



AGENDA- Revised **Game, Fish and Parks Commission**

November 7-8, 2019

Watertown Conference Center

1901 9th Avenue SW., Watertown, SD

Livestream link <http://www.sd.net/home/>

Call to order 1:00 PM CT

Division of Administration

Action Items:

1. Conflict of Interest Disclosure
2. Approve Minutes of the October 2019 Meeting <https://gfp.sd.gov/commission/archives/>
3. Additional Commissioner Salary Days
4. License List Request

Information Items:

5. Second Century Initiatives Update
6. Commission Schedule
7. Chronic Wasting Disease

Petitions

8. CSP Elk Draw Eligibility Based on Combined Accumulated Preference Points and Hunter Age
9. Flathead Catfish Trophy Regulations

Open Forum

Proposals

10. West River Spring Turkey – Use of Rifles

Division of Wildlife

Information Items:

11. SDSU Whitetail Deer Neonicotinoid Study
12. Bluegill Management
13. Blue Dog Fish Hatchery Updates
14. Deer Licenses Drawings
15. Landowner Big Game Licenses
16. Pheasant Population and Habitat Statistics
17. Pheasant Opener Report
18. Canada Goose Management Plan Update
19. Wildlife Damage Management Activities
20. Northeast SD Turkey Survival Study Report
21. License Sales Update
22. Conservation Officer Awards

This agenda is subject to change without prior notice.

Division of Parks and Recreation

Action Items

- 23. Custer State Park Cabin Transfer
- 24. Roy Lake Concession Settlement Agreement and Prospectus

Information Items:

- 25. Sylvan Lake Master Plan
- 26. Lewis and Clark Marina Improvements
- 27. Watertown Area Park Update
- 28. Revenue, Camping and Visitation Reports

Solicitation of Agenda Items from Commissioners

Adjourn

Next meeting information:

December 12-13, 2019

Prairie Event Center

1205 Washington Avenue N., Madison SD

GFP Commission Meeting Archives <https://gfp.sd.gov/commission/archives/4/>

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
October 3-4, 2019

Chairman Gary Jensen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CT at the AmericInn Conference Center in Chamberlain, South Dakota. Commissioners Gary Jensen, Travis Bies, Mary Anne Boyd, Jon Locken, Scott Phillips, Douglas Sharp, Robert Whitmyre and approximately 45 public, staff, and media were present.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Chair Jensen called for conflicts of interest to be disclosed. None were presented.

Approval of Minutes

Jensen called for any additions or corrections to the September 5-6, 2019 meeting minutes or a motion for approval.

Motion by Phillips with second by Bies TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 5-6, 2019 MEETING. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Commissioner Salary Days

No additional commissioner salary days were presented.

Second Century Initiatives Update

Habitat Programs: Tom Kirschenmann, Wildlife Division Deputy Director, provided a status report of the current working lands habitat program. Kirschenmann shared that there are now 19 agreements in place for a total of 1,064 acres. These agreements are found primarily in east-central South Dakota and a few in the western part of the state. Total financial obligations for these acres enrolled are about \$212,800 between agreements and associated seed. Staff are currently visiting with landowners to determine if fall seed plantings are still a viable option.

Crowdsourcing: Deputy Secretary Kevin Robling explained to the Commission that about 10 different ideas have been generated from the crowdsourcing exercise and have been shared with the Governor's office. GFP will continue discussions with the Governor to narrow down the list to a likely 3-4 final ideas to be enacted.

Bounty Program Review and Live Trap Giveaway: Deputy Secretary Robling shared that the bounty program is currently going through an assessment process. An outside entity (Responsive Management) has been contracted to conduct a public opinion survey to gather input on the program. Results are to be available by early December and will be shared with the Commission.

Bighorn Sheep Auction License: Deputy Director Kirschenmann verified the online auction for the 2020 bighorn sheep tag closed on September 23 with a successful bid of \$312,000. Kirschenmann explained, through previous action taken by the Commission, that the first \$85,000 would go towards bighorn sheep management in SD and the remaining proceeds to be split between Game Production Area habitat enhancements and the Habitat Fund to support the working lands program. The

Midwest Chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation is in their final stages of processing the successful bid and will be sending the entire \$312,000 to GFP.

Second Century Habitat Fund Board Update

Deputy Secretary Kevin Robling and Wildlife Division Deputy Director Tom Kirschenmann provide an update on the Second Century Habitat Fund Board.

WMI Program Review Update

Keith Fisk, wildlife program manager, provided an update on the external review of the Wildlife Damage Management (WDM) /Animal Damage Control (ADC) Programs. Wildlife Management Institute (WMI) was awarded the project by the Governor's Office in April. WMI has done similar reviews for other state wildlife management agencies and some commissioners may recall that WMI completed a similar review of GFP's Big Game Management Program in 2012. WMI will review/evaluate the past 10 years of programs and services including policies and procedures, operations and services, structure, budget, communication, transparency and accountability and strengths and weaknesses. WMI will present their final report and findings to the Governor's Office and GFP Commission, likely at the December 2019 meeting.

Non-Meandered Waters Update

Deputy Secretary Kevin Robling provided an update on non-meandered waters.

Tribal Relations Update

Arden Petersen, special assistant to the Secretary, provided an update on tribal relations.

Meeting Format and Board Management Software

Secretary Hepler discussed ways to more efficiently organize the Commission meetings by adjusting the agenda and better aligning season dates. This will allow staff to get materials to the Commission, public and IRRC earlier.

PETITIONS

Preference Point System

Tony Leif, wildlife division director presented the petition received from Scott Johnson, Fort Pierre, SD. The submitted petition requests a change to the current preference point system for all big game season to be a true bonus point system because he feels the system is complicated and not a true preference point system.

Leif noted this is contrary from what we generally hear from our hunters who like the weighted lottery.

Motion by Phillips, second by Boyd TO REJECT THE PETITION BY RESOLUTION 19-27 (appendix B). Motion passes unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing began at 1:58 p.m. and concluded at 3:10 p.m. The minutes follow these Commission meeting minutes.

OPEN FORUM