (USFS Rd 276) then north on Richardson Cutoff to Pass Creek Rd (USFS Rd 272) then west and north on Pass Creek Rd to Mann Rd (USFS Rd 270) then north on Mann Rd to SD Hwy 16 then west on SD Hwy 16 to the WY state line then north on the WY state line to the point of origin, excluding Jewel Cave National Monument (SEE UNIT MAP).
3. Establish Custer State Park unit which includes the fenced portion of Custer State Park (SEE UNIT MAP).

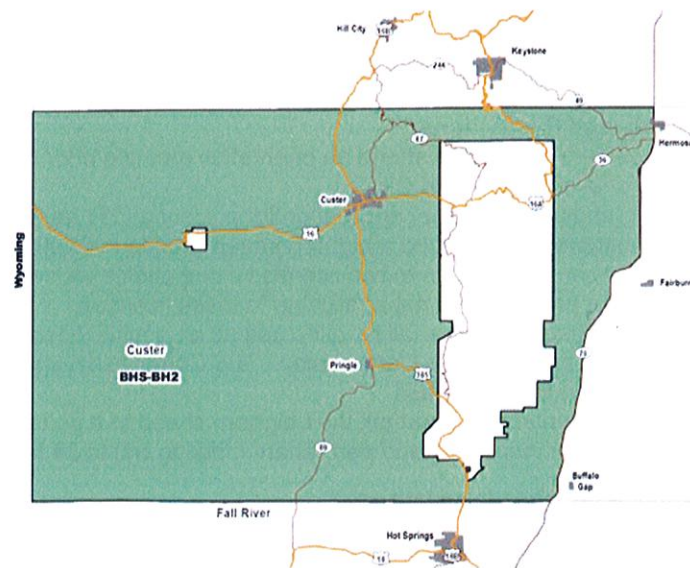
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Allocation of Licenses by Unit

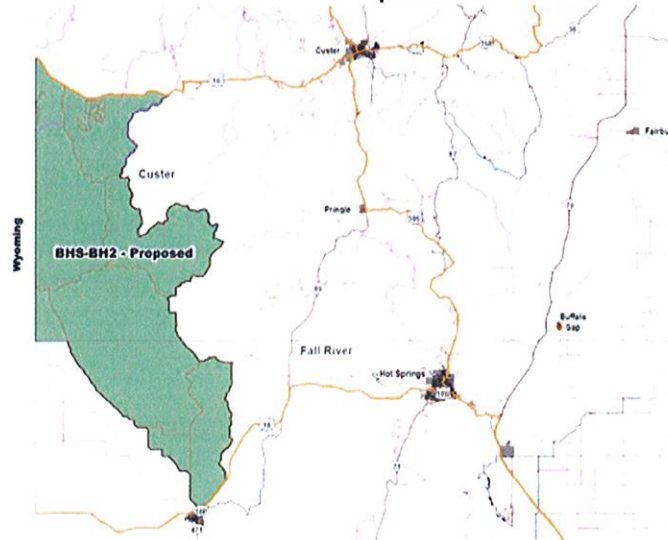
Unit	2019 Licenses	2020 Licenses
1	0	0
2	2	3
3	1	1
4	0	2
CSP	0	1

In addition to the licenses allocated by units above, the Department recommends the auction license to valid in all units except for Unit 4 and Custer State Park.

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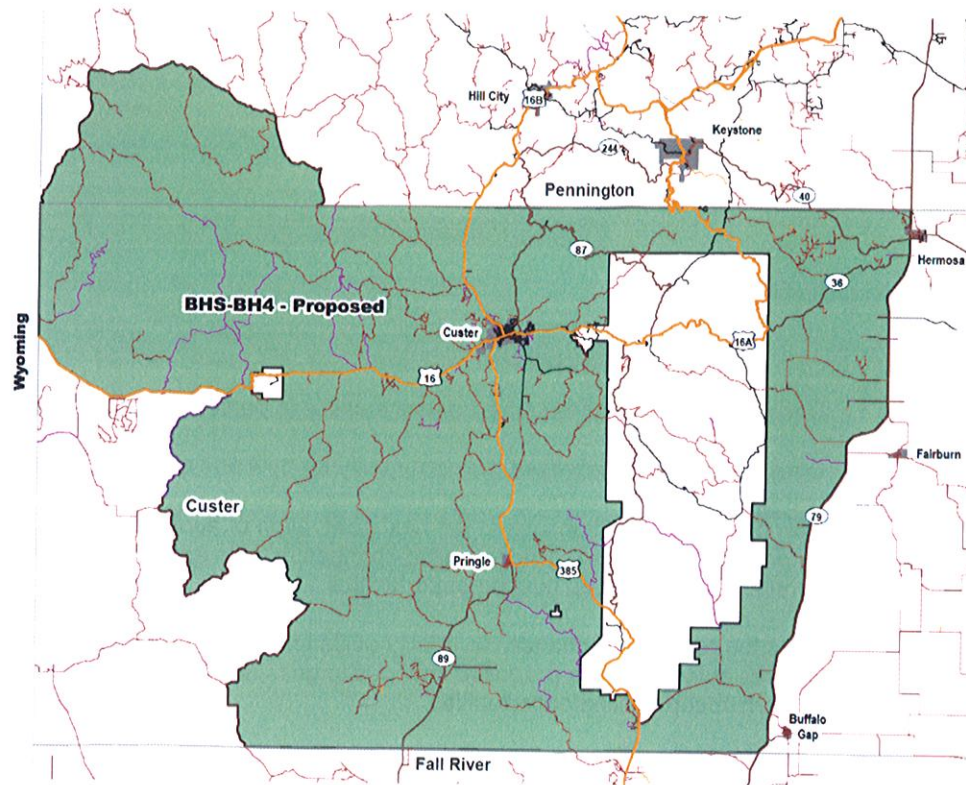


Unit 2 – Proposed

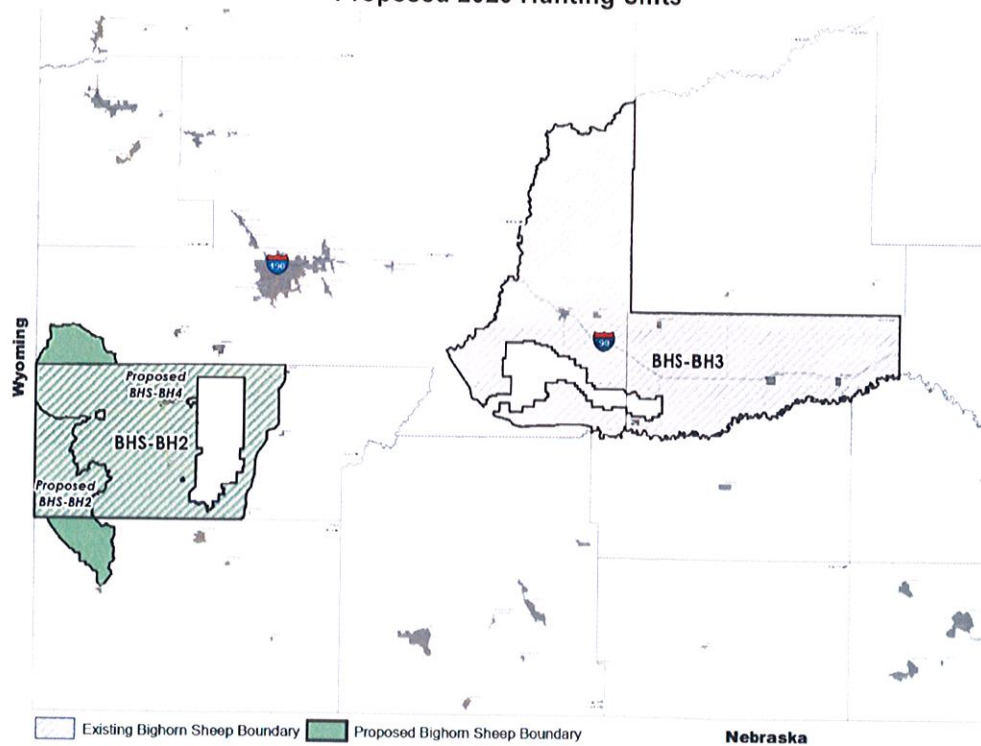


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Unit 4 -- Proposed



Proposed 2020 Hunting Units



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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Due to the presence of pneumonia, low recruitment and low ram numbers, the Department recommends retaining the hunting closure for Unit 1. The establishment and availability of licenses for Unit 4 (Hell Canyon) is a result of a successful transplant and availability of quality rams. The establishment and availability of a license for Custer State Park is the result of management implemented from research findings and will not negatively affect the viewability of bighorn sheep for park visitors.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? Not applicable.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Yes.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? The proposed changes to units and license allocation would enhance bighorn sheep hunting opportunities.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? The proposed changes to units and license allocation would enhance bighorn sheep hunting opportunities.

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Hunting Requirements and Prohibited Methods

Chapter 41:06:04

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 16-17, 2020	Pierre
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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

41:06:03:15. Chronic Wasting Disease endemic area defined. The following units as described in this chapter have known cases of Chronic Wasting Disease and are considered an endemic area: Deer units CUD-CU1, BHD-BH1, BHD-BD1, BHD-BD2, WRD-02A, WRD-21A, WRD-21B, WRD-27A, WRD-27B, and WRD-27L; and Elk units CUE-CU1, CEE-CU1, BHE-H2, BHE-H3, BHE-H4, BHE-H5, BHE-H7, BHE-H9 and PRE-27A. This provisions of this section apply only to the implementation of §§ 41:06:03:16 through 41:06:03:19.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Modify 41:06:03:15 (listed above) by adding the following deer hunting units: WRD-11B, WRD-15B, WRD-35A, WRD-35L within WRD-35A, WRD-31A, WRD-39B, WRD-49A, WRD-49B, WRD-60A, RFD-LC1 and RFD-LC2.
2. Modify 41:06:03:15 (listed above) by adding the following elk hunting units: BHE-H1, PRE-09A, PRE-11A, PRE-11B, PRE-11C, PRE-11D, PRE-35A and PRE-WRA.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

A CWD endemic area is defined as a hunting unit where CWD has been confirmed in wild cervids. Managing the transportation and disposal of carcasses or carcass parts outside of a known CWD endemic is critical in reducing the artificial spread of CWD. Hunting units identified as a CWD endemic area will automatically trigger intrastate transportation and carcass disposal requirements as outlined in 41:06:03:17, 41:06:03:18 and 41:06:03:19.

Information regarding these new endemic areas and CWD regulations will be incorporated into all deer and elk applications so applicants are aware of these regulations for applicable hunting units.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not Applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? Not directly but does enact additional requirements for a hunter to transport and dispose of deer and elk carcasses from certain hunting units.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Not applicable.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Not applicable.

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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

41:06:04:21. Mandatory submission of samples for chronic wasting disease testing. Each successful elk or deer hunter shall submit samples for chronic wasting disease testing for all elk and deer harvested from any Custer State Park hunting unit.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Repeal 41:06:04:21 (listed above).

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The goal of surveillance strategies in South Dakota is to determine the likely spread of chronic wasting disease (CWD) to new units where the disease has not been detected in wild, free-ranging cervids. Assuming natural movement of CWD by wild cervids will provide the most predictable disease spread across the landscape, high surveillance sampling goals will be established for units with no known CWD positive wild cervids that are within the expected dispersal distance of a known, wild CWD positive cervid

Without pre-determined research design and management objectives, prevalence rates will not be quantified. If research objectives require prevalence rates or a management strategy will be implemented based on prevalence rate thresholds (i.e., implement management strategy X if prevalence exceeds Y%), prevalence will be estimated by collecting a representative sample with desired levels of precision.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not Applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? Does not inhibit a user's ability to participate, but the Department does not have pre-determined management objectives to address the prevalence of CWD at this time, thus the recommendation to repeal the current administrative rule of mandatory submission of samples for CWD testing.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Not applicable.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Not applicable.

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Black Hills Elk Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:26

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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2020 and 2021 hunting seasons.

Season Dates:

Units	2020 Hunting Season Dates	2021 Hunting Season Dates
Any Elk Units	October 1 - 31	October 1 - 31
Antlerless Elk Units: H1B, H7B and H9B	October 15 - 31 AND December 1 - 16	October 15 - 31 AND December 1 - 16
Antlerless Elk Units: H2B, H2E, H2H, H3B and H3E	October 15 - 31	October 15 - 31
Antlerless Elk Units: H2C, H2F, H2I, H3C and H3F	December 1 - 16	December 1 - 16
Antlerless Elk Units: H2D, H2G, H2J, H2D and H3G	December 17 - 31	December 17 - 31

Open Area: See attached maps.

Licenses: 430 "any elk" and 715 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 1,145 licenses)

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. No person may possess more than one (1) elk license of any type in a year.
2. No more than two persons may submit applications together.
3. Except for landowner/operator preference applicants, no person who receives a license in the first drawing for this season shall be eligible to apply for a Black Hills elk license in first drawings for the next 9 years.
4. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference. One member of each qualifying landowner/operator household may apply every year.
5. Each elk harvested must be inspected by a Conservation Officer or designee within 24 hours after kill.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Adjust the total number of available licenses from 425 "any elk" and 700 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 1,125 licenses) to 430 "any elk" and 715 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 1,145 licenses).

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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The intent of the changes being recommended are to allow an opportunity for adjustments to be made at finalization during the Commission meeting in March and in administrative rule to maximize hunter opportunity based on the results of the upcoming aerial survey and to meet population objectives identified in the elk management plan.

Year	Licensed Hunters	Hunter Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
2014	664	71%	299	174
2015	922	71%	312	345
2016	1,745	62%	363	724
2017	1,581	66%	366	684
2018	1,124	64%	315	402

2018	"Any Elk"					"Antlerless Elk" (All Units Combined)				
Unit	Appl.1st Choice	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested	Appl.1st Choice	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
H1	1,131	60	73%	44	0	53	20	33%	0	7
H2	8,534	249	77%	179	13	453	445	62%	5	269
H3	1,190	80	77%	58	3	55	195	48%	3	90
H4	54	10	90%	9	0	3	10	70%	0	7
H5	58	5	60%	3	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H7	278	10	90%	9	0	8	10	40%	0	
H9	51	10	40%	3	1	3	20	45%	1	

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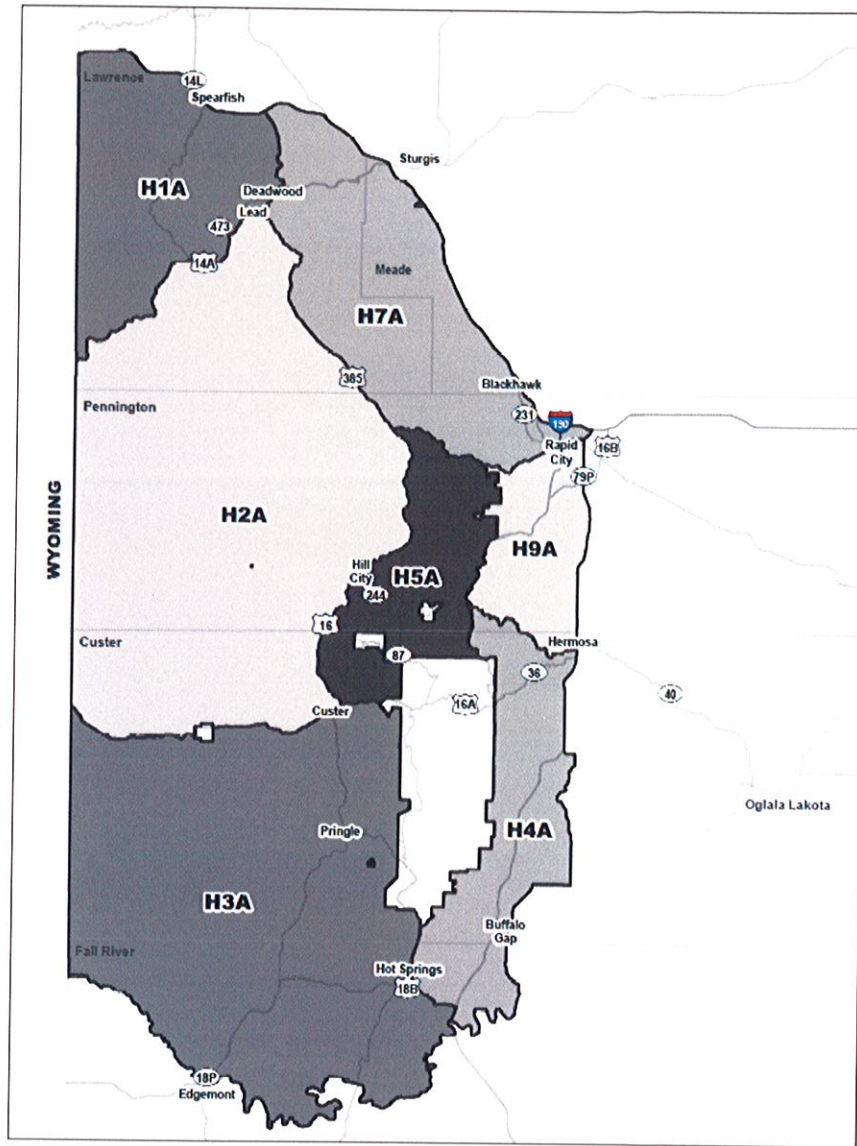
Not applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? Not applicable.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users?
 - The proposed changes to license allocation would slightly increase elk hunting opportunity.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Not applicable.

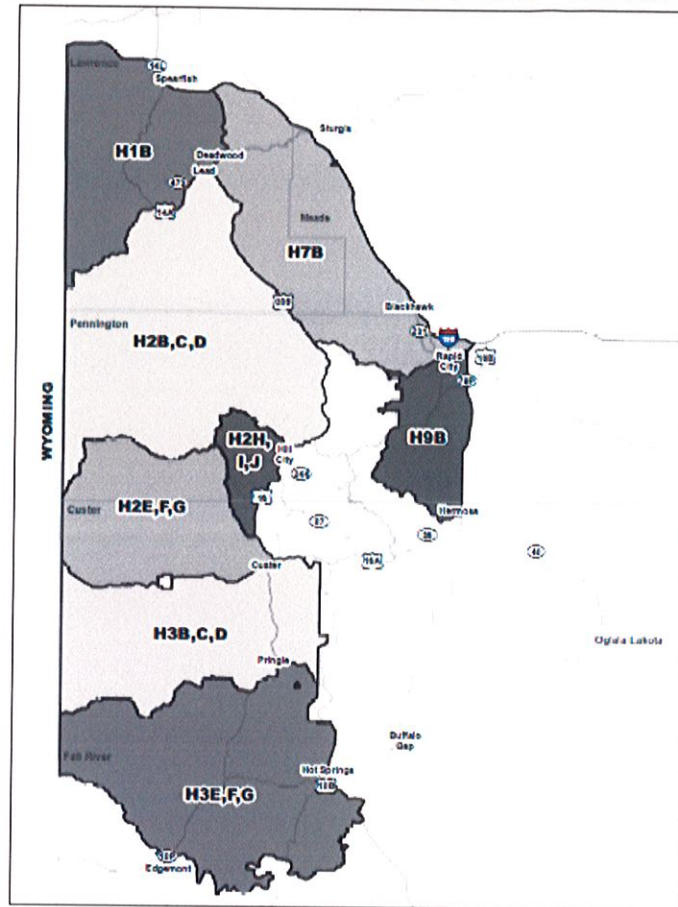
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BLACK HILLS “ANY” ELK UNITS



2020 & 2021	
Unit	"Any" Elk Licenses
H1A	60
H2A	255
H3A	80
H4A	10
H5A	5
H7A	10
H9A	10
Total	430

BLACK HILLS “ANTLERLESS” ELK UNITS



2020 & 2021	
Unit	"Antlerless" Elk Licenses
H1B	30
H2B	75
H2C	75
H2D	25
H2E	75
H2F	75
H2G	75
H2H	15
H2I	15
H2J	15
H3B	15
H3C	15
H3D	15
H3E	50
H3F	50
H3G	50
H4B	15
H7B	10
H9B	20
Total	715

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Archery Elk Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:43

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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2020 and 2021 hunting seasons.

Season Dates: Black Hills Units: September 1-30, 2020
September 1-30, 2021

Open Area: See attached map

Licenses: 142 "any elk" and 85 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 227 licenses)

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. No person may possess more than one (1) elk license of any type in a year.
2. No more than two persons may submit applications together.
3. Except for landowner/operator preference applicants, no person who receives a license in the first drawing for this season shall be eligible to apply for an archery elk license in first drawings for the next 9 years.
4. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference application. One member of each qualifying landowner/operator household may apply every year.
5. Each elk harvested must be inspected by a Conservation Officer or designee within 24 hours after kill.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 142 "any elk" and 80 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 222 licenses) to 142 "any elk" and 85 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 227 licenses).

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The intent of the changes being recommended are to allow an opportunity for adjustments to be made at finalization during the Commission meeting in March and in administrative rule to maximize hunter opportunity based on the results of the upcoming aerial survey and to meet population objectives identified in the elk management plan.

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Year	Licensed Hunters	Hunter Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
2014	106	39%	38	4
2015	196	34%	54	12
2016	280	29%	57	25
2017	269	27%	48	23
2018	219	38%	65	19

2018	"Any Elk"					"Antlerless Elk"				
Unit	Appl.1st Choice	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested	Appl.1st Choice	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
H1	660	19	33%	6	0	11	10	40%	1	3
H2	3,671	88	57%	49	1	42	50	27%	0	13
H3	446	25	26%	7	0	10	20	6%	0	1
H4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H5	40	2	0%	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H7	126	5	60%	3	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

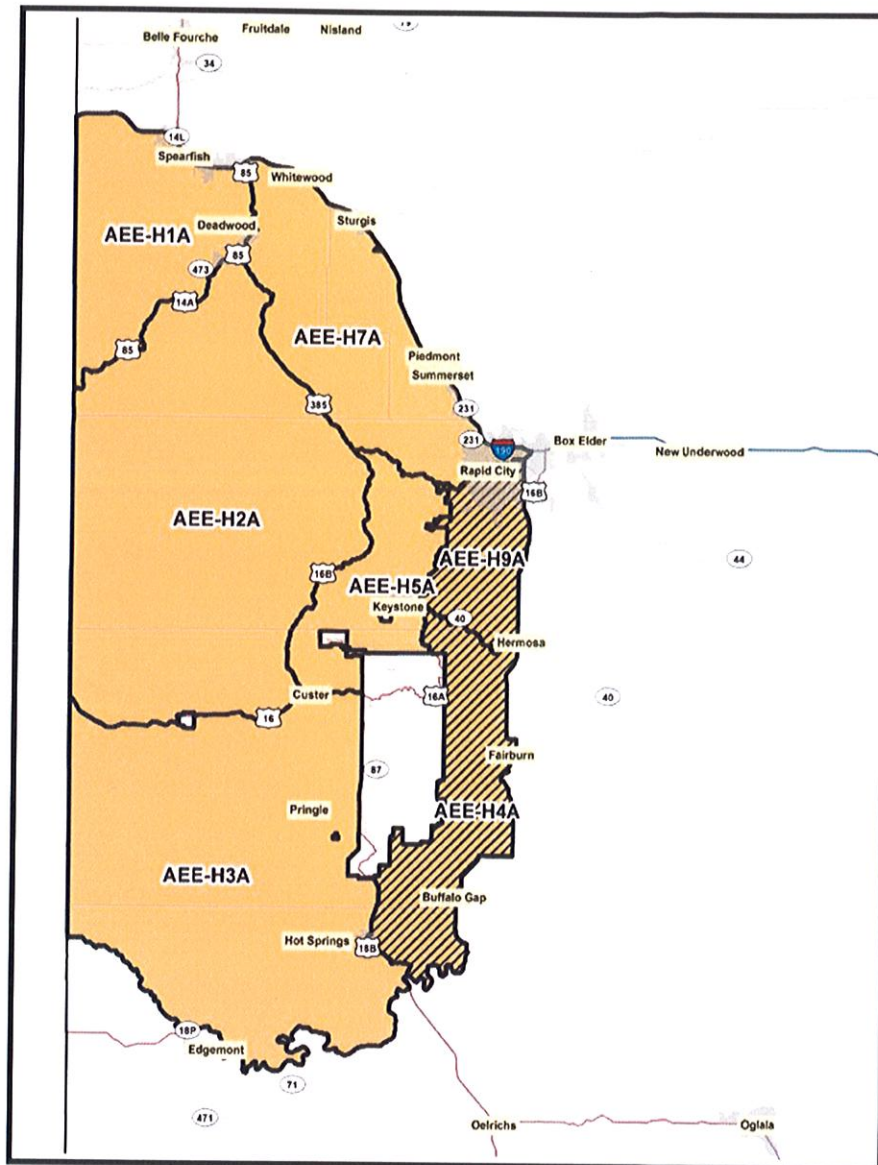
Not Applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? Not applicable.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? The proposed changes to license allocation would slightly increase elk hunting opportunities.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Not applicable.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

BLACK HILLS ARCHERY ELK UNITS



Unit	2020 & 2021		
	"Any" Elk Tags	"Antlerless" Elk Tags	Total Tags
H1	20	15	35
H2	95	50	145
H3	25	20	45
H4	0	0	0
H5	2	0	2
H7	5	0	5
H9	0	0	0
TOTAL	147	85	232

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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

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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2020 and 2021 hunting seasons.

Season Dates: Closed

Licenses: None

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Harvested elk must be inspected within 24 hours.

Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licensed Hunters	Hunter Success	Harvest
2006	100	73%	73
2007	60	53%	34
2008	40	55%	24
2009	20	95%	19
2010	5	80%	4
2011	CLOSED		
2012	CLOSED		
2013	CLOSED		
2014	CLOSED		
2015	CLOSED		
2016	20	90%	18
2017	29	86%	24
*	23	19%	4
2018	CLOSED		
2019	CLOSED		

*Last three seasons canceled due to Legion Lake Fire.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not Applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

Not Applicable.

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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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

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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2020 and 2021 hunting seasons.

Season Dates: September 1-30, 2020
September 1-30, 2021

Licenses: 2 "Any Elk" licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Harvested elk must be inspected within 24 hours.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Reduce the number of "any elk" licenses from 3 to 2.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The intent of the changes being recommended are to allow an opportunity for adjustments to be made at finalization during the Commission meeting in March and in administrative rule to maximize hunter opportunity based on the results of the upcoming aerial survey and to meet population objectives identified in the elk management plan.

Year	License d Hunters	1st Choice Applicants	Succes s Rate	Elk Harvested
2008	8	3,084	25%	2 bulls
2009	8	3,134	25%	2 bulls
2010	5	3,031	0%	None
2011	3	2,000	33%	1 bull
2012	3	2,078	0%	0
2013	3	2,740	100%	3 bulls
2014	4	3,023	100%	4 bulls
2015	4	3,600	75%	3 bulls
2016	3	3,707	33%	1 bull
2017	3	3,704	33%	1 bull
2018	3	3,772	67%	2 bulls

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not Applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

Not Applicable.

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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Custer State Park Elk Hunting Season (Any Elk)

Chapter 41:06:27

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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2020 and 2021 hunting seasons.

Season Dates: October 1-31, 2020
October 1-31, 2021

Licenses: 7 resident "Any Elk" licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. The unit is open within the boundaries of Custer State Park.
2. Harvested elk must be inspected within 24 hours.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Reduce the number of "any elk" licenses from 8 to 7.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The intent of the changes being recommended are to allow an opportunity for adjustments to be made at finalization during the Commission meeting in March and in administrative rule to maximize hunter opportunity based on the results of the upcoming aerial survey and to meet population objectives identified in the elk management plan.

Year	License s	Applicant s	Success Rate
2006	41	11,709	95%
2007	41	12,768	93%
2008	36	12,572	97%
2009	36	13,063	86%
2010	21	13,065	80%
2011	11	12,060	91%
2012	4	11,133	100%
2013	4	12,888	100%
2014	4	11,762	100%
2015	8	9,136	100%
2016	9	8,951	89%
2017	9	8,828	89%
2018	9	8,670	89%

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not Applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

Not Applicable.

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Prairie Elk Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:59

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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2020 and 2021 hunting seasons.

Season Dates:

Unit	2020 Hunting Season Dates	2021 Hunting Season Dates
9A	September 15 - October 31 AND December 1 - 31	September 15 - October 31 AND December 1 - 31
11A	July 15 - August 31	July 15 - August 31
11B	September 1 - October 16	September 1 - October 15
11C	October 17 - November 30	October 16 - November 30
11D	September 1 - December 31	September 1 - December 31
15A	September 1 - October 31 AND December 1 - 31	September 1 - October 31 AND December 1 - 31
27A	October 1 - 31 AND December 1 - 31	October 1 - 31 AND December 1 - 31
35A	September 15 - October 31 AND December 1 - 31	September 15 - October 31 AND December 1 - 31
West River	September 1 - December 31	September 1 - December 31

<u>Open Area:</u>	Unit 09A	Portions of Butte, Lawrence and Meade counties
	Unit 11A,B,C,D	Bennett County; portions of Jackson and Mellette counties
	Unit 15A	Portions of Butte and Lawrence counties
	Unit 27A	Portions of Fall River County
	Unit 35A	Harding County
	Unit WRA	Those portions of South Dakota west of the Missouri River not associated with another prairie elk unit, excluding Corson, Dewey, Oglala Lakota, Todd and Ziebach counties.

Licenses: 78 "any elk" and 75 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 153 licenses)

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. No person may possess more than one (1) elk license of any type in a year.
2. No more than two persons may submit applications together.
3. Except for landowner/operator preference applicants, no person who receives a license in the first drawing for this season shall be eligible to apply for a prairie elk license in first drawings for the next 9 years.
4. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference. One member of each qualifying landowner/operator household may apply every year.
5. Each elk harvested must be inspected by a Conservation Officer or designee within 24 hours after kill.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 68 "any elk" and 73 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 141 licenses) to 78 "any elk" and 75 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 151 licenses).
2. Establish a new unit (PRE-WRA) for those portions of South Dakota west of the Missouri River not associated with another prairie elk unit, excluding Corson, Dewey, Oglala Lakota, Todd and Ziebach counties with season dates of September 1 to December 1-31 (see attached map).

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3. Modify those portions of Unit 9 in Butte and Lawrence counties to include that area within a line beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highways 85 and 212, then east on Highway 212 to Whitewood Valley Road, then south on Whitewood Valley Road to Interstate 90, then west on Interstate 90 to U.S. Highway 85, then north on U.S. Highway 85 to point of origin. That portion of Unit 9 in Meade County would remain unchanged.
4. Modify Unit 15A to include those portions of Butte and Lawrence counties within a line beginning at the junction of the South Dakota-Wyoming border, east on Sourdough Road to U.S. Highway 85, then south on U.S. Highway 85 to Interstate 90, then west on Interstate 90 to the South Dakota-Wyoming border, then north to the point of origin.
5. Modify Unit 27A to include all of Fall River County not included in BHE-H3.
6. Eliminate Unit 30A (portions of Gregory County) and include this geographic area into the West River prairie unit.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

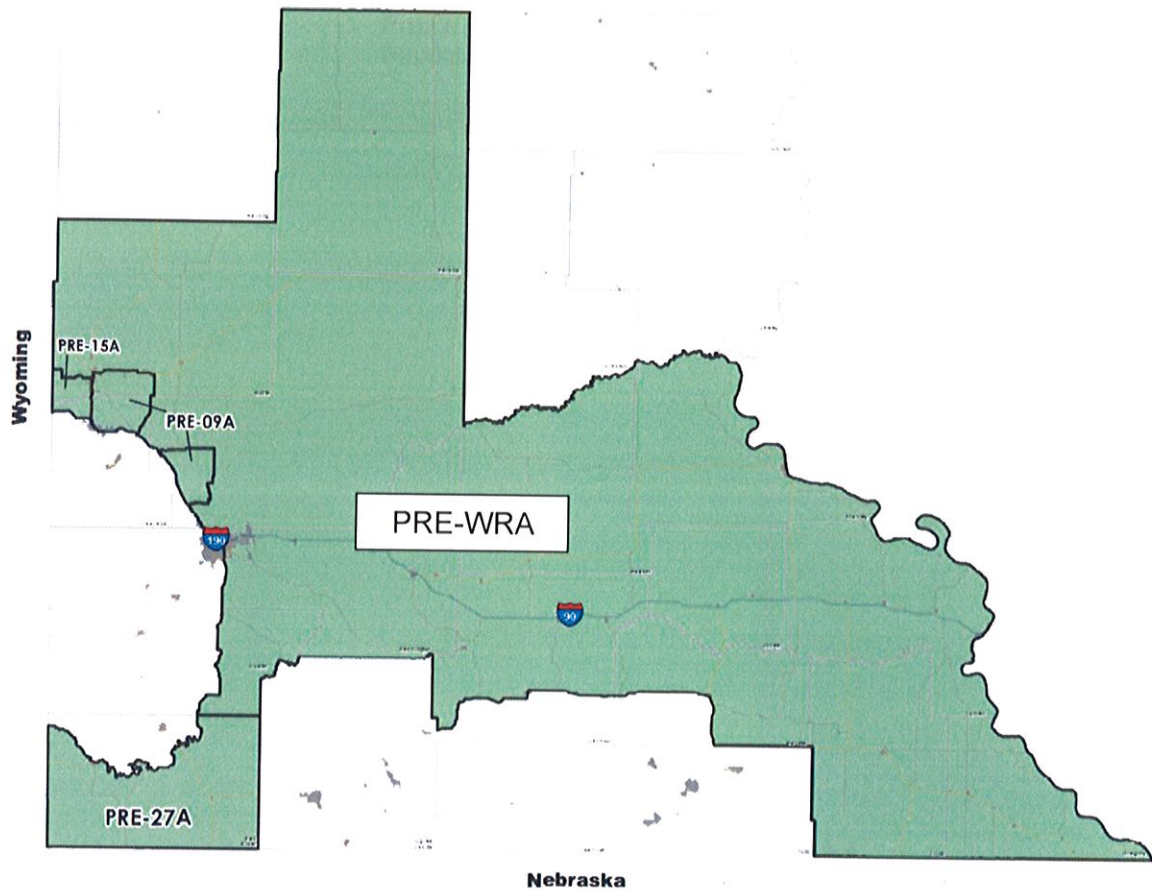
The intent of the changes being recommended are to allow an opportunity for adjustments to be made at finalization during the Commission meeting in March and in administrative rule to maximize hunter opportunity based on the results of the upcoming aerial survey and to meet population objectives identified in the elk management plan.

Year	Licensed Hunters	Hunter Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
2014	92	68%	30	31
2015	98	55%	29	25
2016	148	40%	32	27
2017	149	54%	41	39
2018	139	79%	59	51

2018	"Any Elk"				"Antlerless Elk"			
Unit	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
09A	10	80%	8	0	10	50%	0	5
11A	NA	NA	NA	NA	17	93%	0	16
11B	16	100%	16	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
11C	16	69%	10	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
11D	NA	NA	NA	NA	30	70%	0	26
15A	8	100%	8	0	10	0%	0	0
27A	10	80%	8	0	10	40%	1	3
30A	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
35A	8	100%	8	0	NA	NA	NA	NA

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

Prairie Elk Units



RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not Applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? No. With the recommended West River prairie elk unit (PRE-WRA), the Department is also recommending modifying the unit boundaries of some other units to simplify their respective unit boundary descriptions.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users?
 - The proposed changes to license allocation would slightly increase elk hunting opportunities.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Increases opportunity for elk hunting in western South Dakota and simplifies prairie elk hunting units.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Increases opportunity for elk hunting in western South Dakota.

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2020-2021 Elk Hunting Seasons

2019 Black Hills Elk			
Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	
H1A	60		
H1B		20	
H2A	250		
H2B		75	
H2C		75	
H2D		25	
H2E		75	
H2F		75	
H2G		75	
H2H		15	
H2I		15	
H2J		15	
H3A	80		
H3B		15	
H3C		15	
H3D		15	
H3E		50	
H3F		50	
H3G		50	
H4A	10		
H4B		10	
H5A	5		
H7A	10		
H7B		10	
H9A	10		
H9B		20	
TOTAL	425	700	1,125
Contingency	NA	140	140

Archery Elk			
Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	
H1A	20	10	
H2A	90	50	
H3A	25	20	
H4A			
H5A	2		
H7A	5		
H9A			
30A			
TOTAL	142	80	222

Prairie Elk			
Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	
9A	10	10	
11A		18	
11B	16		
11C	16		
11D		30	
15A	8	5	
27A	10	10	
30A			
35A	8		
West River	Not Applicable		
TOTAL	68	73	141

Custer State Park			
Season	Resident Licenses		
	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	
CEE-CU1	3		
CUE-CU1	9		
TOTAL	12		12

2020-2021 Black Hills Elk			
Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	
H1A	60		
H1B		30	
H2A	255		
H2B		75	
H2C		75	
H2D		25	
H2E		75	
H2F		75	
H2G		75	
H2H		15	
H2I		15	
H2J		15	
H3A	80		
H3B		15	
H3C		15	
H3D		15	
H3E		50	
H3F		50	
H3G		50	
H4A	10		
H4B		15	
H5A	5		
H7A	10		
H7B		10	
H9A	10		
H9B		20	
TOTAL	430	715	1,145
Contingency	NA	143	143

Archery Elk			
Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	
H1A	20	15	
H2A	95	50	
H3A	25	20	
H4A			
H5A	2		
H7A	5		
H9A			
30A			
TOTAL	147	85	232

Prairie Elk			
Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	
9A	10	10	
11A		20	
11B	16		
11C	16		
11D		30	
15A	8	5	
27A	10	10	
30A			
35A	8		
West River	10		
TOTAL	78	75	153

Custer State Park			
Season	Resident Licenses		
	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	
CEE-CU1	2		
CUE-CU1	8		
TOTAL	10		10

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Custer State Park Non-Trophy Bison Harvest Chapter 41:06:60

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 16-17	Pierre
	Public Hearing	March 5-6	Pierre
	Finalization	March 5-6	Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

41:06:60:01. Season established.

The non-trophy bison harvest in Custer State Park is open for 40 days beginning the first Monday in October. A licensee is restricted to one day for the hunt and shall arrange their hunting date with the Custer State Park office.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. None

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Fifteen non-trophy bull bison licenses are issued with seven allocated to South Dakota residents in a first draw. License holders are restricted to one day for the harvest, must arrange the hunt date with the Custer State Park office and shall be accompanied by an authorized park official when hunting.

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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Custer State Park Trophy Bison Bull Harvest Chapter 41:06:42

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 16-17	Pierre
	Public Hearing	March 5-6	Pierre
	Finalization	March 5-6	Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

41:06:42:01. Season established.

The trophy bison bull harvest in Custer State Park is open for 61 days beginning the third Monday in November. A licensee is restricted to three consecutive days for the hunt. Licensees shall arrange their hunting dates with the Custer State Park office.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. None

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Eight trophy bull bison licenses are issued with two allocated to South Dakota residents in the first draw. Custer State Park's trophy bison harvest is the tool used to remove over mature bison bulls (10+ year-old) but is a sought after trophy opportunity. These bulls are eligible for Boone and Crockett awards and most qualify above the 115" minimum score. License holders are restricted to three days for the harvest and must arrange their hunting dates with the Custer State Park Office and be accompanied by an authorized park official when hunting.

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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Custer State Park Trophy and Non-Trophy Bison Harvest License Forms and Fees, Custer State Park Restrictions Chapter 41:06:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 16-17	Pierre
	Public Hearing	March 5-6	Pierre
	Finalization	March 5-6	Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: Trophy hunts 61 Days beginning the third Monday in November
Non-trophy hunts 40 Days beginning the first Monday in October.

Licenses: Eight trophy bull bison permits with two allocated to residents in the first draw.
Fifteen non-trophy bull bison permits with seven allocated to residents in the first draw. Zero cow bison permits.

Requirements and Restrictions:

- 1) Trophy bison unit is open within the boundaries of Custer State Park for a 61-day period beginning the third Monday of November (Nov 18, 2019 – Jan 17, 2020).
- 2) Non-trophy bison unit is open within the boundaries of Custer State Park for a 40-day period beginning the first Monday of October (Oct 7, 2019 – Nov 15, 2019).
- 3) Trophy bison permit holders are restricted to three days for the harvest and must arrange hunting date with the Custer State Park Office.
- 4) Non-trophy bison permit holders are restricted to one day for the harvest and must arrange hunting date with the Custer State Park Office.
- 5) Each permit holder shall be accompanied by an authorized Custer State Park official while hunting.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. None

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Duck Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:16

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	December 12-13, 2019	Madison
	Public Hearing	March 5, 2020	Pierre
	Finalization	March 5-6, 2020	Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2020-21 hunting season

Season Dates and Open Areas:

High Plains Zone:	October 10, 2020 – January 14, 2021
Low Plains North & Low Plains Middle Zone:	September 26 – December 8, 2020
Low Plains South Zone:	October 24, 2020 – January 5, 2021

Daily Limits:

Ducks: 6 The duck limit may be comprised of no more than: 5 mallards (which may include no more than 2 hens), 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks, 1 pintail and 1 scaup.

2 Bonus blue-winged teal (first 16 days of the season only)

Low Plains North & Low Plains Middle Zones: September 26 – October 11,

2020

Low Plains South Zone: October 24 – November 8, 2020

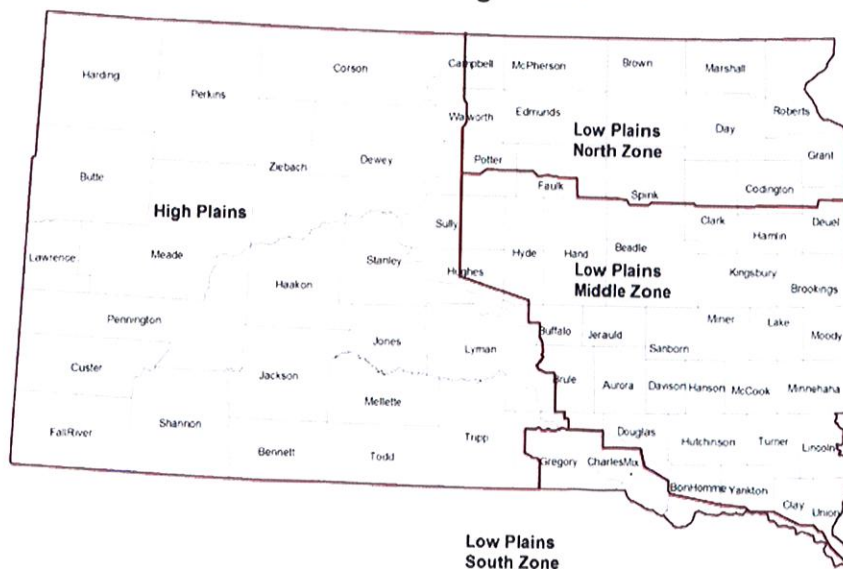
High Plains Zone: October 10 – 25, 2020

Coots: 15

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

Possession Limits: Three times the daily bag limits.

Duck Hunting Zones



Proposed changes from last year:

1. Decrease the scaup daily bag limit from 3 to 1.
2. Modify the start date of the Low Plains Middle and North Zones from beginning on the last Saturday of September to the Saturday closest to September 24.

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Low Plains Middle and North Zones -- 74 Day Season				
Current Rule			Recommended Rule	
The last Saturday of September			The Saturday closest to September 24th	
Year	Start Date	End Date	Start Date	End Date
2020	09/26/2020	12/08/2020	09/26/2020	12/08/2020
2021	09/25/2021	12/07/2021	09/25/2021	12/07/2021
2022	09/24/2022	12/06/2022	09/24/2022	12/06/2022
2023	09/30/2023	12/12/2023	09/23/2023	12/05/2023
2024	09/28/2024	12/10/2024	09/21/2024	12/03/2024
2025	09/27/2025	12/09/2025	09/27/2025	12/09/2025
2026	09/26/2026	12/08/2026	09/26/2026	12/08/2026
2027	09/25/2027	12/07/2027	09/25/2027	12/07/2027
2028	09/30/2028	12/12/2028	09/23/2028	12/05/2028
2029	09/29/2029	12/11/2029	09/22/2029	12/04/2029

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Ducks Harvested
2014	13,471	3,565	221,981
2015	11,994	3,937	213,745
2016	10,533	3,832	185,105
2017	10,557	4,159	189,320
2018	10,271	4,051	175,822

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue
 - Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented?
 - i. Change to the daily bag limit for scaup is recommended as this is a requirement of the federal framework recently recommended by the Central Flyway Council and adopted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Harvest management of scaup will be monitored by state wildlife management agencies and the USFWS.
 - ii. Modifying the start date as recommended would provide additional opportunity earlier in the season for some years, thus allowing hunters to take advantage of local breeding ducks such as blue-winged teal.
2. Historical Considerations – Not Applicable
3. Biological Considerations
 - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?
 - i. A reduction in harvest was identified as a need to meet scaup population objectives.

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- ii. Start date would have no biological consideration as harvest is managed with the daily bag limits.

4. Social Considerations
- Again, would provide additional opportunity earlier in the season for some years, thus allowing hunters to take advantage of local breeding ducks such as blue-winged teal.
5. Financial considerations – Not Applicable

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? Not applicable.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users?
 - Regulation change would not reduce the total daily bag limit of ducks but does restrict the hunter to one scaup.
 - Again, would provide additional opportunity earlier in the season for some years, thus allowing hunters to take advantage of local breeding ducks such as blue-winged teal.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Not applicable.

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:49

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	December 12-13, 2019	Madison
	Public Hearing	March 5, 2020	Pierre
	Finalization	March 5-6, 2020	Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2020 hunting season

Season Dates: September 12-13, 2020

Open Area: Statewide

Daily Limit: Same as for regular duck and goose seasons

Possession Limit: Same as for regular duck and goose seasons

Requirements and Restrictions:

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

Proposed change from last year:

1. Modify the start date from beginning on the Saturday prior to the last Saturday of September of September to beginning 14 days prior to the Saturday closest to September 24.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

1. Change the age requirement from those who have not reached the age of 16 to those who have not reached the age of 18.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue
 - Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented?
 - i. Modifying the start date as recommended would provide additional opportunity earlier in the season, thus allowing youth hunters to take advantage of local breeding ducks such as blue-winged teal.
2. Historical Considerations – Not Applicable
3. Biological Considerations
 - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?

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- i. Start date would have no biological consideration as harvest is managed with the daily bag limits.

4. Social Considerations

- Again, would provide additional opportunity earlier in the season, thus allowing youth duck hunters to take advantage of local breeding ducks such as blue-winged teal.

5. Financial considerations – Not Applicable

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? The proposed change to the age requirement would allow more youth to hunt during the youth duck season.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users?
 - Again, would provide additional opportunity earlier in the season, thus allowing hunters to take advantage of local breeding ducks such as blue-winged teal.
 - The proposed change to the age requirement would allow more youth to hunt during the youth duck season.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? The proposed change to the age requirement is a tool to help recruit youth into waterfowl hunting.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Not applicable.

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Waterfowl Hunting Season – Tundra Swan Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:16

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	December 12-13, 2019	Madison
	Public Hearing	March 5, 2020	Pierre
	Finalization	March 5-6, 2020	Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2019-20 hunting season

Season Dates: October 3, 2020 – January 8, 2020

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

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

Requirements and Restrictions:

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

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Reduce the total number of licenses from 1,675 to 1,300.
2. Of the total number of licenses available, reduce the number available for nonresidents from 250 to 200.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The joint Flyway Management Plan for the eastern population of tundra swans follows harvest objectives based on the 3-year running average of the combined Atlantic and Mississippi Flyway mid-winter survey. The current average of 108,000 is now below the population average threshold (110,000) as indicated in the plan. As a result, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife has modified the number of permits available to respective states in accordance with the guidelines found in the management plan.

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RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue
 - Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented?
 - i. Change to the number of licenses allocated to the states is recommended as this is a requirement of the federal framework recently recommended by the Central Flyway Council and adopted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Harvest management of tundra will be monitored by state wildlife management agencies and the USFWS.
2. Historical Considerations – Not Applicable
3. Biological Considerations
 - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?
 - i. A slight reduction in harvest was identified as a need to meet tundra population objectives.
4. Social Considerations
 - The recommended reduction in licenses would still meet the historical demand for both resident and nonresident hunters.
5. Financial considerations – Not Applicable

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? Not applicable.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users?
 - The recommended reduction in licenses would still meet the historical demand for both resident and nonresident hunters and likely still allow new tundra swan hunters to obtain a license.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Not applicable.

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Administrative Rule Review Article 41:06

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal	December 12-13, 2019	Madison
Public Hearing	March 5, 2020	Pierre
Finalization	March 5-6, 2020	Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends the following rule changes for the following administrative rules in an effort to reduce redundancy, increase transparency and improve consistency:

Chapter 41:06:00.01 – General provisions

- 41:06:00.01:01 Seasons not applicable to Indian lands—Exception
- 41:06:00.01:02 Definitions

Chapter 41:06:01 – Application for license

- 41:06:01:01 Applicability of chapter
- 41:06:01:02 Form of application—False representation prohibited—License prerequisite
- 41:06:01:03 Submission of application with fee
- 41:06:01:06 Lottery methods and procedure
- 41:06:01:07.01 Landowner preference application requirements and restrictions
- 41:06:01:07.02 Restrictions on landowner preference for legal entities
- 41:06:01:12 Mentored youth big game license—Restrictions
- 41:06:01:15 Elk application requirements
- 41:06:01:16 Purchase and accrual of preference points
- 41:06:01:17 Access permits required for specific deer hunting units and public lands
- 41:06:01:18 Authorization for terminally ill residents to hunt deer, antelope and turkeys

Chapter 41:06:02 – License forms and fees

- 41:06:02:01 License forms—Licensee to abide by license conditions
- 41:06:02:01.03 Replacement of lost or destroyed license, permit, or game tag
- 41:06:02:03 Hunting license fees

Chapter 41:06:03 – Possession, processing and transportation of game

- 41:06:03:02 Game bird transportation and packaging
- 41:06:03:05 Game transportation permits
- 41:06:03:06 Identification required for transportation of big game animal—Exception
- 41:06:03:11 Records required for wildlife processing facilities
- 41:06:03:12 Inspection of wildlife processing facilities

Chapter 41:06:04 – Hunting requirements and prohibited methods

- 41:06:04:01 Disturbing wildlife prohibited
- 41:06:04:04 Nonlicensee armed accompaniment prohibited—Exception
- 41:06:04:05 Migratory bird hunting season restrictions—Nontoxic shot
- 41:06:04:05.01 Nontoxic shot areas for small game

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41:06:04:06 Use of motor vehicles to disturb game prohibited
 41:06:04:11 Minimum size and type of big game ammunition
 41:06:04:12 Use of rifles and handguns to hunt birds prohibited—Exception for wild turkeys
 41:06:04:13 Minimum firearm size for elk
 41:06:04:15 Turkey restrictions
 41:06:04:16 Use of all-terrain vehicles
 41:06:04:18 Licensees restricted to the use of bow and arrow

Chapter 41:06:05 – Archery Restrictions

41:06:05:03 Possession of firearm while archery hunting restricted

Chapter 41:06:07 – Custer State Park restrictions

41:06:07:02 Eligibility of past licensees
 41:06:07:03 Minimum gun size for bison

Chapter 41:06:08 – Pheasant hunting season

41:06:08:01 Pheasant hunting season established—Open units and dates
 41:06:08:03 Possession limit

Chapter 41:06:09 – Grouse hunting season

41:06:09:01 Grouse hunting season established
 41:06:09:03 Daily bag limit
 41:06:09:04 Possession limit

Chapter 41:06:10 – Sage grouse hunting season

41:06:10:02 Open unit
 41:06:10:03 Season limit

Chapter 41:06:11 – Quail hunting season

41:06:11:01 Quail hunting season established
 41:06:11:02 Open unit

Chapter 41:06:12 – Partridge hunting season

41:06:12:01 Partridge hunting season established—Open area and dates
 41:06:12:02 Daily bag limit
 41:06:12:03 Possession limit

Chapter 41:06:13 – Spring wild turkey season

41:06:13:01 Spring wild turkey hunting season established—Number and type of licenses available
 41:06:13:04 Application requirements and restrictions

Chapter 41:06:14 – Fall wild turkey season

41:06:14:01 Fall turkey hunting season established—Number and type of licenses
 41:06:14:02.01 Prairie units
 41:06:14:05 Application requirements and restrictions

Chapter 41:06:15 – Custer State Park spring wild turkey season

41:06:15:01 Season established
 41:06:15:04 Applications for license

Chapter 41:06:16 – Waterfowl hunting seasons

41:06:16:01 Duck hunting season established

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41:06:16:02 High Plains duck hunting season established—Exception
 41:06:16:02.01 Low Plains duck hunting season established—Exceptions
 41:06:16:03 Daily bag limit
 41:06:16:05 Possession limit
 41:06:16:08 Special Canada goose hunting unit established—Limited permits—
 Application
 41:06:16:09.01 Tundra swan season established—Open units—Shooting hours
 41:06:16:11 Maximum number of nonresident waterfowl licenses—Open units—
 Dates—License restrictions
 41:06:16:11.01 Nonresident waterfowl license purchase restrictions—Unsold licenses
 and unit transfer dates

Chapter 41:06:17 – Common snipe hunting season

41:06:17:01 Snipe hunting season established
 41:06:17:02 Open unit
 41:06:17:03 Daily bag limit
 41:06:17:04 Possession limit

Chapter 41:06:18 – Sandhill crane hunting season

41:06:18:01 Sandhill crane hunting season established
 41:06:18:02 Open unit
 41:06:18:03 Daily bag limit
 41:06:18:04 Possession limit

Chapter 41:06:19 – Black Hills deer hunting season

41:06:19:01 Black Hills deer hunting season established—Number and type of
 licenses
 41:06:19:04 Special deer licenses

Chapter 41:06:20 – West River prairie deer season

41:06:20:01 West River prairie deer hunting season established—Number and type
 of licenses
 41:06:20:02 Open units—Exceptions

Chapter 41:06:21 – East River deer hunting season

41:06:21:01 East River deer hunting season established—Number and type of
 licenses
 41:06:21:02 Open units—Exceptions

Chapter 41:06:22 – Archery deer hunting season

41:06:22:01 Archery deer hunting season established—Number and type of
 licenses—Access permits
 41:06:22:02 Restricted areas—Exceptions
 41:06:22:03.01 License purchase restrictions

Chapter 41:06:23 – Antelope hunting season

41:06:23:01 Antelope hunting season established—Number and type of licenses
 41:06:23:02 West River units—Exceptions
 41:06:23:03 East River units—Exceptions

Chapter 41:06:24 – Archery antelope hunting season

41:06:24:01 Archery antelope hunting season established—Open area—Number
 and type of licenses available

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Chapter 41:06:25 – Custer State Park antelope hunting season

41:06:25:02 Number of licenses—Type—Dates

Chapter 41:06:26 – Black Hills elk hunting season

41:06:26:01 Black Hills elk hunting season established—Number and type of licenses—Season dates

41:06:26:02 Open units

41:06:26:06 Antlerless elk contingency licenses—Maximum licenses

41:06:26:07 Eligibility for antlerless elk contingency licenses—Application procedure and selection

Chapter 41:06:27 – Custer State Park elk hunting season

41:06:27:01 Custer State Park elk hunting season established—Number and type of licenses—Season dates

41:06:27:02.01 One elk license available by raffle

41:06:27:02.02 Criteria for selection by commission of exempt organization

41:06:27:02.03 Application procedures

41:06:27:02.04 Application deadline

41:06:27:02.05 Selection of organization by commission

41:06:27:02.06 Execution of agreement on participation in elk license raffle—Contents of agreement

41:06:27:02.07 Eligibility of successful entrant for other elk licenses

Chapter 41:06:28 – Custer State Park early archery elk hunting season

41:06:28:01 Custer State Park early archery elk hunting season established—Number and type of licenses—Season dates

Chapter 41:06:29 – Mountain goat hunting season

41:06:29:01 Mountain goat hunting season established

41:06:29:05 Mandatory briefing and checkin

Chapter 41:06:34 – Cottontail rabbit hunting season

41:06:34:01 Cottontail rabbit hunting season established

41:06:34:02 Open area

41:06:34:03 Bag and possession limits

Chapter 41:06:35 – Tree squirrel hunting season

41:06:35:01 Tree squirrel hunting season established

41:06:35:02 Open area

41:06:35:03 Bag and possession limits

Chapter 41:06:36 – National Wildlife Refuge deer hunting seasons

41:06:36:01 Sand Lake deer hunting season established—Number and type of licenses

41:06:36:01.01 Lacreek deer hunting season established—Number and type of licenses

41:06:36:01.02 Waubay deer hunting season established—Number and type of licenses

41:06:36:02 Sand Lake open units

41:06:36:02.01 Lacreek open units

41:06:36:02.02 Waubay open units

Chapter 41:06:37 – Custer State Park coyote hunting season

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41:06:37:01 Season established
41:06:37:04 Open area—Exceptions

Chapter 41:06:39 – Crow hunting season

41:06:39:01 Crow hunting season established
41:06:39:02 Open unit
41:06:39:03 Daily bag
41:06:39:04 Possession limit

Chapter 41:06:40 – Mourning dove hunting season

41:06:40:01 Dove hunting season established
41:06:40:02 Open unit
41:06:40:03 Daily bag limit
41:06:40:04 Possession limit
41:06:40:05 Restrictions

Chapter 41:06:41 – Custer State Park deer hunting season

41:06:41:01 Custer State Park deer hunting season established—Number and type of licenses
41:06:41:05 Report card required

Chapter 41:06:42 – Custer State Park trophy bison bull harvest

41:06:42:01 Season established
41:06:42:02 Number of licenses
41:06:42:03 Bag and possession limit
41:06:42:04 Guides required

Chapter 41:06:43 – Archery elk hunting season

41:06:43:01 Archery elk hunting season established—Number and type of licenses available—Season dates

Chapter 41:06:44 – Apprentice hunter deer season

41:06:44:01 Apprentice hunter deer hunting season established
41:06:44:02 Number and type of licenses available
41:06:44:02.01 Closed areas
41:06:44:04 Application requirements and restrictions

Chapter 41:06:45 – General muzzleloading deer hunting season

41:06:45:01 General muzzleloading deer hunting season established—Open unit—Number and type of licenses
41:06:45:02.01 Closed areas

Chapter 41:06:46 – Depredation permits

41:06:46:01 Depredation hunts established
41:06:46:02.01 Eligibility for standby hunter pool—Application procedure
41:06:46:04 Random drawing to determine inclusion in pool

Chapter 41:06:47 – Special Custer State Park antlerless elk hunting season

41:06:47:01 Special Custer State Park antlerless elk hunting season established—Number and type of licenses available—Season dates
41:06:47:05 Legal weapons

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Chapter 41:06:48 – Custer State Park late archery elk hunting season
41:06:48:01 Custer State Park late archery elk hunting season established

Chapter 41:06:49 – Youth waterfowl hunting season
41:06:49:01 Youth waterfowl hunting season established
41:06:49:02 Open area
41:06:49:03 Daily limit
41:06:49:04 Eligibility requirements and restrictions

Chapter 41:06:50 – Early fall Canada goose hunting season
41:06:50:02 Open unit and season dates
41:06:50:03 Daily and possession limits
41:06:50:04 Eligibility requirements and restrictions

Chapter 41:06:54 – Pheasant hunting season for disabled veterans
41:06:54:01 Special pheasant hunting season authorized—Valid on private land only
41:06:54:02 Season length—Shooting hours—Bag limits—License requirements
41:06:54:03 Application process
41:06:54:05 Season assistants
41:06:54:06 Report required

Chapter 41:06:55 – Youth pheasant hunting season
41:06:55:02 Shooting hours—Bag and possession limits—License requirements

Chapter 41:06:56 – Bighorn sheep hunting season
41:06:56:01 Bighorn sheep hunting season established
41:06:56:03 Number and type of licenses
41:06:56:04 Application requirements and restrictions
41:06:56:05 Mandatory briefing and checkin
41:06:56:06 One bighorn sheep license available by auction
41:06:56:08 Application procedures

Chapter 41:06:58 – Resident pheasant hunting season
41:06:58:02 Areas open to hunting
41:06:58:03 Shooting hours—Bag and possession limits—License requirements

Chapter 41:06:59 – Prairie elk hunting season
41:06:59:01 Prairie elk hunting season established—Number and type of licenses available—Season dates
41:06:59:02 Open units

Chapter 41:06:40 – Custer State Park non-trophy bison harvest
41:06:60:01 Season established
41:06:60:03 Bag and possession limit

Chapter 41:06:61 – Mountain lion hunting season
41:06:61:01 Mountain lion hunting season established
41:06:61:02 Black Hills Fire Protection District—Harvest limit—Season dates—Season closure
41:06:61:06 Application requirements—License and season restrictions—Special conditions—Carcass check-in procedures

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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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NON-RESIDENT CRITERIA

Not Applicable

RETENTION, REACTIVATION, AND RECRUITMENT CONSIDERATIONS (R3)

The suggested changes correct inconsistencies, remove unnecessary barriers and arrange rules logically thus promoting an administrative code that benefits current, former and new users.

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Administrative Rule Review Article 41:07

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal	December 12-13, 2019	Madison
Public Hearing	March 5, 2020	Pierre
Finalization	March 5-6, 2020	Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends the following rule changes for the following administrative rules in an effort to reduce redundancy, increase transparency and improve consistency:

Chapter 41:07:01 – General Provisions

41:07:01:01	Definition of terms
41:07:01:02	South Dakota-Minnesota reciprocal access agreement
41:07:01:02.01	South Dakota-Nebraska reciprocal access agreement
41:07:01:02.02	South Dakota-Iowa reciprocal access agreement
41:07:01:05	No fishing zones
41:07:01:07.02	Gifting of fish allowed—Conditions
41:07:01:07.03	Temporary possession of fish allowed for charitable and non-profit organizations—Permit requirements
41:07:01:08	Maximum number of hooks and lines allowed
41:07:01:09	Additional lines allowed for ice fishing
41:07:01:11	Introduction of nonnative fish into state waters prohibited
41:07:01:13	Snagging prohibited—Foul-hooked fish
41:07:01:14	High-grading of fish prohibited
41:07:01:16	Ice fishing shelter removal deadlines
41:07:01:17	Liberalized take of silver carp, bighead carp, smelt, and lake herring

Chapter 41:07:02 – Fishing Seasons

41:07:02:01	Inland waters
41:07:02:02	South Dakota-Minnesota boundary waters
41:07:02:02.01	South Dakota-Nebraska boundary waters
41:07:02:02.02	South Dakota-Iowa boundary waters
41:07:02:05	Special management waters

Chapter 41:07:03 – Fish Limits

41:07:03:01	Inland waters
41:07:03:02	South Dakota-Minnesota boundary waters
41:07:03:02.01	South Dakota-Nebraska boundary waters
41:07:03:02.02	South Dakota-Iowa boundary waters
41:07:03:03	Daily, possession, and length limit restrictions on special management waters—Additional restrictions described
41:07:03:06	Daily and possession limit for nonresident family fishing license

Chapter 41:07:04 – Snagging of Salmon

41:07:04:01	Snagging season in special management waters
41:07:04:02	Maximum number of hooks and lines allowed

Chapter 41:07:05 – Paddlefish Season

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41:07:05:01	Snagging season
41:07:05:02	Paddlefish season in special management areas
41:07:05:03	Paddlefish snagging, processing, and transportation restrictions
41:07:05:05	Maximum number of hooks and lines allowed

Chapter 41:07:06 – Spearing

41:07:06:01	Spearing of rough fish in inland waters and South Dakota-Minnesota boundary waters
41:07:06:01.01	Spearing of rough fish in South Dakota-Nebraska boundary waters
41:07:06:03	Areas open to spearing of game fish
41:07:06:06	Limits
41:07:06:07	Restricted areas

Chapter 41:07:08 – Hoop Nets and Setlines

41:07:08:01	License requirements and fees
41:07:08:02	Maximum number of hooks allowed on a setline—Mechanical devices prohibited
41:07:08:02.01	Size and construction of hoop nets and traps
41:07:08:04	Selling of catfish
41:07:08:05	Use of another person's setline
41:07:08:05.02	Tending hoop nets
41:07:08:06	Areas and restrictions on the use of hoop nets, traps, and setlines

Chapter 41:07:09 – Bullfrogs

41:07:09:01	Season
41:07:09:02	Limit
41:07:09:03	Use of firearms

Chapter 41:07:10 – Turtles

41:07:10:01	Season
41:07:10:02	Limit
41:07:10:03	Turtle traps
41:07:10:04	Restrictions

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Spring Turkey Hunting Season

Chapters 41:06:13

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	November 7-8	Watertown
	Public Hearing	March 5, 2020	Pierre
	Finalization	March 5-6, 2020	Pierre

COMMISSION PROPSAL

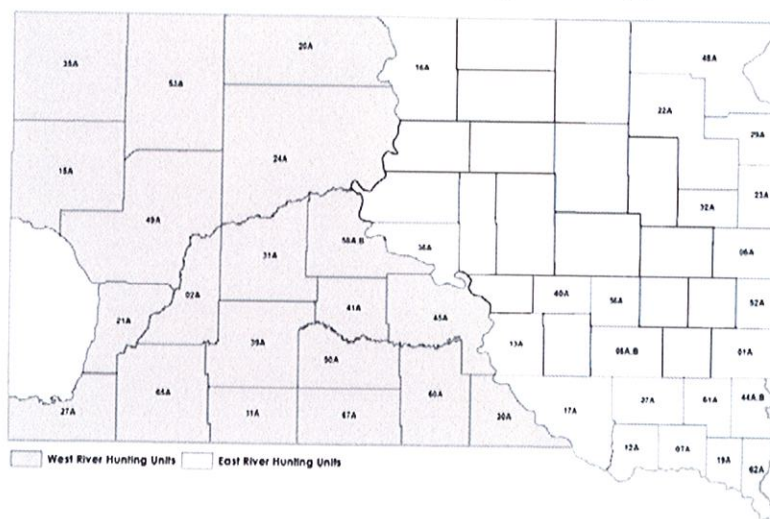
Current Rule

- A person is not allowed to use a rimfire, centerfire or muzzleloading rifle during the spring turkey season.

Proposed changes

1. Allow the use of rifles (rimfire, centerfire, and muzzleloading) on private land (excluding private land leased by GFP for public hunting access through the Walk-In Area program) for West River spring prairie hunting units.

Spring Turkey Hunting Units



DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

1. At finalization in March of 2020, the Department will recommend to retain the current rule that prohibits the use of rifles during the spring turkey season.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Some individuals have contacted the department and commissioners on the topic of no longer allowing the use of rifles for hunting turkeys during the spring season. As a commissioner, I would like to provide some level of opportunity for the use of rifles, in particular on private land. A reasonable compromise seems to be the allowance of rifles on the west river prairie hunting units, but retain the prohibition of rifles in the Black Hills unit.

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RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not Applicable

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate?
 - There are hunters who choose to use rifles to hunt turkeys in the spring and the current prohibition may inhibit them from participating.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users?
 - Should the prohibition of rifles be removed, it would allow existing turkey hunters who have historically used rifles to continue a method of preference.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists?
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors?
 - For those who desire to hunt with a rifle, it is assumed the allowance to use a rifle would have a positive impact on their hunting experience.

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Fish Limits Chapter 41:07:03

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	December 7, 2019	Madison Pierre Pierre
	Public Hearing	March 5, 2020	
	Finalization	March 5-6, 2020	

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Proposed Change:

1. In inland waters, limit the harvest of flathead catfish 28 inches or longer in length to at most one fish daily, as part of the daily limit.

Background Information

- Administrative rules 41:07:03:01 through 41:07:03:03 list harvest restrictions for catfish for South Dakota inland and border waters.
- There are no daily or possession limits for catfish of any species for the inland waters of the Missouri River and the Grand, Moreau, Cheyenne, Belle Fourche, Bad, White, and Little Missouri Rivers.
- The daily and possession limits for all species of catfish, combined, for all other inland waters are 10 and 20 fish, respectively.
- No length restrictions are currently in place for catfish of any species in inland waters or for the Iowa border waters with South Dakota.
- No length restrictions are in place for catfish of any species for the South Dakota portion of the South Dakota-Nebraska border waters but at most one flathead catfish 30 inches or longer may be kept as part of the daily limit for the Nebraska portion.
- For the South Dakota-Minnesota border waters, at most one catfish 24 inches or longer may be kept as part of the daily limit.

Department recommended changes to proposal:

None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The Commission was petitioned to change harvest restrictions for flathead catfish, such that, at most, one flathead catfish 28 inches or longer could be harvested daily, as part of the daily limit, statewide. The proposal was made at the November 7-8, 2019 Commission meeting in Watertown.

"One Over" regulations are effective at reducing harvest of fish when it is common for anglers to catch two or more fish above the specified length during a fishing trip. No negative impacts of a one-over-28" regulation on flathead catfish populations are anticipated, however, staff believe the regulation will not result in an increase in larger flathead catfish.

The Commission modified the scope of the regulation change, from statewide to inland waters only, at their December 7-8, 2019 meeting in Madison. Limiting the scope of the regulation change to inland waters, instead of statewide, would allow for better coordination with neighboring states on catfish regulations for border waters. The SD-MN border waters currently have a more restrictive regulation on catfish (one channel or flathead 24 inches or longer daily) than a one-over-28-inch regulation. Changing the regulations on the South Dakota portion of the SD-MN border waters would mean regulations would differ between states and be less restrictive on the South Dakota side of the border. The State of Nebraska prefers any regulation change ideas be discussed during a SD-NE border water meeting this winter. Iowa is also interested in discussing standardizing regulations on border waters and those discussions will occur this winter.

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RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not Applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate?

There is no impact of the proposed regulation on an individual's ability to participate.

2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users?

The only impact on opportunities for new and existing users would be limiting individual anglers to only one larger flathead catfish per day.

3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists?

Negligible impacts are anticipated.

4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors?

Adding the proposed regulation to restrict the harvest of flathead catfish to at most one fish 28 inches or longer as part of the daily limit will add complexity to regulations. However, "one-over" regulations can, from a social perspective, increase value placed on larger fish for which harvest is limited. Increased awareness that flathead catfish above 28 inches exist may increase interest in this fishery.