

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS**

A Public Hearing will be held at the Watertown Convention Center, 1901 9th Avenue SW, Watertown, South Dakota, on June 2, 2016, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. (CDT) to consider adoption, amendment and repeal of Rules pertaining to:

1. ARSD 41:06:01 – Application for License.

Effect: The proposed amendments would repeal current language in ARSD 41:06:01:13 which (a) limits issuing antlerless licenses authorized by SDCL 41-6-19.8 to qualifying farmers and ranchers for use in the designated deer hunting units where at least one antlerless deer tag is available after the second lottery drawing from the previous year and (b) provides that free antlerless licenses are invalid in counties where antlerless archery and muzzleloader licenses are restricted; and make “antlerless whitetail deer” licenses available to those eligible landowners in hunting units which offer a deer license with multiple tags for antlerless deer in the lottery drawing for the East River and West River deer seasons.

Reason: The proposed changes will allow the Department to make free antlerless deer licenses available to qualifying farmers and ranchers in designated areas in accordance with current harvest management objectives.

2. ARSD 41:06:19 – Black Hills Deer Hunting Season.

Effect: The proposed amendments would offer 400 more resident “antlerless whitetail” deer licenses and 32 more nonresident “antlerless whitetail” deer licenses; modify the number of Black Hills antlerless management units from four units to two units; and remove language in administrative rule depicting the license type and number of licenses from each hunting unit.

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives.

3. ARSD 41:06:20 – West River Prairie Deer Season.

Effect: The proposed amendments would adjust resident license numbers by decreasing one-tag licenses by 2,095 licenses and increasing two-tag licenses by 3,800 licenses (7,600 tags) compared to 2015; adjust nonresident license numbers by decreasing one-tag licenses by 168 licenses and increasing two-tag licenses by 304 licenses (608 tags) compared to 2015; and remove the language in administrative rule depicting the license type and number of licenses from each hunting unit.

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives.

4. ARSD 41:06:21 – East River Deer Hunting Season.

Effect: The proposed amendments would adjust license numbers by offering 4,220 less one-tag licenses, 5,075 more two-tag licenses (10,150 tags), and 1,400 more 3-tag licenses (4,200 tags) compared to 2015; establish an antlerless deer unit within Bon Homme County described as that portion of Bon Homme County south of SD Highway 50 and east of SD Highway 37; and remove the language in administrative rule depicting the license type and number of licenses from each hunting unit.

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives.

5. ARSD 41:06:22 – Archery Deer Hunting Season.

Effect: The proposed amendments would close hunting units 39A (Jackson County) and 45B (portions of Lyman County), and open units 01A (Minnehaha County), 06A (Brookings County), 07B (portions of Yankton County), 12B (portions of Bon Homme County), 17A (Charles Mix County), 25A (Douglas County), 27B (portions of Fall River County), 35A and 35C (portions of Harding County), 43A (Lake County), 44A (north of 273rd Street) (Lincoln County), 46A (McCook County), 49A and 49B (portions of Meade County), 52A (Moody County) and 53A (Perkins County), all in Unit ARD-LM1, and Black Hills Units BD1 and BD2; increase the number of “antlerless whitetail” deer archery access

permits from 20 to 25 for the Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve; and remove the language in administrative rule depicting the license type and number of licenses from each hunting unit and the number of access permits from each designated area.

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives.

6. ARSD 41:06:36 – National Wildlife Refuge Deer Hunting Season.

Effect: The proposed amendments would offer 10 less resident and 1 less nonresident “any deer” licenses for Unit RFD-LC1 in Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge; and remove the language in administrative rule depicting the license type and number of licenses from each hunting unit.

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives.

7. ARSD 41:06:41 – Custer State Park Deer Hunting Season.

Effect: The proposed amendments would offer 10 more “antlerless whitetail” deer muzzleloader licenses; remove the language in administrative rule depicting the license type and number of licenses from each hunting unit; and repeal Unit CUD-ZZ1.

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives.

8. ARSD 41:06:45 – General Muzzleloading Deer Hunting Season.

Effect: The proposed amendments would close hunting units 39A (Jackson County) and 45B (portions of Lyman County), and open units 01A (Minnehaha County), 06A (Brookings County), 07B (portions of Yankton County), 12B (portions of Bon Homme County), 17A (Charles Mix County), 25A (Douglas County), 27B (portions of Fall River County), 35A and 35C (portions of Harding County), 43A (Lake County), 46A (McCook County), 49A and 49B (portions of Meade County), 52A (Moody County) and 53A (Perkins County), all in Unit ARD-LM1, and Black Hills Units BD1 and BD2; and remove the language in administrative rule depicting the license type and number of licenses from each hunting unit.