

From: Jerry Brickner
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT]
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 7:05:01 PM

I am totally against both of these options. Our deer population is dwindling right before our eyes. Furthermore, this 2nd season does nothing more than stress these animals and pheasants and deer are moved more out of their winter cover. 1 season and 1 license is needed. Furthermore, we have had some tough winters of late and I would love to see the season go back to the way it was years ago- 9 days including 2 weekends. If someone doesn't get their deer in that period of time, they are just driving around looking for a big one and chasing absolutely everything else out of their cover. Jerry Brickner Hoven, S. Dak.

From: bl
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Anterles East river deer
Date: Thursday, March 08, 2018 4:56:48 PM

The perposel for Dec 26-jan.1st that would be a good choice.
My name is Bob Lee 5510 7th ave sw Watertown South Dakota 57201.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: arttoneson@gmail.com
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Anterless Deer Season Dates
Date: Thursday, March 08, 2018 8:03:01 PM

Andrew Robert Tonneson
Colman, SD

My vote is for the following:

Option 2: Begin the Saturday following the conclusion of the East River deer hunting season and run for nine consecutive days.

From: tedlandgren@gmail.com
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Anterless deer season east river
Date: Thursday, March 08, 2018 6:19:55 PM

How would this affect the people with anterless muzzleloader license s?
Also would it be better for the deer not to have more hunting pressure put on them after the first of the year ?
I like to come out 4 to 5 days after the rifle season ends . It's a little quieter then.
Thanks for the asking!

Ted Landgren
Richfield MN 55423

From: robert rohl
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] antlerless deer season
Date: Sunday, March 11, 2018 10:18:29 AM

GFP,

I think option 2 would make more sense as season is already in swing. Hunters have there gear out & been in use. A stop only creates

work for everybody.

thank You,
Bob Rohl
Aberdeen,SD

From: Rick Bierschbach
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Anterless deer season
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 12:32:18 PM

I prefer option 2. Option 1 would limit my options to hunt being it includes two holidays. Any severe weather would also limit any opportunity to hunt.

Rick Bierschbach
Sioux Falls SD

Sent from my iPad

From: Travise Flisrand
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Anterless hunting dates
Date: Thursday, March 08, 2018 4:26:15 PM

Travise Ordean Flisrand
Castlewood, SD

I am in favor of the later date during Christmas break.

Allows school kids older than youth hunting age to be able to use entire 9 days of hunting.

From: sdoutdoorsman@unitelsd.com
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Anterless Hunting Season Dates...
Date: Sunday, March 11, 2018 3:12:45 PM

Dear G, F & P:

I suggest going with **Option #1**. Thank you for the opportunity for input.

Respectfully,

Scott Nelson

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From: wtnsdmom@gmail.com
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Anterless hunting season
Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018 10:20:59 AM

The best scenario for the anterless deer season is the existing one where the season goes in to January. The deer are more concentrated at that time & the hunt is less stressful, especially when hunting with less experienced hunters. I enjoy taking youth hunting & teaching them about nature & safe hunting/gun practices. The timing break allows the deer to settle down. To us, hunting isn't just for the sport. We rely on the venison to feed our family. We have 9 children & 4 so far have enjoyed their time in the field.

Would this proposal of ending all hunting on January 1 include the youth, mentor, & muzzleloader seasons?

Of the 2 options, the season beginning the Saturday after the East River season would be more favorable. The days between Christmas & New Year are too busy with the holiday obligations.

Thank you,
Brian Homola
Watertown, SD

From: Ernie and Shirley Stirling
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Anterless Season Dates Proposal
Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018 8:43:06 PM

Wildlife Commission,

First, let me thank-you for seeking public input on this matter. I have given this matter considerable thought; I also have considerable experience hunting deer in both west river and east river (48 years of enjoyment). It is my opinion that option #2 would be the best. In northern Hyde county where I hunt, the deer have typically left their fall range and gone to a wintering area by the time the late December season starts. They usually go to an area where there is food and cover which is the same place where a livestock owner is wintering his cattle. Understandably, the livestock owner may not want hunting around his cattle. I feel if the season were earlier the deer may not be congregated at that time and more doe harvest would be accomplished. With the late December season the weather is also more likely to be a negative factor on doe harvest. Thanks considering my thoughts.

Ernie Stirling
706 W. 1st Ave.
Miller, SD

From: jdkostal@goldenwest.net
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Anterless survey
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 10:06:46 AM

Dear GF&P officials.

I live along the river near Springfield , SD and I do believe that running the antlerless season immediately following the regular season would be a good choice.

Joe E Kostal
41797 Apple Tree RD
Springfield, SD 57062
jdkostal@goldenwest.net
605-369-2032

From: [Chuck May](#)
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Anterless tags
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 7:36:48 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Really would like to see the Any deer tags that go unfilled be also converted to anterless tags like it used to be – not sure why that changed but would really like to see it put back the way it was.

Chuck May | Survey Coordinator



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From: Damon Brueggeman
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] ANTERLESSS SEASON
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 10:13:44 AM

(EAST RIVER). JUST MY OPINION, THE REGULAR SEASON IS A WEEK TO LONG, AND THEREFORE THE ANTERLESS SEASON COULD BE EXTENED FOR SEVEN DAYS AFTER A REGULAR 9 DAY SEASON, THE REGULAR EAST RIVER RIFLE SEASON, TO START THE WEEKEND BEFORE THANKSGIVING IS A PROBABLY THE BEST SO IT ALLOWS OUT OF COUNTY PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HUNT OVER THE HOLIDAY. JUST SEEMS LIKE, AS A LAND OWNER, THE LAST WEEK PEOPLE GET AGGRESSIVE TO PRESSURE DEER A LOT HARDER AND TAKE RISKS TO FILL A BUCK TAG. AFTER THAT PEOPLE SEEM TO BE MORE RESPECTABLE TO ASK PERMISSION AND MAYBE RESCEPTIVE TO ASK IF THEY CAN HUNT ON PRIVATE GROUND FPOR ANTERLESS DEER. LATER IN THE SEASON, AROUND XMAS, THE DEER GET PRETTY CONCENTRATED IN AREAS OF COVER, AND IT SEEMS THE LIKE THE SAME PEOPLE, EVERYYEAR, THAT DO NOT FARM FOR WILDLIFE ARE THE ONES THAT PUSH THE LIMITS! THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT FARM FOR WILDLIFE LIKE MY SELF AND DO NOT WANT TO DISTURD/UPSET THE DEER AFTER THE REGULAR SEASON. I DO THINK THE MENTOR SEASON IS IMPORTANT AND I ENJOY TAKING THEM KIDS OUT AND SEEING THEIR SMILES!! EVEN IF IT MEANS AROUND XMAS. THE ADULTS SHOULD HAVE HAD ENOUGH TIME TO TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS DURING THE REGULER SEASON.

(WEST RIVER) I DON'T HUNT BECAUSE IT IS ALL COMMERCIALIZED FOR THE AREAS I USED TO HUNT, SO I DON'T HUNT AND DON'T REALLY HAVE AN OPINION AT THIS POINT.

DAMON BRUEGGEMAN

TITAN MACHINERY

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I RITE IN CAPS CAUSE IT'S EASIER.

I'M NOT YELLING AT YAH!!

From: dave solberg
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] antertless deer season proposals
Date: Sunday, March 11, 2018 1:58:24 PM

I would run the anterless deer season the same as the regular deer season and the same dates. I think people who want an extra anterless deer tag can hunt the same season and make a choice of what type of deer they want to harvest at this time. Give the deer and landowners a break of longer seasons.

Dave Solberg
1307 7th ave ne.
Watertown, South Dakota 57201

Phone 605-880-4215

From: Chris Grimes
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Antler less deer late season
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 11:08:37 AM

I like the first option for a late season antler less deer, it would make it easier to have a set dates to know when the season would be. I live in Bison SD which is west river and would be nice to have a late season on deer. Thanks for all the work you do and hoping to see a late deer season.

Chris Grimes

From: Quintin Biermann
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Antler less season
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 9:47:45 AM

I would like to see the season run after christmas.
Quintin Biermann
Rapid city, SD

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From: Al Engstrom
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Antlerless options
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 5:27:25 AM

I would like option 2.

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Al Engstrom
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From: lance beard
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Antlerless Deer
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 5:45:08 PM

Lance Beard ,From Canton SD.

I would like to entertain the proposal of keeping Rifle season within the actual season regardless of tags being antlerless or not!

Seems where I live , I continually see Hunter Cruising for deer ,at first light and last light after year ? If you contain season within its own, wouldn't it be easier for GF&P?

I do see rifle/Muzzle Loader, hunters going into the State park and have called GF&P often ? Usually. in the later season.

I Rifle hunt in the north part of the state ,and see very little hunters in the second or third week! Why, do SD hunters need 9 more days to shoot antlerless deer?

From: zdan14@yahoo.com
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] antlerless deer hunting season dates
Date: Thursday, March 08, 2018 5:29:16 PM

Sirs,

I would like to vote for the antlerless season to end on December 31 and eliminate the extended antlerless season. I cannot comprehend why it was extended anyway, with the numbers down. You sold the tag and got your money for it. Why should a hunter with an antlerless tag have an extra nine days to fill his tag over a hunter with a buck tag? It isn't any harder to harvest a doe than a buck. You reduced the number of tags issued because the numbers were down, so why extend the season to harvest more does, which in turn reduces the numbers even more? You raised the cost of a tag and added preference points at \$5.00 each, which I presume was to cover the cost of less tags being sold. So, on the other side, "I paid \$45 plus \$10 in preference points, for a buck tag, why does the other guy get 9 extra days to harvest his deer?" I don't think harvesting more does makes any economical sense, reducing the number of deer, nor is it fair to all hunters to extend the doe season. The herd is not only facing rising depredation and disease, but over hunting does.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

Sincerely,

Daniel Zach

10297 Lake Road

Rosholt, SD 57260

From: Bill and Linda Roth
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Antlerless deer proposals
Date: Thursday, March 08, 2018 8:43:20 PM

South Dakota GFP Commission :

Regarding the two options for future antlerless deer seasons , if it is necessary to have additional days to harvest antlerless deer, I prefer option 2 , beginning the Saturday after the conclusion of the regular season. This option allows the deer to settle down for a few days after the regular season while allowing hunters additional hunting days without competing with family time during the Christmas holidays .

Bill Roth

Aberdeen South Dakota

From: Kurt Belawske
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Antlerless deer proposals
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 12:16:47 AM

To whom it may concern:

I'm a hunter in S. Dakota and I love the opportunity. As for the proposals on the table for a West River antlerless deer season, I vote for the Option 1, where the season is from late December ending on Jan 1.

Thanks,
Kurt Belawske
Sturgis, SD

From: dwinters22@pie.midco.net
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Antlerless Deer Season
Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018 7:12:40 PM

It makes more sense to me to have the antlerless season in the 9 days after the close of the regular season starting the following Saturday (option 2). The time between Christmas and New Years day is generally a very busy and family oriented time (also usually colder).

Dennis Winters
Pierre, SD

From: Hmanangus
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Antlerless Deer Season
Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018 5:43:22 AM

Dear GF&P's Commission,

In responding to your proposed changes in South Dakota's antlerless deer season I only have one important angle involved which must be remembered. For those of us who manage our herd horn size and only allow a select group of either very large typical or extreme non-typical bucks to be harvested every year we control overpopulation during the antlerless season. Controlling access during the Buck season and allowing open access during antlerless season has resulted in the largest typical Whitetail ever harvested in South Dakota by Bow or Rifle to have been taken by our neighbor.

The timing of the antlerless season doesn't really matter as it is the harvesting of overpopulated antlerless deer which needs to occur yearly. The final week or nine days of the year works great for us too.

Thank you in advance for taking my suggestion,

Charlie Hoffman
34328 106th St.
Eureka, SD 57437

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Cell 605-216-0027

From: Midco
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Antlerless Deer Season
Date: Thursday, March 08, 2018 10:45:22 PM

Dylan P Cavanaugh
1403 N Jay Street
Aberdeen SD 57401

Personally I'd vote option two. Having it run directly following the regular season closure. There's always way too much going on in the days between Christmas and New Years. I'm sure this applies for hunters and wardens alike. Just have it follow the regular season that way everyone is still in the swing of things.

From: Michael Ahrenholz
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Antlerless Deer Season
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 11:14:22 AM

My name is Michael Ahrenholz and I reside at 216 4th st in Highmore Sd, Hyde County USA. I am writing to give my vote on the possible change for east river antlerless deer season for 2018, I believe that option #1 (Dec26-Jan1) is a better choice for the new antlerless season. Thanks,
Michael Ahrenholz

From: R. Lee Smith
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] antlerless deer season
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 8:36:31 AM

On my ranch near the Cheyenne River there exist a large number of doe mule deer. I do not know the situation in other areas of West River. However, I know the doe mule deer number in my area need to be reduced substantially. Is there any procedure for the game commission to inspect and area and make rules on deer management. In Florida, the Game Commission inspects land and grants doe tags in areas that have an unhealthy population of deer. I know there is an unhealthy amount of doe mule deer in my area and without some definite action I feel death and disease will impact them.

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Cottonwood Borco Ranch and Cedar Breaks Ranch
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jixCpxwCVKs>

From: K-Lynn Paul
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Antlerless deer seasons
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 9:51:57 PM

Does this proposal mean that antlerless muzzle loading and youth deer seasons have to end January 1 too? I went out in January this year with my antlerless muzzle loader tag. Although I did not get a deer I had a wonderful time. Why does every good thing have to be changed or end?

K-Lynn Paul
Fort Meade, SD

From: Yahoo
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] antlerless hunting dates..
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 6:46:51 AM

as a landowner we have watched for the past 6 years the decline in deer numbers in Brookings county.. with all the land being turned into crop production our numbers will only continue to decline.. there is no need to even have an antlerless season at all.. as more and more cover disappears, the late season only concentrates the remaining deer, and then all we have is a constant flow of road hunters.. if you feel u have to harvest more does, then do so during the regular season they are stressed hard enough from the 21 days of rifle.. i still maintain that during the deer rifle season no gun may be discharged within 50 yards of a vehicle.. that is the only way road hunting is going to end.. bottom line is no habitat, no deer.. jim gruber, 148 sunset park dr. estelline s.d. 57234 3202498466

From: Troy & Kari Stulken
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Antlerless Hunting Season Dates
Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018 5:37:29 PM

Dear GFP Commission:

The GFP Commission proposed to close deer seasons no later than Jan 1.

Does this proposal include youth deer season? I feel all the deer seasons which are normally open in January should be left in place.

During the last ten years in January, I have assisted at least 15 youth hunters to experience a wonderful hunt on land owned by family. We do the hunts in the last week of youth season because the deer get very thick on the property and it makes for great hunting for the youth. It also helps make the deer afraid of humans again for a short time. I know lots of other farmers that are willing to let people come on and hunt in January so that they can keep the normal deer hunting seasons for family.

The proposed change would lessen access for non-land-owning hunters and youth to hunt many South Dakota farms. Farmers appreciate the January season to combat their deer issues.

I plan to continue hosting select youth hunters for free during January if the proposal fails.

Thank you for asking for comments.

Troy Stulken

Pierre SD 57501

From: Joe Kohnen
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Antlerless hunting
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 10:36:45 AM

I would like to see option one... The hunting season between Christmas and New Year's
Joe Kohnen 605-951-8098
Dell Rapids South Dakota

Sent from my iPhone

From: adam golay
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Antlerless reduction season comments
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 6:53:25 PM

To whom it may concern,

South Dakota doesn't need a special antlerless season after the normal season ends at all & that goes for both east river & west river. That season has severe consequences on our deer herd & it's overall health. East river specifically Jerauld county does not have near the numbers it use to have & there is way too much deer harvest in that county. The deer numbers just are not high enough to need a bunch of antlerless deer shot & killed. The west river deer herd has come back strong but if it had all those antlerless tags I would bet that the herd would still be hurting. This season should be completely eliminated & should only occur if the deer numbers are out of control which they are not in South Dakota. Anybody who hunts a lot would know this. We should strongly consider eliminating this season all together in all counties.

Adam Golay
Sioux Falls, SD

From: Carl Mitchel
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] antlerless season
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 10:32:58 AM

I would like to have option #2. Carl W. Mitchel Brookings, S.D.

From: Wayne Oestreich
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] ANTLERLESS SEASON
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 10:15:30 AM

WAYNE P. OESTREICH OF 1212 WEST 15TH STREET, SIOUX FALLS SD.57104
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE OPTION 2 GO INTO EFFECT.

From: hotmail.com_nearmanjosh
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Antlerless Season
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 4:17:08 PM

I think option 2 would be the best. If an individual happens to draw a muzzle loader any deer tag its nice to have the ground to hunt without antlerless hunters of all sorts out messing things up. Also it makes late season archery better as well.

Personally, I think the antlerless season was best after the first of the year. How come you are going away from this?? If you are worried about bucks that have lost their antlers just shorten the season after the 1st.

Thanks for listening!!

Josh Nearman
Elk Point, SD 5702

From: Les Duncan
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] antlerless season
Date: Sunday, March 11, 2018 7:18:28 PM

I would be in favor of option 2. I have been deer hunting longer than I can remember, there has only been one year where I did not get a deer in the normal.

Les Duncan
439 East 6th Str.
Parker SD

From: Roger Hatheway
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Deer Season Ending Date Comment
Date: Thursday, March 08, 2018 6:21:32 PM

I am opposed to the proposal to eliminate the administrative rule language which specifies that only antlerless licenses are valid from Jan. 1-15 for the archery and muzzleloader deer hunting seasons to conform to the proposed regulation stating all deer seasons end Jan. 1. My reasoning is that the muzzleloader season falls in December. Because this is the Christmas season many hunters are occupied with related activities for much of the month which limits our hunting time. Carrying this season two weeks into January makes up for this and allows us the time needed to locate, stalk, and make a humane kill on a deer with a primitive weapon.

Respectfully,
Roger Hatheway
512 Fruitdale St.
Spearfish,SD

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From: Charles Courtney
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Doe hunting
Date: Thursday, March 08, 2018 5:52:13 PM

Option 1
Charles Courtney
Humboldt

From: Kenny
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] east rive anterless deer season
Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018 9:52:33 AM

wildinfo@state.sd.us.

This choice is better.

Option 2: Begin the Saturday following the conclusion of the East River deer hunting season and run for nine consecutive days.

Personally if they cant get a deer in the 1st 2 weeks they ought to just hang it up. They ain't hunters.

That Late December season just gets all the wild life riled up again.

That 2nd season also screws it up for coyote trappers.

Have bait stations set up to bring coyotes in to trap and then along comes a 2nd season and deer guts show up everywhere and coyotes change their travel routes. We still check traps everyday, so we burn up a lot of gas and time for nothing. There aren't any numbers of coon to trap to help pay expenses cause people trap them all summer long.

Coyote depredation costs the state a lot of money every year for state trappers.

If a season was put on all fur bearing animals more people would trap and it would save the state more money and private individuals could make a profit.

By ending the deer season earlier wild life can get back into their natural routines.

I'd also like to see pheasant season close earlier. There would be more seed stock left for the next year.

Kenny Konechne

Kimball SD

Trappers should have as many rights as hunters.

From: Kyle Kienholz
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] East River antlerless deer date change
Date: Thursday, March 08, 2018 3:57:19 PM

Kyle Edward Kienholz
801 1st Ave E
Mobridge, SD 57601

OPTION 2!!!!

The other option is too late in the season and people have Christmas and New Year's to be with family and friends.

Thank you,

Kyle Kienholz

From: Kyle Kienholz
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] East River antlerless deer date change
Date: Thursday, March 08, 2018 3:57:19 PM

Kyle Edward Kienholz
801 1st Ave E
Mobridge, SD 57601

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Thank you,

Kyle Kienholz

From: Karen Eilertson
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Extended Antlerless Proposition
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 10:04:24 AM

I would like to see option 2 instated. Karen Eilertson, Rapid City,SD

From: Brian Stambaugh
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] GFP Commission Seeks Input on Options to Antlerless Hunting Season Dates
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 9:54:11 AM

Hello,

I think either option is a good start. As a landowner, I would like to see you add another option – that landowner season extend from Nov 1 to Dec 31. We have a huge problem with predation, losing thousands of dollars annually. Landowners should have additional time to hunt, to take advantage of the landowner tags.

Thanks,

Brian Stambaugh
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Newell, SD 57760
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From: sio.midco.net_blake.parke
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] GFP Commission Seeks Input on Options to Antlerless Hunting Season Dates
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 1:58:17 AM

I personally would prefer December 26- January 1.

Thank you for allowing my opinion.

Blake Parke
Sioux Falls

On Mar 8, 2018, at 1:13 PM, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks <sdgfpinfo@state.sd.us> wrote:



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Thursday, March 8, 2018
CONTACT: Emily Kiel at Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us

GFP Commission Seeks Input on Options to Antlerless Hunting Season Dates

PIERRE, S.D. – Last week, the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission determined they would like to receive input on two options for antlerless hunting season dates prior to making a formal proposal in April.

The GFP Commission proposed a regulation to require all deer seasons to end no later than Jan. 1. To conform to this proposed season structure, two options have been identified adjusting the antlerless only dates for East and West River deer hunting seasons. Currently, there is no late season hunting period for West River deer and the season dates for antlerless only tags issued for the East River deer hunting season begin the Saturday following Christmas and run for nine consecutive days.

Option 1: Dec. 26 through Jan. 1

Option 2: Begin the Saturday following the conclusion of the East River deer hunting season and run for nine consecutive days

The GFP Commission wants to hear from the public on these two options to change the season dates for East River and reinstate the late season hunt for the West River deer season. Then they will move forward with one of the options listed above as a proposal on April 5-6, 2018, at the Outdoor Campus West in Rapid City.

To comment in person, the public hearing will be held May 3 at 2 p.m. MT at Custer State Park.

Individuals can also provide written comments on commission rule proposals by sending them to 523 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501, or via email to wildinfo@state.sd.us. To be included in the public record and to be considered by the Commission, comments must include a full name and city of residence and meet the submission deadline of 72 hours before the public hearing (not including the day of the public hearing).

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South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks
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Pierre, SD 57501



From: Josef Opitz
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] GFP Commission Seeks Input on Options to Antlerless Hunting Season Dates
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 11:37:44 AM

I would vote for- **Option 2:** Begin the Saturday following the conclusion of the East River deer hunting season and run for nine consecutive days

Josef Opitz
PO Box 127
Midland, SD 57552

From: Eric jenson
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Hunting season
Date: Thursday, March 08, 2018 8:28:10 PM

Eric Jenson from Westport,SD.

I would like to see the antlerless season start directly after regular deer season so muzzle loading and archery hunters don't have to compete with rifle hunters late in the year.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Eric jenson
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Subject: [EXT] Hunting season
Date: Thursday, March 08, 2018 8:28:10 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

From: R&S Spiry
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] In reference to Deer season change
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 9:21:58 AM

My choice would be the nine day option. That should bring some additional revenue into the State. Roger Spiry 3140 Cedar Av Maple Plain, MN 55359

From: Todd Andrews
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Input on antler-less hunting season dates
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 5:49:42 AM

Comment:

Option 1: Dec. 26 through Jan. 1

Thank you
Todd Andrews
Brookings, SD 57001

From: Anthony Wolf
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Keep this late season alive!!!
Date: Monday, March 05, 2018 9:12:47 AM

To whom it concerns-

I have recently been informed that the late season deer hunt is on the fritz. I think this is a huge mistake. I am a non resident and come there every year that I'm able to for this hunt. One year I saw over 400 deer in one weekend! My buddy and I were able to harvest a flat top with no problem. This is a great management tool to lower the deer population going into winter. This is also another boost to your economy. I know I wouldn't come and hunt there without this season! Please fight to keep this season going!

Thank you,
Anthony Wolf
19998 200th st. N
Ulen, MN 56585
320-237-8806

From: Curt Bossert
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Last day of deer season
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 4:22:52 PM

I support the proposal to end all deer seasons on January 1.
Curtis Bossert
Aberdeen, SD

From: Joe C
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Late season antler-less deer
Date: Thursday, March 08, 2018 5:23:58 PM

I don't understand why the gfp feels the need to be always chang things with little or no reasons why! Not talking about deer, but in general. I would think that the people in gfp in Pierre would have plenty of other things they could be doing than sitting around wasteing time on things like this. One week sooner or one week later? Would this rifle season than cover the same time as black powder season? Push that season back later? If you want to improve a season put black powder before rifle. Need to be a lot closer then in rifle season. Make it a little longer. Bow season is what 3 months long? Get rid of inline rifles for the "MUZZLE LOADER" season. Want to make another big improvement? Shorten the phesant season. All the public ground gets the crap pounded out of it. Kind of ruins it for all the other hunting seasons. When it is really cold and hunters push them out of the heavey cover right before dark hurts the population. Landowners constantly being asked to bird hunt their ground, another season comes along and no is the response most of the time. But that is where the state gets most of it's money so the heck with doing any good here.

If you want my opinion, spend more time with the same money on where it might do more good! As for the season change, why not leave it where it is? With the numbers of blue toung as they are might in many areas, I suggest not have a late season in many areas.

Joseph Carda
Ferney

From: marvin ballantyne
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Option 2 is the best of two listed,
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 10:56:05 AM

BUT why not just give buck (any deer) tag and doe tags just to regular seasons hunters, and if they don't fill during regular season, they are DONE. Maybe, an exception would be by counties if the deer herd is too big, and needs to be thinned out , or special season just for those counties only in January after the deer population is figured out in those counties. A blank for everyone to go for it should not happen in some areas as the deer herd seem light and needs to regrow. Do it by counties after regular hunting for doe season. Issue more regular season doe tags so more people get a chance to hunt , and just shut it off is my thought. 1 tag per person in bad counties with shortage of deer, including ALL forms of hunting, and give more people a chance to earn a tag.

Thank you,
Marvin Ballantyne
6101 E.Splitrock Rd
Sioux Falls, S.D. 57110
Cell 605-359-4334

From: Daniel Broek
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Option 2
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 4:24:39 AM

My name: Daniel Broek
Residence: Sioux Falls, SD

I choose Option 2 for antler-less deer season.
The holiday period following Christmas should be spent with family

From: Tracey Walton
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Option for antlerless deer season
Date: Thursday, March 08, 2018 8:26:17 PM

My name: Tracey Walton and I live in Canton South Dakota.
I would like to vote for Option #2.
Thanks.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Marc Moore
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Options For Anterless Deer Hunting Season Dates
Date: Monday, March 12, 2018 10:19:26 AM

To: The SDFG&P Commissioners

I would support Option 1: Season change to Dec 26-Jan 1. This would "fold in" nicely with the SD Muzzleloader Season as well. I don't know if the dynamics of the season date change would effect the overall antlerless deer populations, however it makes sense that the Commission considers these factors in establishing any of the State deer seasons.

Thank you for requesting public comment on the proposals.

Marc Moore

Custer, SD 57730

carrieknows02@aol.com

From: Gary Wald
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Options for Antlerless deer season.
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 10:13:40 AM

I am for Option 2.

Option 2: Begin the Saturday following the conclusion of the East River deer hunting season and run for nine consecutive days

Gary Wald
Aberdeen SD

From: Robert F
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Proposal Ends All Deer Seasons on January 1
Date: Monday, March 05, 2018 3:59:32 AM

Please include in the public record and to be considered by the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission.

Proposal Ends All Deer Seasons on January 1.

Instead of the January 1 closing date; I would support the last day for deer season to be the first Sunday after January 1. Families that work retail during the Thanksgiving to Christmas shopping season have limited opportunities to hunt deer. This would give them one last weekend to hunt.

Robert Friedrichsen
425 E 7th Ave
Redfield SD 57469

From: troynkaren@rap.midco.net
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Proposal of extended antlerless hunting season
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 10:10:30 AM

option 2 preferred, Troy Eilertson Rapid City, SD

From: Wright Daniel L
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Proposal to End All Deer Season on Jan. 1
Date: Monday, March 05, 2018 7:31:51 PM

I would like this to be included in the public record.

Full Name: Daniel Lee Wright

City of Residence: Sioux Falls, SD

I would ask the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission to **exclude mentored and youth deer hunting seasons** from the proposal to end all deer hunting seasons on January 1. The January 1-15 time frame (as it currently stands) is possibly the best time frame for our young hunters to harvest an antlerless deer. For one, it is the best time frame to secure permission on private land. As I experienced this past fall and winter while trying to get my 10 year old son his 1st deer, landowners are much more willing to allow hunting on their land after the archery season ends on December 31...after the bow hunters can no longer shoot a buck. For two, deer are typically grouped up by this time in their winter area/habitat and landowners appreciate a deer being taken out of the herd if the numbers are high. And along with that, it is a whole lot easier to get a young hunter his first deer and makes for a great experience when hunting an area with a high deer density.

My son shot his first deer ever on January 2, 2018.



I appreciate you considering my comments.

Danny Wright

Acting Supervisory Special Agent

Sioux Falls, SD

Office: (605) 782-8236

Cell: (605) 321-6059

From: Ross Vanhorssen
To: [GFP Wild Info](#)
Subject: [EXT] Vote No to proposal ending all deer seasons on January 1
Date: Friday, March 02, 2018 1:44:04 PM

To whom it may concern:

Please consider this my formal opposition to the proposed ending of all deer seasons on January 1. The muzzleloader/bow season that begins January 1st has been a great opportunity for me to keep my family unit close. This season is during college break and allows for me to continue my father/son bonding experience while enjoying the great outdoors that the Black Hills has to offer. This decision should also be considered, not only from the experience side, but also from a revenue standpoint. During these hunts, I also rent a house, purchase gas and groceries, and eat out at local restaurants in the Hill City/Custer area. Compounding this with licensing and processing fees, this is a significant tool for revenue generation within the local economies.

I see no reasoning for the suggested proposal and oppose it in totality.

Thank you.

Ross Van Horssen
6301 S Tomar Road
Sioux Falls, SD 57108
Cell: 605-376-1226

Proposal Ends All Deer Seasons on January 1

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission proposed to have all deer hunting seasons end on Jan. 1.

It was also proposed to eliminate the administrative rule language which specifies that only antlerless licenses are valid from Jan. 1-15 for the archery and muzzleloader deer hunting seasons to conform to the proposed regulation stating all deer seasons end Jan. 1.

The GFP Commission will consider adopting this proposal on May 3-4, 2018, in Custer State Park. To comment in person, the public hearing will be held May 3 at 2 p.m. MST. Individuals can also provide written comments on commission rule proposals by sending them to 523 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501, [or via email to \[wildinfo@state.sd.us\]\(mailto:wildinfo@state.sd.us\)](#). To be included in the public record and to be considered by the Commission, comments must include a full name and city of residence and meet the submission deadline of 72 hours before the public hearing (not including the day of the public hearing) per HB 1006.

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [GFP Commission Public Comments](#)
Subject: FW: [EXT]
Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 7:42:38 AM

From: Andrea Morenz [mailto:anmorenz@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 8:19 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT]

Brent Morenz and Taylor Morenz both residing in Plankinton South Dakota prefer option 2 for antlerless deer season changes

From: [Cary, Joe](#)
To: [GFP Commission Public Comments](#)
Subject: FW: [EXT] Anterless deer vote
Date: Thursday, March 29, 2018 8:20:37 AM

Thank you,
Joe Cary | Secretary
South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks
20641 SD Highway 1806 | Fort Pierre, SD 57532
605.223.7683 | Joe.Cary@state.sd.us

-----Original Message-----

From: Reimer [<mailto:reimer@santel.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 6:48 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Anterless deer vote

I would opt for Option 1 Dec 26-Jan 1.

Johnnie L Reimer
21313 SD Hwy 37
Huron, SD 57350

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [GFP Commission Public Comments](#)
Subject: FW: [EXT] anterless season
Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 2:00:58 PM

From: Cory Hansen [mailto:idealcor@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 1:59 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] anterless season

Stress, Stress, Stress!!!!

I am an avid hunter and a landowner. The deer season becomes far to long to continue to hunt into Jan. Even late December is hard on the herds. Bowhunters themselves seem to not push the deer as much as the rifle hunting groups. That being said Im not a big proponent of the late Dec. season. I understand it is helpful and friendly for those home for Christmas and/or vacations. I'm also more against what it looks like to have three consecutive weeks to hunt deer for adding anterless season. All the seasons are too long. We actually hunt deer in this state from the middle of september all the way through December and sometimes into Jan. Id really like to know the benefit of sucess of a harvest in the late anterless season versus the same tag sucess in consecutive anterlered seasons. If it is a low percentage, then consider the stress on the herd versus sucess of the hunters.

Also, as a landowner, one never knows when and which season is on.

Our deer numbers are way down in many units and counties. I so wish that you could be proactive instead of always reactive.

Cory Hansen

Brandon SD

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [GFP Commission Public Comments](#)
Subject: FW: [EXT] anterless seasons
Date: Friday, March 16, 2018 8:13:19 AM

From: Roger Heintzman [mailto:r_heintzman@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 9:38 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] anterless seasons

I have a 3rd option. Season closed after regular season ends. PERIOD!

Roger Heintzman
Aberdeen

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [GFP Commission Public Comments](#)
Subject: FW: [EXT] antlerles deer
Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 12:22:31 PM

From: cjolson@vastbb.net [mailto:cjolson@vastbb.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 12:20 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] antlerles deer

I would like to see the antlerless deer season continue to at least Jan 1st as we saw 9 females to each 1 male we saw in Sanborn county where we usually hunt on my folks farm.
Judy Olson Rapid City, South Dakota

From: [Kiel, Emily](#)
To: [GFP Commission Public Comments](#)
Subject: FW: [EXT] Antlerless deer proposal.I vote for option2
Date: Friday, March 09, 2018 7:53:56 AM

From: Ryan Leimkuhl [mailto:ryan.leimkuhl@abbusiness.com]
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2018 6:50 AM
To: Kiel, Emily
Subject: [EXT] Antlerless deer proposal.I vote for option2

Option 2 is my vote on the antlerless deer proposal. Ryan Leimkuhl ,1216 N Penn St,Aberdeen ,S.D.
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From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [GFP Commission Public Comments](#)
Subject: FW: [EXT] Antlerless season
Date: Monday, March 19, 2018 11:19:27 AM

From: hglobstad [mailto:hglobstad@rushmore.com]
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 11:08 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Antlerless season

I have long been a proponent of no non-depredation seasons after Jan 1 due to the stress on the deer and the increased chance of harvesting bucks that have already shed antlers. Option 1 looks to me to be a great time for family hunting opportunity while the kids are on Christmas break.

My concern is if you end all seasons after Jan 1 archers are losing 2 weeks without getting anything back on the other end of the season.

To be fair it would be nice to see archery season begin 2 weeks earlier to make up for losing the Jan time.

Thank you for addressing this issue.

Harry Globstad
Rapid City SD

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [GFP Commission Public Comments](#)
Subject: FW: [EXT] deer proposals
Date: Monday, March 19, 2018 11:13:46 AM

From: Glenn Carlson [mailto:carlson578@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 9:35 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] deer proposals

i think option 2 would be better for the antlerless deer season to follow directly after the season ends
glenn carlson

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: [EXT] deer season end date proposal
Date: Wednesday, March 07, 2018 10:07:20 AM

From: richard hanger [mailto:hangfire49@sio.midco.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2018 10:00 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] deer season end date proposal
SD Game Fish and Parks
Pierre

Dear sirs,

I'm writing in regard to the proposal to change the end dates of deer seasons to January 1st.

For quite some time the GFP has pushed the idea of increasing the number of hunters in the field, along with the numbers of days in the field for hunters. We have early goose seasons. We have late goose seasons. We have a spring light goose season. Pheasant seasons have been expanded. Some years back deer seasons were extended to the end of January. This allowed for more days in the field for some hunters. Those seasons were later moved to a January 15th end date. This removed hunters from the field and removed days in the field for some hunters. Now you're proposing to remove those last two weeks of available days in the field.

The move to shorten seasons seems antithetical to the general purpose of the Game Fish and Parks mission. That is to get more hunters in the field and provide them with more opportunities in the field. While most hunters confine their outings to the regular season, a few venture out in the cold during January. There are a few of us that enjoy the challenges involved in late season hunting. Those of us willing to go out during late season enjoy having the fields and woods to ourselves, away from the weekend crowds that can be present during regular season, particularly on public ground.

I believe most hunters fill their tags during regular season. I don't think that many deer are taken in January so I can't imagine the reason for the season change is about deer numbers. Since hunter numbers are way down in January I don't see patrolling the fields for violations as an issue. I see no valid reason for eliminating late season opportunities for South Dakota hunters. I have heard talk among some hunters that this may be about pheasant hunters wanting the fields to themselves in January. I hope this is not the case, that this proposal is a result of pressure from pay to hunt pheasant ranches. I believe all hunters should be treated equally.

I ask that you reconsider this proposal and leave the deer seasons as they are. Better yet, change the extended seasons back to the end of January. I ask that you not limit our time in the field but actively work to provide more hunting opportunities and not fewer.

Thank You
Rick Hanger
6217 w 60th st
Sioux Falls SD, 57106
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hangfire49@sio.midco.net

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [GFP Commission Public Comments](#)
Subject: FW: [EXT] Deer season proposals
Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018 2:08:48 PM

From: Marty Roghair [mailto:mmr68@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 1:27 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Deer season proposals

Marty Roghair
Okaton, SD

I dont see what is so important about Jan 1. It works well to go to first weekend in Jan. The best time to control whitetail population is the last week of Dec and first week of Jan.

This not only helps people fill tags for meat, it also goes a long way to preventing depredation problems later in the winter and most landowners will gladly let hunters in at that time. In fact most of my neighbors would gladly go out and help hunters then just to reduce population and break up herds that are doing damage.

In first week of Jan this year, in a stretch of land one mile wide by two miles long I counted over 300 whitetails. That is a problem. It include a quarter of school/public hunting ground that during regular season seldom has many deer on it. Perfect for management but due to misplaced priorities by game fish and parks there were no licenses and no season.

Secondary comment. Cant speak for rest of west river but in Jones County we need more whitetail tags. Im tired of finding them starved, sick and dead because of over population. That would also help our mule population. I wouldnt be opposed to reducing the tags that can be used on mule does.

Thanks
Marty

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: [EXT] Deer seasons ending Jan 1st
Date: Wednesday, March 07, 2018 8:54:37 AM

From: dsimpson118@hur.midco.net [mailto:dsimpson118@hur.midco.net]

Sent: Sunday, March 04, 2018 5:45 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: [EXT] Deer seasons ending Jan 1st

Just wanted to make a comment to let you know that I and all the members in my family that hunt deer are 100 percent in favor of ending deer seasons on Jan 1st.

Thanks

Dale Simpson

St Lawrence, SD 57373

From: [Cary, Joe](#)
To: [GFP Commission Public Comments](#)
Subject: FW: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Seeks Input on Options to Antlerless Hunting Season Dates
Date: Friday, March 23, 2018 1:55:38 PM

Thank you,

Joe Cary | *Secretary*

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From: Tom Braun [mailto:coyowood@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2018 1:37 PM
To: SDGFPINFO
Subject: Re: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Seeks Input on Options to Antlerless Hunting Season Dates

Leave seasons as they are, and fill antlerless tags in regular season; if not possible (why????), then option 1, 12/26-1/1.

Tom Braun
Hot Springs, SD

From: South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks <sdgfpinfo@state.sd.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 8, 2018 7:13 PM
To: coyowood@hotmail.com
Subject: GFP News :: GFP Commission Seeks Input on Options to Antlerless Hunting Season Dates

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Thursday, March 8, 2018

CONTACT: Emily Kiel at Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us

GFP Commission Seeks Input on Options to Antlerless Hunting Season Dates

PIERRE, S.D. – Last week, the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission determined they would like to receive input on two options for antlerless hunting season dates prior to making a formal proposal in April.

The GFP Commission proposed a regulation to require all deer seasons to end no later than Jan. 1. To conform to this proposed season structure, two options have been identified adjusting the antlerless only dates for East and West River deer hunting seasons. Currently, there is no late season hunting period for West River deer and the season dates for antlerless only tags issued for the East River deer hunting season begin the Saturday following Christmas and run for nine consecutive days.

Option 1: Dec. 26 through Jan. 1

Option 2: Begin the Saturday following the conclusion of the East River deer hunting season and run for nine consecutive days

The GFP Commission wants to hear from the public on these two options to change the season dates for East River and reinstate the late season hunt for the West River deer season. Then they will move forward with one of the options listed above as a proposal on April 5-6, 2018, at the Outdoor Campus West in Rapid City.

To comment in person, the public hearing will be held May 3 at 2 p.m. MT at Custer State Park. Individuals can also provide written comments on commission rule proposals by sending them to 523 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501, or via email to wildinfo@state.sd.us. To be included in the public record and to be considered by the Commission, comments must include a full name and city of residence and meet the submission deadline of 72 hours before the public hearing (not including the day of the public hearing).

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South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks
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Pierre, SD 57501



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From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: [EXT] GFP News :: March Commission Meeting Proposals and Finalizations
Date: Friday, March 02, 2018 12:39:28 PM

From: Paul Thomson [mailto:pthomson@lawrence.sd.us]

Sent: Friday, March 02, 2018 12:27 PM

To: SDGFPINFO

Subject: Re: [EXT] GFP News :: March Commission Meeting Proposals and Finalizations

I will not be able to attend public meetings on hunting licenses but would like to comment.

I feel that if local residents have to draw for BH deer licenses then we should not have to sacrifice local licenses so that there are licenses available for Out-Of-State hunters.

That shows me profit comes first. I used to be able to go to the local gas station or sporting goods store and pay for a license and go hunting even if it were the last day of the season And I didn't really care if I shot a deer or not - the point being I was able to get out in the woods and go hunting!

Now we have to apply (many forget the deadline) then we hope to draw a license (9 out of 10 years we do not) So our kids grow up not going hunting with their dad or uncle or best friend - Thus we have fewer hunters in the state. Thus SD GFP is slowly but surely engineering themselves out of business. And we wonder why the upcoming generations spend their money and time on video games, cars and running around, and anything But hunting?

Promote deer hunting - don't discourage it.

Your own commissioner Mr. Hepler came from a family that once lived on a farm where deer hunting was premium and the farm is now a State Game Farm - "Hepler" south of Spearfish. I once worked for GFP on that farm. That GFP farm did raise and still raises hundreds of deer and we used to see many, many hunters in the area all around Spearfish - especially the first week of hunting season. Now, hardly anyone can tell you when the season starts because the number of hunters is in the dozens not the hundreds. We allow more deer to be killed between exit 12 and exit 2 each year by vehicles than we allow to be killed by hunters in the Northern Hills!

Someone needs to come up with a better plan - and quick.

Paul Thomson

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On Fri, Mar 2, 2018 at 10:08 AM, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks <sdgfpinfo@state.sd.us> wrote:



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Friday, March 2, 2018

CONTACT: Emily Kiel @ Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us

- **2018 and 2019 Black Hills Elk Hunting Seasons Proposed**
- **Possible Increase in Any Elk Licenses for the Prairie Elk Hunting Season**
- **2018 and 2019 Archery Elk Hunting Seasons Proposed**
- **Proposal Lengthens the Custer State Park Elk Hunting Season**
- **Catch and Release Only Regulation for Musky**

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- **Additional Bighorn Sheep Hunting Unit**
- **GFP Commission Restricts Oakwood State Park Hunting**
- **GFP Commission Creates No Wake Zones at Shadehill and West Bend**

2018 and 2019 Black Hills Elk Hunting Seasons Proposed

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission proposed a reduction of elk licenses for the 2018 and 2019 hunting seasons.

The proposal calls for 425 any elk and 700 antlerless elk licenses to be issued for each of the next two seasons. Last year there were 443 any elk and 1,150 antlerless elk licenses available.

2018 and 2019 Proposed Season Dates:



The GFP Commission will consider adopting this proposal on April 5-6, 2018, at the Outdoor Campus West in Rapid City. To comment in person, the public hearing will be held April 5 at 2 p.m. MST. Individuals can also provide written comments on commission rule proposals by sending them to [523 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501](mailto:wildinfo@state.sd.us), or via email to wildinfo@state.sd.us. To be included in the public record and to be considered by the Commission, comments must include a full name and city of residence and meet the submission deadline of 72 hours before the public hearing (not including the day of the public hearing) per HB 1006.

Possible Increase in Any Elk Licenses for the Prairie Elk Hunting Season

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission proposed to increase the any elk licenses and add a new hunting unit to the 2018 and 2019 prairie elk hunting seasons.

The proposed allocation includes 68 any elk and 73 antlerless elk licenses, an increase of nine any elk licenses and a reduction of 22 antlerless elk licenses compared to 2017. The proposal also includes establishing Harding county as Unit 35A for the prairie elk hunting season. This unit would have eight any elk licenses available for 2018 and 2019.

Season Dates | Open Areas | Licenses:



Unit 09A :: Portions of Butte, Lawrence and Meade counties
10 any elk and 10 antlerless elk licenses

Unit 11A,B,C,D :: Bennett county; portions of Jackson and Mellette counties
32 any elk and 48 antlerless elk licenses

Unit 15A :: Portions of Butte county
8 any elk and 5 antlerless elk licenses

Unit 27A :: Portions of Fall River county
10 any elk and 10 antlerless elk licenses

Unit 35A :: Harding county
8 any elk licenses

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2018 and 2019 Archery Elk Hunting Seasons Proposed

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission proposed to allocate 222 licenses for the 2018 and 2019 archery elk hunting seasons. The proposed season would run the month of September for both years and would have 142 any elk and 80 antlerless elk licenses available.

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Proposal Lengthens the Custer State Park Elk Hunting Season

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission is proposing to change the Custer State Park elk hunting season to run the entire month of October. Previous seasons have run for 16 consecutive days, beginning on the third Saturday in September.

The proposal calls for the 2018 and 2019 seasons to have nine any elk licenses and 60 antlerless only elk licenses available for Custer State Park. Ten licenses would be available for each of the six proposed antlerless hunting seasons. The antlerless only licenses would be valid for an area in the extreme south end of Custer State Park.

2018 and 2019 Proposed Season Dates:

CAE-CU1: October 6-14, 2018 and October 5-13, 2019

CAE-CU2: October 20-28, 2018 and October 19-27, 2019

CAE-CU3: December 8-16, 2018 and December 7-15, 2019

CAE-CU4: December 22-30, 2018 and December 21-29, 2018

CAE-CU5: January 5-13, 2019 and January 4-12, 2020

CAE-CU6: January 19-27, 2019 and January 18-26, 2020

Also, no changes were proposed to the Custer State Park early archery elk hunting season which will have three any elk licenses with season dates of Sept. 1-30 for both 2018 and 2019.

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Catch and Release Only Regulation for Musky

PIERRE, S.D. - The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission changed the harvest restrictions for muskellunge and tiger muskies from a statewide 40 inch minimum length limit and a daily limit of one fish, to catch and release only statewide.

Currently, South Dakota has five lakes that are managed for muskellunge. They are Lynn and Middle Lynn in Day county, West Highway 81 in Kingsbury county, Sinai in Brookings county and North Island Lake in McCook and Minnehaha counties. While anglers are most likely to catch a muskellunge or tiger muskie in these waters, they do occur in other waters previously stocked.

Proposal Ends All Deer Seasons on January 1

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission proposed to have all deer hunting seasons end on Jan. 1.

It was also proposed to eliminate the administrative rule language which specifies that only antlerless licenses are valid from Jan. 1-15 for the archery and muzzleloader deer hunting seasons to conform to the proposed regulation stating all deer seasons end Jan. 1.

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Additional Bighorn Sheep Hunting Unit

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission voted to create a new hunting unit for bighorn sheep.

The unit will be the portion of Pennington county east of the Cheyenne River and the portion of Jackson county north of the White River, excluding Badlands National Park.

The GFP Commission allocated one license for the new unit.

The season runs from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31 for both 2018 and 2019.

GFP Commission Restricts Oakwood State Park Hunting

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission voted to only allow the use of shotguns using shotshells, crossbows and bows while hunting in Oakwood State Park near Brookings.

In recent years, additional camping, roads and a welcome center have been added at Oakwood, diminishing the area where rifle hunting is safe.

GFP Commission Creates No Wake Zones at Shadehill and West Bend

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission established two “no wake zones” on Shadehill Reservoir in Perkins county and West Bend Recreation Area in Hughes county.

The area on Shadehill Reservoir will contain the waters beginning approximately 600 feet east of the West boat ramp and extending from the north shoreline to the south shoreline encompassing the bay where the West boat ramp is located.

The West Bend no wake zone will include the waterfront beginning on the southeast corner of the boat ramp parking lot and run approximately 380 yards in a southeasterly direction upstream to camping cabins #3.

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From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [GFP Commission Public Comments](#)
Subject: FW: [EXT] Late season proposal
Date: Monday, March 19, 2018 10:47:28 AM

From: Dale Pope [mailto:sagittalcrest@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2018 5:01 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Late season proposal

TWIMC;

Throw my vote to keeping the original late season dates: Dec 26 + 9 consecutive days. I find the time between seasons allow me to process the deer from the opening season. I think if I had to harvest all my tags during a marathon season I could not do justice to the proper handling and processing of the animals. And, I like the cold weather hunt that December's end brings. Also, please allow "any deer" tags to be utilized in the late season. We pay good money for these tags. Not being able to harvest an antlered deer during the regular season should not disqualify these tags for late season doe hunts.

Dale Pope

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: [EXT] Options for antlerless deer season
Date: Wednesday, March 07, 2018 8:46:18 AM

From: Nathan Edwards [mailto:nedwards605@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 04, 2018 8:02 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: [EXT] Options for antlerless deer season

If this is not the correct avenue to reach the commission, can you please direct me it?

Commissioners,

I read that the antlerless season dates are being reviewed.

This past antlerless season, my 7-year-old came out with me. We didn't get anything, but we had a very close encounter with a large buck who never saw us. My boy is hooked.

I relate this story in the hopes that you to consider that more children will be able to hunt or tag along on a hunt during their Christmas break. Anything we can do to encourage participation by the next generation should be done.

Thanks for your consideration,

Nathan Edwards, Aberdeen

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: [EXT] Proposal to End Deer Seasons January One
Date: Thursday, March 08, 2018 8:24:24 AM

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From: Ron Laughlin [<mailto:ronlaughlin@rchs61.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2018 4:06 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Proposal to End Deer Seasons January One

Ron Laughlin
3114 Wonderland Drive
Rapid City

Hello,

My wish is to maintain the current antlerless muzzleloader season.
Maintain the current antlerless muzzleloader season January 1 to January 15.

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: [EXT] Proposed Deer Seasons
Date: Friday, March 02, 2018 12:42:44 PM

From: Kevin Hansen [mailto:kevjhans@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, March 02, 2018 12:42 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: [EXT] Proposed Deer Seasons

I am totally in favor of ending all deer seasons on January 1 of each year. I encourage you to adopt this proposal.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Kevin Hansen

Zell, SD 57469

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [GFP Commission Public Comments](#)
Subject: FW: [EXT] Ref Proposal to End All Deer Seasons of January
Date: Friday, March 16, 2018 8:15:53 AM

From: Grismer, Rodney A. [mailto:Rodney.Grismer@va.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2018 7:27 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Cc: rgrizmer@gmail.com
Subject: [EXT] Ref Proposal to End All Deer Seasons of January

Dear Commission,

I believe the proposal that all deer seasons end on Jan 1 is somewhat shortsighted and honestly, flawed.

A shortened deer season concentrates more hunters actively seeking game into a smaller time frame. As a result, this increased activity in the smaller window of time only increases the propensity for increased mishaps and safety concerns. Simply stated, "Safety becomes more of a factor in a shortened, more hastened season".

A shortened deer season also decreases the opportunity for hunters to harvest game. As a result, I don't believe as many animals will be harvested in a shortened season. Statistically and rationally, it only makes sense that less time results in less opportunity and therefore lower harvest numbers. Also, a side effect to lower harvest numbers may result in more deprivation reports, complaints by the public, and expense in addressing those deprivation issues / complaints.

Lastly, a shortened deer season will likely push some individuals away from hunting. And, in today's world we need more interest in the outdoors. Keep in mind, most hunters are working-class individuals. They need the expanded time allowed in January to hunt. Many simply aren't capable of neglecting their livelihoods or employment for two weeks in November to venture off and hunt. The extended time allotted in January is the only factor keeping some hunters involved in the outdoors.

If you want to maintain participation, steady revenue, manage deprivation complaints, and nurture opportunity with increased safety in mind, then keep the January season in effect. In fact I would recommend extending the season until the end of January. This would increase harvest numbers and cut down on complaints which arise from congested hunting timelines.

In some ways it almost feels like the continued shortening of seasons and increased costs in the sport are making hunting more of an "elitist opportunity". At this time the commission has an excellent opportunity to keep seasoned hunters interested, while nurturing the younger hunters with hopeful opportunities. However shortening seasons isn't going to do this. In fact, it will likely do the opposite. Thanks for your time,

Very Respectfully,

Rodney Grismer
605-290-6432
Hermosa SD

From: [Cary, Joe](#)
To: [GFP Commission Public Comments](#)
Subject: FW: [EXT] South Dakota Doe season
Date: Thursday, March 22, 2018 2:42:58 PM

Thank you,

Joe Cary | *Secretary*

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks
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605.223.7683 | Joe.Cary@state.sd.us



From: Charlie [mailto:koneskorner@itctel.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 1:41 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] South Dakota Doe season

As a landowner and hunter I think the rifle deer season runs to long. I talk to a lot of landowners and customers at our sporting goods store and it seems like most would like to see a shorter rifle season. Most would like all the deer seasons done by the 15th of December. The deer are harassed from the third week in Sept into January. They can only hide so long. We would like to see the rifle season go back to two weekends instead of three. If you can't get your deer shot in 9 days you should probably find a different spot, or you are looking for a really big buck.

As a landowner it is tough to watch our land and keep people out all season long. We have our land set up for hunting, CRP-Trees-Food Plots-Water, and it seems like everybody driving by wants to be on the wrong side of the fence. We would prefer the option b for the doe season to get it done with earlier in the year.

It would be nice to shorten up the Archery and Muzzleloader seasons too. I think the archery season should end when the rifle season begins. That would roughly be 8 weeks of archery season through the rut. It may eliminate some of the guys shooting bucks with their rifles and using their archery tags.

Thank You

Charlie Carter
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Thank You
Charlie

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From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [GFP Commission Public Comments](#)
Subject: FW: written comments on commission rule proposals-all deer hunting seasons end on Jan. 1
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 3:05:19 PM

From: Wuebben, Nick
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 2:55 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: written comments on commission rule proposals-all deer hunting seasons end on Jan. 1

Hello,

Here is my written comment on the commission proposal to end all deer hunting seasons on Jan. 1. I am extremely against this proposal, bc It would take away days afield for me and it shortens my season in which to fill deer tags. The past two years I have hunted many days in January in effort to fill my archery deer tags, each year I look forward to starting the year off right with some fresh doe meat for the freezer. The Jan 1-15 archery deer season gives me more time in which to have chances to fill my tags and gives me something to do on those cold snowy January days when ther is nothing else to do but sit at home and stay warm. It is also nice to have that second chance at filling deer tags in January if you failed to do so in nov or dec.—I always look forward to it. I think that having the January deer seasons also eases the woods of some hunting pressure that would otherwise be applied during the already busy nov or dec deer woods. I never see other hunters in January when I am out hunting and that is the way I like it; if these January deer seasons are taken away that will just make the deer woods that much busier with hunters during nov./dec. which is something no one wants. I understand that deer are under more stress in January to find food and survive but they are also concentrating on certain food sources like residential areas' bushes or shrubs or ornamentals (destroying peoples property), which is all the more reason to have the population controlled thru hunting at this time of the year(January).

Nick Wuebben
-rapid city

From: Shepersky, Brian
To: SDGFPINFO
Cc: [GFP Wild Info](mailto:GFP_Wild_Info)
Subject: RE: [EXT] <EXT>GFP News :: GFP Commission Seeks Input on Options to Antlerless Hunting Season Dates
Date: Thursday, March 08, 2018 2:35:27 PM

I'm uncertain as to why you'd want my input when I live in Minnesota. I did live in South Dakota for 11 years though and hunted deer there for many of those years. It's frustrating to me that I'm not even able to apply for a tag--buck or doe! Your regulating out-of-state hunters makes no sense to me. I developed strong relationships while living in SD and now I can't hunt there because I live in MN. What a crock!! The same goes for your two 5-day periods for pheasant hunting. If we have to pay \$130 to hunt your precious pheasants shouldn't we be able to come out when we want during that season. If you don't want out of state hunters, don't even make it seem like it's an option. That's my input.

Brian Shepersky
12022 530th Ave
Menahga, MN 56464

From: South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks [mailto:sdgfpinfo@state.sd.us]
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2018 1:13 PM
To: Shepersky, Brian
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From: RogerBarnes
To: [SDGFPIINFO](#)
Subject: Re: [EXT] Deer license drawing alternatives - we need your input.
Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018 10:15:57 AM

I would prefer option #3 Roger Barnes, Huron, SD

From: [South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks](#)

Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 2:13 PM

To: morgster@hur.midco.net

Subject: Deer license drawing alternatives - we need your input.



Public Involvement Opportunity on the Alternatives to the Allocation of Deer Licenses

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) is hosting a series of focus group meetings to identify the best alternative to potentially increasing the number of hunters who seek to draw their preferred deer license.

Background: Prior to implementing the deer management plan last year, one area that received considerable attention from the public input process was deer license allocation and the discussion around the opportunity to obtain a preferred license on a regular basis. To date, the Department and the GFP Commission have narrowed down the list of potential alternatives to three (one of which is no change to the current license drawing structure). The next step in this process is to present the alternatives and gain input through focus groups.

ALTERNATIVE #1

- Drawings for East River, West River and Black Hills deer seasons would be at the same time and the applicant would have to choose one of the seasons as their first choice in the first draw.

ALTERNATIVE #2

- Drawings for East River, West River, Black Hills, National Wildlife Refuge, Custer State Park, and Muzzleloader deer seasons would be at the same time and the applicant would have to choose one of the seasons as their first choice in the first draw.

ALTERNATIVE #3

- No change.

OTHER DETAILS

- Preference point system would remain in place and you would not lose current points.
- Landowner preference would remain unchanged.
- No changes would be made to Archery or Youth Deer.
- Individuals who received a Special Buck license are not eligible to apply until the third draw period.
- If changes to the license drawing structure occur, they will go into effect for the 2019 deer hunting season.

Focus Groups: Beginning in March, focus groups will be conducted across the state to collect feedback from deer hunters.

The main objective of these focus groups will be to 1) discuss the above mentioned alternatives; 2) receive feedback on level of support or opposition for the alternatives; and 3) determine how participants would complete a deer application under each alternative.

A random draw will be used to select participants and participants can only be involved in one focus group. Focus groups will be in Pierre, Philip, Yankton, Sioux Falls, Watertown, Aberdeen, Belle Fourche, Rapid City and Mitchell. Deadline to sign up is March 1, 2018.

[Sign up to participate and select your location.](#)

For more information, please contact:

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- Kevin Robling at Kevin.Robling@state.sd.us
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To: [SDGFPINFO](#)
Subject: Re: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Seeks Input on Options to Antlerless Hunting Season Dates
Date: Thursday, March 08, 2018 5:21:03 PM

Carlton Hupke, Sioux Falls, SD

I would recommend that you don't have an extended season for antlerless deer.

Why: Deer numbers in NE part of SD seem to be way down. One major reason is the number of coyotes that are taking many young deer. Secondly, there continues to be less and less good cover areas for deer to live and survive.

Many of the local hunters that I hunt have cams to view the deer movement activity during the evening. It's truly amazing

to see the number of coyotes out hunting that are caught on camera.

I haven't filled in my last two hunting trips. Didn't even see many deer over my last two hunts.

Thank you!

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From: [South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks](#)

To: cdhupke@msn.com

Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2018 1:13 PM

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From: tom jensen
To: SDGFPINFO
Subject: Re: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Seeks Input on Options to Antlerless Hunting Season Dates
Date: Thursday, March 08, 2018 1:29:14 PM

Option 2 is great, both options are good! Let's get one of them approved either way!

Thanks!

Tom Jensen Harrisburg SD

929-8970

On 8 Mar 2018 1:14 pm, "South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks" <sdgfpinfo@state.sd.us> wrote:



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I am in favor of proposal # 2 Marcia Barnes, Huron SD

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