

Boggs, Erin

From: Ron Laughlin <ronlaughlin@rchs61.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 10:32 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference point system

Hello,

My wish is for those applicants with the most preference points get the available tags until they are exhausted. For example if there are 1000 tags available, and there are 600 applicants with 4 preference points, and none with more, and a few thousand with less, then 600 tags should be awarded to those 600 with 4 preference points. The remaining available tags then would go to the applicants with 3 preference points by draw. Those waiting in line the longest for a tag should get the tags available is how it seems most fair to me. Those with zero preference points can wait their turn.

Thanking you,
Ron Laughlin 😊

Boggs, Erin


From: Bill Wilson <bwilson@spe.midco.net>
Sent: Monday, January 08, 2018 1:05 PM
To: SDGFPINFO
Subject: Re: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

I am in full support of the proposal to cube preference points! Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I am 75 years old and have 19 points toward an any elk license. Maybe with this new system , I can get a tag before I am no longer physically able to participate!

William Wilson
21057 Pleasant Valley Dr.
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Sent from my iPad

On Dec 21, 2017, at 1:49 PM, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks <sdgfpinfo@state.sd.us> wrote:



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE :: Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017
MEDIA CONTACT :: Emily Kiel at Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us

GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

PIERRE, S.D. – Following a presentation by South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP), the GFP Commission is requesting public input on a proposal to cube preference points for all limited draw seasons. This would be for all seasons in which preference points can be purchased and accrued.

This proposed adjustment is intended to provide those hunters with a higher number of preference points a greater chance of drawing a limited license than currently exists. The proposed action would take the number of preference points a hunter has and add one for the current year application. That total will then be cubed and would determine the number of times each applicant's name is entered into the drawing.

For example, an applicant who has three preference points going into the 2018 East River deer season drawing would have a total of four upon submitting their application for 2018. Then that would be cubed to total 64; which means that applicant's name would be entered 64 times for the 2018 East River deer season drawing. Under the current structure this example would result in a total of four chances in the drawing.

A more drastic example would be if an applicant has 20 preference points for the 2018 Black Hills elk season drawing. Adding one more point upon submitting an application for 2018 would bring the total to 21. Then this would be cubed to 9,261; which means that applicant's

name would be entered 9,261 times for this drawing.

This proposal would not change the drawing to a true top down preference point system. A hunter with the most preference points would still not be guaranteed a license before another hunter with less preference points, but the odds of drawing a license would be increased.

To comment on this proposal, send written comments to 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501, or send an 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 seventy-two hours before the public hearing (not including the day of the public hearing) per HB 1006. The GFP Commission will discuss this proposal Jan. 11-12, 2018, at the Red Rossa Convention Center in Pierre. For those unable to attend the meeting in person, the discussion will be livestreamed at <http://www.sd.net/home/>.

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This message was sent to bwilson@spe.midco.net from sdgfpinfo@state.sd.us

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks
South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks
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Boggs, Erin

From: jeff <blankenj3@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 08, 2018 12:26 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Proposed changes to lottery point system

I am in favor of this proposal. I am 65 and have considerable points accumulated in certain seasons such as csp any elk. However, if I were a young man I believe I would recommend no lottery point system. A simple apply and draw. Everyone on a equal plane every year. However don't start that until I draw my csp license! Thank you. Jeff

Boggs, Erin

From: Miller, LouAnn
Sent: Monday, January 08, 2018 8:40 AM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: [EXT] Proposed change canada goose Unit 1

From: Stephanie Lee [<mailto:consportsmansclub@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, January 07, 2018 3:45 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Proposed change canada goose Unit 1

Dear Commission,

We think trying a new preference system (cubing preference points system) is an interesting system but we are not sure it fixes anything and we need to be careful so that new systems doesn't create more problems than any anticipated fix.

This new system should be used only for select drawings such as bighorn sheep, mountain goat, CSP elk and other CSP licenses, and elk in general. Another thing that will help get rid of the top applications in these drawings is to have less years per bracket in the upper brackets and a greater percentage of the licenses in those brackets. The other one would be that you starting now you have to attain a certain number of preference points before you can even apply for certain licenses like some other states do.

We are against this system being used for any drawing that non-residents are involved. We do not this system used on deer, antelope, turkey etc. the current system is adequate for these drawings. Maybe going back to the no preference system for these seasons would be better.

I thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Center of the Nation Sportsman's Club
Rik Bartels, President
Belle Fourche, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Adam Karst <akarst@watertownmu.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 07, 2018 9:47 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point Input

To whom it may concern,

I would be for the cubing of the preference points if done in conjunction with getting rid of the 10 year waiting period to apply for an elk tag after successfully drawing. Maybe you could structure it they couldn't hunt another elk in 5 or 10 years but still be able to apply for preference points. I think it would be a win win for hunters and the state.

- The cubing of the points would make it easier for the higher preference points applicants to draw
- People who are interested in hunting elk again would have a halfway decent shot after the 10 year waiting period with 10 years of preference points vs starting from 0
- The SD game and fish could use the extra revenue from the additional preference point sales each year

Sincerely,

Adam Karst
Watertown, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Shane Stredde <shanefromsd@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 07, 2018 6:00 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubed Pref Points

I would be in favor of this change since the hunters with the most preference points should have the best chance to draw a tag in any limited draw.

Thanks

Shane

Boggs, Erin

From: David & Jennifer Herrboldt <djherrboldt@goldenwest.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 06, 2018 7:18 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Perfence Points

I think this is a good idea for those who have a number of perference points. David Herrboldt 43553 290th st. Menno SD 57045.

Boggs, Erin

From: sio.midco.net, sbstroman
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 2:57 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to the discussion on the preference point system. This is a matter of great interest to me. I haven't been able to draw a muzzle loader tag for several years, preference points notwithstanding. I did draw an East River rifle tag a couple years back but my wife needed surgery on her knee so I was home "playing nurse".

I think the cubing of preference points will make the system far more complicated than it needs to be. The preference point system should only be available to South Dakota residents. Period. The point system should also be designed to help those residents who have applied and have been unsuccessful in the draw, rather than those with the fattest check books.

My suggestion for a point system is as follows. First, design one where preference points can be tallied without a scientific calculator. Set the limit for accrued points at 10. Residents will be awarded one preference point for each year they fail to draw a limited license. Each year they may also purchase one preference point. This would provide for a system where a resident would wait a maximum of 5 years to draw his/her limited license.

Once all applications have been received the preference points would be added up and applicants would be grouped by number of points held. Those with 10 points would have priority and should be guaranteed a tag. Next would come those with 9 points, then those with 8, and so on. Based on the number of tags historically available, even those hunters with one purchased point should be able to have a fair chance in the draw. "Hot spot" counties may fill up quickly but there should be places left for the lottery. This system would be fair for hunters applying for "any deer" tags for white tail and mule deer, and for muzzle loader hunts. (By the way, we need to discuss combining seasons for archery and iron sight muzzle loaders, but that's for another day.) I understand that your proposal will not create a "top-down" draw. I see that as the biggest flaw in the concept. Hunters who have patiently "stood in line" to get a good tag SHOULD get first priority. Please keep the discussion open and consider other options. And thanks again for the chance to put in my thoughts. Now if I could just draw that tag while I'm still young enough to hunt!

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Boggs, Erin

From: Matt Jaacks <mjaacks@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 06, 2018 1:33 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Enhanced preference point system

I am e-mailing in regards to the new preference point system proposal. I would like to submit my support for the proposal, as I believe it is a fair and much needed improvement. Thank you, Matt Jaacks.

Boggs, Erin

From: Gary Akkerman <gakkrmn@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 06, 2018 11:14 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] POINTS

I DO NOT approve of the proposed point system. To me it is just another way to allow the "rich" hunters to enhance their chances of drawing a tag, at the expense of those who just follow the existing system. I also think if you allow hunters to apply for tags outside of their county of residence, that family of landowners that live out of state should have the same advantage.
gary akkerman

Boggs, Erin

From: lance w <ldw5954@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 06, 2018 8:34 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

Dear GFP Commission,

I support the proposal to cube preference points to increase the odds of the aging hunting population with high numbers of preference points draw tags.

Lance Weatherly
3205 S. Newcastle Ct.
Sioux Falls, SD 57110

Boggs, Erin

From: Norman <normanbrooks@goldenwest.net>
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2018 9:50 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] cubing preference points

does this actually statistically improve draw chance or is it simply a clever placebo to stifle complaints ?

Boggs, Erin

From: Bruce <bmagee@wat.midco.net>
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2018 7:14 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference point system

Leave the system as it is.

Bruce Magee
105 -15th ST NE
Watertown sd

Boggs, Erin

From: Schmitz, Austin (HP177)
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 2:46 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Preference Point System

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing you to oppose the preference points going to a cube system. I feel that by going to a cube system it will deter young and new hunter from even applying. I do not see any benefits to changing the current system. The current system already allows for people who have built up preference points to have a large advantage over people with fewer points.

I have 3 young kids that are very interested in hunting and the outdoors. My daughter has been involved in the mentor deer hunt for 3 years. She was very excited to be able to hunt in the regular rifle season and to shoot a buck. She did not draw a tag for this year's season, so she did get her mentor tag again. If the system is changed, it will reduce her chance to take part in hunting and she will most likely quit hunting because of it. My two boys 8 and 10 will also fall further behind because they will not be able to compete against an older generation that has 20+ years of points.

As for myself I am just getting to a place where I can hunt more and take more trips. My kids are to the age that allows me to travel and spend more time hunting. If my chances of being drawn for a license are greatly reduced, I most likely will not apply for the limited draw tags.

In conclusion I feel that going to a cube system will only harm a future generation of hunters. The younger generation of hunters is already in decline and I feel that making it harder for them to draw a license will do nothing but speed up the decline. I believe this idea is being pushed by a few people that don't want to play by the current rules and feel that they deserve a tag more than a young hunter. I do believe we have a great system now that has been working great for a long time.

Austin Schmitz

Pierre SD, 57501

Boggs, Erin

From: Bruggeman, Shannon Montgomery <Shannon.Bruggeman@coyotes.usd.edu>
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 2:02 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubing Preference Point Input

To whom it may concern, I would like to comment on the proposal to cube Preference Points in South Dakota big game draws. After listening to the commission meeting I was alarmed at not only this proposal, but the lack of clarity in regards to how this would affect those who are new to big game hunting. As someone who is new to big game hunting I see this attempt at being fair to those who have the most points as being completely unfair to the majority of those involved in the draw system. The chance of any young person to ever draw an elk tag in South Dakota will become nearly impossible if this proposal is accepted. Not to mention that large numbers of women are becoming involved in big game hunting which is particularly concerning as if mothers hunt children are far more likely to become involved than if only the father hunts. This proposal will put one more barrier in the way of these groups to participate in hunting which to my way of thinking is the exact opposite of what we should be attempting to do.

After spending time watching the videos that SDGFP has made available I have a good working knowledge of how the draw system in South Dakota works. Rather than a Preference Point system, it is a Bonus Point system in that every point allows for an additional ticket in the appropriate draw. After the 2014 survey SDGFP created the 0+, 2+, and in the case of elk, the 10+ categories. While this scenario help to create a better chance of high point elk holders drawing a tag, those with the most points are not happy. In my opinion they will never be happy unless they get a tag. The problem with that is that the resource of elk in South Dakota is a finite resource. Not everyone will get a chance to hunt elk. Those with the most points already get most of the tags. If only those with the most points were to be awarded the tags available it would be decades before anyone new to the system would have any chance of drawing. In the case of Custer State Park elk , if the top ten point categories were to be awarded those tags it would take 149 years before anyone outside of those ten categories to ever get a tag. Most of the limited elk and sheep tags are similar.

The email that was sent out for comment and the presentation made before the SDGFP Commission make clear that this is not a true Preference system, in that the top point holders are not guaranteed tags. What it doesn't make clear, in fact, what it avoids entirely, is the mathematical insignificance that the majority of those who participate in draw will be part of if this passes. The example given in the email is a prime example. It in no way shows just what a disadvantage the lower point holder would be in. Those who have low numbers of points would be overwhelmed by the high point holders. The group of people who have less than 10 PPs are only eligible to participate in 20% of the drawing for elk tags as it is now. When Kevin Robling presented this proposal to the commission, he stated that the percentages of tags in each point bracket would not change. That is disingenuous at best. While technically the numbers would not change, the odds of anyone with less than ten points ever drawing a tag changes dramatically. What Mr. Robling fails to say in that meeting is that all the higher point holders drop down into the lower draw categories if they are unsuccessful. By cubing points the number of tickets in the draw explodes, making those with lower point totals almost irrelevant.

In the 2015 video presentation by Scott Simpson to the commission he details not only how the elk and deer draw work, but why South Dakota can not utilize a Preference Point system. Namely, due to the fact that with the limited resource giving preference to the highest point holders would push out the lower point holders from ever having a chance at drawing a tag. It is interesting to me that now Mr. Robling is proposing exactly that. The cubing of points would do nothing but push out low point holders from hunting elk in South Dakota. Not everyone who wants to hunt elk in South Dakota will be able to. It is just that simple. Mr. Roblings presentation takes the position that if someone was not collecting points 20 years ago they should not have an opportunity to hunt elk. It will take decades upon decades to clear out those high point holders. By the time they are drawn there will be another high group that will completely push out anyone new to hunting elk.

Several questions I would like to see answered in regards to this proposal:

If we are willing to swing the entire elk draw in favor of the high point holders, what is to stop the SDGFP from giving all tags to high point holders in the coming years? The reason for this change is because high point holders are unhappy that low point holders are allowed a reasonable chance to draw a tag. What difference will this make? Some random low point holder will still inevitably draw a tag leading to much discontent by people who do not understand the system. No one ever promised anyone an elk tag. This is a Lottery. You have a chance to draw a tag. Everyone should have a chance. To give a huge advantage to those with the most points, over and above what they already have, is not only unfair, but a completely new way of performing the draw.

Is the SDGFP willing to refund the money of those who have been paying for their points the last several years? The high point holders in all these draws were given their points for free. Decades worth of free points which those of us involved now have to pay for. If those points that were given for free are going to make my points that I had to pay for irrelevant I think it is worth considering giving people an option to have their money back.

Is the SDGFP Commission giving any thought to the reduced revenue this is going to cause? If I know that the odds of drawing elk, sheep, CSP, or any of the other draws is almost impossible I am certainly not going to give SDGFP money out of the goodness of my heart. Many, many points are purchased and applications submitted on the hope that a tag will be drawn. If the odds of drawing a tag go from "really, really bad" to "absolutely impossible" it would be foolish to believe that people will continue to participate.

Thank you for your time. This is the first time I have commented on a proposed rule change. I am doing so because I honestly believe that this entire proposal is harmful not only to hunting, but to the SDGFP budget as a whole. In an attempt at fairness this proposal makes the process even more unfair, and puts barriers to participation in place to the newest hunters among us.

Sincerely, Shannon Bruggeman

Boggs, Erin

From: Dean Fitzler <dkf@sio.midco.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 1:06 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Points

GFP
I am eighty one years old, I have 20 points. I would like to get my tag before I die. my son and hunting buddy got theirs at 15 points.
Age should have some part, and 15 and 20 points also should get more preferences.
Thank you
Dean Fitzler

Boggs, Erin

From: Ed Hiller <ehiller@cmiarch.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 10:19 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

Why are you trying to make this so complicated? Just make it a top down draw. That is the fairest. For example
Elk

Landowner preference 1st

10+ years 2nd

5+ 3rd

Etc...

Ed Hiller
Arlington SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Sven Wilen <swilen2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 8:35 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point system

For Your Consideration:

I support the proposal to accentuate the effect of preference points. I am undecided as to whether cubing is preferable to squaring the number of preference points.

Thank you for your continued efforts at managing our state's outdoor resources.

Sven Wilen
Belle Fourche



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Boggs, Erin

From: northernflightstaxidermy@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 9:52 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point system

Stephen Powers
14957 456th Avenue, Summit, SD 57266

I agree that the current system allows too many lower point applicants go ahead of others with more points. I don't have many points in any license category, but I would not feel in the right drawing a tag before many others with many more preference points, especially with the new alternative to buy preference points without a license application. This is a better compromise between a top first drawing and a true lottery.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion.

Sent from my iPad

Boggs, Erin

From: Jason Taylor <taylorjd03@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 9:30 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System

I am in favor of leaving preference point system the way it currently is. At least the current system gives hunters with only a couple of points a chance of drawing a tag. The proposed system is basically a waste of time for those hunters with zero or only a couple of preference points. If you happen to draw a tag with only a couple of points, then those hunters are lucky. That is why it is a lottery system, at least everyone has a chance at drawing a tag.

Jason Taylor
Fort Pierre, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Amy Miller <amaemiller11@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 9:08 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Proposed Tag System/Applications

To whom it may concern,

Concerning the tag system/application changes, I see no evidence that suggests we should change anything from its current state. Changes only show a short term benefit with long term repercussions putting us in a worse state.

Our current system is working and we do not need to make decisions based on emotions. We are not like other states and that is at times a benefit.

I do NOT support ANY of the suggested changes to our draw system OR application system.

Best,

Amy Miller

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Dustin Sperlich <dsperlich25@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 8:16 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Changes to tag system

To whom it may concern,

Concerning the tag system/application changes, I see no evidence that suggests we should change anything from its current state. Changes only show a short term benefit with long term repercussions putting us in a worse state.

Comparing and studying every western state application and draw system to ours for the past 5 years, leads me to believe we have a very special system in South Dakota that is NOT broken, thus does not need “fixed” or changed.

I do NOT support ANY of the suggested changes to our draw system OR application system.

Best,

Dusty Sperlich

Boggs, Erin

From: Cherie Brown <cd.brown@rap.midco.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 4:43 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point changes

My husband and I like the new proposed changes on the preference points. Since I have been applying for both Black Hills Bull Elk and Custer State Park Bull Elk licenses for over 30+ years yet have only 12 years currently shown due to prior changes in the preference system and my own error or two, I favor the new “cubing” proposal. Thanks for considering the change.

Our vote would be “YES” for the change.
Donald and Cherril Brown

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Boggs, Erin

From: hglobstad <hglobstad@rushmore.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 11:09 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point system

I am very much in favor of the proposed cubing of the big game point system. Of the numerous ideas proposed i believe this is the most fair.

Thank you
Harry Globstad
Rapid City SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Lohr, Jon <JLohr@siouxfalls.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 10:45 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System

Preference Point System - A couple years back when GFP decided to start charging for preference points it immediately looked like a financial boost to GFP for doing so. These days \$5 doesn't go far, but it still has the look that money gets people places. This shouldn't be the case. Go back to the old system of apply one year and get a point if you get turned down. Get turned down a second year and get two points the next. Why Charge \$5 for a point? Makes no sense.

I haven't had an ER deer tag since 2015 presumably because I wasn't going to purchase preference points out of principle. Now two years later having not hunted deer for two straight years I had to buy one for 2018 fearing I would go without a tag yet another year.

Frustration mounts when I see landowners getting double tags (any deer plus one antlerless deer - these deer move between public and private land), archery hunters being allowed more than one tag per season, out of state rifle tags while some residents don't get tags, etc. Do something to ensure that everybody resident gets some kind of tag before offering multiples to residents or any to non-residents.

The Youth Antlerless Season – One of the greatest things SDGFP has ever done. Keep it up and make sure that juveniles are the ones killing them. My son has truly loved and benefited from this season. It makes kids better hunters before they are exposed to trophy animals.

Thank you for listening.

Jon Lohr
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Brandon, SD 57005

Boggs, Erin

From: Matthew Miller <mflymiller@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 10:10 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Tag system/application changes

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Best,

Matthew

Boggs, Erin

From: Jordan Miller <jordan@run2gun.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 8:01 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Tag system/application changes

To whom it may concern,

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Best,

Jordan Miller

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: smturner60@rap.midco.net
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 6:45 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] tags

its about time! some one with 1 to 3 yrs draws a tag some one with 15+yrs don't, theres 200.00 diff in fees+ truly bullshit!

next you need to start looking at the land owner tags, you have land owners all over the hills that fill there elk, deer tags on public land! most of the land owners don't make a living on livestock that feeds on that land, most lease our public land for grazing. it looks like if you have lots of money,you go and buy your land,to get your elk, deer, tag every year

Boggs, Erin

From: Quintin Biermann <quintin.biermann@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 2:41 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point

I would like to see no changes given the fact that those with so many points already would be put so far ahead of those with so few points for hard and difficult units such as fort pierre national grasslands along with black hills elk and prairie elk.

-Quintin Biermann

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Boggs, Erin

From: rap.midco.net, mjsdas
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 10:17 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point system

I am in favor of the new proposed preference point system. I know people who have applied for many years and before they could get drawn got too old and had to quit applying. This system would hopefully give people with more years' preference a better opportunity to receive a tag.

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Boggs, Erin

From: Linda Vaa <lindavaa@brookings.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 7:13 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] cube preference points

SD GFP Commission,

I like the proposal to cube preference points. It would help hunters who have been applying for many years and getting up in age, myself included.

Spencer Vaa
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Boggs, Erin

From: Mark & Kris Williamson <mkwillie@venturecomm.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 5:07 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point proposal

Dear GF&Park Commissioners,

I do think you are on the correct track. Would it more fair to start with squaring the preference points, as to cubing? After two years, evaluate how this is affecting the draw. If your goals are being met, so be it. If not, try cubing it.

I ran some figures comparing 1+1 chances vs. 4+1.

Current system: 1+1 has a 60% less chance to draw.

Squaring: 1+1 has a 84% less chance to draw.

Cubing: 1+1 has a 93.6% less chance to draw.

When comparing 1+1 vs. 9+1, the results are even more drastic.

Current system: 1+1 has an 80% less chance to draw.

Squaring: 1+1 has a 96% less chance to draw.

Cubing: 1+1 has a 99.2% less chance to draw.

I can see advantages and disadvantages to each system as I currently have preference points in South Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. Each has their own wrinkles, and some states vary by species. I agree that something needs to change, it's just a matter of how drastic the change will be. Good Luck !

Mark Williamson
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Britton, SD 57430

Boggs, Erin

From: Brett Andrews <Brett@huffconstructioninc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 5:03 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Input on Preference Point System

Hello my name is Brett Andrews and I live in Aberdeen, SD. The following is my opinion on the on the proposed "cubing" of preference points on the limited draw seasons.

I feel that there is no need for cubing of a person's preference points. I would like to know what complaints have been brought to the commissions attention to cause this change, it seems very drastic. I can only assume it is Bull Elk tags and East River Buck tags but we will never know. I feel like this kind of came out of left field, all the people I talk to have zero complaints about the current system we have now. I have drawn 3 west river buck tags the last 3 years and I have applied for east river buck tags the last 2 years and was drawn once. I do not expect to draw an Elk tag for many years because I know the amount of demand for those tags! I have no complaints about the amount of times I have been successful in drawing a tag, and neither would majority of hunters.

I believe this cubing of points is a smoke and mirrors type of solution. It is a direct copy of Montana and Nevada's "squared" points system and every resident and non-resident hunter I know who hunts or has hunted MT or NV is not in favor of the "squared points system." It sounds good and it sounds like your name is in the hat a lot more. But it offers little statistical advantage, and that advantage only goes to max point holders or the one with the most points because all who apply have their points increased by the same curve.

If people are going to complain about being unsuccessful when applying for hard to draw, once in a lifetime, or hunts with draw odds of less than 1% then they should apply for different units. It is the same with waterfowl hunting, if we were to open it up to all non-residents then the quality of hunting would severely diminish. Same goes for if we gave everyone that applied a bull elk tag, or a buck deer or antelope tag every year. Hard to draw units are units where the quality of the animals in it are reflected by the amount of people that want to hunt them.

The best way to increase the odds of drawing those tags is to work on measures that increase tag numbers. In other words, putting more sheep on the mountain, more elk in the hills, more deer in the fields. That is the only way to increase drawing odds.

This cubed system would not be very favorable to young or new hunters just starting out, and hunter recruitment is the most important factor in conservation of our wildlife.

I have an idea and an alternative I would like to offer to the "cubed" point system. If you go back and review the past drawing statistics on the SDGFP website you see that the majority of allotted landowner tags are never filled or even applied for. What if we made 10% of the unfilled landowner tags available to those applying for the non-landowner limited draw seasons. Biologists analyze units and determine the amount of harvest each unit can receive and that is factored into the number of tags (both resident or non-resident and landowner or non-landowner) allotted for the unit. So the populations of deer or elk or antelope in a unit is able to withstand every tag being filled and not be subject to overharvest. That is the reason a wildlife biologist set the tag limits according to each unit. So if only 20% of the landowner tags for a unit are issued and all the non-landowner tags are issued there is room for more animals to be harvested according to the limitations set by wildlife biologists.

I am going to give an example of my thoughts behind this. Hypothetically take 2 Black Hills Elk units, let's call them unit 1 and unit 2. Say unit 1 has 110 landowner elk tags and 90 non-landowner tags for 200 total tags allowed to be issued by the wildlife biologists. Unit 1 is a large unit with lots of public land and receives a lot of applications from non-

landowners because of the amount of public land. Unit 1 issues all 90 of its non-landowner tags has no leftover non-landowner tags. On the flipside unit 1 always has left over landowner tags because there is very little private land in the unit. Unit 1 issues only 10 landowner tags and has 100 leftover landowner tags. Based on my alternative system the SDGFP would issue 10% of the remaining landowner tags which would be 10 more tags, and issue them to 10 additional non-landowners. This would result in there being a total of 110 hunters in Unit 1 instead of 200 which is the amount the unit could receive and maintain a population based on the wildlife biologists set tag limitations. This would mean 10 more people who normally would not have received a tag and would have to try their luck again next year now receive a highly sought after tag.

Now for Unit 2. Unit 2 is a small unit and the majority of the land is private. It receives a lot less applications compared to Unit 1 because of its limited public land opportunities. Unit 2 has 50 landowner tags and 50 non-landowner tags. Unit 2 due to its high amounts of private land issues 40 of its 50 landowner tags and issues all 50 of its non-landowner tags. Based on the alternative system 10% of the 10 leftover landowner tags would result in 1 leftover landowner tag being issued to a non-landowner applicant.

I could go into much greater detail about this but I feel like I am getting long worded and you can get the basics of my idea. I am not for the sale of landowner tags and I am not for the cubed point systems. If you look into the response from residents and non-residents to Montana's and Nevada's squared systems you will see they are not in favor. I would rather see us come together as a state, put our heads together and come up with an out of the box way to solution to this.

Or we do not make any changes to a system that majority of people find zero issues with while promoting and doing more in the ways of conservation. Which will in turn increase opportunity.

The best way to increase the odds of drawing those tags is to work on measures that increase tag numbers. In other words, putting more sheep on the mountain, more elk in the hills, more deer in the fields. That is the only way to increase drawing odds.

Thanks for reading!

Brett Andrews

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Boggs, Erin

From: dtinsf <dtinsf@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 2:31 PM
To: GFP Wild Info

In regards to the proposal to cube preference points, I don't understand the purpose. I understand you will have more chances to win a tag drawn in a lottery situation but the percentage to win remains the same. For example if there are 3 preference points and 100 apps the percentage to draw a tag is 3%. Now if you have 27 points under the cubed system but all of the applications are cubed the percentage to win remains the same. The exception would be the people with one application, they lose a fair chance to win since 1 cubed is 1. My proposal would be to not change the system.

Darren Timm, Brandon, SD.

Boggs, Erin

From: Dylan Stein <dylanstein21@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 2:06 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Waterfowl changes

I vote yes

Boggs, Erin

From: Adam Chaput <mi_fiveo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 12:21 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

Hello,

I purchased a west river deer and an antelope preference point in 2017. When I log in to my account on your webpage it does not show I have any preference points. I thought they might show up now that it is 2018 but still no luck. Thanks for any help.

Adam Chaput
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Iron Mountain, MI 49801
10/05/78
374985381

Sent from my iPad

Boggs, Erin

From: Carda, Joe
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 10:45 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: cubed points.

Not a BAD idea! Give you credit for thinking outside the box.

Boggs, Erin

From: mike barnes <mikebarnz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 8:39 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT]

I completely disagree with this new pref point system (cubing). You may be right when you allow that it still gives people "a chance" to draw with 1 or 2 pts, but do the math, it is very little chance. I believe by not giving a person ANY hope to draw, people will quit entering the drawings or quit buying pref pts. If you feel you must change the system, why not do something simple, like doubling (if I have 5 pref pts, I would have 10 chances in the drawing).

Thank you for letting me comment.

Michael Barnes
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Boggs, Erin

From: Tim Ferrell <timferrell@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 8:06 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System Change

I am in favor of the preference point system change. I think it is a good step to get us closer to a true preference point system and will allow one to better predict and plan for future hunting seasons as well as make it a more fair system.

Thanks,

Timothy John Ferrell
1706 Butte View Drive
Sturgis, SD 57785

Boggs, Erin

From: Bradley Bierema <BBierema@bepec.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 7:52 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference points

Brad Bierema- Tyndall, SD

I think that people with preference points should have a higher chance of drawing, I am in favor for this cube preference point system.

Boggs, Erin

From: 6056617236@vtext.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 8:49 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Daniel Broders. Yankton. I like the cube preferenc...

Daniel Broders. Yankton. I like the cube preference point proposal.

Boggs, Erin

From: Cody Timmer <cjtimmer@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 7:57 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System

First off, thank you for considering my input. I too believe a change is necessary to the current South Dakota preference point system, as it will provide hunters who have been applying year after year, a significant advantage to be awarded a license they've long sought after. With that being said, it may lean too heavily in their favor. I believe a middle-ground should be reached where preference points are squared, instead of cubed. This would still provide those with a large cache of preference points a definite advantage, while still allowing those with limited points, an opportunity to draw a tag. While I don't believe it is SDGFP's intention to discourage new residents and hunters the opportunity to get into big game hunting, the results of a cubed system may do just that. My vote is in favor of a squared preference system, so new residents, new hunters, and those hunters with limited funds can still have a shot at drawing a license each year. Thank you!

Cody J. Timmer
Sioux Falls, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: casey <glines777@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 7:49 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Points

The new proposal for preference points seems like an improvement over the current system but I would still like to see a true top down system. It seems like the current system has created a top heavy group for the trophy big game animals.

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Droid

Boggs, Erin

From: ericporisch@hotmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 5:56 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point proposal

Greetings,

I am writing in response to the request for opinions regarding the proposal to cube preference points for big game licenses. I am suspecting that whomever brought up this proposal isn't seriously hoping for a cubed number, but possibly threw that number out there hoping for a negotiated amount somewhere in the middle. I feel a cubed amount is exorbitant. Even a squared amount, I believe, is taking it too far.

I believe it is important for our hunting heritage to have opportunities for the youngest generation; that they stay interested in hunting. I feel that the proposal would greatly hamstring these young hunters, and that they may fall out of hunting.

I believe a possible compromise may be possible with a setup similar, if not exactly, like Custer State Park manages their elk license distribution, with tiers for 15, 10, 5, and zero years preference. This would then still allow for the hunters with many years preference, even more possibility, while not shutting out the young hunters.

Thank you,

Eric Porisch
Rapid City, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Neil Waldera <Neil@spencerquarriesinc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 5:06 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System Input

GFP Commission,

Sending this in regards to the Dec. 21, 2017 GFP News article on changing the preference points to a cubed system. I think this is a great idea and should be implemented.

Thanks, Neil Waldera
Alexandria SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Derek Kern <derek@kernlasers.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 4:39 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System Comment

Hello SDGFP,

First off, I am a non-resident hunter that appreciates SD's hunting opportunities for those that live out of state. I think the proposed cubed preference point system is a great idea and a fair way to move forward.

There are many opportunities to hunt deer in SD. Hunters even have the ability to shoot multiple deer (even bucks) on a yearly basis if they apply for certain hunts (West River, East River, Special Buck, Archery, Refuge, Custer, etc.). I am a MN resident and we are only allowed 1 buck per year. It doesn't seem right that someone can draw multiple buck tags a year while others put time into the preference point system and are turned down year after year. I feel a solution is to implement the cubed system to fix this flaw.

Here is one example: I have built up 6 preference points for West River. I apply for the same unit each year. It might take me 8 or more years to get this single tag. At the same time, an applicants with 2 points can (and do each year!) draw this coveted tag and also draw 3-4 other deer tags if they apply for units that have less demand. Over my 8 year waiting period this applicant could have received 30-40 or more deer tags while I wait for this single tag. I realize this is probably not normal but a reality in the current system.

I think the cubed system would allow PP builders (like myself) a greater chance of drawing that single coveted tag they are after. The "lucky" 2pt draw applicant that I mentioned before would still be able to get their other less demanded tags each year. They would even still have a chance to get this hard to draw tag (albeit a much lower chance).

I hope I am lucky enough to hunt in SD this year! Thank you for hearing my voice and I hope it is used at your January meeting. I would also like to add that SD has the best online application system out of all the western states I hunt! It is lightning years ahead of other states. The amount of data (draw results, pts breakdown, etc.) is great and really helps us hunters out!

Kind Regards,

Derek Kern
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Boggs, Erin

From: Marc & Jeana <shawseano@goldenwest.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 4:24 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Re: [EXT] Preference Points article in 12/28/2017 RC Journal

Definition of Preference Point is the same as money from the rich buying their way in. Whatever happened to the idea of someone hunting for food for the family vs. how much money you have. You asked for opinion: I think the process should be computerized; anyone who wants to put in for a license for the first time you go to the bottom of the list and when they start drawing from the top, you move up one more spot. If you miss a year you drop back down. If you want to stay in the running and keep your position, you have to apply each year to earn another preference point. I don't think the system should allow anyone to **buy** extra preference points to gain a spot above the next hunter. To help hunters and make it fair allow them 3 different zone choices: east river, west river and black hills deer. That way they would have three different options to get a license for only one zone per hunter and one deer license per year.

Sincerely,

Marc Shaw

Boggs, Erin

From: Dan Waldman <dwaldman_87@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 4:10 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Points

I am not in favor of changing the preference point system entirely, however some areas might need to be tweaked. I propose that some counties with higher populations going for lower tag counts could go to the cubed type system to make it more fair. But what is considered fair? Some folks will not be happy unless they get a buck tag every year while others are fine with every other or every third. I hunt antelope out west and since the populations of goats has went down I have had 2 buck tags in the last 5 years. For me that is not too long of a wait. Elk tags could be made more fair going to a cubed system. I personally know people with 20+ years of preference.

East river deer using Brown county as an example, everyone with at least 1 preference point got a buck tag. 25.2% of people got a tag on the first year of applying. I personally feel that getting a tag every other year is not too long of a wait for this county.

Resident East River Deer	Licenses Available to Preference Group	Number of Applications	Licenses Issued	Remaining Licenses
Landowner with 2 or more preference points	550	2	2	548
Landowner with 1 or more preference points	548	7	7	541
Landowner	541	359	359	182
2 or more preference points	732	15	15	717
1 or more preference points	717	467	467	250
0 or more preference points	250	992	250	0
Second Choice	0	93	0	0

Now looking at Turner County as an example, this county might be a case where a cubed system would make it more fair.

Resident East River Deer	Licenses Available to Preference Group	Number of Applications	Licenses Issued	Remaining Licenses
Landowner with 2 or more preference points	50	2	2	48
Landowner with 1 or more preference points	48	28	28	20
Landowner	20	55	20	0
2 or more preference points	50	126	50	0
1 or more preference points	0	161	0	0
0 or more preference points	0	322	0	0
Second Choice	0	50	0	0

I don't think that a cubed system is a change needed for all seasons across the board. I feel that some counties and seasons should be left alone. I feel that this proposed change is trying to fix a problem that only exists for a few people that think they need a buck tag every year.

Thank you for your time

Dan Waldman
Aberdeen, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Ben Fenner <ben.fenner67@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 1:21 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Points

After reading the article in the Rapid City Journal of December 28, 2017 I am compelled to send my input. Although we ALL know that citizen input will be 100% useless and ignored in reality!!

The preference point system is broken, and the half-wit ideas trotted out in this article only serve to further ruin what may at one time in the distant past been a good idea!

If I have ZERO points my chance of getting a hunting license is EXACTLY equal to the hunter with 20 or 30 points or more.
Increasing the number of points DOES NOTHING for the hunter except make them feel like they pissed themselves in a dark suit!

The ONLY WAY preference will be worth more than a politicians crap is if it is truly TOP DOWN loaded, giving TRUE PREFERENCE to long time applicants over first time or short term applicants!!

Anything other than that is worthless, and just another reason I no longer give SDGF&P any money for hunting in SD!!

The way you people run rough shod over the land-owner is the other reason I refuse to hunt in this dung-hole state!!

Please feel free to print this email roll it into a tight tube, and then use it for a suppository!!

Boggs, Erin

From: Jesse Christianson <itfliesitdies@itctel.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 12:02 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point

To whom it may concern,

This proposal for the preference point system change is no doubt the most favorable idea I have seen in a long time. It definitely makes sense and will no doubt put the favor on those that should receive it. I don't see where it states wether the year of points division of applicants is dissolved, but I feel one pool with these changes is enough and most fair also. Thanks for letting me include my thoughts on this matter.

Jesse Christianson

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Droid

Boggs, Erin

From: Chris J. Eggen <cjeggen@ra.rockwell.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 8:48 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Vote no on pay for points

This is just benefit for the people with money. Not a good path to start going down. I may start hunting out of state if I think I have to pay to compete with people who are buying more points.

Boggs, Erin

From: Miller, LouAnn
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 8:27 AM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: [EXT] Why not just allocate 10 % license to people with the most preference point in each draw, so if there's 5 with 17 preference points , 1 with 18 being the most 18 is it's own group with 10 percent of license, james Cantalope eureka

From: cantajam@yahoo.com [<mailto:cantajam@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Sunday, December 31, 2017 6:20 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: [EXT] Why not just allocate 10 % license to people with the most preference point in each draw, so if there's 5 with 17 preference points , 1 with 18 being the most 18 is it's own group with 10 percent of license, james Cantalope eureka

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Sm,artphone

Boggs, Erin

From: Miller, LouAnn
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 8:05 AM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

From: William Allen [mailto:wmlallen@outlook.com]
Sent: Saturday, December 30, 2017 8:29 AM
To: SDGFPINFO
Subject: RE: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

Good morning. Thank you for your request to respond to the preference point system.

I am only aware of the preference point system as it pertains to deer and elk licensing. I do not hunt birds, so I do not know if there is a preference point system for that.

I currently have 9 preference points for elk and 5 for Black Hills deer. I have never read how the formulas that determine the draw actually work, but like a lot of hunters, I talk to many people who hunt and no one else seems to really know either. The vast majority of hunters I talk to feel that a top down licensing system is preferred. I agree with them.

That being said, I do have an open mind to this issue and would like to learn more and read the rationale about how the current system came into being. If that information is available please guide me to it so I can educate myself.

Thank you again. I look forward to learning more about our South Dakota game management system and planning.

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks <sdgfpinfo@state.sd.us>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 1:49:50 PM
To: wmlallen@outlook.com
Subject: GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

Boggs, Erin

From: Todd West <grand_west@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 01, 2018 8:37 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

I think the proposed preference point system would just add more names for everybody. Why not take the most preference points down to a certain point below the number of tags available and draw from them. Example you have 25 tags for a season there is 5 people who have 10 years preference points, 5 people have 9 years, 5 people have 8 years, 5 people have 7 years, 5 people have 6 years, 5 people have 5 years, 5 people have 4 years, 5 people have 3 years, 5 people have 2 years, 5 people have 1 year and 5 people applied for the first time. Take the top 6 years of preference points and draw from them. It still gives someone that only has 5 years preference a chance but most all the people that have the most points the better odd. Also people that are applying can be told how many points they need to draw or have a chance to draw a tag more realistically.

Todd West
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Boggs, Erin

From: Bradley Deneui <bdeneui64@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 01, 2018 2:45 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Prefect points

Don't you think that anyone who has spent 15 to 20 years applying for an Elk tag and hasn't gotten one should get one automatically. They seem to be pretty serious about getting one right? If a person starts at age 25 when they can actually afford to go, in 15- 20 years that makes you 40-45 years old. Not a lot of years left for hiking all over the hills and humping out an Elk. Look at last year's draw stats. I think that much effort and diligence deserves reward and a chance to hunt once instead of constant disappointment. Everyone I talk to agrees with me.

Also, what was wrong with the old preference point system.

SIMPLE . FAIR, NO BODY COMPLAINED !

Buying preference points is putting hunting further and further into the hands of the wealthy out further out of reach of the common working man. And cubing! Come on! Your making this too damn complicated. Let's go back to the old , simple , and fair way. If you don't draw, you get 1 preference point. No buying points. No cubing points. Please!

I do give you a round of applause for the youth and mentored hunting seasons. These programs are huge steps in the effort to bring kids into the field. I would rather hunt with the youths than half the grown men I know.

Also thanks for all help with the meandering waters problem. Let's keep them open.

All in all, I think your doing a great job! Keep up the good work and THANKS

Brad DeNeui

Boggs, Erin

From: Todd Sorenson <xfivebar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 01, 2018 11:26 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference point system

Greeting,

i agree with your plan to increase to odds of people with more preference points to draw a tag. The only other thing I was curious about was if age could be added/considered. As the applicant gets older and reaches a certain age or physical ability the harder it will be for them to have a successful hunt. This could help with a successful and happy hunter and also fulfilling herd management.

Thanks,

Todd Sorenson
Rapid City

Boggs, Erin

From: Gary Breuer <garybreuer54@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 01, 2018 10:45 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] as someone in my 60's who had all but given up applying with over 20 points for Custer State Park elk I would be in favor of this change.

Gary Breuer Madison SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Mike Braskamp <mikebraskamp@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 31, 2017 7:35 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Fwd: [EXT]

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From: "Mike Braskamp" <mikebraskamp@gmail.com>
Date: Dec 26, 2017 4:05 PM
Subject:
To: <wildinfo@state.sd.us>
Cc:

My family and I are lifetime residents and landowners of south dakota. Hunting is also a big part of our life. We apply in several different states each year so I understand how the different systems work and I think this system of cubing would be a great benefit for long term applicants. My father is 66 and has been applying for tags since he was 16 to no prevail. This system would increase his chances a little. With that being said the first year applicants still have a chance of drawing. There is no perfect answer for which system to use but this way it does give the dedicated applicant increasing odds.

Thank you for considering!

Mike Braskamp
Ramona SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Chris Holmes <chris-sd@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 31, 2017 3:41 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Points

To whom it may concern,

My opinion is that we should completely eliminate the preference points all together. Increase the cost of the out of state licenses to make up for the difference in revenue, if needed, instead of milking more money out of local hunters. If we had a TRUE lottery system, preference points wouldn't be needed!!! It may be necessary for the once-in-a-lifetime draws like Custer state park. But, there's a big difference between that and 'east river deer'.

Boggs, Erin

From: Matt Anderson <jetboatboy@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 31, 2017 1:39 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Input on Preference Point System

Dear GFP Commission,

In regards to the proposed action on changing the preference point systems; Please leave the system the way it currently is. The proposed change would not a benefit the people of South Dakota. It should stay a first come first served, top down system. I don't think it is fair to let others have the chance to cut in line of those who have been applying longer for a license.

Matthew Anderson
Hartford, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Jason Winter <jwinter669522@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 31, 2017 1:37 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT]

I think it's a great idea, should give the older people a chance to finally draw a tag that it hard to get!!

Boggs, Erin

From: rushmore.com, abradley
Sent: Saturday, December 30, 2017 2:32 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] (no subject)

hello,

I am sending a note in reference to the proposed change to the preference point system. I believe the current system will work better then the proposed change. The system is not perfect, as is, but is better then the proposed system.

Thank You,

Anthony Bradley

11392 Mount Roosevelt Road

Deadwood, SD 57732

Boggs, Erin

From: Doug Bechen <bechenranch@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 30, 2017 11:47 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] SD Preference Point System

I am a SD native and west river landowner at Whitewood, SD with elk on my property. I have accumulated 22 preference points for a Black Hills rifle elk season. I exemplify a DRASTIC example of the current SD preference points lottery system.

It appalls me when I have had family or non-family member that has drawn on a black hills elk tag with even less than 10 preference points. Some have had 5 or less. It is unacceptable!!

People should have at least 5 preference points accumulated to even be considered in the drawing. This takes out an individual that puts in for the season and ends up with a elk tag by chance. 5 years accumulation would determine that an applicant is truly vested for pursuing a Black Hills elk tag.

Your proposal does not address the overall issue!! You still allow individuals with lesser time in the lottery system to actually compete against those that have accumulated many years of preference points. I would strongly advocate that those allowed in the lottery draw NOT be allowed until they have accumulated at least 5 years preference points. I would also strongly advocate that any individual with over 20+ preference points be allowed double points in the lottery system. There is no difference with your idea of allowing an individual with 3 preference points then cubing to 64 points or the person with 21 cubing to 9,261 points - the odds are still the same. Those individuals should NOT be in the drawing period if they have less than 5 years preference points! It still remains an unfair system.

I appreciate your consideration on this issue as you strive to make the preference point system more equitable for the Many of us with over 20+ points.

Sincerely,

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Boggs, Erin

From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 3:01 PM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: [EXT] I think your cube idea is a start but maybe don't cube points until you have at least 10 points

Thank you,

Joe Cary | *Secretary*

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks

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From: wanda yule [<mailto:weyule@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 2:55 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: [EXT] I think your cube idea is a start but maybe don't cube points until you have at least 10 points

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Boggs, Erin

From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 3:01 PM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: [EXT] Preference point change suggestion

Thank you,

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From: tschutz [<mailto:tschutz@valleytel.net>]
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 2:56 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point change suggestion

I sent an e-mail earlier and suggested a system of doubling the preference points and I want to add one other comment. Preference points should only be doubled if an application is submitted but failed to win a license in the lottery system. Any purchase of a preference point without submitting an application in the current year would be limited to one preference point (not double) regardless how many preference points were accumulated in the past.

Thank you for allowing me to make the suggestion!

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Boggs, Erin

From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 2:03 PM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: [EXT] Preference Point System

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From: Justin Murphy [<mailto:justintmurphy@outlook.com>]
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 2:01 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System

GFP Commission,

Implementing a perfect preference point system doesn't seem possible. No matter what decisions are made, hunters are not going to be happy with the results. A suggested change to the elk preference point system would be to have another higher year category for individuals with 20+ years of points. It would give those with more years a better chance at a percentage of the tags available and still allow those with fewer years an opportunity of drawing a tag. A cubed system will ultimately lead to point creep. I feel by changing this system to the suggested proposal will only lead to longer waits for individuals trying to draw certain tags. It is a lottery, not a guarantee. Hunting opportunity needs to be given to all (old and new). Causing more preference points to draw tags will discourage new and youth hunters. It is frustrating not drawing an elk tag year after year (10+ years myself) but that is how the lottery system works. My personal opinion would be to leave the system the way it is. I would however eliminate landowner tags or at least consider limiting the amount of tags allocated to landowners. Landowner or not, everyone should have a level playing field to draw an any deer tag. If the landowner is truly concerned with deer population, there are antlerless tags available and ample hunters willing to assist with the issue.

Justin Murphy
Crooks, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 12:46 PM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: [EXT] Preference Point System

Thank you,

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From: Greg Peterson [<mailto:greg.peterson@dnbanks.com>]
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 12:38 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System

SD GFP,

I have just a couple of thoughts on the preference point system proposed changes. My ideas are only that – ideas and not something I’m requesting to be in the public record. I think I’m generally in favor of increasing the odds for people that have applied longer, but it depends on the tag. For example, I would be fine with a cubed system (or even true top down) for tags that are typically drawn within a few years (say maybe 2-10 years). In fact, that may be the most equitable for those.

On the other hand, I don’t think I would support doing a cubed approach for “once in a lifetime” type tags such as CSP Elk, Big Horn Sheep and Mountain Goat for a couple of reasons. First, you will see a drop in revenue from preference point sales as it *really* discourages new applicants for these very hard to draw tags (especially those who are no longer in their youth). For example, a 50-year old person that moves to SD or maybe just started hunting will have almost no incentive to start applying. Second, it will ultimately change the demographics of the hunter as you will end up with most hunters being well advanced in age. This may not happen right away but when only a very small number of tags are issued with thousands of applicants it will eventually end up being a longevity contest. I do realize it’s not a true top down approach, but someday you will end up with an applicant that has 50 preference points with his/her name in the hat times 125,000 that will have 125x the odds of drawing compared to a person with 10 preference points (1000x the odds of someone with only 5 years). In all likelihood, you will eventually end up with only elderly hunters in the future which will completely change the hunting experience. I think most people would rather have a legitimate chance to draw a tag when they are physically able to hunt the way they want to than to see their odds go up as they get too old to enjoy the experience.

If someone who reads this has time to respond, I would sure like a call or return email – especially if someone thinks these ideas are something that would helpful to put in the public record. Hopefully my thoughts are useful. Thanks for all you do.

Greg Peterson
Clear Lake, SD
605-413-3660

Boggs, Erin

From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 11:25 AM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: [EXT] Preference Point Proposal

Thank you,

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From: Bill and Linda Roth [<mailto:lbroth@midco.net>]
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 10:49 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point Proposal

To the South Dakota Game , Fish , and Parks Commission :

I agree with the proposal to cube the preference points for limited draw big game seasons . I think this is especially applicable to the drawings for elk , big horn sheep , and mountain goats where it generally takes many years to be successful in the drawings .

I do not know the exact data , but if a hunter begins to apply for these seasons at age 40 and it generally takes 20 plus years to be successful , many hunters are reaching an age where physically it might be more difficult to have an enjoyable hunting experience . Providing an improved chance of drawing a license for those applicants who have been in the preference system for many years would be an improvement to an already good system .

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal .

Bill Roth

1896 Eisenhower Circle

Aberdeen South Dakota

Boggs, Erin

From: George King <kssgun@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 9:34 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Comment on Preference Point System Proposal

I really see no value in changing the existing preference point system in the State of South Dakota. In most instances where preference point are required to draw a particular license there are a number of applicants in the pool with the same amount of preference points. Cubing the number of points is only going to make the number of points the same for those who had the same number to begin with. Elk tags are at a premium and the chances for people drawing that particular license are between slim and none for that species anyway. Is the proposal on the table really going to make any difference in drawing a coveted elk license or just make those applying feel like they have have a much better chance in the draw?

Wouldn't it be better in the case of the elk drawing to remove the preference point system completely and make it totally a "luck of the draw system"? Make it a once in a lifetime opportunity because it is essentially that way now. This scenario could also be applied to other species in the state with the exception that it would not be once in a lifetime. I someone successfully applies for a receives a Black Hills deer license they would not be able to reapply for perhaps three years.

I recently relocated from Colorado to the Spearfish area. In Colorado many of the highest quality elk units require more preference points to draw than most hunters can ever hope to accumulate. In my case I have 17 elk preference points and it will be impossible for me to ever attain the 23 points that are currently needed by a non resident to draw that tag. Each year the number to draw also creeps upward. Colorado is also using their preference point system to generate income at the expense of the hunters. When you apply in April the money money for the license is held up until the time the drawing is held in June. At that time you are either issued a license or your money is returned. Pretty innovative financial approach given that Colorado Game Fish & Parks is literally tying up people funds for nearly three months and collecting huge amounts of interest on it.

Thanks you for the opportunity to provide comment and good luck on this one.

Regards,

*/s/ George D. King
1738 Iron Horse Loop
Spearfish, SD 57783*

Boggs, Erin

From: Gary Roth <gary_roth@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 9:19 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Reference Preference Points for Draws

GF&P:

Do away with the preference system altogether! For God's sake, it's a LOTTERY! Everyone has an equal chance and you win or lose by the "luck" of the draw. One's ability to BUY preference points as purposed, riggs the lottery system.

If you go to Vegas or South Dakota casinos and you are losing at the slot machines or video games, they don't invite you to "come over here to this machine because we have it set for much better winning odds". Get off of this political correctness idea that everyone gets to be a winner. If a person doesn't like the way a game is played, then quit.

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Sent from Windows Mail

Boggs, Erin

From: Clemens, Dennis - NRCS-CD, Redfield, SD <dennis.clemens@sd.nacdnet.net>
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 9:04 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference points

I like the Idea of cubing the preference points but would like to see the tag allotments for over 2 years and over 10 years kept intact with this system.

Dennis Clemens
Frankfort, SD

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Boggs, Erin

From: David Mines <davidmines4831@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 9:56 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT]

I am in favor of the new proposal for cubing preference points.

Boggs, Erin

From: Jacob Schaefer <jakeschaefer86@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 8:25 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point system

Im a big supporter of the point system thats in use by the ND game and fish, which they square the points up to 3 !nd then began to cube them after 4, but ultimately it gives the guys with more points a deffinate edge and everyone still has somewhat of a chance. Unlike the system Montana use's where they only square the points and seems like it doesnt even matter statistically

Boggs, Erin

From: John Gerberding <jcgerberding@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 8:19 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference system.

I have listened to people whine about the preference system for years. The simple fact is that no matter how you manipulate the numbers the only way to keep it fair is to leave it alone. People want a guarantee and it doesn't work that way. All a cubed system is going to do is ensure that you have a lot of old guys getting licences and I am one of those old guys.

I am concerned that with the decline of youth hunters, systems like this will only discourage them from even trying. Any effort to make it more "fair" will still lead to dissatisfied people. I recently drew the Custer State Park early elk tag with only four years of preference and it was special. No one that knew that fact had a problem with it. Yes they chided me about my luck but it was just luck and most hunters understand that. You will never have a system that will satisfy everyone and those who aren't willing to accept that...well that's just life. Most will never draw a CSP elk tag, CSP early elk, mountain goat, bighorn sheep, or prairie elk and that's the reality of it. I would not give up trying for anything. For myself a big part of the opportunity that I had was the value that the tag had in terms of the obligation I had toward all those who didn't draw to make it special and it was. I could elk hunt other places but they would never compare to the hunt I had in the Park. Leave it alone because it isn't broke.

John Gerberding
Sturgis

Boggs, Erin

From: Miller, LouAnn
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 3:40 PM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: [EXT] Preference Point System proposal

From: Dean Birkeland [<mailto:dean.birkeland@seagate.com>]
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 2:32 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System proposal

The proposal to cube preference points for hunting license drawings is a very good proposal. This is the best system for giving those with a higher number of preference points an excellent chance to draw a tag. I participate in license drawings in numerous western states including SD and the points cubed method is the best system, much better than a straight preference point method, or a plain bonus point method.

Regards,
Dean Birkeland
Bloomington, MN

Boggs, Erin

From: Terry Deuter <whittlinsbydeuter@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 12:52 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubing preference points

I like the idea of cubing preference points for applicants; however, I think the better solution would be to "not" cube points until after an applicant has applied for at least five (5) years. I feel that it would give other "first" time applicants a better chance at drawing a tag, but after applying five times would then give them the added advantage.

Terry Deuter
Kadoka, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Goldenwest <davebunny@goldenwest.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 12:19 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point system proposal

I'm VERY MUCH in favor of this proposal and ask that you consider this email as my indication of support. I've been an active supporter, applicant and user of various limited issue licenses (East River and West River deer; Black Hills, prairie and Custer State Park elk; mountain lion both in the Hills and Custer State Park; turkey; mountain goat; big horn sheep; and paddle fish snagging) over the last forty plus years. I appreciate and enjoy the outdoor opportunities in SD afforded by the Game, Fish and Parks Commission and thank you for this.

I believe this proposal gives long time supporters, such as myself, an edge for license success which is somewhat of a "reward" for long term participation. I urge you to support and pass this proposal.

THANKS for considering this and let me know if you have questions on any aspect of it.

Dave Timpe
Hartford, SD

Sent from my iPad

Boggs, Erin

From: Paul VanBockern <pvb@midco.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 11:43 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] To cube preference points

I think the proposed update to cube the current preference point system is a good idea. Other than a true drop down based system this "cube" seems to be at least an attempt to give those with more years of applying for the limited licenses a better chance.

I appreciate the consideration.

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Boggs, Erin

From: Martin Tarby <mjtarby@rushmore.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 11:20 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System

I am definitely in favor of the cube preference points system to replace the current system.
Martin Tarby
Rapid City, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Miller, LouAnn
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 9:35 AM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: [EXT] Preference points

From: Wayne & Judy [<mailto:hayline@midstatesd.net>]
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 9:16 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

I am Wayne Hoellein of Chamberlain, SD. I am greatly against the proposed change to the preference point system. This is but one more move to giving the hunting licenses to the people with money to spend on points. I am 70 years old and have hunted in SD all of my life. I live on retirement income and cannot afford to spend extra money on points so I have a chance of getting a license. A lot of hunters in the state are in the same position. Older hunters on fixed incomes, younger hunter starting families and homes, lower income hunters, ect. Just don't have the ability to afford extra points and will be pushed out of the ability to hunt. Yes, I know that just because a person has a lot of points does not guarantee them a license, because the licenses are random picked by computer. But if they can pay for 20 points and get 8,000 chances in the system as compared to a person who has only one chance, who do you think will get the license? Not only am I against this "new and improved" system, I am really against the points system entirely. When I started hunting, everyone was on equal footing with equal chances. One application – one chance. No one person was better than another or had any more chances than anyone else. Every hunting opportunity was strictly the luck of the draw. But, I can go along with the system where if you didn't get a license this year you could get one extra chance next year. But only one and none were for sale.

The wildlife of South Dakota is supposed to be for all of the people of South Dakota. Not just for the people that can afford to shell out extra buck to get mega chances for a license.

Thank you
Wayne Hoellein
Chamberlain,SD

Boggs, Erin

From: dbharleymansd@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 11:11 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] I agree with your proposed point system upgrade

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Smartphone

Boggs, Erin

From: Tom <jagertom@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 7:15 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System

I like the change to triple the points each year. It gives a weighted point system to those who regularly apply and earn preference points.

On a different note; I enjoyed the separation of popular districts into separate districts for hunter application. For instance, Unit 27 used to be divided into 27A and 27B. Hunters that wanted higher density population put in for 27A; that left more opportunity for hunters, like myself, that preferred less antelope density (and less hunters) more opportunity to get a tag. Since the zone has been combined into one, I have not been able to draw a tag. I like the lower populations and less hunters that provides a better quality hunt with more opportunity to draw.

Boggs, Erin

From: Marlo Brandriet <mbrand@protecroofing.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 5:02 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point system

Great idea know of many of my fellow hunters who have given up applying for big game with as many as twenty year points that are now to old to go or have just lost interest.

Boggs, Erin

From: Borah, Brennen
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 4:01 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: preference point input

So my question is by changing this preference system would that eliminate the tier system currently used for elk tags?

I'm open to this change for all seasons except elk. In most cases it won't take more than a few years to draw a deer or antelope tag, but the long and short of it is it's more than likely going to take 10 years plus to draw elk. If the tier system stays I think you're going to get some form of creep. The current system isn't broken, I truly believe it's just a matter of people being impatient and feeling entitled to drawing a tag especially in an area that's high demand. More game= more tags= more tag competition = longer wait to draw

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Boggs, Erin

From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 3:54 PM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: [EXT] wjtjm@centurylink.net

Thank you,

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From: JAMES C THEIS Owner [<mailto:wjtjm@centurylink.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 3:43 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Cc: wjtjm@centurylink.net
Subject: [EXT] wjtjm@centurylink.net

I'm sorry, but I just don't see how this newly proposed method is going to change ANYTHING. IT'S JUST A DIFFERENT WAY TO DO THE MATH.. The second last paragraph says it all, "This proposal would not change the drawing to a true top down preference point system. etc." Looks to me like the odds wouldn't be ANT different!

Boggs, Erin

From: Paul <tallpaulr@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 3:32 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

Paul Roghair from Kadoka South Dakota

I have been looking over the preference point system that is proposed and wanted to comment. First of all i think it is a good and bad idea. Good for deer seasons! Would love to see also more consideration given to those who live west of the river and have to fight with so many hunters coming from east of the river for deer season but that is beside the point. I can see giving a larger advantage to those who have built up so many preference points over the years. However when it comes to very limited draw tags, Elk, Sheep, Mt Goat. it seems to be a great way to have even less of a chance to draw and thus take this currently small, but turning astronomically small chance away from those who do not have so many years in. I think it would be prudent not to write off all those with lower preference numbers and keep people applying rather than just buying points for 20 plus years until they even get a chance to draw. Possibly square the number of years in for deer and not for elk and for sure not for the sheep and mt goat (if we have seasons) the cubing really increases the odds heavily upward. In a state that is supposed to be about sportsman so much of what I see it is about rich sportsmen and a product to sell off. It used to be common to get free hunting permission from a handful of people in an area, yet now almost always it comes back to "i have pay hunters" With young boys of my own I would like to know that that have the best chance possible to get into elk hunting at a young age, or to have a chance to draw that sheep tag. If the proposed system takes effect when my son gets to be 12 and has a passion to try I will have to tell him it would be better to by lottery tickets(if he was of age) and buy a hunt out west then it would be to draw a hills elk tag. I understand that the odds are not great now but they would get so tiny with this system i fear it would crush the hopes of many young hunters. Thank you for your time

Boggs, Erin

From: Bruce Lowe <twogunbruce@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 3:22 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Draw System

I think you should trash the current system and begin a new way of selecting recipients of big game tags that is based on fairness rather than the luck of the draw.

It's the system I experienced in CO, and worked so everyone could "see the light at the end of the tunnel" as long as they were consistent in applying for a specific hunt zone. If a person wasn't drawn their first year of applying, they received a preference point that actually positioned them in relationship to all other hunters, current and future. There was no lottery nonsense; a hunter had status and knew how the drawings would go in years to come, based on the computer database that tracked the number of tags released from year to year.

I would be happy to share the details of the system with any GFP official willing to listen with an open mind, and understand that bureaucrats aren't the only people with solidly good ideas.

Bruce R. Lowe, SMSgt, USAF (Ret)
Long Lake, SD

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Steve Nafus <snafus@bellefourche.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 3:22 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Fee comment

Dear Commissioners:

I don't believe that a person should be able to buy additional preference points.
I would rather that a \$5.00 non-refundable fee be part of the application process.
That fee would be used for the administration of preference points.
I like the idea of the added extra point and cubing the rest points for better odds on those who did not get licenses the year before.
This would be fair for all unsuccessful applications no matter what your income group you are.
I don't believe you should be able to purchase preference points to increase your odds at the next drawing.

Thank you for asking for comments

Steve J. Nafus
1116 4th Avenue
Belle Fourche, SD

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From: Haase, William J. <bhaase@nd.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 2:39 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point change

Hello,

My name is Bill Haase from Bismarck, ND. I am a Wildlife Biologist for the ND Game and Fish Department and we have a similar system to the one you are proposing. Please view at the link below:

<https://gf.nd.gov/licensing/lotteries/general>

How do bonus points accrue in the weighted lottery?

An applicant unsuccessful in drawing his or her first choice permit in the first lottery next year's lottery.

Note that in years 2, 3 and 4, the points are doubled; and, for years 5 and beyond, applicant's chances of drawing a permit.

Examples

Calculation: **Existing Bonus Points * Multiplier + 1** (the current year's application goes in lottery)

Year	Calculation (existing points * multiplier + 1)	Total Times Your App
1	$0 * 0 + 1$	
2	$1 * 2 + 1$	
3	$2 * 2 + 1$	
4	$3 * 2 + 1$	
5	$4^3 + 1$	
6	$5^3 + 1$	
7	$6^3 + 1$	
8	$7^3 + 1$	
9	$8^3 + 1$	
10	$9^3 + 1$	

There is no perfect system, but this is very well received by the public. This method has become increasingly important since we have fewer deer tags available for our gun season. I encourage you to change your system to the proposed method of cubing or utilizing the method that is used by the NDGFD.

Keep up the good work!

Bill

Bill Haase

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Boggs, Erin

From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 1:51 PM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

Thank you,

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From: Daniel Schweigert [mailto:daniel.e.schweigert@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 1:07 PM

To: SDGFPINFO

Subject: Re: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

In response to your e-mail let me start by saying that I testified in front of the GFP commission in the early 80's about the preference system in SD and how i felt about it. At that time I proposed that the people with the most preference points have a drawing for a Big Horn Sheep license and that they than open up the other 3 licenses to everyone. By doing that it would have guaranteed a person with a tag eventually. A lawyer on the commission disagreed with saying it would be to difficult to do. Well I have applied every yr since 1966 and still haven't been lucky enough to draw while those lucky enough have drawn on their first time trying. So i still feel that would be the best way as it would allow hunters a better chance and would reward those who have applied all these yrs. Sincerely Dan Schweigert



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On Thu, Dec 21, 2017 at 2:49 PM, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks <sdgfpinfo@state.sd.us> wrote:



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE :: Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017
MEDIA CONTACT :: Emily Kiel at Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us

Boggs, Erin

From: Galen Roesler <galen.roesler@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 1:40 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Changes to Preference Point System

I previously submitted a comment, but I forgot to add one thought. Referring specifically to BH Elk: if the purpose of this proposal is to increase the odds of drawing for those who have not drawn after many years of applying, why not make BH Elk a once in a lifetime tag or increase the waiting period between successful draws to 15 or even 20 years? I personally know a person who has had 3 BH either sex elk tags and is currently legally qualified to apply again. If you were to remove those who have previously drawn, the draw odds for everyone else would increase significantly. I am not in favor of changes to the preference point system. Thank you.

Galen Roesler
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Custer, SD. 57730

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Boggs, Erin

From: Jeremy Backous <jeremey046@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 1:14 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System

I support the proposed change to the preference point system.

Jeremy Backous
Aberdeen

Boggs, Erin

From: Chris Podoll <ccpodoll@nrctv.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 1:05 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point changes

Chris Podoll
Columbia SD

I don't not support a change to the current preference point system. We have a very good system the way it is.

Boggs, Erin

From: Dan Amen <dana@teamridco.onmicrosoft.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 12:58 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System Proposal

I think the proposed Preference Point System is a Good Idea.

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Boggs, Erin

From: Jason Mitzel <jtrtmt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 12:53 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cube points

Jason Mitzel
Crooks, SD

I am not in favor of cubed points. If you want to give them a better chance then just go from the top down in preference points. Most preference points get tags on the way down till out of tags since they paid more money in for the preference points or if it's truly a lottery then leave it as is.

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Boggs, Erin

From: Steve Burke <burkesf27@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 12:42 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point system revamp

I endorse a revamp to the system, but is cubing necessary.

Trebling seems more fair if SD is not going to a straight top down. I guess that I thought SD was already on top down method.

The issue of groups applying and only receiving the points for the lowest points in the group should be looked at. I'd like to see some sort of averaging for the group be done so, as a grandfather with points in a couple of categories, if my grandson gets added to a group, we don't loss all the preference points I've accumulated, effectively starting everyone over.

A possible solution would be to put everyone in with their own point totals and if someone is drawn and the number of licenses still available is sufficient to give the everyone in the group a license, then do so. Do not penalize everyone in the group for having someone with just a few points. The challenge for the group is to get drawn and have enough licenses available for the entire group.

Reducing the points for the group is a double hurdle for a group.

Steve Burke

Boggs, Erin

From: Galen Roesler <galen.roesler@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 10:55 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Please Do Not Change Preference System

I am opposed to the proposed change to the SD preference point system. I believe it would effectively eliminate the possibility for young hunters or others who have a limited number of preference points from drawing the most coveted tags such as BH elk.

In my personal case, I have been a SD resident for much of my life, but left SD in 2002 due to an employment transfer. At that time I believe I had around 15 preference points and had never drawn a BH elk tag. Upon leaving the state, I lost those preference points. In 2015, after retiring, I returned to SD and again started to apply for BH elk. At age 67, under the current system, I have little chance of ever hunting elk in SD.....under the proposed system, my odds would be about the same as winning the lotto. Is it possible to get my previous preference points restored?

One key piece of information is missing from your GFP mailing concerning this proposal. What percent of the tags if any, would not be subject to draw by preference?

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

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Boggs, Erin

From: Buck Cogle <buckshot284rum@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 10:35 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System Comments

SDGF,

I would like to see the current preference point system remain unchanged. I like the current system the way it is.

Thank You,
Buck Cogle
Redding,CA

Boggs, Erin

From: Galen Niederwerder <gniederwerder@meadecounty.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 10:34 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Points

I think this proposal would be a great way to handle preference points. A friend of mine has 13 preference points for BH Elk season, but is 72 years old, and giving up hope of ever drawing. This would be really exciting to him.

Respectfully,
Galen Niederwerder

Boggs, Erin

From: Derrick Larson <DLarson@eidebailly.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 10:31 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Feedback

Going from the current system to a cubed system is way too drastic in my opinion. I wish I would have started a lot earlier but I didn't start applying for tags or preference points for archery and rifle elk, bighorn etc until a few years back when I was around 41. Under the current rules I intend to continue to apply for and pay \$150/year or so for an annual chances at these tags (for my boy and I). At X2 I would apply for BH archery elk but that would be it going forward. Would keep applying for my boy at X2. Any more, I will quit applying for both of us due to the low probability of receiving a single tag over the next 10 years. My money will go to the states where I have a chance of drawing a tag each year.

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Boggs, Erin

From: Willie Werdell <Willie@signaturecompaniesllc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 10:16 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Proposed new preference points cubed

Hello,

I think the cubed preference point system is a great idea. It will allow those who have accumulated their preference points a better chance of drawing a tag and also allow the new applicants a chance. I feel the current system does not allow those with accumulated preference points enough of an advantage.

Thank you
Willie Werdell
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Hurley SD 57036

Boggs, Erin

From: Lauritsen, Ron
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 10:09 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: New Preference Points

I think this is a great idea. Thanks for the information.

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Boggs, Erin

From: Jacobsen, Dale
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 9:52 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Preference Points

If this will actually increase my chances of drawing a West River Deer tag, I am all for it. I will have 9 years preference for the next season. Thanks

Boggs, Erin

From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 9:12 AM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: [EXT] preference point systemn

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

From: m3jlr@alliancecom.net [<mailto:m3jlr@alliancecom.net>]
Sent: Monday, December 25, 2017 10:02 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference point systemn

I don't think this is a very good solution. Wouldn't it be just easier to give the tags to the person with the most preference points.

In most jobs if you put in the time and have seniority it means something.

thank you
Jerald Mitzel

Boggs, Erin

From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 9:00 AM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

Thank you,

Joe Cary | *Secretary*

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks

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From: Clay Cline [mailto:cline2261@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, December 24, 2017 10:31 AM
To: SDGFPINFO
Subject: Re: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

I agree with this recommendation. I continue to see applicants with one or two preference points being awarded tags while others with three, five, ten and yes even fifteen years of preference points get passed by . When hunters have to wait this long for a tag,I'm sure, in some cases, we are loosing them from the sport we are trying to preserve.

Clay Cline
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On Thu, Dec 21, 2017 at 1:49 PM South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks <sdgfpinfo@state.sd.us> wrote:



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE :: Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017
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GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

PIERRE, S.D. – Following a presentation by South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP), the GFP Commission is requesting public input on a proposal to cube preference points for all

Boggs, Erin

From: Jim Ross <sdbigredhen@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 8:06 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] New license lottery

Your plan does nothing to improve the top point persons chance for a license. All you have done is make it a lottery drawing so a low point person has a chance at a tag. It is to encourage more people to apply for a license and increase your money intake. Typical political move that you think were all to dumb to see through. And are you still keeping the nine year application ban on anyone who has received an elk license?

Boggs, Erin

From: Paul Hansen <paashans@swiftel.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 7:55 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT]

I am against the proposal of cubing. Right now people with the most preference points have the best chance of drawing. With cubing people with the most points will have odds so much in their favor that it is unfair to people with few preference points. Thanks for asking our opinion. Paul Hansen

Boggs, Erin

From: Keegan, Marty
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 6:17 AM
To: GFP Wild Info; jean.hunfoff@sdlegislature.gov; Stevens, Mike; Kennedy, Craig
Subject: preference point system.

Commissioners,

If I have read the proposal correctly this will start the GF&P on a road to allow those with enough money to stuff the ballot box so the opportunity for a fair draw is something of a farce. The comment that expresses that everyone would still have a chance to get a tag drawn is correct only in the fact that they would have a name in the box. (excerpted from the email from GF&P " This proposal would not change the drawing to a true top down preference point system. A hunter with the most preference points would still not be guaranteed a license before another hunter with less preference points, but the odds of drawing a license would be increased.) If you want to expand what has been stated to the extreme, here is a simple example. Put 4999 slips of paper in a box with an X than put 1 slip with a Y. tumble it around for a while and draw a slip. There is a chance that the Y will be drawn but it is 1 in 5000. Now, if you can afford to buy preference points who will get to hunt? The system to be fair should never allow dollars to determine preference. Each year you apply and do not get your first choice you get a point, simple fair and straight forward. I am not inclined to see the draw go past the one preference point that is earned by getting a second choice draw or not being drawn. The number of tags released varies from county to county so a county with a low number of tags or a high number of tags swings the odds wildly by the proposed new system.

Hunting is a tradition to many families, in South Dakota more so than in a lot of states. It generates income that we need as a state to offer the services that can help us grow and prosper. People spend money and generate tax revenue in hunting that is spread throughout the state in retail and service businesses. We should be looking for ways to increase the numbers of people involved in the hunting tradition not looking for ways to make it look like a rich man's sport.

South Dakota

All the best,

I actually prefer that all costs for preference points be removed altogether.

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Boggs, Erin

From: jonbetten82 <jonbetten82@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 7:06 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference proposal

I am in favor of the proposed new preference point system. There are a lot of older folks out there that have been applying for many years and have not drawn. I think it is only right that the people that have put in there time should have a better shot at drawing that coveted tag they have been waiting for while they are still able to hunt... Also, I think it would take a lot of those 20 plus year guys off the top end every year making it better all around....

Jon Betten
Redfield SD

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7 active, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Boggs, Erin

From: rodneymendel@outlook.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 12:31 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] I am for the proposal to cube the preference points on limited draw seasons.
Rodney Mendel, Sioux Falls.

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Boggs, Erin

From: Bruce Langhoff <brucel@sio.midco.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 10:24 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Proposal to cube preference points

I am 65 years old and have 28 years preference for Custer Park elk.....and there are a whole bunch of people who are even worse off! I think the proposal is worth a shot. The current system is a joke.

Thank you; Bruce Langhoff, Sioux Falls

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Boggs, Erin

From: Mark Scott <MScott@getngo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 5:29 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] input for preference point system (specifically Elk seasons)

It appears to me that you're on the right track increasing the amount of chances you have to draw a tag based on years of preference on any big game species.

I would specifically like to address the **elk seasons** and preference points:

- There are multiple applicants that have well over 20 years of preference for Hills elk and Custer elk.
- Applicant pool for elk seems to increase every year which proves its popularity.
- It appears to me that there are probably some applicants that will never see an elk tag even though they have 30 years of preference or more!

I would like to see new applicants apply for a **preference point only for the first 3-5 years for any of the elk seasons.**

Applicant should not expect to be drawn in the first three to five years.

This would help those that have been applying for numerous years to have a better chance of getting drawn before they are no longer able to hunt elk!

New applicants for any of the elk seasons would know before applying that it would be preference only. They need to earn it and not expect to be drawn the first few years!

This would also apply to applicants who have had an elk tag 9 years earlier. They would also have to apply for preference in the first 3-5 years before being eligible to draw an elk tag.

The applicant that has numerous years in should be drawing an elk tag before someone that has just applied for a year or two!

This system would only apply to the elk seasons. Deer seasons should work the way you have the new preference point systems worked out.

I realize my comments were not what you were asking for but wanted to add for future discussion!

Thanks!

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Boggs, Erin

From: Dan Amen <dana@teamridco.onmicrosoft.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 5:24 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System

I think the proposed Preference Point System is a Good Idea.

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Boggs, Erin

From: George Dace <georgedace@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 4:12 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Points system

I think that the the idea of a "cubed" system for the special drawing is an incredible idea.
Thanks,

Gordon Bradley
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Boggs, Erin

From: danbuehner@sio.midco.net
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 3:51 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Point Preference Proposal

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed change to the preference point system. There are two reasons for my objection: 1) Assigning points by factoring (cubing) them seems very confusing and 2) The proposed changes would all but eliminate any chance when an applicant has none or only one preference point in a draw. The current system has worked and is easy to understand. Please leave the preference point system the way it is.

Dan Buehner
Sioux Falls, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: rbsachen@alliancecom.net
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 1:28 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference points

would be real nice to see something done to help folks that have 15 plus years in preference points. We are not getting any younger and would be nice to draw a tag with using a walker. I understand its hard, especially with limited tags and hunts available. If there was a fair way for the folks who have higher points to get better chance to draw would be great. Maybe other things to take into consideration is the years they been buying hunting and fishing license supporting the state. Have they had any citations, etc. Just is not fair for someone with 5 year preference points to get a tag over someone that's has 20 years in. I understand life isn't fair but there really needs to be consideration for folks who have been good SD hunting partners for all those years and would like a fair chance on a tag before they are to old or crippled to enjoy the hunt. Thanks for your time.

Boggs, Erin

From: Ronnie Prien <rodapr85@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 1:09 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Comments

Hi I am glad you are addressing this, my idea has been after ten years preference to double your chance it would be simple. I just don't think it is right there are people that draw two elk tags before someone doesn't even get drawn once. Or someone draws a rifle tag one year and the following year draw an archery tag. Maybe spread the odds once you draw any tag of a species. Thanks for your efforts

Sent from my iPad

Boggs, Erin

From: Jerry Jordan <jerryj@rap.midco.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 12:39 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] drawing tags

What happens to the new hunters? How do we get kids interested in the outdoors if they don't have a chance of drawing tags. Jerry Jordan
5003 Roberts CT . Rapid City, SD 57703.

Boggs, Erin

From: gvirkula <gvirkula@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 11:41 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference pointts

GFP,

I am commenting on the proposal of a new preference point drawing system. This new proposal where the people with more preference points will get a better opportunity to draw a license is a good start. If you look at the past drawing results, several applicants that had the most preference points for that draw, they did not receive a license.

Personally having 27 years preference points for CSP elk, 16 for CSP antlerless elk, 16 for Black hills archery elk, 4 for West River deer plus others, you wonder when or if you will draw one of these tags.

Also, I would like to address the fact that under the current draw system persons may apply and draw multiple licenses for the same species. Example: Talking to a hunter last year he had an east and west river archery deer, east and west river firearm deer, plus a black hills buck tag. He also had 7 years preference points for a statewide muzzleloader deer tag. I think we need to get away from this possible all or nothing system. I personally would like to have the opportunity to obtain 1 deer license every year versus having multiple licenses. (besides archery). A person could have 1 archery tag plus 1 firearm tag. I believe there should be more opportunities for yearly hunting possibilities for hunters that are in the same position as myself. (note: there are non-resident hunters that have a better chance of drawing certain licenses than residents.)

I think we need to review the preference point system and also the number of a certain type of licenses you can have in a single year.

Thanks for your consideration,
Garth Virkula

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Boggs, Erin

From: Gene Addink <Gene@hartranch.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 11:31 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cube Lottery
Attachments: 1663_001.pdf

Emily,

Attached is my letter in support of the Cube Lottery.

Gene Addink
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Rapid City, SD 57702

605-399-4321 Direct

Boggs, Erin

From: zdan14@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 10:49 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubing preference points

Sirs,
I think the proposal of cubing a hunter's preference points is a good idea. I've been applying for an CSP elk tag for over 20 years and at 65 years old, I'll probably never draw a tag. So yes, I would be in favor of the proposal.
Thank you,
Daniel Zach
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Rosholt, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: jjwegner60 <jjwegner60@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 10:45 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cube preference points

I support this proposal to cube preference points. I have been applying for BHELK tags for eighteen years, not getting any younger. Concerned if I don't get tag soon health issues may cause me to drop out of drawings. Thanks for addressing this issue.

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Boggs, Erin

From: idekerconst@goldenwest.net
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 10:23 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] cubing the preference point system

I think this is an excellent idea, we need to get the older generation/highest number of preference points the best chance to draw a tag as possible. I'm looking at it from the elk viewpoint more than anything. To many SD residences give up on getting an elk tag either because they get so frustrated or just plain to old. That's a sad thing as we have a great State to hunt elk in and to many miss out because they get to old to enjoy it. I'm hoping that by going to this version it will eventually get us to a more consistant number of years it will take to draw an elk tag.

Paul Brian Ideker, Hartford SD,
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Boggs, Erin

From: Scott Guffey <guffeyscott@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 9:21 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System Input

SDGFP Commission,

I would support adjusting the SDFGP proposal to cube preference points for all limited draw seasons to give better odds to individuals with accumulated preference points.

Scott Guffey
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Boggs, Erin

From: Sharon Frohme <sharonfrohme@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 8:43 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] proposal

As a hunter who lived in the Black Hills I see some people who have up to 20 + preference points and still can not draw a tag.

I am all for the proposal but think it should not be applied until they reach say 5 points.

One other way to cut down on the harvesting of deer, instead of a draw, go back like it was before and cut the season down to two weeks.

Sharon Frohme
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Boggs, Erin

From: Leon Olson <leonolson2@sio.midco.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 8:10 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Requests Input on Preference Point System

I like the idea of increasing the odds for the preference points but I think what you are suggesting is drastic and confusing. How about a simple 10x? You can either add 1 and multiply by 10 or keep just multiply by 10. Your example of adding 1 would be if someone has 3 they would be entered 40 times and if they had 20 they would be entered 210 times.

Leon Olson

Boggs, Erin

From: Clair Stymiest <clairstymiest@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 7:51 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] This is just a complicated way of allowing rich hunters to get tags more frequently. don't do it. Apparently you have nothing better to do than come up with nerdy ways to give out tags.

Boggs, Erin

From: Kent Miles <kmicur@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 1:17 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

Scrap the entire system. If you want to exclude working people from big game hunting just raise the cost of a license every year until you price enough of us out of it to suit you. Don't play silly games. We are poor not stupid. One application. One fee. One chance. Simple.

Kent W. Miles 11349-360th Ave. Leola, SD 57456 605-216-8439

Boggs, Erin

From: Todd Wiebenga <todd.wiebenga@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 25, 2017 8:32 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point Proposal

GF&P,

I would be very much in favor of the modification of the preference point system. I happen to be one of those who have 20 preference points for CSP Elk rifle and 18 preference points for CSP Elk archery. I also have multiple preference points for other CSP Elk licenses and Prairie Elk. The idea of cubing the number of preference points seems like a reasonable way to increase the odds for those with double digit points without eliminating the the hunters with single digit points.

Big Thanks to all those at the GF&P for all they do for SD wildlife!!!

Todd Wiebenga
1007 E. 11th St.
Dell Rapids, SD 57022

Sent from my iPad

Boggs, Erin

From: Jacob Grimsrud <jakegrimsrud34@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 25, 2017 4:10 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubed points

I don't like the idea of cubing the points, especially for elk. The way the drawings are currently structured people with more points already have a much much better chance of drawing their desired tag. I like the idea that kids and people just getting into hunting still have a "realistic" chance of drawing. There are kids that draw an elk tag every year with only a few points and get to go on an awesome hunt. If cubed points become part of our system this will become exceedingly rare. I currently have a boat load of points for everything except rifle elk, I drew in 2013, so I'm not worried about me. I'd like to keep it realistic for my kids to draw, they get excited every year when the draw results come out. I'm not sure who it is who proposed this idea, but I'd guess it is a group of older gentlemen who get frustrated every year that they didn't draw their Custer elk tag. I think people just need to realize that there are certain tags that you will probably never draw in your lifetime, and that's okay. I'll probably never draw a sheep or goat tag but I'll keep trying. If they decided to cube points I'd stop even applying for those tags for my kids, it just wouldn't make any sense to throw that money away.

Jacob Grimsrud

Boggs, Erin

From: ECAL Maisonet <eagle1_4@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, December 25, 2017 3:58 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Up comming discussion Hunters Preference Point System

Good afternoon and Merry Christmas. I am a new resident to South Dakota as my wife and I have now retired and decided to relocate to Rapid City. Two years prior to our retirement we purchased our home and property in the Black Hills just outside of Rapid, however I was not allowed to hunt or gather points since we were still living out of the state. I enjoy both hunting and fishing and conserving our resources. I was a bit concerned and misunderstood the Preference point system. This year, I finally had the opportunity to purchase a few to enhance my opportunity to possibly hunt the Black Hills.

With that said, I believe this proposal will give folks like me a chance on getting selected on a permit to hunt near my home here in the Black Hills. I will be 70 years old by next August and hope that this proposal will help increase my opportunities. My wife and I love the state of South Dakota and plan to live here to our final days. I just like a good place to hunt near me, so I don't have to travel a long distance for the opportunity of a good hunt.

Sincerely
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Rapid City SD 57702

Boggs, Erin

From: fred carl <fkcarl@rap.midco.net>
Sent: Monday, December 25, 2017 3:03 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] cubed preference points

I wholeheartedly support this proposal. There's too many people who have steadfastly applied for years (in the extreme case of CSP elk where there are many applicants with over 30 years of applying and are reaching an age where the outing is becoming difficult at best). Great move and you have my full support

Boggs, Erin

From: Greg Parrs <gregparrs@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 25, 2017 12:03 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] point system proposed

First of all it is never fair to the poor underprivileged hunter that cannot purchase points year after year.

This proposal only benefits those that have money because it significantly increases their advantage.

My family has applied for years and only recently optioned tags. I had 5 points last year and finally drew.

We can all take our turns with the lottery and not play favors to those who can afford special treatment.

Be fare and just to all hunters in the pool or you will loose the people that support this great sport.

thank you
The Parrs Family
Greg

Boggs, Erin

From: rodneymendel@outlook.com
Sent: Monday, December 25, 2017 12:02 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
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Jerald Mitzel

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To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference system

What we need is for those with the most preference points to be drawn first every time. It is unfair that some people will get drawn for elk in year one, while others have to wait decades. Those with the most preference should get the tags automatically.

James. J. Vis
1913 S. Judy Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Boggs, Erin

From: Rob Powell <rob.powell6@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 24, 2017 2:18 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point Change

Dear Commissioners

I fully support the proposed changes to our non existent preference point system, This change would be more fair for our long term older hunters who have accumulated decades of point totals only to see those with much fewer be awarded the tags. Please update this system to the proposed change.

Respectfully,

Rob Powell
22981 Shields Rd
Rapid City SD 57702

Boggs, Erin

From: tbosma <tbosma@goldenwest.net>
Sent: Sunday, December 24, 2017 12:17 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Pref points

Good idea.

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Boggs, Erin

From: John Grenz <jgleingang@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 24, 2017 10:59 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point system.

Long overdue for a change. I started applying for park elk in my 20's and now age 62 with bad knees and back. Lost seven years of preference in the 80's because I could not get any time off work for a hunt and buying a preference point only was not an option. If you skipped a year of applying you lost all points. Got it back up to 28 preference points now. Which doesn't mean much with the current system. Its hard to convince myself each year to keep applying when I know that the fall before had guys hunting who weren't born yet when I started applying. Please change the system.

John Grenz
Rapid City, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: jeff barthel <jeff.barthel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 24, 2017 6:06 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] POINTS

just leave it the way it is . the people with money will just keep buy more points and the person like myself with little will have to wait again.
JUST LEAVE IT!!!

Boggs, Erin

From: Bradley Ficken <bficken04@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 24, 2017 12:10 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Pfp propodal

Cubing the points does not fix the big problem in the SD lottery. No one that has 10 years less points should ever have the chance to draw a limited tag. Cubing the points does not fix the problem. I understand that it gives the higher person more chances to draw. But if you want to fix the problem in South Dakota you need to go to a true top down draw preference point system like all the other great elk hunting states. By the time some people draw the great elk tag in SD they are not in good health and can't get around good. When someone a 1/4 of that age draws the tag and that person has been applying for a 1/4 of there life and can't hunt like they used to by the time they get the tag ,that is not right. SD needs to join the great other elk states and move to a top down draw system. It's the right way.

Brad ficken

Boggs, Erin

From: Ted Ruffedt Jr. <tedrjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 9:09 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubing proposal

If everyone with preference points gets their points cubed doesnt it really result in the same percentage chance as a non-cubed drawing? Not sure I understand how this truly will help. Why doesnt the GFP just go to a top down drawing system for all preference point drawings and be done with it. That is what all hunters want.

Ted Ruffedt Jr
Rapid City, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: nancy.grassel@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 8:21 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Points Input

I am in favor of cubing one's preference points.

Nancy Grassel
Spearfish

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Steve Greenfield <s_j_green2002@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 8:05 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point adjustment

I feel the proposed change to the preference point system would be a good improvement. Ideally a top down system would be implemented, but this is a good step in the right direction. Waiting 3 years to draw a tag seems unfair when some hunters are drawing back to back tags in the same county.

Steve Greenfield
Watertown SD

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Eugene Hornstra <saramy69@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 5:03 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

This GFP proposal including cubing is a much fairer & indeed a preferred system & I personally endorse implementation before next season.

Thank you,
Eugene F. Hornstra
301 Northern Avenue
Yankton, SD 57078-1416

Boggs, Erin

From: Merv Guthmiller <mervin164@q.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 3:16 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubing Preference Points.

Gentlemen,

My thoughts regarding cubing the preference points. It would help those of us that have been hunting in SD for a long time, are getting to the age whereby we may not many years remaining to hunt, and have accumulated a high number of preference points. There probably are many in this group that have applying for an elk license for several years. I would like to see the cubing of preference points implemented.

My name is Mervin Guthmiller at 23738 Pine Haven Dr Rapid City. I only archery hunt , except for pheasants.

Thanks for allowing the opportunity to weigh in to your thought process.

Merry Christmas
Mervin

Boggs, Erin

From: Jason Schuldt <jasknx@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 3:11 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point Discussion

Dear Game & Fish Department -

I am pleased to see that you are discussing making it more likely for applicants with more points to draw a tag.

The proposed cubing of points is an excellent idea, and is fair to those with the most points, while still allowing hope for someone who has less points to draw.

If the commission decides that the cubing idea is not for them, I would like to suggest a squaring of the points as an acceptable alternative. Squaring the points would also increase the odds for those with many points while allowing those with less points a little better chance.

Thanks for all you do, and thanks for looking out for those with the most points.

Jason Adam Schuldt
1204 Polley Drive
Spearfish SD 57783

PS-I was not chosen for any first choice big game tags this year, and do have some points, so I see both sides of the issue

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Boggs, Erin

From: bio smith <max1232008@live.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 2:20 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference point

Dear Sir:

How can it even be legal to not enter a persons name into the lottery when he has applied for a license. An application submitted for a particular season is not an application for a preference point it is an application to obtain a license to hunt that particular animal. I noticed this a couple of years ago when I applied for Hills elk and they did not have any licenses set aside for the first time applicant. This is unfair. everyone should have a chance at obtain a license. Maybe some have more chances, that is fine but if you send in an application you should have a chance to get the license. I am one of those people that has or maybe had 20 preference points for Custer park elk. I have quit applying for Custer park elk because the odds of obtaining a license is worse than the Powerball lotto over 3000 people have 20 or more preference points now. I was told when I started to apply by a game warden in the Black Hills that I could expect to draw a license when I got to 18 preference points. Well now that only 10 any elk licenses are given for Custer park elk and it costs 5 dollars to get a preference point with little chance of getting a license you can count me out. I feel that you are just asking for a donation. I also feel that charging \$5 for a preference point is just a way to raise more money with out having to go thru the legislature to raise the price of a license. Who screwed up the elk hunt in the park? Where did they go?

I dont care if you cube the preference points or not it really doesn't increase your chances as everyone else will have their preference points cubed also. it just makes you feel better when you see an enormous amount of points but doesn't help if you have 30 or 30000if everyone else does to.

So to sum up keep the preference point system, quit charging for the points and make it fair to ALL who apply to have a chance to get the permit include first timers.

Max Pravecck
Freeman SD

Boggs, Erin

From: William Grode <chisum19@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 2:10 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] New idea for the use of preference points and "cubing" them.. I think that it is a great idea. Submitted by William R. Grode, 6122 Wildwood Dr. Rapid City, SD 57702

Boggs, Erin

From: Bill Kortemeyer <ringshanks@iw.net>
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 1:37 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Comments on proposed preference point system

I like the proposed changes to the current system. It would decrease the chance of never drawing a tag, for Any Elk, before being too old or otherwise unable to hunt. I will have 15 preference points next year, which would turn into 3375 entries in the drawing. I like that. I am 76 years old and hope to draw an Any Elk tag while still able to hunt.

From the GF&P website one can see that there are a fair number of applicants, with as many as 24 preference points, who were not fortunate enough to draw a tag in 2017. The proposed changes should help them. However one also wonders how many applicants quit applying after many years, because they were no longer able to hunt. Thinking of them, what is the possibility of having a "Top Down" system for a certain percentage of available tags, and then follow up with the proposed changes?

Thank you, GFP Commission and staff, for the opportunity to comment, for your consideration of my comments, and for all you do.

William F Kortemeyer
406 East Poplar Drive
Canton, SD. 57013
605-929-0123
Email ringshanks@iw.net

P.S. I applied for my first big game license, East River Deer, from Viet Nam in 1966. I have received a West River and/or East River deer tag almost every year since then. That is 52 years of memories with my father, father-in-law, sons, nephews, and now grandsons. I am thankful for that.



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Boggs, Erin

From: David Bechard <david_bechard2000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 11:50 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Point system

The point system to me is a total joke and mainly used by GFP to make money. It needs to be done away with totally. The luck of the draw is the luck of the draw period. The point system basically boils down to who pays the most gets a tag. For those who can read between the lines it is very plain to see the scam. Pay to play just like Hillary.

And yes i want the statement put in the records.

David A. Bechard
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Email david_bechard2000@yahoo.com

Boggs, Erin

From: Nick Nankivel <n_nanky@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 10:28 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point Input

I do not agree with the proposal to cube preference points. I moved to SD in 2014 and grew up in ND my whole life. ND has always cubed points and it has not solved any issues. The only issue is sometimes there are not enough tags and people get upset. However, if they were willing to drive they can get a buck tag every year. The current SD system works very well and I don't see any reason for this change. The only thing I've never understood is how landowners get 50% preference to tags in the general lottery. I am fully behind them getting a gratis tag for their own land, but why should they get preference over anyone else when that tag can be used on public land. Maybe if landowners didn't get special preference in the general lottery there would be more tags available for more regular people and help solve this issue as well. Thanks for considering my comments.

Nick Nankivel

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Dennis Gerjets <perkinsdg01@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 10:27 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] new preference point proposal,gfp

I am in favor of said proposal

respectfully

Dennis R, Gerjets
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Brookings,SD.
57006

Boggs, Erin

From: Kevin Holter <kevinholter62@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 9:12 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points \$\$\$

The people that have the most points should have the first draw on tags. The cubed system is the same as the old system just adding more math. The state is making a lot of money selling preference point! The people paying for point and never getting a tag just bad luck on the draw. If you have the most points you should get the tag over everybody else.

Thanks Kevin Holter

Boggs, Erin

From: Jim Gehner <catgold@spe.midco.net>
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 8:46 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point lottery suggestions

In reference to your suggested "cubed" accumulated points drawing lottery, that seems to be a well thought out solution to a difficult problem. Having limited hunting tags available and such a high turnout in applications will never remove frustration from those of us who wait year after year to be drawn. Cubed would give hunters at least some hope of better success odds. You have done so well at maintaining a great hunting experience wether it be Elk or Deer, we don't need the number of tags increased just to satisfy a few.

Well done, keep it up and Happy Holidays

Jim Gehner

Boggs, Erin

From: Jerry Jordon <jjordon6@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 7:59 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Draw Changes

Jerry L. Jordon (Shirley, Indiana 47384) I think its a good idea and would encourage me to keep applying.

Boggs, Erin

From: Fred Parks <fparks111@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 7:46 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Proposed Points System

The proposal is unnecessarily complicated and unfairly changes rules in the middle of the game. There is nothing wrong with the current system. The proposal shifts the system from one of fair chance to all and tilts the odds heavily in favor of older hunters...a nice perk for US, perhaps (I am 65)...but unfair to new and younger hunters.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Boggs, Erin

From: cantajam@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 7:30 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Second suggestion to pref point system, turn the drawing over to the units in which it's in and have a physical drawing to go with a fund raiser, then there's no question on fairness if everybody's watching James Cantalope great day to raise fund...

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Smartphone

Boggs, Erin

From: Bill <billf74@midco.net>
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 4:52 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubed preference points.

Cubed preference points is too excessive. Try squared at first to get reaction to the increases.
William Fettes
Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Boggs, Erin

From: Rickie Loterbauer <rickie44sd@rap.midco.net>
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 1:46 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Points Cube

It almost seem like a waste of time with this. I feel all it is going to do is make it look like everyone has a lot of points. And the people entitled to the license will receive them.

Rickie Loterbauer
525 Bluebird Dr.
Box Elder, SD 57719
605-923-3514

Boggs, Erin

From: anthony filholm <anthonyfilholm@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 10:02 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubed preference

Thanks for the chance to give input. I have some reservations on implementing this across the board. The idea that it will work for all applications is flawed. The elk applications or for that matter any season that has a higher demand/lower odds will be a mistake. You will basically eliminate the bottom tier of applicants until the current highest crop of preference point holders has been satisfied. Now, that may seem like a win to some but who wants to apply for 10-15 years before you even stand any true chance at getting drawn. The current system already places better odds in your favor if you have applied that long. I equate it to Wyoming version of paid preference points and from what I read, if you did not get in on the ground floor, the point creep will keep you from ever drawing a highly coveted tag. We don't need that.

The basic East and West river deer would be a different story. It could help the unlucky souls who just cant seem to get drawn a better chance. I'm OK with that. Muzzleloader any deer would be a bad idea for the aforementioned reasons. Black Hills any deer, same story. Thanks and keep up the good work.

Boggs, Erin

From: betty symonds <bettysymonds1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 9:16 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] The use of cube preference points

My thoughts on the use of a cube preference points are this system will not meet any of your goals and only complicate the drawing process . The outcome will discourage new and younger hunters from applying and hunters with less points form taking part in the process. I feel the present process used in the drawing or going back to no preference points are fair way of dealing with the problem. Thank you!

Douglas Symonds Spearfish So.Dak.

Boggs, Erin

From: Larry Smith <gofishy_mn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 9:13 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] I am for cubing the preference points



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Boggs, Erin

From: marvin ballantyne <marvtma@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 6:40 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] license ideas

Why not do what some states do and give out licenses to anyone who applies. If we don't get a deer so what. The state still gets their money, and we don't get a deer. The state's economy gets more out of it this way. I would be happy to just get a chance to hunt with family, instead of not even getting a tag for myself and grandchildren, as we apply together and keep getting denied..
Marvin Ballantyne

Boggs, Erin

From: 858 Eagle <858eagle@nvc.net>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 4:40 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Point System

Hi, Leave point system ALONE it has worked just fine in the past. I have waited over 14 years myself to draw a custer state park deer tag. We all need to wait our turn. Don Grey

Boggs, Erin

From: Miller, LouAnn
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 4:08 PM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

From: Adam Glover [<mailto:aglove75@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 4:01 PM
To: SDGFINFO
Subject: Re: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

Great idea for the elk draw.
People with 20 years or more preference should have a much higher chance of drawing.

I guess I don't believe it is as big of a deal with deer.

Adam Glover

On Dec 21, 2017, at 2:49 PM, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks <sdgfpinfo@state.sd.us> wrote:



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE :: Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017
MEDIA CONTACT :: Emily Kiel at Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us

GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

PIERRE, S.D. – Following a presentation by South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP), the GFP Commission is requesting public input on a proposal to cube preference points for all limited draw seasons. This would be for all seasons in which preference points can be purchased and accrued.

This proposed adjustment is intended to provide those hunters with a higher number of preference points a greater chance of drawing a limited license than currently exists. The proposed action would take the number of preference points a hunter has and add one for the current year application. That total will then be cubed and would determine the number of times each applicant's name is entered into the drawing.

For example, an applicant who has three preference points going into the 2018 East River

Boggs, Erin

From: vandersen@sio.midco.net
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 3:13 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

I have hunted deer, antelope and turkeys since 1965, and believe the preference point system used in the past worked well. I did not always get the license I first applied for, but usually got my second choice, and occasionally neither. If I repeated the next year, using the same application, I had two chances to be drawn. If that failed, the next year I had three, etc. The current system allows me to purchase points to increase my chance of being drawn. I really don't care for that program, but some hunters must believe it is acceptable. In any case, it generates more revenue for SDGFP, whether it adds value to the hunting experience.

When I started hunting at age 12, young people could find a place to hunt waterfowl, upland game and big game without paying a fee, as long as they got landowner permission. I remember carefully saving my money to buy the license, duck stamp and some shells to shoot in a shotgun borrowed from a family member or friend. Dad told stories of the past, when wealthy out of state interests bought or leased most of the better sloughs and lakes, barring them from resident use. The Legislature responded to voter pressure, and banned non-resident waterfowl hunting for many years. We have now seen the proliferation of the "hunting preserves" that offer a pay-to-shoot opportunity for those who can afford it. It's no wonder that farmers are lured into programs to lease their land to "hunt clubs" that use it for paid hunts. I can only say that I'm very sad to see the way we are chasing the dollar at the expense of our wildlife.

By allowing preference points to be purchased, then multiplied by a power, be it squared, cubed or any higher number, I'm afraid we're opening up the lottery system for abuse to the point that only the wealthy hunters will be hunting. They could conceivably purchase (pick a number) points for that prized license draw that mathematically nearly insures that they will win. The less financially able hunter might not be able to compete. The whole process proposed has a rather rotten stench! It has the appearance of just another way to increase funding for GFP, not to enhance the outdoor experience for South Dakota hunters.

I suggest you defeat the idea of mathematical enhancement of preference points, and return to one that provides only one point per application per year.

Thanks for your offer to comment on this matter.

Virgil Andersen
2805 W. Delrich Drive
Sioux Falls, SD 57107

telephone 605-334-0374

Boggs, Erin

From: Fonder, Craig
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 3:06 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: "cube" proposal

I do not like the “cube” proposal at all. In fact, I don’t like the idea of preference points, especially those that can be bought. I feel that state drawings for deer tags should be a fair proposition for all applicants. That means that each applicant has his or her name in the drawing ONE time. When one can buy preference points and then have them cubed, how is that different from selling a license to the highest bidder? The right to shoot a state-owned animal, in my opinion, should not be determined by who has the most money.

I would like the GFP commission to consider a far different idea. If preference is such a big issue, I believe preference should be given to those who reside in a particular county. I live in Jerauld County. When applying for deer tags, I think the time has come to take care of the people who live in, pay taxes in, and support a particular county all year. All deer applications from residents who reside in a county should be filled first. Whatever tags are left could then be drawn from the remaining applicants. Many hunters, especially non-landowners, have chosen to live in smaller counties for the outdoor opportunities they offer. It is disheartening for us to see opportunities to utilize the resources in our county given to residents of other counties each year. If you’re wondering, I have hunted deer and antelope in the west river counties on a number of occasions. I would not see it as unfair if the residents of those counties had their applications filled before others or mine were put in a drawing for what tags were left.

Thank you for inviting input from our state’s sportsmen and women.

Sincerely,

Craig Fonder
Wessington Springs, SD 57382

Boggs, Erin

From: Jason Runestad <jrunestad12@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 2:44 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubed preference points

To the GFP Commission,

The proposed cubed preference point system is an interesting thought, and one that I generally support the idea behind. Namely, greatly increasing your chance of drawing a coveted tag as you have unsuccessful years, with your perseverance paying off in much bigger mathematical advantage. Some very nice people and great sportsmen I know just have awful luck in drawings and need all the help they can get. I do, however, have a couple of concerns.

First, while the explanation in the email was clear on how the potential new system would affect 2018 and the carryover of the old system into the new one, it wasn't entirely clear on how it would work over time after new system is in place. Does it just cube the number of draws per preference point, or the number of preference points themselves? For example, if a person has 2 (1+1) preference points for 2018, you would get entered 8 times for the draw. That much is clear. What I'm unsure about is 2019 if I'm unsuccessful in 2018. Do you have 3 preference points (2+1) for a total of 27 draw entries in 2019 and if unsuccessful, 64 entries in 2020, or do I have 9 points (8+1) for a total of 729 entries in 2019 and if unsuccessful, 389,017,000 entries in 2020? In certain, competitive season units it would be possible or even likely for many, many more applicants than there are licenses available for to be in the exact same boat. By 2021 GFP will need to be holding refresher seminars on scientific notation just to inform people how many draw entries they have.

I feel quite confident that this proposal was well thought out enough that it's the former, but I'm sure you can see in my example why a person would want to be certain of the specific wording when it comes to exponential increases.

The second involves land owner/operator preference, which I personally qualify for. I don't live in what is traditionally a particularly competitive unit, so I have never had a problem getting tags provided I don't forget the deadline for application. However, things like that can change over time and there are plenty of qualifying land owner/operators in South Dakota who live in competitive units.

To be honest, since getting my desired tags for my home unit has never been a problem, I've never seen the need to look into the legal mechanics of how landowner preference works, though I do use it. I also don't know what other changes to it might be in this proposal. Would the new system increase the potential for qualifying land owners to be unsuccessful when applying to hunt the unit their own land is in? I think in South Dakota we have enough issues with conflicts of interest between landowners and other sportsmen without adding that sort of fuel to that fire.

The argument can be made that the current special landowner tags are the answer to that concern. Well... sort of. It is true that as a landowner you are guaranteed access to a tag to hunt your own property. The problem is, many of us landowners hunt together with our friends and neighbors on each other's property. Along with being a hunt, it's a social activity.

I have, in the past, been busy with ranch work during deer application time and simply forgotten to apply and gotten a landowner's tag instead. This was entirely my own mistake and that experience has made me very

careful not to repeat it. Quite frankly, the inability to go with my friends to hunt, on their land as well as my own, completely ruined the usual fun for me that year. When my friends decided to go check the likely spots on some of their property, I had the choice to either continue hunting my own land and be excluded from the social aspect or go with them and be excluded from the hunting aspect. All in all, it was not a very good hunt for me that year and I'm not sure I'd bother doing it again if I missed the deadline.

As I said, that was entirely my fault for not getting my application in on time. My reaction was essentially, "Jason, don't do that again, you fool." However, if I did apply before the deadline and didn't get a tag due to a change in how preference works, my reaction would be very different. I'd be pretty angry about being forced out of my normal hunt with friends do to no fault of my own.

If landowners would still be basically guaranteed a normal, unit wide tag when they apply under the new system this shouldn't be a problem. Changing the landowner tags to unit wide instead of only on your own property would also work as far as I'm concerned. On the other hand, if it starts breaking apart groups neighbors who hunt together because one or more of them couldn't draw a tag this year (or many consecutive years) even with landowner preference, it's only going to anger them (justifiably in my opinion) and unnecessarily add a new potential point of contention when trying to balance landowner rights and the concerns of other sportsmen. This is a subject that can already be contentious enough.

Thank you,

Jason Runestad
Highmore, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Mike and Diane Lang <midi89lang@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 2:40 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Yes! Implement the cubing system

Sir/Madam,

Please do pass the cubing system which is being proposed for the elk tags. It would improve the current system and make it quite a bit more fair to the hunters who have the most preference points, which is certainly the right thing to do in my humble opinion.

On this same general topic, I greatly support the change that was made a few years ago in which the hunters with 10 or more preference points for BH elk are put in a drawing by themselves for about half the tags. And the Hills deer tags (any whitetail) are even more fair to the 2-year preference point holders by putting them in the drawing for all the available tags, then people with 1 preference point are in the drawing next for the remaining tags, then the people with zero preference points are last. This is a really good system. Thank you for implementing this some years ago.

Mike W. Lang
11836 Wildhorse Crt
Rapid City, SD 57703

Boggs, Erin

From: Joe Spilde <spilde02@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 2:40 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point

I am in favor of changing to the proposed system.
Thanks,
Joe Spilde
Arlington, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Brock Hoagland <brockh@goldenwest.net>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 1:52 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Limited License Drawings

I am in favor of the proposed change to the lottery drawings whereby an applicant's preference points would be cubed to determine the number of times his or her name is entered. I only have 4 points myself for the licenses I want, but I think it only fair that those with high points, some of whom are no doubt getting on in years, should have an increased chance to be drawn. And in a few more years I'll be one greatly benefited by the proposed change so I would like to see it come to pass.

Brock Hoagland
12562 Beaver Creek Rd.
Custer, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Jim DeToy <jsdetoy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 10:04 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] point system

Leave it the way it is. I always thought paying for points was not right.



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Boggs, Erin

From: Merle Gall <mgall@mettlerinc.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 9:51 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] New proposal on Drawings

I think that it is a very good idea and is long overdue.

Thank You
Merle

Boggs, Erin

From: Scott Jamison <Scott.Jamison@dakotacare.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 10:05 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point change

Hi, I certainly agree with any change to increase drawing odds for elk applicants with more preference points. I happen to be one of the people with 20 preference points, and am applying for my first elk tag in the Hills. Considering my age I probably will never get a second one.

I am relatively healthy and fit so I'm pretty confident I would eventually draw a tag in H2 and be able to hunt. But I also feel the current system can result in hunters never drawing until they are so advanced in age that they can't physically hunt, at least without a vehicle. This is particularly an issue for hunters applying for their first tag.

I haven't done the math but if the cubing concept will help increase the odds, good idea.

Thanks.

Scott Jamison
Wentworth, SD

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Boggs, Erin

From: David Peck <davidcbi@birch.net>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 9:46 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Points

SDGFP,

In relation to the proposed preference point changes, it seems a little extreme. It would make it virtually a “pure” preference point system. Especially as it relates to us NR, there are so few with so few points it seems likely unnecessary. I apply in all the western states and the most extreme point manipulation systems square the points. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Boggs, Erin

From: mavrick hill <mavy_joe26@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 9:40 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System Input

Mavrick Hill
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Dante, SD 57329

It's an interesting idea to cube the preference points, but I don't see that the current way needs to be corrected. I typically wait 3-4 years for an antelope, east river deer, and paddlefish tag and I'm fine with allowing those with more preference points to draw their tag first. I don't see that a first year applicant needs to have a chance at drawing a tag right away or that someone who just had one has a chance to get another in back to back years. That might make someone who has 5 years preference and no luck, even with more chances say forget it! I think you will get less applications in the long run and see your preference points purchased decrease. I believe your elk preference points are grouped up with so many tags available for those with so many preference points (Great Idea)!! What could happen is one year you might have most tags being drawn by preference points of 5 years and less. Now you will have those with 10+ be upset (might stop applying) and you will also have those who have applied for the short time be done applying for all the years to come. Now you just lost out on future conservation income in preference points. I believe I have 8 or so years on my elk preference and if I don't draw one for another 5 years or so that's fine. Those elk tags should be looked at as a life-long achievement. These are my opinions on the proposed change. Thanks!

Boggs, Erin

From: Aspen Arboriculture Solutions <sam@aspenarbo.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 9:34 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System proposed changes

Commission Members - I am writing to express my concerns with the proposed changes to cube the preference point system for the limited entry draw seasons in South Dakota. While I understand that there are people in the draw system with very high point numbers in certain draws that are frustrated when they will draw their tag, I don't feel that cubing points in the way the system is currently set up will change the system for the better, especially long term. My position is that drawing a hunting tag in this state is a privilege, not a right. Additionally, just because I or someone else has been applying for years (maybe even decades) does not guarantee a tag. As it is stated on the GF&P website with the YouTube on the elk tag draw, the system currently set up is a lottery. By not changing the draw groups and just cubing points I fear that we are just pandering to those who have been applying for a long time in an almost conciliatory way. I have the additional following concerns in regards to certain tags and/or groups of tags:

Special species and Custer State Park Tags:

What also concerns me about this proposed change is for those very limited opportunities for bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and the Custer State park tags. If this is implemented, a large number of residents who are later in the game of applying will almost be shut out on a chance to draw any of those tag in their lifetime (especially if they started applying later in life). I feel it would be best for those 'special' tags that the point system be eliminated all together and that it be a equal chance draw every year. Then if someone draws the tag they are ineligible for the rest of their life. Make them a once in a lifetime chance since the tag numbers are so low and demand is so high. Otherwise, I fear, we will just get deeper and deeper into a point creep or point distribution problem.

Elk:

As I have stated earlier, I feel that making this change to cube points will only kick the can down the road in the elk draw situation. Based on my understanding, if implemented, those that have higher point numbers in the elk draw will have a far greater likelihood of drawing those tags. This would in turn make those with less points have a harder time to draw tags and thus have to wait until they get higher point numbers. This would essentially change the wait time for most people in the tag pool a longer draw average. So for example if it took on average 10 years for most people to draw, not it might creep up to 15 years. But then what happens to all those down in the pool once they reach that 15 year mark (in the example)? I would think we would be back to the same problem we are in now. Unless tag applications in the lower point numbers have decreased over the years and created a "baby boom" type of situation, I don't see the cubing of points to actually fix the issue long term. It is my understanding that demand for elk tags is going up, not down. If this is the case, I would prefer again to see the preference points disappear, the wait time extended for re-application, a breakup of the draw pools so those with higher than say 15 points get a chance to draw a higher percentage of the tags first, or any combination of those options. You could even not have any tags available for a chance to draw for the people with 0-5 points. But again, do not punish those who have drawn or have less years in the game because we feel bad for those who have waited longer and not drawn. That is not fair.

Deer:

The Black Hills any deer tag is a mess, but again, cubing points will only kick the can down the road as I already stated with elk. As for the other few limited entry deer unit tags and the muzzleloader tags, since demand is increasing but tag numbers are remaining the same, I would prefer to see no change or a equal draw

for all. I have 5 years preference for west river deer and 5 for muzzleloader. I'm waiting for my chance, but I'm not angry that others have won the lottery with less tickets, its just the way it is.

I feel a more important change to the number of archery hunters and non-resident archery hunters in these limited entry units is a more important issue. I have gone out to archery hunt some of the limited entry units and the number both non-residents and residents out there in these limited areas is crazy. I would prefer the non-resident archery tags be a limited draw statewide, and the archery tags for the limited entry deer units be a draw. That draw (since its new) could be set up as an equal draw (no points accrued) but if you draw there is a waiting period to re-apply (2-5 years or something like that).

I appreciate the opportunity to express my concerns and I hope that I am understanding the situation clearly enough to make some valid points for you to consider. I would gladly be willing to discuss any of my points further over the phone or in person if that is warranted or if you have questions on my stated opinions. I love hunting in South Dakota and I strongly feel the Commission and the GF&P do a wonderful job in managing our wildlife and outdoor activities and opportunities.

Thank you again,

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Boggs, Erin

From: Linda Newman <lindelnewman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 9:32 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

I would want the point system to stay the same as it is. If there has to be a change I would suggest no point system at all (for example like Idaho, and after a license has been received have a waiting period to reapply).

Thank you.

Delwyn Newman
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Boggs, Erin

From: ejquam@nrctv.com
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 9:31 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] cube preference system

My name is Everett Quam , I am 81 years old - I live in Aberdeen SD. I have about 20 preference points for Custer Park Elk. I would like to see the cube system adopted while I can still get around.

Thanks for your consideration.

Everett N Quam

Boggs, Erin

From: Kiel, Emily
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 9:26 AM
To: GFP Wild Info; Robling, Kevin (GFP)
Cc: Simpson, Scott (GFP); Eide, Shon
Subject: Fwd: [EXT] preference point system.

Emily Kiel
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From: Terrywick4 <terrywick4@venturecomm.net>
Date: December 22, 2017 at 8:26:41 AM CST
To: <Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] preference point system.

Why not make the system right??? One has to purchase their preference points and If I have let say 10 preference points (meaning I didn't get drawn for 10 years) why should someone that has 2 preference points be able to get one before me? (this is how your screwed up system is currently 2+ points are clumped in the same drawing) So the schmuck that gets drawn with 2 preference points pay \$40 plus less for his tag than me who doesn't get drawn and has to pay an additional 5 bucks to keep his previous pints and get another one , only for the chance to have the same thing happen next year! This is the Era of computers! If you are gonna change the system make it so the people with the most points get drawn first not just give them a "better chance".

Boggs, Erin

From: Kiel, Emily
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 9:25 AM
To: Robling, Kevin (GFP); GFP Wild Info
Cc: Simpson, Scott (GFP); Eide, Shon
Subject: Fwd: [EXT] New point system

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Subject: [EXT] New point system

I think it would be better than what is currently going on
Doug Nelson
Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Jay Petrik <petjay24@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 9:24 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

I personally hate this proposed system. When I apply for a tag I personally don't purchase preference points because I put that money towards planting food plots, grass, trees etc for wildlife. Because I do this my chances lets say to get a county deer tag are reduced significantly so I am then forced to apply for a land owners tag and hunt just that once specific piece of land. I feel that this proposed system will only benefit those that can afford to throw extra money at you. If things aren't broke why must you change them. Why not just increase the price of a deer tag to a \$100 and see how many apply. People have to understand that right now deer numbers are down and for a few years the amount of tags is going to be limited plan and simple. Maybe a better suggestion would be to dramatically reduce non-resident license. I know in my area I'm tired of seeing people from out of state, out of area down her shooting everything that moves, when a majority of us don't get a tag but are fine with it because we are trying to help the deer population rebound.

Boggs, Erin

From: Evan Leebens <e_leebens@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 9:22 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Proposal to Cube Preference Points

Name: Evan Leebens
Residence: Dell Rapids, SD

I fully support the move to cube preference points for all limited draw seasons. Many other states have proven this method works without providing an unfair advantage to those with a significant number of points.

Boggs, Erin

From: Marjorie Overacker <romo@nvc.net>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 9:17 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] very good idea . do it

Boggs, Erin

From: Rjarbach <rjarbach@venturecomm.net>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 9:16 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference point

I think the preference point is way out of wack. We should go back to the way it was. Of course they wouldn't make as much money.

Boggs, Erin

From: Payter Schwartz PC <paytercpa@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 9:09 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Draw change

Richard Payter I am in favor of the change. Thank you.
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Boggs, Erin

From: Picek Enterprises <picek@midconetwork.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 9:08 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubed Preference Points

I like the idea of Cubed Preference Points.

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Short Pines Hunting, LLC

Boggs, Erin

From: Vic Utech <vicutech@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 8:56 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point system

Hello.

My name is Vic Utech from Pierre SD.

I would prefer a true top down preference point system. This way seems to make the most sense and certainly the most fair option and most simple.

Boggs, Erin

From: kleiny@hur.midco.net
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 8:53 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference points

Why does the GF&P think they have to charge for everything ?? I dont agree with charging for points at all . If the GF&P thinks they own the wildlife why dont they pay for the damage they do when they hit my vehical ?? I have been a SD resident all of my 59 yrs , if u need more money charge the out of state hunters more , maybe some of them wood stay home more and not over fish are waters or dont let them come in till the spawn is over !!! Lee Kleinsasser Miller SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Travis Wieczorek <wieczorek1221@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 8:51 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point purposal.

My name is Travis Wieczorek, regarding to this proposal I think it would be a great thing, as an avid hunter who hunts specifically for the meat. I do believe this would help out all involved thank you.

Boggs, Erin

From: Tom Dice <Tom@dicefinancial.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 8:50 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point comment

I am very much in favor of this change. As I am nearing the time when I may be physically unable to endure the rigors of some of the archery seasons for which I apply having my chances increased gives me a better chance for one more try for an elk.

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Boggs, Erin

From: eugeneigaikowski <eugeneigaikowski@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 8:35 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

In regards to the issue of preference points, what about the guy who moved to sd and tries to hunt he has no preference points how many times is his name in the draw.

To me it it seems unfair to the guy that likes to hunt but doesn't own land or have points built up. Looks like big money is wanting to run the show. It seems fair for the way it is, other than all the non resident tags that you hand out, maybe if you let the residents have the tags first and the non residents apply for left overs, like North Dakota. Now I'm not mad because I didn't draw a tag in the black hills that's fine I'm ok with that but I am mad that I didn't get one and some non resident got one o don't care how Many points he had he took a take away from a resident. I think if you revamp anything we should start there. Take care of your sd tax payers first and non residents second. Take care of the people you always ask land use for and take care of the youth who are up and coming they won't have points don't show them money runs sd hunting.

Sent via my Samsung Galaxy, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Boggs, Erin

From: Jim Gerold <jim@geroldbrothershomes.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 8:35 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubed Preference Points

Commission,

As a nonresident I realize that my opinion does not carry the weight of a resident of your state, but I wanted to warn you about the trap of squaring or cubing preference (bonus) points for big game drawings.

The problem with this system is that it is very unfair to new applicants and young hunters, while minimally increasing the chances of drawing of those with high preference points. See the example below, where hunter #1 has 20 points and hunter #2 has 2 points.

Year 1

Hunter #1 has 20 points or 8,000 chances to draw
Hunter #2 has 2 points or 8 chances to draw
You'll see that Hunter #1 has 7,992 more chances to draw

Year 2

Hunter #1 has 21 points or 9,261 chances to draw
Hunter #2 has 3 points or 27 chances to draw
Hunter #1 has 9,234 more chances to draw

Year 3

Hunter #1 has 22 points or 10,648 chances to draw
Hunter #2 has 4 points or 64 chances to draw
Hunter #1 has 10,584 more chances to draw

As you can see, each year Hunter #2's chances of drawing actually go down even though they are gaining points. Meanwhile, Hunter #1 is still competing equally with all of the other hunters at the same point level, so their chances only go up minimally.

A point system, as proposed, is incredibly discriminatory toward those who, at no fault of their own, were born years after the point system was implemented. Right now we need to be encouraging new hunters and a cubed system does the opposite of that. It will also be very discouraging to new adult hunters. If someone starts hunting when they are 30 in the proposed system, the chances of them ever drawing a tag in their life are incredibly slim.

Please consider the negatives of a system like this from a nonbiased outsider's point of view. I have nothing to gain or lose from this change, but I see it as a major detriment to the future of hunting. My guess is this law is being pushed by some older gentlemen who are in a sour mood because they see a few lucky kids "stealing" their tags.

Please take some time to read through this story.

<http://forums2.bowsite.com/tf/bgforums/thread.cfm?threadid=466365&messages=9&forum=5>

If this rule change takes place, you can pretty much guarantee that stories like this will be a thing of the past, and that would be a sad day.

Thank you for your time, from a concerned nonresident.

Jim Gerold

Gerold Brothers Homes

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Boggs, Erin

From: Jeff Olson <jeffrey.olson5@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 8:33 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Points

This proposal would be fine. A bigger concern for me would be giving a preference point if you live in the county you apply for. I live in Union County and it would be nice if the hunter would get an extra preference point if they apply in the same county they live.

Boggs, Erin

From: Mike Larson <mike.larson@larsondata.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 8:23 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System Comment

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Regarding the modification to the current Preference Point System, SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDING PURCHASED POINTS, I would generally support the change as it would skew the likelihood of drawing a license to those who have been attempting to get one over a longer period of time.

Again, I would vehemently oppose this rule for purchased points as allowing the cubing of purchased points would skew the drawings to those with the disposable income to effectively simply "buy" a license.

Sincerely,
Mike Larson
Mitchell, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Djwingert@aol.com aol.com
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 8:22 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

I highly agree with changing the system. I now have 18 years of preference points for elk in SD and yet every year applicants get licensed and I don't who have less years of preference.
Soon I will be to old to hunt. Maybe I'll look at Colorado, Idaho or New Mexico. Our system is broken.

Boggs, Erin

From: Dane Nielsen <nielsendane@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 8:11 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

I think it is a good idea to change the point system. The plan you have proposed sounds great and I hope it passes.

Keep up the good work,

Dane Nielsen

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Boggs, Erin

From: andy stainbrook <superhunter07@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 7:49 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

Andrew Stainbrook from Parkston sd. I like the preference system the way it is. I think if you cube the points it still doesn't give you any better chance because everyone else's points are also cubed. The only revision I would recommend is making a few more groups within those seasons like muzzle loader where people claim to have 7 years. Break down tag allocation into 5 plus 2-4years and 0-1 years. Same with elk make another 20 plus year tag allocation group. I like our current point system. No cubing necessary.

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: ombramblee@goldenwest.net
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 7:45 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Point System

I believe the point systems is working just fine the way it is. It has worked for years, why change it the way that is proposes seems very confusing and what purpose does it serve.

Thank You
Orie Bramblee
Hayes, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Joe Warner <joe.warner1944@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 7:39 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference points

I am for it

Boggs, Erin

From: Tom.I.Jensen@wellsfargo.com
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 7:38 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: FW: [EXT] PREFERENCE POINTS CUBED PROPOSAL

Please add to my comment below – I would want the current tier system to remain in place. The ONLY change would be to cube the points but they still have their set tier groups and allocations to the groups etc as it is today.

Thanks!

Absolutely agreed to implement cubing of preference points!

Please log this as my feedback as requested by GFP

Thank you for the proposal and agree 100%

Thank you!

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Boggs, Erin

From: Holbrook, Jerry <Jerry.Holbrook@tyson.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 7:37 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

I support the proposed changes to the preference point system.

Thanks you for the opportunity to provide input.

Jerry Holbrook
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Boggs, Erin

From: walleyedr@aol.com
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 7:25 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference points

This is a great proposal. I know several people who have died while having greater than 30 years preference for certain elk tags such as Custer Park. This would probably allow everyone in the state to get an elk tag at least once in their lifetime in the Black Hills or Custer Park. I would also like this to apply to the nonresident waterfowl tags. I think it is important so that a nonresident waterfowler doesn't get a tag year after year while someone else might go several years without a tag. This would cut down on the number of nonresidents trying to lease up land for waterfowling which is happening more and more. I have seen this first hand in Day county. Several private places that used to give us permission now cater to Minnesota and Wisconsin hunters that show up every year. Maybe a better way is to structure the drawing like the Lake Sharpe paddlefish tags. Someone with no preference points doesn't have a chance at a tag because the tags are gone after the first drawing. Those tags are reserved for people with 1 or more preference points in the first drawing.

Mike Richardson
Fort Pierre, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Ron <ronre@goldenwest.net>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 7:08 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Points

I think this is a very good idea and would reward those who have tried faithfully for some of the harder to get tags. You should have a better chance of drawing a license if you have 14 points than some one else has 10 . The only complaint I have with the drawing system is the 160 acre landowner/operator rule. It should be less say 80 or 100 acres. I have 134 acres of land half of which is farmed and half CRP and I don't qualify for landowner preference, but the farmer whom farms land can go buy a buck tag without applying plus a doe tag plus all of his immediate family can also get a license.

On this basis I am lucky to get a license every 3rd year. which doesn't seem right when we are have CRP that is supposedly enhancing wildlife and the payment for this is quite a bit less than if I would choose to farm it.

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Boggs, Erin

From: COURT STEARNS <coulo19@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 7:07 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] cubed preference points

I was a resident of South Dakota from 1999 to 2005, and then moved to New Hampshire. Since the antelope herd got decimated by the weather and the number of tags plummeted, I have not been successful in recent drawings. I enjoy antelope hunting with my old friends in Spearfish. I am all for anything that would increase my chances of being successful for a non-resident antelope tag.

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Boggs, Erin

From: Mark Farrand <markfarrand@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 6:53 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Pref Pt Proposal

I am wholeheartedly in favor of the "cubed" proposal. For my self, I am content (well, ready to accept) getting a BH Deer tag every other year (which has been the norm).....but very senior hunters (my 85 year old father in law, for example) need and deserve increased chances to hunt as they near the end of their time here on Earth.

Thank you!

Boggs, Erin

From: aziegler51 <aziegler51@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 6:48 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Point system

Please keep the point structure the same as South Dakota in my eyes is the last bastion of fairness in the west hunting programs.

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Boggs, Erin

From: Ray Gukeisen <rgukeisen@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 6:44 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] new draw system comments

This sounds like a better system than the current one. 13 points at least and I've never drawn a BH elk license. It will be nice to get a bit of a boost. I am in favor of the proposed change.

Ray Gukeisen
Lead, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: garyschaap@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 6:35 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point proposal

I like it! The longer you have waited for a tag the better your chances are to draw. By cubing the numbers you get exponentially more chances to draw the longer you have waited.

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Michael and Carlotta <magoob@alliancecom.net>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 6:34 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

Hi

As a seasoned sportsman and life long South Dakota resident I feel you should leave the point system alone. It works don't fix it.

Thank you!

Michael VandeMore

Boggs, Erin

From: Roger Rinker <rarinker1@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 6:30 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] proposed cubed preference point system

I support the proposal

thanks Roger Rinker

Boggs, Erin

From: Jake Ankele <jake@ironhorsesd.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 6:30 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Points

I think the proposal is a good idea.

Jake Ankele



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Boggs, Erin

From: John McGrath <JMCGRATH@firstpremier.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 6:23 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Points

I'm writing to express my support for the proposal increasing the odds of someone with a higher number of preference points a greater chance of drawing a limited license. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

John McGrath
501 Westview Dr
Brandon, SD 57005

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From: Terry <terrywick4@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 8:28 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT]

Why not make the system right??? One has to purchase their preference points and If I have let say 10 preference points (meaning I didn't get drawn for 10 years) why should someone that has 2 preference points be able to get one before me? (this is how your screwed up system is currently 2+ points are clumped in the same drawing) So the schmuck that gets drawn with 2 preference points pay \$40 plus less for his tag than me who doesn't get drawn and has to pay an additional 5 bucks to keep his previous points and get another one , only for the chance to have the same thing happen next year! This is the Era of computers! If you are gonna change the system make it so the people with the most points get drawn first not just give them a "better chance".

Boggs, Erin

From: Dave Schlueter <dave@sfcrane.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 8:26 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT]

I'm all for increasing odds for those with the most points. I'm in the 20 point range already. Still not sure I'll ever get a tag.

Boggs, Erin

From: mike@bluerevelation.com
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 8:20 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT]

Hello, in regards to the change in preference points I honestly have not ever investigated how it is set up. I am curious however why t is not set up on the top-down system. Wouldn't that be the hole point of waiting so many years and building up points? I.E. first come first served. Just curious Happy Holidays Mike

Boggs, Erin

From: jason west <jjw_jjw@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 5:50 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cube the preference points

It's a great idea, I'm in favor of changing the preference point system. Thanks Jason West

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Kent and Angie <odinjames@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 12:18 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference points

While it is unfortunate that there are applicants with 20 plus preference points, that is the luck of the draw. The current point system is, in my opinion, good, with the exception of the preference point buy back program. The cubing of preference points would really skew the true intent of the point system. It is totally unrealistic to have applicants with 9,000 plus points and say that everyone has a chance to get a license. With a cubing system in place the beginning hunter should expect to have to apply for at least 10 years before even coming close to statistically getting a license. The hunters that are complaining about having over 20 preference points without getting a license have been unlucky with the draw. But if you are going to cube the points, you might as well implement a mandatory license issue for applicants with 20 plus preference point. Hunting is a privilege and, with good game management, will be a part of South Dakotans' lives forever. But changing to a cubing of preference points, you will do one thing: provide a top down issuance of licenses based on points. For example: Hunter A has 20 preference points, cubed is 8,000 points. compared to Hunter B with 5 preference points, cubed is 125 points. Between these two hunters, Hunter A has a 98.5% chance of drawing a license, while Hunter B has a 1.5% chance. With the current system in place the same two hunters and points, Hunter A currently has an 80% chance of getting drawn while Hunter B has a 20% chance. Hunter A has been applying 4 times as long as Hunter B and is 4 times as likely to be drawn. Cubing the system would make Hunter A 64 times as likely to draw than Hunter B would have. Take Hunter C in the mix, who applied once 20 years ago. Hunter C purchases his preference points for the years he didn't apply for and Hunter A has unfair competition in the draw, as Hunter C is rewarded because he bought himself back to the front of the line. Meanwhile, Hunter B is now thrown into a mix of 16,125 names between the three of these hunters. Hunter A now has a 49.6% chance at a draw, Hunter C also has a 49.6% chance at a draw, and Hunter B has seen his chance of drawing drop to a whopping 0.8%. In the current system Hunter B is still suffering because of the preference point purchase program which allows Hunter C to rival Hunter A who had faithfully applied every year. Under the current system, there are 45 names in the pot between the 3 hunters. Hunters A and C have a 44.4% chance of a draw and Hunter B has an 11.2% chance of receiving a license. Between the preference point "buy" program, Hunter C has bought his way to the top and the cubing system grossly provides him with the increased chance of being drawn. If you want to do something to reward the hunters who have faithfully applied year after year, repeal and refund the purchase of preference points. Without it, there are 26 names in the pot. Faithful Hunter A has a 77% chance, Dedicated Hunter B has a 19.2% chance, and the Absentee Hunter C has a 3.8%. That was a fair system. The "Preference Point Buyback" was unfair enough. Cubing the points..... come on, not even close to being reasonable.

My name is William Kent Petersen and my phone number is (605) 381 - 9598. I have lived in South Dakota for 16 years and I have 1 preference point as last year was the first time I applied. Had I applied 16 years ago and never again and purchased my in between preference points, cubing my points would give me 4,096 points. How would that be even logically fair to anyone?

Thank you for your time. Please rethink the buyback system. And for God's sake, Don't implement a cubing system. Who would want to apply for 10 plus years before they have statistically possible way to draw a tag?

Sincerely,

Kent Petersen

Boggs, Erin

From: Buffalo <buffalo@venturecomm.net>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 12:04 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Buying your way to a license

First, Pardon me for not being current on all the nuances of big ticket game lotteries of our state GFP. I lost interest years ago when all this began emerging.

Feels like you're excessively tilting the tables to those wealthy enough to simply buy more chances. I CAN afford to buy more raffle tickets but sense a vibe of enhanced entitlement exclusively benefiting those that can afford to up the ante. As I said above, I'm not up to speed on what % of available tags this proposal applies to but it must be kept a low percentage if adopted.

True, my single lottery ticket number is as likely to get picked as your single number but your voluntarily contributed dollars buys you exponentially more numbers, further diminishing my chances in an already stiffly competitive game. Not a very level playing field, from the view of the economic status some 90% of South Dakotans belong to.

On the other hand, being a Wildlife Biologist and Resources Manager for nearly 35 years, I deeply empathize in generating income for inflationary mgmt needs. Bottomline is most people are ok with letting limited numbers of high rollers grapple for tags via their wallets as long as everyone else retains a more than equitable stake at being drawn. Don't whitewash the burgeoning income divides in SD. The smaller group can fill our budgets and the other can overwhelm our ballot boxes.

As resource managers we need to tap our wealthier economic sources creatively/strategically and our families with limited recreational funds respectfully and equitably.

I don't suppose setting aside some minority % of permits exclusively for the "high rollers" to buy accelerated chances on would be of interest to the commission. Hell, do it right and make it unlimited buy-ins for that category! The trick is to keep that category purposely small. The bulk of licenses would still be available at a standard cost rate, one entry lottery (with some typical across-the-board odds enhancement to compensate for multiple years of entry without drawing a tag). My experience spanning 25+ years selling big game hunting permits across South Dakota has raised as much or more income year after year by selling a very limited proportion of all tags via "high-roller moxie" than made from all the remaining lower priced tags combined.

Anyway, that's my two cents. (BTW, how many bonus points does 2 cents earn these days? Please credit that to my account.)

Boggs, Erin

From: Dakota Country Kennels <DCKennels@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 11:02 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System

I wish we could go back to the old drawing system, if your name was drawn you got a tag, period. If you did not get drawn the next time you apply you would have your name entered twice, you may or may not get drawn, oh well. If not drawn you get entered 3 times the following year and so on. The tags should not be sold to the highest bidder or someone willing to pay for more points, that is total BS.

The idea of letting people purchase preference points to better their odds or guarantee they get a tag is a racket made to soak every dollar the state can from the sportsman, has nothing to do with being fair. I won't pay for a preference point and never have, never will. Guess what, this used to work just fine, sometimes I got a license and sometimes I did not but I didn't feel like I was being blackmailed into purchasing points. Seems mother nature manages the deer herds anyway, not the GFP draw system. All these fancy methods used to manage a deer heard and mother nature can eliminate a herd better than any army of hunters could ever dream to. There are so many land owners that do not allow hunting that deer seem to always have a safe haven somewhere if the pressure is too high on public grounds so chances of too many tags issued result in hunters success rates dropping, and so will the amount of people applying for tags in that unit the next year. Can we take a lesson from a neighboring state on how to issue a deer license? Why can someone from NE log into a computer and print out a deer tag and go hunting? Wow, what a concept, no drawing, no points no meetings on best way to issue a tag.

Sorry for venting and just my thoughts but there has to be a better way, simple way,,, My vote would be to get rid of what you now call Preference points. If I did not draw a tag it was up to chance, not how thick my wallet is.

Brett Nearman
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Boggs, Erin

From: Derek Landeen <derek.landeen@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 10:54 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point review

I believe the new/reviewed preference point plan is a must. I for one was successful on my second year of applying for my black hills elk tag. My dad on the other hand has roughly 15yrs of applying for this tag and still has yet to be successful on his draw. When I was fortunate enough to draw my elk tag at the age of 13 and harvest an elk we brought the elk to the game check at top pin archery in Custer. There was an elderly gentleman who was standing there watching everyone bring their elk in. I'm assuming he was in his late 60's early 70's who had been applying for 20+yrs for in the park and out and still was not successful on his draws. This man congratulated my dad and I on our success but instantly was outraged by the flawed system and let the GFP officer on site know how he felt about the situation. I think the person with the most preference points should have the best chance at whatever tag he or she is applying for. Most people in this state apply for years for that once in a life time hunt such as the black hills elk hunt and I don't believe it is fair for someone like myself to draw an elk tag at 13yrs old with only 1 yr of preference points. There are plenty of older people in this state with preference points with a limited amount of time to hunt before their health no longer allows them to. They deserve the better chance at these hunts because not only have they waited but they have also paid for all of those preference points. It's time for all hunters to take a step back and take a look at the big picture and fix this issue.

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Derek Landeen

Boggs, Erin

From: c.hokanson@hotmail.com
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 10:52 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Deer licence preference point

I think the point system should be gone along with the landowner classification so that more ppl could have the chance to get a licence and and be able to hunt why do we need a lottery draw to get a licence why can't we be like mn and just go to a gas station and be able to get a license for a deer and then have a draw to be able to get one for the other sex

Boggs, Erin

From: Dave <dolphins_03@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 10:39 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Lottery Draw Comment

I think the points cubed is a good call. Seems to work in other states. I hope you drop the layered preference draw and reduce it to (landowner>all first choice cubed>2nd choice) for deer.

I know you generate lots of money having preference points for east river deer, west river deer, and hills deer, but it might be time to have a First draw Deer tag, and then apply preference points for a second deer draw for those who want to hunt multiple rifle deer seasons and are unsuccessful. This will reduce the number of people on the unsuccessful list west river, Hills Deer, and Slim Buttes Deer. I would guess most hunters would pay double for a preference point if their odds would go up on their primary unit.

Thanks
Dave Hodgson

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Denny <dbohls2035@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 10:28 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

I'm glad your taking a look on this matter.

It has been unfair that a person has 12 preference points can't draw a tag but someone with one or two gets a tag. It's time for a change.

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Arnie Veen <arnieveen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 10:25 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubeing

Hi, In looking at your cubed license applications why start another system when you have a current system in place. I am in reference of your system of the new deer license application example; Take the number of licenses provided and start with the applicants that have the most points, give them the first chance at tags available.

If there are tags left give them to the next highest preference point holders and so on down the line.

Chances are the highest preference holders are the oldest hunters who would have a limited time left in their life. Lets give them a chance to get their once in a life time license before their time on Earth runs out. Lets give back to these older hunter for supporting our hunting experience all their life. The younger hunters have more time to wait for these opportunities.

And yes I am one of those older hunters but I will not fit in the category of having the highest number of preference points for a few years if I buy the grace of God live long enough. I will now get off my soap box and Thank the GFP dept for the opportunities I've had.

Arnold Veen
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Boggs, Erin

From: Tutsch, Lonnie.L <Lonnie.L.Tutsch@mwarep.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 10:21 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubed preference points

Lonnie Lee Tutsch
New Underwood, SD

I am 100% in favor of the "cubing" proposal especially in regards to elk, bighorn sheep, etc..... I'm getting close to 60 yrs old and having this proposal would increase my chances (but not guarantee) a successful drawing for me before I get to old to hunt.

Thank you,

Lonnie Tutsch

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Boggs, Erin

From: Reindl, Levi
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 10:20 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Cubed drawing questions

Hello,

My name is Levi Reindl, having been an ethical and law abiding citizen, outdoor enthusiast and current holder of 19 preference point holder of a coveted Black Hills Elk tag I have a few questions.

1. Will everyone's preference points be cubed and if so, wouldn't that still mean that the chances of someone with 19 years cubed and let's say 6 years cubed still have the same ratio of chances to draw? 9261 chances equal 21 chances then 216 chances equals out to 6 chances, if you get my drift I guess. Wouldn't it be the same ratio of opportunities?
2. Is the cubed opportunity going to be a one time occurrence?
3. If a hunter is unlucky with the cube draw does the hunter lose any preference points or accumulate preference points applicable to next years opportunity?

Thoughts/ suggestions

1. Use any unused landowner tags and apply then to the 10plus year draw.
2. Add a 20 plus year draw opportunity.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feed. I will be anxiously awaiting a response.

Sincerely,

Levi Reindl

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Sean Burns <spburns2012@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 10:05 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cube proposal for preference points

I believe this is a great idea. I have completely given up on certain drawings because of the current system. This proposal would make a difference in my decision on continuing to draw for tougher licenses such as black hills any deer. I am absolutely for this proposed change.

Thanks

Sean P. Burns
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Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Dana Rogers <dana.rogers.1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 9:53 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point Feedback

GFP,
I am e-mailing in support of the new PP system that is being proposed to 'cube' each applicants PPs. Squared would probably work but cubed certainly weights it heavier to those with the most points. I applaud your willingness to listen to all public comment and make changes and adjustments to improve seasons and drawing odds.

Thank You!

Dana R. Rogers
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(605) 415-8443

Boggs, Erin

From: terryaugspurger@hotmail.com
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 9:51 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference pointdiscussion

Commission members. Thank you for allowing public input on this issue. I feel the present system works well and is not broken. Therefore, I would not change it.

Thank you,
Terry Augspurger
303 W 9th St
Miller, SD 57362

Boggs, Erin

From: Larry Kalina <lgkaykalina@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 9:44 PM
To: SDGFPINFO
Subject: [EXT] Points.....

Selling "Points" can be "unfair & unequitable". Great, I suppose, for those who have (extra)money, but sucks for those who do not.... Often it's the poor & underprivileged that need game/licenses the most. Colorado has a Point System. However, those with the most Points get drawn first, next number of points drawn next, until all pt holders are drawn... Then, random drawing to those without Points by lotto drawing...(for all game licenses). Most "fair & equitable" Lotto System I know. Wake up SDGFPs!!!! You wanted "comments"!!!!

Boggs, Erin

From: Don Hemminger <donh@venturecomm.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 9:29 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] That would be great it's sad when residents can't draw a home state tag I think they should have preferences like other states

Sent from my iPad

Boggs, Erin

From: Mark Ideker <mideker10@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 9:07 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

Hi my name is Mark Ideker from Humboldt, SD. I would still like to see a top down preference point system but I do really like the idea you have going. Thank you for working towards helping those with the most points. I would definitely like to see this idea implemented. Thanks again.

Boggs, Erin

From: Steve Marcus <marcus-sj@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 9:04 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] New cubed draw system

Being a S.D. resident with over 20 years of preference points. I think it is a great idea. I am afraid by the time I draw a license I will be physically unable to hunt.

Steve Marcus

Huron, S.D.

Sent from my iPad

Boggs, Erin

From: toddcloos@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 9:03 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

Sent from my iPhone I say go with the cubed system

Boggs, Erin

From: Reggie Hubbartt <reggie.hubbartt@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 9:03 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point system adjustment

Without an explanation of the math/software programming that the draw system uses my thinking is that the draw odds are the same since everyone is cubed adjusted (exponentially) as long as a person applies. I've never, ever seen proof that the software programming in a draw system actually looks beyond a count of "one". So I'm not in favor of this weighted change without proof that this software/program change will actually work.

Reggie Hubbartt
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Boggs, Erin

From: Dennis Nielsen <drnielsen@hcinet.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 8:53 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Points

Cubing the preference points doesn't really change anything. Certainly you'd have your name in there a lot more times but the odds don't change if I read this correctly. I'd rather see an added bonus for senior hunters. I think I have 13 points for black hills elk and haven't drawn. My current age is 70. I'm thinking I'll never live long enough to draw the license of my dreams and if I do draw – will I be physically fit enough to hunt the animal. I don't want to shoot it out of a pickup window.

Along those same lines, the walk in areas are a joke to me. I can't go into an area to hunt deer and expect to get it out. I mean, there are areas that you can walk in five miles and kill a deer but at my age, how do I get it out. I recently was three miles in and passed on a deer because there was no way I could get it out, however, a hunter on the adjoining private land shot the deer, drove up to fence, drug the deer less than a hundred yards and away they went. I don't know what they paid to hunt the private ground but the system doesn't seem fair. And, while talking walk in areas – there needs to be discretion in what land is leased. About 15 miles from me there is a half section of land under lease that has zero cover. Last year it was corn and entirely cut for silage. This year it was soybeans and again no cover during hunting season. This rotation on this piece of land has been going on for several years. Land leased for hunting needs to be evaluated to make sure it is capable of providing a hunting experience.

Now for my final concern. I think that the council to improve pheasant hunting is slanted more towards the pay hunter than for the average South Dakota hunter. It's almost impossible to find a place to hunt pheasants anymore because pay hunters have tied up the land everywhere. Public land and walk in areas are over hunted and of late, public land in our area has quit providing food plots. For the average low income hunter in the state – there is not much opportunity left!

I now quit complaining – the GFP does a pretty good job at what they do but it could be better!

Boggs, Erin

From: Greg Nelson <gnels1962@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 8:52 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference points

After reading the explanation on the proposed change, I fully support the change. I have been blessed to draw 2 Black Hills Elk tags and currently have 27 years preference for custer park elk. The change probably would have meant I would have only drew 1 Black Hills tag instead of 2, but I believe the people with the most time invested should receive the most draw success.

Thanks Greg Nelson

Boggs, Erin

From: Tim Mitchell <2left2016@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 8:51 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] response to cubing of preference point system

This proposal does not make sense. Advantage is still with the hunter with highest preference points now? what good is cubing? I have to say nay.

Howard T. Mitchell



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Boggs, Erin

From: Dustin Olson <dustinolson23@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 8:47 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubed preference points

Hello, I think this idea of cubing preference points is an excellent idea.
Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Jerry Opbroek <opbroekja@santel.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 8:39 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Comments on proposal

I just today read the proposal to change the lottery system for applications. Unfortunately, I am too late to submit my comments for the meeting. However, I think the following information is worth mentioning: In 2017, 447 people with from 25 to 25 years preference applied for a Custer State Park elk tag. Two of them were successful.

Of those 447 people who have been applying over the 25-25 year period, they have 9890 years of applications. I realize that the person who received a license with 12 years preference was very happy, but think it is time to pay attention to those people who have paid the price for, in many cases, the better part of their life.

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Boggs, Erin

From: rucktaeschel@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 8:32 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

I really like the idea of the new preposed email by getting better chances for the more years you have in the better of he chance is. Thank you Ryan Rucktaeschel

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Wade's <summit6wade@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 8:20 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point

I like the idea of the proposed point structure, but put a divide line for people with 10 or 15 years preference get this and everyone does not. If you do it for everyone than the odds don't go up that much... just that everyone has more chances. I have 20 years preference for Black Hills Elk and the way the lottery system is now, the most license's go to 10-15 years preference. Only 1-2 people get licenses after 15 years? Maybe there needs to be a line drawn for people with the most preference points automatically get their license.

Sent from my iPad

Boggs, Erin

From: duane paulson <a521inch@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 7:53 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

I feel that your current preference point system is a joke!! Now you want to make it so that we can't get a license without buying points. I was turned down in 2017 west river 53A drawing this year. One of very few years I couldn't hunt here. I have been hunting my home area since I was old enough to get a license. The people from there home units should have first choice, not some of the people that come out here and trespass and shoot for the roads and all the other violation that happen. You are turning into a greedy government entity.. Rethink how the system is set up

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Boggs, Erin

From: David DelSoldato <David.DelSoldato@tessiersinc.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 7:50 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Input on preference point

If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Seems like this gets done everytime something works just fine.

Boggs, Erin

From: matt schlaht <chief03_10@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 7:46 PM
To: SDGFPINFO
Subject: Re: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

I am a fan of the proposed new system
I like the idea

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Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 2:49:45 PM
To: chief03_10@msn.com
Subject: GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System



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From: Bob Schmitt <l.bschmitt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 7:44 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference points

Nothing really changed. everyone will get more points. Do the math. I live in the southern hills in a good elk population. I don't see a lot of local license plates. I see a lot of east river plates. those are the people that stop me and ask "where are the elk". These are the same people that never get out of their vehicles.

Boggs, Erin

From: Gubrud, Wade <wade.gubrud@pioneer.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 7:43 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] New Preference Point System

I would be in favor of the proposed changes to increase the odds for those with more years of preference. I currently have 8 years of preference for an Any Deer Muzzleloader tag. I know of many applicants getting drawn after 3-4 years of preference or less.

I am also frustrated with the abuse of landowner tags in this state. I continue to sit out multiple years waiting for a tag while “so called” landowners get drawn every year. I have also never understood why Special Buck tag recipients can’t hunt public land?? If someone has an answer to this I would like to know why.

I am a Minnesota native who moved to South Dakota when I was 18 to attend SDSU and have been a South Dakota resident ever since. I wanted to live in this state for its many hunting opportunities. I have resorted to hunting deer in MN and antelope in Wyoming due to the difficulty of consistently drawing an Any Deer/Any Antelope tag.

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Boggs, Erin

From: Yahoo <jgruber148@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 7:41 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] cubed drawing.

received email concerning drawing success and increased odd.. forget it..... why always complicate the issue

if you want to improve an opportunity do it one simple way... get rid of the land owner tags... will someone please explain to me why any land owner and every member of his or her family qualify for up to one half of all licenses... i can understand one per family, but every member is hard to swallow.. make them earn that tag by proving they provide for wildlife either by food plots, crp cover or other projects benefiting wildlife.. not farming line to line.... as a land owner myself i find the whole thing over the top... jim gruber. 148 sunset park dr. estelline s.d. 57234 jgruber148@yahoo.com
320 249 8466

Boggs, Erin

From: Anthony Piontek <tonypiontek@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 7:40 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

I am writing to state my opinion as a non-resident hunter on the proposed change to the preference point system. As I choose to spend my hunting and travel dollars in your state as opposed to other states, I feel strongly that my opinion should be valued.

I currently acquire preference points for two drawings in your state, waterfowl and bison. I plan my trips for waterfowl based on prospective reproduction numbers, nesting projections, weather, etc. I either put in for a tag or request a preference point based on the likelihood of a quality hunt. Knowing I will receive a tag based on having the points I accumulate, eliminating the possibility of not receiving a tag, insures that I can accurately plan ahead for the future hunt.

The bison tag is no different, except it is even more pertinent. Currently I hold the most preference points of any nonresident for this draw, insuring me of a tag, and probably the exact date of my future hunt, which is coming up either next year or the following year. If you choose to change the current draw system to the proposed, I would not be guaranteed these things, which is why I have planned the way I have. The bison hunt is a high priced hunt, with a very limited number of hunters and tags allowed. Taking away the planning for this hunt would dramatically reduce my chances of getting a hunt at all, and would all but eliminate my odds of having my choice of dates, as the current system allows. I have basically paid money for no reason.

Changing high preference point needed hunts does two things; it lessens my chances of a draw due to the lower point draws even being able to be allowed a chance of my tag, and it eliminates a planned hunt and choice of dates. The sole reason I continue to purchase points is to plan my hunts to maximize my time in the field and to harvest the most game possible. As I purchase and hunt for multiple species (spring light goose, early canada goose, doves, pheasants, waterfowl, archery deer, and bison) in your state because of the quality of the hunts and amount of available dates, a change in the system would likely prohibit my overall ability to hunt the amount of days I currently do, which would also reduce my overall experience and spending my dollars in your state.

Squaring my point value while allowing those with less points to do the same while at first glance increases my odds would likely decrease my ability to actually get a license because the lower point values are allowed a chance to get my license. I strongly disagree with this proposed change in procedure.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Regards,

Anthony Piontek

Boggs, Erin

From: Lucile L. Atwood <latwood7235@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 7:38 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Proposed change in preference points

This sounds like a good change. Thank you.
Lucy Atwood

Boggs, Erin

From: John <wirtzjw@swiftel.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 7:35 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Points

I have over 20 points for Custer elk and I am 73 years old, I need to draw soon while I can still hunt. Do what you can to help me.

Boggs, Erin

From: tcfystro@spe.midco.net
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 7:35 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

I suggest to leave the preference points as is ! Thank you !

Boggs, Erin

From: Martin Hunt <hunt4martin@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 7:28 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System

I grew-up in western SD, graduated from SD School of Mines then was gone for 38 yrs before retiring and moving back to the Hill City area. During the years I was away with a career I never missed a chance to return to the Black Hills for visits and never lost my passion to live in the area.

I would like to say in the 38 yrs it is amazing the difference in the quantity and quality of the wildlife. The SD GF&Parks has done an outstanding job over the years. I can remember hunting the Black Hills in the 70's and to see a 4X4 Buck was a rarity. Even more rare was to see a mule deer in the hills and there were really no Elk. Now retired I hike the Hills daily and it is nothing to see 4 or 5 outstanding whitetails, & muleys. Also having lived in MT, ID, & WY some of the trophy Bull elk in the Hills would rival anything in the other Rocky Mt states.

So again I have nothing but the utmost respect for what the SDG&F have done for the state of South Dakota's wildlife.

I am sure the Preference Point System was a major improvement in the management of wildlife compared to the over-the-counter purchase of tags. The proposal of cubing the number of preference points does sound like a fair system as your chances of drawing grows almost exponentially with each added point rather than just gaining one more chance each year.

A few other suggestions.

Have you thought about some type of age factor in the point system? Especially for elk. Possibly a point bonus system upon reaching age 60. Using myself as an example (and I realize I was gone from the state a number of years) being from SD and coming back, by the time I have enough preference points to draw a bull elk tag I would be too old to hunt elk. (Probably not a lot of people in their 80's hunting elk).

It is my understanding half of the elk tags are for landowners. I am not trying to downplay what landowners do for wildlife and with the price of BH land it is a major investment but could it go to an ever other year system. I am just not sure how fair it is that someone with the financial means can buy enough land to qualify for an elk tag and does not have to hunt on their own land.

Just some thoughts. Thanks again for the great job you are doing!!!!!!

Martin D. Hunt
23786 Hidden Mine Ln PO 304
Hill City, SD 57745

Phone 208-867-2588

Martin

Boggs, Erin

From: Todd Baldwin <rifleman44@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 7:26 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point system

I think South Dakota has one of the best preference point system available. It is fair and allows for opportunities and every level of applying. Everybody has the horror story of someone applying for a coveted tag for an extraordinary number of years. But I have watched the points of my groups and myself for years and can almost predict all of draws. Thank you for being conscious and respectful to the sportsman but our system work, please leave it alone.

Todd Baldwin

Boggs, Erin

From: Thomas E. Brady <TBrady@lynnjackson.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 7:15 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cube of Points

If there is a change, it must be prospective and in regard to points acquired after the rule change. To change the value of a point retroactively is unfair to those who, for whatever reason, chose not to acquire or pay for points. It would be equally unfair to take points away from someone who chose to acquire points. You should not change the rules after the “game” started.

Thomas E. Brady

Boggs, Erin

From: Jeff <jg_68@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 7:00 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference point system

I think the point system should be left the way it is.
Thank You

Boggs, Erin

From: Ronald Tobin <ronniedtobin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 9:04 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT]

The current system is very unfair any thing to improve the drawing would be expectable. Also paying \$5.00 for a point is not popular with the public it's just another way of getting more money out of hunters. BAD

Ronald D Tobin
314 North exene
Gettysburg, South Dakota 57442
phone number 605-769-1001

Boggs, Erin

From: Gmail <gbythecreek@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 6:59 PM
To: GFP Wild Info

Stop charging so much to get to have a license by now charging for points. It's all about money anymore and I just need the meat. Sell licenses they cost enough and not all of us can afford the extra cost. I can't even buy a license from you anymore. You won't sell me one. 605-645-6275 Virginia Doyen
1521 N 3rd
Spearfish SD 57783
Sent from my iPad

Boggs, Erin

From: jdbuck <jdbuck@mitchelltelecom.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 6:56 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points.

I prefer a a top down preference system. The top should get their tags first.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy Table to

Boggs, Erin

From: vyn.midco.net, bcwinter
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 6:53 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference points

Staff: I prefer the present point system. Doing a math Cube system could lead to other issues. Bob Winter, 111 Pike, Yankton, SD 57078

Boggs, Erin

From: Gmail <gbythecreek@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 6:52 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Why pay?

Why do only people with extra money get to hunt by buying more points. That is not what hunting for game to eat is supposed to be. Just sell your licenses and stop harassing everyone for money money money

Sent from my iPad

Boggs, Erin

From: Calvin Houghton <calvin_houghton@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 6:49 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

Sent from my iPhone. I have hunted Black Hills deer 5 times now, drawing usually with two pts. I like the proposed plan because it gives everyone entered a chance to draw but those with points a greater opportunity. Nevada does something similar where they square a persons pts. giving them a better chance but still giving someone with none or few pts. Still a chance. 🐾

Boggs, Erin

From: dan doyle <icefisherdan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 6:48 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point proposal

Hi my name is Dan Doyle, I live in Colman SD. 6059410533

Just wanted to say that I think it's a great proposal on changing the preference system. Nothing has to be permanent, give it a try for a couple years and if it doesn't work, amend it. It's great that the gfp looks for input on these issues. Thanks and keep up the good work

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: BUD SWENSON <swensonconcrete@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 6:39 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point system

It sounds good, but.....Do you realize by "Cubing" everyones point the odds of drawing are EXACTLY the same? You mention the Black Hills Elk season in your example. I will use the Custer Elk season for mine. I have been applying for this season since 1983 and never drawn. I know people who have been applying longer than that. I also know people who have drawn their first year. How about on all the seasons you simply give the licenses to the people with the most years preference. Simple as that. If more people have the same number of points than tags you continue to give tags to the highest preference points regardless Yes, it will be, in the CSPE season, a 20 plus year wait to draw but so be it. I've already been waiting for over 30 years now. What's the difference? The entire system is screwed up.

Just on another note, holding 50% of deer tags for landowners is stupid too. Landowners always have the option to get landowner tags. The only difference is they are restricted to hunting their own land. This whole part of the system is set up for doctors and lawyers who own a couple of quarters of land to get preferential treatment. Everyone can see that. I would really like to hear a response to this email

Another good idea would be to limit the archery deer season licenses AND shorten the season!

Boggs, Erin

From: Stan Boltz <sboltz@pie.midco.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 6:32 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

That is a terrible idea. It was bad enough that you started selling preference points rather than having them awarded based on how many times you had applied previously. Now the guys with the most money stand the best chance of getting a license. It worked great before. Don't screw it up further.

I don't buy preference points. I donate to the food program. I only have so much to spend and felt that was a better cause than enriching the GFP.

Stan Boltz

Boggs, Erin

From: Sara Heil <hersmr@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 6:32 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubing preference points

It would be an excellent idea to cube preference points. The wait time after getting an elk tag, plus knowing that it will most likely be 15 plus years before another chance to draw a tag is disheartening. South Dakota residents have to go out of state to have an opportunity to hunt elk if they don't want to wait 20 plus years to get another tag. It is true there are leftover tags available, but that is no better-so many people try for those tags as well.

Cube the preference points.

Sara Heil
Hill City, SD

Sent from Windows Mail

Boggs, Erin

From: marvinjlarson <marvinjlarson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 6:31 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Drawing

I think this is a great proposal. Way to go!!

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Boggs, Erin

From: craig <craigs73@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 6:25 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

I would like to be given a greater number of chances to draw a license ie. "cubed". Thank you, Craig Slowey
Lead, SD

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Ralph Stieben <offduty554@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 6:13 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

Greetings,

I guess I must be getting old, I do not understand this preference point system. I do not understand this cubing thing.. It appears that the more preference points you buy, the greater chance of getting a license? Money gives you better chance? The last two times I applied for deer licenses, I didn't not receive one, discourage, I have not applied since.. Is this because I did not spend enough money to get one?

I guess I need to read up on this preference point procedure? Please advise.....

My daughter, her husband and I used to hunt together but these last few years the licenses are hard to get and the we don't all get licenses.... I guess we need to buy our way into this system?

Ralph Stieben (offduty554@gmail.com)
47625 250th Street
Garretson, SD
605-529-5450

Sent from my iPad


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From: Tom Kunz <tomkunz3@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 6:23 PM
To: SDGFPINFO
Subject: Re: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

I believe that a person that's acures points should be given preference based on that. I some one has more points than anyone else they should be guaranteed a tag and not be put into a pool where there is a chance that they might not get drawn regardless of odds!

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Terry Lynde <tlynde82@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 6:19 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Re: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

I think the proposal for limited draw licence with the cubed preference point system is a great idea for the elk licenses, and the Black hills deer licenses but not sure about the rest...

Terry Lynde
Mitchell, SD

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From: Lorenz, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 6:14 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: cubing preference points

My husband has tried to get an elk license for years...he now has 12 preference points. He is 62 and will not be able to physically hunt an elk that many more years, so yes we feel cubing the points would be an advantage for those who have built up more points. My son, agrees even though he would be at a disadvantage. He feels that people who have waited many years should have an extra advantage. Great idea!

Nancy Lorenz

Boggs, Erin

From: James Havelaar <havelaar74@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 6:06 PM
To: SDGFPINFO
Subject: Re: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

I think the system you have now works fine & should stay the same!! How ever I also think the system ok having to buy your points is insane!!! Thank you!

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From: joe hedges <joemary96@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 6:00 PM
To: SDGFINFO
Subject: Re: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

I think it's a joke to have to pay to play, so to speak. I had many preference points and all the sudden they disappeared. No one can tell me why, and now you want us to buy more? Why don't you just close all hunting to the working class and just cater to the rich

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Boggs, Erin

From: Kevin Hansen <kevjhans@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 5:59 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point Revisions

Dear GF&P Commission:

I totally approve of your efforts to increase the chances of those who have been trying for decades to draw certain tags. I am wondering if, in order to give even more "preference" to those who have applied for a long time, how would it work to wait and not start the cubing process until a hunter has received say 10 preference points for a particular season? It seems to me that if everyone is cubed from preference point one the pot just gets bigger and bigger without adequately giving preference to those who have applied for the longest time. Waiting until 10 (or whatever number is deemed best) preference points to begin the cubing process rewards even more so those who have applied the longest.

Thank you for considering my recommendation.

Respectfully,

Kevin Hansen

17104 375th Ave.

Zell, SD 57469

Boggs, Erin

From: Bill Hearne <whearne@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 5:58 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference points proposal

I would be in favor of the cubed preference point system.

Bill Hearne

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From: Ben Orsbon <borsbon@pie.midco.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 5:48 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Points

I don't support a system that gives preference to the highest bidders.

Sent from my iPad

Boggs, Erin

From: Wayne <waynerose@itctel.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 5:44 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference system

I don't think we need this preference system, It's just another way for the Game Fish And Parks to make money. We already pay fees for our licenses. Every hunter should have equal opportunity to get a license not just the people who have money. This preference system is only to benefit the pockets of the Game Fish and Parks!

Boggs, Erin

From: Dan Turbak <turbakda@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 5:33 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point

My name is Dan Turbak. I am from Reville.

I am for the change to the preference point system. I would like a top down system but the proposed system is better than nothing.

I would also like to see the land owner preference disappear. Let landowners hunt their own land but they shouldn't get preference to get a tag so they can hunt public land.

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Kevin Bjordahl <kbjordahl@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 5:30 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point proposal

I support the proposed change to the preference point system. It is a reasonable way to increase chance of drawing for the hunters with a larger number of preference points. Seems only fair.

Kevin Bjordahl
14390 SD Hwy 15
Milbank, SD 57252

605-949-0051 cell

Boggs, Erin

From: Dean Ideker <dean6851@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 5:29 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Proposed preference points

I feel this is an amazing idea and I totally support it! Thank you for considering it!

Dean Ideker
Sturgis, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: gmail.com, scottmiles674
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 5:26 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubing preference points.

I am an avid Hunter. I have numerous points in the present and the future. I would like you to keep the preference points as they are currently.

Boggs, Erin

From: stevepro@gwtc.net
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 5:25 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Point System

I am in favor of the cubed point total. I am beginning to feel that I will never draw an elk tag or that by the time I get one I will be too old to hunt.

Boggs, Erin

From: Richardson, Brad (Vets Home)
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 5:24 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Preference Point System

Dear GFP,

I'm writing in support of the proposal to cube preference points. Thank you for considering my input.

v/r

Brad Richardson

Superintendent
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Hot Springs, South Dakota 57747
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From: David Siemon <drsiemon@abe.midco.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 5:12 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubed.

Dear Sirs,

I am not for the Cubed license as I have applied for a number of years for a Black Hills Elk and never received one so now I am too old to try any more and the Cubed effect would not let me ever to have a chance.

Boggs, Erin

From: randy.crotteau <randy.crotteau@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 5:08 PM
To: SDGFPINFO
Subject: Re: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

What needs to happen is like Colorado division of wildlife...if I have 5 preference points and someone has 3...i would draw before them no matter what...they go by actual points not lotto

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S® 6, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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From: "South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks"
Date: 12/21/17 1:49 PM (GMT-07:00)
To: randy.crotteau@yahoo.com
Subject: GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System



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From: Marion Matt <mmatt@goldenwest.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 5:03 PM
To: SDGFPINFO
Subject: Re: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

Great idea

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Droid

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From: Bigbuck <bigbuck@santel.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 5:01 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference point proposal

Congratulations, you guys finally woke up. This is what i have been requesting for years. I support 100%.

rick boettcher

Boggs, Erin

From: Nate Schaub <schauber85@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:54 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System

I'm in favor of the suggested change in the preference point system.

I have had friends draw successfully twice for muzzleloader any deer tags during the same time frame of which I have put in for and I'm going on 8 preference points currently. Something needs to change and this is a step in the right direction I believe.

Thanks,

Nathan Schaub
Mitchell, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Justin Broughton <JBROUGHT@premierbankcard.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:52 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubed Preference Points

Thank you for reviewing our current preference point system. I like the idea of cubing the points but feel a tiered program would better accomplish our goal of giving hunters with more preference points the opportunity to draw their tag. Please leave those with 1-2 preference points at a single point, square the points in years 3-9, and then cube the points once the applicant reaches 10+ preference points. This would accomplish the same goal but magnify the benefit of having 10+ preference points and reward those who have put in their time waiting for their chance to draw. Thanks!

Justin Broughton
Sioux Falls, SD

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Boggs, Erin

From: Gene Bauman <stpspear@rushmore.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:51 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] cubing comment

Dear friends,

Simply put: BEST IDEA IN A LONG TIME!!! As most private businesses reward the loyalty of their customers, it is only right AND FAIR, that the GFP acknowledge those who have, year after year, applied for tags instead of getting disgusted with the whole thing and quitting. Whoever came up with the idea is not a genius, but really, really close!!!

I also appreciate your clear and concise explanation of this in your e-mail . Well written!!!

Merry Christmas!

Rev. Gene D. Bauman



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Boggs, Erin

From: Jerry Awe <jerry@awefinancial.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:49 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] cubed pref poits

I support the new approach to a cubed system, agree with its potential for our resident hunters

Jerry R. Awe, CLU[®], ChFC[®], AEP[®]

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Boggs, Erin

From: David Withee <david.withee@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:46 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System

My comment is that I guess I am in favor of a true top down system. I'm not sure why we don't do this and it seems fairer to me for those that have so many preference points. Thanks.

Dave Withee
Rapid City, SD

Dave Withee
David.Withee@gmail.com
605.430.7984 (cell)

Boggs, Erin

From: John Sayles <jsayles@rushmore.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:45 PM
To: SDGFPINFO
Subject: RE: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

It doesn't matter how many draws I have for east river deer, the public areas to hunt have nothing on it, no deer at all, it's ridiculous.

And what is worse is trying to draw a tag for black hills deer, there are too many deer, you have people running them over in cars, deer eating my plants . Give more dam tags out !

Here is another question, first time elk draw I was unsuccessful, first choice was a bull, and the second choice was a cow tag. Two weeks later you have leftover cow tags for another drawing, if I didn't draw one the first time, how can you have leftover cow tags on the second drawing?

From: South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks [<mailto:sdgfpinfo@state.sd.us>]
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 1:50 PM
To: jsayles@rushmore.com
Subject: GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System



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From: Tom Loomis <chamazza@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:45 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points & Goose hunting

I think the points system proposed sounds fine and would be for it becoming law.

However, there is a big hole in GFP when it comes to goose hunting in Bennett County and surrounding areas. If you want to attract out-of-state hunters and increase to a MUCH GREATER DEGREE, the income for out-of-state hunting licences, restaurant sales, motel sales, hunting supplies and a multitude of other income producing transactions, you should open up the limit to two geese per day, REGARDLESS OF THE GOOSE SPECIES! Also, the requirement should be the hunter needs to have a waterfowl or duck stamp and eliminate the species from any drawing! Almost every out of state pheasant hunter we talk to has said they would be back for some goose hunting if there was a two bird a day limit and they didn't have to rely on a drawing.

We are overrun with geese and this is just common sense.

Thank you for entertaining the above request and hope to hear from you with a positive outcome.

T. H. Loomis
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Martin, SD 57551
605-685-6900
chamazza@gmail.com

Boggs, Erin

From: Adam Golay <adamgolay@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:41 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System

I would like to see the preference point system be a true preference point system. Someone with less preference points should not get a tag unless everyone that has more points gets a tag first. It should go down the list from highest to lowest until the tags are gone. If there is more tags than a particular group of preference points then have an odds drawing within that group. Example would be if 50 people have 25 points for elk & there are 40 tags available for a certain unit then 40 of them get tags, 10 don't & anyone who has less preference points then 25 would not have a chance at those tags that particular year. The bigger issue is making sure that we issue the right amount of tags. Jerauld County has way too many tags issued for deer & the deer numbers are way down in that area so not sure why we have a January antlerless reduction season. This season is not needed anymore & should be cancelled.

Adam

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Curt V <curtv18@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:44 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Adding preference point

What did some college kid come up with that system. Keep it like it is simple and sweet. Making this more complicated is not to bright. Buy a preference point you get one and only one. Curt Valnes sd resident.

Boggs, Erin

From: Thomas Tunge <thomastunge@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:43 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

My name is Tom Tunge
415 S. Lake Ave
Sioux Falls S.D

I am in total agreement with your plan except I believe that the cube should not start until the 3rd year. This will help insure that the hunters are sincere about hunting the area and the species. Thank you for your time.

Boggs, Erin

From: Kurt Krietlow <kurt.krietlow@baumannlumber.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:39 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] PREFERENCE POINTS

Hi,

I think the new proposal would be a very fair system, the current system just does not clear out many of the top tier preference groups, it is only fair that those get a good share of the tags. I myself have been putting in for black hills elk for over 20 years and it is frustrating year after year to see many draw with only a few points and some people I know have drawn 2 in not much more time than I have been applying.

This would be a great deal for everyone.

Thanks

Kurt Krietlow

Boggs, Erin

From: Kiel, Emily
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:35 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: FW: [EXT] new tag drawing plan

From: Doug Boer [<mailto:DBoer@eastriver.coop>]
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:50 PM
To: Kiel, Emily
Subject: [EXT] new tag drawing plan

Sounds like a great idea! Too many old timers with multiple points die or get crippled before they draw now.

Thanks,

Doug Boer
Warehouse/Purchasing Supervisor



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From: danlifetouch@sio.midco.net
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:33 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] New Preference Point Process

My name is Daniel D. Assid from Sioux Falls, SD. I believe the new process would be more fair and should be put in place. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Boggs, Erin

From: I <mlueb96@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:31 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference point proposal

I would support the concept of 'cubing' preference points on the SD Draw system. Many older folks will likely never draw before they die or can no longer actively participate in their hunt. If you require any additional information for this to be considered, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Martin Luebke
Garretson, SD
57030

Boggs, Erin

From: Doug Barnes <dbarnes639@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:29 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Points

As I understand the current system, a person has to BUY the preference points. In years past, if an applicant did not receive a license, that person would receive a preference point. Instead it is necessary to purchase it. I find THAT to be less than fair. It seems to be a way for the GFP to get more cash for nothing. I would like to see things go back to the fair way it was before. There is no need to "cube" points.

Doug Barnes
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605.941.0469

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From: eandshegwood@midco.net
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Subject: Fwd: [EXT] Preference Points

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Dear Sir's,

I feel preference points should be part of your application when you apply for a licence. The points should produce an event where a person can get drawn within a reasonable time. This would be more fair and allow different hunters to be able to get drawn where as of now it can take forever (If you ever do get drawn).

If you get points for first year, and you apply the second year your point value should increase accordingly this would help the above statement.

Thank you for your request, Emmet Hegwood
913 N Rainbow Rd.
Spearfish SD. 57783

Boggs, Erin

From: EDMOND OUELLETTE Owner <edonao@centurylink.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:26 PM
To: SDGFPINFO
Subject: Re: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

this point system is a bunch of baloney

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Boggs, Erin

From: eandshegwood@midco.net
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:25 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Points

Dear Sir's,

I feel preference points should be part of your application when you apply for a licence. The points should produce an event where a person can get drawn within a reasonable time. This would be more fair and allow different hunters to be able to get drawn where as of now it can take forever (If you ever do get drawn).

If you get points for first year, and you apply the second year your point value should increase accordingly this would help the above statement.

Thank you for your request, Emmet Hegeood

Boggs, Erin

From: wayned@midco.net
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 5:08 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT]

Why have preference points in the first place. Let every body have the same chance at a tag.

Boggs, Erin

From: Salvador, Mark <mark.salvador@pioneer.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 6:37 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT]

I'm not particularly fond of the commission request for a cubed preference point system. Well it would, as you say, not guarantee a top down system, it would drastically reduce the likelihood of being chosen for one of the hard to get tags out in the Black Hills area. I would vote for leaving the system as it is. When idea, aside from this one, if the commission were open to suggestions, would be outlining all the applications to to just one deadline, earlier in the spring. Anyway, thank you for hearing my opinions and also, thanks for all you do to make the outdoors great in South Dakota! Merry Christmas
Mark Salvador

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Boggs, Erin

From: hillsran@venturecomm.net
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:19 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] cubing preference points

I am against cubing preference points for the limited draw licenses.
Phillip George
Lake City, SD 57247

Boggs, Erin

From: matt buchholz <matt_buchholz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:19 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference point system

a person with more preference points should get a tag and guaranteed the tag way before a person with less preference points regardless of how many times their names are in the drawing.

Boggs, Erin

From: Dean Potts <rcwgsales@rushmore.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:18 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] license system

Are you kidding? Why complicate things worse. 3 years is 3 years 20 years is 20 years not 64 or 9,261

Boggs, Erin

From: Bill Rentz <billrentz@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:18 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Input on preference point system

To whom it may concern

I read over the idea of cubing preference point memo on December 21st.

Being a person who has 25 preference point in Custer State park I like this proposal. I keep wondering how long I want to pay for preference points after 25 years with such a small chance of drawing.

The current system does not favor people like me that stay committed to the current system for decades.

Bill Rentz

Boggs, Erin

From: Reid Peterson <reidpeterson67@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:15 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point

Should make another bench mark like five for deer and 10 and fifteen for elk. Also go to five on muzzleloader deer

Boggs, Erin

From: Gnadt <markell@alliancecom.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:14 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Changes to Point system

First of all, this new system of purchasing preference points is beyond reprehensible. Our state has always been a state of opportunity for all and this new system favors the more affluent people over those that cannot afford to buy preference points. Whoever came up with that idea should be fired!!

Secondly, cubing the points for a statistically better chance in the drawings simply compounds the injustice that is already being served upon the poorer residents of this state that may need the meat from the hunt to feed their families but cannot afford to buy the points.

The whole system is a travesty and should be changed back to the way it was, if you apply and are not successful you get 1 preference point for the next drawing period.

I will end this by saying I don't feel this way because I can't afford to buy preference, I certainly can, but I know people who can't and it saddens me to think that our state has come to this. Hunting should not be a "pay to play" system. Shame on you GF&P!!

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Brandon SD 57005

Boggs, Erin

From: Dathe, Todd <todd@aspenpa.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:10 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

Comments:

I believe that the impact of this point system adjustment will impact the more limited licenses such as Elk, Mountain Goat, and Bighorn Sheep more than any other licenses. I am in favor of the proposal as presented.

In addition, I think a bigger impact would be made on the availability of Elk licenses if we were to adjust the current preference that is given to landowners. The current system favors landowners to a great extent. They get up to half the available licenses and are eligible every year. Under current statistics it would take the average person at least 30 years to draw 2 bull elk tags. A landowner by comparison would likely need no more than 3 years to draw the same number of tags and I have met landowners who claim they draw a tag every year. If we are going to give preference to the landowner, can we at least consider limiting the eligibility to the same rules as the rest of the public. If a non landowner draws their first choice elk, they are not eligible to apply for 10 years. This should be the same for landowners as well. I would propose this rule would have far more positive impact than the proposed squaring rule. The current policy favors the wealthy in a significantly disproportionate way. Elk in SD reside primarily on public land and should be treated as a public resource. Thank you for your consideration.

Todd Dathe
48089 260th Street
Brandon SD 57005

Boggs, Erin

From: dlshoultz <dlshoultz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:06 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] I do not agree with the preference point system at all ,it's just another way to generate more money for a already over exploited wild life resource.just because other states choose to that route doesn't me south dakota should.its all about money...

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S® 5 ACTIVE™, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Boggs, Erin

From: Robert Weisbeck <robert529@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:25 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT]

My name is Robert Weisbeck and I'm from Herreid SD. I believe curbing the preference points would be a good way to insure that the people with the most years of applying have a better chance of drawing a tag, I also believe that there should be more tiers or at least more licenses for the top tier in the custer state park drawings as well as black hills drawings, as I personally know people that have been applying for 40+ years and still can't draw a tag. Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on this matter.

Boggs, Erin

From: Skip Tillisch <skiptillisch@wildblue.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:23 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Lottery draw

I think the cubed system is an improvement, but still not as good as a straight top down preference point system.

It will at least give me a better chance of getting a elk license with my 18 preference points.

At 74, I may not be able to hunt elk that much longer. You should square the age, and add that in too help people who are running out of time.

Skip

Boggs, Erin

From: rwiltz@charles-mix.com
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:23 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] whitetail-mule deer hybrid crosses

Dear GF&P,

I'm interested in whitetail/mule deer hybrids as I suspect they are more common than realized. I have heard that the whitetail buck is usually the father as whitetails are supposedly more aggressive than mule deer. If true, can a mule buck be the father of a hybrid?

Is the hybrid fertile? Is hybrid fawn mortality a problem? This past fall, a partner killed a very large buck with classic whitetail antlers (all points coming off of a main beam) but a mule deer black tipped tail. He was with muley does.

Where can I get detailed information?

Roger Wiltz, Wagner

Boggs, Erin

From: reeve@rap.midco.net
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:21 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] cubing preference points

Thomas Reeve, Box 197, Piedmont, SD 57769

The proposal to cube the accumulated preference points is statistically a guarantee for applications exceeding several years. It would essentially eliminate the probability of a first year draw on highly limited licenses. Do NOT adopt this change!!!!!!

Thomas G Reeve

Boggs, Erin

From: woodywinters@gmail.com on behalf of Jeff Winters <akwoodhead@sio.midco.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:19 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT]

To whom it may concer,

It sounds like if I really want to hunt I would have to buy a or several preference points to increase my chances. Pretty soon this to will be a rich man's sport. Costs go up every year for hunting, fishing, and camping and soon I and others will no longer be able to afford to do any of these things.

Sincerely,

Jeff Winters

Boggs, Erin

From: matt buchholz <matt_buchholz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:19 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference point system

a person with more preference points should get a tag and guaranteed the tag way before a person with less preference points regardless of how many times their names are in the drawing.

Boggs, Erin

From: Heith . <heith.waddell@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:19 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point system

To whom it concerns,

In reference to proposed changes to the preference point system, this seems like system that needs reconsideration. To cube the preference point values, but with such limited information it is difficult to make and informed decision and/or argument.

Unfortunately the proposed system does not explain why a preference point would be added to the application year nor is there any justification mathematically to cube the results. In other words why would the results not be squared or taken to the fourth or fifth power?

Though this justification does lend to more tags for hunters with higher preference point numbers, it also establishes a system where upon those with a higher number of preference points will more frequently get drawn. The disadvantage to this is presumably to get that many preference points you may be older in age or have been hunting in SD for a longer time. This would not necessarily promote hunting opportunities to younger or less experienced hunters who may have not started hunting until later in life. This may be a disincentive to new hunters. Another consideration is that if tags are going to older hunters, not all of those individuals are as likely to hunt as hard as a younger cohort. This may impact the areas hunted or the animals taken.

The complexities of creating a fair draw system in hunting has so many variables that even minor changes may have substantial downstream effects. I would encourage a more detailed report to the proposed changes.

Thank you,

Heith Waddell
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Recently relocated (July 2017) from
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Custer, SD 57701

Boggs, Erin

From: Joe Abbas <joeabbas08@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:04 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT]

I believe you should only have a preference point system for rare tags like elk in the hills, mountain goats and stuff like that. I believe if you would open rifle season with each person only receiving one tag for state wide, it would increase the deer population. So one tag for rifle season good for the whole state. Only allowing one tag per person. I believe by the time you would spread all the hunters over the state between some being able to hunt private land and others like myself who only hunt public land. It would equal out to where be you wouldn't have to much hunting pressure in any part of the state. Also would suggest running the season later in the year after the rut, like the state of Iowa does. I believe they have proven that it works as they have a healthy deer population. So basically you only get one tag all year and have to pick it to be archery, rifle or muzzleloader. Try it for five years and see what happens to the deer population. That is my suggestion. Thanks and have a great day. Merry Christmas!

Boggs, Erin

From: terrymfm@gwtc.net
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:00 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Points

I would be in favor of the new preference point system currently being proposed by the GFP Commission. It appears to reward the person with the higher number of preference points with a better chance at a successful draw. Exactly the way it should be.

Thanks for your consideration.

Terry VanDam
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Murdo, SD 57559

terrymfm@gwtc.net

Boggs, Erin

From: cantajam@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:00 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Don't like it, keep hunters active and simple, you get two preference points when u go in a drawing and your not successful and only one if you buy it out right. James Cantalope eureka sd

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Smartphone

Boggs, Erin

From: tschutz <tschutz@valleytel.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:59 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference point system

Recommendation for awarding preference points for all limited license drawings:

1. Use only one drawing "bucket" and eliminate all others.
2. Double every unsuccessful applicant's preference each time a new application is submitted.
3. Charge a flat fee every year regardless of the number of preference points awarded.

EXAMPLE:

Year 1 = App (1) + (0) PP = 1 chance in drawing
2= App (1) + (1) PP = 2 chances
3= App (1) + (2) PP = 3 chances
4= App (1) + (4) PP = 5 chances
5= App (1) + (8) PP = 9 chances
6= App (1) + (16) PP = 17 chances
7= App (1) + (32) PP = 33 chances
8= App (1) + (64) PP = 65 chances
ETC.

This example shows that there would be little or no change for the first three years but your odds improve as the number of years increase. However by offering only one drawing everyone would have a chance at a license. The 1 year applicant with one chance could get lucky and outdraw the 8 year applicant that has 65 chances. But the odds are that the applicants that have been submitting applications for many years would have a better and more reasonable chance to be successful than with the current system.

Thank You!

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Boggs, Erin

From: John Halverson <jw_halverson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:57 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point system proposal

As to the "cubing", I will have to say NO. And before you ask, I will also be against "squaring", too.

Thanks,
John Halverson

Boggs, Erin

From: dena <denajensen_18@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:57 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT]

I believe this is a very good idea in which to give hunters with more preference points a better chance of drawing a tag. However with household with numerous hunters, like mine, can you consider being able to deny a tag if drawn and not lose your preference points? my concern is like for my family, we have 4 hunters that have 16,16,16 and 11 preference points for black hills elk. Under the situation that we would all happen to draw a tag the same year, I could not afford the price for all the tags and processing of 4 elk at once. Thank you, Chuck Jensen of Spearfish S.D.

Boggs, Erin

From: dekeren@iw.net
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:55 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE CHANGE IN PREFERENCE POINT DRAWING

I WOULD AGREE WITH THE NEW CHANGE. I KNOW SOME PEOPLE THAT ARE ON THEIR 21ST PREFERENCE POINT. THEY STARTED WHILE THEY WERE IN THERE 40'S AND NOW THEY ARE IN THEIR 60'S AND SLOWING DOWN. THE QUALITY OF THE HUNT IS VERY IMPORTANT AND IF IT IS HARD TO GET AROUND BECAUSE OF AGE, IT WILL LOWER THE QUALITY OF THAT HUNT.

Boggs, Erin

From: Howard Outpost <howard@centralec.coop>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:53 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] cubed preference

I totally love the cubed concept to give the applicant with more preference points a better chance at drawing. Great idea!

Boggs, Erin

From: cpickdc <cpickdc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:51 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Points

Yes!!! Please proceed with the new preference points idea. It is way more fair!

Craig Pickart
104 Northview Road
Mount Vernon SD 57363

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Boggs, Erin

From: cpickdc <cpickdc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:50 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Points

YES!!! The new proposal is MUCH BETTER. The current system is a joke. Thanks for proposing this!

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Boggs, Erin

From: Larry Livingston <papalarry55@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:44 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT]

YES I think that would be a great idea to cube preference points. Larry Livingston Box 182 Fairburn SD 57738

Boggs, Erin

From: jyoung@BHWS.COM
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:48 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Fw: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

Jack Young
Black Hawk SD, 57718

I agree with the proposal. I have 15 years in for Black Hills Elk and I'm getting older every year. There are also a lot of people with more points than me and still waiting also. I would actually like it more if you only drew from the people who have at least 10 years preference in. Its crazy to think someone has 20+ years in and someone else has a chance to draw with only 3 years in.

Jack Young
BSC Manger
Ellsworth AFB, SD
Phone #605-385-5156



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

GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

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Boggs, Erin

From: Egcoach@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:45 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

I like the idea of the cubing point system except in some cases. For example: Custer State Park: when an applicant has accrued at least 20 points, that has taken 20 years. I think people that have applied for 20 years deserve to be drawn first or given some special preference . Cubing is not a guarantee of draw . Those hunters might die before they draw for those hunts. I only have 10 points but have no problem seeing those who have faithfully applied for 20 yrs get drawn ahead of anyone. Cubing other draws would be fine. Thanks for requesting input.

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Boe, Mitch
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:45 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: PP System

Good luck. LOL The BIT gentleman that does the draw for the licenses crashed the system by just squaring everyone's points. So are you going to spend more money on a bigger server? Pretty sure there is a budget shortfall so why waste money on something that doesn't need to be fixed.

Mitch Boe | *Conservation Technician*

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Boggs, Erin

From: Rich Galbraith <Rich@ram.solutions>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:44 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Input on Preference Point System

Dear GFP Commission,

I'm in favor of the proposed adjustment to cube the preference points for the upcoming hunting seasons. As proposed this will give those applicants with more years of preference to have a greater chance to get their license of a lifetime. Thank you for proposing this much wanted change to the preference system.

Sincerely,

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Boggs, Erin

From: wilbert roth <wjrr@mit-tel.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:43 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference points

You are making it harder for family with kids to afford to hunt. If this is how you are going to do this. I will not even apply. You are ruining hunting for a lot of people. You may in years to come a vote to outlaw hunting altogether. If this is put into effect I will support it.

Boggs, Erin

From: Vern Tarbox <vernt@westsideimplement.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:42 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] cubing preference points

i do believe something should be done on the preference point system. it is frustrating when one hears about someone getting one of the blackhills elk tags with only a couple years preference where the one with 15 years is still waiting. the cube system should help with that or put a waiting period of at least a few years before one is eligible to start in the draw.

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Thank you,
Vernon Tarbox
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Boggs, Erin

From: ronald waterfall <mr02son@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:40 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Support for preference system

I support the proposed change.

Ron Waterfall
504 So 4th St
Milbank, SD. 57252. Grant county

12/21/2017

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Pretzer, Scott
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:40 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: cube preference points

I offer the following comment on the GFP proposal considering cube preference points for all limited draw seasons:

While I prefer a true top down preference point system, the cube preference points proposal is a step in the right direction to reward those applicants with more preference points. I support and encourage the GFP Commission to implement the cube preference points proposal into future limited draw guidelines.

Scott Pretzer
805 N Marion St
Fort Pierre, SD 57532
605-224-9967

Boggs, Erin

From: william.janvrin@thomsonreuters.com
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:36 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Agree with the proposal to provide cubed preference points

Bill Janvrin

Boggs, Erin

From: Rick Salonen <rsalo@swiftel.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:36 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Change to Preference Point System

Yes, I would be in favor of this change. Anything to improve the odds of someone getting an opportunity to obtain a special tag, especially if they have been applying for the tag for many years.

Boggs, Erin

From: Ron Hulzebos <ron2ponds@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:36 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points.....

I have suggested squaring or cubing preference points in past hunter surveys and am definitely in favor of you doing so. Ron Hulzebos, Harrisburg SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Randy Majeske <majic0135@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:34 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point system proposal

In regards to the preference point proposal as submitted I would be in support of the measure as that makes more sense over the current system. Where as the individual with more preference points should have more chances of getting drawn. I also realize that there are only so many licenses for a unit/season, etc but it is discouraging to see some draw a license with only a few preference points where you have a lot more only to get turned down.

Thank You

Randy Majeske
Aberdeen, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: doug van bockern <davanbo@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:34 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] proposed preference point changes

I like the proposed changes,
cube my preference points,

Thanks,

Doug Van Bockern
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Renner, SD 57055

Boggs, Erin

From: Bill Hadsell <Bill.Hadsell@daktronics.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:34 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Proposed change to preference point system

Having read the brief overview of the proposed change to the preference point system, I have a couple questions. By adding 1 and cubing the applicants accumulated points what is the net change in odds for that applicant vs the current system? Clearly the people that have accumulated more points will have their odds increased dramatically vs those with fewer points. What is the net change at some different point accumulations vs today? Some examples that show the net increase and decrease in odds vs today's structure would help us understand the real implications of this proposal. Intuitively it seems like this move would dramatically increase odds for high preference point holders and also dramatically decrease odds for low point holders. This seems like it would work well for the Elk seasons but be a real negative for the deer seasons.

Thanks.

Best Regards,
Bill Hadsell
Product Manager

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Boggs, Erin

From: Jeff Gulbransen <sumgai63@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:34 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

I think the system works fine the way it is. The luck of the draw is already reduced by point purchases. My opinion is do away with preference points altogether. If you are lucky enough to draw an elk you must wait 10 years to resubmit. Everyone has the same chance. Keep it simple and keep it fair. Thank you for taking my comments.

Sincerely,

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Boggs, Erin

From: dakotacareers.com, sdale
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:32 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System

I would be in favor of the proposed cubed preference point system.

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Boggs, Erin

From: gordo <gordos@hcinet.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:30 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] in regards to preference

well I think its like GFP is trying to get a few more dollars in there pocket, and it shouldn't be where you have a chance to spend \$ on points ,,, and not so refering to the points but I myself would like to know the answer to this question ????? gfp cut down on tags in east river deer season this last year due to the decreasing number of deer in the areas east of the missouri river so then they let people hunt does for a week in january to fill their tags witch turn into anterless tags wich we don't understand that if your wanting to increase the deer population why shoot al the does in first week in january can you explain that to me please



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Boggs, Erin

From: pgrad07 <pgrad07@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:30 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Considering preference points. If your going to have a drawing system then have it one chance per person. If you want to give someone more of an edge then give it to the people that have lived here all there lives not tbe jerks that can buy poin...

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Boggs, Erin

From: sio.midco.net, jjbuch
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:26 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point system

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Boggs, Erin

From: bobbyk@rap.midco.net
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:26 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point system

Your proposal is about the dumbest idea I ever heard. Who came up with tripling it? I'll bet that was well thought through! Hey, maybe a better idea is instead of tripling the points (multiplying points to the power of 3) multiply using the power of 3.1 instead. That makes much more sense, doesn't it? Your computer will do that, won't it?

Seriously, I am somewhat opposed even to the current point system. No one with none or low preference points even has a chance against the higher point applicants. I think you should have a certain level of high-point cutoff, where no one gains any more points beyond the cut-off, maybe no higher than 5 or 10. Your system now is quite discouraging to bring in new hunters. You'll make it worse with your proposal. Of course I assume you do in fact want to bring in new hunters. Your proposal makes me wonder.

Do you know of any other lottery system, for example the State's gambling ones, that gives a preference to those who have not won before?

And I recommend you abandon any preference point system for the rare species; Mountain Goat and Sheep, maybe even drop it for all Custer Park applications; everyone applies on an even footing always. I wouldn't even consider applying for the rare licenses and giving you my applicant fee for what seems a million to one odds.

There's my opinion, for all it's worth.

Bob Koscak
Rapid City, SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Aaron Grunewaldt <agrnewaldt@wrrestaurants.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:26 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference point feedback

Conservation Officials-

The cubed preference point system seems logical and fair. One would think that the more points your earn the more your chances should increase. Takes the sting out an unsuccessful draw- leaves our SD outdoor enthusiasts with hope for increased opportunity the following year. Sie note: nice to see any business ask for feedback from its consumers !

Aaron Grunewaldt
Regional Director
WR Hospitality
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Boggs, Erin

From: bell-inc.com, cgehrman
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:25 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point

I do not agree with the preference point purchase system at all. If you don't draw what you desire you should automatically get a preference point.

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Boggs, Erin

From: troy engelhart <tjglide66@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:25 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT]

Your point system is a joke and if you keep changeing it my family will quit sending in.

Boggs, Erin

From: Thompson, Zachary J -FS <zthompson@fs.fed.us>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:24 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference points

I am in support of this new proposal!! With 25 points for elk and 9 points for BH deer, maybe I will get to hunt one of these years.

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Boggs, Erin

From: Herman Herrlein <hermanh@northernextrusiontooling.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:24 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cube preference points

Greetings,

Personally I believe the point system should be left alone. I am hunter and have many years of preference and understand that my hunt may never happen. If the preference goes to cube I believe you will run off young first time applicants due to the odds they will face for years against the 15 plus year applicants. The youth are the future of hunting and revenue.

Sincerely,

Herman H Herrlein
Sales Mgr. NET
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Boggs, Erin

From: anicholsdpm@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:24 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubed point system

No change is needed. Although it still wouldn't create a true "top down" system it will behave very close to one and we risk losing hunter participation if people don't think they can draw a hard to get tag until they're 106 years old.

Adam Nichols

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Jesse Kurtenbach <jessepkurt@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:23 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point

I would be highly in favor of cubing the preference points for all seasons. This will shift the weight of the chances toward those with the most preference points which is only fair.

Jesse

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: judynlee@utma.com
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:22 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference point

S.D. Game & Parks, We have that system here in N.D. I believe and I'm not in favor of you going with that in S.D. The way you guys do it now is as fair a draw as any. I would vote to leave your system of drawing alone. You will be wasting your time as you will not satisfy everybody anyway. Thank you. Lee Lewis Mylo, North Dakota

Boggs, Erin

From: p.henrichs@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:21 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference

The only correct solution is eliminating the landowner preference drawings and then make it true top down draw.

If landowners can go buy a license to hunt their own land without a drawing then they need to be treated equally to everyone else when applying for a tag to hunt other land. They should not be given both preference. Then the drawing needs to be true top down. Then we will have a fair and balanced system for all.

Boggs, Erin

From: Jeff Hagen <jhconstructionandrepair@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:20 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Points

I believe you shouldnt be able to increase your odds by how much money you spend ... fair is fair you earn pref points by being unsuccessful the yr before .. and have luck of the draw just like everyone else ...
Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Curtis Smith <curtybear@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:20 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubed points!

Why do you people feel the need to complicate everything, when all you have to do is eliminate people that are cheating. Guys who apply for license in other people's names, and they do the shooting. Land owners not landowners. Control the pouching that is way out of control. Drain our own swamp ,

Boggs, Erin

From: Andy Jackson <getandyjackson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:18 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

Cubing sounds like a great idea especially for those of us older folks with lots of preference points for CSP elk, for example.

Andy Jackson
Rapid City

Boggs, Erin

From: Joycehannan <ljhannan1969@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:17 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

I think this would be a great improvement for people who may never get a tag.

Sent from my iPad

Boggs, Erin

From: PATRICK H ACKERMAN <psackerman@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:17 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Points

This cube effect would only allow the anti-hunting groups a cheap and easy way to eventually stop most if not all deer hunting in South Dakota. I feel you need to talk and speak to ranchers especially in the West River Special Buck and find out from the Rancher themselves if they have given permission to the person on the application the right to hunt that person should get the tag to hunt that ranch with a quota on the tags to the acreage of the ranch.

I truly feel this cube effect will only open a can of worms that both South Dakota GFP and the honest sportsman hunter.

Thank you
Pat Ackerman

Boggs, Erin

From: matt bones <mjbones2007@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:15 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubed Preference Points

I think the cubed method would be an excellent way to conduct the preference point system, giving the high preference point holders a much higher chance of draw which is how it should be while not going to a true top down draw so the lesser preference groups would still have a chance. Excellent idea!!

Matt Bones

Boggs, Erin

From: Trevor Linden-Hansen <1trevorlinden@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:15 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubed preferance points.

Trevor Linden Hansen, 590 N Main Parker, SD

As a hunter I am FOR the proposed cubed preferance point system. It will give me more incentive to make sure I'm buying preference points every year because one point is worth so much more.

Boggs, Erin

From: Andrew Mentele <mentelea@puetzcorp.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:14 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Input

I believe that to earn a preference point all u should have to do is apply and not have to pay extra just for a preference point. It's one less thing to worry about doing and also cost us less rather than squeezing more money out of us as residents. I also think a non resident should pay more so us residents pay less considering we do live here, they do this to us in there states. Also a little off topic but out of state fisherman from mn, ia and other states shouldn't come to our state just because there state isn't open for fishing. I realize they bring money to the state but maybe we should focus on taking care of our local people first. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Corey Gall <cgall@msb-sd.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:14 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in reference to the current preference point system that is being used for Big Game in South Dakota....I say **“get rid of it!”** At this time, I would think that since the system is called a preference system, that it would be a true preference system. Those with the most preferences in a specific drawing would get the tag in which they have applied for....if there are tags left over, it goes to the next largest number and so forth. I know of guys who have 20 yrs elk preference who are 60+ years old and are thinking about stopping applying because they are afraid the hunt will be to physically demanding for them in the next few years and that’s just not right. These very people have paid hundreds in preference points over the years, and may not ever see a tag. Please change the Big Game drawing to a true preference system, the ones with the most preferences should get the tags.

Corey Gall
Hurley SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Steve Kennedy <stevekennedy@traileze.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:13 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point system upgrade

I agree with the proposal to help hunters with many years preference have more entries by adding a year and “cubing” the number. I’m 64 and was hoping that I would draw the CSP elk tag while I’m still able! Thank you, thank you!
Steve Kennedy 816 N Gamble St Mitchell SD 57301



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Boggs, Erin

From: eric leebens <eric.leebens@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:12 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Input on preference point system

Good afternoon,

I just read the email release concerning the proposed preference point system change, and I think the change is a terrific idea. It presents a happy medium between the current system (which I do not like) and a true top down point system (which I don't like either). Other western states have used the cube format with significant success, and I think it will work well for South Dakota. Please, implement the proposed cubed point system. It's the fairest option regarding preference points.

Thank you.

Eric Leebens

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Boggs, Erin

From: gary.harmelink@sio.midco.net
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:12 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Point system

I think that your ideas on the point system are great!

Gary Harmelink
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Boggs, Erin

From: Brad Trudeau <bradrtrudeau@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:12 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference point system

There should not be a preference point system period. So no too the cubing.

Boggs, Erin

From: trsales@sio.midco.net
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:12 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Prefrence points

The cube ideas is unique. The chances of drawing a tough to get tag, would remain the same, as all hunters points would be cubed. Am I wrong ?

Thank You

Boggs, Erin

From: jason heezen <drheezen@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:11 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

I like the idea of the proposed cube system. I've lived in sd all but 10 of my 46 years through faults of my own, and gfp losing several of my preference points I've never been selected for a black hills elk. I've applied approximately 15 -20 times.

I would really like the opportunity to hunt before I'm too old to enjoy it!

Thank you for your consideration

Thanks Jason Heezen

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE smartphone

Boggs, Erin

From: Bryan Hisel <bhisel@mitchellsd.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:11 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Comment on Preference Point System

To: GFP

I am strongly in favor of the proposed changes to the preference point system.

Thank you.

Bryan Hisel

Bryan Hisel

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Boggs, Erin

From: Brian Young <eaglesooner69@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:10 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] point system

I am completely for the proposed point system.

Brian Young
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Boggs, Erin

From: Dean Potts <rcwgsales@rushmore.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:09 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] liecence system

Who is coming up with this system? Why should anyone be able to BUY preference points period. It is the luck of the draw not who has more money to give to the state for preference points. It took me 24 years to get a elk license because I didn't apply one year due to surgery and lost pref. points, then you change that to keep the pref. point. Every one and there dog is applying with no recourse or experience. I found a dead bull and called GAME FISH and Parks and have not heard anything back about it. I think you need to have some common cense about what and why you want to do this. I know a guy that has 23 years of pref. points for elk and If I was him I would not apply no more, I had 19years before I received a licence and between the motor cycles and the atvs in the woods at the same time we are trying to get a elk one the ground I was ready to shoot a group of motor cycles and get them on the ground bad experience not good. Called sheriff and no one showed up to complain or file a report. WHY WHY WHY

Boggs, Erin

From: René Larson <rlarson@lawrence.sd.us>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:08 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Points

This cube proposal would be better than the current system. I do not understand why this can't be a top down drawing. No one and I repeat no one should get a license the first year of the draw unless there are more licenses than submissions.

The top down system would be a way better system and let folks actually get a license before they are too old to hunt.

Thank you for your time
René and Dale Larson
Lead SD

rlarson@lawrence.sd.us

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. Aesop

Never be afraid to stand for what you believe in, even if you stand alone.

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Boggs, Erin

From: Kevin Stulken <kevin@pierrecpas.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:08 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

My concern is that we have people that have more than 15 preference points and continue to have to wait for a license, where as some hunters could, by the luck of the draw, receive two licenses before the first hunter receives a license.

I would like to see that any hunter with more than 10 preference points goes on a first receive basis. It's not right, in my opinion, that they should have to continue to wait, when someone with no preference points can receive a license ahead of them.

Kevin Stulken
3017 W 90th St.
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Boggs, Erin

From: Earl Rider <earl@weilandmarine.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:08 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT]

I would be in favor of the new point system especially for the Elk drawings

Sincerely

Earl Rider

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Boggs, Erin

From: Thad Nafziger <thadnafziger@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:07 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Public Input on changing preference point system

I personally think you folks should just leave well enough alone, as to changing the system by adding a point for current year, & cubing number of entries. You're never going to please everyone all the time...if it isn't broke, don't fix mentality here. Instead of spending resources to rewrite the program that you are using for drawing tags, in its current form...let's maybe use the resources to find out why our deer/elk mortality rates keep going up (chronic waste, blue tounge, etc.) let's find out how to fix that problem first, or it really won't matter how many draws you get if there aren't enough animals to sustain a hunting season. Just my two cents since you all were asking.

Boggs, Erin

From: Danny McLaughlin <dcmclaughlin80@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:07 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Hunter preference points

I think that this new Cube system would just make a more complicated system and would not achieve the desired results. The main change that should be done is that preference should go to individuals in the geographic area of which they're applying in comparison to their residence. Adding a preference point for those who are applying in their county or surrounding counties would decrease poaching and trespassing. Deer management would improve as well due to hunters who drive several hours for the one weekend they can make it. They often shoot deer less than two years of age because they do not want to go home empty handed. Local hunters are more tied to the land and wildlife in their area. Individuals who are not familiarized with the area they applied are also more likely to spot hunt from the roads, disrupting deer movements and other hunters.

Danny McLaughlin
Brookings SD

Boggs, Erin

From: Bruce Haerter <bruceh@valleytel.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:07 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System Change

This proposed change is long overdue and correct in being implemented sooner than later. The only more fair change would be from top/down.

Bruce

Boggs, Erin

From: Pat Prostrollo <pat@prostrollo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:03 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference points cubed system

Great idea!

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Boggs, Erin

From: John Farstad <jagged49@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:06 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point proposal

I don't quite understand the logic of trying to change the system to something that just complicates it. Why can't we have a true top down point system. I think it's illogical and wrong to have people drawing tags after 3-4 years when the next guy could have 20, as I've seen in past elk draws. Or when it took me 6 years to draw any deer muzzleloader while my buddy gets it every 2-3 years. What would be the drawback to having a top down draw system? It has to be the most honest and easy way to do it. I can't think of one outdoorsman who doesn't feel the same way. I would really appreciate feedback on what the drawbacks would be to a true top down point system. Thank you... John Farstad Hayti South Dakota

Boggs, Erin

From: Bill Hoffman <american@santel.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:06 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points

I would like to see the preference points squared like Nevada and Montana do it. Example: 3 preference points squared = $9 + 1$ for current year for a total of 10 chances.

Thank you

Bill Hoffman
Box 91
Platte, SD 57369

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Boggs, Erin

From: Karen <kmh4876@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:05 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Prefence pt

I think this is awesome cuz I have a lot of pets for csp and I'm getting old

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Josh Gilkerson <jgilkerson@fischerrounds.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:05 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: FW: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

I support this and think it's a great idea. Appears to truly give an advantage to those folks who have more preference points. Nice work!

Thank you and Merry Christmas.

Josh Gilkerson



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Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 2:50 PM
To: Josh Gilkerson
Subject: GFP News :: GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE :: Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017

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

GFP Commission Requests Input on Preference Point System

PIERRE, S.D. – Following a presentation by South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP), the GFP Commission is requesting public input on a proposal to cube preference points for all limited draw seasons. This would be for all seasons in which preference points can be purchased and accrued.

This proposed adjustment is intended to provide those hunters with a higher number of preference points a greater chance of drawing a limited license than currently exists. The proposed action would take the number of preference points a hunter has and add one for the current year application. That total will then be cubed and would determine the number of times each applicant's name is entered into the drawing.

For example, an applicant who has three preference points going into the 2018 East River deer season drawing would have a total of four upon submitting their application for 2018. Then that would be cubed to total 64; which means that applicant's name would be entered 64 times for the 2018 East River deer season drawing. Under the current structure this example would result in a total of four chances in the drawing.

A more drastic example would be if an applicant has 20 preference points for the 2018 Black Hills elk season drawing. Adding one more point upon submitting an application for 2018 would bring the total to 21. Then this would be cubed to 9,261; which means that applicant's name would be entered 9,261 times for this drawing.

This proposal would not change the drawing to a true top down preference point system. A hunter with the most preference points would still not be guaranteed a license before another hunter with less preference points, **but the odds of drawing a license would be increased.**

To comment on this proposal, send written comments to 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501, or send an 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 seventy-two hours before the public hearing (not including the day of the public hearing) per HB 1006. The GFP Commission will discuss this proposal Jan. 11-12, 2018, at the Red Rossa Convention Center in Pierre. For those unable to attend the meeting in person, the discussion will be livestreamed at <http://www.sd.net/home/>.

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Boggs, Erin

From: Greg Hubbard <greghubbard77@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:04 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Cubed preference points "NO"

The current system gives applicants with points a fair advantage over those with low or no points. Multiplying "cubing" points is ridiculous and virtually eliminates the chances of a new hunter, a hunter unable to hunt the previous year or a hunter that drew the previous year getting drawn.

I am an avid SD deer (East River, West River & archery) and turkey hunter. I am considering Black Hills deer and elk but would cut back on applications if the cubing is enacted!

Gregory Hubbard
Lake Andes, SD

Sent from my iPad

Boggs, Erin

From: Richies <richies@goldenwest.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:03 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference points

I would say no to your new plan. Keep it simple. I also don't think it's right you started charging for preference points. Greed is an ugly thing and has no place in sportsmanship.

Boggs, Erin

From: Michael Schille <mdschille@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:03 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference Point System

My name is Michael Schille and ibreside at 1933 Hillview Drive, Rapid City, SD 57702.

I am not in for of this system. The problem originates at how many tags one person can get. There is absolutely no reason any holder if an elk tag needs a deer tag, not in South Dakota. We do not have the luxury of hunting land like in most western states. Stagger out the deer drawings so if you get n elk tag or a deer tag you may not apply for other deer tags. Many of us go years without even being able to hunt because some drew an elk tag and deer tag. When they fill their elk tag they have no interest in deer hunting and may others may by luck draw 3 deer tags. Kids can get a tag every year until they're 18 and then what. The drawing system needs improved.

Michael Schille

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Sent from myMail for Android

Boggs, Erin

From: John Farstad <jagged49@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:02 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point proposal

I don't quite understand the logic of trying to change the system to something that just complicates it. Why can't we have a true top down point system. I think it's illogical and wrong to have people drawing tags after 3-4 years when the next guy could have 20, as I've seen in past elk draws. Or when it took me 6 years to draw any deer muzzloader while my buddy gets it every 2-3 years. What would be the drawback to having a top down draw system? It has to be the most honest and easy way to do it. I can't think of one outdoorsman who doesn't feel the same way. I would really appreciate feedback on what the drawbacks would be to a true top down point system. Thank you

Boggs, Erin

From: Gene Kjose <genekjose5200@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:01 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point proposal

I think it is a good ideal I think the higher Year's should have a better chance I really think your name should not even go in the draw for a few years before eligible to draw

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Gene kjose

Boggs, Erin

From: Jeremy Schultz <JSchultz@thermobond.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:00 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference point system

To whom this may concern – I am a resident of South Dakota, and an avid hunter of multiple species within our great state. I apply for almost all limited tags that require preference points. I am encouraged that this new proposed system would improve the draw statistics. This is the first step we can take to make our system better and give more opportunity's to the avid hunter and the youth. With that said you have my vote for this new preference system.

Thanks,
Jeremy Schultz

Boggs, Erin

From: blaine olseth <blaineo33@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:00 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference point

The system just for the elk should be for the people with 15 years or more preference points. That would make the odds better for the people inching into age 50 and higher to draw before death.

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Tom.I.Jensen@wellsfargo.com
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 2:58 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] PREFERENCE POINTS CUBED PROPOSAL

Absolutely agreed to implement cubing of preference points!
Please log this as my feedback as requested by GFP
Thank you for the proposal and agree 100%

Thank you!
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Boggs, Erin

From: Mike edrington <m.edrington0345@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 2:58 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT]

You gotta be kidding me. I have put in for draws over the years and never even got close. Last year the system actually asked me to get extra points, When no tags were available.

Hunt for cash, just come out and say so!
No sport in the draw, no sport in the hunt.
Greedy idiots, but you will catch a fish or two, but no keepers with this idea

thanks for your time
Mike Edrington

Boggs, Erin

From: Ben Doty <benldoty@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 2:57 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Preference points cubed

I think this is a great idea. I have one friend with over 20 points and he has yet to draw his elk tag. Then, every year I hear of people with 5 or less years drawing tags.

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Ben Doty

Boggs, Erin

From: unitelsd.com, cplaw
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 2:57 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Proposed preference point plan

I would favor the new plan to “cube” the number of preference points. The system would clean up some of the high point holders and let applicants get tags before they are too old to enjoy them. Seems like a good compromise, while still giving all applicants a chance at drawing a tag.

**Craig M. Parkhurst
Armour**

Boggs, Erin

From: Patrick Briesemeister <breeze7847@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 2:56 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] cube preference point proposal

Good idea- Agree with the proposed changes!
Thanks
Patrick Briesemeister

Boggs, Erin

From: brett godfrey <bgskippr@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 2:55 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] preference point

I like the idea of increasing the odds of someone with multiple years of preference.

Boggs, Erin

From: Miller, LouAnn
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 10:19 AM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: [EXT]

From: Wolfcale Adventures [mailto:wolfcale450@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 10:02 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT]

This is connor wolfcale and I'm not trying to tell anyone what to do but I think it would be a good idea to maybe go to the public hunting lands and plant pheasants or check what the numbers are and then plant pheasants if the number is too low..... just a thought thank you

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Boggs, Erin

From: Miller, LouAnn
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 9:05 AM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: [EXT] Deer hunting season for 2017-2018

From: Rocky Steinert [mailto:rockypcs@nvc.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 8:33 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Deer hunting season for 2017-2018

I am writing today to express my unhappiness with your decision to not allow Any Deer tags to be converted into a doe tag only for the January season. You have allowed this in the past. I understand that you may be trying to reduce the number of tags and maybe even eliminate the January season. However, to target the "any deer" tags seems very unfair and some would even say discrimination.

For me personally, I purchased preference points in order to get an any deer tag and since we were unable to fill our tag in the normal season, we can now not only not get a buck but we can not even fill the tag with a doe. As a long time South Dakota hunter, I would like to express my frustration with the way in which the commission has chosen to reduce tags.

Why not simply reduce the number of tags across the board. It seems to me, that would be a more fair way of protecting our hunting and deer population in South Dakota.

Please know that I appreciate the opportunity to hunt in South Dakota and I appreciate the commission's work.
Sincerely,

Rocky B. Steinert

Boggs, Erin

From: Miller, LouAnn
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 8:08 AM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: [EXT] Waterfowl Season

From: Paul Wermerson [mailto:pwermerson@msn.com]
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 7:49 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Waterfowl Season

Hello, I do not believe the opening date of waterfowl season has any effect on hunting.

The really issue is the closing date. For the last two seasons, I have not had a chance to even take one shot at a mallard since the weather has changed that opportunity.

I believe the season needs to be extended in all zones until the end of the calendar year.

This will at least give hunters a chance to shot migrating ducks instead of just the locals.

I didn't buy a duck stamp this year.

thanks

Boggs, Erin

From: Miller, LouAnn
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 12:20 PM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: [EXT] Proposed duck season dates

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

From: Michael Edwards [mailto:red50fox@prtcl.com]
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 12:06 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] Proposed duck season dates

Why start the duck season Sept 29? Most of the blue wing teal are gone by then. It happened this year! And what a joke having the season close this year Dec 12th. Everything around here had been frozen shut for a week. Minnesota finally got smart and opens their season early. Why are we going backwards?? Also, way too many nonresident licenses for this area (Day County). You should have had a traffic cop at everything rural intersection here. It was very hard to find a place to hunt!!!

Mike Edwards
Webster, SD

Sent from my iPhone

Boggs, Erin

From: Miller, LouAnn
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 12:18 PM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: [EXT] GFP News :: December Commission Meeting Finalizations

From: Brian Wagner [mailto:wagner@sio.midco.net]
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 11:42 AM
To: SDGFPIINFO
Subject: RE: [EXT] GFP News :: December Commission Meeting Finalizations

How do we get on the books that Out of State Waterfowl Permits NEED to be via a drawing, and NOT wide open to anyone after Nov. 1?

Thanks!
Brian Wagner

From: South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks [mailto:sdgfpinfo@state.sd.us]
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 11:08 AM
To: wagner@sio.midco.net
Subject: GFP News :: December Commission Meeting Finalizations



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Friday, Dec. 15, 2017
MEDIA CONTACT: Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us

GFP Commission Proposes Duck Hunting Season; Finalizes Several Waterfowl Seasons

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission proposed to adjust the beginning of the low plains south duck hunting zone for the 2018 hunting season; calling for the zone to open the third Saturday of October from the second Saturday of October.

The GFP Commission also proposed to increase the daily bag limit of pintails from one to two.

Proposed season dates include:

- High Plains Zone: Oct. 13, 2018 – Jan. 17, 2019
- Low Plains North and Low Plains Middle Zone: Sept. 29 – Dec. 11, 2018
- Low Plains South Zone: Oct. 20, 2018 – Jan. 1, 2019

In addition, the GFP Commission proposed no changes to the sandhill crane, snipe, tundra swan and youth waterfowl hunting seasons. With no proposed changes, these seasons will move forward under the same season structure as 2017.

The GFP Commission will finalize this proposal Jan. 11-12, at the Pierre RedRossa Convention Center. To comment in person, the public hearing will be held Jan. 11 at 2 p.m. CST. 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 GFP 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.

GFP Commission Proposes a Change to Early Fall Goose Season and Units; Finalizes Others

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission proposed and set several goose hunting seasons at their December meeting.

The Commission proposed to reduce the daily limit of Canada geese during the early fall Canada goose hunting season from 15 geese in 2017 to eight in 2018 with a possession limit of 24. The proposed early fall Canada goose hunting season would run from Sept. 1-30, 2018.

The GFP Commission proposed to add Lawrence and Meade counties to Unit 2 for the 2018 goose hunting season. No changes were proposed for the light goose, white-fronted goose hunting seasons or the spring light goose Conservation Order.

2018-2019 season dates include:

Canada Geese (and Brant)

Unit 1: Oct. 1 – Dec. 16, 2018

Unit 2: Nov. 5, 2018 – Feb. 17, 2019

Unit 3: Jan. 12-20, 2019

Light Geese

Statewide: Sept. 29, 2018 – Jan. 11, 2019

Spring Light Goose Conservation Order

Statewide: Feb. 18 – May 7, 2019

White-fronted Geese

Statewide: Sept. 29 – Dec. 23, 2018

The special Canada goose hunting season in Bennett County has been set to follow the previous year structure and will run from Oct. 20 – Dec. 23, 2018, with 800 three-tag Canada

goose licenses available to residents and 25 two-tag permits for nonresidents.

The GFP Commission reauthorized an August management take for Canada geese in Pennington County, west of the Cheyenne River to occur under the same 2017 structure for the 2018 season. This season will run from Aug. 18 – 31 and have a daily limit of 15 Canada geese and no possession limit.

The GFP Commission will finalize the early fall Canada goose proposal Jan. 11-12, at the Pierre RedRossa Convention Center. To comment in person, the public hearing will be held Jan. 11 at 2 p.m. CST. 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) per HB 1006.

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Boggs, Erin

From: Miller, LouAnn
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2018 3:47 PM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: [EXT] SD Preference Point Change

From: Kody Pataky [<mailto:kodypataky@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2018 7:12 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: [EXT] SD Preference Point Change

I think the new change to the preference point system is a step in the right direction for South Dakota. There are some very sought after tags that have people waiting a lifetime to even have a slight chance of drawing for. This new proposed system would help swing the vote toward the people waiting years in hopes of drawing.

My only concern is using the cube of the number to get the total number of entries, to me this seems to saturate the drawing too much. I propose that the total number of entries be adjusted to the square of the number of preference point, not the cube. This still benefits those with more preference points, but doesn't give them too much preference. The way I see it, if we give everyone the cube of their preference points, we are making it virtually impossible to get drawn for anything unless you have at least two years of preference points since your first year (with no prior preference points) would only give you one entry while someone with say two years preference points would be entered in 27 times. I think it is far more fair to have that person only entered in 9 times (which is what their entries would be using the square of their preference points).

In summary, the idea of increase the odds for preference points is a fine idea, but I suggest that the equation be adjusted from the cube of the total preference points to the square of the total preference points. This provides for benefit to those with high number of preference points while still making it possible for someone with low preference points to have a chance at drawing.

Thank you,

Kody
Beresford, SD

GFP COMMISSION

I THINK PREFERENCE
POINTS SHOULD CHANGE.

I HAVE 20 YEARS IN
POINTS FOR BLACK HILLS
ELK.

I KNOW OF SOME WHO
HAVE HAD 2 LICENSE
IN THAT TIME

WOULD BE MORE FAIR
WITH MORE CHANCES.

WAYNE TUSCHEN

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MADISON, SD 57042



Larry Kellogg <lekelllogg@gmail.com>

Preference point changes

2 messages

Larry Kellogg <lekelllogg@gmail.com>
To: wildinfo@state.sd.us

Fri, Dec 22, 2017 at 11:34 AM

GFP Staff:

Regarding the suggested changes to cube preference points, it is obvious that the intent is to give those who have waited the longest (those with the most points) priority over others. This makes sense so why not give the licenses in order of the preference points now accumulated with the only drawing to be between those with the same number of preference points.

For example, if you have four elk licenses available and you have three people with the most preferences (let's say 20), they would each get a license and those with 19 would go into the hat to draw for the fourth one. If you have 25 people with 20 preference points, then those 25 would qualify for a drawing for the four licenses.

It would seem to me that this would accomplish the objective without have to deal with thousands of preference points.

Larry Kellogg

Larry Kellogg <lekelllogg@gmail.com>
To: wildinfo@state.sd.us

Fri, Dec 22, 2017 at 11:40 AM

I forgot to include my city of residence which is Watertown, SD.

[Quoted text hidden]

My full name and city of residence is:

Lawrence E. Kellogg

Watertown, SD 57201

Lawrence E. Kellogg

2310 Maitland Rd
Lynch VA 57783
Jan. 6, 2018

To whom it may concern
Regarding preference points
I think this proposal is
a very good idea and
would like to see it
put into place.

Sincerely yours
Larry Kellogg

Jan 5, 2018

Dear GFP Commission,

Finally some hope of possibly drawing an ELK tag in SD!

I'm now 67 years old and getting more immobile each year and have almost given up hope of ever drawing an ELK tag. To date, I have contributed approximately \$ 350 in ELK application fees alone with nothing to show for it.

I now have a combined total of 60 preference points in 5 different ELK drawings (2 drawings with 16 preference points each).

Maybe with this new drawing system I will draw a tag prior to landing in a wheelchair. Please adopt it effective for the 2018 ELK season! Otherwise I will likely stop applying altogether.

Sincerely,

Ralph W Carlson

Ralph W. Carlson
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