



AGENDA

Game, Fish and Parks Commission

May 4-5, 2017

Custer State Park – Blue Bell Lodge – White Buffalo Room
13329 U.S. 16A, Custer, SD

Governance 8:30 AM MT

Call to order 1:00 PM MT

Division of Administration

Action Items:

1. Conflict of Interest Disclosure
2. Approve Minutes of the April 2017 Meeting <http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/commission/docs/2017/april-meeting-minutes.pdf>
3. Additional Commissioner Salary Days
4. License List Request

Information Items:

5. Non-meandered Waters Update

Proposals

6. Good Earth State Park Rental Fees
7. Custer State Park Non-Trophy Bison Harvest Season
8. Custer State Park Trophy Bison Bull Harvest Season
9. Custer State Park Trophy and Non-Trophy Bison Harvest Fees
10. Authorization for Terminally Ill to Hunt
11. East River Deer Hunting Season
12. West River Deer Hunting Season
13. Black Hills Deer Hunting Season
14. Custer State Park Deer Hunting Season
15. Refuge Deer Hunting Season
16. Archery Deer Hunting Season
17. Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Season
18. Youth Deer Hunting Season
19. Furbearer Trapping Seasons

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
April 6-7, 2017

Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CT at the Watertown Event Center in Watertown, South Dakota. Commissioners Cathy Peterson, Barry Jensen, Mary Anne Boyd, H. Paul Dennert, Gary Jensen, Russell Olson, W. Scott Phillips and Douglas Sharp were present. Secretary Kelly Hepler was present along with approximately 150 public, staff, and media including the Human Dimensions class from South Dakota State University.

Executive Session

Motioned by B. Jensen TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACTUAL MATTERS.

The Executive Session began at 1:06 p.m. in a private room located in the Watertown Event Center. Commissioners Peterson, B. Jensen, Boyd, Dennert, G. Jensen, Olson, Phillips and Sharp were present. Secretary Hepler, Attorney Dick Neill, Tony Leif, Katie Ceroll, Sean Blanchette and Rachel Comes were present. The session concluded at 1:45 p.m.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Chairperson Peterson called for conflicts of interest to be disclosed. None were presented.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Peterson called for any additions or corrections to the March 2-3, 2017, minutes or a motion for approval.

Motion by Olson with second by B. Jensen TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2-3, 2017, MEETING. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Commissioner Salary Days

Commissioner's Peterson and Boyd each requested one additional salary day to visit land for possible acquisition.

Commissioner Dennert requested half an additional salary day and mileage for his time visiting land for possible acquisition.

Motion by Sharp with second by Phillips TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL SALARY DAYS AS REQUESTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Duerre v. Hepler

Secretary Hepler gave an introduction to this complex issue and gave a synopsis of what the Game, Fish and Parks response would be to the decision. A guidance

biological survey information will not be made public, lake maps will be removed from our website, and fishing reports for these waters will not be provided.

Therefore GFP cannot answer whether anglers have the right to fish any of these waters or whether someone could be charged with any violations for utilization of these waters. Individuals must read the decision and make their own conclusions or seek legal advice from their attorney.

Outdoor Recreation Economics Study Report

Scott Simpson, wildlife administration chief, provided an overview of the recent study showing the economic impact that outdoor recreation has in the State of South Dakota. The study included direct spending (money spent in state specifically for that activity) and the full economic contribution (direct spending plus how that money moves through our economy, provides jobs and tax revenue.).

The study indicates outdoor and wildlife-associated recreation contributes \$1.3 billion annually to the South Dakota economy. The top three activities accounting for nearly 90 percent of the \$1.3 billion are hunting (\$683 million), fishing (\$271 million) and state park visitation (\$212 million), supporting an estimated 18,000 full- and part-time jobs which provide \$520 million of income. The Department estimates the total economic contributions to be nearly \$1.9 billion.

Nonresident Waterfowl – Commission Authority

Leif presented the Commission with a powerpoint on the allocation history of nonresident waterfowl licenses for the last 70 years. He explained the 12 recommendations from the working group with one of those recommendations being accepted and going into effect to create 100 nonresident youth licenses. Leif also provided maps of the seasons and maps showing modifications of license units from passed legislation. Leif discussed the scope of the Commission's authority detailing administrative rules indicating all provisions that apply to the statutes and administrative rules.

Commissioner Phillips inquired when the 3 day licenses moved from the Pierre area and if they were originally only for private land and if it had changed.

Leif responded that HB1075 in 2016 made these licenses valid on public and private land in the counties of Campbell, Walworth, McPherson, Edmunds and Faulk.

Commissioner Dennert asked if more than 1,500 applications are received next year for the new Missouri River unit do those counties in Unit 00Y need to give the licenses back?

Per reference HB 1185 amended and removed the language placing statutory limits on license numbers repealed with a 5 percent limit on growth.

landowners, monitor risk and impact of deer, provide the public to access, engage the public, promote public landowners of conservation awareness and cooperatively work with municipalities. He also encourage the Department to consider maintaining balanced ratio of age and sex along with size relative to habitat

Ross Swedeen, Rapid City, SD provided the Commission a handout listing his ideas for consideration in regards to the deer management plan. Swedeen stated he agrees with all the ideas in the proposal from Russ Roberts. He noted the proposal is drastic and agrees it would be difficult to get the public's approval. He recommended doing something similar to Montana proving ties to the state paying higher price than residents, but less than nonresident. Swedeen would like to see a less competitive drawing pool for resident applicants and changes with Black Hills any deer to increase odds for non-land owner applicants. He also recommended giving archery or muzzleloader applicant's tags for mule deer in the Black Hills.

Karen McCriel, Akron, IA informed the Commission she would like to see a reduction in limitations to resident.

Bob Lee, Watertown, SD: recommended allowing people to choose their weapon, season and give them an any deer tag. Spread them out and tell people to be happy with what they get.

Nonresident Waterfowl License Allocations

Chuck Dieter, president SD Waterfowl Association provided the Commission with a membership flyer and handout in regards to the mission of the association and concerns on the decline in number of resident waterfowl hunters.

Dave Bankers, Lake City, SD agrees with the comments provided by Dieter and suggested utilizing a reservation app to avoid overcrowding and mitigate conflict in the field.

Alan Thomas, Huron, SD supports the comments made by Chuck Dieter and the SD Waterfowl Association.

Bill Koupal, Pierre, SD told the Commission it is a necessity to have multiple factors to provide opportunity and access. He wants to see efforts to increase the number of resident waterfowl hunters be made a priority.

Tom Camp, Watertown, SD, said waterfowl unlike pheasant cannot be mass produced. The pressure on a regular basis shows in the fewer number of birds seen each year. Camp stated that SD is losing hunting opportunities to Minnesota residents. Need to be a quality hunter to maintain resident waterfowl hunters.

Curt Tasher, Rosholt, SD, said he moved to SD for resident hunting privileges. He explained that waterfowl hunting is extremely sensitive to pressure as these are

Rosie Smith, Director of Glacial Lakes Tourism, Watertown, SD, said she supports the letter sent by opportunity group and hopes to see a compromise made. She does not want to see a decrease in licenses. Smith noted that small town businesses really notice the economic impact of nonresident hunters.

Mark Stodum, Dakota Sportsman board member, Watertown, SD, said he would like to see more youth involvement and possibly allocate tags for nonresident kids.

George Vandel, Pierre, SD stated he found Russo comments offensive. Vandel said he is passionate about this resource and has worked hard to involve the youth. He explained water rights issues is an additional factor for waterfowl hunting as are economics and as we lose resident opportunity we lose a significant number of resident hunters who are economic providers. He noted that there are currently 30,000 resident hunters and 1/3 of them hunt migratory birds. Vandel provided a handout with three recommendations and asked the Commission to consider items 1, 2 and 3 in that order. 1. Remove counties of Campbell, Walworth, McPherson, Edmunds and Faulk from the unit NRW-00Y and reduce the number of licenses available in the unit from 1,500 to 500. 2. Repeal unit NRW-00Y and issue no fall three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses for the counties of Brown, Marshall, Roberts, Day, Grant, Clark Codington, Deuel, and Hamlin. Currently, 500 temporary licenses are available in this unit. 3. Set the number of special nonresident waterfowl licenses to be 8 percent of the number of resident migratory bird certification permits issued in the previous year. A total number of 27,346 migratory bird certification permits were issued in 2016 so the number of special nonresident waterfowl licenses would be reduced from 4,000 to 2,188 in 2017.

Vandel noted that past relationships with landowners helped create the 3 day licenses and wants to see that deal that was previously made be honored.

Non Resident Petition

Norb Barrie, President of the SD Opportunity Group, Turton, SD spoke in support of the petition he submitted to amend ARSD 41:06:16:11 (maximum number of nonresident waterfowl licenses) to implement rules to increase by five percent the numbers of licenses allocated annually, such allocations to continue until the number of licenses double the aforementioned licenses

Elk

Jim Twalmly, Parker, SD spoke in support of his petition to amend ARSD 41:06:01:16 (purchase and accrual of preference points) to (1) change the current preference point system used in awarding elk licenses in order to be more fair in its distribution of elk license to successful applicants, and (2) require the Department to provide the previous year's odds of drawing success breakout of each preference point category in both the paper and electronic application brochure

Commissioner Sharp asked what options the Commission has to limit boats in resting areas or if a separate proposal would be needed.

Leif indicated a separate proposal would be best.

Commissioner Olson asked to be provided with information on how other states handle resting areas and season structures.

Commissioner Dennert noted the letter from the SD Waterfowl Association proposed an excessive reduction in the number of licenses.

Peterson indicated she hopes the proposal can help relieve pressure and do so carefully.

Proposal for New Elk License Preference Point

Jim Twamley presented a petition which would change the current elk application preference point system and place it into Administrative Rule.

Leif informed the Commission that there is currently no administrative rules on preference points and that drawings similar to application deadlines are currently done by administrative action or department policy.

Simpson conducted an analysis of the proposed system and found that it would not be sustainable into the future. He explained the number of applicants for the preferred license types would quickly overwhelm the system.

Commissioner Phillips noted that it is not always who we help but who we hurt and that this petition would hurt 10 times more people than it helps.

Motioned by Dennert, seconded by Phillips TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 17-04 (APPENDIX D) DENYING THE PETITION. Motion carried.

FINALIZATIONS

Commissioner Boyd informed the Commission that Jeff VanMeeteren, Division of Parks Regional Supervisor was recently recognized by the Yankton Convention and Visitors Bureau for his years of service to the Yankton area. Jeff received the 2nd annual Dorion Tourism Award, named for Pierre Dorion – a fur trader and interpreter who helped the Louis and Clark expedition.

Good Earth Visitor Center Rental Fees

VanMeeteren reassured the commission that State programming will always be the primary purpose of the visitor's center and surrounding grounds at Good Earth State Park, but that there is a desire to make these facilities available to the public for special events when not being used for State purposes. The fees that were proposed reflect the cost of maintaining the facilities as well as the prices of comparable facilities in the local market.

Elk Hunting Seasons – Hunting Unit License Allocation

Kirschenmann explained that in an effort to simplify the process elk license numbers are now placed in the official meeting minutes rather than in Administrative Rule.

Motioned by Sharp with second by B. Jensen TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ALLICATING ELK LICENSES BY SEASONS AND UNITS. Motion carried unanimously.

Prairie Elk

Kirschenmann explained to the Commission that the original proposal would add part of Todd County to the 11ABCD unit. After meeting with Rosebud tribal officials GFP staff recommended that the Commission reject this proposal, leaving the unit as is. Rejection of this proposal would give staff time to coordinate and work with Rosebud Tribal Wildlife Staff on the best way to address elk issues in the Todd County area.

Motioned by Olson with second by Phillips TO REJECT THE PROPOSAL FOR 41:06:59 PRAIRIE ELK HUNTING SEASON. Motion carried unanimously.

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Lewis and Clark Marina Amendment for Video Lottery

Sean Blanchette, concessions manager, provided the Commission copies of the amendment to the concession agreement for Lewis and Clark Recreation Area. Blanchette spoke to improvement per lease to provide an enclosed and separate area from other concession services. He noted that the improvement have been completed and that previous action taken by the Commission provides authorization and no further action is required.

City of Pollock Waterfront Lease – Blanchette

Blanchette presented the new lease for waterfront property on Lake Oahe in Campbell County to be utilized for public park and recreation purposes by the City of Pollock. He explained how the new lease removes the West Pollock Recreation Area from the lease. Blanchette noted that Parks staff was maintaining this area already.

Motioned by B. Jensen, seconded by Boyd TO APPROVE THE NEW LEASE FOR WATERFRONT PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC PARK AND RECREATION PURPOSES. Motion carried.

Big Sioux River Canoe and Kayak Trail

Jeff VanMeeteren and Travis Theilen, district park manager, were present to provide the Commission information on the Big Sioux River canoe and kayak trail. They noted GFP staff has been working with the SD Canoe and Kayak Association on development of program to provide this recreational experience. Theilen stated the GIS portion of project is key to increasing the activity. He walked through features of GIS map that allows people to view routes to plan the path they would like to take receiving specific details for planning their trip. Theilen indicated work continues on how to

Motioned by Boyd with second by Sharp TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 17-02 (Appendix B) AUTHORIZING AND CONFIRMING THE PURCHASE OF 106 ACRES IN STANLEY COUNTY. Motion carried

Lynbye property exchange

Coughlin provided a request to acquire the Lynbye property in Clark County. The property consists of 4.4 acres GPA parcel and 4.4 acre private parcel at a like value exchange to be utilized to consolidate existing Department lands, improve public use and facilitate more efficient and effective wildlife habitat management.

Motioned by Dennert with second by Phillips TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 17-03 (Appendix C) AUTHORIZING AND CONFIRMING THE EXCHANGE OF 4.4 ACRES IN CLARK COUNTY.

TB Wildlife Surveillance

Kirschenmann provided an update on Tuberculosis sampling that has been completed in an area of northwestern South Dakota. This sampling effort was initiated in response to the discovery of TB infections in a private herd of cattle. GFP staff euthanized and necropsied 111 deer, 42 antelope, 37 coyotes, and 9 raccoon with the assistance and cooperation of local landowners, veterinarians, and contract helicopter crews. Testing of these samples is underway and results should be returned soon. All salvageable deer and antelope were processed and will be distributed through Feeding SD after negative TB test results are confirmed.

Pheasant Management Plan Update

Travis Runia, senior wildlife biologist, provided the Commission an update on the pheasant management plan. Runia detailed each of the five goals indicating the work that has been done in the first year of implementation including habitat management programs, land purchases, surveys, research, partnerships and communication with the public.

East River Fisheries Management Plan

Dave Lucchesi, senior fisheries biologist, provided the Commission with an update on the East River Fisheries Management Plan highlighting standard operations, research and steps taken toward plan objectives. Lucchesi detailed work done on plan objectives specifically shoreline restoration, surveys, access improvements and community fisheries.

Habitat Partner of the Year Presentation

Leif presented the GFP habitat partner of the year award to Neil Bien, a landowner and former commissioner from Marshall County. Neil, along with his wife and two sons, owns and operates a 5,000 acre operation near Veblen. Neil's commitment to habitat development is easily seen through the over 50 restored wetlands and multiple grassland management practices that he has implemented on his property.

Appendix A

RESOLUTION 17 - 01

WHEREAS, the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) has expressed an interest in acquiring real property presently owned by the estate of Robert A. Roe, 117 Crystal Ridge Road, Brookings, SD 57006, which property is described as:

The Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of Section Twenty (20) and the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of Section Twenty-one (21), all in Township One Hundred Nine (109) North, Range Fifty-nine (59) West of the 5th P.M., Beadle County, SD, containing 320 acres, more or less and hereto referred to as the ROE PROPERTY; and

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

WHEREAS, SDCL 41-4-1.1 requires that before GFP acquires and purchases property, GFP must notify owners of land located adjacent to the property sought 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, GFP has published the required legal notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of action by the Commission authorizing the intended purchases, which notice included the time and location of the meeting at which Commission action is expected and by giving notice of instructions for presenting oral and written comments to the Commission; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that GFP is authorized to complete negotiations for the purchase of the ROE PROPERTY and execute and consummate an agreement with the estate of Robert A. Roe, which is acceptable to GFP to acquire by purchase, at the price of \$1,100,000.00, the ROE PROPERTY for use as a Game Production Area.

Appendix C

RESOLUTION 17 - 03

WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota (held by and for the use and benefit of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP)) owns an interest in real estate described as:

Lot 3 of Lynbye Addition in the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 119 North, Range 57 West of the 5th P.M., Clark County, South Dakota, containing 4.4 acres, more or less, hereinafter referred to as GFP PROPERTY, which is valued at \$21,560.00; and

WHEREAS, Marty Hemmingson (HEMMINGSON), 15554 428th Ave., Bradley, SD 57217, owns an interest in real estate described as:

Lots 1 and 2 of Lynbye Addition in the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 119 North, Range 57 West of the 5th P.M., Clark County, South Dakota, containing 4.4 acres, more or less, hereinafter referred to as HEMMINGSON PROPERTY, which is valued at \$21,560.00; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota law (SDCL 41-2-29.2) provides that GFP has the power, authority, and duty to trade or exchange real property owned by the State and held by GFP if the GFP Commission shall first determine that real property more suitable to GFP purposes may be obtained by an exchange, provided the parcels of real property to be exchanged are of equal value; and

WHEREAS, GFP and HEMMINGSON desire to exchange interests in GFP PROPERTY and HEMMINGSON PROPERTY, and the GFP Commission having determined that HEMMINGSON PROPERTY is more suitable to GFP for GFP purposes than GFP PROPERTY, and that GFP PROPERTY and HEMMINGSON PROPERTY are of equal value (\$21,560.00 as determined by a qualified appraiser); and

WHEREAS, South Dakota law requires that the conveyance of GFP PROPERTY be approved and executed in the manner provided by SDCL 5-2-11.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the GFP Commission hereby takes final action on and approves the above referenced exchanges of the above described parcels of real property and hereby directs GFP to take all steps necessary to effectuate the exchange of GFP PROPERTY for HEMMINGSON PROPERTY under procedures mandated by statute.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GFP Commission does hereby ratify and confirm the Department's designation of the HEMMINGSON PROPERTY being acquired pursuant to the exchange authorized by this Resolution for utilization by the Division of Wildlife for the purpose of game production and, further, does hereby expressly designate and classify the HEMMINGSON PROPERTY being acquired pursuant to the exchange authorized by this Resolution for use as a game production area.

WHEREAS, the proposed change would both enhance and diminish the opportunity to draw an elk license for the group (elderly hunters) the Petitioner seeks to benefit;

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

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

to the Commission's discussion of the Petition and its adoption of this Resolution, including a copy of the Resolution, on all members of the Interim Rules Review Committee and Director of the Legislative Research Council with copies also to be provided to the Petitioner, Norb Barrie, President of SD Opportunity Group, of Turton, South Dakota.

remain for such use and benefit for wildlife and fellow South Dakotan's. Therefore, the Beadle County Sportsmen's Club and its members wish to go on record supporting the acquisition of this 320 acre tract for the benefit of wildlife, education and the resident and nonresident sportsmen and women. In addition, we want to remind all that taxes will be levied on the land in accordance with the soil productivity. We thank you for this opportunity to express our position and thank you for the many responsibilities the Commission has in maintaining one of the finest hunting and fishing opportunities in the United States." Thomas also said the property is in great shape and is a good addition to the public property in the area. He also took the opportunity to remind everyone listening that the taxes will continue to be paid on this property."

Written testimony

Belle Prairie Township Board, "Dear Commission, It has come to the attention of the Belle Prairie Township in Beadle County, 5D, that the land owned by Robert Roe is under consideration of being acquired by the GF&P. The township board is neither for nor against the acquisition but we are concerned with the consequences of this acquisition. Access to the land is on township roads. Increased traffic on these roads will add additional wear and tear. The upkeep for these roads is the responsibility of the township board. We are not flush with funds to keep up with the higher maintenance that will be required because of increased traffic. The funds we are able to use are tax dollars and we are good stewards of those dollars. Another concern of the board is that the new owners pay the same amount of property taxes that the current owner currently pays. If this property is taken off the tax rolls it will hurt the township financially. We understand that at this time, it is in the Constitution and in Statute that GF&P pays the same amount of tax as paid by other landowners. We appreciate this and hope it continues. Owning agriculture land means dealing with weeds. We understand not every weed can be taken care of but at least trying to control them is most helpful to all other landowners. We know in the past this wasn't always the case. We hope that at least an attempt will be made. As a board we understand the joy of hunting and managing wildlife for all to enjoy but we want you to understand, as a township, we cannot be asked to take on the additional financial burden. Thanking you kindly for your consideration.

The public Hearing concluded at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly R. Hepler, Department Secretary

**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL**

**Camping Permits and Rules
Chapter 41:03:04**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 3-5, 2017	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 8-9, 2017	Oacoma
	Finalization	June 8-9, 2017	Oacoma

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes:

41:03:04:13. Park facility use fees.

Establish facility fees for special events held at the Good Earth State Park visitor center and adjacent grounds.

Good Earth State Park visitor center - Classroom A, \$100 for 2 hours, \$200 for 4 hours, \$400 for 8 hours; Classroom B (includes kitchen), \$200 for 2 hours, \$300 for 4 hours, \$600 for 8 hours; Full Classroom (A and B), \$250 for 2 hours, \$450 for 4 hours, \$900 for 8 hours,

Non-Profit Rate for Good Earth State Park visitor center - Classroom A, \$30 for 2 hours, \$60 for 4 hours, \$120 for 8 hours; Classroom B (includes kitchen), \$60 for 2 hours, \$90 for 4 hours, \$180 for 8 hours; Full Classroom (A and B), \$75 for 2 hours, \$135 for 4 hours, \$270 for 8 hours.

Good Earth State Park picnic shelter special event fee - \$100 for 4 hours; and \$200 for all-day (6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. from May 1 to September 30, exclusive, and 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. from October 1 to April 30, exclusive).

Good Earth State Park wedding event - include full classroom, amphitheater, picnic shelter, outdoor patio, and special one-day event park entrance license for guests, \$1,500 for 1-49 people, \$2,000 for 50-100 people, \$2,500 for 101-149 people, \$3,000 for 150-200 people.

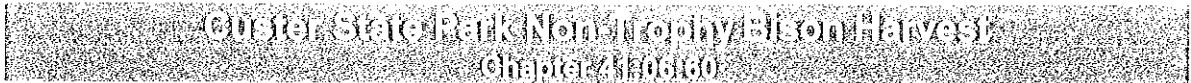
Good Earth State Park wedding event (ceremony only) - picnic shelter or amphitheater and special one-day event park entrance license for guests for a maximum time of 2 hours, \$350 for 1-49 people, \$400 for 50-100 people, \$450 for 101-149 people, \$500 for 150-200 people;

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

State park areas are sought after sites for private gatherings and special events. Given its beautiful setting and close proximity to Sioux Falls, the Good Earth State Park Visitor Center facility will be a popular venue for events such as weddings, reunions and meetings. These special events will not be scheduled during times that would interfere with park programming and the primary public use of the visitor center facility. The fees take into consideration facility expenses, needed staff time and clean-up costs associated with the anticipated rental uses. The fees are comparable with prices for similar facility rentals in the Sioux Falls area.

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

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL



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Season Dates: 47 Days beginning the last Monday in October.

Licenses: 15 non-trophy bull bison, 0 cow bison permits.

Requirements and Restrictions:

- 1) The unit is open within the boundaries of Custer State Park for a 47-day period beginning the last Monday in October (Oct 30 – Dec 15, 2017).
- 2) Permit holders are restricted to one day for the harvest and must arrange hunting date with the Custer State Park Office.
- 3) Each permit holder shall be accompanied by an authorized Custer State Park official while hunting.
- 4) Seven non-trophy bull bison and zero cow bison licenses allocated to residents in a first draw.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Change season dates from 47 days beginning the 2nd Monday in January, 2018 to beginning the last Monday in October, 2017.
2. Reduce the number of cow licenses from five to zero.



There have been issues with hide condition of animals harvested the last half of the non-trophy season. Bison hair starts slipping from their winter coat in February. Bison hunters desire to tan the hide of their harvested animal. Moving the season dates into Jan. – Feb. timeframe has led to challenges in holding hunt bison separate from the main herd. With the weather this past winter the buffalo breached the area they were being held in and scattered amongst the main herd leading to challenges in locating hunt animals. Moisture received in the fall is quickly absorbed by the soil limiting resource damage.

Cow bison for the non-trophy season are selected when the herd is handled and sorted for the auction in October. Criteria for selecting cows for hunts are open and dry (not nursing). This prevents orphaning retained late calves and prevents us from shooting bred cows during the non-trophy season. Cows are also selected based upon intact horns and adequate body condition. Based upon selection criteria a reduction in cow tags is warranted due to an inability to select sufficient cows in this classification to support cow hunts.

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Season Dates: Trophy hunts 47 Days beginning the last Monday in November.

Licenses: 8 trophy bull bison permits, 2 allocated to residents in the first draw.

Requirements and Restrictions:

- 1) The unit is open within the boundaries of Custer State Park for a 47-day period beginning the last Monday in November (Nov 27, 2017 – Jan 12, 2018).
- 2) Permit holders are restricted to three days for the harvest and must arrange hunting date with the Custer State Park Office.
- 3) Each permit holder shall be accompanied by an authorized Custer State Park official while hunting.

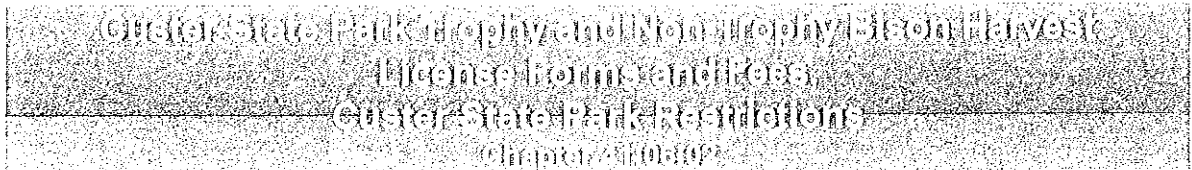
Recommended changes from last year: None



Custer State Park's trophy bison harvest is the tool used to remove over mature bison bulls (10+ year-old), but is a sought after trophy opportunity. These bulls are eligible for Boone and Crockett awards and most qualify above the 115" minimum score.

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Season Dates: Trophy hunts 47 Days beginning the last Monday in November.
Non-trophy hunts 47 Days beginning the last Monday in October.

Licenses: 8 trophy bull bison permits, 2 allocated to residents in the first draw.
15 non-trophy bull bison, 0 cow bison permits.

Requirements and Restrictions:

- 1) Trophy bison unit is open within the boundaries of Custer State Park for a 47-day period beginning the last Monday in November (Nov 27, 2017 – Jan 12, 2018).
- 2) Non-trophy bison unit is open within the boundaries of Custer State Park for a 47-day period beginning the last Monday in October (Oct 30 – Dec 15, 2017).
- 3) Trophy bison permit holders are restricted to three days for the harvest and must arrange hunting date with the Custer State Park Office.
- 4) Non-trophy bison permit holders are restricted to one day for the harvest and must arrange hunting date with the Custer State Park Office.
- 5) Each permit holder shall be accompanied by an authorized Custer State Park official while hunting.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Adjust license fee from \$5000.00 to \$6,500.00 for trophy bull permit. (41:06:02)
2. Adjust license fee from \$2250.00 to \$3,250.00 for non-trophy bull permit. (41:06:02)



Trophy Bison

Interest in guided trophy bison hunts has continued to increase the past several years. Custer State Park's 3 day guided trophy bison harvest is the tool used to remove over mature bison bulls (10+ year-old), but is a sought after trophy opportunity. Recommend raising the license fee from \$5,000.00 to \$6,500.00. Our bison hunts are three day guided hunts. Based on our research, nation-wide the average price for a trophy bison bull hunt is \$6,300.00. The higher end hunts include meals and lodging. CSP hunts do not. Private ranch bison are not eligible for the Boone and Crockett Club. The bulls at CSP are Boone and Crockett Club eligible

The last trophy price adjustment occurred in 2007 when the price was adjusted from \$4,000 to the current \$5,000 permit fee. Custer State Park is allowed to offer field inspection for the hunter. This allows the hunter to market the carcass to a processor.

This past season there were 414 non-resident and 126 resident applicants in the drawing for 8 permits. There were an additional 553 non-resident and 421 resident preference applicants to date.

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Age	2016 Boone and Crockett Green Scores
11	115 1/2"
10	116 5/8"
10	118 1/8"
14	120 3/4"
11	122 3/4"
10	124 1/2"
11	126 1/2"
10	129 1/2"

Non-Trophy Bison

The market conditions have continued to increase the last several years. Current market prices for these bulls are \$4.50 - \$5.50/lb. carcass weight, leading to a value of \$3250 for these bulls. Hunts are a one day guided hunt by park officials. The last permit fee adjustment from \$1,500 to \$2,250 was in 2013. Currently the hunts are undervalued at \$2,250 for the bulls. The interest in these hunts continues to increase.

Non-trophy hunts began in 2003 following the bison market collapse. Season was initially established at \$1500 to harvest a non-trophy bull; this fee did not change for 10 years.

2 YR CSP Auction Avg.			Applications			Licensed Issued		Pref. only	
Year	Breed Bulls	Avg. Wgt.	Total apps	Non-res.	Res	Non-res.	Res	Non-res.	Res
2016	\$3,250.00	1124	194	136	58	6	9	177	143
2015	\$2,739.00	1077	362	183	80	5	10	601	872

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 NO ACTION _____

**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL**

**Application for License - Authorization for terminally ill residents
Chapter 41.03.01**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 4-5, 2017	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 8, 2017	Oacoma
	Finalization	June 8-9, 2017	Oacoma

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Requirements and restrictions:

1. Must be a resident of SD to obtain the authorization.
2. The secretary may authorize a resident who has been diagnosed to have a terminal illness that is expected to substantially shorten their life expectancy; or a resident under the age of 26 who has been diagnosed with cancer or other life-threatening illness.
3. Authorizations allow the resident to hunt and take no more than one deer, antelope, or turkey.
4. Authorizations are issued as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for each species.
5. A resident receiving such authorization is restricted to hunting during established hunting seasons.

Recommended change to Administrative Rule:

1. Amend rule language to include a provision where the secretary may authorize a terminally ill resident to hunt outside established season dates.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

At the January GFP Commission meeting, the department provided an update on the number and type of terminally ill authorizations provided in 2016. Discussions around the topic brought the question forward whether these allowances should occur outside established season dates. Per the request of the Commission, the department brings forward a recommended change to rule which would include a provision where the secretary may authorize a person to hunt outside the established season dates if the person's illness has advanced to a point justifying that allowance.

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL



Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 4-5, 2017	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 8, 2017	Oacoma
	Finalization	June 8-9, 2017	Oacoma

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2017 and 2018 hunting seasons

Season Dates: November 18 – December 3, 2017
 December 30, 2017 – January 7, 2018 for antlerless deer tags only
 November 17 – December 2, 2018
 December 29, 2018 – January 6, 2019 for antlerless deer tags only

Open Area: See the attached map

Licenses: 21,085 one-tag and 5,250 two-tag licenses (total of 31,585 tags)

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference.
2. In addition to these licenses, 502 “any deer” licenses are available through the “Special Buck” application as approved at the March GFP Commission meeting.
3. Landowners not possessing a license that allows the harvest of a buck may purchase an “any deer” or a two-tag “any deer + antlerless deer” license that is valid on their property only.
4. Initially, all licenses are available only to residents. Nonresidents may apply for licenses remaining after the second lottery drawing.
5. A portion of southeastern Minnehaha County is closed to hunting with firearms other than muzzleloaders and shotguns using slugs.
6. Only unfilled “any antlerless deer” and “antlerless whitetail deer” tags are valid for 9 days beginning on the Saturday after Christmas.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Adjust resident license numbers from no more than 17,505 one-tag, 10,175 two-tag and 1,400 three-tag deer licenses to no more than 21,085 one-tag, 5,250 two-tag and zero three-tag deer licenses.
2. Create a new Limited Access Unit (Unit 13L) in Brule County that would be restricted to Corp of Engineers property, all Game Production Areas, and the Elm Creek Lakeside Use Area immediately adjacent to the Missouri River, and the Pease Game Production Area in southwest Buffalo County (see map). This unit is all public land and landowner preference does not apply and hunters must obtain a free access permit to hunt archery, muzzleloader, youth or mentored youth as required on other Limited Access Units.
3. Modify Unit 13A to include all of Brule County excluding that portion within Unit 13L.
4. Modify Unit 14A to include all of Buffalo County excluding the Pease Game Production Area within Unit 13L.

Year	Buck Tags	Doe Tags	Total Tags
2016	19,955	22,100	42,055
2017-2018	18,870	12,715	31,585

Buck Tags (-5%)
 Doe Tags (-44%)

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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licenses Sold	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Tag Success
2012	39,284	13,522	14,153	383	337	28,394	46%
2013	32,990	8,914	9,857	189	249	19,210	38%
2014	25,171	9,679	5,864	254	48	15,845	55%
2015	26,752	10,041	6,413	246	59	16,759	53%
2016	25,479	8,755	7,207	287	69	16,319	44%

Proposed Unit 13L



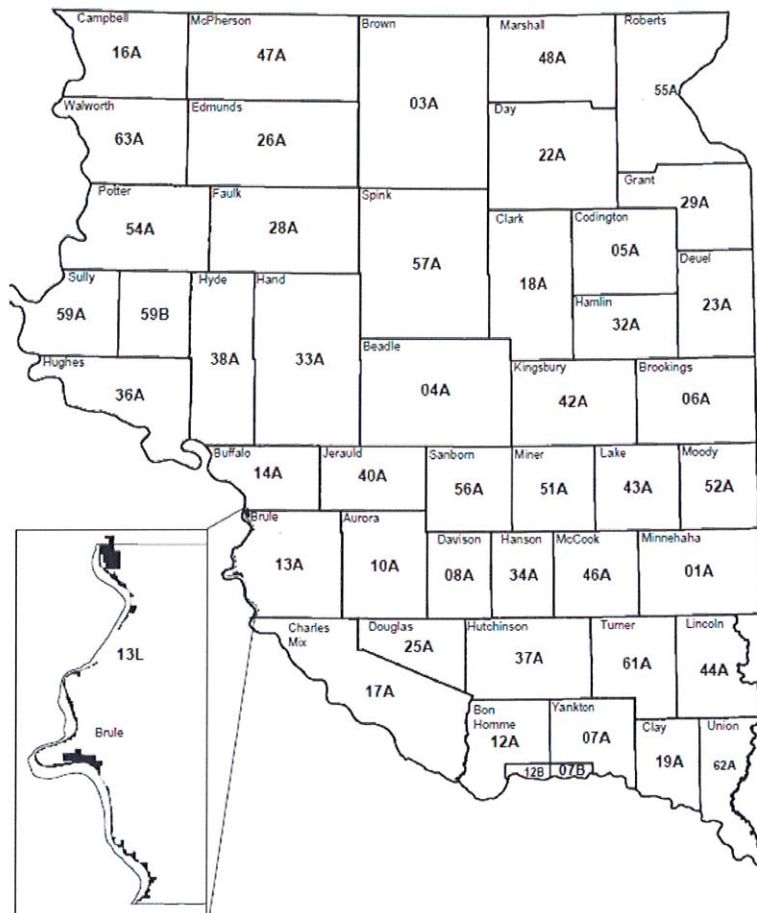
Total Acres: 8,654

License Valid
 License Not Valid



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EAST RIVER DEER UNITS



2017 and 2018 – License and Tag Numbers by Unit

Unit	Licenses	Tags	Unit	Licenses	Tags	Unit	Licenses	Tags
01A	550	550	18A	600	600	43A	400	400
03A	2,400	2,400	19A	200	200	44A	250	250
04A	600	600	22A	600	600	46A	450	450
05A	250	250	23A	400	400	47A	1,000	1,500
06A	550	550	25A	150	150	48A	500	500
07A	250	250	26A	1,300	2,600	51A	750	750
07B	75	75	28A	1,400	2,800	52A	450	450
08A	200	200	29A	300	300	54A	1,050	1,950
10A	550	550	32A	600	600	55A	500	500
12A	150	150	33A	870	870	56A	550	550
12B	50	50	34A	200	200	57A	1,300	1,300
13A	900	1,100	36A	600	600	59A	450	450
13L	30	30	37A	100	100	59B	470	470
14A	350	600	38A	720	1,420	61A	100	100
16A	720	720	40A	550	550	62A	300	300
17A	250	250	42A	600	600	63A	750	750

**GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL**

**West River Deer Hunting Season
Chapter 4100.20, 2100.01**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 4-5, 2017	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 8, 2017	Oacoma
	Finalization	June 8-9, 2017	Oacoma

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2017 and 2018 hunting seasons

Season Dates: November 11-26, 2017
November 10-25, 2018

Open Area: See the attached map

Licenses: Residents: 15,340 one-tag, 3,320 two-tag, and 0 three-tag licenses
Nonresidents: 1,231 one-tag, 266 two-tag, and 0 three-tag licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

- 500 resident and 500 nonresident "any deer" licenses are available through the "Special Buck" application.
- One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference applicants.
- Landowners may also purchase an "any deer" or "any deer + any antlerless deer" license that is valid only on their property as long they do not hold a regular West River deer license that allows the harvest of a buck.
- Only persons using a wheelchair may apply for the licenses in Stanley County (Unit 58D) designated as a special "Hunters with Disabilities Unit."

Recommended changes from last year:

- Adjust resident license numbers from no more than 14,345 one-tag and 5,420 two-tag deer licenses to no more than 15,340 one-tag and 3,320 two-tag deer licenses.
- Discontinue the split seasons for Gregory and Mellette counties and align with the regular West River deer season (16 consecutive days beginning on the Saturday 12 days before Thanksgiving).
- Change the season date for Unit 24B (Little Moreau) from open for 23 consecutive days beginning on the first Saturday of November to 16 consecutive days beginning on the Saturday 12 days before Thanksgiving.
- Adjust rule to make allowance of issuing nonresident license for Unit 58D.

Year	Buck Tags	Doe Tags	Total Tags
2016	16,480	8,705	25,185
2017-2018	16,175	5,805	21,980

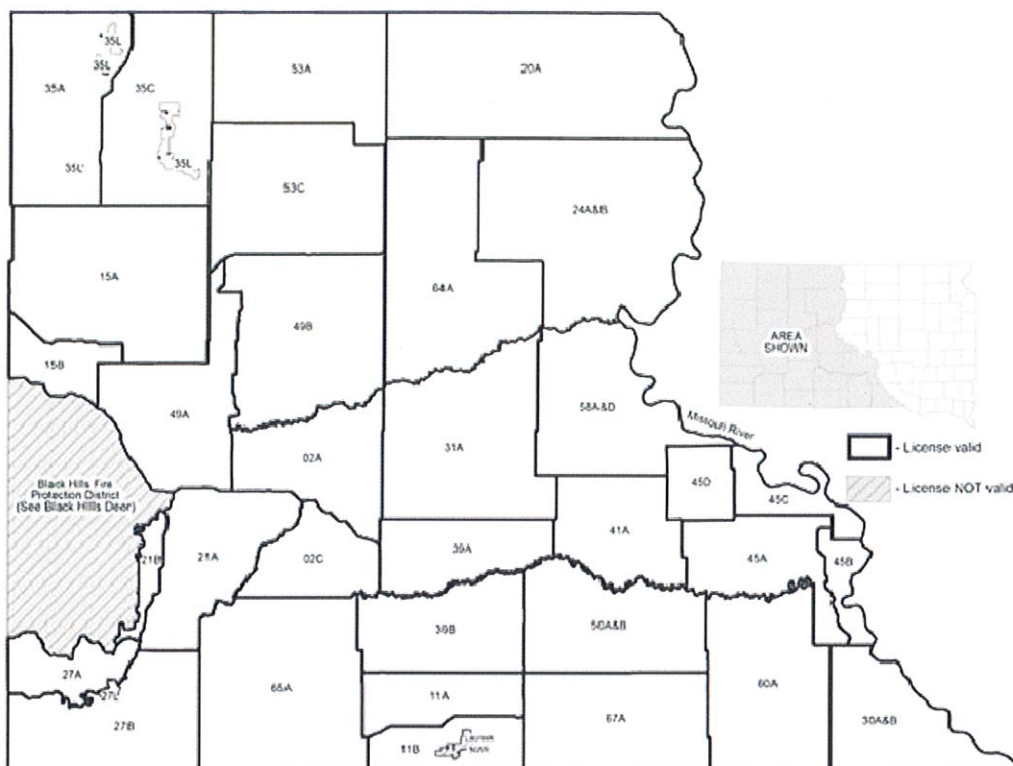
Buck Tags (-2%)
Doe Tags (-33%)

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licenses Sold	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Tag Success
2012	25,654	8,978	9,146	3,950	2,466	24,541	49%
2013	22,838	7,000	5,632	2,729	1,567	16,927	36%
2014	19,828	6,641	2,244	2,448	274	11,607	59%
2015	19,565	7,739	2,367	2,804	182	13,091	61%
2016	21,237	7,600	3,557	2,869	257	14,283	53%

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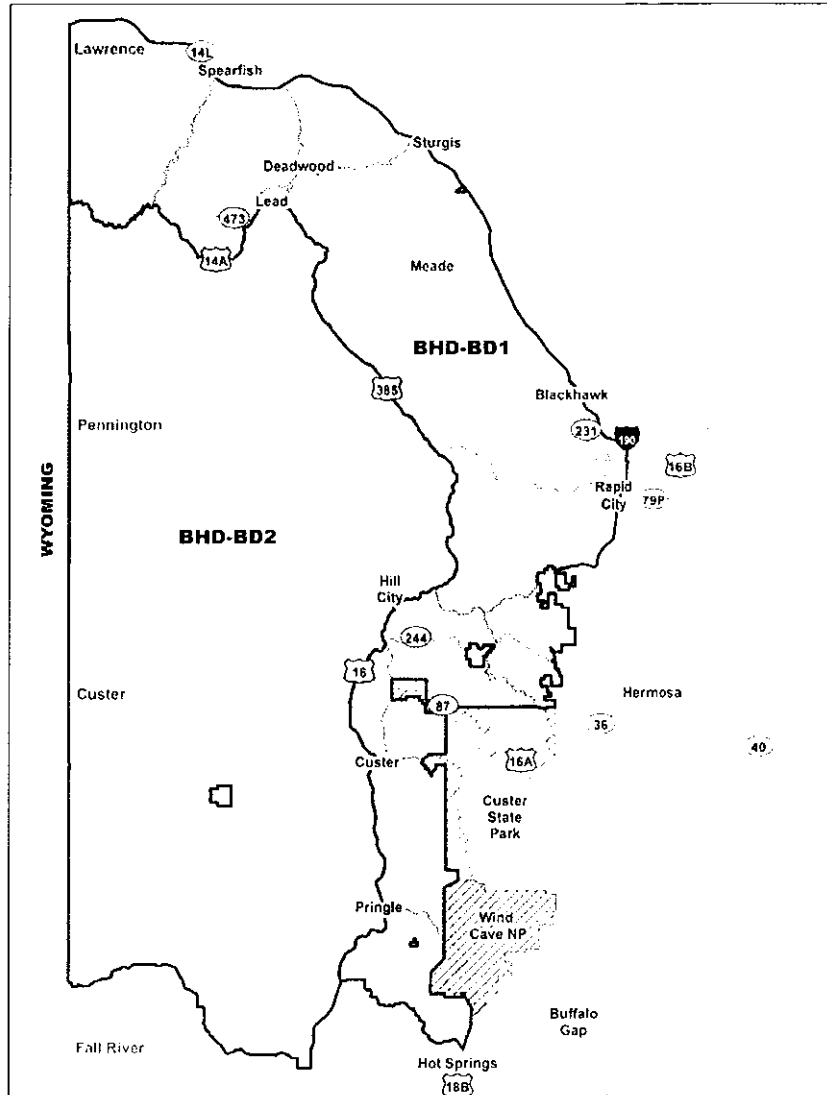
WEST RIVER DEER UNITS



2017 and 2018 - West River Deer License & Tag Numbers

Unit	Resident		Nonresident		Unit	Resident		Nonresident	
	Licenses	Tags	Licenses	Tags		Licenses	Tags	Licenses	Tags
02A	600	800	48	64	39A	250	250	20	20
02C	150	150	12	12	39B	400	400	32	32
11A	250	250	20	20	41A	450	450	36	36
11B	225	225	18	18	45A	650	750	52	60
15A	1,100	2,000	88	160	45B	250	250	20	20
15B	800	1,450	64	116	45C	50	70	5	7
20A	400	400	32	32	45D	60	60	6	6
21A	300	300	24	24	49A	1,100	1,100	88	88
21B	200	200	16	16	49B	1,400	1,400	112	112
24A	450	450	36	36	50A	850	850	68	68
24B	20	20	2	2	53A	850	1,400	68	112
27A	100	100	8	8	53C	1,200	1,900	96	152
27B	500	500	40	40	58A	200	200	16	16
27L	20	20	2	2	58D	10	10	2	2
30A	1,250	1,450	100	116	60A	1,350	1,350	108	108
31A	850	850	68	68	64A	500	500	40	40
35A	850	850	68	68	65A	100	100	8	8
35C	650	650	52	52	67A	150	150	12	12
35L	125	125	10	10					

BLACK HILLS DEER UNITS^{13A}



BH1 – All of the area in BD1 and BD2

Black Hills Deer Licenses – 2017 and 2018

Unit	Resident Licenses			Nonresident Licenses		
	Any Deer	Any Whitetail	Antlerless Whitetail	Any Deer	Any Whitetail	Antlerless Whitetail
BH1	200	3,500	0	16	200	0
BD1	0	0	500	0	0	24
BD2	0	0	100	0	0	8

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Custer State Park Deer Hunting Season Chapter 610623

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 4-5, 2017	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 8, 2017	Oacoma
	Finalization	June 8-9, 2017	Oacoma

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2017 and 2018 hunting seasons

Unit Dates: CUD-1: November 1-30 (only archery equipment allowed from November 1-15)
CUD-2: December 1-15 (muzzleloader licenses only)

Licenses: 5 "Any Deer" licenses
29 "Any Whitetail Deer" licenses
30 "Antlerless Whitetail Deer" muzzleloader licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Applicants successful in drawing an "any" tag type are ineligible for the license again for 10 years.
2. "Any Deer" and "Any Whitetail Deer" licenses are valid November 1-30, with only archery equipment allowed from November 1-15.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Increase the total number of one-tag licenses from no more than 40 to no more than 64.
4. Modify the hunting dates from 14 consecutive days beginning on the first Saturday of November to November 1-30, with only archery equipment allowed from November 1-15.
5. Modify the muzzleloader hunting dates from 14 consecutive days beginning on the first Saturday of November to December 1-15.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	License Type	Applicants	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Success
2012	Any WT	1,825*	10				10	100%
	Any Deer				1		1	50%
2013	Any WT	1,474*	7				7	67%
	Antlerless WT			17			17	87%
2014	Any WT	1,755*	8				8	80%
	Antlerless WT			13			13	65%
2015	Any WT	1,755*	8				8	80%
	Antlerless WT			15			15	79%
2016	Any WT	2,088*	10				10	100%
	Antlerless WT			19			19	63%

*Number of applicants is for all seasons combined.

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**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL**

National Wildlife Refuge Deer Hunting Season
(Chapter 400.03)

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 4-5, 2017	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 8, 2017	Oacoma
	Finalization	June 8-9, 2017	Oacoma

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2017 and 2018 hunting seasons

2017 Season Dates: Sand Lake NWR November 11-15, November 16-20, November 21-26, November 27 – December 3, December 4-10, and December 30, 2017 - January 7, 2018.
 Lacreek NWR October 18-24 and November 22-28.
 Waubay NWR* November 11-18 and November 27 – December 3.
 * includes Waubay State Game Refuge

2018 Season Dates: Sand Lake NWR November 10-14, November 15-19, November 20-25, November 26 – December 2, December 3-9, and December 29, 2017 - January 6, 2018.
 Lacreek NWR October 17-23 and November 21-27.
 Waubay NWR* November 10-17 and November 26 – December 2.
 * includes Waubay State Game Refuge

Licenses: Sand Lake NWR Resident: 100 "any deer" and 50 "any antlerless deer" licenses
 Nonresident: 10 "any deer" and 5 "any antlerless deer" licenses
 Lacreek NWR Residents: 25 "any deer" licenses
 Nonresidents: 3 "any deer" licenses
 Waubay NWR Residents: 20 "any deer" licenses
 Nonresidents: 2 "any deer" licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

- The first season on Sand Lake NWR, all seasons on Lacreek NWR and Waubay NWR are restricted to muzzleloaders.
- Applicants may apply for only one refuge unit (season) in the first application period.
- Licenses remaining after the first application period may be purchased by any resident or nonresident on a first-come, first serve basis.

Recommended changes from last year:

- For Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, adjust the number of resident licenses from no more than 20 one-tag deer licenses to no more than 25 one-tag licenses.
- For Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, adjust the number of resident licenses from no more than 30 one-tag deer licenses to no more than 20 one-tag licenses.
- All licenses within Waubay National Wildlife Refuge are restricted to muzzleloading rifles.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Table includes harvest data from Sand Lake, Lacreek and Waubay National Wildlife Refuges.

Year	Licenses	Bucks Harvested	Does Harvested	Total Harvest	Hunter Success
2011	329	55	67	122	37%
2012	248	64	31	95	38%
2013	213	63	23	85	37%
2014	200	60	6	66	33%
2015	212	59	6	65	31%

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Year	Licenses	Bucks Harvested	Does Harvested	Total Harvest	Hunter Success
2012	248	64	31	95	38%
2013	213	63	23	85	37%
2014	200	60	6	66	33%
2015	212	59	6	65	31%
2016	200	40	11	51	26%

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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	"Any Deer" Licenses	"Antlerless Deer" Licenses (Tags)	Hunter Success	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	Deer Harvested
2011	20,210	7,857 (10,958)	27%	4,216	3,534	459	193	8,401
2012	20,528	7,700 (9,630)	27%	4,221	3,363	354	135	8,074
2013	20,956	6,395 (8,590)	25%	4,040	2,633	445	158	7,277
2014	21,634	2,853 (2,853)	26%	4,052	1,487	516	85	6,141
2015	23,636	3,051 (3,051)	28%	5,136	1,589	647	78	7,451

Year	"Any Deer" Licenses	"Antlerless Deer" Licenses (Tags)	Hunter Success	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	Deer Harvested
2012	20,528	7,700 (9,630)	27%	4,221	3,363	354	135	8,074
2013	20,956	6,395 (8,590)	25%	4,040	2,633	445	158	7,277
2014	21,634	2,853 (2,853)	26%	4,052	1,487	516	85	6,141
2015	23,636	3,051 (3,051)	28%	5,136	1,589	647	78	7,451
2016	24,111	3,894 (3,894)	32%	4,854	2,029	834	92	7,808

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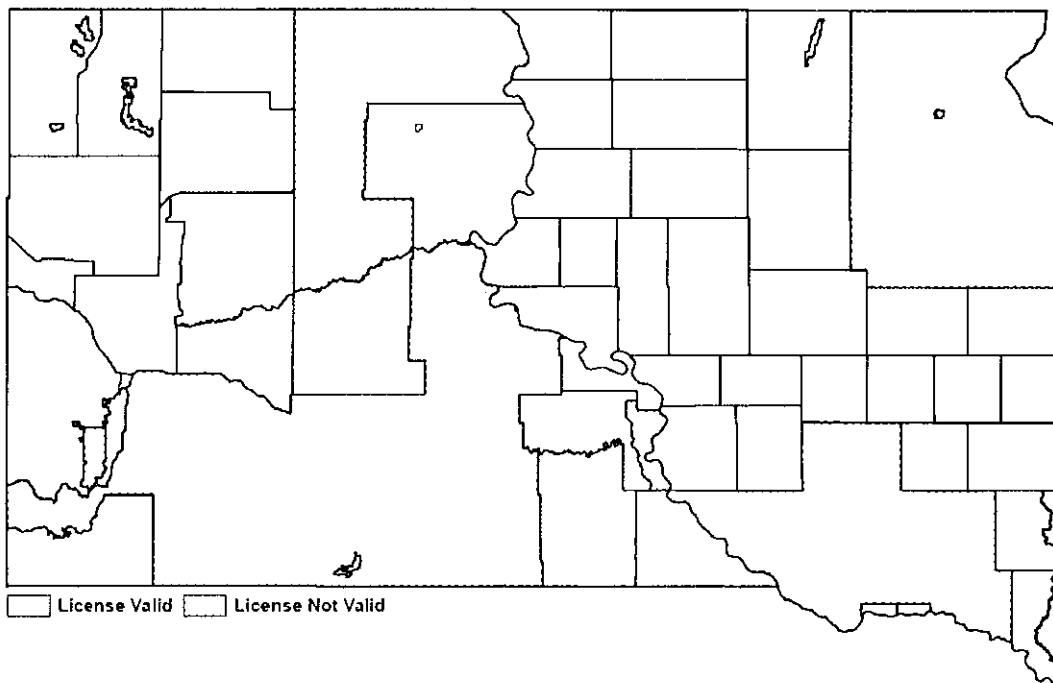
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**Archery Deer Hunting Season
2017-2018 "Antlerless License" Restrictions**

1. The Unit ARD-LM1 single-tag "antlerless whitetail deer" license is valid in all areas except the shaded areas.

Archery Antlerless Whitetail Deer

Unit ARD-LM1

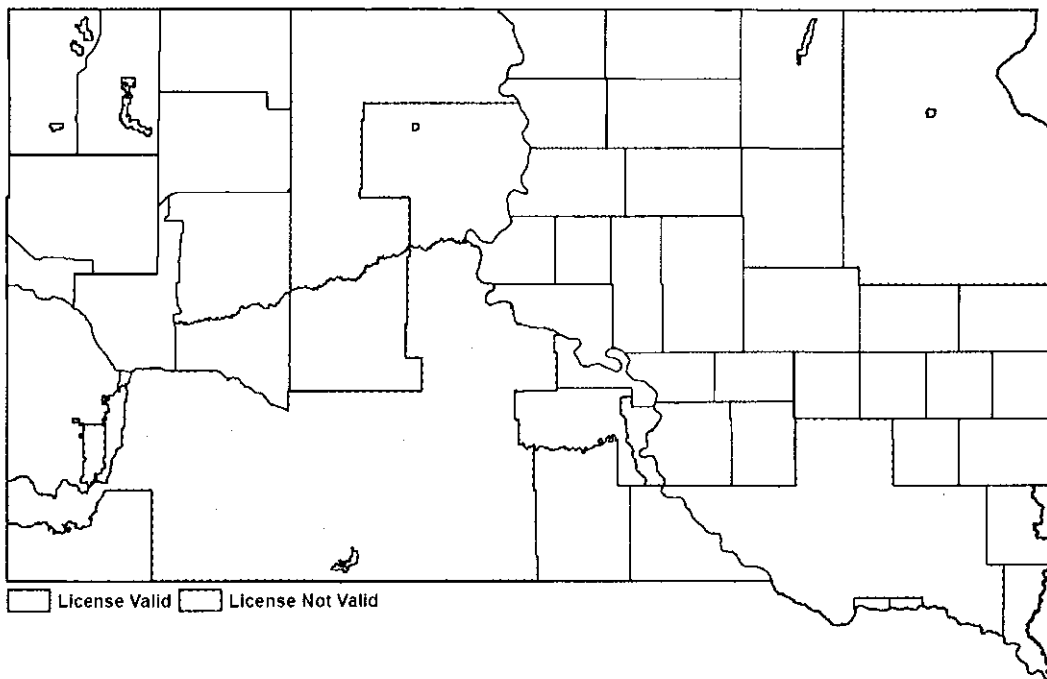


**Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Season
2017-2018 "Antlerless License" Restrictions**

1. The Unit MZD-LM1 single-tag "antlerless whitetail deer" license is valid in all areas except the shaded areas.

Muzzleloader Antlerless Whitetail Deer

Unit MZD-LM1



GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

YOUTH DEER HUNTING SEASON
Chapter 4106Z

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 4-5, 2017	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 8, 2017	Oacoma
	Finalization	June 8-9, 2017	Oacoma

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2017 and 2018 hunting seasons

Season Dates: September 9, 2017 – January 15, 2018
September 8, 2018 – January 15, 2019

Open Area: Statewide

Licenses: Single tag "any antlerless deer" license

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Both residents and nonresidents that have not reached the age of 18 years old on June 30 may purchase a youth deer license.
2. Allow a resident parent and/or guardian to purchase a Youth Deer license.
3. Each hunter must be accompanied by an adult while hunting.
4. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
5. Receipt of a license does not affect eligibility for other seasons.
6. Hunters may purchase up to one (1) youth deer license valid statewide.
7. Waubay State Game Refuge, Farm Island State Recreation Area, LaFramboise Island Nature Area, and the Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management South unit and the signed portion of the North unit are closed to youth deer hunting.

Recommended change from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

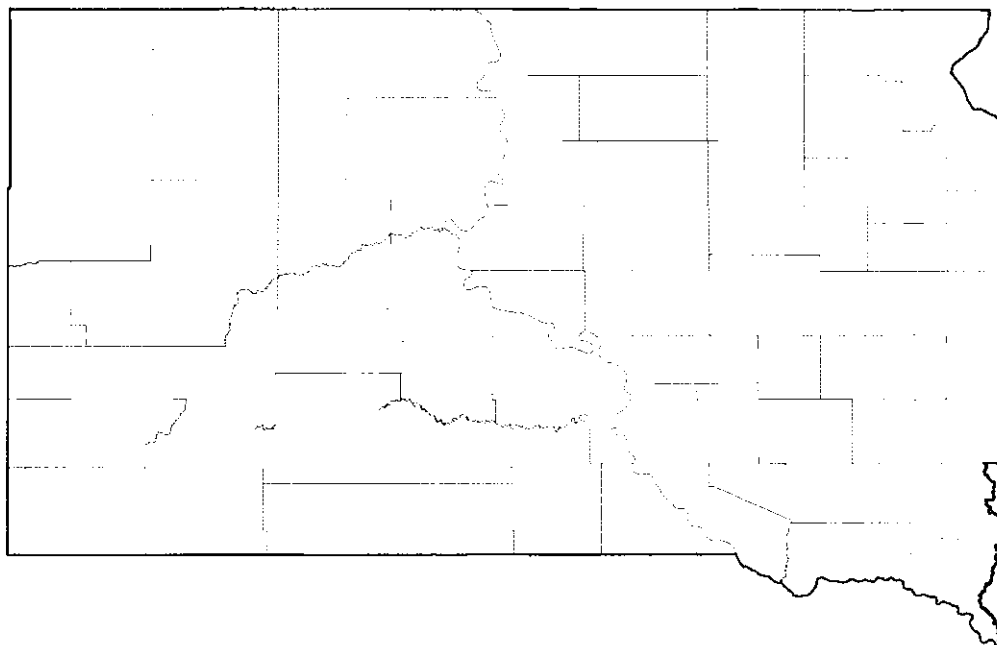
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**Youth Deer Hunting Season
2017-2018 "Antlerless License" Restrictions**

1. The Unit YOD-ST1 single-tag "any antlerless deer" license is valid statewide.
2. Youth deer hunters may purchase one (1) youth deer license.

Youth Deer Antlerless

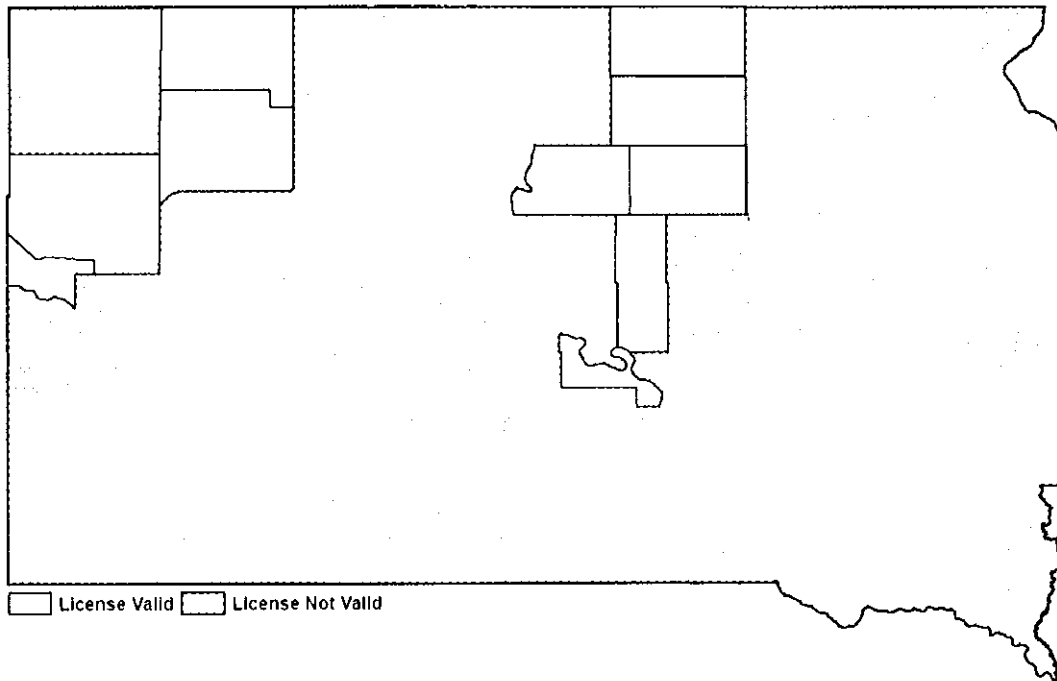
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Landowner Free Antlerless Deer License

1. **41:06:01:13. Designation of areas where free antlerless deer licenses can be used by farmers and ranchers.** Antlerless licenses authorized by SDCL 41-6-19.8 may be issued to any qualifying farmer or rancher for use in the West River, East River, Youth, Archery, and Muzzleloading deer hunting seasons. "Antlerless whitetail" deer licenses will be available to qualifying applicants in hunting units which offer a deer license with multiple tags for antlerless deer (e.g. double or triple tag "any antlerless" deer and "antlerless whitetail" deer licenses) in the lottery drawing for the East River and West River deer seasons. The requirements and equipment restrictions for each deer season apply to any free antlerless license issued.

2017-2018 Landowner Free Antlerless Whitetail Deer License Map



GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 4-5, 2017	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 8, 2017	Oacoma
	Finalization	June 8-9, 2017	Oacoma

See Attached Spreadsheets

2017-2018 EAST RIVER DEER

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident Licenses										License Totals					
		AnyD 01	AID 03	AD+AIID 08	2 AIID 09	AnyW 11	AIW 13	AW+AIW 18	2 AIW 19	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags
01A	Minnehaha																
03A	Brown	450	100											550	0	550	550
04A	Beadle	1,100	1,300											2,400	0	2,400	2,400
05A	Codington	250				500				100				600	0	600	600
06A	Brookings	450	100											250	0	250	250
07A	Yankton	250												550	0	550	550
07B	Yankton		75											250	0	250	250
08A	Davison													75	0	75	75
10A	Aurora					200								200	0	200	200
12A	Bon Homme	150				350				200				550	0	550	550
12B	Bon Homme													150	0	150	150
13A	Brule	100				600				50				50	0	50	50
13L	Brule	15				15								30	0	30	30
14A	Buffalo	100								250				100	250	350	600
16A	Campbell	20				400				300				720	0	720	720
17A	Charles Mix	100				150								250	0	250	250
18A	Clark	600												600	0	600	600
19A	Clay	200												200	0	200	200
22A	Day	600												600	0	600	600
23A	Deuel	400												400	0	400	400
25A	Douglas								150					150	0	150	150
26A	Edmunds					700	600							0	1,300	1,300	2,600
28A	Faulk					600	800							0	1,400	1,400	2,800
29A	Grant	300												300	0	300	300
32A	Hamlin	600												600	0	600	600
33A	Hand	20								400				870	0	870	870
34A	Hanson													200	0	200	200
36A	Hughes	175				250				175				600	0	600	600
37A	Hutchinson					100								100	0	100	100
38A	Hyde	20												20	700	720	1,420
40A	Jerauld													550	0	550	550
42A	Kingsbury	500	100							200				600	0	600	600
43A	Lake	300	100											400	0	400	400
44A	Lincoln	200	50											250	0	250	250
46A	McCook	350	100											450	0	450	450
47A	McPherson	500					500							500	500	1,000	1,500
48A	Marshall	500												500	0	500	500
51A	Miner	400	350											750	0	750	750
52A	Moody	350	100											450	0	450	450
54A	Potter	150												150	900	1,050	1,950
55A	Roberts	500												500	0	500	500
56A	Sanborn													550	0	550	550
57A	Spink	900	400							200				1,300	0	1,300	1,300
59A	Sully West	100												450	0	450	450
59B	Sully East	20								100				470	0	470	470
61A	Turner	100												100	0	100	100
62A	Union	250	50											300	0	300	300
63A	Waltham	50												750	0	750	750
TOTAL		11,070	2,825	1,300	1,900	5,065	1,900	2,125	1,450	600	21,085	5,250	26,335	31,585			
Unit #	Unit Name	AnyD 01	AID 03	AD+AIID 08	2 AIID 09	AnyW 11	AIW 13	AW+AIW 18	2 AIW 19	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags

EAST RIVER DEER
2016 vs. 2017-2018 Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2016 Resident Licenses	2017-2018 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2016 Resident Tags	2017-2018 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
01A	Minnehaha	650	550	-100	-15%	650	550	-100	-15%
03A	Brown	2,200	2,400	200	9%	2,200	2,400	200	9%
04A	Beadle	1,050	600	-450	-43%	1,300	600	-700	-54%
05A	Codington	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
06A	Brookings	550	550	0	0%	550	550	0	0%
07A	Yankton	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
07B	Yankton	75	75	0	0%	75	75	0	0%
08A	Davison	300	200	-100	-33%	300	200	-100	-33%
10A	Aurora	950	550	-400	-42%	1,650	550	-1,100	-67%
12A	Bon Homme	200	150	-50	-25%	200	150	-50	-25%
12B	Bon Homme	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
13A	Brule	1,150	900	-250	-22%	2,000	1,100	-900	-45%
13L	Brule	0	30	30	NA	0	30	30	NA
14A	Buffalo	400	350	-50	-13%	700	600	-100	-14%
16A	Campbell	720	720	0	0%	1,420	720	-700	-49%
17A	Charles Mix	550	250	-300	-55%	550	250	-300	-55%
18A	Clark	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
19A	Clay	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
22A	Day	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
23A	Deuel	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
25A	Douglas	325	150	-175	-54%	325	150	-175	-54%
26A	Edmunds	1,300	1,300	0	0%	2,600	2,600	0	0%
28A	Faulk	1,400	1,400	0	0%	4,200	2,800	-1,400	-33%
29A	Grant	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
32A	Hamlin	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
33A	Hand	870	870	0	0%	1,720	870	-850	-49%
34A	Hanson	300	200	-100	-33%	300	200	-100	-33%
36A	Hughes	600	600	0	0%	775	600	-175	-23%
37A	Hutchinson	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
38A	Hyde	920	720	-200	-22%	1,820	1,420	-400	-22%
40A	Jerauld	700	550	-150	-21%	1,300	550	-750	-58%
42A	Kingsbury	700	600	-100	-14%	700	600	-100	-14%
43A	Lake	450	400	-50	-11%	450	400	-50	-11%
44A	Lincoln	200	250	50	25%	200	250	50	25%
46A	McCook	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
47A	McPherson	1,000	1,000	0	0%	2,000	1,500	-500	-25%
48A	Marshall	500	500	0	0%	500	500	0	0%
51A	Miner	900	750	-150	-17%	950	750	-200	-21%
52A	Moody	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
54A	Potter	1,050	1,050	0	0%	1,950	1,950	0	0%
55A	Roberts	500	500	0	0%	500	500	0	0%
56A	Sanborn	900	550	-350	-39%	950	550	-400	-42%
57A	Spink	1,300	1,300	0	0%	1,300	1,300	0	0%
59A	Sully West	550	450	-100	-18%	950	450	-500	-53%
59B	Sully East	470	470	0	0%	920	470	-450	-49%
61A	Turner	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
62A	Union	250	300	50	20%	250	300	50	20%
63A	Walworth	750	750	0	0%	1,450	750	-700	-48%
TOTAL		29,080	26,335	-2,745	-9%	42,055	31,585	-10,470	-25%

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident Licenses				Nonresident Licenses				License Totals										
		AnyD 01	AHD 03	AnyW 11	AIW 13	2 AIW 19	AW+AIW 18	AnyW 11	AIW 13	2 AIW 19	AW+AIW 18	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Licenses	NR Tags	
02A	Pennington	400																		
02C	Pennington	100		50																
11A	Bennett	150		100																
11B	Bennett	100		125																
15A	Butte	200																		
15B	Butte	150																		
20A	Corson	100		300																
21A	Custer	100		200																
21B	Custer	100		50																
24A	Dewey	100		250																
24B	Little Moreau			10																
27A	Fall River	100																		
27B	Fall River	200		200																
27L	Fall River	10		10																
30A	Gregory	50		1,000																
31A	Haakon	600		150																
35A	Harding	100		300																
35C	Harding	100		300																
35L	Harding	125																		
39A	Jackson	150		100																
39B	Jackson	250		150																
41A	Jones	150		300																
45B	Lyman	100		450																
45C	Lyman	50		200																
45D	Lyman	30																		
45E	Lyman	20		40																
49A	Meade	700		250																
49B	Meade	700		400																
50A	Mellette	400		450																
53A	Perkins	300																		
53C	Perkins	500																		
58A	Stanley	100		100																
58D	Stanley	5																		
60A	Tripp	400		700																
64A	Ziebach	300		200																
65A	Oglala Lakota	100																		
67A	Todd	150																		
TOTAL	TOTAL	7,390	5	6,385	1,560	2,400	920	2,400	1,560	920	192	74	15,340	3,320	18,660	21,980	1,231	266	1,497	1,763
Unit #	Unit Name	AnyD 01	AHD 03	AnyW 11	AIW 13	AW+AIW 18	2 AIW 19	AW+AIW 18	AnyW 11	AIW 13	2 AIW 19	AW+AIW 18	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Licenses	NR Tags
													16,571	3,586	20,157	23,743				

WEST RIVER DEER
2016 vs. 2017-2018 Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2016 Resident Licenses	2017-2018 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2016 Resident Tags	2017-2018 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
02A	Pennington	600	600	0	0%	800	800	0	0%
02C	Pennington	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
11A	Bennett	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
11B	Bennett	225	225	0	0%	225	225	0	0%
15A	Butte	1,000	1,100	100	10%	1,850	2,000	150	8%
15B	Butte	800	800	0	0%	1,450	1,450	0	0%
20A	Corson	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
21A	Custer	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
21B	Custer	150	200	50	33%	150	200	50	33%
24A	Dewey	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
24B	Little Moreau	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
27A	Fall River	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
27B	Fall River	500	500	0	0%	500	500	0	0%
27L	Fall River	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
30A	Gregory	850	1,250	400	47%	1,550	1,450	-100	-6%
30B	Gregory	850	0	-850	-100%	1,550	0	-1,550	-100%
31A	Haakon	850	850	0	0%	850	850	0	0%
35A	Harding	650	850	200	31%	650	850	200	31%
35C	Harding	500	650	150	30%	500	650	150	30%
35L	Harding	125	125	0	0%	125	125	0	0%
39A	Jackson	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
39B	Jackson	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
41A	Jones	550	450	-100	-18%	900	450	-450	-50%
45A	Lyman	800	650	-150	-19%	1,500	750	-750	-50%
45B	Lyman	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
45C	Lyman	50	50	0	0%	70	70	0	0%
45D	Lyman	90	60	-30	-33%	90	60	-30	-33%
49A	Meade	1,000	1,100	100	10%	1,000	1,100	100	10%
49B	Meade	1,400	1,400	0	0%	1,400	1,400	0	0%
50A	Mellette	450	850	400	89%	450	850	400	89%
50B	Mellette	600	0	-600	-100%	600	0	-600	-100%
53A	Perkins	850	850	0	0%	1,400	1,400	0	0%
53C	Perkins	1,200	1,200	0	0%	1,900	1,900	0	0%
58A	Stanley	550	200	-350	-64%	550	200	-350	-64%
58D	Stanley	10	10	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
60A	Tripp	1,800	1,350	-450	-25%	1,800	1,350	-450	-25%
64A	Ziebach	500	500	0	0%	500	500	0	0%
65A	Oglala Lakota	75	100	25	33%	75	100	25	33%
67A	Todd	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
	TOTAL	19,765	18,660	-1,105	-6%	25,185	21,980	-3,205	-13%

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents.

2017-2018 BLA HILLS DEER

Unit	Resident Licenses			Nonresident Licenses			License Totals									
	Any Deer	Any WT	Antlerless WT	Any Deer	Any WT	Antlerless WT	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Lic	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags		
BD1	01	11	13	01	11	13	500	0	500	500	40	0	40	40		
BD2	0	0	500	0	0	40	100	0	100	100	8	0	8	8		
BH1	200	3,500	0	16	280	0	3,700	0	3,700	3,700	296	0	296	296		
TOTAL	200	3,500	600	16	280	48	4,300	0	4,300	4,300	344	0	344	344		
Unit	01	11	13	01	11	13	4,644	0	4,644	4,644	296	0	296	296		
RES and NR:							4,644	0	4,644	4,644	296	0	296	296		

BLACK HILLS DEER
2016 vs. 2017-2018 Comparison

Unit	Resident Licenses											
	Any Deer				Any Whitetail				Antlerless Whitetail			
	Year		Change		Year		Change		Year		Change	
	2016	2017-2018	#	%	2016	2017-2018	#	%	2016	2017-2018	#	%
BD1												
BD2												
BH1	200	200	0	0%	3,500	3,500	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
TOTAL	200	200	0	0%	3,500	3,500	0	0%	400	600	200	50%

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents.

2017-2018 CUSTER STATE PARK

Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Deer	Any Whitetail	Antlerless Whitetail
CUD-1	01	11	13
CUD-2	5	29	0
TOTAL	5	29	30

CUSTER STATE PARK DEER
2016 vs. 2017-2018 Comparison

Unit	2016 Resident Licenses	2017-2018 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2016 Resident Tags	2017-2018 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
CUD-1	10	29	19	190%	10	29	19	190%
CUD-2	30	30	0	0%	30	30	0	0%
TOTAL	40	59	19	48%	40	59	19	48%

Unit	Resident Licenses				Nonresident Licenses				License Totals							
	Any D 01	Any All D 03	2 Any All D 09	Any All D 09	Any D 01	Any All D 03	2 Any All D 09	Any All D 09	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Lic	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
Lacreek Refuge																
RFD-LC1	15	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	15	0	15	15	2	0	2	2
RFD-LC2	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	1	0	1	1
Sand Lake Refuge																
RFD-SL1	20	10	0	0	2	1	0	0	30	0	30	30	3	0	3	3
RFD-SL2	20	10	0	0	2	1	0	0	30	0	30	30	3	0	3	3
RFD-SL3	20	10	0	0	2	1	0	0	30	0	30	30	3	0	3	3
RFD-SL4	20	10	0	0	2	1	0	0	30	0	30	30	3	0	3	3
RFD-SL5	20	10	0	0	2	1	0	0	30	0	30	30	3	0	3	3
Waubay Refuge																
RFD-WA1	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	1	0	1	1
RFD-WA2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RFD-WA3	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	1	0	1	1
TOTAL	145	50	0	0	15	5	0	0	195	0	195	195	20	0	20	20
Unit	Any D 01	Any All D 03	2 Any All D 09	Any All D 09	Any D 01	Any All D 03	2 Any All D 09	Any All D 09	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Lic	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
									215	0	215	215	20	0	20	20
									RES and NR:							
									215	0	215	215	20	0	20	20

REFUGE DEER
2016 vs. 2017-2018 Comparison

Resident Licenses								
Refuge Unit	Any Deer				Antlerless Deer			
	Year		Change		Year		Change	
	2016	2017	#	%	2016	2017	#	%
Lacreek Refuge								
RFD-LC1	5	15	10	200%				
RFD-LC2	15	10	-5	-33%				
Sand Lake Refuge								
RFD-SL1	20	20	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
RFD-SL2	20	20	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
RFD-SL3	20	20	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
RFD-SL4	20	20	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
RFD-SL5	20	20	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
Waubay Refuge								
RFD-WA1	10	10	0	0%				
RFD-WA2	10	0	-10	-100%				
RFD-WA3	10	10	0	0%				
TOTAL	150	145	-5	-3%	50	50	0	0%

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents.

MUZZLELOADER DEER SEASON

2017-2018

	Resident	
	Any Deer Licenses	Any Deer Tags
Statewide	1,000	1,000
Total	1,000	1,000

2016 vs. 2017-2018 Comparison

	Resident	
	Any Deer Licenses	Any Deer Tags
2016 Statewide	1,000	1,000
2017-2018 Statewide	1,000	1,000

STATE PARK ARCHERY ACCESS PERMITS

2017-2018

Designated Area	Number of Access Permits		
	Any Deer	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	Total
Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve	5	25	30
Good Earth State Park	5	0	5

2016 vs. 2017-2018 Comparison

Designated Area	Number of Access Permits		
	Any Deer	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	Total
2016 Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve	5	25	30
2017-2018 Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve	5	25	30
2016 Good Earth State Park	5	0	5
2017-2018 Good Earth State Park	5	0	5

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Beaver Trapping and Hunting Season

Chapter 41:08:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 4-5, 2017	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 8, 2017	Oacoma
	Finalization	June 8-9, 2017	Oacoma

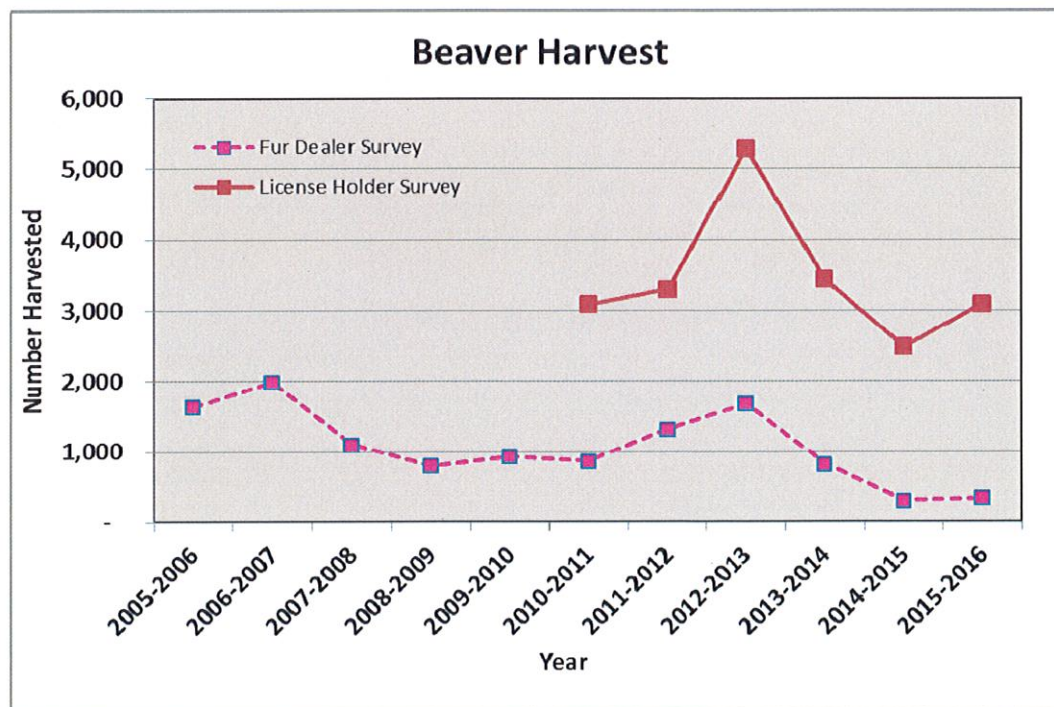
DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2017 and 2018 hunting/trapping seasons

Season Dates:	Area:
Year-round	Counties west of the Missouri River, except that portion of the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west SD Highway 79.
November 4, 2017 – April 30, 2018	All counties east of the Missouri River and portions of the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west of SD Highway 79 that are not owned by the US Forest Service.
January 1 – March 31, 2018	US Forest Service land in the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west of SD Highway 79.

Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION



*New harvest survey methodology used since 2010-11.

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

Skunk, Opossum, Jackrabbit, Fox, Raccoon and Badger Season

Chapter 41:08:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 4-5, 2017	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 8, 2017	Oacoma
	Finalization	June 8-9, 2017	Oacoma

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

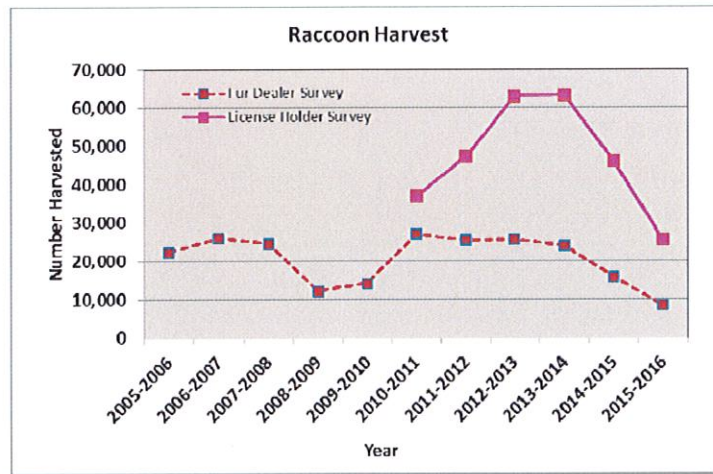
Duration of Recommendation: 2017 and 2018 hunting/trapping seasons

Season Dates: Year-round

Open Area: Statewide

Recommended changes from last year: None

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION



Harvest Year	Red Fox	Badger	Skunk	Opossum	Jackrabbit
2005-2006	1,128	1,589	251	149	1,309
2006-2007	1,325	1,911	328	326	1,312
2007-2008	906	1,160	747	68	2,556
2008-2009	631	686	208	8	2,853
2009-2010	525	616	504	16	3,764
2010-2011*	1,618	1,647	9,459	2,797	4,252
2011-2012*	1,776	1,634	17,085	3,349	4,333
2012-2013*	2,695	3,149	24,752	4,313	3,921
2013-2014*	2,245	2,139	15,168	5,065	1,197
2014-2015*	1,753	1,516	10,731	2,588	1,643
2015-2016*	1,530	1,531	8,321	2,236	2,143

*New harvest survey methodology used since 2010-11.

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

19B

Mink, Weasel and Muskrat Trapping Season
(Chapter 40:01)

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 4-5, 2017	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 8, 2017	Oacoma
	Finalization	June 8-9, 2017	Oacoma

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2017 and 2018 hunting/trapping seasons

Mink and Weasel

Season Dates: November 4, 2017 – January 31, 2018

Open Area: Statewide

Muskrat

Season Dates: **Area:**

Year-round All areas of the state, west of the Missouri River, except that portion of the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west SD Highway 79.

November 4, 2017 – April 30, 2018 All areas of the state, east of the Missouri River and portions of the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west of SD Highway 79.

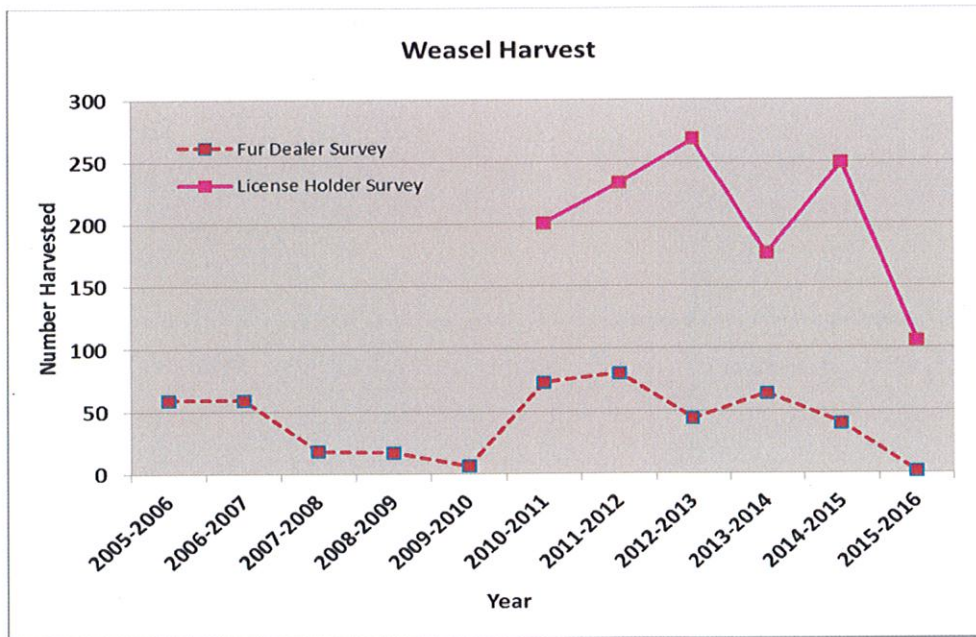
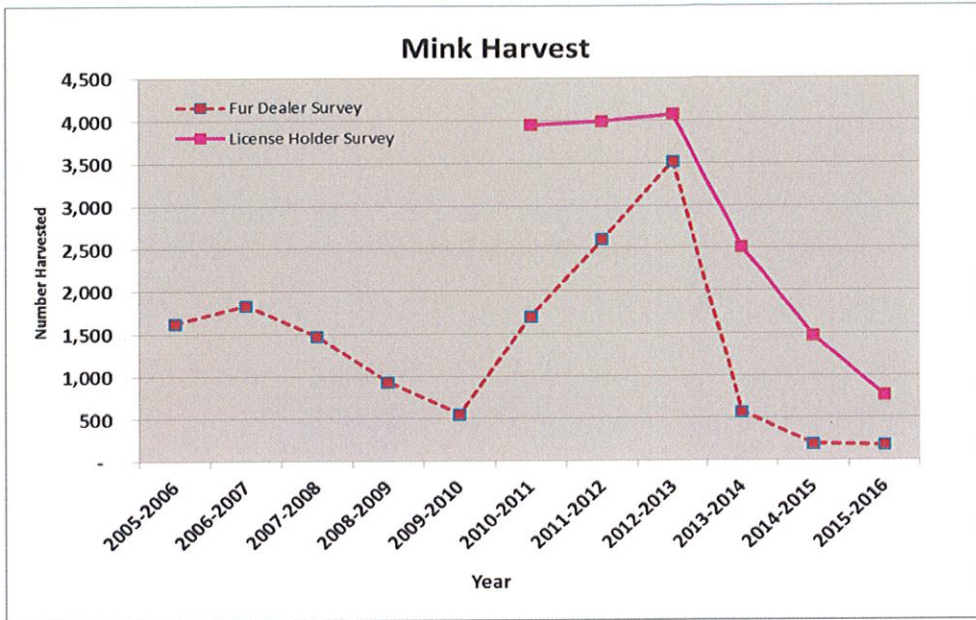
Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Trapping on or in muskrat houses is prohibited from March 16 to the end of the season (April 30).

Recommended changes from last year: None.

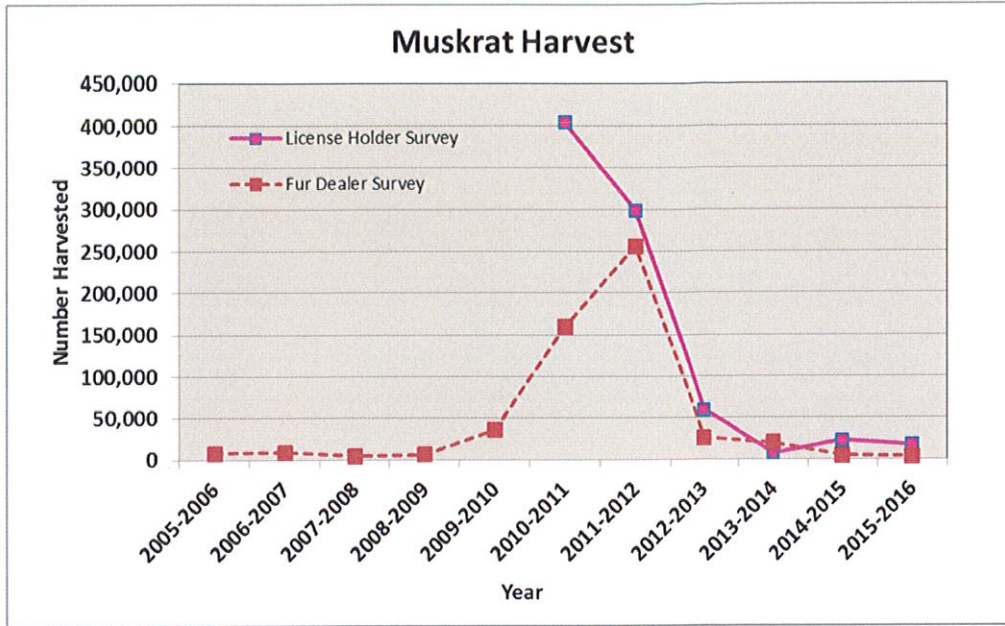
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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION



*New harvest survey methodology used since 2010-2011.

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*New harvest survey methodology used since 2010-2011.

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

Muskrat Hunting Season
Chapter 41:08:01

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal May 4-5, 2017 Custer State Park
Public Hearing June 8, 2017 Oacoma
Finalization June 8-9, 2017 Oacoma

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2017 and 2018 shooting seasons

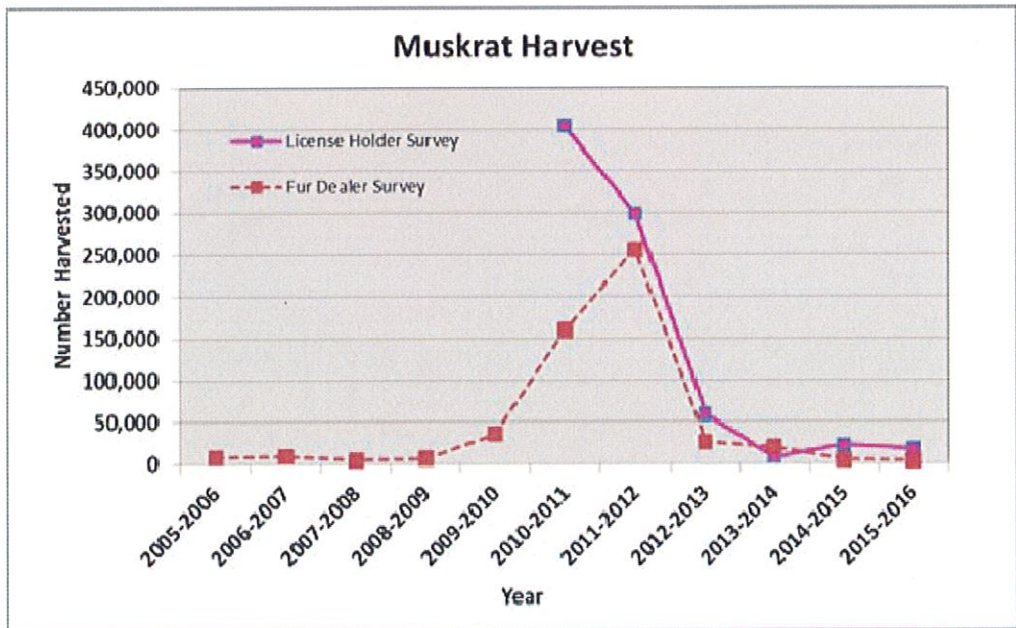
Season Dates: April 1, 2018 – August 31, 2018

Area: Statewide

Restrictions: Only landowners and lessees, including School and Public Lands surface lease holders, on land they own or operate and state, county, or township highway officials within public road right-of-ways are allowed to take muskrats during the season. Non-toxic shot is required for shotguns.

Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION



*New harvest survey methodology used since 2010-11.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

Trapping Prohibitions
Chapter 41:08:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 4-5, 2017	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 8, 2017	Oacoma
	Finalization	June 8-9, 2017	Oacoma

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from last year:

Amend 41:08:02:04. Exposed bait prohibited.

1. Clarify that traps or snares cannot be used within 30 feet of any exposed bait visible to airborne raptors.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Currently in administrative rule, traps are only identified. This change would clarify to the public that traps or snares are prohibited within 30 ft. of exposed bait.

APPROVE	___	MODIFY	___	REJECT	___	NO ACTION	___
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RESOLUTION 17-06

Whereas, the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) has expressed an interest in acquiring real property from the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation of Pierre, South Dakota, which property is described as:

Lot 9E of Spring Creek East Addition in the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$) and in Government Lot 1 in the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 26, Township 100 North, Range 49 West of the 5th P.M., Lincoln County, South Dakota, according to the recorded plat thereof; and

Whereas, the property is to be acquired by and utilized by the Division of Parks and Recreation as an addition to and for the development of Good Earth State Park in Lincoln County, South Dakota; and

Whereas, SDCL 41-4-1.1 requires that before GFP acquires and purchases property GFP must notify owners of land located adjacent to the property sought 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, GFP has published the required legal notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of action by the Commission authorizing the intended purchase, which notice included the time and location of the meeting at which the Commission's action is expected and by giving notice of instructions for presenting oral and written comments to the Commission; and

Whereas, the Commission has reviewed any and all comments that may have been received relative to the intended purchase and after consideration of the same, the Commission approves of the intended purchase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that GFP is authorized to purchase the above described real property at a price of \$90,750.00, which represents seventy-five (75%) percent of the appraised value of the property, and consummate a purchase agreement with the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation to purchase the above described real property to be utilized by the Division of Parks and Recreation as an addition to and for the development of Good Earth State Park in Lincoln County, South Dakota.

GOOD EARTH STATE PARK

Common Area

Big Sioux River

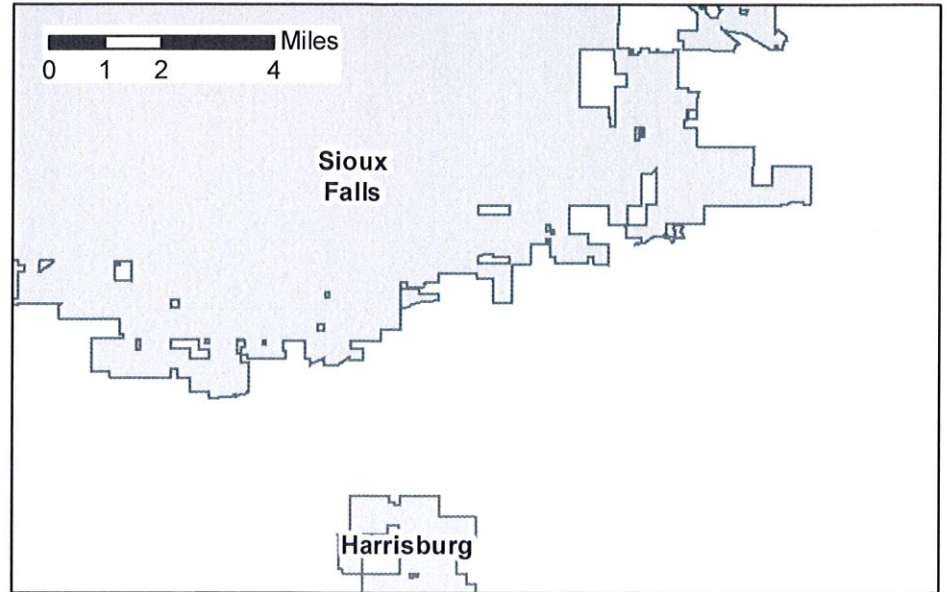
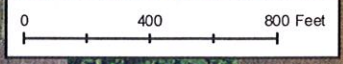
Spring Creek Country Club

Subject Property (1.23 acres)

IOWA

Map Feature Legend

-  Vanderpan Property
-  2016 Forest Legacy Acquisition
-  Spring Creek Country Club
-  Good Earth State Park



DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION
January to April 2017 Revenue Comparison by Item

	2016		2017		%
	Number	Dollar	Number	Dollar	
Annual	4,621	\$ 138,615	4,908	\$ 147,225	6%
Second Vehicle	720	\$ 10,800	835	\$ 12,521	16%
Combo	3,873	\$ 174,270	3,772	\$ 169,734	-3%
Transferable	345	\$ 22,427	427	\$ 27,770	24%
Daily / Person	1,180	\$ 4,718	1,389	\$ 5,558	18%
Daily / Vehicle	2,578	\$ 15,465	2,669	\$ 16,013	4%
Unattended Vehicle Daily	80	\$ 800	221	\$ 2,208	176%
Motorcoach Permit	215	\$ 645	398	\$ 1,194	85%
GSM Annual Trail Pass	514	\$ 7,710	580	\$ 8,700	13%
GSM Daily Trail Pass	304	\$ 1,216	291	\$ 1,164	-4%
CSP Temp Daily / Vehicle	4,304	\$ 86,075	4,925	\$ 98,495	14%
Bike Band	50	\$ 502	53	\$ 530	6%
One-Day Special Event	N/A	\$ 875	N/A	\$ 800	
PERMITS	18,782	\$ 464,118	20,467	\$ 491,912	6%
Camping Services Permits	-	\$ 3,958,033	-	\$ 4,188,100	6%
Gift Card	-	\$ 3,510	-	\$ 4,308	23%
Picnic Reservations	-	\$ 7,075	-	\$ 6,565	-7%
Firewood	432	\$ 2,159	555	\$ 2,774	28%
LODGING	432	\$ 3,970,777	555	\$ 4,201,747	6%
TOTAL	19,214	\$ 4,434,895	21,022	\$ 4,693,659	6%

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION
January to April 2017 Revenue Comparison by District

LOCATION	2015	2016	%	LOCATION	2015	2016	%
Fort Sisseton				Lewis & Clark			
Pickeral Lake				Springfield			
Roy Lake				Chief White Crane			
Sica Hollow				Pierson Ranch			
DISTRICT 1	\$ 187,193	\$ 185,533	-1%	Tabor			
Richmond Lake				Sand Creek			
Mina Lake				DISTRICT 9	\$ 642,446	\$ 674,560	5%
Lake Louise				White Swan			
Fisher Grove				South Scalp			
Amsden				Randall Creek			
DISTRICT 2	\$ 80,306	\$ 85,744	7%	South Shore			
Sandy Shore				North Point			
Hartford Beach				Pease Creek			
Lake Cochrane				Whetstone			
Pelican Lake				North Wheeler			
DISTRICT 3	\$ 137,524	\$ 152,312	11%	DISTRICT 10	\$ 235,520	\$ 238,560	1%
Oakwood Lakes				Farm Island			
Lake Poinsett				West Bend			
Lake Thompson				DISTRICT 11	\$ 199,240	\$ 212,032	6%
DISTRICT 4	\$ 287,914	\$ 315,555	10%	Okobojo			
Lake Herman				Spring Creek			
Walkers Point				Oahe Downstream			
DISTRICT 5	\$ 97,615	\$ 97,849	0%	Cow Creek			
Snake Creek				DISTRICT 12	\$ 173,392	\$ 176,234	2%
Platte Creek				WalthBay			
Burke Lake				East Whitlock			
Buryanek				West Whitlock			
DISTRICT 6	\$ 165,178	\$ 159,304	-4%	Lake Hiddenwood			
Palisades				Swan Creek			
Lake Vermillion				Indian Creek			
Big Sioux				Revheim Bay			
DISTRICT 7	\$ 225,501	\$ 257,142	14%	West Pollock			
Newton Hills				DISTRICT 13	\$ 129,106	\$ 128,678	0%
Lake Alvin				Mickelson Trail			
Union Grove				Bear Butte			
Adams				DISTRICT 14	\$ 17,888	\$ 18,279	2%
DISTRICT 8	\$ 145,807	\$ 154,499	6%	Shadehill			
				Llewellyn Johns			
				Rocky Point			
				DISTRICT 15	\$ 178,904	\$ 175,139	-2%
				Custer			
				DISTRICT 16	\$ 1,197,762	\$ 1,317,387	10%
				Angostura			
				Sheps Canyon			
				DISTRICT 17	\$ 225,028	\$ 244,973	9%
				PIERRE OFFICE	\$ 108,571	\$ 99,879	-8%
				TOTAL:	\$ 4,434,894	\$ 4,693,659	6%

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION
April YTD 2017 VISITATION COMPARISON

Park	2016	2017	% Change	Park	2016	2017	% Change
Fort Sisseton	2,178	3,273	50%	Lewis & Clark	92,922	82,120	-12%
Pickereel Lake	2,998	2,568	-14%	Springfield	20,565	22,431	9%
Roy Lake	13,938	12,318	-12%	Chief White Crane	2,724	2,590	-5%
Sica Hollow	1,865	2,646	42%	Pierson Ranch	11,026	8,706	-21%
District 1	20,979	20,805	-1%	District 9	127,237	115,847	-9%
Richmond Lake	6,759	9,965	47%	North Point	22,359	12,000	-46%
Mina Lake	4,524	5,228	16%	North Wheeler	2,855	2,494	-13%
Lake Louise	3,843	4,615	20%	Pease Creek	3,491	3,464	-1%
Fisher Grove	2,330	2,902	25%	Randall Creek	6,123	8,307	36%
District 2	17,456	22,710	30%	Ft. Randall Boat Club	1,141	1,294	13%
Sandy Shore	3,174	2,813	-11%	District 10	35,969	27,559	-23%
Hartford Beach	16,763	16,621	-1%	Farm Island	25,527	31,291	23%
Lake Cochrane	566	551	-3%	West Bend	4,054	4,934	22%
Pelican	2,743	2,067	-25%	LaFramboise Island	20,438	21,038	3%
District 3	23,246	22,052	-5%	District 11	50,019	57,263	14%
Oakwood Lakes	7,518	10,822	44%	Oahe Downstream	106,257	83,393	-22%
Lake Poinsett	8,065	8,443	5%	Cow Creek	38,204	50,375	32%
Lake Thompson	6,181	7,453	21%	Okobojo Point	5,817	5,503	-5%
District 4	21,764	26,718	23%	Spring Creek	15,071	16,810	12%
Lake Herman	17,012	17,825	5%	District 12	165,349	156,081	-6%
Walkers Point	4,210	6,983	66%	West Whitlock	6,781	7,148	5%
District 5	21,222	24,808	17%	Lake Hiddenwood	4,306	4,410	2%
Snake Creek	16,459	15,239	-7%	Swan Creek	14,091	17,006	21%
Platte Creek	10,619	13,367	26%	Indian Creek	9,858	7,927	-20%
Burke Lake	5,147	4,836	-6%	Revheim Bay	13,371	11,659	-13%
Buryanek	5,907	2,966	-50%	West Pollock	12,487	8,533	-32%
District 6	38,132	36,408	-5%	District 13	60,894	56,683	-7%
Palisades	15,307	16,910	10%	Bear Butte	9,386	3,854	-59%
Lake Vermillion	12,640	15,942	26%	District 14	9,386	3,854	-59%
Big Sioux	9,847	10,092	2%	Shadehill	3,332	4,184	26%
Beaver Creek	5,768	7,110	23%	Llewellyn Johns	570	856	50%
District 7	43,562	50,054	15%	Little Moreau	3,990	2,770	-31%
Newton Hills	13,596	15,389	13%	Rocky Point	10,377	15,241	47%
Good Earth	8,975	10,506	17%	District 15	18,269	23,051	26%
Lake Alvin	4,389	5,700	30%	Custer	247,796	228,202	-8%
Union Grove	1,849	1,507	-18%	District 16	247,796	228,202	-8%
Adams	8,945	7,247	-19%	Angostura	24,841	25,664	3%
Spirit Mound	3,537	3,715	5%	Sheps Canyon	12,697	8,559	-33%
District 8	41,291	44,064	7%	District 17	37,538	34,223	-9%
				TOTALS:	980,109	950,382	-3%

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Land Acquisition and Disposal Report
May 2017**

Final Action Items

None

Information Items: The following proposed acquisition project has been advertised per SDCL 41-4-1.1, and will be brought to the GFP Commission for final action at the June 2017 meeting in Oacoma.

Costlow Property Addition to Payne WAA

Location: Lake County

Description: 0.8 acre addition to Payne Water Access Area

Management Objective: Public Water Access Area addition at Lake Madison. One-time development costs include signage and debris removal. Future annual management responsibilities include noxious weed control and maintaining public access facilities.

Cost: \$79,000.00

Commission Acquisition Priorities: Parcels that improve public use on existing Department lands; parcels that round-out existing Department lands open to fishing; parcels that provide buffers for maintaining or enhancing the integrity of existing Department lands; parcels that address public access needs to popular water-based recreation resources; and parcels of undeveloped lakeshore.

Expected Closing: Unknown

Early Development Projects

Northwest Day County Property

Location: Day County

Description: 783 acres

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

Acquisition Cost: \$548,000.00 (P-R grant program funding)

Expected Closing: Unknown

Addition to Bitter Lake GPA

Location: Day County

Description: 580 acres

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

Acquisition Cost: Valuation complete and acquisition cost being negotiated

Expected Closing: Unknown

2017 Spawning and Spring Stocking Summary

Walleye

Field Operation Dates: April 8 - 23

Egg Take Goal: 83 million

Walleye Egg Take

Water	Region	County	Number
Grand R	2	Corson	20,358,000
E Oakwood	3	Brookings	13,212,000
Sinai	3	Brookings	11,209,000
Twin	3	Minnehaha	11,819,000
Antelope	4	Clark	6,293,000
Reid	4	Clark	11,790,000
Mid Lynn	4	Day	27,059,000
Total			101,740,000

Walleye Stocking Schedule

Product	Number
Fry	42,075,500
Small fingerling	1,252,782
Large fingerling	125,750
Juveniles	4,635*
Total	43,454,032

Sauger Stocking Schedule (OTC marked)

Water	County	Number
Campbell	Brookings	90,675
Goldsmith	Brookings	62,250
Elm	Brown	60,000
Richmond	Brown	63,700
Mina	Edmunds	20,160
Total		324,505



Fry



Small Fingerling



Large Fingerling

License Sales Totals

(as of April 28)

date updated: 28 April 2017

Resident	2017	2016
Combination	29,561	29,352
Junior Combination	3,117	2,917
Senior Combination	6,236	5,842
Small Game	1,230	1,389
Youth Small Game	680	686
1-Day Small Game	182	227
Migratory Bird Certificate	12,136	11,979
Predator/Varmint	838	1,118
Furbearer	2,025	2,081
Annual Fishing	25,308	24,813
Senior Fishing	6,330	6,367
1-Day Fishing	982	801
Gamefish Spearing/Archery	1,894	1,724
Nonresident	2017	2016
Small Game	2,118	2,807
Youth Small Game	160	210
Annual Shooting Preserve	72	72
5-day Shooting Preserve	579	562
1-day Shooting Preserve	217	299
Spring Light Goose	4,492	3,964
Youth Spring Light Goose	159	138
Migratory Bird Certificate	179	156
Predator/Varmint	849	879
Furbearer	2	2
Annual Fishing	10,752	11,672
Family Fishing	3,350	3,607
Youth Annual Fishing	357	516
3-Day Fishing	4,633	4,959
1-Day Fishing	2,926	2,945
Gamefish Spearing/Archery	433	454
TOTAL ON FILE =	121,797	122,538