

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

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Camping Permits and Rules
Chapter 41:03:04

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 4-5	Deadwood
	Public Hearing	November 1-2	Sioux Falls
	Finalization	November 1-2	Sioux Falls

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

1. A definition is needed in administrative rule to define a new service offering and to establish a fee - "Modern cabin - a structure provided by the department furnished with beds, electricity, sewer and water."
2. Establish a per night fee of \$150 for a modern cabin.
3. Change the per night fee for the lodge at Shadehill Recreation Area from \$205 to \$280.
4. Establish fees for use of the Good Earth State Park amphitheater of \$300 for 4 hours and \$600 for all day (6:00 a.m. to 11 p.m. from May 1 to September 30, and 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. from October 1 to April 3).

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. A definition is needed in administrative rule to define a new service for which a fee needs to be established.
2. Currently, state park campgrounds offer campsites, camping cabins and group lodges as overnight lodging options. A demand has been expressed for a cabin option having modern amenities (heat/AC, bathroom & kitchen) designed primarily for a family. The proposed fee is \$150 per night.
3. We are currently expanding a popular group lodge at Shadehill Recreation Area by adding another bedroom and a 2nd bathroom. The added capacity warrants a fee increase.
4. An outdoor amphitheater was constructed at Good Earth State Park this summer. The amphitheater has seating for 150 individuals with capacity for up to 500 on the ground. A special event fee needs to be established for public use of the facility.

APPROVE _____

MODIFY _____

REJECT _____

NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:13; 41:03:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 4-5, 2018	Deadwood
	Public Hearing	November 1, 2018	Sioux Falls
	Finalization	November 1-2, 2018	Sioux Falls

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2019 and 2020 seasons (only 2019 season dates listed below)

Season Dates:	April 6 – May 31, 2020	Archery
	April 13 – May 31, 2020	Black Hills regular and single-season Prairie units
	April 13 – April 30, 2020	Split-season early Prairie units
	May 1 – May 31, 2020	Split-season late Prairie units; Black Hills late season

Licenses:	Black Hills: Unlimited resident and nonresident one-tag "male turkey" licenses
	Prairie: 5,657 resident and 246 nonresident one-tag "male turkey" licenses
	600 resident and 48 nonresident two-tag "male turkey" licenses
	Archery: Unlimited resident and nonresident one-tag "male turkey" licenses

Access Permits:	Access permits valid April 6-30
	Good Earth State Park: 5 archery turkey access permits
	Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve: 20 archery turkey access permits

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Turkey hunters may apply for and receive one license in each of the Black Hills regular season, Black Hills late season, Prairie, and Archery Units in the first and second lottery drawings.
2. Turkey hunters may purchase only one regular Black Hills and one archery turkey license.
3. Residents may purchase one late Black Hills late season license.
4. One-half of the licenses in each prairie unit are available for landowner/operator preference.
5. Prairie units adjoining the White River and Cheyenne River also include an adjacent area one mile wide on the opposite side of the river.
6. No person may shoot a turkey in a tree or roost.
7. A person may use only bow and arrow, a shotgun using shot shells or a muzzleloading shotgun to hunt turkeys during the spring turkey season.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Offer residents 55 more one-tag "male turkey" licenses and 150 less two-tag "male turkey" licenses for the Prairie Units than 2018 for an overall decrease of 245 tags. Offer nonresidents 2 more one-tag "male turkey" licenses and 12 less two-tag "male turkey" licenses for the Prairie Units than 2018 for an overall decrease of 22 tags.
2. Modify the season end date for all turkey hunting (Prairie, Black Hills, Archery) from the eighth day prior to Memorial Day weekend to May 31.
3. Adjust hunting season end date for Sica Hollow in unit 48A to end on May 31.
4. Remove the allowance of rifles to hunt turkeys during spring turkey season.

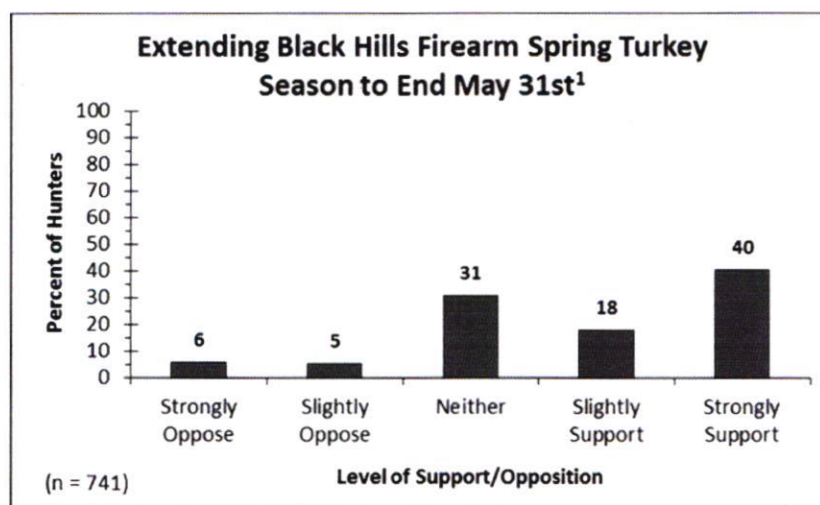
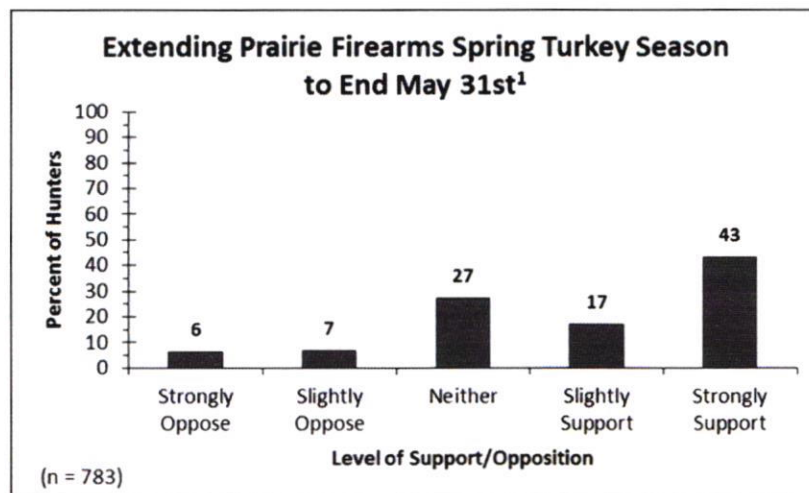
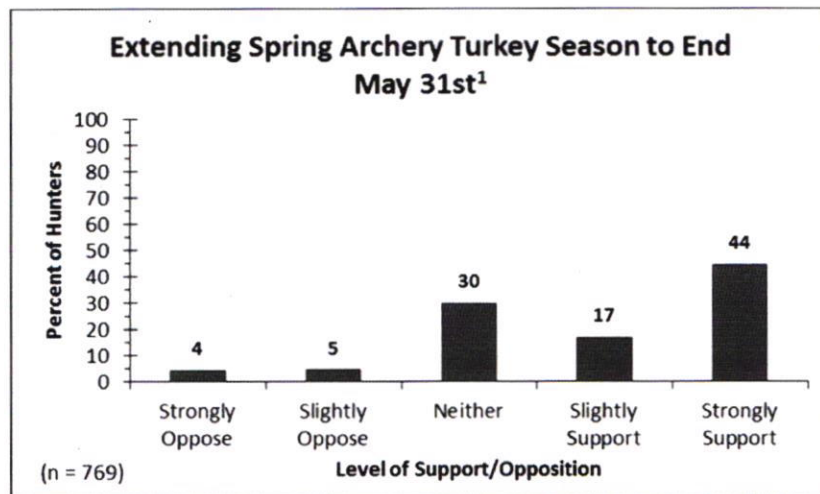
SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licenses			Harvest			Success		
	BH	Prairie	Archery	BH	Prairie	Archery	BH	Prairie	Archery
2014	3,944	7,189	2,722	1,258	3,597	695	32%	40%	26%
2015	3,877	6,961	2,919	1,258	3,565	790	32%	42%	27%
2016	4,056	6,850	3,202	1,575	2,486	885	39%	31%	28%
2017	4,401	6,577	3,847	1,701	3,328	912	39%	45%	28%
2018	4,274	6,510	3,264	1,441	2,733	719	33%	38%	22%

*Includes both resident and nonresident harvest statistics.

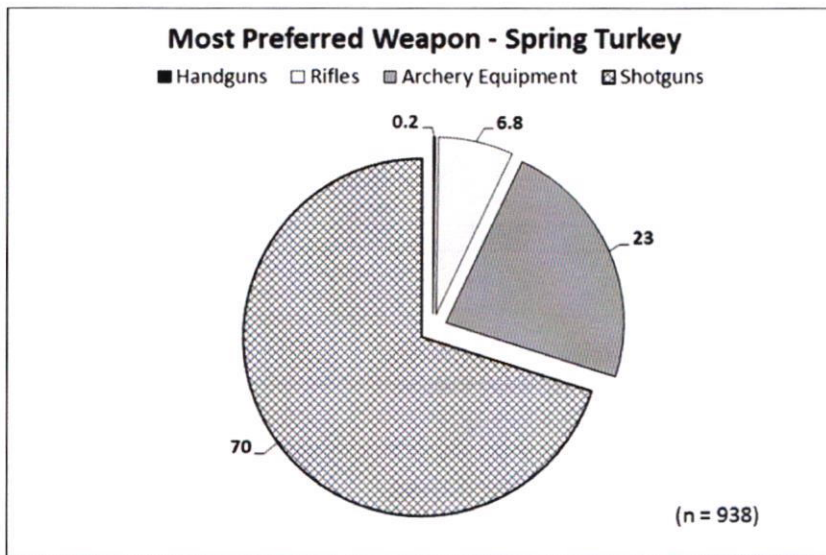
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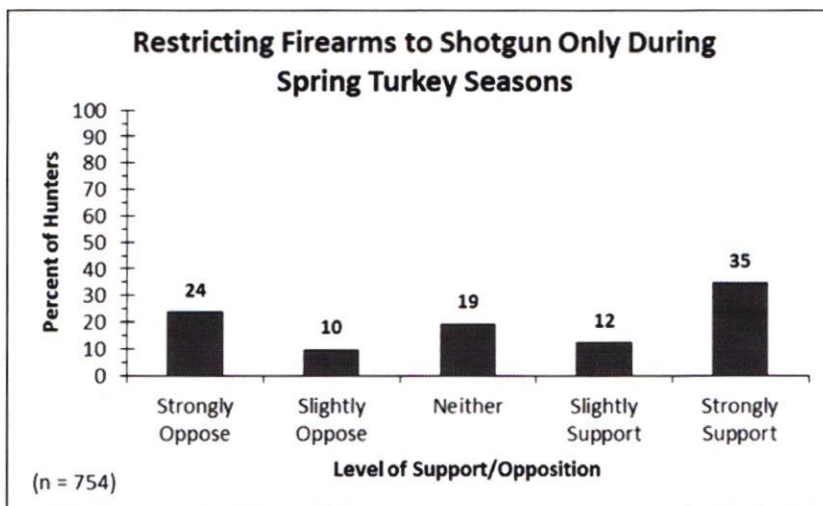


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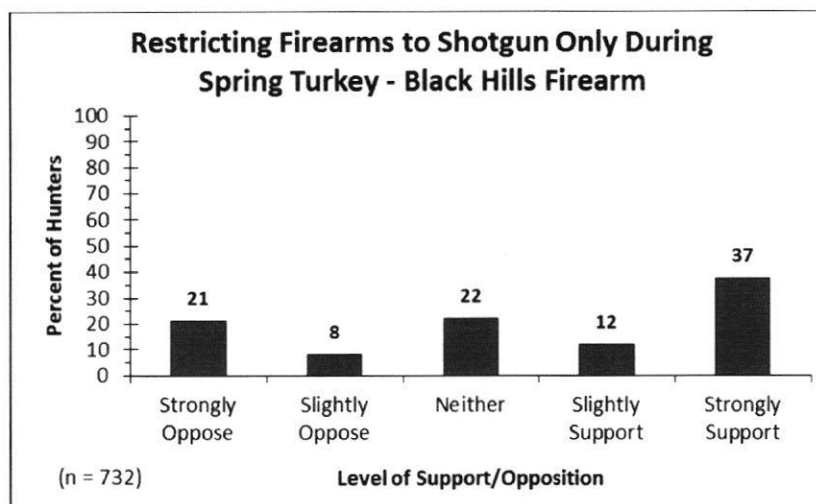
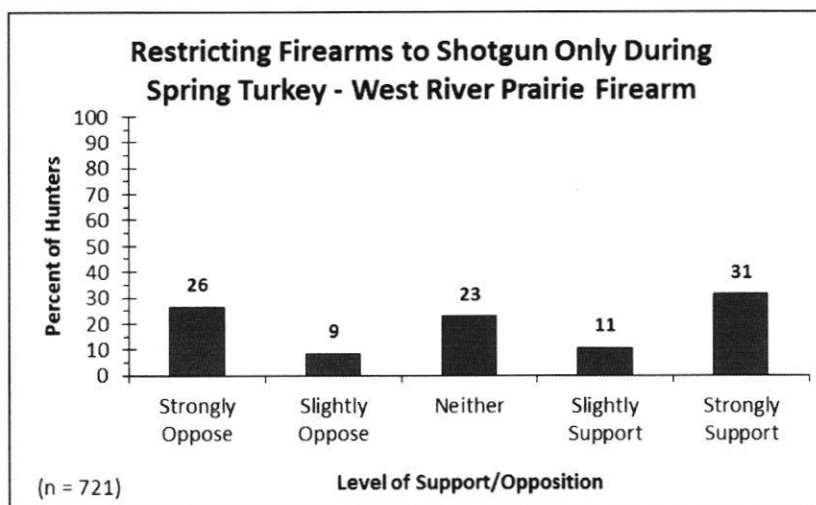
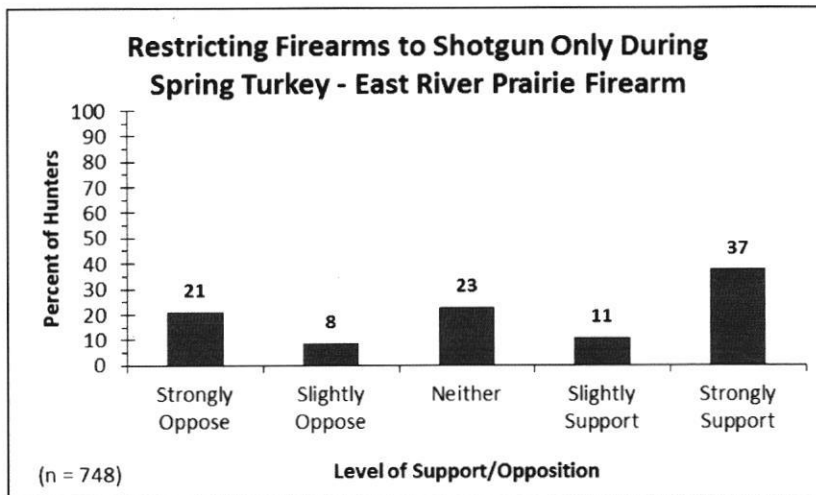
Restricting the use of rifles information:



11,055 unique turkey hunters in the spring of 2018
6.8% of spring turkey hunters preferred the use of rifle = 752 preferred rifles

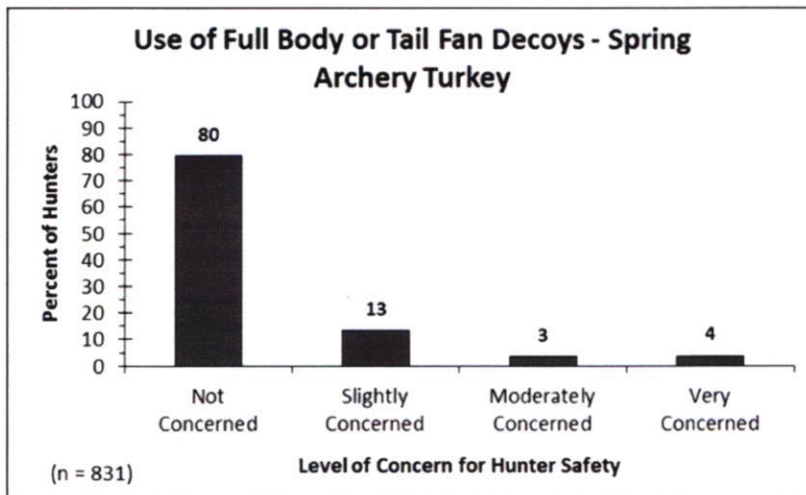
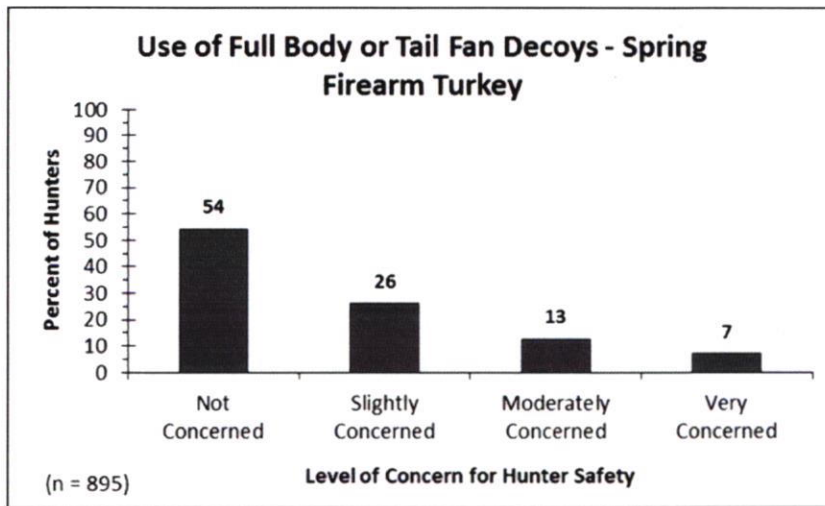


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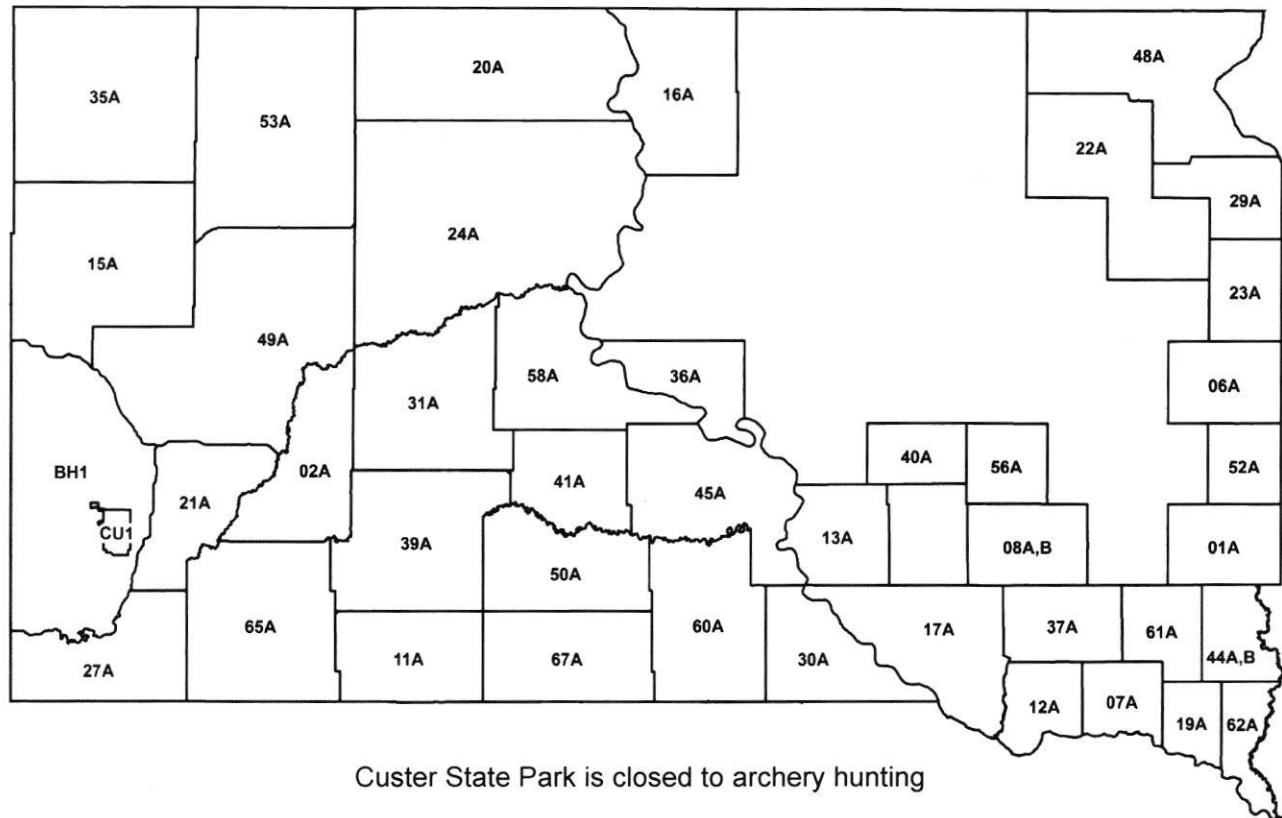
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SPRING TURKEY UNITS



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

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Custer State Park Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:15

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 4-5, 2018	Deadwood
	Public Hearing	November 1, 2018	Sioux Falls
	Finalization	November 1-2, 2018	Sioux Falls

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2019 and 2020 seasons

Season Dates: April 13 – May 19, 2019
April 11 – May 17, 2020

Licenses: 100 resident one-tag "male turkey" licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Season opens the 2nd Saturday in April and runs through the eighth day prior to Memorial Day, inclusive.
2. License valid for only one male turkey.
3. No person may shoot a turkey in a tree or roost.
4. Restricted to shotguns using shotshells, muzzleloading shotguns and archery equipment only.

Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licenses	Applications	Harvest	Success	Ave. Days Hunted
2009	135	718	80	59%	2.2
2010	135	731	78	58%	2.1
2011	135	664	59	44%	3.0
2012	135	540	64	47%	2.2
2013	135	574	57	43%	2.2
2014	135	540	78	58%	2.7
2015	135	574	50	37%	2.6
2016	100	564	49	49%	2.1
2017	100	563	58	58%	1.9
2018	100	563	43	43%	2.2

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

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**Spring Turkey Hunting Seasons – Hunting Unit License Allocations**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 4-5, 2018	Deadwood
	Public Hearing	November 1, 2018	Sioux Falls
	Finalization	November 1-2, 2018	Sioux Falls

LICENSE ALLOCATION BY UNITS

See Attached Spreadsheets

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Unit #	Unit Name	Resident		Nonresident		License Totals							
		TomT 32	2 TomT 35	TomT 32	2 TomT 35	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Licenses	NR Tags
01A	Minnehaha	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
02A	Pennington	200	0	16	0	200	0	200	200	16	0	16	16
06A	Brookings	20	0	0	0	20	0	20	20	0	0	0	0
07A	Yankton	260	0	0	0	260	0	260	260	0	0	0	0
08A	Davison/Hanson	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
08B	Davison/Hanson	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
11A	Bennett	30	0	3	0	30	0	30	30	3	0	3	3
12A	Bon Homme	250	0	0	0	250	0	250	250	0	0	0	0
13A	Brule	150	0	0	0	150	0	150	150	0	0	0	0
15A	Butte/Lawrence	350	0	28	0	350	0	350	350	28	0	28	28
16A	Campbell/Walworth	10	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	0	0	0	0
17A	Charles Mix/Douglas	350	0	0	0	350	0	350	350	0	0	0	0
19A	Clay	120	0	0	0	120	0	120	120	0	0	0	0
19B	Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20A	Corson	50	0	4	0	50	0	50	50	4	0	4	4
21A	Custer	150	0	12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12
22A	Day/Codington	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
23A	Deuel	100	0	0	0	100	0	100	100	0	0	0	0
24A	Dewey/Ziebach	150	0	12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12
27A	Fall River	75	0	6	0	75	0	75	75	6	0	6	6
29A	Grant	220	0	0	0	220	0	220	220	0	0	0	0
30A	Gregory	700	0	56	0	700	0	700	700	56	0	56	56
31A	Haakon	0	200	0	16	0	200	200	400	0	16	16	32
32A	Hamlin	10	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	0	0	0	0
35A	Harding	100	0	8	0	100	0	100	100	8	0	8	8
36A	Hughes	30	0	0	0	30	0	30	30	0	0	0	0
37A	Hutchinson	60	0	0	0	60	0	60	60	0	0	0	0
39A	Jackson	150	0	12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12
40A	Jerauld	10	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	0	0	0	0
41A	Jones	75	0	6	0	75	0	75	75	6	0	6	6
44A	Lincoln	50	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	0	0	0	0
44B	Lincoln	50	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	0	0	0	0
45A	Lyman	100	0	8	0	100	0	100	100	8	0	8	8
48A	Marshall/Roberts	400	0	0	0	400	0	400	400	0	0	0	0
49A	Meade	0	300	0	24	0	300	300	600	0	24	24	48
50A	Mellette	350	0	28	0	350	0	350	350	28	0	28	28
52A	Moody	60	0	0	0	60	0	60	60	0	0	0	0
53A	Perkins	0	100	0	8	0	100	100	200	0	8	8	16
56A	Sanborn	10	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	0	0	0	0
58A	Stanley	40	0	4	0	40	0	40	40	4	0	4	4
58B	Stanley	2	0	1	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	1
60A	Tripp	400	0	32	0	400	0	400	400	32	0	32	32
61A	Turner	20	0	0	0	20	0	20	20	0	0	0	0
62A	Union	120	0	0	0	120	0	120	120	0	0	0	0
62B	Union	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65A	Oglala Lakota	40	0	4	0	40	0	40	40	4	0	4	4
67A	Todd	75	0	6	0	75	0	75	75	6	0	6	6
	TOTAL	5,657	600	246	48	5,657	600	6,257	6,857	246	48	294	342
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						RES & NR:		5,903	648	6,551	7,199		

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Duck Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:16

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 4-5, 2018	Deadwood
	Public Hearing	November 1, 2018	Sioux Falls
	Finalization	November 1-2, 2018	Sioux Falls

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2019-20 hunting season

Season Dates and Open Areas:

High Plains Zone:	October 12, 2019 – January 16, 2020
Low Plains North & Low Plains Middle Zone:	September 28 – December 10, 2019
Low Plains South Zone:	October 26, 2019 – January 7, 2020

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, 3 scaup, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks, and 1 pintail.

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

Low Plains North & Low Plains Middle Zones: September 28 – October 13,

2019

Low Plains South Zone: October 26 – November 10, 2019

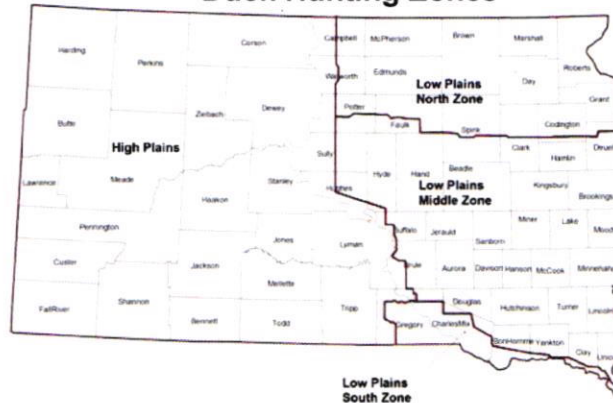
High Plains Zone: October 12 – 27, 2019

Coots: 15

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

Possession Limits: Three times the daily bag limits.

Duck Hunting Zones



Recommended changes from last year:

1. Decrease the pintail daily bag limit from 2 to 1.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Ducks Harvested
2013	13,456	3,842	240,393
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

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Goose Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:16

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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2019-20 hunting season

Season Dates:

Canada Geese (and Brant)

Unit 1: October 1 – December 22, 2019

Unit 2: November 5, 2019 – February 16, 2020

Unit 3: January 11-19, 2020

Light Geese

Statewide: September 28, 2019 – January 10, 2020

White-fronted Geese

Statewide: September 28 – December 10, 2019

Daily Limits:

Canada geese

Unit 1: 8

Units 2 & 3: 4

Light geese: 50

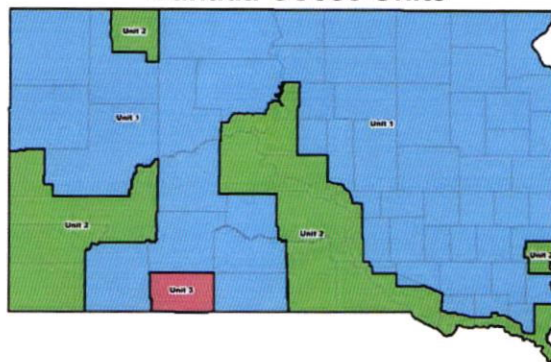
White-fronted goose: 3

Possession Limits:

Light geese: Unlimited

All other geese: Three times the daily limit

Canada Goose Units



Recommended changes from last year:

1. Modify the white-fronted goose season from 86 days (2 bird daily limit) to 74 days (3 bird daily limit).

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Parts collection surveys conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service indicate that on average that white fronted goose harvest starts in early October and minimal harvest occurs after Thanksgiving.

Year	Canada Geese			Light Geese (fall season only)			White-fronted Geese		
	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Geese Harvested	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Geese Harvested	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Geese Harvested
2013	12,004	2,160	124,156	3,747	641	53,322	1,098	224	1,891
2014	12,130	1,969	103,149	3,572	514	53,815	951	244	1,529
2015	10,228	2,104	78,953	3,096	519	40,758	1,097	275	1,819
2016	9,964	2,046	91,294	3,206	515	45,104	992	295	3,702
2017	9,762	2,428	83,428	4,159	1,013	84,744	1,185	354	2,578

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Sandhill Crane Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:18

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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2019 hunting season

Season Dates: September 28 – November 24, 2019

Open Area: That portion of South Dakota west of U.S. Highway 281

Daily Limit: 3 Sandhill cranes

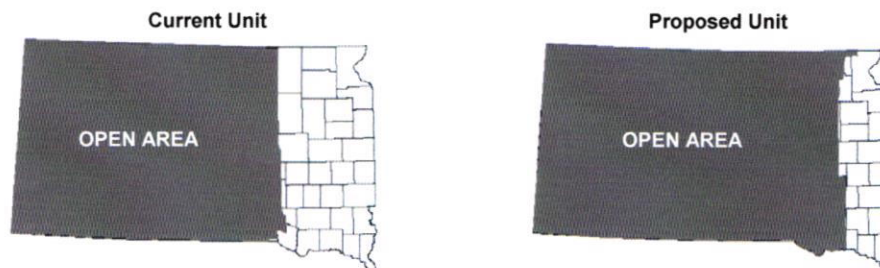
Possession Limit: 9 Sandhill cranes

Requirements and Restrictions:

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

Recommended change from last year:

1. Modify the open unit from that portion of the state lying west of U.S. Highway 281 to that portion of the state lying west of a line beginning at the South Dakota-North Dakota border and State Highway 25, south on State Highway 25 to its junction with State Highway 34, east on State Highway 34 to its junction with U.S. Highway 81, then south on U.S. Highway 81 to the South Dakota-Nebraska border.



SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Currently, Sandhill crane hunting season in South Dakota is 58 days beginning the fourth Saturday in September west of U.S. Highway 281 (see above map) with a daily bag of 3 cranes. From 2005-2017, South Dakota averaged less than 100 Sandhill crane hunters with fewer than 150 Sandhill cranes harvested per year. SDGFP staff receive requests annually from crane hunters in the James River Valley who encounter cranes east of 281 requesting a zone boundary adjustment. Adjusting the crane zone boundary to SD Highway 25 and U.S. Highway 81 would allow hunters the opportunity to harvest cranes in additional areas of South Dakota where cranes regularly occur during fall migration while having a negligible impact on overall crane harvest. The 3-year average (2016-2018) of the mid-continent population (Nebraska photo -corrected portion) is 659,900 cranes, considerably above the objective range of (349,000-472,000) for the population. This adjustment to South Dakota's Sandhill crane regulations is consistent with the mid-continent Sandhill crane management plan use guidelines.

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Goose Hunting Season

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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

AUGUST MANAGEMENT TAKE

Duration of Recommendation: 2019 hunting season

Season Dates: August 17-31, 2019

Open Area: Pennington County west of the Cheyenne River.

Daily Bag Limit: 15 Canada geese

Possession Limit: None

Licenses: Residents only

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Annual small game or combination license and state migratory bird certification. Federal waterfowl stamp is not required.
2. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
3. All other restrictions are the same as during the Early Fall and Regular Canada Goose Season.



■ Open Area

Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Early Fall Canada Goose

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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2019 hunting season

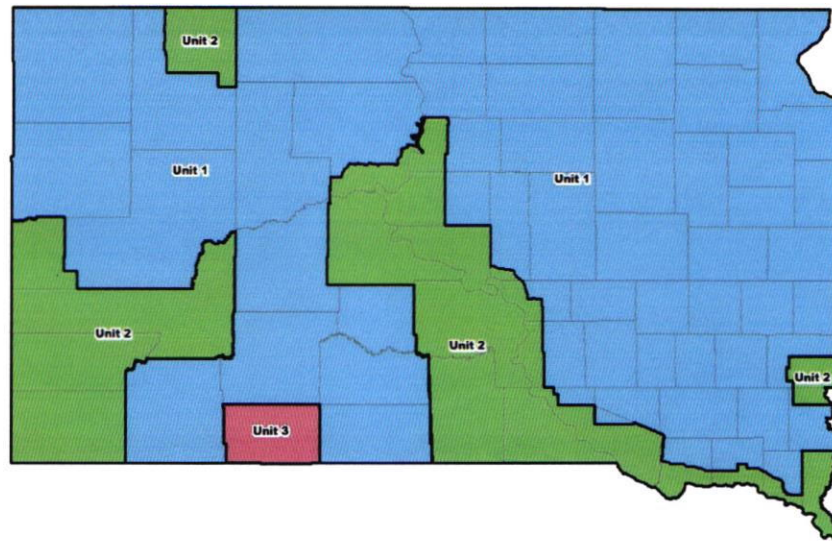
Season Dates: September 7 - 30, 2019 **Open Area:** Unit 1 (see map below)

Daily Limit: 8 Canada Geese **Possession Limit:** 24 Canada Geese

Requirements and Restrictions:

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

Recommended changes from last year: None.



SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Total Hunters	Geese Harvested	Ave. Days Hunted	Ave. Season Bag
2013	4,372	338	4,710	31,976	Unknown	6.60
2014	4,748	358	5,106	28,814	Unknown	5.64
2015	3,608	275	3,883	20,735	Unknown	5.34
2016	3,152	213	3,365	27,660	Unknown	8.21
2017	2,997	229	3,226	25,808	Unknown	8.00

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Waterfowl Hunting Season – Special Canada Goose Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:16:08

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal Public Hearing Finalization	October 4-5, 2018 November 1, 2018 November 1-2, 2018	Deadwood Sioux Falls Sioux Falls
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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2019 hunting season

Season Dates: October 19 – December 22, 2019

Open Area: Bennett County

Licenses: 800 three-tag Canada goose licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. In addition to the resident license allocation, 25 2-tag permits will be provided to successful nonresident waterfowl license applicants in Unit NRW-11A (Bennett County).
2. One-half of the permits will be available to landowners.
3. Geese must be taken in accordance with regular season bag, possession limits and shooting hours.
4. After the second application period, a permit holder may purchase up to two additional permits or a person without a permit may purchase up to three permits.

Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Each license allows a hunter to harvest 3 Canada geese and individuals can have up to 5 licenses for the season, if licenses are available after the 2nd drawing. In 2017, a total of 164 hunters received multiple licenses, including 36 hunters who received the maximum of 5 licenses each. Of the 219 hunters who responded to the hunter harvest survey, only 116 (53%) indicated that they actually hunted during this season.

Year	Licenses Available	1 st Choice Applicants	Licenses Sold	Geese Harvested
2005	800	754	797	884
2006	800	799	800	1,136
2007	800	828	800	1,016
2008	800	740	800	720
2009	800	665	800	589
2010	800	524	800	810
2011	800	429	800	952
2012	800	406	800	1,139
2013	800	468	799	671
2014	800	412	800	585
2015	800	390	801	635
2016	800	370	799	410
2017	800	289	800	933

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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 Public Hearing Finalization	October 4-5, 2018 November 1, 2018 November 1-2, 2018	Deadwood Sioux Falls Sioux Falls
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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2018-19 hunting season

Season Dates: September 28, 2018 through the end of the light goose hunting season

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

Licenses: 1,425 resident and 250 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.

Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Residents			Nonresidents			Total Swans Harvested
	Licenses Available	1 st Choice Applicants	Licenses Sold	Licenses Available	1 st Choice Applicants	Licenses Sold	
2013	1,100	380	1,081	200	101	178	306
2014	1,100	247	1,018	200	95	198	280
2015	1,100	486	1,088	200	143	211	229
2016	1,100	418	938	200	98	145	82
2017	1,100	303	888	200	108	180	232

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

**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL****Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season**

Chapter 41:06:49

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 4-5, 2018	Deadwood
	Public Hearing	November 1, 2018	Sioux Falls
	Finalization	November 1-2, 2018	Sioux Falls

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**Duration of Recommendation:** 2019 hunting season**Season Dates:** September 21-22, 2019**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 16 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.

Recommended change from last year: None.**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Waterfowl Hunting Seasons

Chapter 41:06:16

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 4-5, 2018	Deadwood
	Public Hearing	November 1, 2018	Sioux Falls
	Finalization	November 1-2, 2018	Sioux Falls

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Spring Light Goose Conservation Order.

Duration of Recommendation: 2020 hunting season

Season Dates: February 17 – May 15, 2020

Open Area: Statewide

Daily Limit: None

Possession Limit: None

Requirements and Restrictions:

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

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Change the season dates of the Spring Light Goose Conservation Order from "79 days beginning the day after the Unit 2 dark goose season" to "the day after the Unit 2 dark goose season to May 15".

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

SDGFP staff have received requests to allow additional hunting opportunities for light geese after the current season end date. The Conservation Order is a Congressional Order which amends the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regulations based on a 1999 Congressional action effectively reinstating regulations intended to reduce the population of mid-continent light geese (MCLG). The law also authorizes the use of additional hunting methods (electronic calls and unplugged guns) to increase the take of MCLG. As a result, a Conservation Order for the reduction of the MCLG population was authorized. Since MCLG population estimates continue to exceed population objective and USFWS regulations do not indicate a season end date, allowing additional days to this season is recommended.

Year	Licenses			Geese Harvested	Geese per Hunter
	Resident	Nonresident	Total		
2013	3,166	4,142	7,308	168,496	23.1
2014	2,159	4,514	6,673	149,116	22.3
2015	2,147	4,277	6,424	165,331	25.7
2016	1,866	3,843	5,709	126,199	22.1
2017	2,672	4,448	7,120	181,460	25.5

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