A Commissioner’s Outline for Commission Discussion

The goal is to have an informed, thoughtful public discussion on an increasingly sensitive subject to assist the Commission in developing current criteria for a social and biological framework to move forward fairly and reasonably for South Dakotans and nonresidents.

1. What is a resident, a non-resident?

2. Who are nonresidents - family, friends, customers, "strangers?” Can we identify them, does it matter who they are - why?

3. What are the reasons some propose restrictions for non-residents?

4. What factors should the Commission consider? Should we have nonresident goals? Decrease, increase - based on what?

5. Is there a legal basis for a distinction – why are nonresidents treated differently – has that been challenged in court?

6. What is the true nonresident fiscal impact – fees, federal funds, other.

7. When SD residents become nonresidents - do SD nonresident policies impact SD residents when we are in other states?

8. What are fair criteria the Commission should use for determining rules, what should those criteria be based on – philosophy, science (biological and social), public opinion, other?

9. How best can the Commission engage the public in this discussion?

This Commission discussion will begin at our May 2018 Commission Meeting in Custer State Park – the first of many steps. The discussion will continue at subsequent Commission meetings where stakeholders will be encouraged to offer their input to assist the Commission in reaching its goal.