



COMMISSION AGENDA

Game, Fish and Parks Commission

July 7-8, 2022

Holiday Inn Convention Center
305 N 27th Street, Spearfish, SD

CALL MEETING TO ORDER 1:00 PM MT / 2:00 PM CT

Chairman Russell Olson called the meeting to order at 1 pm MT at Holiday Inn Convention Center in Spearfish, South Dakota. Commissioners Travis Bies, Stephanie Rissler, Russell Olson, Jon Locken, Julie Bartling, Robert Whitmyre, and Chuck Spring were present. Public and staff were able to listen via SDPB livestream and participate via video conference or in person with approximately 131 total participants via zoom or in person.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

1. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Chairman Olson called for conflict of interest to be disclosed. *None were present.*

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2022 MEETING

Chairman Olson called for any additions or correction to the June 2-3, 2022, regular meeting minutes. Minutes are available at <https://gfp.sd.gov/commission/archives/>. *Motion by Whitmyre with second by Rissler to APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2-3, 2022, REGULAR MEETING. Motion carried unanimously.*

3. ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER SALARY DAYS

Chairman Olson called for additional salary days. Olson had three total salary days to claim for attending the MAFWA conference at Custer State Park. *Motion by Bartling with second by Bies to APPROVE THE REQUESTED SALARY DAYS. Motion carried unanimously.*

4. LICENSE LIST REQUEST

Director Petersen presented a license list request from Mittora Group of Newton, Iowa for DNR hunting and fishing license holders. *Motion by Rissler, seconded by Whitmyre TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST. Motion carried unanimously.*

5. LEADERSHIP GRADUATION

A graduation ceremony was held for the Leadership Development Program (LDP) with 15 of the 17 GF&P staff participants present. Tori Littlefield, of Lumin Consulting, Inc. presented a brief overview of the program which involves each participant investing approx. 80 hours of class time.

6. GO OUTDOORS SOUTH DAKOTA

Director of Wildlife, Tom Kirschenmann, provided a short update on the Go Outdoors system. The first and second draws have been completed for the elk hunting seasons with around 40,000 total applications for the first draw. The first draw for the combined deer has been completed with around 72,000 applications received. To date, just under 800,000 unique individuals have used Go Outdoors.

PROPOSALS

12. ENDANGERED & THREATENED SPECIES – PEREGRINE FALCON DOWNLISTING – CHAPTER 41:10:02

Department Recommendation is as follows:

Downlist the Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) from endangered to threatened on the list of state threatened and endangered bird species.

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Locken to FORMALLY ADOPT THE REVISED STATUS REVIEW OF THE PEREGRINE FALCONE. Motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Whitmyre, seconded by Bartling to APPROVE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2:00 PM MT/ 3:00 PM MT

Jon Kotilnek, senior staff attorney, opened the floor to testimony from those in attendance on matters of importance to them that may not be on the agenda. The public hearing started at 2:01 pm MT with two persons testifying. Public hearing concluded at 2:07 pm MT. Public hearing minutes following these commission meeting minutes.

OPEN FORUM – FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING

Jon Kotilnek, senior staff attorney, opened the floor for discussion from those in attendance on matters of importance to them that may not be on the agenda. The open forum started at 2:07 pm MT.

- Joel Murano of Aberdeen testified in favor of Petitions 7-9.
- Jim Dahlberg of Hot Springs testified in favor of Petitions 7-9.
- Martie Haines of Faith testified in opposition of Petitions 7-9.
- Stuart Griffith of Summerset testified in favor of Petitions 7-9.
- John Meyen of Rasholt testified in favor of Petitions 7-9.
- Doug Abraham of Pierre testified in opposition to Petitions 7-8.
- Cody Hodson of Rapid City testified in favor of Petitions 7-9.
- Nancy Hilding of Black Hawk would like to see a Biannual review of South Dakota Threatened and Endangered Species. Per statute, the review is every two years, last time it was reviewed was 2020.
- Justin Broughton of Sioux Falls testified in favor of Petitions 7-9.
- Jason Stone of Chamberlain testified in favor of Petitions 7-9.
- Julie Anderson of Sioux Falls testified in opposition to the Nest Predator Program.
- Zach Hunke of Watertown testified in favor of Petitions 7-9, however would want an 8% cap on nonresident licenses.
- Trevor Davis of Sioux Falls testified in favor of Petitions 7-9. Also, would like to see a change in the amount of unlimited over the counter archery tags.
- Brandon Lambert testified in favor of Petitions 7-9 and would recommend increasing license fees to decrease demand.
- DJ Locken of Kirksville, MO testified in opposition of Petitions 7-9.

Open forum concluded at 2:57 pm MT.

PETITIONS

7. NONRESIDENT ANTELOPE LICENSE ALLOCATION / RESOLUTION 22-12

Director Kirschenmann, Wildlife Division Director, presented a petition received from Dana Rogers of Hills City representing the South Dakota Bowhunters Inc requesting an ‘unlimited number of resident “buck antelope” licenses may be issued for this season. Non-residents can apply for one archery “buck antelope” permit after first buying a non-resident small game license and applying with a 200-nonresident license cap.’ *Motioned by Bies, seconded by Spring to DENY THE PETITION. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motioned by Whitmyre, seconded by Bies to ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-12 to DENY ABOVE PETITION. Motion carried unanimously.

8. NONRESIDENT DEER LICENSE ALLOCATION/ RESOLUTION 22-13

Director Kirschenmann, Wildlife Division Director, presented a petition received from Dana Rogers of Hills City representing the South Dakota Bowhunters Inc requesting an ‘unlimited resident any deer licenses may be issues for unites ARD-ST1, ARD-ER1, and ARD-WR1, and unlimited resident antlerless whitetail deer licenses may be issues for ARD-LM1. Nonresidents can apply for one any deer permit after first buying a nonresident small game

license and applying for: NR ARD-ST1 with a 2000 maximum license cap and NR ARD-LM1 with a 2000 license cap.' *Motioned by Locken, seconded by Bartling to DENY THE PETITION. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Rissler to ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-13 to DENY THE ABOVE PETITION. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NONRESIDENT DEER & ANTELOPE ONE-TAG LICENSE / RESOLUTION 22-14

Director Kirschenmann, Wildlife Division Director, presented a petition received from Dana Rogers of Hills City representing the South Dakota Bowhunters Inc requesting a change to (38) nonresident deer or antelope one-tag license of \$280 to \$500. *Motioned by Whitmyre, seconded by Rissler to DENY THE PETITION. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motioned by Rissler, seconded by Locken to ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-14 to DENY THE ABOVE PETITION. Motion carried unanimously.

FORMAL REVIEW OF ARCHERY & NONRESIDENT HUNTING

Chairman Olson requested a formal review be conducted regarding archery hunting and nonresident hunting pressure with interested parties and agencies, with a department recommendation to be submitted at the December 2022 Commissioner Meeting. *Motioned by Bies, seconded by Bartling to REQUEST A FORMAL REVIEW BE CONDUCTED AND A RECOMMENDATION OF THE ARCHERY HUNTING SEASON AND NONRESIDENT PRESSURE BY THE DECEMBER MEETING. Motion carried unanimously.*

PROPOSALS

10. SPRING TURKEY

10A. CUSTER STATE PARK SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON – CHAPTER 41:06:15

Department recommended changes from last year:

1. Change the season start date from the 2nd Saturday in April to the 3rd Saturday in April.
2. Format and style changes for maximum number of licenses and preference points.

Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Whitmyre to APPROVE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION. Motion carried unanimously.

10B. SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON – CHAPTERS 41:06:13 & 41:03:01

Department recommended changes from last year:

1. Modify the season dates for all spring turkey hunting seasons to begin on the third Saturday of April and end on May 31.
2. Adjust the maximum number of licenses available in administrative rule from no more than 5,807 to 10,000 one-tag "male turkey" licenses and from no more than 600 to 2,500 two-tag "male turkey" licenses.
3. Eliminate Unit BST-BH2, which provides for a second Black Hills spring turkey licenses for resident hunters.
4. Modify the season dates for those prairie units with split season seasons.
5. Modify the valid time during the season when access permits are valid for Good Earth State Park and Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve.
6. Modify the valid time during the season when hunters can have uncased weapons within the boundary of Sica Hollow State Park.

Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Spring to APPROVE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION. Motion carried unanimously.

10C. SPRING TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS – HUNTING UNIT LICENSE ALLOCATIONS

Department recommended changes on APPENDIX A.

Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Rissler to APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION. Motion carried unanimously.

DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION

19. ANGOSTURA CONCESSION PROSPECTUS AUTHORIZATION

Sean Blanchette, Concessions Manager with the Parks Division, provided the Commission a status update on the forthcoming prospectus for the Concession Lease opportunity at Angostura Recreation Area. The current lease is set to expire on 12/31/2022.

Motioned by Bies, seconded by Bartling to PUBLISH PROSPECTUS FOR ANGOSTORA. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSALS (continued)

11. FISHING REGULATIONS

11A & 11B. ICE SHACK REMOVAL DATES & FISH LIMITS – CHAPTERS 41:07:01 & 41:07:03

Department recommendations as follows:

1. Remove restrictions on when ice fishing shelters can be left overnight on public waters.
2. Remove language referencing gear specifications for the noncommercial take of smelt.
3. Remove the 15” minimum length limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Burke Lake in Gregory County and. Put in place a 15” minimum length limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Lake Mitchell in Davison County.

Motioned by Whitmyre, seconded by Bartling to APPROVE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION. Motion carried unanimously.

11C. IMPORTATION OF FISH - CHAPTER 41:09:08

Department recommendations as follows:

Modify languages in the rule listing importation requirements of fish to better describe current definitions of pathogens and diseases of regulatory concern.

Motioned by Bies, seconded by Rissler to APPROVE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION. Motion carried unanimously.

11D. HOOP NETS, TRAPS, SETLINES AND FLOATLINES - CHAPTER 41:07:08

Department recommendations as follows:

1. Change check times for hoop nets, traps, and setlines from 72 hours to 24 hours.
2. Modify language to allow someone besides the licensee to run hoop nets, traps, setlines, and floatlines if licensee is present.

Motioned by Rissler, seconded by Bies to APPROVE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION. Motion carried unanimously.

11E & 11F. PADDLEFISH SEASON & PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES - CHAPTERS 41:07:05 & 41:09:12

Department recommendations as follows:

1. Remove language regarding ZZ1 units (preference point only) for archery and snagging paddlefish seasons as these units are no longer available.
2. Add crossbows as a legal method of take for paddlefish during archery seasons.
3. Provide a permit to allow for assistance to be given to a disabled angler while participating in lawful fishing activities.

Motioned by Locken, seconded by Whitmyre to APPROVE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION. Motion carried unanimously.

FINALIZATIONS

13. ANTELOPE

13 A. ANTELOPE: APPLICATION FOR LICENSE – CHAPTER 41:06:01

The following are proposed draft changes that are intended to incorporate the recommended changes adopted by the Commission.

41:06:01:12. Mentored youth big game license -- Restrictions. A resident parent or guardian may purchase no more than one mentored "any antlerless deer" license or "antlerless whitetail deer" license, and one "doe-fawn antelope" license, and one fall "any turkey" license, and one spring "male turkey" license for a designated mentored youth as provided in SDCL 41-6-81. Mentored antelope licenses are valid in any open firearm hunting unit west of the Missouri River for private land only. No youth participating in a mentored big game hunt may apply for a regular season license for that corresponding species and season.41:06:23:01.

Department recommended changes from Proposal: none.

Motioned by Rissler, seconded by Locken to APPROVE FINALIZATION CHANGES TO CHAPTER 41:06:01. Motion carried unanimously.

13B. ARCHERY ANTELOPE HUNTING SEASON – CHAPTER 41:06:24

The following are proposed draft changes that are intended to incorporate the recommended changes adopted by the Commission.

41:06:24:01. Archery antelope hunting season established -- Open area -- Number and type of licenses available. The archery antelope hunting season is open in those areas of the state with a ~~an~~ firearm antelope season and in the portions of Custer and Pennington Counties within the Black Hills Fire Protection District, except Custer State Park, with access permits from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset each day beginning on the third Saturday of August through October 31, except during the firearm antelope season. An unlimited number of "~~any antelope~~" one-tag antelope licenses may be issued for this season. The access permits may be issued by lottery drawing.

Department recommended changes from Proposal:

1. Style and format change to clarify language in 41:06:24:01.

Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Bies to APPROVE THE PROPOSAL AS DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Locken, seconded by Rissler to APPROVE FINALIZATION OF CHANGES TO CHAPTER 41:06:24 AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

13C. ANTELOPE HUNTING SEASON – 41:06:23

The following are proposed draft changes that are intended to incorporate the recommended changes adopted by the Commission.

41:06:23:01. Antelope hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses. The antelope hunting season is open from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset each day for 16 consecutive days beginning on the Saturday closest to October 1, unless prohibited in the unit descriptions in §§ 41:06:23:02. No more than 8,000 ~~4,115~~ one-tag "~~any antelope~~" antelope licenses, no more than ~~3,000~~ ~~600~~ two-tag antelope licenses, and no more than 50 "special antelope" licenses may be issued to residents for the antelope hunting season. No more than 50 "special antelope" licenses may be issued to nonresidents for the antelope hunting season. If a person applies for a "special antelope" license, the person may not apply for another antelope license until the third lottery drawing. A successful "special antelope" applicant may not apply for a leftover "special antelope" license.

41:06:23:02. Open units -- Exceptions. The following is a description of the open units: (28) Unit PRA-63A: Campbell, Potter and Walworth counties; If no license is allocated for a specific hunting unit, that unit is dissolved for the purposes of designating areas open to hunting, as they pertain to the archery antelope season, and areas open to hunting under SDCL 41-6-19.3.

Department recommended changes from Proposal: None

Motioned by Whitmyre, seconded by Bies to APPROVE FINALIZATION OF CHANGES TO CHAPTER 41:06:23. Motion carried unanimously.

13D. ANTELOPE: HUNTING SEASON – HUNTING UNIT LICENSE ALLOCATIONS

Department recommendations found in APPENDIX B & C.

Department recommended changes from Proposal: None

Motioned by Spring, seconded by Locken to APPROVE FINALIZATION OF CHANGES TO ANTELOPE HUNTING SEASON – HUNTING UNIT LICENSE ALLOCATIONS. Motion carried unanimously.

14. ARCHERY & GENERAL MUZZLELOADING DEER HUNTING SEASONS – CHAPTERS 41:06:22 & 41:06:45

The following are proposed draft changes that are intended to incorporate the recommended changes adopted by the Commission.

41:06:22:01.01. Open units. The following is a description of the open units: (1) Unit ARD-ST1: statewide, excluding Custer State Park; (2) Unit ARD-ER1: all counties east of the Missouri River; (3) Unit ARD-WR1: all counties west of the Missouri River, excluding Custer State Park; (4) Unit ARD-LM1: antlerless whitetail deer licenses will be available in hunting units that offer a deer license for antlerless deer in the lottery drawing for the Black Hills, West River, and East River deer seasons. One single tag license may be purchased for this hunting unit; ~~all areas open to archery deer hunting, excluding the following deer hunting units referenced in chapters 41:06:19, 41:06:20, and 41:06:21: BD1, 02C, 07A, 08A, 12A, 14A, 27L, 33A, 34A, 35L, 36A, 38A, 41A, 50A, 54A, 58D, 59A, 59B, 61A, and 65A;~~ (5) Unit ARD-MP1: for those designated areas within the city limits of Custer; (6) Unit ARD-MP2: for those designated areas within the city limits of Rapid City; and (7) Unit ARD-MP3: for those designated areas within the city limits of Sioux Falls.

41:06:45:02. Open units. The following is a description of the open units: 1) Unit MZD-ST1: statewide, excluding Custer State Park; and (2) Unit MZD-LM1: antlerless whitetail deer licenses will be available in hunting units that offer a deer license for antlerless deer in the lottery drawing for the Black Hills, West River, and East River deer seasons. One single tag license may be purchased for this hunting unit. ~~One single tag license may be purchased for all areas open to muzzleloading deer hunting, excluding the following deer hunting units referenced in chapters 41:06:19, 41:06:20, and 41:06:21: BD1, 02C, 07A, 08A, 11B, 12A, 14A, 27L, 33A, 34A, 35L, 36A, 38A, 41A, 50A, 54A, 58D, 59A, 59B, 61A, and 65A.~~

Department recommended changes from Proposal: None

Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Whitmyre to APPROVE FINALIZATION OF CHANGES TO CHAPTERS 41:06:22 AND 41:06:45. Motion carried unanimously.

15. HUNTING REQUIREMENTS & PROHIBITED METHODS – CHAPTER 41:06:03

The following are proposed draft changes that are intended to incorporate the recommended changes adopted by the Commission.

41:06:03:19. Carcass disposal for wildlife processing facilities. Wildlife processing facilities, as defined by §41:06:03:10, shall dispose of all remaining cervid carcass parts obtained from outside this state with a waste management provider or permitted landfill. Game processors licensed by another state or federal entity shall dispose of carcasses as required by the conditions associated with their license.

Department recommended changes from Proposal: None

Motioned by Rissler, seconded by Bies to APPROVE FINALIZATION OF CHANGES TO CHAPTER 41:06:03. Motion carried unanimously.

16. FALL TURKEY

16A. FALL WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON – CHAPTER 41:06:14

The following are proposed draft changes that are intended to incorporate the recommended changes adopted by the Commission.

41:06:14:01. Fall turkey hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses. The fall wild turkey hunting season is open from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily beginning on November 1 through January 31. No more than ~~500~~ ~~100~~ one-tag any turkey licenses may be issued to residents for the Black Hills fall turkey hunting season. No more than ~~2,500~~ ~~400~~ one-tag any turkey licenses and ~~2,000~~ ~~35~~ double-tag any turkey licenses may be issued to residents for the prairie fall turkey hunting season.

41:06:14:02.01. Prairie units. The following is a description of the open prairie units: (1) Unit PFT-01A: Minnehaha County. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow; (2) Unit PFT-02A: that portion of Pennington County east of the Cheyenne River; (3) ~~(2)~~ Unit PFT-06A: that portion of Brookings County east of Interstate 29. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow; (4) ~~(3)~~ Unit PFT-07A: Yankton County; (5) ~~(4)~~ Unit PFT-08A: ~~These portions of Davison and Hanson cCounties within a line beginning at the junction of 403rd Avenue and 247th Street, then east on 247th Street to its junction with 413th Avenue, then south on 413th Avenue to its junction with Interstate 90, then west on Interstate 90 to its junction with 403rd Avenue, then north on 403rd Avenue to the point of beginning.~~ A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow; (6) ~~(5)~~ Unit PFT-12A: Bon Homme County; (7) ~~(6)~~ Unit PFT-13A: Brule and Buffalo County counties; (8) Unit PFT-15A: Butte County and that portion of Lawrence County north of Interstate 90; (9) ~~(7)~~ Unit PFT-17A: Charles Mix County, excluding Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge, and Douglas County; (10) Unit PFT-18A: Aurora and Douglas counties; (11) ~~(8)~~ Unit PFT-19A: Clay County; (12) Unit PFT-21A: that portion of Custer County east of State Highway 79 and that portion of Pennington County south of Interstate 90 between State Highway 79 and the Cheyenne River; (13) ~~(9)~~ Unit PFT-23A: Deuel County: A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow; (14) Unit PFT-24A: Dewey and Ziebach counties; (15) Unit PFT-27A; that portion of Fall River County not included in Unit BFT-BH1; (16) Unit PFT-29A: Grant County; (17) Unit PFT-30A: Gregory County; (18) Unit PFT-31A: Haakon County; (19) Unit PFT-35A: Harding County; (20) Unit PFT-41A: Jones County; (21) ~~(10)~~ Unit PFT-36A: Hughes County, excluding Farm Island Recreation Area, LaFramboise Island Nature Area, and department land from the Pierre city limits to Farm Island Recreation Area; (22) ~~(11)~~ Unit PFT-37A: Hutchinson County. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow; (23) ~~(12)~~ Unit PFT-39A: Jackson County; (24) ~~(13)~~ Unit PFT-40A: Jerauld County; (25) ~~(14)~~ Unit PFT-44A: Lincoln County; (26) Unit PFT-45A: Lyman County; (27) ~~(15)~~ Unit PFT-48A: those portions of Marshall County south and east of State Highway 25 and north of State Highway 10 and Roberts County. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow; (28) Unit PFT-49A: those portions of Meade County not included in Units BFT-BH1 and PFT-53A, and that portion of Pennington County north of Interstate 90, west of the Cheyenne River; (29) Unit PFT-50A: Mellette County; (30) Unit PFT-52A: Moody County. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow; (31) Unit PFT-53A: Perkins County and that portion of Meade County north of U.S. Highway 212; (32) Unit PFT-60A: Tripp County; (33) ~~(18)~~ Unit PFT-61A: Turner County; ~~and~~ (34) ~~(19)~~ Unit PFT-62A: Union County; and (35) Unit PFT-67A: Todd County.

Department recommended changes from Proposal: None

Motioned by Spring, seconded by Whitmyre to APPROVE FINALIZATION OF CHANGES TO CHAPTER 41:06:14. Motion carried unanimously.

16B. FALL TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS – HUNTING UNIT ALLOCATIONS – CHAPTER 41:06:40

Department recommendations in APPENDIX D & E.

Department recommended changes from Proposal: None

Motioned by Bies, seconded by Whitmyre to APPROVE FINALIZATION OF CHANGES TO FALL TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS – HUNTING UNIT LICENSE ALLOCATIONS. Motion carried unanimously.

17. MOURNING DOVE HUNTING

The following are proposed draft changes that are intended to incorporate the recommended changes adopted by the Commission.

41:06:40:05. Restrictions. Mourning dove hunting restrictions are as follows: (1) Doves may be shot only in flight; and (2) All state parks and state recreation areas are closed to dove hunting except Angostura State Recreation Area excluding that portion of the area lying east of the dam and Shadehill State Recreation Area.

Department recommended changes from Proposal: None

Motioned by Whitmyre, seconded by Locken to APPROVE FINALIZATION OF CHANGES TO CHAPTER 41:06:40. Motion carried unanimously.

18. SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON

The following are proposed draft changes that are intended to incorporate the necessary changes for consideration by the Commission.

41:06:13:05. Turkey hunting recruitment license – Open area and eligibility. The turkey hunting recruitment licenses are valid statewide, excluding Custer State Park, from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset beginning on the first Saturday of April through May 31 during the spring turkey hunting seasons. A person is eligible as provided in SDCL 41-6-81.

41:06:13:06. Number and types of licenses available -- Application process. A sponsoring nongovernmental organization shall complete and apply to the department stating the name, address, and phone number of the sponsoring organization. No more than 10 male turkey hunting recruitment licenses may be issued with no more than two of the allocated licenses issued per sponsoring nongovernmental organization. The sponsoring non-governmental organization shall be responsible for license fees.

41:06:13:07. Criteria for selection by commission of non-governmental organization. Any nongovernmental organizations devoted to wildlife management; preservation; propagation; habitat; research; hunter retention, recruitment, and reactivation; and recognized as an exempt organization under § 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code may apply for such licenses.

41:06:13:08. Application deadline. The completed application under §41:06:13:06 must be received by the department by December 31 preceding the spring turkey season.

41:06:13:09. Selection of non-governmental organization by commission. The commission shall review and evaluate the information contained in the applications according to the criteria listed in §41:06:13:07 and shall select the participants it considers best qualified. The department secretary shall notify all applicants regarding the commission's selection.

Department recommended changes from Proposal: None

Motioned by Rissler, seconded by Bartling to APPROVE THE FINALIZATION OF CHANGES TO CHAPTER 41:06:13. Motion carried unanimously.

DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION *(continued)*

20. PARK FEE REVIEW PROCESS

Director Simpson and his team performed an annual review and there will be no need to park fee changes at this time.

21. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT UPDATE

Adam Kulesa, Planning/Development Administration, provided a short presentation regarding the history and current status of the ARPA funding for the department. 17 million dollars has been allocated by the state legislature for over 50 water and sewer infrastructure projects across the state. A couple questions were asked by the commission in regard to the type of projects, prioritization, and park impact. Staff were able to provide answers and ensure the public we will prioritize larger dollar projects that are challenging to fund through our capital development budget and projects will primarily be completed in the shoulder/off seasons to ensure minimal disruption to park use. Funds are required to be spend by the end of the 2026 federal fiscal year.

22. HIDDENWOOD PARK UPDATE

Dan Richards, Park Manager, shared a presentation explaining the accomplishments in the last four years that paved the way for the re-opening of Lake Hiddenwood Recreation Area. Also highlighted were partnerships that were fostered including the close relationship with the Lake Hiddenwood Foundation. With the help of private donations, generous contractors and volunteer efforts who donated time and equipment the park was able to fund the building of a new access road back into the park. A couple questions were asked by the commission in reference to camping since the reopening and future plans for lakebed. Currently the campground has available campsites as electrical services has yet to be restored and work also continues on hiking bridges and trails. Plans down the road include the development of a fishery again.

23. LAKE OAHE BOAT ACCESS UPDATE

Adam Kulesa, Planning/Development Administration, provided a short presentation updating the Commission on lake levels of Lake Oahe and how they may affect access. Access projects that have been complete and those on our radar to monitor were explained and the commission did not have any questions.

24. FORT SISSETON FESTIVAL RECAP

Ali Jo Tonsfeldt, Park Manager, gave a presentation on the recent festival held at Fort Sisseton.

25. PALISADES STATE PARK UPDATE

Director Simpson informed the board a bid had gone out in May to put in water lines, construction of comfort station and welcome center estimated at 3.7 million dollars. Bids came back over the estimate due to increase in supply costs. Parks crew is working out how to lower the bid. Ultimately, they rejected submitted bids and are working to change bid packages. This moves anticipated campground opening back. Looking at potential construction next spring.

26. STORM DAMAGE UPDATE

Director Simpson informed the Commission of parks that had been affected by recent storm damage and repairs being made.

27. JUNE CAMPING, VISITATION AND REVENUE REPORT

Director Simpson provided the Commission with the June 2022 Visitation by District report for their review.

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

28. ELK RAFFLE LICENSE

Director Kirschenmann informed the Commission of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation would like to again raffle off a Resident Only Elk License in Custer State Park.

Motioned by Bies, seconded by Bartling to approve the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation one resident only elk license to be raffled off. Motion carried unanimously.

29. NEST PREDATOR BOUNTY PROGRAM SUMMARY

Jacque Ermer, Program Manager, reported this is the fourth year of the Nest Predator Bounty Program. New this year, only youth under the age of 18 were eligible to participate during the month of March. Starting April 1, the program was opened for all age participants. Eligible tails were \$10 each. The \$500,000 maximum was reached on the last day, July 1. Nearly 55,000 tails were submitted for the 2022 program with raccoon making up 73% of all submissions followed by striped skunk at 13%. About 2,400 individuals participated which is 14% less than in 2021. Approximately 32% of all participants were under 18 years of age. Sixteen youth participants were drawn for the weekly prize giveaway package. GFP and partners continue to offer trapping-based education classes to promote ethical and safe take.

30. RIVER OTTER SEASON & HARVEST HISTORY

Alex Solem, Wildlife Biologist, reported a total of 21 river otters were harvested during the 2021 river otter hunting/trapping season. South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks biologists use multiple methods in managing river otter populations throughout the river otter management zone. Biologists use trend data from a catch-per-unit index derived from surveying successful trappers. Biologists also conduct stream surveys within the Big Sioux River utilizing non-invasive genetic sampling by collecting genetic material from scat and anal jellies found on communal latrines. Biologists plan on developing an index to abundance using this number of identified individuals. Biologists also use trend data associated with opportunistic reports of sign and sightings, number of incidental catches, and road kills. Carcasses from all legal harvests, incidental catches, and road kills are necropsied to collect demographic data on those individual river otters to give additional insight in the population status.

31. WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN REVISION

Eileen Dowd Stunkel, Senior Wildlife Biologist, reported the South Dakota's Wildlife Action Plan allows Game, Fish and Parks to remain eligible to receive a Congressional appropriation called State Wildlife Grants. These funds help implement the state's Wildlife Action Plan, a strategic plan to address the needs of fish and wildlife species and the habitats they need. This annual appropriation is unstable and inadequate to meet state funding needs. A new legislative opportunity called Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) has passed the U.S. House and awaits a floor vote in the U.S. Senate. This bill would provide an estimated \$17 million per year to GFP to help implement the SD Wildlife Action Plan. GFP has begun a minor plan revision to add plant species of greatest conservation need and additional animal species to the Plan to be eligible for RAWA funds when they are available. This will be a significant opportunity to allow states and tribes to better address species conservation, with new funding for education, wildlife-associated recreation, and law enforcement related to rare species.

32. OUTDOOR CAMPUS & SDSU COOPERATION POSITIONS

Lacy Elrod, Visitor Services Coordinator, reported the Outdoor Campus and SDSU will cooperatively be hiring two new position to help with youth education.

33. LICENSE SALES UPDATE

Director Kirschenmann provided a brief summary on license sales. Overall, license sales remain strong. Compared to last month's report, license sales have increased. In comparison to the 3-year average, resident license sales are a little behind and nonresident sales are very similar.

ADJOURN

Motioned by Whitmyre, seconded by Bies to ADJOURN MEETING AT 10:35 AM MT. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Robling, Department Secretary

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