



## AGENDA

### Game, Fish and Parks Commission

December 7, 2020

Zoom and Conference Call (see below)

Livestream link <https://www.sd.net/remote1/>

Due to concerns regarding COVID, this meeting will be held via zoom/conference call and livestream. To listen to the entire meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. CT via livestream at <https://www.sd.net/>. **The public is encouraged to participate remotely.**

The open forum will begin at 2:00 p.m. CT on December 7th. To provide comments join the meeting via zoom or conference call per the info below. To conduct the public hearing and open forum as efficiently as possible we ask those wishing to testify to **register by 1:00 pm CT by email to [Rachel.comes@state.sd.us](mailto:Rachel.comes@state.sd.us). Testifiers should provide their full names, whom they are representing, city of residence, and which proposed topic they will be addressing.**

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Monday

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### Call to order 9:00 AM CT/ 8:00 AM MT

#### Division of Administration

##### Action Items:

1. Conflict of Interest Disclosure
2. Approve Minutes of the November 2020 Meeting  
<https://gfp.sd.gov/commission/archives/>
3. Additional Commissioner Salary Days

##### Information Items:

4. Commissioner Recognition
5. GFP Leadership Development Program Graduation
6. Future of Habitat
7. Wildlife Damage Management Strategic Plan
8. Pheasant Hunting Marketing Update
9. License Sales Update
10. 2021 Legislative Session

### Petition

11. Mellette County West River Deer Hunting Dates

## Proposals

12. Aerial Permit Adjustments
13. Big Game Ammo Minimum Size and Type
14. Nonmeandered Waters Navigation Lane Process

## Lunch Break 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM CT

## Open Forum 2:00 PM CT/ 1:00 PM MT

*Portion of the meeting designated for public comment on other items of interest. (Typically limited to 3 minutes per person)*

## Division of Parks and Recreation

### Information Items:

15. CSP Resort Repair and Maintenance Recap
16. Sheps Canyon Road Update
17. Revenue, Camping and Visitation Report

## Division of Wildlife

### Action Items:

20. Bighorn Sheep Auction Tag Approval

### Information Items

21. Outdoor Campus East Expansion Project
22. 2020 River Otter Season Summary
23. Law Enforcement Section Update
24. SD Youth Learning Wildlife Conservation

## Solicitation of Agenda Items from Commissioners

## Adjourn

Next meeting information: January 14-15, 2021 – Pierre, SD

Donations can be made to honor former GFP Commissioner, Cathy Peterson, by visiting the SD Parks & Wildlife Foundation website at <https://parkswildlifeoundation.org/donate.aspx>. Select “Other” as the program you wish to contribute and note “Cathy Peterson” in the explanation box. The SD Parks & Wildlife Foundation and Cathy’s family will use the funds to honor her memory for future habitat projects.

## **Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission November 5-6, 2020**

Chairman Gary Jensen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CT via conference call. Commissioners Gary Jensen, Jon Locken, Russell Olson, Doug Sharp, Charles Spring, Robert Whitmyre. Public and staff were able to listen via SDPB livestream and participate via conference call with approximately 60 total participants via zoom.

### **DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

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

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Jensen called for any additions or corrections to the September 2-3, 2020 regular meeting minutes or a motion for approval.

Motion by Olson with second by Whitmyre TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1-2, 2020 MEETING. Roll Call vote: Locken – yes; Olson – yes; Sharp – yes; Spring – yes; Whitmyre – yes; Jensen – yes. Motion carried 6 yes and 0 no votes.

#### **Additional Commissioner Salary Days**

None were requested.

#### **Budget**

Chris Petersen, division director, presented information on the FY22 budget. He explained the budget structure for GFP is composed of 6 programs, 3 budgeted programs and 3 informational budgets. He provided the breakdown of personal services and operating expenses for each budget.

#### **Wildlife Damage Management Strategic Plan**

Kevin Robling provided a brief update on the status of the wildlife damage management strategic plan.

#### **Pheasant Hunting Marketing Update**

Emily Kiel and Taniya Bethke provided an update on pheasant hunting marketing.

#### **License Sales Update**

Heather Villa, wildlife administration chief, explained We have had a strong year of license sales and are still seeing a 7% increase of license sales over a three-year average. However, small game license sale specifically are trending lower than our three-year average when isolating and comparing the Friday before the pheasant hunting opener through the first two weeks of the season. We are hoping to continue to see positive trends throughout the year even though when comparing the first two weeks of pheasant season we are seeing downward trends.

#### **Centralized E-Commerce System and RFP**

Emily Kiel and Taniya Bethke provided an update on the centralized E-commerce system and status of the RFP.

### **Awards Acknowledgement**

Kelly Hepler & Tom Kirschenmann acknowledged Kyle Kaskie and Jake Davis for awards they recently received.

Kyle Kaskie was awarded the 2020 Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (MAFWFA) Special Recognition Award and the 2020 Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) Outstanding Contributor of the Year Award.

Jake Davis was named Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Wildlife Agencies (MAFWA) Fisheries Biologist of the Year.

### **PETITIONS**

Tom Kirschenmann, wildlife division director, provided information on the petition process and options available for commission action.

#### **Low Plains South Zone Duck Season**

Brad Cameron, petitioner, said he has several friends who come to hunt and end up purchasing Nebraska licenses instead.

Kirschenmann explained this topic came up few years back and has been discussed at length. The primary discussion point is dates and the weather is unpredictable so comes down to being a social issue. At this time the department recommends retaining the current structure as it was changed only a few years ago. This would allow additional info to be gathered regarding the season structure and avoid confusion due to it being changed recently.

Motioned by Olson, second by Locken TO DENY THE PETITION. Roll Call vote: Locken – yes; Olson – yes; Sharp – yes; Spring – yes; Whitmyre – yes; Jensen – yes. Motion carried 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Motion by Locken, second by Olson TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 20-23 (appendix A) Denying the petition. Roll Call vote: Locken – yes; Olson – yes; Sharp – yes; Spring – yes; Whitmyre – yes; Jensen – yes. Motion carried 6 yes and 0 no votes.

#### **Big Game Ammo Minimum Size and Type**

Jeremy Silko, petitioner, requested the commission consider a new bullet type that is on the market. There are two reasons for my requested change. (1) Technology has advanced enough to prove that monolithic copper when fluted and used as bullets can provide quick, ethical kills to animals with the same or better effectiveness of copper-jacketed, lead-based hollow points or soft points as currently allowed. The rounds are produced in South Dakota by Lehigh defense and loaded by at least two respected ammunition producers. One of those is Black Hills Ammo, also located in Rapid City, SD. The second is Underwood Ammo in Illinois. Ruger also produces a similar polymer/copper fluted design. I ask that the commission ask these producers for detailed analysis, and to consider these projectiles as options for hunters. The (2)

second reason for allowing these rounds would be to allow another option for non-toxic rounds. We should allow hunters every opportunity to preserve our great resources for the next generations, and many to come. The small steps today, just may add up to big steps tomorrow.

Justin Evans, Lehigh Defence engineer, explained that instead of mechanically deforming it is more efficient to create ethical kills.

Locken is there a requirement that bullets need to contain lead

Evans current verbiage says soft point or nonexpanding. These bullets are nonexpanding which causes less damage.

Motioned by Olson, second by Locken TO APPROVE THE PETITION. Roll Call vote: Locken – yes; Olson – yes; Sharp – yes; Spring – yes; Whitmyre – yes; Jensen – yes. Motion carried 6 yes and 0 no votes.

### **PSP Bird Release Requirements**

Josh Lieberman submitted a petition to abolish the provision on any minimum release and keep provisions that refer to releasing birds prior to killing. His reason for the change is that placing monetary prerequisites on small business that is unnecessary speculation is unnecessary and limits small business entering the market.

Motioned by Sharp, second by Olson TO DENY THE PETITION. Roll Call vote: Locken – yes; Olson – yes; Sharp – yes; Spring – yes; Whitmyre – yes; Jensen – yes. Motion carried 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Motion by Whitmyre, second by Sharp TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 20-23 (appendix B) Denying the petition. Roll Call vote: Locken – yes; Olson – yes; Sharp – yes; Spring – yes; Whitmyre – yes; Jensen – yes. Motion carried 6 yes and 0 no votes.

### **OPEN FORUM**

Jensen opened the floor for discussion from those in attendance on matters of importance to them that may not be on the agenda. No presenters came forward.

### **PROPOSALS**

#### **Nonmeandered Waters Navigation Lane Process**

Robling presented the proposal to create a new rule to establish procedure for the public to request a navigation lane through a closed nonmeandered body of water when no other alternative legal access is available. He explained that during a special legislative session in 2017, the Legislature passed the nonmeandered waters compromise. As part of the legislation, the Commission is obligated to promulgate rules to establish a process whereby a person may petition the commission to open a portion of waters or ice of a closed nonmeandered lake for the limited purposes of transportation to a portion of a nonmeandered lake that is open for recreational use.

Motioned by Sharp, second by Whitmyre TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR NAVIGATIONS LANES ON

NONMEANDERED WATERS. Roll Call vote: Locken – yes; Olson – yes; Sharp – yes; Spring – yes; Whitmyre – yes; Jensen – yes. Motion carried 6 yes and 0 no votes.

## **DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **Palisades Update**

Luke Dreckman, District Park Supervisor, presented on the Palisades Expansion. This year began year 1 of a 5-year phased development plan. Nearly 50 acres of habitat was planted in May 2020, including shelterbelts. The campground and road system will soon have a contract in place and planned for a 2021 working year. GFP anticipates opening the new campground in 2023. Habitat work will continue to be developed as the phases progress.

### **Adams Visitor Center Plan**

Jody Moats provided the Commission a presentation on the plan for the Adams visitors center.

### **Sheps Canyon Road Update**

Due to time this item will be presented at the December meeting.

### **Revenue, Camping and Visitation Report**

Al Nedved, Deputy Director provided an update on revenue, camping and visitation stats. He also provided information on visitor origin based on park entrance license sales and camping reservations.

## **DIVISION OF WILDLIFE**

### **HuntSAFE Update**

Pat Klotzbach, HuntSAFE Coordinator, Beginning in March, HuntSAFE had to make changes. We removed the field day requirement and moved the classes online. The class is still free, and traditional classes are still an option. HuntSAFE in the schools also had to make changes. We had 50 teachers registered to attend a Hunt SAFE in the Schools certification training before covid19. We had to make changes to that training and only 12 teachers were able to attend, 7 of those schools have taught a HuntSAFE class in their classroom this school year. HuntSAFE will reevaluate in early 2021 and hopefully return the courses and trainings back to normal.

### **Fish SD Update**

Maggie Lindsey provided an update on the Fish SD program.

### **Wild Turkey Plan**

Chad Lehman, Senior Wildlife Biologist, provided an update on the South Dakota Wild Turkey Management Plan, 2021-2030. This management plan has been revised and provides important historical background and relevant biological information for the sustainable management of wild turkeys. Current wild turkey survey methodology and relevant biological literature are presented, along with a thorough discussion of objectives and strategies to guide management of this important resource into the future. After collaboration with the Management Team and Wild Turkey Stakeholder Group, important changes occurred in the plan revision and the largest change pertains

to prairie harvest strategies. The primary harvest strategy will now use the 95% Upper Confidence Interval (UCI) for spring harvest success as a threshold for management pertaining to fall seasons. If the UCI is below 40% for 2 consecutive years, it is a trigger for closing the fall season. Previously, if the 95% Lower Confidence Interval was touching or below the 40% threshold for 2 consecutive years it would close the fall season. This change allows greater flexibility for managers to have a fall season if desired. Further, the Black Hills harvest strategy lowered fall license allocations across the board and does not allow for 2 resident licenses when in low abundance and in the "A" harvest strategy category.

### **EHD Update**

Chad Switzer, wildlife program administrator, provided a final update on the outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) documented this fall in South Dakota. As of October 29, 2020, 260 reports from the public included 633 dead deer from 35 counties. Through samples submitted to the SDSU lab, 26 samples tested positive for EHD in 15 counties. In addition to the removal of unsold antlerless whitetail deer licenses in Faulk (n=74), Hand (n=58), Hyde (n=91) and Potter (n=123) counties, the Department will be offering hunters in Aurora, Faulk, Hand, Hughes, Hyde, Jerauld, Potter and Sully counties the opportunity to voluntarily return their East River deer licenses. Any hunter voluntarily returning their license will receive a full refund and retain their preference point for any licenses returned. Licenses returned to GFP will not be reallocated.

### **Elk Management and Depredation Update**

John Kanta & Trenton Haffley provided an update after the meetings with landowners in the Black Hills and Bennett County areas, the Department has developed several items to further assist landowners with damage caused by elk to their private property. Examples would be an increase to antlerless elk licenses, increases to limits on elk depredation program assistance and depredation pool hunts.

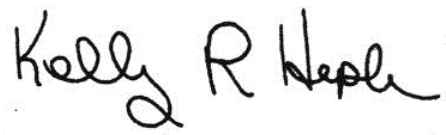
### **AIS inspection in MN**

Adam Doll, the Watercraft Inspection Coordinator with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR), presented information on the history, operation, and challenges of Minnesota's watercraft inspection program. The total annual budget for the program is approximately \$10 million, comprised of state general funds, surcharges on boat registrations and nonresident fishing licenses, and federal funds. Approximately 800 inspectors employed by the MNDNR, local governmental units, and tribes conducted 600,000 inspections. Challenges for Minnesota's Watercraft Inspection Program include annual staffing and training challenges, ensuring statutory language is clear and enforceable, and that there are multiple pathways by which AIS can spread throughout Minnesota.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kelly R Hepler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and "H".

Kelly R. Hepler, Department Secretary



**Appendix A**  
**RESOLUTION 20-23**

WHEREAS, Brad Cameron of Avon, South Dakota, submitted a Petition to the Game, Fish and Parks Commission (Commission) dated October 21, 2020, requesting that the Game, Fish and Parks Commission amend ARSD § 41:06:16:02.01 (Low Plains duck hunting season established) – to modify the start date of the low plains south zone duck season for the reasons more fully set out in the petition (hereinafter referred to as “the Petition”); and

WHEREAS, all members of the Commission have been furnished with and have reviewed a copy of the Petition; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised that a copy of the Petition has been served on all members of the Interim Rules Review Committee and Director of the Legislative Research Council as required by SDCL § 1-26-13; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised that SDCL § 1-26-13 requires that within thirty (30) days of submission of a Petition, the Commission shall either “deny the petition in writing (stating its reasons for the denials) or shall initiate rule-making proceedings in accordance with SDCL 1-26-4.”; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised and is of the opinion that a hearing on the Petition is neither statutorily required nor necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed and carefully considered the requirements and procedures set out in SDCL §1-26-13 and the contents of the Petition, including the reasons advanced by Petitioner in support of modifying the start date of the low plains south zone duck season; and

WHEREAS, the petition is a balance between early season opportunity and late season interests; and

WHEREAS, the current structure was changed two years ago and the relative newness of the change would need to be further evaluated before changing again; and

WHEREAS, hunters in the low plains south unit have waterfowl opportunities in the low plains middle zone for ducks in the majority of the counties in this area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission does hereby deny the Petition for the reasons hereinabove stated in this Resolution, which said Resolution as adopted by the Commission shall constitute the Commission’s written denial of the Petition and its reasons therefore.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Petition, a record of the Commission’s discussions concerning same, and this Resolution be made a part of the Minutes of the Commission meeting at which this Resolution is adopted, and further, that the Department be and it is hereby authorized and directed in compliance with SDCL §1-26-13 to serve a copy of an extract of that portion of the Commission minutes which pertain to the Commission’s discussion of the Petition and its adoption of this Resolution, including a copy of the Resolution, on all members of the Interim Rules Review Committee and Director of the Legislative Research Council with copies also to be provided to the Petitioner, Brad Cameron of Avon, South Dakota.

**Appendix B**  
**RESOLUTION 20-24**

WHEREAS, Joshua Lieberman of Pierre, South Dakota, submitted a Petition to the Game, Fish and Parks Commission (Commission) October 29, 2020, requesting that the Game, Fish and Parks Commission amend ARSD § 41:09:01:02 (Release of male birds required – Harvest limited.) – to remove the minimum number of birds to be released on a private shooting preserve for the reasons more fully set out in the petition (hereinafter referred to as “the Petition”); and

WHEREAS, all members of the Commission have been furnished with and have reviewed a copy of the Petition; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised that a copy of the Petition has been served on all members of the Interim Rules Review Committee and Director of the Legislative Research Council as required by SDCL § 1-26-13; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised that SDCL § 1-26-13 requires that within thirty (30) days of submission of a Petition, the Commission shall either “deny the petition in writing (stating its reasons for the denials) or shall initiate rule-making proceedings in accordance with SDCL 1-26-4.”; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised and is of the opinion that a hearing on the Petition is neither statutorily required nor necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed and carefully considered the requirements and procedures set out in SDCL §1-26-13 and the contents of the Petition, including the reasons advanced by Petitioner in support of removing the minimum number of birds to be released on a private shooting preserve; and

WHEREAS, the first minimum release for private shooting preserves was established in the mid 1960’s; and

WHEREAS, private shooting preserves start earlier than the general hunting season, have larger bag limits that allow for the harvest of wild birds, and longer hunting hours; and

WHEREAS, the minimum release helps to ensure that wild bird populations are not disproportionately taken at private shooting preserves compared to those taken by the general public; and

WHEREAS, while the proportion of wild birds taken from private shooting preserve is much smaller now than 10 years ago, the public perception of over harvest of wild birds is minimized with the minimum release requirement; and

WHEREAS, a minimum release requirement deters individuals from starting a private shooting preserves to simply have a longer hunting season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission does hereby deny the Petition for the reasons hereinabove stated in this Resolution, which said Resolution as adopted by the Commission shall constitute the Commission’s written denial of the Petition and its reasons therefore.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Petition, a record of the Commission’s discussions concerning same, and this Resolution be made a part of the Minutes of the Commission meeting

at which this Resolution is adopted, and further, that the Department be and it is hereby authorized and directed in compliance with SDCL §1-26-13 to serve a copy of an extract of that portion of the Commission minutes which pertain to the Commission's discussion of the Petition and its adoption of this Resolution, including a copy of the Resolution, on all members of the Interim Rules Review Committee and Director of the Legislative Research Council with copies also to be provided to the Petitioner, Joshua Lieberman of Pierre, South Dakota.

# Public Comments

## Other

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**Nancy Hilding**

**Black Hawk SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

Nancy Hilding  
6300 West Elm  
Black Hawk, SD  
Sept 27th, 2020

To the Game, Fish and Parks Commission.

I oppose the public petition to get a variance on submission of the bobcat carcasses to SDGFP staff for inspection and tags within 5 days of kill. At the July Commission meeting we were shown charts indicating that SDGFP does population abundance estimates for bobcats, but there was no discussion of the data used to create those abundance estimates. Perhaps some of the data comes from the carcasses? Please provide discussion of the data used to create bobcat population abundance estimates at the October meeting .

This is the year you have expanded the hunt to much more of east river, so you probably don't have as much data on the condition of bobcat's and the population east river as you do west river. I suspect those east river carcasses will provide you with useful information about east river bobcats, that you have not yet collected.

I also want you to collect information on whether the bobcat was killed by trapping, boot hunt or hound hunt, which you might be able to guess at via carcass. It is also illegal to kill animals except with bullet or arrows..that is in state law. So you need to inspect carcasses for the bullet and/or arrow mark to see if the kill was legal, especially when people used traps or hunt with dogs in areas of SD without trees for the bobcats to climb up to avoid the dogs.

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**Julie Anderson**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

Finalization of not bringing in a bobcat carcass within 5 days.

This is especially troubling as 1 person wants a rule change because it is "hard for him to bring in a carcass within a 5 day period". The bobcat hunting season has been expanded also due to one person who wants to trap more bobcats. However, at the last GF&P meeting, the majority of comments expanding the bobcat season were against it. Yet these rules and regulations continue to get approval with only 1 person's action to petition. Chipping away at hunting and trapping regulations is now the norm, and is the result of certain board member's and the current state administration's agenda to promote to trapping. It is a conflict of interest and no one on this board should have carte blanche to ignore science and majority opinion in order to advance their own pet project. Trapping is extremely cruel, yet this board won't even require a 24 hour trap check, identification of traps, and now is considering lifting a requirement of a 5 day carcass inspection. There is only one way to look at this latest amendment and it is abuse of power. Deny this petition.

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**Nancy Hilding**

**Black Hawk, SD**

**Position:** other

**Comment:**

Nancy Hilding  
President  
Prairie Hills Audubon Society  
P.O Box 788  
Black Hawk, SD 57718  
Sept 27th, 2020

Dear SD Game, Fish and Parks Commission,

I write to ask you when the document called alternately - the "Biennial Commission Review of SD Threatened and Endangered Species List" and the "State Threatened and Endangered Species Status Review" - will be released for public comment.

It was listed on the agenda of the July and September Commission meeting as the "State Threatened & Endangered Species Status Review" (It was not listed as the Biennial Review) and it was listed in the information section, not the action section.

The Commission in September listened to staff presentation, but made no action to approve the document and made no action to set up a public comment period.

Folks can only find it, by downloading the respective July and September Commission Books. I have never been able to find the 2020 Review draft on-line, except in the Commission book and I think the 2018 Review version has been removed from it's former on-line spot, as I can no longer find it (except in old Commission books).

I attach an e-mail from Jon Kotilnek, sent to me before the September meeting in response to our e-mail (that we sent on August 19th), saying he thought there would be a comment period on the T & E Status Review. We did not comment on this T & E Status Review prior to and at the September Commission meeting, nor advise our members to do so, as we expected a future comment period to be established.

When the Commission took no action on the Status/Biennial Review at the Sept meeting on Sept 10th we sent an e-mail seeking clarification. I did not get a reply to my September 10th, 2020 e-mail request for clarification on a comment period, till I called Jon Kotilnek up on Friday 25th of September. He seems to think now that there will be no comment period on the Status/Biennial Review and GFP is working on some document/policy about how to handle public endangered and threatened species petitions (if I understood the conversation correctly).

We believe that not having a comment period is inappropriate. Hopefully you remember the controversy over the otter de-listing. The public who cares about T & E species has - we hope all have learned - that we have to read and comment on the T & E Status Review de-listing criteria for species we care about. We suspect that the interior least tern may be de-listed or down-listed by the USFWS in 2020 or 2021, which may put it in the SD T&E spotlight next year.

We are also concerned, as we believe you did not do biennial reviews of threatened and endangered species for a long time. We suggest you ask your staff for a timeline of when the staff submitted to you, de-listing, down-listing, up-listing and listing proposals. Were all the T & E species added to the list long ago?

You started up with "biennial reviews", with the release of a draft T & B E Status Review in fall of 2017, which the Commission adopted in spring of 2018. As far as we know the last time your staff submitted a listing proposal was for the Dakota skipper, which proposal the SDGFP Commission denied a long time ago - but the USFWS approved listing it federally, for the entire nation, so it got better protection.

We think you need to examine why your staff is not submitting listing proposals, just de-listing, down-listing or up-listing proposals.

We think you should examine the criteria they use for rare species - such as the frigid amber snail which is G1 and S1. - why is staff not proposing that species for listing? Why is what staff proposing to you is just shifting species about on the list or de-listing them and not proposing to add them.

We are very concerned about the delay in listing the lake chub. Why did it take a public petition to list to get the

staff to study it, when it disappeared from Deerfield Lake in 2007, after 6 years of declining sample numbers of fish - with samples for 6 years all below 10 fish sampled (we included that chart showing declining samples in our powerpoint & petition to list). Why did GFP staff not start looking for lake chub in the Black Hills 20 years ago and either find it in enough streams or recommend it for listing -- years ago? Does SD GFP not care about native fish that are too small to fish for? We think preventing species from being extirpated from SD is one of your most sacred duties.

Before reintroducing species to the Black Hills, species that have been isolated , in the Black Hills for a long time, we hope you will do DNA testing on the species, to make sure they have not developed into a subspecies, or are working towards becoming a sub-species. This genetic isolation has been part of the justification for 4 federal listing petitions submitted to the USFWS for isolated Black Hills Species (all petitions denied, with the USFWS wanting more genetic/taxonomy information). If unique genetics exists in the Black Hills due to isolation, GFP should fund more genetic/taxonomy study and think twice before reintroducing from outside sources for rare isolated species.

Thanks,

Nancy Hilding

1 attachment

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**Tim Gunsell**

**Godley TX**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

I am an out of stater and oppose the hunting season extension and bag limit increase. I have been coming there one to two times a year for the last ten years and love it. I from Kansas and they have ruined the hunting in that state.

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**Cody Warren**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

i know I'm late to the game here , but to increase the camping cabins by 90% in 2 years is ridiculous. I was paying \$45 a night in 2019, \$55 a night in 2020 and now to increase to \$85 a night in 2021. This will not attract people to stay for a longer camping season as you are hoping. I for one wont be using them anymore at that price. Im glad that motels are close to where I like to camp as they are the same price or now CHEAPER than staying in a cabin without a bathroom, water or comfortable bed. I'm sure someone will rent them. I hope you get what you're looking for out of this price increase. You have lost one family from renting in your parks.

**From:** Kotilnek, Jon Jon.Kotilnek@state.sd.us   
**Subject:** FW: What is protocol for commenting on the T&E Status (or Biennial) Review?  
**Date:** August 20, 2020 at 11:56 AM  
**To:** Nancy Hilding nhilshat@rapidnet.com  
**Cc:** Dowd Stukel, Eileen Eileen.DowdStukel@state.sd.us, Comes, Rachel Rachel.Comes@state.sd.us

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Nancy,

I will address your questions in order.

1. What is protocol for commenting on the T&E Status Review (or T & E Biennial Review)?
  - a. The process for comment submission will be addressed at the September meeting. There will likely be a specific email as in the past to submit comments and suggestions.
2. Will the Commission adopt it by resolution and if so when....on Sept 2nd/3rd or in October?
  - a. The T&E Status Review will be discussed at the Commission at the September 2-3 meeting. The Commission will likely be briefed again at the November meeting with regard to comments submitted by the public.
3. How do average people find and download a copy of it, so they can comment on it?
  - a. The T&E Status Review Document will be available at <https://gfp.sd.gov/commission/information/>
4. Is there a notice or press release some place explaining how to comment on it?
  - a. See answer to question 1 above.
5. Or do we send comments to Eileen or to Rachel?
  - a. See answer to question 1 above.
6. Have you send notice to the papers on comment opportunity or creation of the Status Review (Biennial Review)?
  - a. There is no requirement to submit a "public notice" to the newspapers. Our Communication team will be responsible for news stories and media blasts.
7. Is there an e-mail to send comments to?
  - a. See answer to question 1 above.
8. if it is at a Commission meeting in September as an information, if so when is to be adopted by resolution and then people can testify on it during the "open forum".
  - a. The open forum is reserved for anyone to discuss an issue that is not related to Commission finalization. The public can testify at the open forum regarding the T&E Status Review.
9. So can a "biennial review" be just a review of a report?
  - a. That's going to be addressed at Commission – see answer to question 1 above.

Thank you for your interest and concern in the process.

Very Respectfully,

**Jon Kotilnek**

**Jon Kotilnek** | *Senior Staff Attorney*  
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**Subject:** [EXT] What is protocol for commenting on the T&E Status (or Biennial) Review?

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To Various SDGFP Staff

What is protocol for commenting on the T&E Status Review (or T & E Biennial Review)? It was on the agenda in July as an information item, not an action item. Will the Commission adopt it by resolution and if so when....on Sept 2nd/3rd or in October?

I have a copy and I think I separated it out of the July Commission Book using Adobe Professional software. How do average people find and download a copy of it, so they can comment on it? I can't find a message about it on the GFP Threatened and Endangered Species web page or the Management Plan web page. Is there a notice or press release some place explaining how to comment on it? Or do we send comments to Eileen or to Rachel? Have you send notice to the papers on comment opportunity or creation of the Status Review (Biennial Review)?



Is there an e-mail to send comments to? In late fall 2017, the e-mail was [StatusReviews@state.sd.us](mailto:StatusReviews@state.sd.us).

I mean to send out an "enviro events" type of warning about this document and I need the protocol for how to comment, instructions on how to download it and when the action will take place (i.e. deadlines). if it is at a Commission meeting in September as an information, if so when is to be adopted by resolution and then people can testify on it during the "open forum".

It makes a significant difference if it is a biennial review or a "status review" as comments on a biennial review could include requests on species that need to be added, as well as what to do about the currently listed species - so can a "biennial review" be just a review of a report?

cc Jim Petersen, PHAS vice president, Erik Molvar, Western Watersheds Project..

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# Public Comments

## Other

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**Mark Soukup**

**Wagner SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

I THINK IT IS A BIG MISTAKE TO GIVE THE SO CALLED YST MEMBERS FREE AXCESS TO THE STATE PARKS CHARLES MIX COUNTY.

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**Richard Walker**

**Sandy UT**

**Position:** other

**Comment:**

This may not be the right format for this meeting but as an avid out-of-state upland hunter it is critical that the State of South Dakota rethink the pre-season brood count of pheasants. This is very important information for out-of-state hunters deciding where to hunt each year. I emphasize that the count even in down years does not influence our decision to come to South Dakota. We have been coming each year for 21 years. We will come regardless of the pheasant outlook but we will refine where we hunt based on the information. Our hunt revolves around Sept. 1 of each year when we can read how the pheasants did over the year and their nesting success. Please reinstate the annual brood count program!!!



# DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

## Draft 2020 Wildlife Damage Management Program Strategic Plan

<b>GOAL #1: Provide excellent customer service and program transparency.</b> <b>MAIN OBJECTIVE:</b> Ensure internal and external program accountability by engaging key staff and partners.					
<b>STRATEGY #1</b> Conduct a statewide WDM staff meeting to provide program changes/direction, answer questions and define program success.	<b>STRATEGY #2</b> Use the ADC Policy Advisory Committee (invite other appropriate stakeholders and identified entities) to resolve dispute and present program changes.	<b>STRATEGY #3</b> Host 4 regional forums annually with landowners, producers, South Dakota residents, and other key partners to assist with the development of measurable and time-bound program objectives.	<b>STRATEGY #4</b> Present strategic plan to GFP Commission and open public comment period.	<b>STRATEGY #5</b> Develop and implement a formal Training and Mentoring Program for new and existing staff using trainer positions.	<b>STRATEGY #6</b> Develop and implement a meaningful, district-level, comprehensive, and cost-effective way to determine customer satisfaction and program successes.
<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtain 6 small group/team feedback reports to ensure understanding of the program direction.</li> <li>Review feedback to evaluate success of the meeting.</li> <li>Survey WDS staff in breakout groups</li> </ul>	<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide an evaluation report at the end of the meeting to ensure understanding of key themes and priorities.</li> <li>Review feedback to evaluate success of the meeting.</li> </ul>	<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide public input opportunities on programmatic decisions and measurable outcomes to inspire trust.</li> <li>Capture email addresses from 80 percent of attendees to provide continuous program information.</li> </ul>	<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide public input opportunities on programmatic decisions and measurable outcomes to inspire trust.</li> <li>Review public input and make any appropriate or necessary changes to the strategic plan.</li> <li>Finalize the Wildlife Damage Management Program strategic plan.</li> <li>Make the plan available on the GFP website, social media channels and through other targeted emails and track metrics.</li> <li>Share the final plan with all GFP staff, the Governor's Office and other state agencies as necessary.</li> </ul>	<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation of a standard on-boarding process for all WDM staff.</li> <li>Implement training opportunities for all WDM staff.</li> <li>Ensure completion of annual staff performance review documents for WDM positions.</li> <li>Evaluate trainees of effectiveness of each session.</li> <li>Provide supervisors with supervisory and leadership training by July 2021.</li> <li>Require supervisors to complete a minimum of 2 in the field ride alongs with regional staff per year.</li> </ul>	<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use internal human dimensions expert to create and conduct a customer satisfaction survey with the intent to evaluate program satisfaction.</li> <li>Develop 'post-service' survey to distribute to producers to enable them to provide comments on timeliness of response, level of customer communication, determination of satisfaction with level of resolution of complaint/damage issue, etc.</li> <li>Survey to producers with or without losses (aimed at producer satisfaction).</li> </ul>
<b>COMPLETED BY:</b> January 2020	<b>COMPLETED BY:</b> October 2020	<b>COMPLETED BY:</b> ANNUALLY	<b>COMPLETED BY:</b> December 2020	<b>COMPLETED BY:</b> July 2021	<b>COMPLETED BY:</b> April 2021



# DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

## Draft 2020 Wildlife Damage Management Program Strategic Plan

CONTINUED GOAL #1: Provide excellent customer service and program transparency.					
MAIN OBJECTIVE: Ensure internal and external program accountability by engaging key staff and partners.					
<b>STRATEGY #7</b> Increase understanding of leadership priorities, policies, goals and objectives while ensuring a mechanism is in place for staff feedback (issues, policies, training needs).					
<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide staff with 1 email per quarter on strategic plan updates, accomplishments, opportunity areas, challenges and more.</li> <li>Develop an outlet to provide feedback on what is working and not working and determine who will be evaluating the information on a monthly basis.</li> <li>Use information in the 1 email per quarter to staff to incorporate cross-sharing and problem-solving techniques.</li> </ul>					
COMPLETED BY: Ongoing	COMPLETED BY:	COMPLETED BY:	COMPLETED BY:	COMPLETED BY:	COMPLETED BY:



# DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

## Draft 2020 Wildlife Damage Management Program Strategic Plan

GOAL #2: Foster landowner relations while enhancing communications.					
MAIN OBJECTIVE: Provide information and education related to the program through targeted approaches.					
STRATEGY #1	STRATEGY #2	STRATEGY #3	STRATEGY #4	STRATEGY #5	
Identify ways to increase strategic communications with landowners across a variety of channels.	Continue engagement with producers, landowners, stakeholders to make public aware of GFP efforts.	Improve public, legislative, and staff understanding of the extent and limits of current revenue and expenditures of the WDM program, the allocation and use of WDM funds, and the level of satisfaction with the program.	Develop a standard monthly email communications format to ensure landowners know what to expect and focus efforts on while enhancing two-way responsiveness and connectedness.	Retain accountability with county commissions (as they pay a small amount into the program).	
ACTION ITEM(S)	ACTION ITEM(S)	ACTION ITEM(S)	ACTION ITEM(S)	ACTION ITEM(S)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use both statistical information and producer testimonials.</li> <li>Influencers – Identify key influencers and advocates to help tell the GFP service story.</li> <li>Identify ways of inter-agency relations for communications with the Governor’s Office and the Department of Ag and Natural Resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share results of customer satisfaction survey with targeted groups.</li> <li>Continue use of: Conservation Digest, Landowners Matter, Podcast.</li> <li>Pitch results to news publication for an exclusive article prior to formal release.</li> <li>Hold input meetings at conventions (e.g. Stockgrowers, Sheep Growers, etc.) and invite producers and other stakeholder for cross-sharing of information and evaluation.</li> <li>Implement a THANK YOU template message; specific to each region and service.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop ways for WDSs to share ROI stories with the communications team through testimonies, interviews, videos, annual report, etc.</li> <li>Work with communications team to create a one-page document that outlines the details on expenditures and revenue.</li> <li>Improve how the WDM annual report is shared.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a content calendar for each month of the year that focuses on coyote removal, deer depredation assistance, Canada goose depredation assistance, and elk depredation assistance, obtaining assistance, upcoming stakeholder forums, decision-making process or need while asking a question or providing another thank you opportunity or success story.</li> <li>Multi-Purpose – used to send a targeted email to external stakeholders, encouraging them to submit their questions and kudos.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local WDS will contact and offer to attend one county commission meeting a year to share program information and previous year’s results, answer questions, hear feedback.</li> </ul>	
COMPLETED BY: Ongoing	COMPLETED BY: Ongoing	COMPLETED BY: Ongoing	COMPLETED BY: Ongoing	COMPLETED BY: Ongoing	COMPLETED BY:



# DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

## Draft 2020 Wildlife Damage Management Program Strategic Plan

GOAL #3: Mitigate livestock and property loss through effective delivery of wildlife damage program services.					
MAIN OBJECTIVE: Continue to increase social tolerance for wildlife through program deliverables.					
STRATEGY #1 Enhance predator control services by obtaining required permission.	STRATEGY #2 Ongoing aggressive and preventative coyote removal maintenance to reduce loss using available tools.	STRATEGY #3 Develop and implement annual work plans for field operations.	STRATEGY #4 WDSs will prioritize predator control activities.	STRATEGY #5 Improve habitat and food plot options to mitigate wildlife damage from deer, elk and Canada geese in specific areas.	STRATEGY #6 Identify opportunities to improve efficiencies in delivery of program services, tracking of work and accountability.
ACTION ITEM(S)	ACTION ITEM(S)	ACTION ITEM(S)	ACTION ITEM(S)	ACTION ITEM(S)	ACTION ITEM(S)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increase acreage and number of producers reached.</li> <li>▪ Use cooperating landowners to assist with obtaining permission for aerial agreements.</li> <li>▪ Provide an electronic permission form.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increase aerial predator control methods:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tribal lands</li> <li>○ Increased flexibility for permitted pilots to fly for landowners</li> <li>○ Increased flight hours through contract pilots</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Use of accessible tools: thermal available when needed, plane/gunner accessible, M44 regulations relayed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide field staff with reasonable list of priority expectations and duties per month.</li> <li>▪ Provide insight of monthly workload priorities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ WDSs will focus on predator control activities from Feb 1 – June 15.</li> <li>▪ Region 1: Sept – Oct focus on lambs to pasture and pups killed.</li> <li>▪ Use seasonal help (non WDM) to help with elk, deer, Canada goose, and beaver work.</li> <li>▪ Increase 1 WDM specialist and 1 WDM program manager, both in western SD, to reduce district sizes and prioritize WDM activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to promote and increase permanent stackyard program across the state.</li> <li>▪ Review additional opportunities to protect stored feed to increase social tolerance without increasing harvest through regular season, pool hunt and kill permits to reduce wildlife numbers.</li> <li>▪ Provide natural winter food sources and increase woody cover in problem areas where feasible.</li> <li>▪ Implement supplemental hay program for elk damage.</li> <li>▪ Develop new buffer strip or food plot incentives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review kill permit issuance processes to improve and ensure efficiency, timeliness and accountability for both producers and the Department.</li> <li>▪ Implement electronic or on-line forms and make available on GFP website to expedite issuance and reporting for kill permits (e.g. Canada goose take permits, muskrat kill permits, etc.).</li> </ul>
COMPLETED BY: September 2021	COMPLETED BY: July 2021	COMPLETED BY: July 2020	COMPLETED BY: Ongoing	COMPLETED BY: Ongoing	COMPLETED BY: Ongoing

# CAMPAIGN REPORT

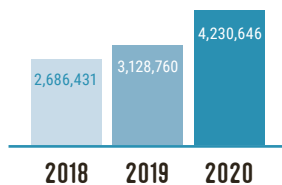
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### KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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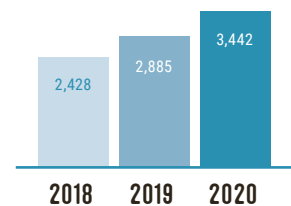
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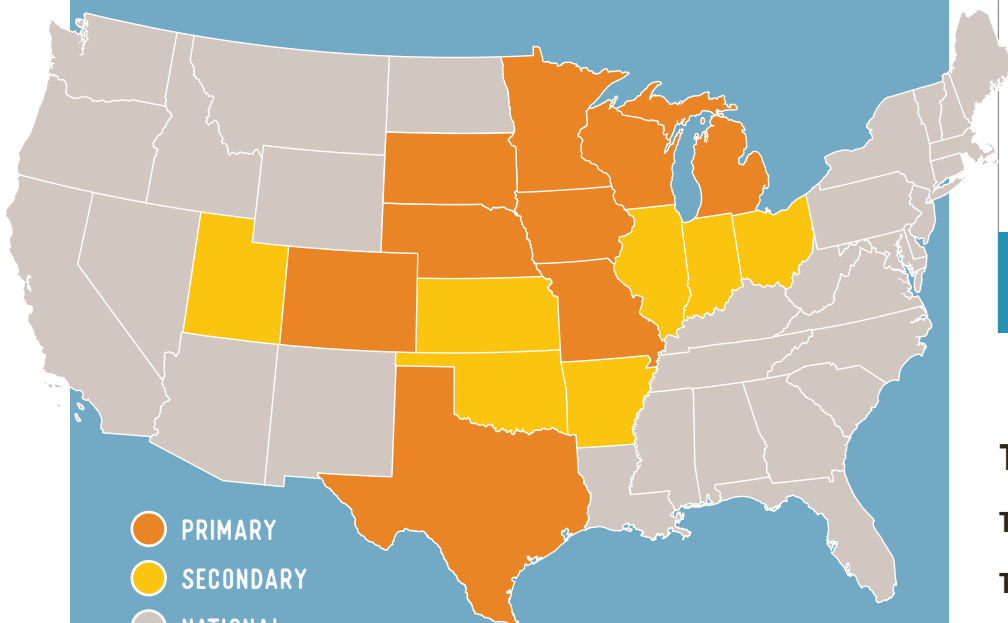
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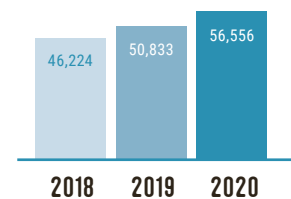


EMAIL SUBSCRIBER  
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### IMPRESSIONS BY REGION



+11%



SOCIAL FOLLOWING  
INCREASES

### TO DATE:

TOTAL SPEND - \$625,986

TOTAL IMPRESSIONS - 16,099,871

TOTAL ENGAGEMENTS - 863,477

# License Sales Totals

(as of Nov 30)

date updated: 1 Dec 2020

Resident						+/- Licenses		+/- Revenue	
	2017	2018	2019	3-yr Avg	2020	2019 vs 2020	3-yr Avg vs 2020	2019 vs 2020	3-yr Avg vs 2020
Combination	46,971	45,255	43,417	45,214	47,555	4,138	2,341	\$ 227,590	\$ 128,737
Junior Combination	7,753	7,030	6,649	7,144	8,748	2,099	1,604	\$ 56,673	\$ 43,308
Senior Combination	8,960	9,416	9,610	9,329	10,560	950	1,231	\$ 38,000	\$ 49,253
Small Game	16,253	16,656	14,562	15,824	15,452	890	-372	\$ 29,370	\$ (12,265)
Youth Small Game	4,375	4,086	3,632	4,031	3,864	232	-167	\$ 1,160	\$ (835)
1-Day Small Game	1,104	1,026	1,035	1,055	1,140	105	85	\$ 1,260	\$ 1,020
Migratory Bird Certificate	26,482	25,668	24,913	25,688	25,753	840	65	\$ 4,200	\$ 327
Predator/Varmint	1,507	1,600	1,506	1,538	1,639	133	101	\$ 665	\$ 507
Furbearer	2,991	3,209	3,481	3,227	3,513	32	286	\$ 960	\$ 8,580
Annual Fishing	61,206	56,821	52,021	56,683	67,302	15,281	10,619	\$ 427,868	\$ 297,341
Senior Fishing	13,171	12,904	12,598	12,891	14,546	1,948	1,655	\$ 23,376	\$ 19,860
1-Day Fishing	6,193	5,543	5,516	5,751	7,082	1,566	1,331	\$ 12,528	\$ 10,651
Gamefish Spearing/Archery	2,918	2,995	0	1,971	0	0	-1,971	\$ -	\$ (9,855)
Habitat Stamp	0	0	0	0	57,472	57,472	57,472	\$ 574,720	\$ 574,720
<b>RESIDENT TOTALS =</b>	<b>199,884</b>	<b>192,209</b>	<b>178,940</b>	<b>190,344</b>	<b>264,626</b>	<b>85,686</b>	<b>74,282</b>	<b>\$ 1,398,370</b>	<b>\$ 1,111,348</b>

Nonresident						+/- Licenses		+/- Revenue	
	2017	2018	2019	3-yr Avg	2020	2019 vs 2020	3-yr Avg vs 2020	2019 vs 2020	3-yr Avg vs 2020
Small Game	64,200	66,404	60,330	63,645	59,437	-893	-4,208	\$ (108,053)	\$ (509,128)
Youth Small Game	1,881	1,832	1,471	1,728	1,757	286	29	\$ 2,860	\$ 290
Annual Shooting Preserve	386	319	292	332	286	-6	-46	\$ (726)	\$ (5,606)
5-day Shooting Preserve	10,840	11,194	11,054	11,029	9,366	-1,688	-1,663	\$ (128,288)	\$ (126,413)
1-day Shooting Preserve	1,118	1,217	1,129	1,155	944	-185	-211	\$ (8,510)	\$ (9,691)
Spring Light Goose	4,494	4,714	2,810	4,006	2,961	151	-1,045	\$ 7,550	\$ (52,250)
Youth Spring Light Goose	159	179	94	144	122	28	-22	\$ 728	\$ (572)
Migratory Bird Certificate	1,118	1,557	1,675	1,450	2,132	457	682	\$ 2,285	\$ 3,410
Predator/Varmint	4,872	5,008	4,615	4,832	4,214	-401	-618	\$ (16,040)	\$ (24,707)
Furbearer	14	11	12	12	13	1	1	\$ 275	\$ 183
Annual Fishing	26,145	25,954	22,780	24,960	27,480	4,700	2,520	\$ 314,900	\$ 168,862
Family Fishing	9,330	8,734	8,025	8,696	9,897	1,872	1,201	\$ 125,424	\$ 80,445
Youth Annual Fishing	1,340	1,239	1,119	1,233	1,468	349	235	\$ 8,725	\$ 5,883
3-Day Fishing	24,159	24,120	22,199	23,493	21,555	-644	-1,938	\$ (23,828)	\$ (71,694)
1-Day Fishing	22,141	19,946	19,520	20,536	30,633	11,113	10,097	\$ 177,808	\$ 161,557
Gamefish Spearing/Archery	680	742	0	474	0	0	-474	\$ -	\$ (2,370)
Habitat Stamp	0	0	0	0	77,893	77,893	77,893	\$ 1,947,325	\$ 1,947,325
<b>NONRESIDENT TOTALS =</b>	<b>172,877</b>	<b>173,170</b>	<b>157,125</b>	<b>167,724</b>	<b>250,158</b>	<b>93,033</b>	<b>82,434</b>	<b>\$ 2,302,435</b>	<b>\$ 1,565,526</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS =</b>	<b>372,761</b>	<b>365,379</b>	<b>336,065</b>	<b>358,068</b>	<b>514,784</b>	<b>178,719</b>	<b>156,716</b>	<b>\$ 3,700,805</b>	<b>\$ 2,676,874</b>



## Comes, Rachel

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**From:** info@gfp.sd.us  
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**Cc:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** Petition for Rule Change Form

**Categories:** Commission

## South Dakota - Game, Fish, and Parks

# Petition for Rule Change

A new form was just submitted from the <http://gfp.sd.gov/> website with the following information:

ID: 103

Petitioner  
Name: Dan Snyder

Address: 813 W 4th St  
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Phone: 605-280-8624

Rule  
Identification: ARSD 41:06:20.02

Describe  
Change: To reinstate Mellette County West River deer draw back into the A and B seasons .

Reason for  
Change: I started hunting on Darrell Iversen's ranches in Mellette Co. back in the mid 80's. when there was an A and B season until recently. Now the boys Aaron and Eric run the ranches, and in the last two years I have taken Aaron's oldest son Carter hunting and its been a bust. Carter wants to hold out to shoot a buck that he has seen during haying and harvesting. We see nice white tails and mule deer on these ranches prior to hunting season. Both ranches have Tribal land in parts of their ranches and obviously allow tribal members access. I know Comm. Barry Jensen had a part in this moving the dates of the Mellette Co licenses, and he is an awesome person so this is not anything but disagreeing with his idea. His neighboring Rancher Eric Iversen knew nothing about it. Most these ranchers feel they are lucky just to catch the morning or nightly news. We were also wondering why Bennett Co on the same reservation wasn't changed too, but glad for those non tribal land owners. The landowners should have equal opportunity to harvest animals they are feeding. We can only hope you agree, thank you so much for your time. God Bless you and your families.

# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Aerial Hunting Chapter 41:08:06

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	December 3, 2020	Virtual Pierre Pierre
	Public Hearing	March 4, 2021	
	Finalization	March 4-5, 2021	

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

#### Recommended changes from last year:

Amend 41:08:06:02. Application – Contents – Submission.

1. Modify existing administrative rule to remove application requirements for submitting pilot certificate data and medical certificate data.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Aerial hunting is a highly regulated activity in South Dakota and to obtain an aerial hunting permit, pilots must file an annual application with GFP. While applicants will still need to confirm they possess valid certifications, they will not be required to provide a copy of the pilot's certificate data (i.e. pilot's license) and medical certificate. This will help simplify the application process.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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#### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue
  - Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented?Not applicable
2. Historical Considerations  
Not applicable
3. Biological Considerations  
Not applicable
4. Social Considerations  
Not applicable
5. Financial considerations  
Not applicable

#### RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

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

#### FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Hunting Requirements and Prohibited Methods

Chapters 41:06:04:11

Commission Meeting Dates:

Proposal  
Public Hearing  
Finalization

Dec. 7, 2020 Virtual  
March 4, 2021 Pierre  
March 4-5, 2021 Pierre

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**41:06:04:11. Minimum size and type of big game ammunition.** Except for wild turkey as provided in § 41:06:04:12 and elk as provided in § 41:06:04:13, a person may hunt, pursue, shoot at, shoot, or kill any of the big game animals of this state only with a shoulder-held firearm using ammunition which is rated to produce at least 1,000 foot-pounds of energy at the muzzle or a handgun using ammunition which is rated to produce at least 500 foot-pounds of energy at the muzzle. Muzzleloading handguns must discharge a projectile of .50 caliber or larger. Only soft-point or expanding bullets are permitted.

### Recommended changes:

1. Allow for the use of monolithic copper fluted bullets to be used to take big game animals

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

**Ammunition Trends:** Technology and innovation continue to drive the ammunition landscape. Fluted ammunition is a relatively new bullet that has been proven to be an effective and ethical option for big game hunting and is currently allowed in other states. Wyoming recently approved of the use of this type of ammunition

**Current Regulation:** Currently the only ammunition that is allowed is soft point or expanding bullets. A fluted bullet does not fit into either one of those categories.

**Non-Toxic:** Fluted bullets are made of copper and would be another option for big game hunters to utilize a non-toxic ammunition.

### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

*Not Applicable.*

### RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? **No**
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? **No**

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? **Provides more opportunity to use non-toxic ammunition while still providing for an ethical option for taking big game**
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? No.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE ____	MODIFY ____	REJECT ____	NO ACTION ____
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# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Nonmeandered Waters

Chapters 41:04:06

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	Nov 4-5	Teleconference
	Public Hearing	Jan 14	Teleconference
	Finalization	Jan 14-15	Teleconference

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

- Create a new rule to establish a procedure for the public to request a navigation lane through a closed nonmeandered body of water when no other alternative legal access is available.
- An individual could petition the Commission for a rule change to establish a navigation lane in rule. This would then follow our administrative rule change process and provide for adequate public notice and allow for public comment through written comments and public testimony at the public hearing prior to finalization.
- Sample Rule:
  - ARSD 41:04:06:06 – Navigation lane petition. Upon receipt of a petition to establish a navigation lane the commission shall, at their next regularly schedule commission meeting, consider the request and either deny, grant, or modify the petition. If the commission grants or modifies a petition it shall be established by rule pursuant to SDCL 1-26 in this chapter.
  - ARSD 41:04:06:07 – Navigation lanes established. While accessing the navigation lane, the individual shall take the most direct path to the open nonmeandered body of water and shall not recreate in any manner while in the navigation lane. The department shall be responsible for marking all navigation lanes established pursuant to this section. The following navigation lanes are established for transportation purposes:

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

During a special legislative session in 2017, the Legislature passed the nonmeandered waters compromise. As part of the legislation, the Commission is obligated to promulgate rules to establish a process whereby a person may petition the commission to open a portion of waters or ice of a closed nonmeandered lake for the limited purposes of transportation to a portion of a nonmeandered lake that is open for recreational use.

### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not applicable. The regulation would apply the same to residents and nonresidents.

### RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate?
  - a. No – the regulation would create an opportunity for the public to access blocked bodies of water.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users?
  - a. Yes – currently, there is no process in place to request a navigation lane through closed nonmeandered bodies of water.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists?
  - a. It has a positive impact by creating a fair process where both landowners and recreational users have input as to how the lanes should be created.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors?
  - a. Creating more opportunities of access provides greater opportunities for recreating and thus helps get more families outdoors.

APPROVE ____	MODIFY ____	REJECT ____	NO ACTION ____
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**Completed  
Custer State Park Resort  
FYE 2020 R & M Projects**

2020  
Expenditures

**STATE GAME LODGE**

Creekside Lodge Carpet	\$	79,027.03
Game Lodge Cabin Remodel	\$	34,283.23
Game Lodge Floors and Trim	\$	10,406.63
Game Lodge Chapel Exterior Renovation	\$	31,881.44
<u>Emergency Funds:</u>	\$	17,967.64

*HVAC, Electrical, Plumbing, Landscaping, Flooring*

<b>STATE GAME LODGE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>173,565.97</b>
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**LEGION LAKE LODGE**

<u>Emergency Funds:</u>	\$	12,400.60
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*HVAC, Plumbing, Flooring for Dorms*

<b>LEGION LAKE LODGE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,400.60</b>
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**BLUE BELL LODGE**

Blue Bell Cabin Remodels and Roofs	\$	199,077.57
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<u>Emergency Funds:</u>	\$	21,915.08
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*HVAC, Electrical, Plumbing, Landscaping*

<b>BLUE BELL LODGE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>220,992.65</b>
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**COOLIDGE STORE**

<b>COOLIDGE STORE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
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**SYLVAN LAKE LODGE**

SLL Carpet and Hallways Hotel	\$	55,177.06
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Hot Water Heater	\$	18,500.00
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Cabin Roofs	\$	11,640.51
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<u>Emergency Funds:</u>	\$	34,353.74
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*Fuel Tank, Plumbing, Electrical, Exterior Siding Deposit*

*HVAC*

<b>SYLVAN LAKE LODGE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>119,671.31</b>
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**All Resorts**

Emergency Funds:

<i>PTACS</i>	\$	<b>3,547.06</b>
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<b>TOTAL FOR CSP RESORT</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>530,177.59</b>
Actual 2020 Revenue	\$	14,052,391.00
5% R & M Fee	\$	702,619.55
Carry over from 2019 (actual)	\$	(428,871.19)
Actual Balance at the end of 2020	\$	(256,429.23)

Division of Parks and Recreation					
November 2020 Revenue by Item					
	2019		2020		%
	Number	Dollar	Number	Dollar	Change
Annual	331	\$ 9,929	589	\$ 21,190	113%
2nd Annual	62	\$ 930	38	\$ 676	-27%
Combo	497	\$ 22,356	561	\$ 30,276	35%
Transferable	30	\$ 1,950	32	\$ 2,560	31%
Daily License	915	\$ 5,490	1,589	\$ 12,714	132%
Unattended Vehicle Daily	31	\$ 310	111	\$ 1,670	439%
GSM Annual Trail Pass	13	\$ 195	92	\$ 1,380	608%
GSM Daily Trail Pass	221	\$ 884	79	\$ 316	-64%
Motorcoach Permit	920	\$ 2,760	162	\$ 486	-82%
CSP 7 Day Pass	1,470	\$ 29,403	4,058	\$ 81,159	176%
CSP 7 Day Bike Pass	5	\$ 53	-	\$ -	-100%
Rally Bike Band	-	\$ -			
One-Day Special Event		\$ -	182	\$ 3,638	
<b>PERMITS</b>	<b>4,495</b>	<b>\$ 74,260</b>	<b>7,492</b>	<b>\$ 156,065</b>	<b>110%</b>
Camping Services		\$ 95,382		\$ 128,920	35%
Picnic Reservations		\$ (20)		\$ (20)	
Firewood	70	\$ 349	224	\$ 1,344	285%
Gift Card		\$ 5,770		\$ 6,780	18%
Boat Slips		\$ -		\$ 300	
<b>LODGING</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>\$ 101,481</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>\$ 137,324</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,565</b>	<b>\$ 175,741</b>	<b>7,716</b>	<b>\$ 293,389</b>	<b>67%</b>

Division of Parks and Recreation					
November YTD 2020 Revenue by Item					
	2019		2020		%
	Number	Dollar	Number	Dollar	Change
Annual	50,165	\$ 1,504,956	65,075	\$ 2,342,705	56%
2nd Annual	11,297	\$ 169,457	12,437	\$ 223,866	32%
Combo	30,675	\$ 1,380,354	33,448	\$ 1,806,212	31%
Transferable	2,090	\$ 135,863	1,982	\$ 158,521	17%
Daily License	101,897	\$ 611,381	134,413	\$ 1,075,307	76%
Unattended Vehicle Daily	1,986	\$ 19,858	2,581	\$ 38,715	95%
GSM Annual Trail Pass	3,995	\$ 59,925	6,211	\$ 93,165	55%
GSM Daily Trail Pass	12,667	\$ 50,668	16,442	\$ 65,768	30%
Motorcoach Permit	23,232	\$ 69,696	6,404	\$ 19,212	-72%
CSP 7 Day Pass	170,463	\$ 3,409,259	185,758	\$ 3,715,156	9%
CSP 7 Day Bike Band	19,208	\$ 192,076	19,319	\$ 386,375	101%
Rally Bike Band	29,364	\$ 293,640	29,638	\$ 592,752	102%
One-Day Special Event		\$ 9,400		\$ 7,338	-22%
<b>PERMITS</b>	<b>457,038</b>	<b>\$ 7,906,533</b>	<b>513,707</b>	<b>\$ 10,525,091</b>	<b>33%</b>
Camping Services		\$ 8,577,556		\$ 12,580,312	47%
Picnic Reservations		\$ 12,073		\$ 9,890	-18%
Firewood	43,688	\$ 218,442	54,519	\$ 327,113	50%
Gift Card		\$ 13,788		\$ 14,663	6%
Boat Slips		\$ -		\$ 145,035	
<b>LODGING</b>	<b>43,688</b>	<b>\$ 8,821,859</b>	<b>54,519</b>	<b>\$ 13,077,012</b>	<b>48%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500,727</b>	<b>\$ 16,728,392</b>	<b>568,226</b>	<b>\$ 23,602,103</b>	<b>41%</b>

**Division of Parks and Recreation**  
**November YTD 2020 Camping by District**

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>%</b>
Pickereel Lake	5,671	6,045	7%	Lewis & Clark	40,574	48,075	18%
Fort Sisseton	1,239	1,347	9%	Chief White Crane	11,772	14,468	23%
Roy Lake	5,928	8,169	38%	Pierson Ranch	4,575	5,800	27%
Sica Hollow	151	432	186%	Springfield	1,163	1,502	29%
<b>DISTRICT 1</b>	<b>12,989</b>	<b>15,993</b>	<b>23%</b>	Sand Creek	149	95	-36%
Richmond Lake	1,620	1,841	14%	Tabor	24	41	71%
Mina Lake	2,792	3,388	21%	<b>DISTRICT 9</b>	<b>58,257</b>	<b>69,981</b>	<b>20%</b>
Fisher Grove	1,128	1,390	23%	North Point	5,178	11,130	115%
Amsden	152	281	85%	North Wheeler	614	927	51%
Lake Louise	1,982	2,505	26%	Pease Creek	1,415	1,744	23%
<b>DISTRICT 2</b>	<b>7,674</b>	<b>9,405</b>	<b>23%</b>	Randall Creek	12	5,313	44175%
Pelican Lake	5,412	6,512	20%	South Shore	375	697	86%
Sandy Shore	1,435	1,856	29%	South Scalp	26	64	146%
Lake Cochrane	1,965	2,413	23%	Whetstone	273	678	148%
Hartford Beach	5,788	7,561	31%	White Swan	147	316	115%
<b>DISTRICT 3</b>	<b>14,600</b>	<b>18,342</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>DISTRICT 10</b>	<b>8,040</b>	<b>20,869</b>	<b>160%</b>
Oakwood Lakes	8,519	10,796	27%	Farm Island	7,142	8,248	15%
Lake Poinsett	7,243	9,006	24%	West Bend	8,545	8,992	5%
Lake Thompson	6,080	7,503	23%	<b>DISTRICT 11</b>	<b>15,687</b>	<b>17,240</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>DISTRICT 4</b>	<b>21,842</b>	<b>27,305</b>	<b>25%</b>	Oahe Downstream	12,507	15,104	21%
Lake Herman	4,545	5,947	31%	Cow Creek	2,781	3,681	32%
Walker's Point	2,843	3,358	18%	Okobojo	1,325	2,379	80%
Lake Carthage	713	1,138	60%	Spring Creek	-	5,832	
<b>DISTRICT 5</b>	<b>8,101</b>	<b>10,443</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>DISTRICT 12</b>	<b>16,613</b>	<b>26,996</b>	<b>62%</b>
Snake Creek	8,384	9,719	16%	West Whitlock	4,408	5,271	20%
Platte Creek	1,093	2,104	92%	East Whitlock	45	125	178%
Buryanek	1,829	2,835	55%	Swan Creek	742	1,030	39%
Burke Lake	5	76	1420%	Indian Creek	7,207	8,169	13%
<b>DISTRICT 6</b>	<b>11,311</b>	<b>14,734</b>	<b>30%</b>	Lake Hiddenwood	-	-	
Palisades	4,793	6,378	33%	Walth Bay	7	48	586%
Big Sioux	5,452	6,968	28%	West Pollock	1,235	1,545	25%
Lake Vermillion	8,769	10,825	23%	<b>DISTRICT 13</b>	<b>13,644</b>	<b>16,188</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>DISTRICT 7</b>	<b>19,014</b>	<b>24,171</b>	<b>27%</b>	Bear Butte	1,123	1,401	25%
Newton Hills	10,761	12,254	14%	<b>DISTRICT 14</b>	<b>1,123</b>	<b>1,401</b>	<b>25%</b>
Good Earth	1	-		Shadehill	5,749	7,210	25%
Union Grove	1,533	1,785	16%	Llewellyn Johns	440	588	34%
<b>DISTRICT 8</b>	<b>12,295</b>	<b>14,039</b>	<b>14%</b>	Rocky Point	6,032	7,301	21%
				<b>DISTRICT 15</b>	<b>12,221</b>	<b>15,099</b>	<b>24%</b>
				Custer	50,857	58,569	15%
				<b>DISTRICT 16</b>	<b>50,857</b>	<b>58,569</b>	<b>15%</b>
				Angostura	19,038	21,355	12%
				Sheps Canyon	1,831	2,375	30%
				<b>DISTRICT 17</b>	<b>20,869</b>	<b>23,730</b>	<b>14%</b>
				<b>TOTAL YTD</b>	<b>305,137</b>	<b>384,505</b>	<b>26%</b>
				<b>TOTAL for Month</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>3,950</b>	<b>201%</b>

Division of Parks and Recreation							
November YTD 2020 Visitation by District							
LOCATION	2019	2020	%	LOCATION	2019	2020	%
Pickerel Lake	45,720	54,901	20%	Lewis & Clark	690,691	1,016,365	47%
Fort Sisseton	43,100	44,465	3%	Chief White Crane	48,012	56,561	18%
Roy Lake	147,648	182,936	24%	Pierson Ranch	63,935	91,986	44%
Sica Hollow	14,004	26,091	86%	Springfield	112,439	162,669	45%
<b>DISTRICT 1</b>	<b>250,472</b>	<b>308,393</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>DISTRICT 9</b>	<b>915,077</b>	<b>1,327,581</b>	<b>45%</b>
Richmond Lake	34,685	54,962	58%	North Point	72,585	110,766	53%
Mina Lake	37,718	56,267	49%	North Wheeler	13,606	17,647	30%
Fisher Grove	19,605	20,755	6%	Pease Creek	35,714	45,620	28%
Lake Louise	28,215	37,148	32%	Randall Creek	26,695	56,183	110%
<b>DISTRICT 2</b>	<b>120,223</b>	<b>169,132</b>	<b>41%</b>	Fort Randall Marina	16,080	20,470	27%
Pelican Lake	53,817	75,502	40%	<b>DISTRICT 10</b>	<b>164,680</b>	<b>250,686</b>	<b>52%</b>
Sandy Shore	22,409	37,433	67%	Farm Island	135,294	162,520	20%
Lake Cochrane	17,779	31,415	77%	West Bend	40,524	46,649	15%
Hartford Beach	115,490	147,401	28%	LaFramboise Island	67,188	86,825	29%
<b>DISTRICT 3</b>	<b>209,495</b>	<b>291,751</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>DISTRICT 11</b>	<b>243,006</b>	<b>295,994</b>	<b>22%</b>
Oakwood Lakes	63,364	104,060	64%	Oahe Downstream	292,703	374,583	28%
Lake Poinsett	58,576	72,480	24%	Cow Creek	196,275	229,836	17%
Lake Thompson	38,389	56,850	48%	Okobojo	41,090	70,896	73%
<b>DISTRICT 4</b>	<b>160,329</b>	<b>233,390</b>	<b>46%</b>	Spring Creek	197,805	274,699	39%
Lake Herman	80,465	132,106	64%	<b>DISTRICT 12</b>	<b>727,873</b>	<b>950,014</b>	<b>31%</b>
Walker's Point	38,751	57,362	48%	West Whitlock	44,146	47,962	9%
<b>DISTRICT 5</b>	<b>119,216</b>	<b>189,468</b>	<b>59%</b>	Swan Creek	26,459	21,623	- 18%
Snake Creek	114,432	159,396	39%	Indian Creek	63,477	75,815	19%
Platte Creek	115,058	173,174	51%	Lake Hiddenwood	-	-	
Buryanek	19,103	36,247	90%	Revheim Bay	42,017	56,554	35%
Burke Lake	16,492	18,235	11%	West Pollock	63,154	71,326	13%
<b>DISTRICT 6</b>	<b>265,085</b>	<b>387,052</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>DISTRICT 13</b>	<b>239,253</b>	<b>273,280</b>	<b>14%</b>
Palisades	85,800	147,319	72%	Bear Butte	17,801	19,089	7%
Big Sioux	44,518	68,718	54%	<b>DISTRICT 14</b>	<b>17,801</b>	<b>19,089</b>	<b>7%</b>
Beaver Creek	17,476	25,733	47%	Shadehill	40,185	45,285	13%
Lake Vermillion	91,889	154,674	68%	Llewellyn Johns	3,993	5,417	36%
<b>DISTRICT 7</b>	<b>239,683</b>	<b>396,444</b>	<b>65%</b>	Little Moreau	19,080	15,971	- 16%
Newton Hills	121,332	208,472	72%	Rocky Point	75,395	101,286	34%
Good Earth	59,258	71,405	20%	<b>DISTRICT 15</b>	<b>138,653</b>	<b>167,959</b>	<b>21%</b>
Union Grove	15,859	25,107	58%	Custer	1,855,533	2,082,375	12%
Lake Alvin	32,531	82,740	154%	<b>DISTRICT 16</b>	<b>1,855,533</b>	<b>2,082,375</b>	<b>12%</b>
Spirit Mound	20,186	28,716	42%	Angostura	175,411	218,842	25%
Adams	22,571	30,550	35%	Sheps Canyon	37,562	50,444	34%
<b>DISTRICT 8</b>	<b>271,737</b>	<b>446,990</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>DISTRICT 17</b>	<b>212,973</b>	<b>269,286</b>	<b>26%</b>
				<b>TOTAL YTD</b>	<b>6,151,088</b>	<b>8,058,884</b>	<b>31%</b>
				<b>TOTAL for Month</b>	<b>198,469</b>	<b>265,054</b>	<b>34%</b>

# WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION - Midwest Chapter

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Secretary Kelly Hepler  
South Dakota Game Fish and Parks  
523 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

November 21, 2020

Dear Secretary Helper, I present this application letter to the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks for the sole purpose of applying to auction off South Dakota's Bighorn sheep auction tag. If selected, WFS-Midwest is prepared to enter into an agreement with SDGF&P as referred to in 41:06:56:11

We were very privileged to once again auction off the South Dakota tag last summer for a record setting \$312,000. In fact, since the South Dakota tag was first auctioned off 8 years ago, we have directly raised almost \$1,000,000 for sheep conservation.

The Wild Sheep Foundation Midwest Chapter has been in existence since 1981 and currently maintains a 501©3 nonprofit status, number 41-1628899. I have attached a copy of our good standing.

WSF-Midwest currently operates under the following mission statement:

"To enhance, expand, and preserve wild sheep populations; to educate the public about wild sheep and conservation efforts surrounding wildlife; to encourage lawful hunting and protecting hunters' rights; and to encourage youth participation in hunting"

WSF-Midwest has worked with all western sheep states, provinces, and tribes. We are currently committed to funding in North Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, and British Columbia. In the past we have also worked with numerous Universities on different disease projects. An example of a long-term commitments with a state and their sheep biologist is our agreement with North Dakota. In 1999 WSF-Midwest entered into an agreement with North Dakota Game and Fish to help support their sheep populations and management process. Since that time WSF-Midwest has raised and funded over \$1,000,000 for North Dakota Fish and Game for their bighorn sheep projects, participated in 6 transplants, trans-locates, and numerous emergency funding requests. We continue to look for partnerships and opportunities to help wild sheep and the agencies that are responsible for their management. I enclosed our funding for the last 5 years that shows the payee and amount for various projects.

WSF-Midwest currently has one banquet and fundraiser each year with the attendance from 375-500 sportsmen and women. Our auction has continued to grow with revenues well over \$750,000. We have also developed an extremely successful online auction that helps give everyone a shot to bid and allows us to raise as much money as possible for wild sheep.

Enclosed you will find documentation of our endowment fund. Created just 16 years ago the value of this fund have exceeded \$900,000 in which the interest is directly benefiting wildlife and only solidifying our financial stability. We undergo an independent audit every two years to ensure our members that we are operating correctly. WSF-Midwest is an all-volunteer organization.

Thank you for taking time to review our application and I am hopeful we can continue to work together for the sheep and sheep hunters of South Dakota.

Sincerely,  
Mike Bouton  
President – Wild Sheep Foundation – Midwest Chapter

CC: John Kanta



**Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State  
Certificate of Good Standing**

I, Steve Simon, Secretary of State of Minnesota, do certify that: The business entity listed below was filed pursuant to the Minnesota Chapter listed below with the Office of the Secretary of State on the date listed below and that this business entity is registered to do business and is in good standing at the time this certificate is issued.

Name:	Minnesota-Wisconsin Chapter, Foundation for North American Wild Sheep
Date Filed:	04/09/1981
File Number:	T-655
Minnesota Statutes, Chapter:	317A
Home Jurisdiction:	Minnesota

This certificate has been issued on: 08/24/2020



*Steve Simon*

Steve Simon  
Secretary of State  
State of Minnesota

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## WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION-MIDWEST CHAPTER

## Transaction Detail By Account

January 1, 2016 through December 30, 2020

Date	Name	Memo	Paid Amount
<b>Funding-2016</b>			
01/13/2016	ARIZONA DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP SOCIETY	Waterhole Project	1,500.00
02/01/2016	OSCAR CARLSON	Waterhole Project	6,623.84
02/22/2016	NATIVE RANGE CAPTURE SERVICES INC.	North Dakota	13,012.50
04/01/2016	ERICH J. KANNE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION		2,000.00
04/01/2016	PETE MCMAHON FUND		1,850.00
04/01/2016	SOUTH DAKOTA GAME FISH & PARKS	SN-17 ALBERTA SPRING BEARWOLF/COYOTE HUNT	8,000.00
04/01/2016	SOUTH DAKOTA GAME FISH & PARKS	SN-32 - SOUTH DAKOTA BIGHORN SHEEP SKULL	79,500.00
04/01/2016	NORTH DAKOTA GAME & FISH	SN-44 - SOUTH DAKOTA BIGHORN SHEEP TAG	96,000.00
04/01/2016	WYOMING COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	SN-40 NORTH DAKOTA BIGHORN SHEEP LICENSE	65,250.00
04/01/2016	NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS COMMISSION	SN-43 WYOMING GOVERNOR'S ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIG...	960.00
04/19/2016	CAMMACK RANCH SUPPLY	SOUTH DAKOTA BUY OUT	14,693.12
04/19/2016	OSCAR CARLSON	Waterhole Project	1,548.63
05/19/2016	HARRIS RANCH	INV 111 - CAROLE J BOOS	25,025.00
06/01/2016	WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION	Chapter and Affiliate Meeting Sponsor	1,000.00
07/07/2016	WYOMING WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION	GRAZING ALLOTMENT RETIREMENT FUNDING	10,000.00
11/11/2016	SOUTH DAKOTA GAME FISH & PARKS	ELK MOUNTAIN WATER DEVELOPMENT	5,000.00
12/31/2016	WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY	Rocky Crate Disease Research	5,000.00

Total Funding-2016

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## WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION-MIDWEST CHAPTER

## Transaction Detail By Account

January 1, 2016 through December 30, 2020

Date	Name	Memo	Paid Amount
<b>Funding-2017</b>			
03/29/2017	NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS COMMISSION	SN-21 - NEBRASKA COMBINATION LICENSE	640.00
03/29/2017	SOUTH DAKOTA GAME FISH & PARKS	2017 SOUTH DAKOTA BIGHORN SHEEP TAG	71,000.00
03/29/2017	WYOMING HUNTER DEFENSE FUND	DONATION IN THE NAME OF DAX MCCARTY	600.00
03/29/2017	NORTH DAKOTA GAME & FISH	SN-41 NORTH DAKOTA BIGHORN SHEEP LICENSE	104,000.00
03/29/2017	WYOMING COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	SN-43 WYOMING GOVERNOR'S ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP TAG	62,100.00
03/30/2017	SOUTH DAKOTA GAME FISH & PARKS	2017 SOUTH DAKOTA SHEEP SKULL	4,750.00
05/01/2017	SOUTH DAKOTA GAME FISH & PARKS	Elk Mountain Water Development	5,000.00
05/03/2017	ERICH J. KANNE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION		1,000.00
05/08/2017	WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION	Chapter and Affiliate Sponsorship	750.00
05/16/2017	WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION	Chapter and Affiliate Delegate Fees - 2 people Mike & Lee	150.00
Total Funding-2017			249,990.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>249,990.00</b>



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## WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION-MIDWEST CHAPTER

## Transaction Detail By Account

January 1, 2016 through December 30, 2020

Date	Name	Memo	Paid Amount
<b>Funding-2018</b>			
01/04/2018	WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION	Ladies Luncheon Sponsorship - 2018	1,000.00
01/04/2018	ARIZONA DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP SOCIETY	Waterhole Project	1,500.00
03/26/2018	NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS COMMISSION	FN-25 - NEBRASKA COMBINATION LICENSE	1,550.00
03/26/2018	WYOMING HUNTER DEFENSE FUND	DONATION IN THE NAME OF DAX MCCARTY	500.00
03/26/2018	SOUTH DAKOTA GAME FISH & PARKS	SN-22 2018 SD BIGHORN SHEEP TAG	89,000.00
03/26/2018	WYOMING COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	SN-32 WYOMING GOVERNOR'S ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP TAG	81,000.00
04/11/2018	NORTH DAKOTA GAME & FISH	SN-42 NORTH DAKOTA BIGHORN SHEEP LICENSE	87,000.00
05/01/2018	BRITISH COLUMBIA WILDLIFE FEDERATION	SN-13 - BRITISH COLUMBIA WILDLIFE FEDERATION - JURASSIC CLASSIC	2,500.00
05/16/2018	BOSS TANKS	SOUTH DAKOTA SUNRISE MOUNTAIN GUZZLER PROJECT	2,000.00
05/16/2018	WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION	Stone Sheep Helicopter - BC	10,000.00
05/16/2018	JOE LYNCH	2018 Waterhole Project Expenses	816.10
05/23/2018	OSCAR CARLSON	2018 Waterhole Project Expenses	7,058.13
06/04/2018	WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION	SUMMIT/CHAPTER AFFILIATE STONES SPONSOR	1,500.00
07/31/2018	BOSS TANKS	GUZZLER PROJECT	5,000.00
08/02/2018	WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION	WILD HORSE AND BURRO PROJECT	5,000.00
09/17/2018	ADVANCED TELEMETRY SYSTEMS	INV 73017 - SD Collar Project	25,000.00
09/17/2018	TELONICS, INC.	INV P109169 Arizona Collar Project	16,000.00
Total Funding-2018			336,424.23
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>336,424.23</b>

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## WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION-MIDWEST CHAPTER

## Transaction Detail By Account

January 1, 2016 through December 30, 2020

Date	Name	Memo	Paid Amount
<b>Funding-2019</b>			
04/03/2019	NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS COMMISSION	FN-25 - NEBRASKA COMBINATION LICENSE	480.00
04/03/2019	SOUTH DAKOTA GAME FISH & PARKS	SN-20 - 2019 SD BIGHORN SHEEP TAG	89,000.00
04/03/2019	WYOMING COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	SN-31 WYOMING GOVERNOR'S ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP TAG	62,100.00
04/03/2019	NORTH DAKOTA GAME & FISH	SN-41 NORTH DAKOTA BIGHORN SHEEP LICENSE	69,000.00
04/18/2019	WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION	Summit Chapter/Affiliate Stone's Sponsor	1,500.00
05/30/2019	WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION	SN-29	1,150.00
08/01/2019	WILD SHEEP SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	Fraser River Herd Health Assessment Funding	8,000.00
10/02/2019	SOUTH DAKOTA GAME FISH & PARKS	2020 SD BIGHORN SHEEP LICENSE	312,000.00
11/27/2019	WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION	South Dakota Bighorn Sheep Tag Split	7,550.00
Total Funding-2019			550,780.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>550,780.00</b>

WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION-MIDWEST CHAPTER  
Transaction Detail By Account

January 1, 2016 through December 30, 2020

Date	Name	Memo	Paid Amount
<b>Funding-2020</b>			
<b>2020 Waterhole Project</b>			
01/09/2020	ADBSS		1,500.00
03/23/2020	OSCAR CARLSON	Airline tickets	10,508.40
Total 2020 Waterhole Project			12,008.40
<b>Rocky Boy Transplant Funding</b>			
01/06/2020	NATIVE RANGE CAPTURE SERVICES INC.	INV 1142 Rocky Boy Transplant	12,120.00
01/31/2020	Chippewa Cree Fish and Game	INV 337	55,000.00
02/07/2020	JAN RUEBERT - RUBBERT AERIAL	INV 1160	3,888.00
02/07/2020	NATIVE RANGE CAPTURE SERVICES INC.	Inv 6-918-56296	35,100.00
02/13/2020	FED EX	INV NO 001 - STATE OF UTAH	66.61
03/23/2020	WILLIAN P TIDBALL, DVM	CIRCLE DIAMOND RANCH SUPPLY	520.00
03/23/2020	NORTH DAKOTA GAME & FISH	PROFORMA INV #392	4,000.00
03/23/2020	COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALISTS INC		1,225.00
04/08/2020	ADVANCED TELEMETRY SYSTEMS	INV IRADY4698	8,700.00
Total Rocky Boy Transplant Funding			120,619.61
<b>Funding-2020 - Other</b>			
01/06/2020	ROSEVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL TRAP TEAM	SHEEP SHOW 2020	2,000.00
01/06/2020	WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION	Aoudad-DBS Disease Study	5,000.00
02/07/2020	WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION	Soft Release DBS Facility	15,000.00
02/07/2020	WILD SHEEP SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	Fraser River Region 5	15,000.00
02/07/2020	WILD SHEEP SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	FN-9 NEBRASKA COMBINATION HUNT	5,000.00
04/03/2020	NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS COMMISSION	SN-43 NORTH DAKOTA BIGHORN SHEEP LICENSE	700.00
04/03/2020	NORTH DAKOTA GAME & FISH	SN-19 COASTAL BC MT GOAT HUNT	83,000.00
04/03/2020	WILD SHEEP SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	WOUNDED WARRIORS SOUTH AFRICAN SAFARI	6,677.55
04/03/2020	JOSEPH BARRIO WORLDWIDE ADVENTURES	SN-30A DONATION	3,500.00
04/03/2020	FARGO NORTH HS TRAP AND SKEET SHOOTING	SN-24 JURASSIC CLASSIC TRIP	1,000.00
04/03/2020	WILD SHEEP SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	Fraser River Herd Health Assessment	2,500.00
04/21/2020	WILD SHEEP SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	SN-33 WY GOVERNOR BIGHORN TAG	8,000.00
04/28/2020	WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT	Fraser River Herd Health Assessment	81,000.00
05/07/2020	WILD SHEEP SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	ARAVAIPA/CROSS F RANCH PROJECT IN ARIZONA	5,000.00
05/08/2020	THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND		4,000.00
07/15/2020	INTER AFRICA LLC		500.00
09/08/2020	ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SOCIETY	Endlich Mesa Grazing Allotment Retirement	10,000.00
09/08/2020	TEXAS BIGHORN SOCIETY	Memorial Fund for Families of Three Fallen Partners	1,000.00
11/09/2020	WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION	MT TRANSPLANTS TO TENDOYS AND LITTLE BELT MTNS.	30,000.00
Total Funding-2020 - Other			278,877.56
Total Funding-2020			411,505.56
<b>TOTAL</b>			411,505.56





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WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION MIDWEST  
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## WEALTH MANAGEMENT REPORT

October 01, 2020 - October 30, 2020

### PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

	October 30	September 30	Month Change
<b>Net Portfolio Value</b>	<b>\$970,282.82</b>	<b>\$986,571.61</b>	<b>(\$16,288.79) ▼</b>
Your assets	\$970,282.82	\$986,571.61	(\$16,288.79) ▼
Your liabilities			
Your Net Cash Flow (Inflows/Outflows)	\$1,725.14	\$1,662.92	
Securities You Transferred In/Out			
<b>Subtotal Net Contributions</b>	<b>\$1,725.14</b>	<b>\$1,662.92</b>	
Your Dividends/Interest Income	\$855.95	\$1,382.41	
Your Market Gains/(Losses)	(\$18,869.88)	(\$26,340.14)	
<b>Subtotal Investment Earnings</b>	<b>(\$18,013.93)</b>	<b>(\$24,957.73)</b>	

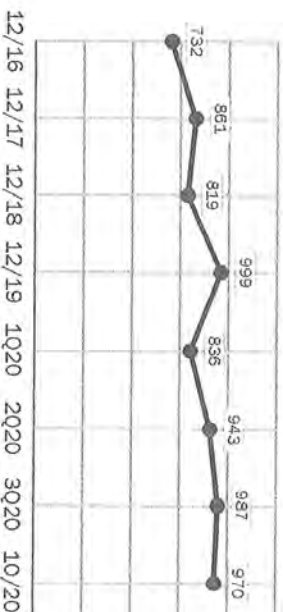
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