



COMMISSION AGENDA

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission

June 8-9, 2023

Good Earth State Park

Call meeting to order at 1:00 pm CST / 12:00 pm MT

Division of Administration

Action Items

1. Conflict of Interest Disclosure
2. Approve Minutes of the May 2023 Meeting available at <https://gfp.sd.gov/commission/archives/>
3. Additional Commissioner Salary Days
4. Budget Discussion

Information Items

5. South Dakota Go Outdoors Update
6. Second Century Habitat Fund: Gala Report
7. New Staff Introductions

Open Forum – starting at 2 pm CST / 1 pm MT

The portion of the meeting is designated for public comment on petitions, proposals, and other items of interest not on the agenda.

8. Leadership Graduation

Petitions

9. Petition #191: No Wake Zone at Cedar Shore Boat Launch and Rec Area
10. Petition #192: Restricting Crossbows for Paddlefish

Proposals

11. River Otter Trapping & Hunting Season
12. Sage Grouse Hunting Season
13. Turkey and Antelope Draw

Division of Parks & Recreation

Information Items

14. Palisades Update
15. Upcoming Projects in the Parks
16. Parks Trails and Events
17. Adams Homestead Interpretive Project
18. Lodging Opportunities in Parks
19. Open House and Memorial Day Weekend Park Reservations

Division of Wildlife

Action Items

- 20. Land Acquisition: Davis Property (Day County)
- 21. Land Acquisition: Pheasants Forever Donation Property (Stanley County)

Information Items

- 22. Habitat & Access Update
- 23. Aquatic Invasive Species Operational Efforts Update
- 24. Pheasant Harvest Report 2022 Hunting Season
- 25. Spring Spawning and Stocking Summary
- 26. ADA Track Wheelchair Program
- 27. License Sales Update

Solicitation of Agenda Items for Commissioners

Adjourn

Next meeting information July 20-21, 2023, at Arrowwood Resort in Oacoma, SD.



COMMISSION MINUTES

Game, Fish and Parks Commission

May 4-5, 2023

Events Barn | Custer State Park

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:00 PM MT

Chair Rissler called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm MT at the Event Barn located in Custer State Park on May 4, 2023. Commissioners Stephanie Rissler, Julie Bartling, Jim White, Robert Whitmyre, Travis Bies, Jon Locken, and Charles Spring were present. The public and staff can listen via SDPD Livestream, and participate via conference, or in person, with approximately 73 total participants attending via Zoom or in person.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

1. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Chair Rissler called for a conflict of interest to be disclosed. *None were present.*

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Chair Rissler called for any additions or corrections to the regular minutes of April 2023 meeting. Minutes are available at <https://gfp.sd.gov/commission/archives/>.

Motioned Bies, seconded by Bartling to APPROVE THE APRIL 2023 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER SALARY DAYS

Chair Rissler called for any additional salary day from the commissioners. *None were present.*

4. LICENSE HOLDER LIST REQUEST

Administrative Director, Chris Petersen, presented the Commission with a License Holder List Request from Second Century Habitat Fund of Sioux Falls, SD.

Motioned by Locken, seconded by Bies to APPROVE THE LICENSE HOLDER LIST REQUEST. The motion carried unanimously.

5. SOUTH DAKOTA GO OUTDOORS UPDATE

Keith Fisk, Licensing Program Administrator, gave a brief update on GoOutdoors South Dakota system. He highlighted a few of the upcoming draws and application periods.

6. SECOND CENTURY HABITAT FUND GALA

Brian Bashore, Executive Director of SCHF (South Century Habitat Fund), extended a warm invitation to the public to join the upcoming SCHF Gala, scheduled for June 3rd in Sioux Falls, SD. The purpose of the event is to raise funds for ongoing habitat improvement projects, conducted in collaboration with the department. By attending the gala, participants will actively contribute to the preservation and enhancement of natural habitats in South Dakota

7. NEW STAFF INTRODUCTION

Kevin Robling, Department Secretary, announced that Bruce Cull of Yankton, SD was appointed by Governor Noem on April 28, 2023, to take the final vacant seat on the Commission. His term will expire on January 24, 2024, as he will be finishing Russell Olson's term.

PUBLIC HEARING

Jon Kotilnek, Senior Staff Attorney, opened the floor at 2:06 pm CST for discussion from those in attendance on matters of importance to them pertaining to the finalizations to be considered by the Commission. The Public Hearing Minutes are immediately following these minutes.

Mr. Kotilnek closed the open forum at 2:25 pm CST.

OPEN FORUM

Jon Kotilnek, Senior Staff Attorney, opened the floor at 2:26 pm CST for discussion from those in attendance in matters of importance to them that may not be on the agenda.

- Catherine Nerud of Custer, SD provided testimony pertaining to Preserve French Creek.
- Jack Winter of Huron, SD provided testimony pertaining to Preserve French Creek.
- Neil Schanzenbach of Custer, SD provided testimony pertaining to Preserve French Creek.
- Robert Knox of Custer, SD provided testimony pertaining to Preserve French Creek.
- Tom Conger of Buffalo Gap, SD provided testimony pertaining to lease agreements and cattle grazing.
- Jerry Shagla of Hot Springs, SD provided testimony pertaining to lease agreements and cattle grazing.
- John Hopple of Black Hawk, SD representing the South Dakota Trappers Association provided testimony in opposition of the Beaver Trapping and Hunting petitions, and in support of the Furbearer Seasons proposal.
- David Goodwin of Piedmont, SD representing the Black Hills Mountain Lion Hunters provided testimony about the 2023 mountain lion hunting season.
- Jim Lintz of Custer, SD representing the Custer County Commissioners provided testimony about the Custer County fire costs.

Mr. Kotilnek closed the open forum at 2:59 pm CST.

Black Hills Fly Fishers and National Wild Turkey Federation awarded the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks department a \$40,000 check. As a result of a partnership effort between GFP, USFS Black Hills National Forest, Black Hills Fly Fishers, and the National Wild Turkey Federation, approximately 1.5 miles of Castle Creek below Deerfield Reservoir will be improved through a fencing project. The protection of this riparian area will benefit both the stream and trout population that thrives within it.

PETITIONS

8. **PETITION #188: BLOWGUN FISHING IN SOUTH DAKOTA**

Charles Ward of Rapid City, South Dakota, submitted Petition #188 requesting the legalization of blowgun fishing in South Dakota.

Department Position: The department recommended denying the petition.

Motioned by White, seconded by Bartling to DENY THE PETITION TO LEGALIZE BLOWGUN FISHING IN SOUTH DAKOTA. The motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Bies, seconded by Bartling to ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-14 TO DENY THE PETITION LEAGALIZE BLOWGUN FISHING IN SOUTH DAKOTA. The motion carried unanimously.

9. PETITION #189: BEAVER HUNTING & TRAPPING

Nancy Hilding of Black Hawk, South Dakota, representing the Prairie Hills Audubon Society submitted Petition #189 requesting the removal of beaver trapping and hunting from January 1, 2024, to January 1, 2027, on Black Hills National Forest lands.

Department Position: The department recommended denying the petition.

Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Spring to DENY THE PETITION TO REMOVE BEAVER TRAPPING AND HUNTING FROM JANUARY 1, 2024, TO JANUARY 1, 2027, ON BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST LANDS. The motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Whitmyre, seconded by Locken to ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-15 TO DENY PETITION TO REMOVE BEAVER TRAPPING AND HUNTING FROM JANUARY 1, 2024, TO JANUARY 1, 2027, ON BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST LANDS. The motion carried unanimously.

10. PETITION #190: BEAVER HUNTING & TRAPPING

Nancy Hilding of Black Hawk, South Dakota, representing the Prairie Hills Audubon Society submitted Petition #190 requesting the removal of beaver trapping and hunting from January 1, 2024, to January 1, 2027, on Black Hills National Forest lands, and provide a method to impose a moratorium on other lands owned by the public.

Department Position: The department recommended denying the petition.

Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Spring to DENY THE PETITION TO REMOVE BEAVER TRAPPING AND HUNTING FROM JANUARY 1, 2024, TO JANUARY 1, 2027, ON BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST LANDS WITH THE ABILITY TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM. The motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Whitmyre, seconded by Locken to ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-16 TO DENY PETITION TO REMOVE BEAVER TRAPPING AND HUNTING FROM JANUARY 1, 2024, TO JANUARY 1, 2027, ON BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST LANDS WITH THE ABILITY TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM. The motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSALS

11. FURBEARER SEASONS

Keith Fisk, Licensing Program Administrator, presented the commission with the Furbearer Season proposals. The department had no recommended changes to the following seasons:

- Beaver Trapping and Hunting Season (Chapter 41:08:01),
- Skunk, Opossum, Jackrabbit, Fox, Raccoon, and Badger Season (Chapter 41:08:01),
- Mink, Weasel, and Muskrat Hunting and Trapping Season (Chapter 41:08:01),
- Muskrat Hunting Season (Chapter 41:08:01).

Since the department had no recommended changes, THE COMMISSION TOOK NO ACTION ON THE PROPOSALS.

FINALIZATIONS

12. WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON

WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASONS – CHAPTER 41:06:16

Department recommendations: No changes were recommended from the proposal.

Motioned by Bies, seconded by Locken to APPROVE THE FINALIZATION. The motion carried unanimously.

13. DEER HUNTING SEASONS

WEST RIVER PRAIRIE DEER HUNTING SEASONS – CHAPTER 41:06:20

Department recommendations: No changes were recommended from the proposal.

Motioned by Bies, seconded by Bartling to APPROVE THE FINALIZATION. The motion carried unanimously.

APPRENTICE HUNTER DEER SEASONS – CHAPTER 41:06:44

Department recommendations: No changes were recommended from the proposal.

Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Spring to APPROVE THE FINALIZATION. The motion carried unanimously.

YOUTH DEER HUNTING SEASON – CHAPTER 41:06:63

Department recommendations: No changes were recommended from the proposal.

Motioned by Whitmyre, seconded by Locken to APPROVE THE FINALIZATION. The motion carried unanimously.

CUSTER STATE PARK DEER HUNTING SEASON – CHAPTER 41:06:41

Department recommendations: Include an additional sentence in 41:06:41:01 to specify any deer and any whitetail licenses are valid through November 1 through November 30 and antlerless whitetail licenses valid from December 1 through December 15.

Motioned by White, seconded by Locken to APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSAL. The motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Locken, seconded by Bartling to APPROVE THE FINALIZATION AS AMENDED. The motion carried unanimously.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE DEER HUNTING SEASON – CHAPTER 41:06:36

Department recommendations: No changes were recommended from the proposal.

Motioned by Whitmyre, seconded by Bartling to APPROVE THE FINALIZATION. The motion carried unanimously.

14. DEER HUNTING SEASONS LICENSE ALLOCATIONS

Andrew Norton, Wildlife Program Administrator, presented the Commission with the proposed Deer Hunting Season License Allocations.

Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Locken to APPROVE DEER HUNTING SEASONS LICENSE ALLOCATIONS FINALIZATION. The motion carried unanimously.

DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION

15. LAKE OAHE UPDATE

During the presentation, Pat Buscher, Regional Supervisor, provided an update on the Lake Oahe Reservoir and its associated amenities. The Corps of Engineers' May forecast predicts a gradual increase in water levels throughout May and June, reaching an expected peak elevation of 1603.4. This bodes well for optimal water levels during the 4th of July and Labor Day weekends. Furthermore, out of the 21 department managed areas, boat ramps on Lake Oahe will be operational on 19 of them this summer. Additionally, the Spring Creek marina will be fully operational, with all 65 slips rented out for the season.

16. FORT SISSETON SMITHSONIAN EXHIBIT & FESTIVAL UPDATE

Alicia Tonsfeldt, Park Manager, informed the Commissioners about two upcoming events at Fort Sisseton. The much-anticipated Smithsonian exhibit, "Crossroads – Change in Rural America," will be on display from May 6 to June 25, 2023. Additionally, the Fort Sisseton Historical Festival is scheduled for June 2-4.

17. CUSTER STATE PARK: SYLVAN LAKE LODGE AND STORE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Commission received a comprehensive update from Matt Snyder, Regional Supervisor, on the ongoing Sylvan Lake building projects. The presentation covered various aspects, including the progress of the repairs on Sylvan Lake Lodge following the 2021 fire incident. Additionally, updates were provided on the construction of the new Sylvan Lake Store and wedding venue, which are scheduled to be open to the public in May 2023.

18. CUSTER STATE PARK: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Brandon Prehn, Service Forester, shared a concise update on CSP's winter activities. This included completing approximately 320 acres of pre-commercial thinning in uneven-aged stands, along with 130 acres of pre-commercial thinning in even-aged stands. Meadow restoration mastication work covering 40/68 acres is currently under contract. A successful 100-acre prescribed fire was conducted in April 2023. Additionally, CSP created 10 acres of fuel breaks through pre-commercial thinning and slash piling, and initiated a 20-acre pre-commercial thinning project near the Badger Clark Historic Trail to enhance the area's health and productivity.

Bailey Eitel, Range Ecologist, also updated the commissioners that Custer State Park is collaborating with SDSU on an intriguing research project. The study involves tracking bison grazing patterns using GPS collars, enabling them to discern the specific areas of the park the bison utilize, particularly within the legion lake scar. Furthermore, the research aims to analyze the family structures within the bison herd. This research initiative holds promise for enhancing our understanding of bison behavior and their ecological impact within the park.

19. SPRING OPERATIONS IN PARKS, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND PARK RESERVATIONS

Jeff VanMeeteren, Parks & Recreation Director, delivered a comprehensive summary to the Commission, highlighting the extensive operational efforts undertaken by the park staff during the spring season to ensure the functionality of GF&P parks for recreational users. In addition to providing an overview of upcoming park events scheduled within the next 45 days, an update was given on the status of park reservations. It was noted that April witnessed a promising increase in park visitation by 7% and a corresponding revenue growth of 5% for the month. This positive trend reflects the successful management and appeal of the parks to the public.

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

20. GROUSE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Alex Solem, Senior Upland Game Biologist, addressed the Commission, sharing valuable insights regarding the public comment period for the Prairie Grouse Action Plan.

Whitmyre moved to APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE PRAIRIE GROUSE MANAGEMENT PLAN, 2023-2027, with Bartling seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Bies moved to ADOPT THE PRAIRIE GROUSE ACTION PLAN, 2023-2027 WITH THE AMENDMENT, with White seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

21. LAND ACQUISITIONS

Ryan Wendinger, Habitat Program Administrator, provided a comprehensive update on recent land acquisitions during the meeting. He shared details about the Davis property located in Day County, specifically on Bitter Lake. The property spans 320 acres and has been appraised at a value of \$24,000. The agreed purchase price was also confirmed at \$24,000. Currently, a 30-day public comment period is open, and the commission will make a decision regarding the property at the June meeting.

Additionally, Ryan Wendinger informed the attendees about a land purchase made by Pheasants Forever in Stanley County. Pheasants Forever acquired 560 acres, which will be generously donated to GFP as part of their Build a Wildlife Area program. The acquisition of this property was made possible through financial donations from various groups and individuals who contributed to the fundraising effort. Similar to the Davis property, the commission will take action on this land during the June meeting after a 30-day public comment period.

22. USE OF PRESCRIBED BURNS ON PUBLIC LANDS

During his presentation to the Commission, Ryan Wendinger, Habitat Program Administrator, discussed the topic of prescribed fire on public lands. He outlined the five main objectives of using prescribed fire in land management, emphasizing the importance of interagency collaboration and partnership with SD Wildland Fire. Wendinger provided an overview of the previous acres burned on public land and shared plans for acreage to be burned in 2023. He also provided details about the upcoming Little Bend fire.

23. RAPID CREEK HABITAT UPDATE

Grant Truskowski, Aquatic Habitat and Access Biologist, delivered a comprehensive update on Phase 2 of the habitat enhancement project in the Pactola Basin of Rapid Creek during the commission meeting. He shared key insights regarding the project's current timeline, highlighting the progress made thus far. Truskowski provided detailed information about the in-stream features implemented as part of the enhancement efforts. Additionally, he discussed relevant research conducted in relation to the project and highlighted the valuable partnerships and funding sources involved.

24. RIPARIAN HABITAT UPDATE

Ryan Wendinger, Habitat Program Administrator, shared details about winter meetings held by the staff to discuss existing private lands habitat programs and explore avenues for their expansion to align with landowners' goals and objectives. Additionally, Wendinger highlighted the development of a pilot Riparian Habitat Program aimed at improving riparian areas. He emphasized the ongoing collaboration with non-governmental organizations (NGOs), landowners, and other stakeholders in these efforts. The presentation showcased the commitment to enhancing habitat programs and fostering partnerships to make positive changes to riparian areas.

25. FISH WINTER SURVIVAL UPDATE

Jake Davis, Fisheries Program Administrator, shared information on the extent of winterkill of fish in lakes across South Dakota. In all areas of the state, staff confirmed winterkill, but the number of waters varied. Four waterbodies in western South Dakota experienced severe winterkill compared to 21 in central South Dakota that varied slight to sever. In eastern South Dakota, 22 waterbodies experience some level of winterkill while only 4 had been observed in northeastern portion of the state. More could be observed though as ice was still receding from area waters. Many waters across the state experienced no winterkill and the ones that had severe kills were in the process of being restocked with either hatchery or wild product.

26. WALLEYE SPAWNING EFFORTS

Jake Davis, Fisheries Program Administrator, provided an update on the walleye spawning efforts that the GFP was putting forth this year. Due to the weather, spawning efforts were delayed; however, eggs were taken on April 21st in the southeast portion of the state. Operations were also occurring on the Grand River and northeastern portion of the state. At the time of the meeting, approximately 100 million eggs had been collected and staff was confident that the statewide goal for walleye eggs of 120 million would be reached.

27. AVIAN INFLUENZA UPDATE

Rocco Murano, Senior Waterfowl Biologist, delivered an update to the commission regarding the current outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). He highlighted that the outbreak, which commenced in the late winter of 2022, has had an impact on the poultry industry, resulting in the loss or euthanization of 59 million birds. What sets this outbreak apart from previous ones is the significant mortality observed in wild birds, with approximately 26,000 documented deaths and many more suspected cases. To address the situation, SDGFP is actively collaborating with partners to aid poultry producers, document bird mortalities, and conduct operational monitoring programs to assess potential population-level impacts. This update underscored the collaborative efforts aimed at mitigating the effects of HPAI on both the poultry industry and wild bird populations.

28. LICENSE SALES UPDATE

During the meeting, Wildlife Director, Tom Kirschenmann, delivered a comprehensive summary of license sales from December 15 to April 30. Notably, there has been an increase in license sales in the past month, which can be attributed to improved weather conditions. Specifically, resident sales for fishing have shown an upward trend, while nonresident sales have slightly lagged compared to the previous year during the same period. Director Kirschenmann expressed optimism regarding the improving weather conditions and the promising number of bird observations reported over the past 2-3 weeks.

ADJOURN

Motioned by Bies, seconded by Bartling to ADJOURN THE MEETING. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting ADJOURNED ON MAY 5, 2023, AT 11:23 AM MT.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Robling, Department Secretary



PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Game, Fish and Parks Commission

May 4, 2023

Events Barn | Custer State Park

CALL MEETING TO ORDER 2:00 PM MT

Chair Rissler began the public hearing at 2:06 p.m. MT on May 4, 2023, at the Events Barn at Custer State Park. Commissioners Stephanie Rissler, Julie Bartling, Travis Bies, Jon Locken, Charles Spring, Jim White, and Robert Whitmyre were present. Staff Attorney, Jon Kotilnek, indicated that written comments were provided to the Commissioners prior to this time and will be reflected in the Public Hearing Minutes. Kotilnek opened the floor to testimony from those in attendance on matters of importance to them pertaining to the finalizations to be considered by the Commission.

12. WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASONS

- George Vandel of Pierre, SD representing South Dakota Wildlife Foundation testified in opposition to the Waterfowl Hunting Season Finalization.
- Mitch Richter of Huron, SD representing South Dakota Wildlife Foundation testified in opposition to the Waterfowl Hunting Season Finalization.
- Cody Warner of Webster, SD representing the South Dakota Waterfowl Association testified in opposition to the Waterfowl Hunting Season Finalization.
- Rog Hatling of Pierre, SD representing himself in testified in opposition to the Waterfowl Hunting Season Finalization.
- Jeff Olson of Rapid City, SD representing the Black Hill Sportsmen Club testified in opposition to the Waterfowl Hunting Season Finalization.
- Nancy Hilding of Black Hawk, SD representing the Prairie Hills Audubon Society testified in opposition to the Waterfowl Hunting Season Finalization.

13. DEER HUNTING SEASONS

- No public comment.

14. DEER HUNTING SEASONS LICENSE ALLOCATIONS

- No public comment.

OTHER TESTIMONY

- No public comment.

The public hearing concluded at 2:25 pm MT.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Robling, Secretary

Rolling Budget Summary Report

FY 2024

Center 06	GAME, FISH, AND PARKS								
	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Budgeted FY23	Inflation FY24	Exp/Red FY24	Request FY24	Recommended FY24	Rec. Inc/Dec FY24	
Personal Services									
EMPLOYEE SALARIES	25,876,533	27,667,137	30,882,633	0	4,582,763	31,102,633	35,465,396	4,582,763	
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	8,652,995	7,976,299	9,051,961	0	1,515,365	9,051,961	10,567,326	1,515,365	
FTE	552.6	550.0	583.9		0.0	583.9	583.9	0.0	
Funding Types									
GENERAL	3,149,393	3,195,577	3,459,962	0	578,969	3,459,962	4,038,931	578,969	
FEDERAL	5,241,819	5,482,504	6,495,491	0	972,115	6,495,491	7,467,606	972,115	
OTHER	26,138,315	26,965,355	29,979,141	0	4,547,044	30,199,141	34,526,185	4,547,044	
Total PS	34,529,528	35,643,436	39,934,594	0	6,098,128	40,154,594	46,032,722	6,098,128	
Operating Expenses									
TRAVEL	4,400,863	4,747,289	5,355,228	0	348,085	5,703,313	5,703,313	348,085	
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	28,729,838	33,586,484	35,752,565	0	-1,474,507	33,961,621	34,278,058	-1,474,507	
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	7,778,510	8,066,242	8,016,930	0	341,500	8,358,430	8,358,430	341,500	
GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES	2,619,619	2,178,282	3,410,976	0	-190,091	3,220,885	3,220,885	-190,091	
CAPITAL OUTLAY	17,514,760	23,814,763	30,975,255	0	-3,260,471	27,714,784	27,714,784	-3,260,471	
OTHER	921,258	957,947	534,909	0	66,000	600,909	600,909	66,000	
Funding Types									
GENERAL	3,285,813	3,940,438	3,282,897	0	-2,017	3,280,870	3,280,880	-2,017	
FEDERAL	18,817,476	17,362,763	23,655,354	0	1,501,043	25,150,296	25,156,397	1,501,043	
OTHER	39,861,558	52,047,805	57,107,612	0	-5,668,510	51,128,776	51,439,102	-5,668,510	
Total OE	61,964,847	73,351,006	84,045,863	0	-4,169,484	79,559,942	79,876,379	-4,169,484	
TOTAL FOR 06									
Funding Types									
GENERAL	6,435,206	7,136,015	6,742,859	0	576,952	6,740,832	7,319,811	576,952	
FEDERAL	24,059,295	22,845,267	30,150,845	0	2,473,158	31,645,787	32,624,003	2,473,158	
OTHER	65,999,874	79,013,160	87,086,753	0	(1,121,466)	81,327,917	85,965,287	(1,121,466)	
Total	96,494,375	108,994,442	123,980,457	0	1,928,644	119,714,536	125,909,101	1,928,644	

Rolling Budget Summary Report

FY 2024

Center 0601	Administration								
	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Inflation	Exp/Red	Request	Recommended	Rec.	Inc/Dec
	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY24	FY24	FY24	FY24	FY24
Personal Services									
EMPLOYEE SALARIES	1,575,470	1,485,259	2,076,530	0	254,966	2,076,530	2,331,496		254,966
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	494,517	422,417	670,661	0	106,709	670,661	777,370		106,709
FTE	23.7	22.6	29.3		0.0	29.3	29.3		0.0
Funding Types									
GENERAL	156,944	42,745	168,591	0	20,991	168,591	189,582		20,991
FEDERAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
OTHER	1,913,043	1,864,931	2,578,600	0	340,684	2,578,600	2,919,284		340,684
Total PS	2,069,987	1,907,677	2,747,191	0	361,675	2,747,191	3,108,866		361,675
Operating Expenses									
TRAVEL	51,691	110,542	220,764	0	0	220,764	220,764		0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,602,004	1,583,143	1,805,270	0	71,005	1,808,188	1,876,275		71,005
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	345,221	390,533	352,065	0	0	352,065	352,065		0
CAPITAL OUTLAY	980,954	44,628	16,715	0	0	16,715	16,715		0
OTHER	0	1,560	2,000	0	0	2,000	2,000		0
Funding Types									
GENERAL	822,471	813,302	822,982	0	2,928	825,900	825,910		2,928
FEDERAL	1,141,609	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
OTHER	1,015,791	1,317,105	1,573,832	0	68,077	1,573,832	1,641,909		68,077
Total OE	2,979,871	2,130,406	2,396,814	0	71,005	2,399,732	2,467,819		71,005
TOTAL FOR	0601								
Funding Types									
GENERAL	979,415	856,047	991,573	0	23,919	994,491	1,015,492		23,919
FEDERAL	1,141,609	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
OTHER	2,928,834	3,182,036	4,152,432	0	408,761	4,152,432	4,561,193		408,761
Total	5,049,858	4,038,083	5,144,005	0	432,680	5,146,923	5,576,685		432,680

Rolling Budget Summary Report

FY 2024

Center 0610	Wildlife - Info								
	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Inflation	Exp/Red	Request	Recommended	Rec. Inc/Dec	
	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY24	FY24	FY24	FY24	FY24
Personal Services									
EMPLOYEE SALARIES	14,795,286	16,007,659	17,744,813	0	2,712,821	17,744,813	20,457,634	2,712,821	
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	5,329,258	4,889,257	5,444,858	0	917,715	5,444,858	6,362,573	917,715	
FTE	285.2	281.1	295.5		0.0	295.5	295.5	0.0	
Funding Types									
GENERAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
FEDERAL	4,734,686	5,050,720	5,362,664	0	862,871	5,362,664	6,225,535	862,871	
OTHER	15,389,858	15,846,195	17,827,007	0	2,767,665	17,827,007	20,594,672	2,767,665	
Total PS	20,124,544	20,896,915	23,189,671	0	3,630,536	23,189,671	26,820,207	3,630,536	
Operating Expenses									
TRAVEL	2,944,674	3,104,017	3,499,949	0	285,785	3,785,734	3,785,734	285,785	
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	17,491,243	21,662,419	24,618,648	0	-1,846,690	22,603,331	22,771,958	-1,846,690	
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	3,914,660	4,299,436	4,330,996	0	147,000	4,477,996	4,477,996	147,000	
GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES	1,497,751	1,287,159	1,998,476	0	-190,091	1,808,385	1,808,385	-190,091	
CAPITAL OUTLAY	2,264,774	3,431,447	3,028,752	0	-27,500	3,001,252	3,001,252	-27,500	
OTHER	113,529	160,361	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Funding Types									
GENERAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
FEDERAL	11,445,481	11,835,572	14,604,821	0	-2,145,214	12,456,259	12,459,607	-2,145,214	
OTHER	16,781,150	22,109,267	22,872,000	0	513,718	23,220,439	23,385,718	513,718	
Total OE	28,226,632	33,944,838	37,476,821	0	-1,631,496	35,676,698	35,845,325	-1,631,496	
TOTAL FOR 0610									
Funding Types									
GENERAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
FEDERAL	16,180,167	16,886,292	19,967,485	0	(1,282,343)	17,818,923	18,685,142	-1,282,343	
OTHER	32,171,008	37,955,461	40,699,007	0	3,281,383	41,047,446	43,980,390	3,281,383	
Total	48,351,176	54,841,753	60,666,492	0	1,999,040	58,866,369	62,665,532	1,999,040	

Rolling Budget Summary Report

FY 2024

Center 0612	Wildlife -Development/Improvement - Info							
	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Inflation	Exp/Red	Request	Recommended	Rec. Inc/Dec
	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY24	FY24	FY24	FY24
Operating Expenses								
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	38,793	921,197	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES	23,655	7,587	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL OUTLAY	2,500,052	4,823,715	4,794,400	0	2,568,475	7,362,875	7,362,875	2,568,475
Funding Types								
GENERAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL	1,957,750	1,715,250	1,707,675	0	2,990,200	4,697,875	4,697,875	2,990,200
OTHER	604,750	4,037,249	3,086,725	0	-421,725	2,665,000	2,665,000	-421,725
Total OE	2,562,500	5,752,499	4,794,400	0	2,568,475	7,362,875	7,362,875	2,568,475
TOTAL FOR 0612								
Funding Types								
GENERAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL	1,957,750	1,715,250	1,707,675	0	2,990,200	4,697,875	4,697,875	2,990,200
OTHER	604,750	4,037,249	3,086,725	0	(421,725)	2,665,000	2,665,000	(421,725)
Total	2,562,500	5,752,499	4,794,400	0	2,568,475	7,362,875	7,362,875	2,568,475

Rolling Budget Summary Report

FY 2024

Center 0620	State Parks and Recreation							
	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Inflation	Exp/Red	Request	Recommended	Rec. Inc/Dec
	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY24	FY24	FY24	FY24
Personal Services								
EMPLOYEE SALARIES	9,257,698	9,975,243	10,690,500	0	1,586,301	10,910,500	12,276,801	1,586,301
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,752,654	2,607,769	2,849,462	0	481,322	2,849,462	3,330,784	481,322
FTE	238.0	241.7	250.0		0.0	250.0	250.0	0.0
Funding Types								
GENERAL	2,992,449	3,152,832	3,291,371	0	557,978	3,291,371	3,849,349	557,978
FEDERAL	507,134	431,784	1,132,827	0	109,244	1,132,827	1,242,071	109,244
OTHER	8,510,770	8,998,397	9,115,764	0	1,400,401	9,335,764	10,516,165	1,400,401
Total PS	12,010,352	12,583,013	13,539,962	0	2,067,623	13,759,962	15,607,585	2,067,623
Operating Expenses								
TRAVEL	1,354,857	1,496,902	1,572,761	0	62,300	1,635,061	1,635,061	62,300
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	7,765,132	8,088,308	9,189,922	0	298,555	9,411,377	9,488,477	298,555
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	3,392,740	3,260,021	3,149,119	0	194,500	3,343,619	3,343,619	194,500
GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES	997,107	773,018	1,100,000	0	0	1,100,000	1,100,000	0
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,440,838	1,839,500	1,253,942	0	0	1,253,942	1,253,942	0
OTHER	807,729	796,025	532,909	0	66,000	598,909	598,909	66,000
Funding Types								
GENERAL	2,463,342	2,461,737	2,459,915	0	-4,945	2,454,970	2,454,970	-4,945
FEDERAL	2,207,736	1,464,041	2,978,412	0	11,503	2,987,162	2,989,915	11,503
OTHER	11,087,325	12,327,996	11,360,326	0	614,797	11,900,776	11,975,123	614,797
Total OE	15,758,403	16,253,774	16,798,653	0	621,355	17,342,908	17,420,008	621,355
TOTAL FOR 0620								
Funding Types								
GENERAL	5,455,791	5,614,569	5,751,286	0	553,033	5,746,341	6,304,319	553,033
FEDERAL	2,714,869	1,895,825	4,111,239	0	120,747	4,119,989	4,231,986	120,747
OTHER	19,598,095	21,326,393	20,476,090	0	2,015,198	21,236,540	22,491,288	2,015,198
Total	27,768,755	28,836,787	30,338,615	0	2,688,978	31,102,870	33,027,593	2,688,978

Rolling Budget Summary Report

FY 2024

Center 0621	State Parks and Recreation - Dev/Imp							
	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Inflation	Exp/Red	Request	Recommended	Rec. Inc/Dec
	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY24	FY24	FY24	FY24
Operating Expenses								
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,775,910	1,234,716	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL OUTLAY	10,123,910	13,521,789	21,617,446	0	-5,801,446	15,816,000	15,816,000	-5,801,446
Funding Types								
GENERAL	0	665,400	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL	2,064,900	2,347,900	4,364,446	0	644,554	5,009,000	5,009,000	644,554
OTHER	9,834,920	11,743,204	17,253,000	0	-6,446,000	10,807,000	10,807,000	-6,446,000
Total OE	11,899,820	14,756,504	21,617,446	0	-5,801,446	15,816,000	15,816,000	-5,801,446
TOTAL FOR 0621								
Funding Types								
GENERAL	0	665,400	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL	2,064,900	2,347,900	4,364,446	0	644,554	5,009,000	5,009,000	644,554
OTHER	9,834,920	11,743,204	17,253,000	0	(6,446,000)	10,807,000	10,807,000	(6,446,000)
Total	11,899,820	14,756,504	21,617,446	0	(5,801,446)	15,816,000	15,816,000	(5,801,446)

Rolling Budget Summary Report

FY 2024

Center 0622		Snowmobile Trails - Info							
		Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Inflation	Exp/Red	Request	Recommended	Rec. Inc/Dec
		FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY24	FY24	FY24	FY24
Personal Services									
EMPLOYEE SALARIES		248,080	198,977	370,790	0	28,675	370,790	399,465	28,675
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		76,565	56,855	86,980	0	9,619	86,980	96,599	9,619
FTE		5.7	4.6	9.1		0.0	9.1	9.1	0.0
Funding Types									
GENERAL		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER		324,645	255,832	457,770	0	38,294	457,770	496,064	38,294
Total PS		324,645	255,832	457,770	0	38,294	457,770	496,064	38,294
Operating Expenses									
TRAVEL		49,641	35,828	61,754	0	0	61,754	61,754	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES		56,756	96,702	138,725	0	2,623	138,725	141,348	2,623
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS		125,888	116,252	184,750	0	0	184,750	184,750	0
GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES		101,106	110,518	312,500	0	0	312,500	312,500	0
CAPITAL OUTLAY		204,231	153,684	264,000	0	0	264,000	264,000	0
Funding Types									
GENERAL		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER		537,621	512,985	961,729	0	2,623	961,729	964,352	2,623
Total OE		537,621	512,985	961,729	0	2,623	961,729	964,352	2,623
TOTAL FOR 0622									
Funding Types									
GENERAL		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER		862,266	768,817	1,419,499	0	40,917	1,419,499	1,460,416	40,917
Total		862,266	768,817	1,419,499	0	40,917	1,419,499	1,460,416	40,917

From: info@gfp.sd.us
To: jonathonmagyar@outlook.com
Cc: [Kierl, Liz](#); [Harrington, Nick](#)
Subject: Petition for Rule Change Form
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2023 4:56:35 PM

South Dakota - Game, Fish, and Parks

Petition for Rule Change

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

ID: 191

Petitioner Name: Jonathon Magyar

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Rule Identification: No Wake Zone at Cedar Shore Boat Launch and Recreation Area

Describe Change: Create a no wake zone for the Cedar Shore Recreation Area in Chamberlain for the point and the surrounding area north, south and east of the boat launch at Cedar Shore.

Reason for Change: I am a shore angler who likes to fish at the point off of Cedar Shore in Chamberlain to the east and south of the boat launch. When boaters come out of the launch area they go right across our areas that we fish and ruin our fishing for u by creating wakes and noise. Also when they return they come in and go across our areas again at high rates of speed creating waves of 3 to 4 feet for us plus it becomes a safety concern if they would lose control of their watercraft and crash into the point injuring themselves or a shore anger but also chances of death to both parties. This is especially problematic during fishing tournaments when you have a mass return of boats coming in to the marina and launch at the same time. All anglers shore and boats deserve a safe and enjoyable time on the water and right now shore anglers do not have that opportunity. I am requesting a no wake zone for the north, south and east of the point on Cedar Shore of a 300 yard area to be covered for the shore anglers but also the surrounding area for the safety of both parties and enjoyment for all anglers and boaters.

From: info@gfp.sd.us
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Cc: [Kierl, Liz](#); [Harrington, Nick](#)
Subject: Petition for Rule Change Form
Date: Monday, May 29, 2023 5:38:08 PM

South Dakota - Game, Fish, and Parks

Petition for Rule Change

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

ID: 192

Petitioner Name: Richard Hoff

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Email: wilton.lars@gmail.com

Phone: 218-556-1379

Rule Identification: Allowing crossbows for paddlefish

Describe Change: No allowing crossbows as a method of harvesting a paddlefish, unless the person has a disability.

Reason for Change: REMOVE crossbows as a legal method of take for paddlefish. 2. Allowing crossbows as a legal method of take for paddlefish was unilaterally decided by the GFP last summer without notification or consultation with Bowhunters, Bowfishermen or previous paddlefish tag holders. Crossbows should only be allowed for those with physical handicaps as outlined in current statute. The use of a crossbow in bowfishing for paddlefish allows the angler to have a shoulder fired, cocked, weapon at the ready the moment a paddlefish presents itself for a shot opportunity. Vertical bow archers' must either draw and hold their weapon at full draw physically waiting for a fish to present an opportunity or draw quickly when an opportunity presents itself. The use of the crossbow, and its "always ready to fire" state, provides a significant advantage for anglers over their game relative to paddlefish taken by traditional archery methods. 41:07:05:02. Paddlefish season in special management areas. Any paddlefish angler 18 years of age and older shall obtain and have in possession a valid South Dakota fishing license and a valid, nontransferable paddlefish permit and associated unlocked tag to take or attempt to take a paddlefish with a bow and arrow or crossbow or take or attempt to take paddlefish or rough fish by snagging. A Nebraska resident possessing a South Dakota nonresident paddlefish permit is exempt from the South Dakota fishing license requirement if the Nebraska resident angler possesses a valid Nebraska fishing license or is legally exempt from compliance with Nebraska license or permit requirements. Any paddlefish angler under 18 years of age shall have a valid paddlefish permit and associated unlocked tag in possession while shooting paddlefish with bow and arrow or crossbow or snagging paddlefish or rough fish. (2) Paddlefish may be taken from sunrise to sunset from June 1 through June 30 from the Missouri River below Gavin's Point Dam with a bow and arrow, or a crossbow downstream from the Highway 81 bridge. Except as provided in this rule, an archery paddlefish angler 18 years of age and older shall obtain and have possession of a valid South Dakota fishing license and a valid, nontransferable paddlefish permit and associated tag available from the licensing section of the department before participating in archery fishing for paddlefish. A Nebraska resident possessing a South Dakota nonresident archery paddlefish permit is exempt from the South Dakota fishing license requirement if the (3) Paddlefish and rough fish season is open on the waters of Lake Francis Case and the White River up to the Highway 47 bridge from May 1 through May 31. Paddlefish may be taken by snagging or, bow and arrow or crossbow. 41:09:12:08 Disabled angler assistance permit. The department may issue a disabled angler assistance permit to a person with a valid fishing license, or who is exempt from licensing requirements, who has a physical or developmental disability that prevents them from being able to perform any of the activities associated with fishing. The permit allows another person to assist the permitted individual while fishing, in accordance with existing regulations, and without the need to possess a valid fishing license. A disabled angler assistance permit may be issued on either a temporary or permanent basis, dependent on the type of disability.

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

River Otter Trapping and Hunting Season

Chapter 41:08:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	June 8-9, 2023	Good Earth State Park
	Public Hearing	Sept 7, 2023	Watertown
	Finalization	Sept 7-8, 2023	Watertown

SEASON INFORMATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2023 and 2024 hunting and trapping seasons

Season Dates: Sunrise on November 1 to sunset on December 31 or until 20 river otters have been harvested, whichever occurs first.

Open unit: Aurora, Beadle, Bon Homme, Brookings, Brown, Charles Mix, Clark, Clay, Codington, Davison, Day, Deuel, Douglas, Grant, Hamlin, Hanson, Hutchinson, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, Marshall, McCook, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Turner, Union, and Yankton Counties.

Season limit: One river otter per season per individual.

Requirements and Restrictions:

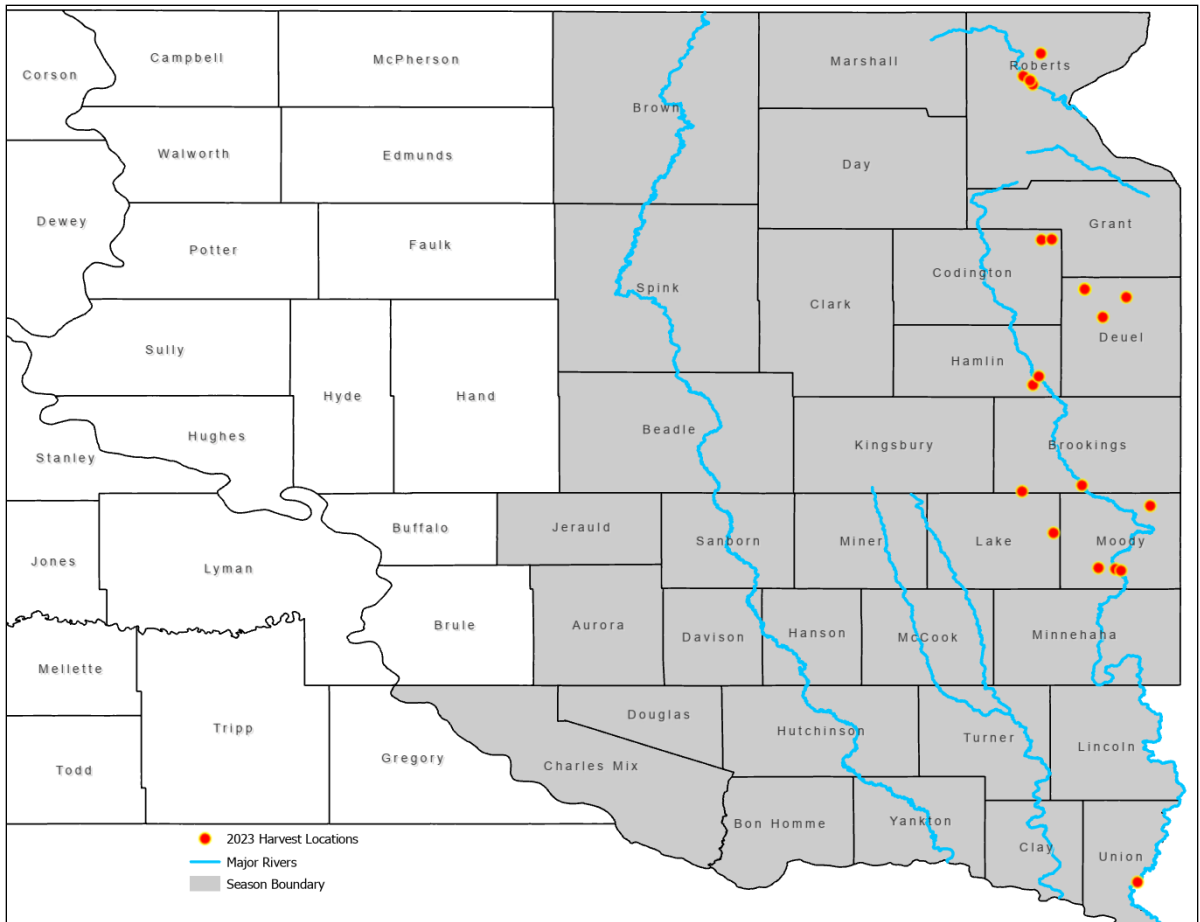
1. Open to residents only with furbearer license.
2. River otter shall be reported to the Department within 24 hours of harvest. At time of reporting, arrangements will be made to check-in carcass and detached pelt at a GFP office or designated location for registration and tagging of the pelt within 5 days of harvest. Additionally, once the season has closed (last day of season or harvest limit reached), a person has 24 hours to notify the Department of a harvested river otter.
3. The pelt shall be removed from the carcass and the carcass shall be surrendered to the Department. After the pelt has been tagged, it shall be returned to the trapper. Upon request, the carcass may be returned to the trapper after the carcass has been inspected and biological data collected.
4. Any river otter harvested after the 24-hour period following the close of the season, will be considered incidental take and shall be surrendered to the Department.
5. A person may only possess, purchase or sell raw river otter pelts that are tagged through the eyeholes with the tag provided by the Department or if the river otter was harvested on tribal or trust land of an Indian reservation or another state and is properly

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from last year: None

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The 2022 river otter hunting/trapping season began November 1 with a harvest limit of 20 river otters. This harvest limit was reached on November 13 and the season officially closed November 14 with a total of 21 river otters harvested. River otters were harvested in Brookings (2), Deuel (4), Moody (4), Roberts (5), Hamlin (2), Lake (1), Union (1), and Codington counties (2) within the designated open season boundary. Harvest trends and population demographics are continually being collected for population monitoring efforts.



RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – NA
4. Social Considerations – NA
5. Financial considerations – NA

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user’s ability to participate?
 - a. NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users?
 - a. NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists?
 - a. NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors?
 - a. NA

FISCAL IMPACT

Not applicable.

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

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Sage Grouse Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:10

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	June 8-9, 2023	Good Earth State Park
	Public Hearing	Sept 7, 2023	Watertown
	Finalization	Sept 7-8, 2023	Watertown

SEASON INFORMATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2023 and 2024 hunting seasons

Season Dates: Closed

Open unit: The sage grouse hunting unit is Butte County west of U.S. Highway 85 and Harding County. Only public land and private land leased for public hunting is included within this unit.

Season limit: The season limit is one sage grouse. Random drawing for up to 40 access permits.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from last year: None

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

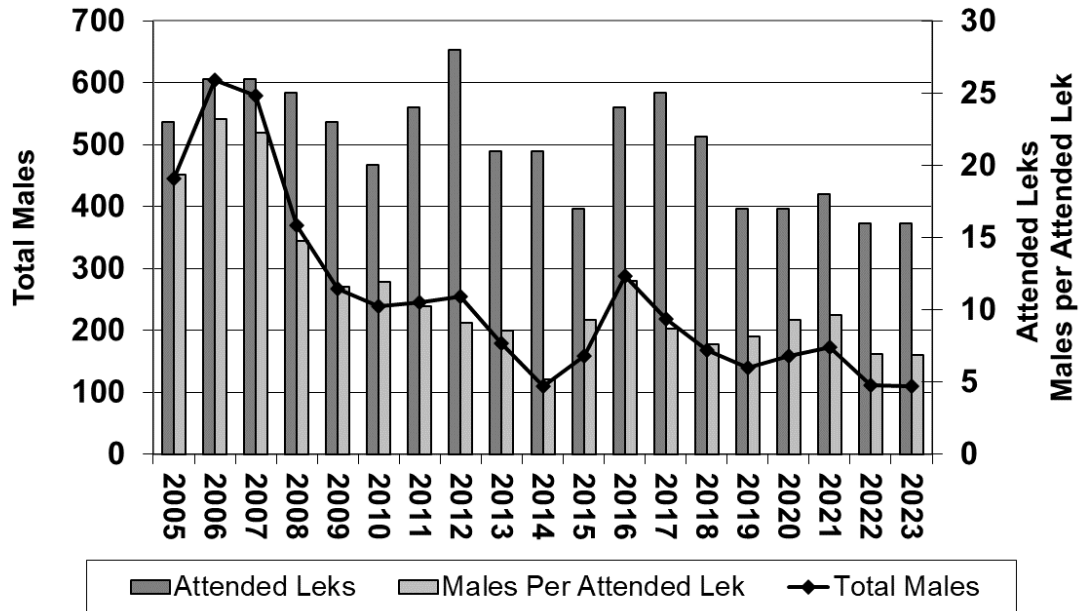
Retaining a season closure is being recommended based on the season recommendation guidelines found within the “South Dakota Greater Sage Grouse Action Plan, 2022-2026”. Results from the 2023 spring lek surveys indicated 110 (111 in 2022) males counted on all on all leks in Harding and Butte counties.

Population Index	Hunting Season Recommendation
≥ 300 males counted on all leks in Butte and Harding counties for 2 consecutive years	Option for short (~2-4 day) hunting season in Harding County and Butte County west of US HWY 85, limit 1 sage-grouse per hunter per season. Random drawing for up to 40 access permits
< 300 males counted on all leks in Butte and Harding counties OR ≥ 300 males counted on all leks in Butte and Harding counties for only 1 year	No Hunting Season

Year	Hunters	Sage Grouse Harvested
2004	53	25
2005	40	26
2006	46	15
2007	25	10
2008	24	17
2009	20	7
2010	26	12
2011	27	11
2012	35	9
2013	SEASON CLOSED	
2014	SEASON CLOSED	
2015	SEASON CLOSED	
2016*	28	10
2017-2022	SEASON CLOSED	

*Number of hunters and harvest based on hunter harvest survey results of those hunters who were successful in drawing a sage grouse hunting permit.

Sage Grouse Lek Survey Results, 2005-2023.



RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – NA
4. Social Considerations – NA
5. Financial considerations – NA

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user’s ability to participate?
 - a. NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users?
 - a. NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists?
 - a. NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors?
 - a. NA

FISCAL IMPACT

Not applicable.

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

Application for License

Chapter 41:06:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	June 8-9, 2023	Good Earth State Park
	Public Hearing	Sept 7, 2023	Watertown
	Finalization	Sept 7-8, 2023	Watertown

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from last year: Modify administrative rule to restrict the number of applications a person may submit during the third draw for Prairie Spring Turkey, Fall Turkey and Prairie Antelope.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The popularity of turkey and antelope hunting in South Dakota has seen a steady increase in applications. During the first and second draws for turkey and antelope seasons, applicants may apply for one license and can obtain a maximum of one license per season through those draws. During the third draw for turkey and antelope seasons, all remaining licenses are then pooled for residents and nonresidents, alike. Applicants that do not already possess a license from the first or second draw may submit up to five applications and those applicants that already possess a license, may submit up to four applications. The third draw also provides nonresident applicants better opportunities to draw a license in many units and some applicants are utilizing preference points to obtain a turkey license. During the 2023 third draw for Prairie Spring Turkey, 297 hunters were successful in two or more of their applications, resulting in 556 total hunters with two or more licenses through 3 draws and 1,279 hunters still without a single license (see table below). In many cases, hunters possessed five turkey licenses while there were other applicants that were not able to obtain a license. This change will allow more applicants the opportunity to hunt each year, rather than a smaller number of hunters possessing multiple licenses. With this modification, 799 applications from the 2,360 total applications would have been excluded in the third draw if all applicants were limited to one application. South Dakota has not conducted a third draw for prairie antelope within the past decade, but this modification would bring the structure of third draw for all three of these seasons into alignment.

The benefits of this rule modification include: 1) Creates more opportunity for more unique hunters; 2) Reduces draw and administrative rule complexity; 3) Reduces the amount of returned license when hunters apply for up to 5 licenses and then return successful licenses they do not want. Many times, there is not enough time to then reallocate licenses to other hunters; and 4) Creates consistency among turkey and antelope season draws.

DRAW	CURRENT	PROPOSED
1 & 2	One (1) application per draw. One (1) license limit through first two draws.	No Change.
3	Resident and nonresident licenses pooled. Up to five (5) applications. Four (4) applications if previously successful.	Resident and nonresident licenses pooled. One (1) application limit.
4	Unlimited applications.	No Change.

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

41:06:01:09. Application for unsold big game licenses -- Future eligibility. In antelope and turkey season units where resident and nonresident licenses are limited in number and licenses remain unsold following a second lottery drawing, a person ~~who does not have a license in a season~~ may

~~up to five one~~ leftover licenses in that season, ~~and a person who already has a license in a season may apply for up to four additional licenses in that season.~~ After the third drawing, a person may apply for an unlimited number of leftover licenses on a first-come first-serve basis. Nonresidents are not eligible for East River spring turkey or East River fall turkey licenses except for licenses unsold after the second lottery drawing. Purchase of an antelope or turkey license under this section does not affect the eligibility of the applicant in future lotteries.

A person who possesses two licenses for any of the Black Hills, East River, West River, Refuge, Custer State Park or Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Seasons may not apply for a license in the second combined lottery drawing for these seasons and a person who possesses one license may apply for one additional license for a season if the person does not possess a license for that season. A resident may submit one application for each season in the third lottery drawing if the resident does not possess a license for that season and in the fourth lottery drawing, a resident may submit no more than five applications. In the third and fourth leftover drawings, a nonresident who does not possess a license may submit two applications and a nonresident who possesses one license may submit one application for a season if the nonresident does not possess a license for that season. After the fourth lottery drawing, a person may obtain an unlimited number of licenses from a pool of remaining resident and nonresident licenses.

If licenses remain unsold after the initial lottery drawing for Black Hills Elk Hunting Season, Prairie Elk Hunting Season, and Archery Elk Hunting Season, a person who does not already have an elk license may apply for a license in a second or subsequent lottery drawing if the person submits the nonrefundable application fee and the applicable license fee with the application. Purchase and receipt of a first-choice elk license during the first lottery drawing counts as a successful application and affects eligibility in future first lottery drawings for the same season. Purchase and receipt of an elk license in the second drawing by the use of preference points is a successful application and affects eligibility in future lottery drawings for these seasons. Purchase and receipt of an elk license in the second lottery drawing without the use of preference points, or purchase and receipt of an elk license in subsequent drawings, does not affect eligibility or preference in future lottery drawings for these seasons.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – NA
4. Social Considerations – NA
5. Financial considerations – NA

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user’s ability to participate?
 - a. *No.*
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users?
 - a. *Yes, more unique hunters could likely obtain a turkey or antelope license.*
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists?
 - a. *There would be more opportunity for hunters to obtain a turkey or antelope license.*
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors?
 - a. *There would be more opportunity for hunters to obtain a turkey or antelope license.*

FISCAL IMPACT

Not applicable.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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THE TRAILS ARE CALLING

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE PARKS

DATE	NAME	LOCATION
All Year	The Trails Are Calling	Participating State Parks
Now - Sept. 9	Custer State Park Trail Summer Challenge	Custer State Park
June 13 - 15	Mickelson Summer Trail Trek	Mickelson Trail
June 17	AARP Hike	Custer State Park
June 24	Night Glow Hike	Good Earth State Park
July 15	Stars, Stroll, and S'mores	Fort Sisseton State Park
July 22	AARP Hike	Farm Island Recreation Area
Aug. 12	Perseid Meteor Shower Hike and Star Gazing	Palisades State Park
Aug. 19	National TRACK Trails Day	Participating State Parks
Aug. 19	AARP Hike	Richmond Lake Recreation Area
Aug. 31	Blue Moon Hike	Oakwood Lakes State Park
Sept. 15 - 16	25th Annual Mickelson Trail Trek	Mickelson Trail
Sept. 16	AARP Hike	Pelican Lake Recreation Area
Oct. 28	Trick or Treat Trails	Big Sioux Recreation Area
Oct. 29	Trick or Treat Trails	LaFramboise Island Nature Area



A sasquatch has been spotted in South Dakota State Parks! The trails are calling you to find bigfoot and earn prizes! Hike the participating parks' trails and look for sasquatch signs. Snap a photo and submit at gfp.sd.gov/hike2023.

Seek Sasquatch all year, January 1 to December 31, 2023.

LEARN MORE!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 2023

JUNE 1-25	Crossroads Exhibit on display at Fort Sisseton Historic State Park
JUNE 10	National Get Outdoors Day Luce Pioneer Days at Lake Herman State Park Homestead Days at Pierson Ranch Recreation Area
JUNE 11	Good Earth Summer Concert Series at Good Earth State Park
JUNE 13-15	Mickelson Summer Trail Trek
JUNE 14	AARP Hike at Custer State Park
JUNE 18	Father's Day Free Fishing and Park Entrance Good Earth Summer Concert Series at Good Earth State Park
JUNE 24	Tour de Oahe at Oahe Downstream Recreation Area Night Glow Hike at Good Earth State Park
JUNE 25	Good Earth Summer Concert Series at Good Earth State Park

JULY 2023

JULY 2	Good Earth Summer Concert Series at Good Earth State Park
JULY 6-8	Family Fun Days at Pickerel Lake Recreation Area
JULY 9	Good Earth Summer Concert Series at Good Earth State Park
JULY 15	Little Wings on the Prairie Festival at Oahe Downstream Recreation Area Good Earth State Park Birthday Party Christmas in July at Chief White Crane Recreation Area
JULY 16	Good Earth Summer Concert Series at Good Earth State Park
JULY 19-21	Becoming an Outdoor Family Workshop at Roy Lake State Park

VISIT [GFP.SD.GOV/EVENTS](https://gfp.sd.gov/events) FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF EVENTS

Division of Parks and Recreation							
May YTD 2023 Camping by District							
LOCATION	2022	2023	%	LOCATION	2022	2023	%
Pickereel Lake	680	608	-11%	North Point	1,490	1,268	-15%
Fort Sisseton	152	240	58%	North Wheeler	297	269	-9%
Roy Lake	1,133	966	-15%	Pease Creek	261	373	43%
Sica Hollow	23	23	0%	Randall Creek	951	1,079	13%
DISTRICT 1	1,988	1,837	-8%	South Shore	83	108	30%
Richmond Lake	311	276	-11%	South Scalp	29	44	52%
Mina Lake	490	471	-4%	Whetstone	149	64	-57%
Fisher Grove		175		White Swan	30	13	-57%
Amsden	1	57	5600%	DISTRICT 10	3,290	3,218	-2%
Lake Louise	343	328	-4%	Farm Island	1,274	1,197	-6%
DISTRICT 2	1,145	1,307	14%	West Bend	1,849	1,876	1%
Pelican Lake	979	1,022	4%	DISTRICT 11	3,123	3,073	-2%
Sandy Shore	173	166	-4%	Oahe Downstream	2,209	2,027	-8%
Lake Cochrane	238	196	-18%	Cow Creek	425	405	-5%
Hartford Beach	902	932	3%	Okobojo	225	165	-27%
DISTRICT 3	2,292	2,316	1%	Spring Creek	99	121	22%
Oakwood Lakes	1,411	1,300	-8%	DISTRICT 12	2,958	2,718	-8%
Lake Poinsett	1,107	1,080	-2%	West Whitlock	581	478	-18%
Lake Thompson	1,190	1,252	5%	East Whitlock	18	30	67%
DISTRICT 4	3,708	3,632	-2%	Swan Creek	117	149	27%
Lake Herman	821	896	9%	Indian Creek	1,153	1,071	-7%
Walker's Point	465	421	-9%	Lake Hiddenwood	-	20	
Lake Carthage	124	131		Walth Bay	8	13	63%
DISTRICT 5	1,410	1,448	3%	West Pollock	225	227	1%
Snake Creek	1,667	1,694	2%	DISTRICT 13	2,102	1,988	-5%
Platte Creek	393	390	-1%	Bear Butte	158	239	51%
Buryanek	648	708	9%	DISTRICT 14	158	239	51%
Burke Lake	22	17	-23%	Shadehill	2,010	896	-55%
Dude Ranch	45	92	104%	Llewellyn Johns	69	54	-22%
Elm Creek	147	31	-79%	Rocky Point	1,145	1,149	0%
DISTRICT 6	2,730	2,809	3%	DISTRICT 15	3,224	2,099	-35%
Palisades	1,233	1,154	-6%	Custer	7,064	7,579	7%
Big Sioux	1,473	1,682	14%	DISTRICT 16	7,064	7,579	7%
Lake Vermillion	2,101	2,017	-4%	Angostura	3,603	2,888	-20%
DISTRICT 7	4,807	4,853	1%	Sheps Canyon	305	233	-24%
Newton Hills	2,035	1,800	-12%	DISTRICT 17	3,908	3,121	-20%
Good Earth	-	-		TOTAL YTD	55,722	52,685	-5%
Union Grove	219	262	20%	TOTAL for Month	48,981	46,848	-4%
DISTRICT 8	2,254	2,062	-9%				
Lewis & Clark	5,766	5,356	-7%				
Chief White Crane	2,258	1,814	-20%				
Clay County	378	316					
Pierson Ranch	843	694	-18%				
Springfield	236	195	-17%				
Sand Creek	50	6	-88%				
Tabor	30	5	-83%				
DISTRICT 9	9,561	8,386	-12%				

Division of Parks and Recreation					
May Revenue by Item					
	2022		2023		% Change
	Number	Dollar	Number	Dollar	
Annual	11,627	\$ 418,554	12,383	\$ 445,770	7%
2nd Annual	2,205	\$ 39,690	2,289	\$ 41,202	4%
Combo	10,184	\$ 549,954	10,637	\$ 574,380	4%
Transferable	825	\$ 66,000	982	\$ 78,560	19%
Daily License	8,340	\$ 66,720	9,611	\$ 76,888	15%
Unattended Vehicle Daily	83	\$ 1,245	64	\$ 960	-23%
GSM Annual Trail Pass	691	\$ 10,365	744	\$ 11,160	8%
GSM Daily Trail Pass	420	\$ 1,680	481	\$ 1,924	15%
Motorcoach Permit	901	\$ 2,703	4,042	\$ 12,126	349%
CSP 7 Day Pass	15,778	\$ 315,560	15,936	\$ 318,720	1%
CSP 7 Day Bike Pass	405	\$ 8,100	532	\$ 10,640	31%
Rally Bike Band	-	\$ -		\$ -	
One-Day Special Event		\$ 650	0	\$ 400	-38%
PERMITS	51,459	\$ 1,481,221	57,700	\$ 1,572,730	6%
Camping Services		\$ 1,778,730		\$ 1,732,758	-3%
Picnic Reservations		\$ 2,070		\$ 2,100	1%
Firewood	4,800	\$ 28,800	4,903	\$ 29,418	2%
Gift Card		\$ 1,151		\$ 1,004	-13%
Boat Slips		\$ (3,498)		\$ 7,462	
LODGING	4,800	\$ 1,807,253	4,903	\$ 1,772,742	-2%
TOTAL	56,259	\$ 3,288,526	62,603	\$ 3,345,472	2%

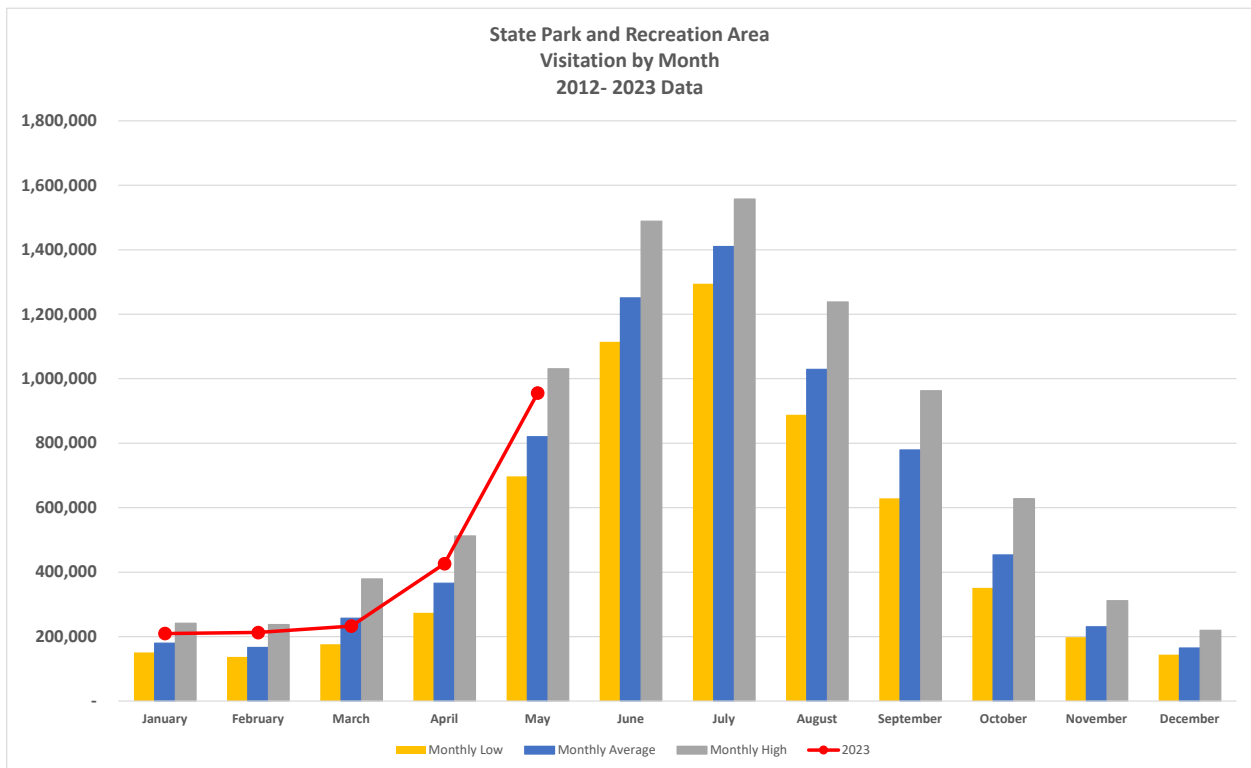
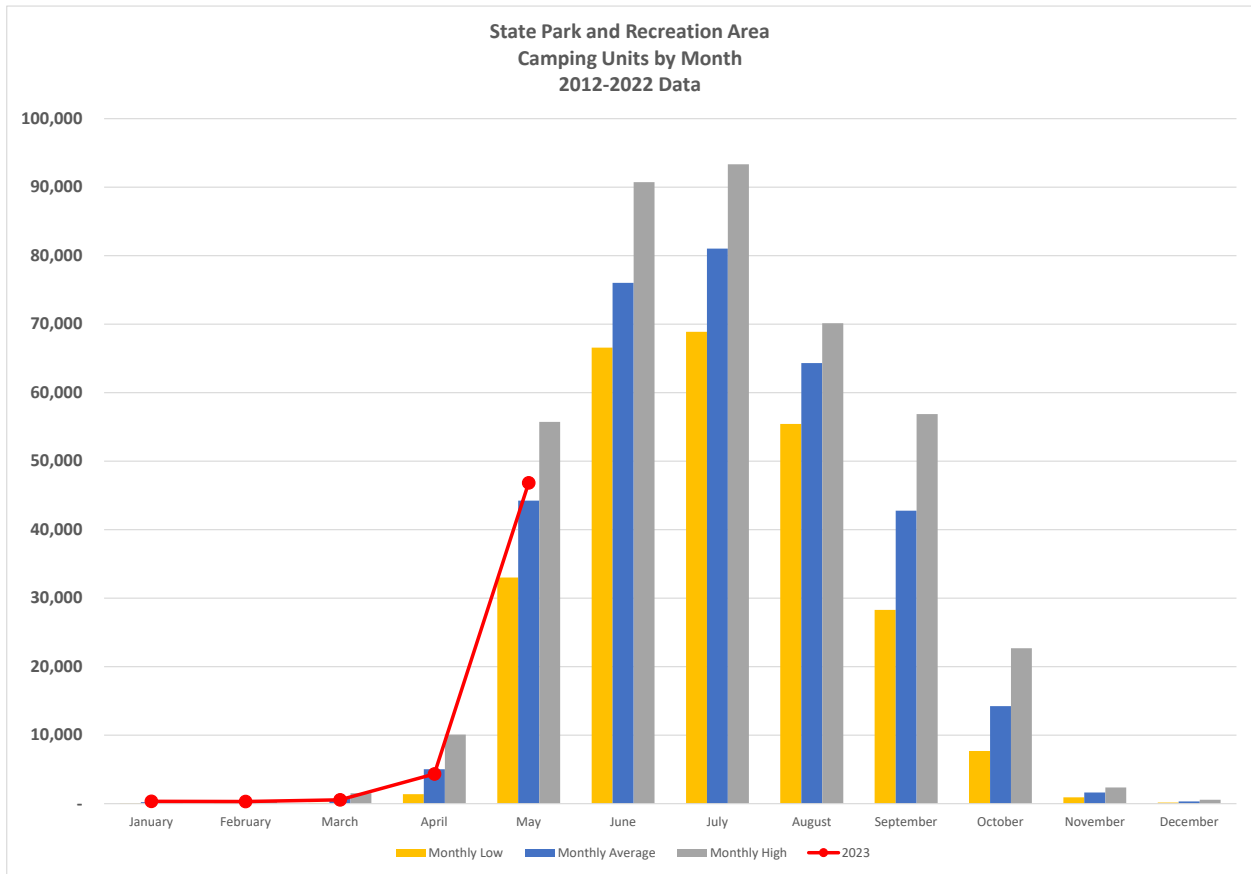
Division of Parks and Recreation					
May YTD 2023 Revenue by Item					
	2022		2023		% Change
	Number	Dollar	Number	Dollar	
Annual	18,841	\$ 678,262	19,091	\$ 687,258	1%
2nd Annual	2,872	\$ 51,696	2,928	\$ 52,704	2%
Double	17,535	\$ 946,890	18,390	\$ 993,078	5%
Transferable	1,410	\$ 112,800	1,640	\$ 131,200	16%
Daily License	12,120	\$ 96,960	13,440	\$ 107,520	11%
Unattended Vehicle Daily	141	\$ 2,115	112	\$ 1,680	-21%
GSM Annual Trail Pass	1,358	\$ 20,370	1,370	\$ 20,550	1%
GSM Daily Trail Pass	713	\$ 2,852	743	\$ 2,972	4%
Motorcoach Permit	986	\$ 2,958	4,042	\$ 12,126	310%
CSP 7 Day Pass	22,748	\$ 454,960	21,598	\$ 431,960	-5%
CSP 7 Day Bike Band	406	\$ 8,120	536	\$ 10,720	32%
Rally Bike Band	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	
One-Day Special Event		\$ 650		\$ 900	38%
PERMITS	79,130	\$ 2,378,633	83,890	\$ 2,452,668	3%
Camping Services		\$ 7,060,661		\$ 6,686,588	-5%
Picnic Reservations		\$ 4,230		\$ 4,940	17%
Firewood	5,035	\$ 30,210	5,368	\$ 32,208	7%
Gift Card		\$ 7,074		\$ 6,148	-13%
Boat Slips		\$ 182,739		\$ 197,494	8%
LODGING	5,035	\$ 7,284,914	5,368	\$ 6,927,378	-5%
TOTAL	84,165	\$ 9,663,547	89,258	\$ 9,380,046	-3%

Division of Parks and Recreation
May YTD 2023 Visitation by District

<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>%</i>
Pickarel Lake	12,200	8,754	-28%	Lewis & Clark	282,688	304,007	8%
Fort Sisseton	14,687	18,652	27%	Chief White Crane	8,982	8,488	-5%
Roy Lake	37,533	38,916	4%	Pierson Ranch	26,341	21,368	-19%
Sica Hollow	5,856	3,702	-37%	Springfield	58,219	55,098	-5%
DISTRICT 1	70,276	70,024	0%	DISTRICT 9	376,230	388,961	3%
Richmond Lake	15,975	16,019	0%	North Point	29,380	19,389	-34%
Mina Lake	11,809	12,563	6%	North Wheeler	4,247	5,585	32%
Fisher Grove	3,536	3,408	-4%	Pease Creek	10,045	7,582	-25%
Lake Louise	8,513	7,723	-9%	Randall Creek	15,353	10,960	-29%
DISTRICT 2	39,833	39,713	0%	Fort Randall Marina	3,560	3,441	-3%
Pelican Lake	18,916	19,826	5%	DISTRICT 10	62,585	46,957	-25%
Sandy Shore	8,671	8,141	-6%	Farm Island	47,275	40,901	-13%
Lake Cochrane	4,659	2,748	-41%	West Bend	12,007	14,719	23%
Hartford Beach	32,641	34,002	4%	LaFramboise Island	34,397	27,802	-19%
DISTRICT 3	64,887	64,717	0%	DISTRICT 11	93,679	83,422	-11%
Oakwood Lakes	16,460	10,538	-36%	Oahe Downstream	90,192	91,728	2%
Lake Poinsett	8,144	12,368	52%	Cow Creek	62,232	60,752	-2%
Lake Thompson	12,833	35,273	175%	Okobojo	22,549	15,831	-30%
DISTRICT 4	37,437	58,179	55%	Spring Creek	101,967	92,981	-9%
Lake Herman	30,254	39,958	32%	DISTRICT 12	276,940	261,292	-6%
Walker's Point	11,576	10,727	-7%	West Whitlock	9,124	7,807	-14%
DISTRICT 5	41,830	50,685	21%	Swan Creek	5,924	3,484	-41%
Snake Creek	47,893	39,533	-17%	Indian Creek	19,428	16,840	-13%
Platte Creek	51,437	48,146	-6%	Lake Hiddenwood	-	3,287	
Buryanek	10,640	8,486	-20%	Revheim Bay	28,660	13,576	-53%
Burke Lake	7,820	6,454	-17%	West Pollock	23,926	21,449	-10%
DISTRICT 6	117,790	102,619	-13%	DISTRICT 13	87,062	66,443	-24%
Palisades	31,777	29,866	-6%	Bear Butte	5,267	10,421	98%
Big Sioux	19,712	19,569	-1%	DISTRICT 14	5,267	10,421	98%
Beaver Creek	9,250	9,024	-2%	Shadehill	12,050	7,699	-36%
Lake Vermillion	33,884	38,475	14%	Llewellyn Johns	1,057	965	-9%
DISTRICT 7	94,623	96,934	2%	Little Moreau	4,498	5,238	16%
Newton Hills	59,669	28,859	-52%	Rocky Point	19,402	8,990	-54%
Good Earth	36,945	53,731	45%	DISTRICT 15	37,007	22,892	-38%
Union Grove	6,045	5,116	-15%	Custer	473,247	476,952	1%
Lake Alvin	78,778	45,817	-42%	DISTRICT 16	473,247	476,952	1%
Spirit Mound	8,503	7,429	-13%	Angostura	37,009	38,313	4%
Adams	9,621	10,429	8%	Sheps Canyon	7,941	7,400	-7%
DISTRICT 8	199,561	151,381	-24%	DISTRICT 17	44,950	45,713	2%
				TOTAL YTD	2,123,204	2,037,305	-4%
				TOTAL for Month	979,962	955,605	-2%

Division of Parks and Recreation
 Camping and Visitation Comparison

June 1, 2023



**South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks - Wildlife Division
Land Acquisition and Disposal Report
June 2023**

Final Action Items

Davis Property (Day County)

Location: Approximately five miles southwest of Waubay in Day County.

Size: 320 acres (298 acres water, 22 acres island).

Management Objective: Game Production Area – Offers waterfowl hunting off island and fishing opportunity (non-meandered waters of Bitter and Goose Lake). Connects 3,400 acres of GPA to a 120-acre parcel of GPA.

Easements: Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) easement that expires in 2042.

Previous Use: Enrolled in WIA since 2004.

Appraised Value: \$240,000 (\$750/acre)

Acquisition Cost: \$24,000 (\$75/acre)

Commission Acquisition Priorities: Round-out parcels that consolidate or connect existing public lands open to hunting, fishing, and other recreational related activities; and parcels containing significant wetland habitat complexes.

Expected Closing: July 2023

Requested Commission Action: To adopt RESOLUTION 23–17 authorizing and confirming the purchase of the Davis property.

Property Map



RESOLUTION 23 – 17

WHEREAS, the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (DEPARTMENT) has expressed an interest in acquiring real property presently owned by William L. Davis, Duncan D. Davis, Jill L. Osborne, Nancy C. Hagen, Paul A. Davis, and Jeffrey B. Davis, which property is described as:

The northeast quarter (NE1/4) and the northwest quarter (NW1/4) of Section Thirty-one (31), Township One-Hundred Twenty-one (121) North, Range Fifty-four (54), West of the 5th P.M. Said land consists of 320 acres, more or less, and located in Day County, South Dakota, and hereto referred to as the DAVIS PROPERTY; and

WHEREAS, said property is to be acquired by and utilized by the DEPARTMENT as a Game Production Area; and

WHEREAS, SDCL 41-4-1.1 requires that before it purchases property, the DEPARTMENT must notify owners of land located adjacent to the property to be acquired by publishing notice of the same once in each legal newspaper of the county in which the property to be purchased is located; and

WHEREAS, DEPARTMENT has published the required legal notice 30 days prior to the date of action by the Game, Fish and Parks Commission authorizing the intended purchases, which notice included the time and location of the meeting at which Game, Fish and Parks Commission action is expected and by giving notice of instructions for presenting oral and written comments to the Game, Fish and Parks Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Game, Fish and Parks Commission has reviewed any and all comments received relative to the intended purchase, and after consideration of the same, the Game, Fish and Parks Commission approves the purchase of said property for use as a Game Production Area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the DEPARTMENT is authorized to complete negotiations for the purchase of the DAVIS PROPERTY and execute and consummate an agreement with William L. Davis, Duncan D. Davis, Jill L. Osborne, Nancy C. Hagen, Paul A. Davis, and Jeffrey B. Davis, which is acceptable to the DEPARTMENT to acquire by purchase at the price of \$24,000.00 the DAVIS PROPERTY for use as a Game Production Area.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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**South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks - Wildlife Division
Land Acquisition and Disposal Report
June 2023**

Pheasants Forever Donation (Stanley County)

Location: Approximately thirty-five miles west and five miles north of Pierre in Stanley County.

Size: 560 Acres

Management Objective: Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting access.

Easements: None

Previous Use: Enrolled in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and WIA for over 2 decades.

Appraised Value: Unknown – Pheasants Forever paid \$700,000 in December of 2022.

Acquisition Cost: Donation

Commission Acquisition Priorities: Parcels containing significant habitat and hunting opportunities for pheasants and parcels that have potential for high demand levels of outdoor recreation such as hunting, fishing, camping, trails, wildlife observation, water-based recreation.

Additional Information: The property will be named the “John Stengle Tract” of Frozen Man Creek Game Production Area due to a generous donation by the family to help Pheasants Forever purchase this property. The remaining donors contributing to help Pheasants Forever with this acquisition include OnX Hunt, Bank West (Pierre), Dakota Prairie Bank (Ft Pierre), Build A Wildlife Area Program (PF), High Plains Wildlife, Mule Deer Foundation, Pierre Business Improvement District, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (SD Chapter), Pierre/Fort Pierre Pheasants Forever, Yankton Area Pheasants Forever, Black Hills Pheasants Forever, Bon Homme Pheasants Forever, Okobojo Creek Pheasants Forever, Lincoln Pheasants Forever, Minnehaha Pheasants Forever, Grand River Pheasants Forever, Northern South Dakota Pheasants Forever, National Wild Turkey Federation and 20+ individuals and families.

Expected Closing: July 2023

Requested Commission Action: To adopt RESOLUTION 23–18 confirming the decision by the Department to accept the property and acknowledging appreciation to Pheasants Forever for its generosity.

Information Items

None

Early Development Projects

None

Property Map



RESOLUTION 23-18

WHEREAS, Pheasants Forever, Inc. owns real property (Property) described as:

The south half of the northeast quarter (S1/2NE1/4) and the southeast quarter (SE1/4) of Section Twenty-eight (28) and the north half (N1/2) of Section Thirty-four (34), Township Six (6) North, Range Twenty-five (25), East of the Black Hills Meridian. Said land consists of 560 acres, more or less, and located in Stanley County, South Dakota, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its wishes, Pheasants Forever, Inc. desires to gift and transfer title to the Property to the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (Department) for use as a Game Production Area; and

WHEREAS, the Department has evaluated and determined that the Property would serve very well as a Game Production Area, offering wildlife habitat, public hunting, and other wildlife related outdoor recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Department is authorized to accept gifts of property for Game Production Area as per SDCL 41-2-19 and desires to accept the gift of the Property upon confirmation of the gift by the Game, Fish and Parks Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Game, Fish and Parks Commission desires to acknowledge the Department's acceptance of this gift of property from Pheasants Forever, Inc. for use as a Game Production Area, and further acknowledge the extreme generosity of Pheasants Forever, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Game, Fish and Parks Commission does hereby confirm the decision by the Department to accept the transfer and gift of the Property from Pheasants Forever, Inc. to be used as a Game Production Area.

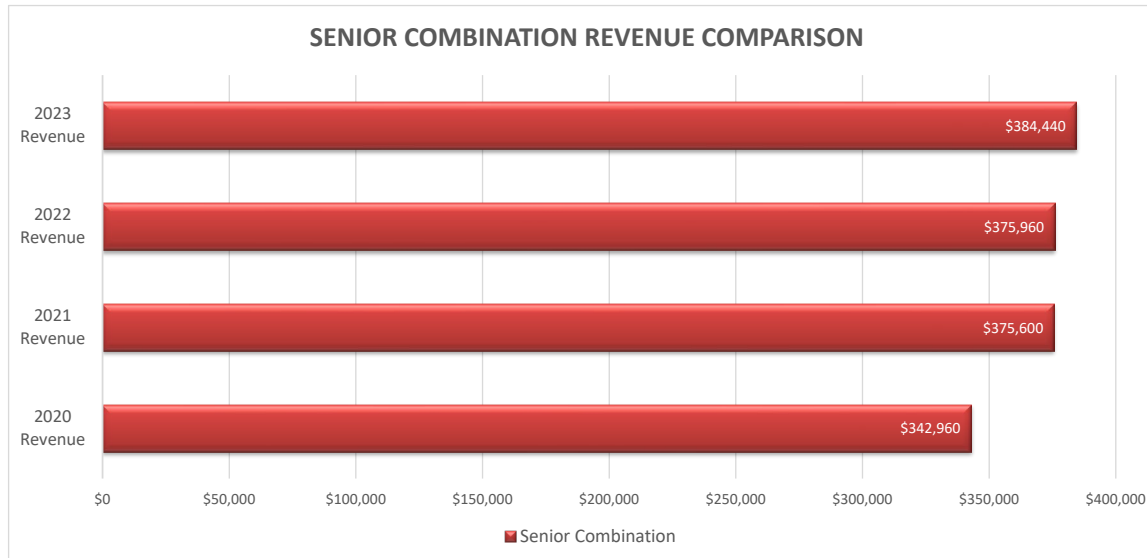
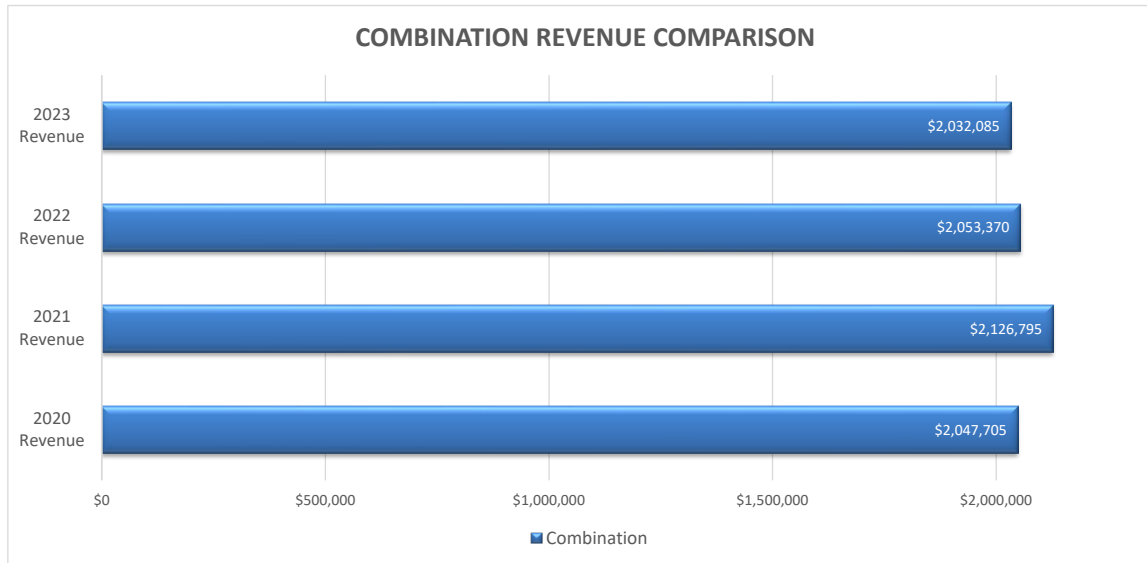
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Game, Fish and Parks Commission, on behalf of the citizens and sportspersons of South Dakota, does hereby acknowledge and express its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Pheasants Forever, Inc. for its generosity, and further acknowledge the outdoor recreation opportunities this gift will provide to South Dakotans for many years to come.

APPROVE ____ **MODIFY** ____ **REJECT** ____ **NO ACTION** ____

COMBINATION LICENSES

December 15 - May 31

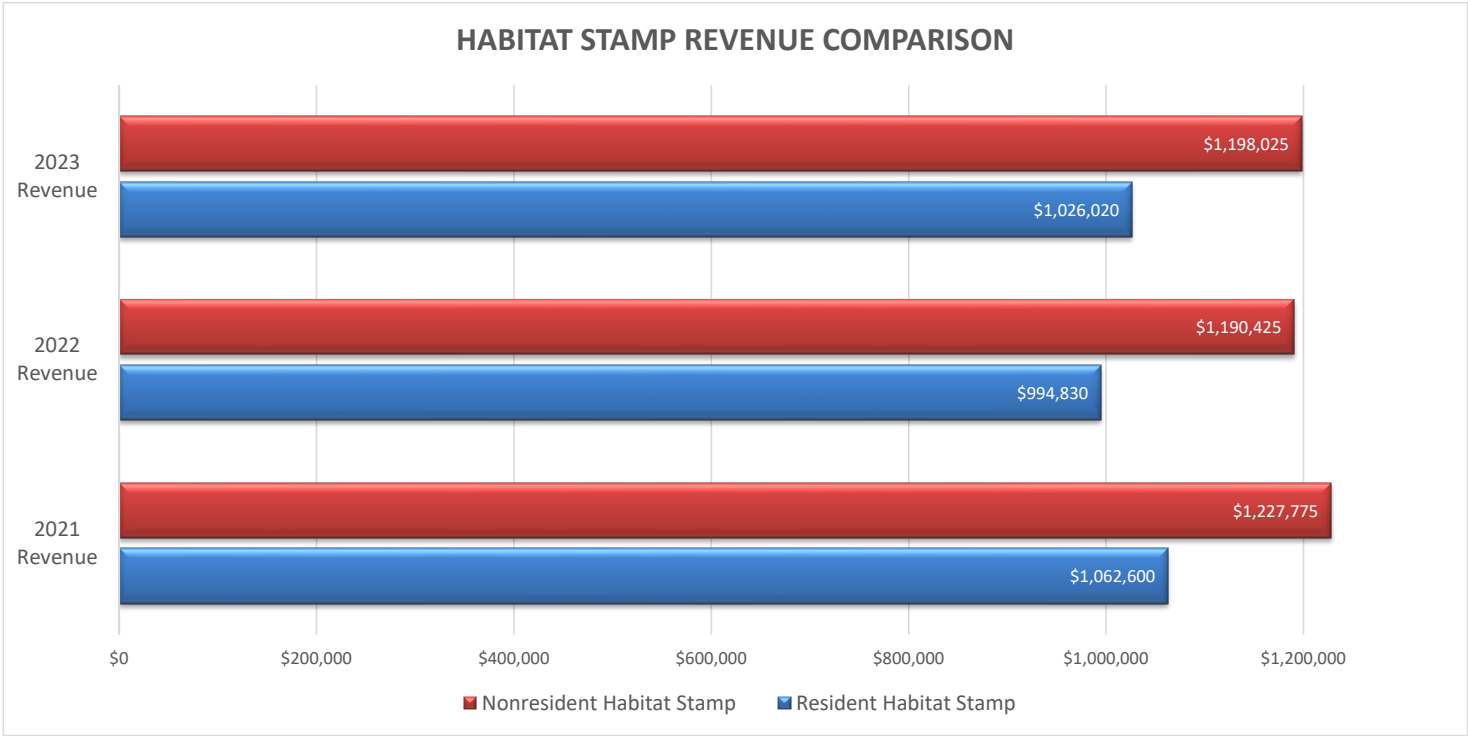
License Type						+/- Licenses				+/- Revenue		% Change from 3 Yr. Avg
	2020	2021	2022	3-yr Avg	2023	2023 Revenue	2022 vs 2023	3 Yr. Avg vs 2023	2022 vs 2023	3 Yr. Avg vs 2023		
Combination	37,231	38,669	37,334	37,745	36,947	\$2,032,085	(387)	(798)	(\$21,285)	(\$43,872)	-2%	
Senior Combination	8,574	9,390	9,399	9,121	9,611	\$384,440	212	490	\$8,480	\$19,600	5%	
Combination License Totals	45,805	48,059	46,733	46,866	46,558	\$2,416,525	(175)	(308)	(\$12,805)	(\$24,272)	3.26%	



HABITAT STAMP

December 15 - May 31

License Type	2020	2021	2022	3-yr Avg	2023	2023 Revenue	+/- Licenses		+/- Revenue		% Change from 3 Yr. Avg
							2022 vs 2023	3 Yr. Avg vs 2023	2022 vs 2023	3 Yr. Avg vs 2023	
Resident Habitat Stamp		106,260	99,483	n/a	102,602	\$1,026,020	3,119	n/a	\$31,190	n/a	n/a
Nonresident Habitat Stamp		49,111	47,617	n/a	47,921	\$1,198,025	304	n/a	\$7,600	n/a	n/a
Habitat Stamp Totals		155,371	147,100	n/a	150,523	\$2,224,045	3,423	n/a	\$38,790	n/a	n/a



SMALL GAME LICENSES

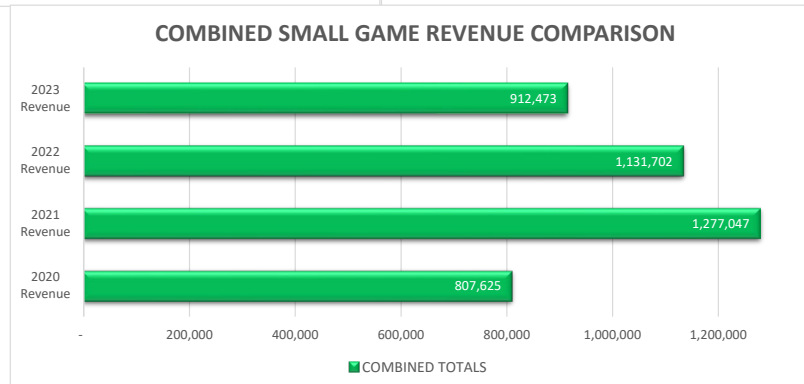
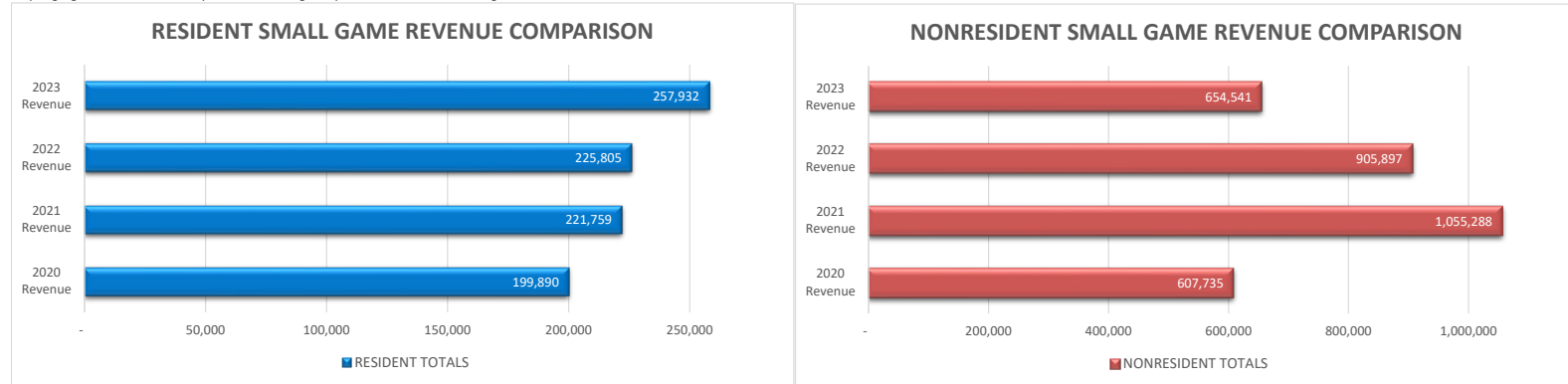
December 15 - May 31

License Type	2020	2021	2022	3-yr Avg	2023	2023 Revenue	+/- Licenses		+/- Revenue		% Change from 3 Yr Avg
							2022 vs 2023	3 Yr Avg vs 2023	2022 vs 2023	3 Yr Avg vs 2023	
Small Game	1,347	1,511	2,618	1,825	4,432	\$146,256	1,814	2,607	\$59,862	\$86,020	143%
1-Day Small Game	217	368	153	246	98	\$1,176	(55)	(148)	(\$660)	(\$1,776)	-60%
Youth Small Game	795	804	1,251	950	1,118	\$5,590	(133)	168	(\$665)	\$2,016	18%
Furbearer	2,741	3,248	2,910	2,966	2,757	\$82,710	(153)	(209)	(\$4,590)	(\$6,280)	-7%
Predator/Varmint	1,032	903	1,482	1,482	1,354	\$6,770	(128)	(128)	(\$640)	(\$640)	-9%
Migratory Bird Certificate: 3-Duck		12	234	1,482	243	\$1,215	9	n/a	\$45	n/a	n/a
Migratory Bird Certificate: Traditional	12,294	12,289	7,088	10,557	2,843	\$14,215	(4,245)	(7,714)	(\$21,225)	(\$38,570)	-73%
RESIDENT TOTALS	18,426	19,135	15,736	19,509	12,845	\$257,932	(2,891)	(5,425)	\$32,127	\$40,770	-27.81%
Small Game	2,653	5,401	4,327	4,127	2,585	\$312,785	(1,742)	(1,542)	(\$210,782)	(\$186,582)	-37%
Youth Small Game	124	243	298	222	171	\$1,710	(127)	(51)	(\$1,270)	(\$507)	-23%
Shooting Preserve 1-Day Nonresident	175	181	211	189	102	\$4,692	(109)	(87)	(\$5,014)	(\$4,002)	-46%
Shooting Preserve 5-Day Nonresident	764	1,011	1,184	986	803	\$61,028	(381)	(183)	(\$28,956)	(\$13,933)	-19%
Shooting Preserve Annual Nonresident	46	74	96	72	63	\$7,623	(33)	(9)	(\$3,993)	(\$1,089)	-13%
Furbearer	6	4	3	4	1	\$275	(2)	(3)	(\$550)	(\$917)	-77%
Predator/Varmint	1,499	1,836	1,704	1,680	1,987	\$79,480	283	307	\$11,320	\$12,293	18%
Migratory Bird Certificate: 3-Duck	0	0	3	n/a	30	\$150	27	n/a	\$135	n/a	n/a
Migratory Bird Certificate: Traditional	214	419	225	286	3,372	\$16,860	3,147	3,086	\$15,735	\$15,430	1079%
Spring Light Goose	2,959	4,488	4,247	3,898	3,628	\$163,260	(619)	(270)	(\$27,855)	(\$12,150)	-7%
Youth Spring Light Goose	122	161	324	202	318	\$6,678	(6)	116	(\$126)	\$2,429	57%
NONRESIDENT TOTALS	8,562	13,818	12,622	11,666	13,060	\$654,541	438	1,364	(\$251,356)	(\$189,027)	11.69%
COMBINED TOTALS	26,988	32,953	28,358	31,175	25,905	\$912,473	(2,453)	(5,270)	(\$219,229)	(\$148,257)	-16.90%

*The license year for Migratory Bird Certificates changed in 2021 so license sales are not comparable between years.

*Migratory Bird Certificates changed from 1 option to 2 in 2022

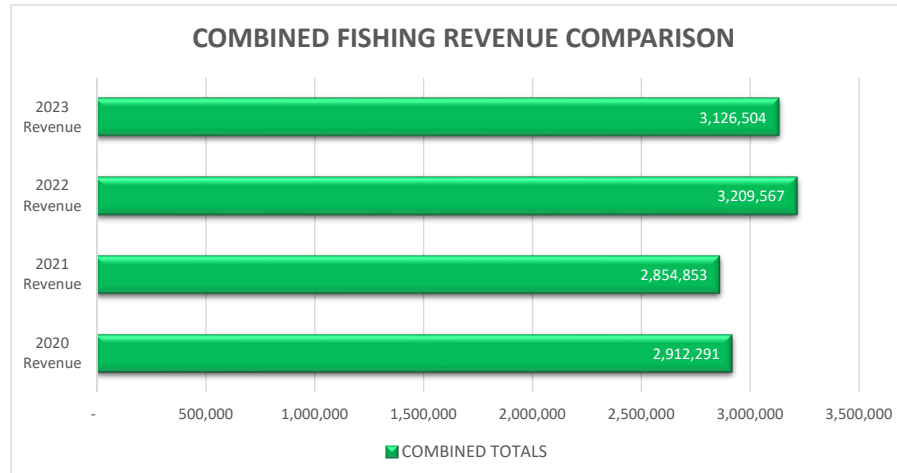
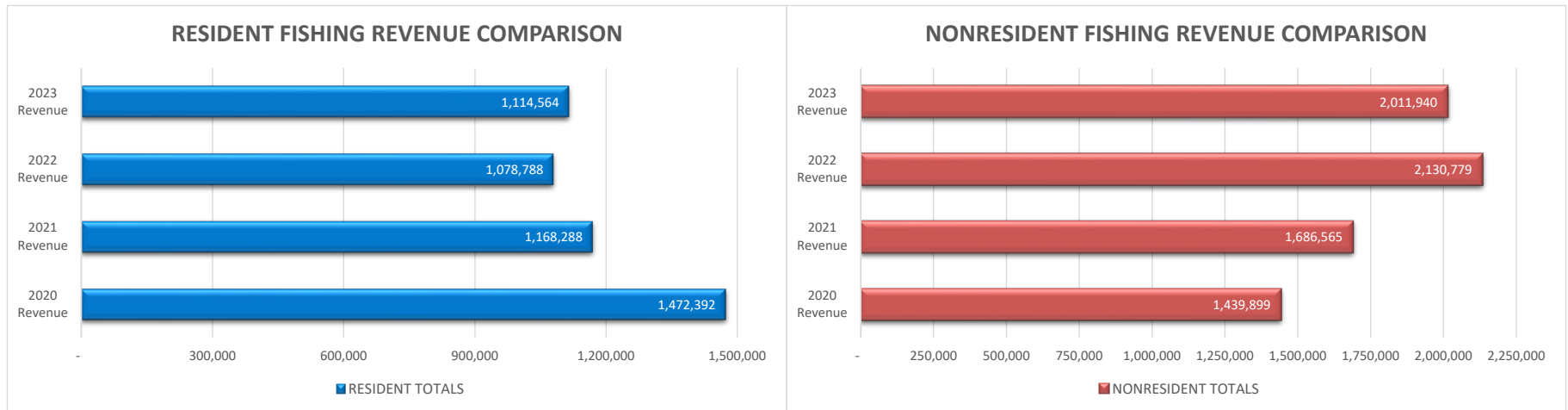
*Spring Light Goose decreased by \$5 when the migratory bird certificate was no longer included.



FISHING LICENSES

December 15 - May 31

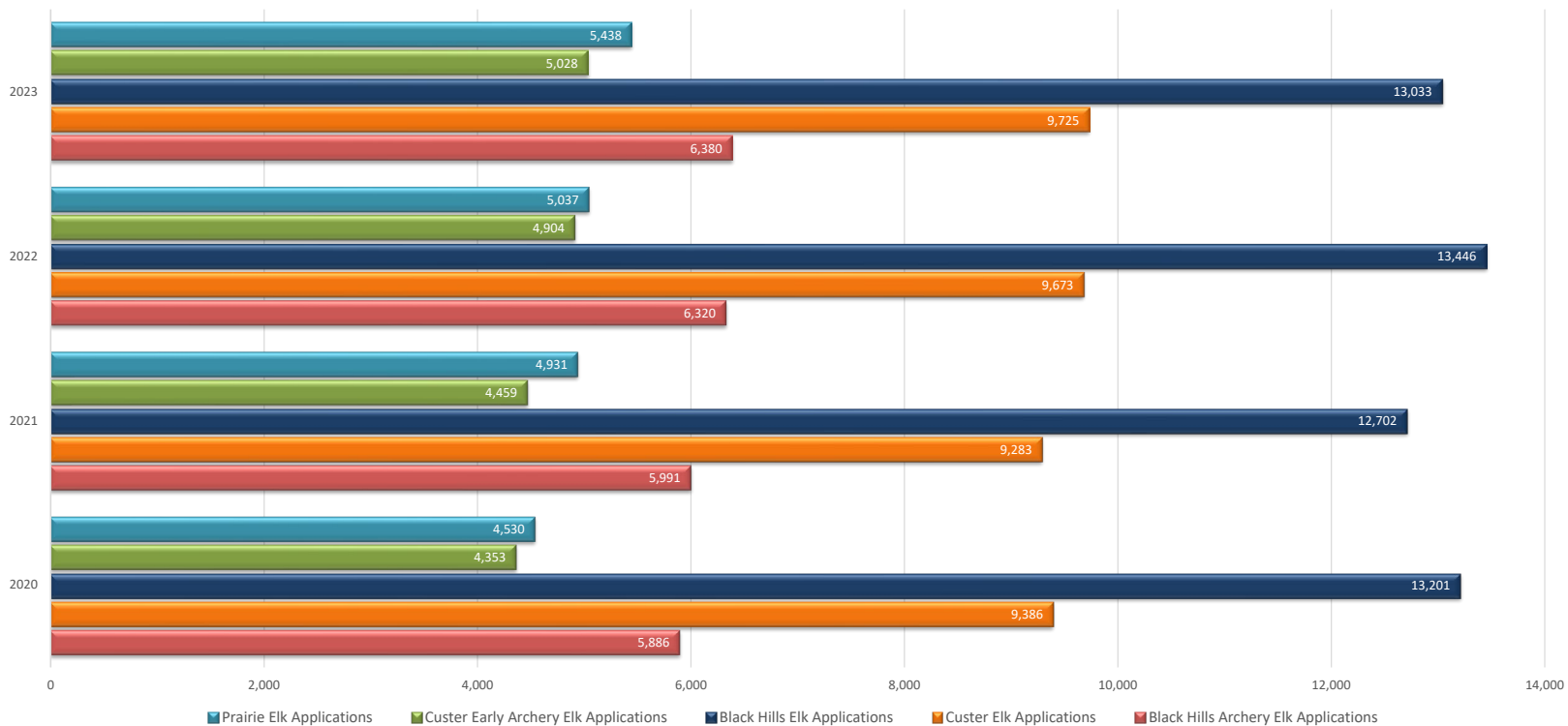
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							2022 vs 2023	3 Yr Avg vs 2023	2022 vs 2023	3 Yr Avg vs 2023	
1-Day Fishing	2,277	1,805	2,023	2,035	1,844	\$14,752	(179)	(191)	(\$1,432)	(\$1,528)	-9%
Annual Fishing	47,476	36,933	33,940	39,450	35,112	\$983,136	1,172	(4,338)	\$32,816	(\$121,455)	-11%
Senior Fishing	10,404	9,977	9,357	9,913	9,723	\$116,676	366	(190)	\$4,392	(\$2,276)	-2%
RESIDENT TOTALS	60,157	48,715	45,320	51,397	46,679	\$1,114,564	1,359	(4,718)	\$35,776	(\$125,259)	-9.18%
1-Day Fishing	6,633	11,696	13,427	10,585	9,920	\$158,720	(3,507)	(665)	(\$56,112)	(\$10,645)	-6%
3-Day Fishing	6,825	6,471	7,872	7,056	6,901	\$255,337	(971)	(155)	(\$35,927)	(\$5,735)	-2%
Annual Fishing	16,138	18,806	24,249	19,731	23,849	\$1,597,883	(400)	4,118	(\$26,800)	\$275,906	21%
NONRESIDENT TOTALS	29,596	36,973	45,548	37,372	40,670	\$2,011,940	(4,878)	3,298	(\$118,839)	\$259,526	8.82%
COMBINED TOTALS	89,753	85,688	90,868	88,770	87,349	\$3,126,504	(3,519)	(1,421)	(\$83,063)	\$134,267	-1.60%



2023 BIG GAME LICENSES

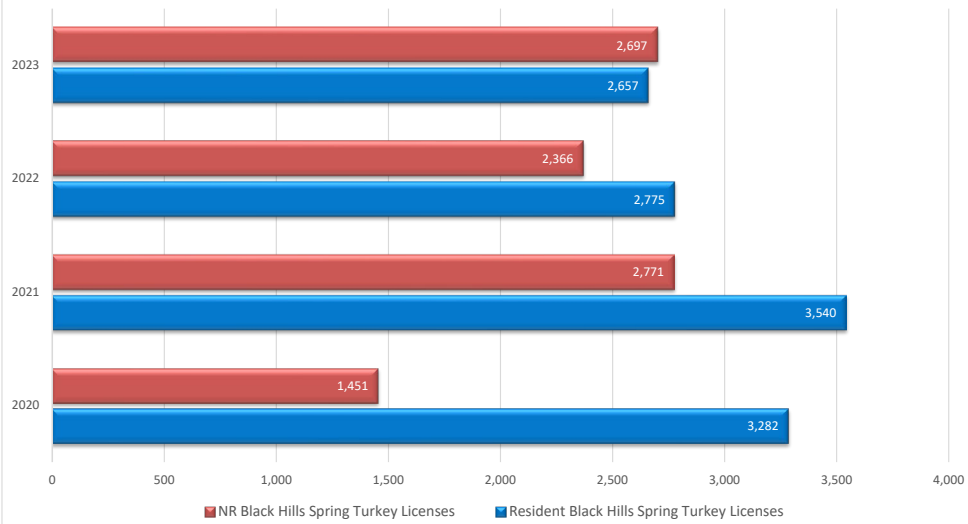
License Type	2020	2021	2022	3-yr Avg	2023	2023 Revenue	+/- Licenses		+/- Revenue		% Change from 3 Yr Avg
							2022 vs 2023	3 Yr Avg vs 2023	2022 vs 2023	3 Yr Avg vs 2023	
Resident Mentored Spring Turkey Licenses	1,356	1,422	1,567	1,448	1,641	\$8,205	74	193	\$370	\$963	13%
NR Mentored Spring Turkey Licenses	n/a	n/a	69	n/a	71	\$710	2	n/a	\$20	n/a	n/a
Resident Archery Spring Turkey Licenses	3,990	4,266	4,176	4,144	4,283	\$107,075	107	139	\$2,675	\$3,475	3%
NR Archery Spring Turkey Licenses	469	637	582	563	682	\$68,200	100	119	\$10,000	\$11,933	21%
Resident Black Hills Spring Turkey Licenses	3,282	3,540	2,775	3,199	2,657	\$66,425	(118)	(542)	(\$2,950)	(\$13,550)	-17%
NR Black Hills Spring Turkey Licenses	1,451	2,771	2,366	2,196	2,697	\$269,700	331	501	\$33,100	\$50,100	23%
Black Hills Elk	663	661	926	750	934	\$129,942	8	184	\$1,219	\$25,149	25%
Black Hills Archery Elk	199	210	243	217	237	\$36,709	(6)	20	(\$814)	\$3,876	9%
Custer Elk	8	8	11	9	11	\$3,366	0	2	\$0	\$612	22%
Custer Early Archery Elk	3	3	4	3	4	\$1,224	0	1	\$0	\$204	20%
Prairie Elk	230	250	257	246	283	\$33,877	26	37	\$3,101	\$4,922	15%
Black Hills Bighorn Sheep	6	6	7	6	7	\$1,960	0	1	\$0	\$187	11%
Custer Bighorn Sheep	1	1	3	2	3	\$840	0	1	\$0	\$373	80%
1st Draw Applications Submitted											
Black Hills Elk Applications	13,201	12,702	13,446	13,116	13,033	\$130,330	(413)	(83)	(\$4,130)	(\$2,333)	-1%
Black Hills Archery Elk Applications	5,886	5,991	6,320	6,066	6,380	\$63,800	60	314	\$600	\$1,572	5%
Custer Elk Applications	9,386	9,283	9,673	9,447	9,725	\$97,250	52	278	\$520	\$1,388	3%
Custer Early Archery Elk Applications	4,353	4,459	4,904	4,572	5,028	\$50,280	124	456	\$1,240	\$11,400	10%
Prairie Elk Applications	4,530	4,931	5,037	4,833	5,438	\$54,380	401	605	\$4,010	\$60,533	13%
Black Hills Bighorn Sheep Applications	4,883	4,953	5,180	5,005	5,525	\$55,250	345	520	\$3,450	\$12,992	10%
Custer Bighorn Sheep Applications	3,389	3,160	4,110	3,553	4,590	\$45,900	480	1037	\$4,800	\$103,700	29%

ELK APPLICATIONS RECEIVED



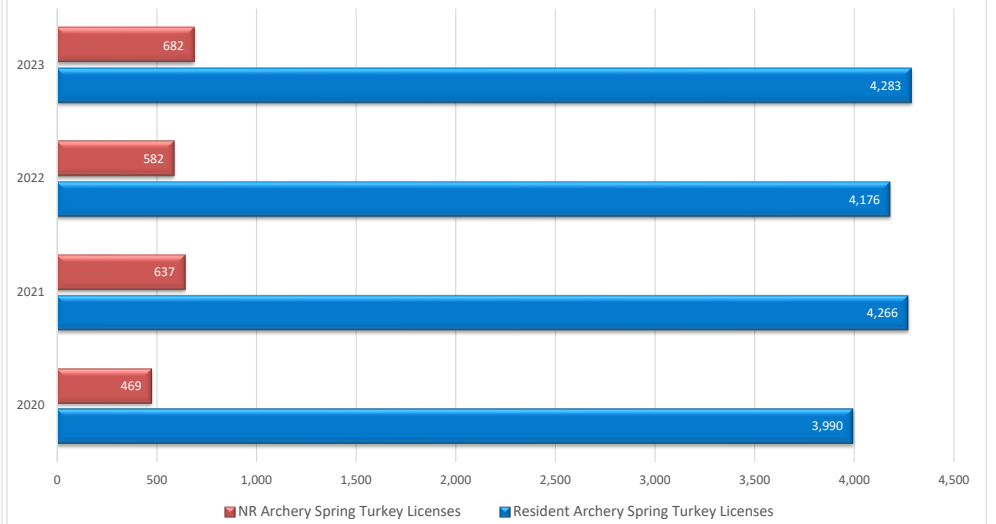
2023 BIG GAME LICENSES

BLACK HILLS SPRING TURKEY LICENSES PURCHASED



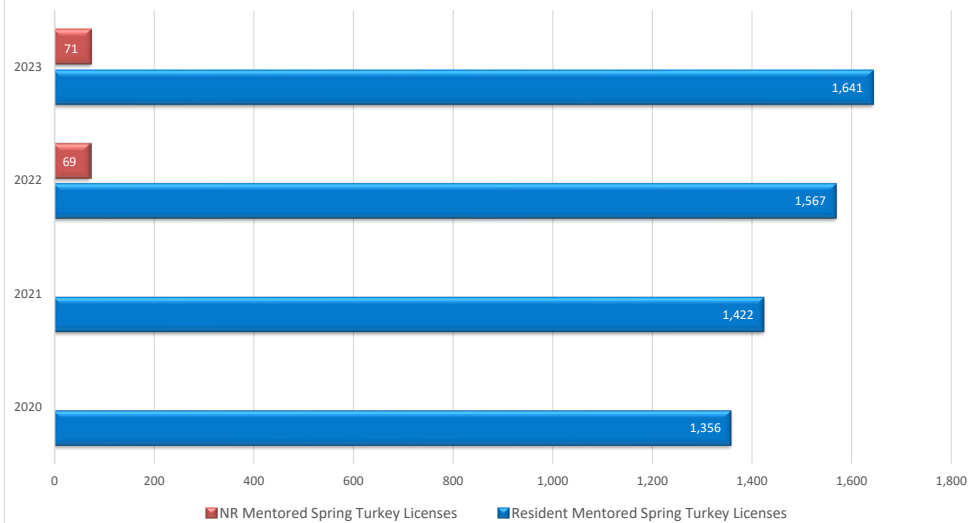
* Black Hills Spring Turkey Season opened 2 weeks later in 2023 compared to previous years.
 * Unit BH2 is closed in 2023. Residents are only permitted one tag vs two in previous years.

ARCHERY SPRING TURKEY LICENSES PURCHASED

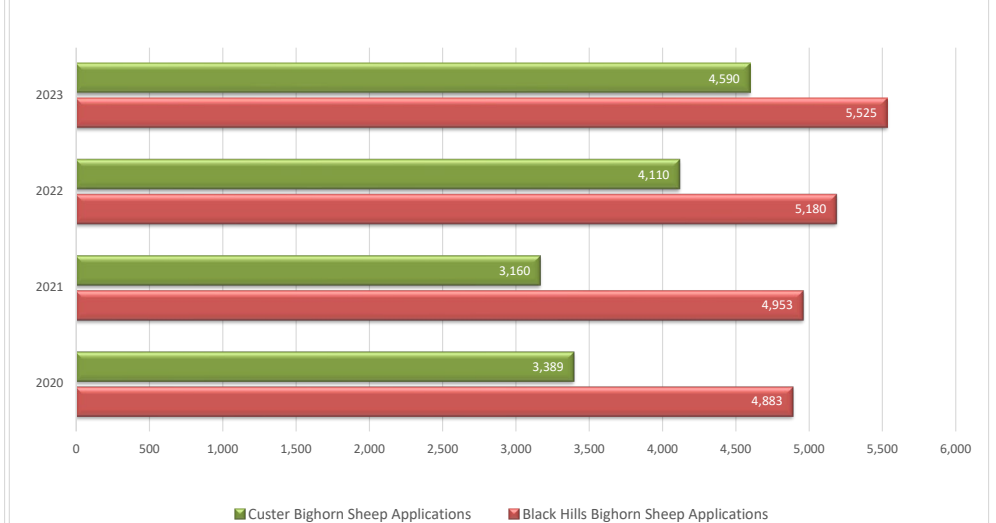


* Archery Spring Turkey Season opened 1 week later in 2023 compared to previous years.

MENTORED SPRING TURKEY LICENSES PURCHASED



BIGHORN SHEEP APPLICATIONS RECEIVED





Public Comments

Comments provided by the public between
May 1, 2023 at 1:00 pm CST to June 5, 2023 at 12:00 pm CST.

Nonresident Waterfowl

Michael Davis

Trent Woods NC

Position: oppose

Comment:

I have enjoyed over 17 years of the SD waterfowl experience as a NR. The limited lottery has minimized the commercialization of the resource and maintained an outstanding experience for residents and nonresidents alike. Waterfowl are not a 'put and take' resource, like pheasant, and increasing hunting pressure will have a significant negative impact on the resource. [05/01/2023 05:02:39 AM]

Tanner Lundholm

Watertown SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

The out of state people are the ones who trespass, dump birds, and break other laws. I've personally caught people from out of state trespassing on land that I only have permission to hunt. It's not the first and won't be the last [05/01/2023 05:31:40 AM]

Michael Pistulka

Deer Creek MN Position: oppose

Comment:

No comment text provided.

[05/01/2023 06:46:16 AM]

Blake Pistulka

Waconia MN

Position: oppose

Comment:

No comment text provided.

[05/01/2023 06:54:19 AM]

Mark Pistulka

Nowthen MN

Position: oppose

Comment:

No comment text provided.

[05/01/2023 06:54:55 AM]

Joe Schultz
Saint Paul Park MN

Position: oppose

Comment:

No comment text provided.

[05/01/2023 07:28:56 AM]

Roy Jinks
Webster SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

I'm against the SD GFP proposal to increase Non-Resident waterfowl licenses. The quality of hunting in North East South Dakota has diminished over the last 20 years as increased pressure for NRs has had made getting permission on private much harder. Changing the NR licenses to be valid for 2-7 day periods instead of 1-14 day period has greatly increased NR pressure as well. Please remember who you are supposed to represent, the residents of SD and not look out for the NR interests.

[05/01/2023 08:12:24 AM]

Troy Spitzer
Pierre SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

Commission members. Please consider rejecting the proposal to increase the non resident waterfowl hunter numbers. There is nothing to gain for the hunters of South Dakota, or the state of South Dakota. This is will only advance the privatization of waterfowl hunting. Most of these proposals have come from one guide in the Columbia region. Just because he makes repeated requests, does not mean the governors office, the legislature or commission should bow down.

[05/01/2023 08:28:54 AM]

Tim Foerster
Aberdeen SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

No comment text provided.

[05/01/2023 8:35:15 AM]

Dan Svobodny

Brookings SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

Good morning,

I am writing to oppose the increase in 5% of non-resident waterfowl licenses.

This is not a good time to be making any increases in this number. With the on-going dry conditions, many wetlands have dried up, which may be OK today, but over a long hot summer we have no idea what those wetland conditions will look like in October. With fewer wetlands, there will be fewer places to hunt.

There has also been significant drain tile activity in the state and countless temporary wetlands, some of which would be full, productive wetlands in wetter years, are now gone forever. This trend continues and will be the case for years to come until South Dakota is similar to Minnesota when it comes to seasonal wetlands. There will be none.

This increase is being considered for commercial interests only. Resident hunters who are not tied to commercial interests continue to struggle with access to good hunting opportunities. We are not pushing for this and it is highly unlikely you will find one waterfowl hunter in the state without commercial or out of state ties that would support this.

Please maintain the current level of non-resident licenses, or consider a reduction based on the fact that we have less places to hunt than we did 10 years ago and waterfowl numbers are at lower numbers as well.

Thanks,
Dan Svobodny
Brookings, SD

[05/01/2023 12:13:18 PM]

Mathew Fetherhuff

Aberdeen SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

No comment text provided.

[05/01/2023 01:22:04 PM]

Jim Kirk

Springfield SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

Why in the world have you turned your back on us residents? Why don't you listen to us? Is it all about money? Folks like me stayed in SD because of good waterfowl hunting. Largely ruined over the years by influx of nonresident hunters. Also, You won't reestablish the extremely date opener for the south zone back to where it was either, although I know of not one local resident Hunter who supports current late opening date. WHY? I'm 69 yrs old & hunted Springfield EVERY year since I was 12. Just to see hunting quality decline unbelievable do to over crowding. Who are you representing? You're a disgrace to the charge of your appointment. Do something right for a change, PLEASE.

[05/01/2023 06:07:29 PM]

Adam Dero

Eden Prairie MN

Position: support

Comment:

Please increase nonresident license for waterfowl hunting.

[05/01/2023 10:53:28 PM]

Chris Anderson

Jordan MN

Position: oppose

Comment:

Please do not increase NR waterfowl licenses in SD. I have been coming to SD for over 20 years waterfowl hunting. We come for the wide open spaces and great people. Why ruin a good thing? so that state can make more money? Every other surrounding state has ruined their waterfowl hunting unless you have deep pockets please don't do this to your great state.

Chris Anderson
Jordan, MN

[05/02/2023 07:36:28 AM]

Phil Hudson

Huron SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

No comment text provided.

[05/02/2023 03:04:31 PM]

Eric Paulson

Pierre SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

Approximately 37 against and 4 for the proposal. That is what is in the public comments filed so far. Don't let the outfitters and land leasers dictate what goes on. It is very evident this change is not welcome by an overwhelming majority of folks who hunt in this state.

R3 as indicated by the GFP on their sheet is incredibly misleading. Yes this will inhibit the ability for resident hunters. No at the get go but when more out of state plates are around it gets too discouraging, a resident will quit. This does nothing to increase resident opportunity. When yet another nonresident is in a spot, that takes away the opportunity for a resident. This regulation doesn't help the next generation of resident hunter at all. It can only hurt when more pressure is around, more land is leased, less future hunters will be around. This does nothing to enhance the resident quality of life. There's no encouragement for residents to get outdoors, only 5% more reason to not buy a license to fight more hunters.

[05/03/2023 02:56:09 PM]

Liz & Shilo Pope

Kimball SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

We strongly oppose the proposed increase in nonresident waterfowl licenses.

As one of the premier duck breeding habitats, South Dakota should focus primarily on duck production, NOT revenue. When the focus is on revenue, the quality of hunting for South Dakotans becomes a slippery slope.

This is clearly illustrated by the commercialization of pheasant hunting. There is only a limited amount of public lands. Within the first few weeks of pheasant, the public lands' hunting is trashed as the birds have been spooked off. There are already plenty of locals who duck hunt, and there really are not that many ducks to hunt. Unlike pheasant hunting, ducks are not commercially farmed and stocked. Also unlike pheasant hunting, public lands are where duck hunters will mostly concentrate for the majority of their hunt. Duck identification skills and connection to the land may be questionable. Out of staters will be more likely than working South Dakotans to come in all week long and duck hunt instead of working, and there will be hardly any ducks left for the locals. This will also mess up lands for pheasant and deer later on.

Additionally, pheasant commercialization, combined with nonresidents walking public lands too, has priced regular people out of the pheasant hunting tradition (to the quality it used to and can be). We simply cannot afford paying to shoot birds. It would be a true shame if this happened to ducks as well.

When the duck population is doing well, that is something to be proud of: habitat management is adequate, and the amount of tags allocated is balanced. It is good to have a lot of ducks.

Don't wreck the one hunt regular working (i.e. not rich) South Dakotans can enjoy mostly by themselves. Let the people who live, work, are part of the community, pay taxes, and make things run here have their season. It is okay to have one season not swamped with nonresidents: they already have plenty of other hunting opportunities in South Dakota, which generates plenty of revenue. Leave the duck licensing the way it is, and look for revenue via other avenues.

Keep South Dakota duck hunting great for South Dakotans.

[05/03/2023 08:17:42 PM]

Richard Visker

Sioux Falls SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

Still don't understand why the increase is needed? Money? How about create a fee for all resident and non resident guides like other states have? That would help keep the bad guides out of our state.

Anyways, increases licenses is a mistake every time it's made. Just trying to commercialize waterfowl like pheasant is. Then watch the resident numbers drop even more. You guys need to care about the resident sportsman for once. Increasing licenses will increase pressure on birds and decrease the quality of hunts. While also upsetting more farmers with people showing up at their door and calling them. The draw system is working good already with a high success rate. There is literally no reason to change besides money, greed. That's so important to you that you're willing to do that in exchange for decreased quality of hunts, more pressure on birds, resident waterfowl licenses will decrease. When are we going to take care of our residents first? You guys are like the president, forget the residents, let's let all the illegals come in and pay for them.

[05/04/2023 06:56:37 AM]

Lincoln Biermann

Lake City SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

No comment text provided.

[05/05/2023 12:53:39 PM]

Other

Lisa Rathbun

Volga SD

Position: other

Comment:

I want a moratorium on beaver trapping/hunting in the Black Hills National Forest. I want to reduce the beaver trapping season statewide outside the Black Hills (instead of the current 12-month season). I want to see beavers on public lands when I visit. Beavers create riparian, aquatic & wetland habitat that benefits biodiversity & water retention!

[05/02/2023 04:40:58 PM]

Mark Scharn

Rapid City SD

Position: other

Comment:

I would like to request an explanation to the decision to make same day reservations a requirement at the Center Lake Campground. This policy makes it nearly impossible to plan a camping trip. It has forced me to make reservations at private campgrounds in the area.

This is my second request for an explanation to this policy.

[05/08/2023 10:29:03 AM]

Scott Ingle

Cavour SD

Position: support

Comment:

Mountain lion hunters in the Hills are apparently having a difficult time and the cats are pushing the deer into the city limits more and more. Could you please initiate a season using dogs to assist?

[05/25/2023 06:56:51 PM]

Zachary Perry

Bruce SD

Position: support

Comment:

Oak wood State park Horse camp is a serious shit show , 6 spots only 4 pens, free for all pens, people use multiple pens, no power when it's clearly needed, they refuse to help or do anything about it... we have offered to build pens and get shut down, it's nothing but a bunch of crap. We try but don't help or even let us try... they used to say no power at horse camp because it cost too much to trench power across the road but they trenched power across next to the horse camp for the new campground but nothing in horse camp. Every other park I've been to has a wheel barrel and a place to put horse manure so we ca. clean our pens after use, this place just needs major attention and they won't even let us to try and help... clearly just ruining a great attraction
[05/27/2023 04:08:52 PM]

Al Kraus

Rapid City SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

I own and operate Black Hills Archery in rapid city since 1988. Crossbows should only be allowed for the handicapped. Crossbows of today are equal to a rifle in comparison. Crossbows of today shoot Over 500 fps and 200 yards with a ballistic turret. If you want to keep people in the sport of bowhunting DO NOT ALLOW RIFLES/CROSSBOWS into our bowhunting season.
[05/30/2023 10:04:13 PM]

Phil A Lentz

Sioux Falls SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

Crossbow for fishing? How did this get passed. Not only is this incredibly dangerous but just foolish. We already have a too high of capacity of res/nr people that fight for allocations but now we will increase the demand? Not only that this is just an opening up to easier poaching. This should change to vertical bow or standard fishing practices. The crossbow is not the answer to anything outdoor related.
[06/02/2023 1:43:47 PM]

Mitch Adams

Spearfish SD

Position: other

Comment:

Please consider adjusting slot and daily limit at Belle Fourche reservoir. The walleye population has been declining with the current management and angling pressure. I would support restrictions in order to build the walleye population. Please feel free to contact me for more information.
[06/04/2023 10:20:26 PM]

Trapping

Jeanette Williams

Vermillion SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

Please quit trapping beavers. We need them.

[05/01/2023 08:14:00 AM]



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South Dakota Game Fish and Parks Commission
June 2023 Meeting
Good Earth State Park

Dear Commission Members,

The South Dakota Wildlife Federation is writing in support of action items numbers 20 and 21 regarding the land acquisition of the Davis Property in Day County and the Pheasants Forever Donation Property in Stanley County.

Generally, the SDWF is supportive of land acquisitions for added wildlife habitat and public recreational use. Both of these properties will provide excellent opportunities for quality wildlife habitat and outdoor activities. Particularly the property in Stanley County, which is centrally located with quality habitat for wildlife production. Properly managed, this should provide excellent wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities.

Members of the South Dakota Wildlife Federation would like to thank the GFP Department for their work on these acquisitions as they provide more opportunity in our great state for wildlife and outdoors men and women alike. We support and encourage the Game Fish and Parks department to continue to work with landowners and other agencies for these types of acquisitions.

We encourage you to support the Division of Wildlife action items 20 and 21 at your June 2023 meeting.

Best regards,

Megan Howell
Executive Director
South Dakota Wildlife Federation

South Dakota Fish And Game Turkey Season

Hello I am writing in regards to the last-minute changes of the South Dakota turkey season regulations. I would first like to add that I have actually spoken to others on how well in the past that your state had ran your wildlife management and regulations. So, when this years 2023 regulations were changed AFTER I had purchased my Archery Spring Turkey -- ST132 licence. I was surprised and disappointed.

When a bowhunter purchases a licence specifically for archery only and finds out only after arriving in South Dakota that there is no longer an archery season, it's wrong. Especially after purchasing the specific licence. We had travelled a great distance for the unique opportunity to hunt an archery only season for turkey.

Also, the closing of specific areas we had planned to hunt and had obtained permission for , created a difficult hunt, having to share public land with shotgun hunters. We actually had a minor disagreement with a shotgun hunter who was sitting right in the vicinity of our Blinds that were set up the day before. He was in essence ruining our hunt, knowing that we had blinds up. These are the kinds of problems that can occur when last minute changes are made unknowingly to the hunting public.

The other concern is without having the aid of local hunters, we would not have known of any of the changes and the area closures and would have been breaking the law.

I'm hoping in the future any changes are made in a timely manner, and made public to the licence holders to prevent issues we encountered.

Archery seasons are designed specifically to allow bowhunters to hunt closer and use unique techniques to have a chance at success before gun hunting is open. We were denied that opportunity in 2023.

Thanks for your time and I hope this letter is brought to the attention of those who made the changes.

Sincerely

Brad English.

DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH, AND PARKS NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

This meeting will be held in person, via zoom/conference call, and Livestream. Listen to the meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m. CST via Livestream at <https://www.sd.net/remote1/> or join via zoom by clicking on the link below. Depending on your application, you may be required to enter the meeting ID and password. Remember to **enter your display name and mute your microphone**. To help keep background noise and distractions to a minimum, make sure you **mute your microphone and turn off your video** when you are not speaking.

Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 1 pm CST, and Friday, June 9, 2023, at 8 am CST.

Zoom Meeting Link <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/93912915359?pwd=K2FVZzdQSXJTY0NwWG5mSWpSazUwdz09>
or join via conference call Dial 1 669 444 9171 Meeting ID: 939 1291 5359 Passcode: 0565645

Public Input: To provide comments, join the meeting in person, via zoom, or via conference call per the info above. To conduct the public hearing and/or open forum as efficiently as possible, we ask those wishing to testify to **register by 1:00 pm CST the day of the meeting by email to Liz.Kierl@state.sd.us**. **Testifiers should provide their full names, whom they represent, their city of residence, and which proposed topic they will address.**

Written comments can be submitted at <https://gfp.sd.gov/forms/positions/>. To be included in the public record, comments must include the complete name and city of residence and meet the **submission deadline of seventy-two hours before the meeting (not including the day of the meeting)**.

Dated this 1st day of June 2023.

s/b Stephanie Rissler

Stephanie Rissler, GFP Commission Chair

DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS
PUBLIC NOTICE

This NOTICE is provided pursuant to SDCL 41-4-1.1. The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) is proposing acquisition of approximately 320 acres of property in Day County, South Dakota described as:

The northeast quarter (NE1/4) and the northwest quarter (NW1/4) of Section Thirty-one (31), Township One-Hundred Twenty-one (121) North, Range Fifty-four (54) West, of the 5th P.M., Day County, South Dakota.

The property is located approximately 5.5 miles southwest of Waubay, South Dakota.

The GFP Commission will be conducting a commission meeting in Good Earth State Park on June 8th and 9th, 2023, commencing at 2:00 PM CT on June 8th and continuing to adjournment at the Good Earth State Park, 26924 480th Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57108.

Sometime during the Commission meeting, the Commission is expected to act on the proposed property purchase. Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity during the open forum beginning at 2:00 PM CT on June 8th to provide oral comment in person or virtually prior to action by the Commission on the intended purchase. Any person unable to participate in the meeting may mail or email their comments to: Ryan Wendinger, Habitat Program Administrator, Department of Game, Fish and Parks, 4500 South Oxbow Ave, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57106 or Ryan.Wendinger@state.sd.us with comments to be received prior by 12:00 AM CT on June 8th, 2023.

Date this 12 day of April 2023.

s/b Kevin Robling
Kevin Robling, Department Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS
PUBLIC NOTICE

This NOTICE is provided pursuant to SDCL 41-4-1.1. The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) is proposing acquisition of approximately 560 acres of property in Stanley County, South Dakota described as:

The south half of the northeast quarter (S1/2NE1/4) and the southeast quarter (SE1/4) of Section Twenty-eight (28) and the north half (N1/2) of Section Thirty-four (34), Township Six (6) North, Range Twenty-five (25), East of the Black Hills Meridian, Stanley County, South Dakota.

The property is located approximately 35 miles west of Fort Pierre, South Dakota.

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