

SOUTH DAKOTA GAME, FISH AND PARKS

OCTOBER 2022 COMMISSION BOOK

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COMMISSION AGENDA

Game, Fish and Parks Commission

October 6 & 7, 2022
The Outdoor Campus - West
4130 Adventure Trail | Rapid City, SD 57702

General Meeting Information

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

THURSDAY – October 6, 2022, at 1 pm MT / 2 pm CST

Zoom Meeting Link <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/93912915359?pwd=RDVwK3B2eEk1b2w1dWxzNEhaNzNBUT09>
or join via conference call Dial 1 669 444 9171 Meeting ID: 939 1291 5359 Passcode: 9502333

FRIDAY – October 7, 2022, at 9 am MT / 10 am CST

Zoom Meeting Link <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/93912915359?pwd=RDVwK3B2eEk1b2w1dWxzNEhaNzNBUT09>
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Public Input: To provide comments, join the meeting in person, via zoom, or via conference call per the info above. To conduct the public hearing and/or open forum as efficiently as possible, we ask those wishing to testify to **register by 1:00 pm MT the day of the meeting by email to Liz.Kierl@state.sd.us**. **Testifiers should provide their full names, whom they represent, their city of residence, and which proposed topic they will address.**

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

Call meeting to order at 1:00 pm MT / 2:00 pm CST

Division of Administration

Action Items

1. Conflict of Interest Disclosure
2. Approve Minutes of the July 2022 Meeting available at <https://gfp.sd.gov/commission/archives/>
3. Additional Commissioner Salary Days

Information Items

4. South Dakota Go Outdoors Update
5. Marketing Update for Pheasant Hunting
6. New Employee Introduction

Public Hearing – 2:00 pm MT / 3:00 pm CST

The meeting portion is designated for public comment on items pertaining to finalizations listed on the agenda. (Typically limited to three (3) minutes per person.) Please register to speak with Liz Kierl by 1 pm MT (see notes above).

Open Forum – immediately following the Public Hearing

The meeting portion is designated for public comment on other items of interest. (Typically limited to three (3) minutes per person.) Please register to speak with Liz Kierl by 1 pm MT (see notes above).

Proposals

7. Pet Allowance in Park Facilities
8. Pet Allowance Fee

Finalizations

9. Spring Turkey Finalizations
 - a. Custer State Park Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season
 - b. Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season

Division of Parks & Recreation

Information Items

10. Angostura Concession Lease
11. Mickelson Trail Trek and Governor's Buffalo Roundup Update
12. 2023 Capital Development Projects
13. Habitat Management in the Parks
14. September camping, visitation, and revenue report

Division of Wildlife

Information Items

15. HuntSAFE Program Overview
16. Wildlife Disease Update
17. Archery Antelope and Archery Deer Public Survey Results
18. Western South Dakota Trout Stocking Evaluation
19. Track Chair Update
20. Residential Fishing License Retention/Reactivation Plan
21. License Sales Update

Solicitation of Agenda Items for Commissioners

Adjourn

Next meeting information: November 3-4, 2022, at Heartland Consumer Power District in Madison.



COMMISSION AGENDA

Game, Fish and Parks Commission
August 31 – September 1, 2022
Good Earth State Park Visitor Center
26924 480th Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57108

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:00 PM CT/12:00 PM MT – DAY 1, 11:56 MARK

Chairman Russell Olson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm CT at Good Earth State Park Visitors Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Commissioners Travis Bies, Stephanie Rissler, Russell Olson, Jon Locken, Julie Bartling, Robert Whitmyre, and Chuck Spring were present. The public and staff could listen via SDPB Livestream, participate via video conference, or in person, with approximately 96 total participants via zoom or in person.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

1. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE – DAY 1, 00:12:15 MARK

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

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 2022 MEETING – DAY 1, 00:13:38 MARK

Chairman Olson called for any additions or corrections to the regular meeting minutes of July 7-8, 2022. Minutes are available at <https://gfp.sd.gov/commission/archives/>. *Motion by Rissler with second by Bartling to APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 7-8, 2022, REGULAR MEETING. Motion carried unanimously.*

3. ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER SALARY DAYS – DAY 1, 00:13:59 MARK

Chairman Olson called for additional salary days. No additional commission salary days were submitted for approval.

4. SOUTH DAKOTA PARKS & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION UPDATE – DAY 1, 00:14:30 MARK

Kristina Coby, Executive Development Director of the South Dakota Parks & Wildlife Foundation, provided an update on Foundation activities. Her update included a thank you to all commissioners for attending the Outdoor Campus - Sioux Falls Anniversary & Campaign Kick-Off the night before their meeting. Kristina shared that the Foundation has committed to raising \$3 million of the approximate \$7 million price tag of the Outdoor Campus expansion project. The project includes the addition of indoor and outdoor bb gun/archery ranges, new classrooms, remodeled bathrooms, and additional storage and office space to accommodate programming needs. The estimated timeline includes outdoor range construction beginning in 2024.

5. SECOND CENTURY HABITAT FUND UPDATE – DAY 1, 00:18:42 MARK

Brian Bashore, Executive Director of the Second Century Habitat Fund, informed the Commission that the SCHF has raised \$182,000 this year, with over \$1.15 million in the pipeline from federal grants and private corporate donors. SCHF has enrolled 594 acres into the Workinglands Program in 2022 at an investment of \$195,000, bringing the total to 7,512 acres at \$1,240,246 invested in landowner contracts and seed. SCHF will also launch their 2022/23 raffle of a Toyota Tundra pickup truck with 165 Alumacraft Boat around the 1st of October.

6. GO OUTDOORS SOUTH DAKOTA UPDATE -FISK - DAY 1, 00:22:07 MARK / BECHARD - DAY 1, 1:45:24 MARK

Keith Fisk, Licensing Program Administrator, updated the commission virtually on the Combined Deer drawing and tag/license printing status. Customers should receive their tag/license by mid-September. All other limited draw printing is moving forward as expected and should be mailed daily. GFP is prepping to open the Landowner-Own-Land licenses in mid-September and preparing for a busy Fall with pheasant season not far away. Keith also answered several questions regarding the deer draws and eligibility at different draw levels.

Jodi Bechard, Parks Business Manager, virtually reported on the parks side of Go Outdoors South Dakota. She indicated that the initial launch of Go Outdoors had a few bumps but is moving smoothly now. GF&P pushed

through some updates and items from internal and external customers to get fixed or changed over the winter months.

7. NON-MEANDERED WATERS UPDATE – DAY 1, 00:30:58 MARK

Rhet Russell, Wildlife Biologist, reported there are currently 43 posted closures for a total of 5,758.25 acres ranging from 0.25 to 1,010 acres in 11 counties, most of which are in the northeast region. These acreages have remained consistent, though they vary by a couple of thousand acres each year depending on water levels and weather. Currently, 12 agreements with landowners provide access to 13,000 acres of non-meandered waters. These agreements range in length from a few months up to ten years. The department will continue to work with landowners on possible contracts to keep the non-meandered waters for recreational use.

PETITIONS

8. SHERIDAN LAKE WALLEYE LIMIT

EDEL - DAY 1, 58:54 MARK / KIRSCHENMANN - DAY 1, 1:04:35 MARK; DAY 1 – 1:31:01 MARK

DENIAL RESOLUTION - DAY 2, 00:32:06 MARK

Petition received August 7, 2022, from Ken Edel of Rapid City, SD, requesting a change to the state walleye daily limit to four fish, no minimum, one fish over twenty inches.

Department recommendation: Denial, as the department does not want to create inconsistency in the statewide walleye regulations and believes the current and future stocking rates should sustain overall walleye limits.

Motion by Rissler, seconded by Spring to DENY THE PETITION ON A STATEWIDE WALLEYE LIMIT. Motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Rissler, seconded by Bies to ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-16 TO DENY THE PETITION ON A STATEWIDE WALLEYE LIMIT. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSALS

9. SPRING TURKEY – DAY 1, 00:46:35 MARK

9A. CUSTER STATE PARK SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON – CHAPTER 41:06:15

Department recommended changes from last year:

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

Department recommended changes to proposal:

1. Changes the proposed season start date from the 2nd to the 4th Saturday in April.
 - a. April 22-May 21, 2023
 - b. April 27-May 19, 2024

Motioned by Rissler and seconded by Locken to APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSAL. Motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Locken and seconded by Whitmyre to APPROVE PROPOSAL AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

9B. SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON – CHAPTERS 41:06:13 & 41:03:01

Department recommended changes from last year:

1. Modify the season dates for all spring turkey hunting seasons to begin on the third Saturday of April and end on May 31.
2. Adjust the maximum number of licenses available in administrative rule from no more than 5,807 to 10,000 one-tag "male turkey" licenses and from no more than 600 to 2,500 two-tag "male turkey" licenses.

3. Eliminate Unit BST-BH2, which provides for a second Black Hills spring turkey licenses for resident hunters.
4. Modify the season dates for those prairie units with split season seasons.
5. Modify the valid time during the season when access permits are valid for Good Earth State Park and Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve.
6. Modify the valid time during the season when hunters can have uncased weapons within the boundary of Sica Hollow State Park.

Department recommended changes from the proposal:

1. Change the proposed season start date from the 3rd Saturday in April to the 2nd Saturday in April for the prairie spring turkey season. This would be a no change to the current administrative rule.
 - a. April 8 – May 31, 2023
 - b. April 13 – May 31, 2024
2. Change the proposed season start date from the 3rd Saturday in April to the 4th Saturday in April for the Black Hills spring turkey season.
 - a. April 22 – May 31, 2023
 - b. April 27 – May 31, 2024
3. Withdraw the proposed changes for the season dates for those prairie units with split seasons. This would be a no change to the current administrative rule.
4. Withdraw the proposed changes to modify the valid time during the season when access permits are valid for Good Earth State Park and Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve. This would be a no change to the current administrative rule.
5. Withdraw the proposed changes to modify the valid time during the season when hunters can have uncased weapons within the boundary of Sica Hollow State Park. This would be a no change to the current administrative rule.
6. For archery and mentored spring turkey licenses, season start dates would align with the prairie and Black Hills seasons.
7. For the Fall River prairie hunting unit, remove the allowance to hunt within one mile of the Cheyenne River in the Black Hills hunting unit.

Motioned by Rissler and seconded by Bartling to APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSAL. Motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Whitmyre and seconded by Bartling to APPROVE PROPOSAL AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2:00 PM CST / 1:00 PM MST – DAY 1, 1:14:00 MARK

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

OPEN FORUM – FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING – DAY 1, 1:20:20 MARK

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

- Jerry LeClair of Sioux Falls, SD. Expressed concern about docks and fish cleaning stations.
- Mary Kay Fausch of Harrisburg, SD, representing the Timber Ridge HOA, expressed opposition to Spring Creek Golf Course being turned into a campground.

The open forum concluded at 2:17 pm CST.

FINALIZATIONS

10. FISHING REGULATIONS – DAY 1, 1:47:20 MARK

10A & 11. ICE SHACK REMOVAL DATES & FISH LIMITS – CHAPTERS 41:07:01 & 41:07:03

Proposed Changes:

1. Remove restrictions on when ice fishing shelters can be left overnight on public waters.

Department recommended amendments to the proposal:

1. Remove ice fishing shelter removal dates for inland waters and change the ice fishing shelter removal date on South Dakota – Minnesota border waters from the last day in February to March 5.

Motioned by Whitmyre, seconded by Locken to APPROVE AMENDMENT TO PROPOSAL. Motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Whitmyre, seconded by Locken to ADOPT THE FINALIZATION AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Remove language referencing gear specifications for the noncommercial take of smelt.
Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Rissler to ADOPT THE FINALIZATION. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Remove the 15” minimum length limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Burke Lake in Gregory County and put in place a 15” minimum length limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Lake Mitchell in Davison County.

Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Spring to ADOPT THE FINALIZATION. Motion carried unanimously.

10C. IMPORTATION OF FISH - CHAPTER 41:09:08

Proposed change:

1. Modify language in the rule listing importation requirements of fish to better describe current definitions of pathogens or diseases of regulatory concern (41:09:08:03.03).

Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Whitmyre to ADOPT THE FINALIZATION. Motion carried unanimously.

10D. HOOP NETS, TRAPS, SETLINES, AND FLOATLINES - CHAPTER 41:07:08

Department recommendations are as follows:

1. Change check times for hoop nets, traps, and setlines from 72 hours to 24 hours.
Motioned by Bies, seconded by Rissler to ADOPT THE FINALIZATION. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Modify language to allow someone besides the licensee to run hoop nets, traps, setlines, and floatlines if the licensee is present.
Motioned by Locken, seconded by Bies to ADOPT THE FINALIZATION. Motion carried unanimously.

10E & 10F. PADDLEFISH SEASON & PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES - CHAPTERS 41:07:05 & 41:09:12

Department recommendations are as follows:

1. Remove language regarding ZZ1 units (preference point only) for archery and snagging paddlefish seasons, as these units are no longer available.

Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Rissler to ADOPT THE FINALIZATION. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Add crossbows as a legal method of take for paddlefish during archery seasons.
Motioned by Bies, seconded by Rissler to ADOPT THE FINALIZATION. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Provide a permit to allow for assistance to be given to a disabled angler while participating in lawful fishing activities.

Motioned by Whitmyre, seconded by Bartling to ADOPT THE FINALIZATION. Motion carried unanimously.

11. THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES – PEREGRINE FALCON – DAY 1, 2:09:00 MARK

Proposed Changes:

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

Motioned by Bies, seconded by Bartling to ADOPT THE FINALIZATION. Motion carried unanimously.

DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION

12. SPRING CREEK GOLF COURSE UPDATE – DAY 1, 2:10:34 MARK

Scott Simpson, Parks Director, gave a verbal update virtually on the meeting that happened on August 30, 2022, at the Outdoor Campus – Sioux Falls with the homeowners' associations from the Spring Creek Golf Course area.

13. RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM – DAY 1, 2:46:45 MARK

Randy Kittle, Grant & Loan Specialist, gave a verbal update virtually on the Recreational Trails Program. These funds are part of the gas tax in the Transportation Bill. The RTP Advisory Committee met on June 7, 2022, to review applications and make funding recommendations. The committee recommended funding \$684,278 in motorized projects and \$1,596,649 in nonmotorized projects.

14. FEMA UPDATE – DAY 1, 2:52:35 MARK

Travis Theilen, Planning and Development Division Staff Specialist, gave a virtual presentation to the commission on the progress made from the 2019 disasters, with over 75% of the damages having undergone repairs within the first three years. Several options exist for SD GFP (as an applicant for public assistance) to match a reasonable repair to eligible damages. The 2022 disaster event that resulted in severe tree damage and minor facility damage required crews to respond and conduct debris removal activities immediately. An inventory of damages is collected from GFP staff and will be used to apply for FEMA-eligible public assistance.

15. BECOMING AN OUTDOOR FAMILY WORKSHOP UPDATE – DAY 1, 3:50:36 MARK

April Larson, Marketing Coordinator, reported 2022 Becoming an Outdoor Family three-day workshop was held at Pelican Lake Recreation Area near Watertown on July 27-29. This annual education program encourages families to try new recreation activities, build confidence in their outdoor skills, and meet others with shared interests. Over 50 participants, including numerous multi-generation and blended families, traveled across the state. For most, this was their first workshop and camping experience at Pelican Lake Recreation Area. Staff was available throughout the workshop to help set up tents, host group dinners, and teach classes. This year's class topics included archery, air gun, birding, paddling, fishing, geocaching, photography, plants, tracks, Dutch oven cooking, trapping, and deer and waterfowl hunting lectures. The overwhelming response from families is that they had a great time and learned a lot from all the Conservation Officers, Biologists, Park Managers, Interns, and other South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks staff that took the time to share their knowledge. Registration for the next workshop will open in the spring of 2023.

16. FALL PROGRAMMING AND SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE - DAY 1, 3:54:06 MARK

April Larson, Marketing Coordinator, gave a virtual verbal update on the upcoming planned events for this fall in the state parks, such as the Governor's Buffalo Roundup, fall festivals, and hikes.

17. FEDERAL BRIDGE PROGRAM UPDATE – DAY 1, 4:00:07 MARK

Adam Kulesa, Planning & Development Coordinator, provided a virtual presentation outlining the Federal Bridge Program and how it affects the department. 4 Bridges have been accepted into the cost-share program and are scheduled to be replaced in the fall of 2024 (three within Custer State Park and one at Bear Butte State Park).

18. JULY CAMPING, VISITATION, AND REVENUE REPORT - DAY 2, 00:03:10 MARK

Al Nedved, Parks Deputy Director, provided documentation and reported verbally on the July 2022 camping, visitation, and revenue report.

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

19. ELK CONTINGENCY LICENSES - DAY 2, 00:34:27 MARK

Andy Lindbloom, Senior Big Game Biologist, gave a virtual presentation to the commission concerning the Elk Contingency Licenses. NRCS, USFS, and GFP meet twice a year to discuss range conditions. Based on recommendations provided as part of the Forage Production Model, the department is recommending Elk Unit 2B be granted five licenses, Unit 2HIJ be granted five licenses, Unit 3BCD be granted seven licenses, and Unit 7B be granted five licenses for a total of 22 Antlerless Elk Contingency Licenses.

Motioned by Bartling, seconded by Rissler to issue twenty-two Antlerless Elk Contingency Licenses in the department recommended elk units. Voting for the motion: Spring, Bartling, Rissler, Locken, Whitmyre & Olson. Voting in opposition to the motion: Bies. Motion carried.

20. GROUSE MANAGEMENT PLAN - DAY 1, 3:11:32 MARK

Alex Solem, Wildlife Biologist, and Hilary Morey, Senior Wildlife Biologist, gave a joint presentation stating South Dakota has two species of prairie grouse, the sharp-tailed grouse, and the greater prairie-chicken, which are native to grassland habitats and require extensive, intact grasslands to persist. Prairie grouse management heavily depends on retaining and maintaining existing grasslands in South Dakota. A system of priority habitat areas was generated from a spatially explicit habitat-based occupancy model to direct management actions to areas identified as essential habitats to prairie grouse. These management efforts should focus on proper grazing regimes, restoration and maintenance of grasslands, and the removal/prevention of tree encroachment.

21. LAKE STURGEON PROGRAM UPDATE - DAY 2, 00:58:53 MARK

Chelsey Pasbrig, Aquatic Biologist, gave a virtual presentation regarding the Big Stone Lake (border water with MN) historically housed a wild population of Lake Sturgeon, present up until the mid-1900s, with the last fish being washed up on shore in 1946. Since the 1980s, considerable work to improve water quality and make the habitat more suitable for Lake Sturgeon has been completed on the Little Minnesota River, Minnesota River, and Big Stone Lake. In 2014, a Lake Sturgeon stocking program began on Big Stone Lake, which has continued to date, stocking just over 34,000 fingerlings, with successful incidental catches by anglers (catch and release only), commercial fishermen, and standard lake surveys. This spring, there were reports of congregations of Lake Sturgeon within the Whetstone River near Madison. To date, the reintroduction efforts have shown great promise for the potential of a future fishery; however, further habitat improvements will be needed to help restore the essential spawning habitat of this prehistoric fish.

22. NONRESIDENT ARCHERY DEER & ANTELOPE - DAY 2: 01:18:51 MARK

Tom Kirschenmann, Wildlife Director, verbally updated the Commission on the plan to work with interested agencies to establish a Public Input Forum that will study the department's nonresident archery deer and antelope licensing program. The department is finalizing the short public survey to be sent out this month to current deer and antelope hunters, which the Public Input Forum will explore. Once this is complete, the department will return with recommendations from this forum to the commission in December.

23. SIOUX FALLS OUTDOOR CAMPUS UPDATE - DAY 2, 00:10:10 MARK

Emmett Keyser, Regional Supervisor, gave a verbal update concerning the 25th Celebration of the Sioux Falls Outdoor Campus and Expansion project. On August 30th, more than 100 enthusiastic supporters of the Sioux Falls Outdoor Campus gathered at an event hosted by the Friends of the Outdoor Campus Committee to celebrate the campus programs' many successes since Game, Fish and Parks opened the doors to the facility in 1997. Governor Kristi Noem joined the list of speakers at the celebration event by outlining the Campus' critical mission of helping to maintain South Dakota's rich outdoor heritage by introducing young people as well as adults to the myriad of outdoor recreational opportunities available across the state, including hunting, fishing, camping, boating, kayaking, hiking, rock climbing, bird, watching, and many, many others. The Governor also surprised the group by presenting GFP Secretary Robling with an Executive Proclamation that cited August 30, 2022, as 'Sioux Falls Outdoor Campus Day' as she highlighted the Campus' delivery of more than 19,800 outdoor skills

education programs that included more than 500,000 participants since 1997. The Governor and others on the speaking program also recognized the numerous donors and supporters the Sioux Falls Outdoor Campus has had over the years, including the nearly 1,250 volunteers who have provided more than 123,000 hours of service in support of the Campus' mission and programming. The event also highlighted the fundraising kickoff led by the SD Parks and Wildlife Foundation, which will gather donor funds to help provide for increased programming space for the Outdoor Campus. This expansion will include an indoor archery range, an outdoor archery range, two classrooms, a game processing area, a redesign of a classroom to enable wild fish and game cooking programs, and the development of new wildlife displays in the Gallery area.

24. LICENSE SALES UPDATE - DAY 2: 01:26:00 MARK

Tom Kirschenmann, Wildlife Director, provided documentation and verbally updated the commission on the current license sales.

ADJOURN

Meeting ADJOURNED AT 9:40 AM CT.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Robling, Department Secretary

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Pet Prohibitions Chapter 41:03:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 6, 2022	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	November 3, 2022	Madison
	Finalization	November 3, 2022	Madison

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Proposed changes:

1. Current administrative rule does not allow for pets in department camping facilities except under certain circumstances.
2. The proposed rule change would allow for customers to pay a pet fee and have their pet stay in the cabin or suite.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Pet ownership continues to increase. Accommodations for pets in the travel industry has become a standard practice. This rule change would allow those people staying in a cabin, lodge, or suite within a state park to have their pet inside that facility during their stay. A pet accommodation fee of \$10 per reservation per facility is provided for in a separate proposal.

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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

41:03:01:13. Pet prohibitions. A person may not allow or possess any pet in the state park system except as provided in this section:

- (1) From April 1 through September 30, the pet must be under immediate control on a leash not more than 10 feet long or under immediate control and more than 200 feet from other park users or designated camping areas;
- (2) From October 1 through March 31, leashes are not mandatory; however, the person shall keep the pet under immediate control;
- (3) The person may not allow or possess any pet on the Summit Trail at Bear Butte State Park;
- (4) The person may not allow or possess any pet on the George S. Mickelson Trail unless the pet is under immediate control on a leash not more than 10 feet long;
- (5) The person may not allow any pet in an area within 200 feet inland and 200 feet outward from the water's edge in an area owned, leased, managed, or controlled by the department and designated as a public swimming zone or in an area posted for no pets;

- (6) The person may not allow or possess any pet inside enclosed public buildings managed by the department in any state park, recreation area, nature area, or lakeside use area except:
- (a) ~~a~~ A person who requires the aid of a service animal;
 - (b) ~~or a~~ A person who has received prior approval of the park manager; or
 - (c) a person who has paid the pet accommodation fee pursuant to 41:03:04:03.02.
- (7) The person shall properly dispose of any pet waste left within the state park system; or
- (8) If the person maintains reasonable control of the dog, the person may allow or possess a dog that is not on a leash within a designated dog training area.

FISCAL IMPACT

This allowance and associated fee are intended to be in line with industry standards and to offset some of the additional cleaning fees expected with allowing pets in lodging facilities. The percentage of users that will utilize this service is unknown. The revenue generated nor additional expense is expected to have any significant impact on the Department's budget.

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

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Pet Prohibitions Chapter 41:03:01

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Proposed changes:

1. Current administrative rule does not allow for pets in department camping facilities except under certain circumstances.
2. The proposed rule change would establish a pet accommodation fee for pets that stay at cabins, lodges, or suites.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Pet ownership continues to increase. Accommodations for pets in the travel industry have become standard practice. This rule change would allow those people staying in a cabin, lodge, or suite within a state park to have their pet inside that facility during their stay and establish a fee. A pet accommodation exemption is provided for in a separate proposal.

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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

41:03:04:03.02. Camping permit fees -- Cabins -- Lodges -- Suites.

Fees for the following are:

- (1) Camping cabin fee, \$55;
- (2) Modern cabin and suite fees, \$85 to \$205 subject to size, amenities, and occupancy rates provided:
 - (a) The commission shall annually approve the schedule of fees; and
 - (b) Discounts to increase occupancy during periods of lower demand, may not exceed 25 percent of the approved fee;
- (3) The group lodging fee at Lake Thompson State Recreation Area, Palisades State Park, Sheps Canyon State Recreation Area, Newton Hills State Park, and Shadehill State Recreation Area is \$280 per night for the first 12 persons plus \$10 for each additional person with a maximum occupancy of 15 persons; and

(4) Oahe Downstream Group Lodge use fee is \$40 per night for nonprofit youth groups year-round and for nonprofit groups and government agencies from November 1 through March 31 and \$125 per night for all other groups year-round. The use fee for all groups except nonprofit youth groups is \$125 from April 1 through October 31.

(5) Pet accommodation fee for pets kept inside cabins, lodges, or suits, \$10 per reservation, per facility.

FISCAL IMPACT

This fee is intended to be in line with industry standards and to offset some of the additional cleaning fees expected with allowing pets in lodging facilities. The percentage of users that will utilize this service is unknown. The revenue generated nor additional expense is expected to have any significant impact on the Department's budget.

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

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

Custer State Park Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:15

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 7-8, 2022	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	October 6, 2022	Rapid City
	Finalization	October 6-7, 2022	Rapid City

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2023 and 2024 seasons

Season Dates: April 22 – May 21, 2023
April 27 – May 19, 2024

Licenses: 100 resident one-tag “male turkey” licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. South Dakota residents only.
2. Season opens the 4th Saturday in April and runs through the eighth day prior to Memorial Day.
3. License valid for only one male turkey.
4. No person may shoot a turkey in a tree or roost.
5. Restricted to shotguns using shotshells, muzzleloading shotguns and archery equipment only.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Change the season start date from the 2nd Saturday in April to the 4th Saturday in April.
2. Format and style changes for maximum number of licenses and preference point unit.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes to proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Results from recent research indicates poor reproduction, primarily within the Black Hills (central and northern Hills) but is difficult to ascertain the direct cause/s due to numerous variables involved, such as predation, nutrition, weather, gobbler dominance/behavior. Based on nesting chronology and gobbling activity, the recommendation to start seasons later is to increase population performance. In addition, negative feedback from hunters regarding their hunting experience (i.e., lack of gobbling activity, difficult time finding turkeys) is a justification for this recommendation. See below for other supportive information to justify recommendation:

- Post-breeding management is the primary strategy that should be imposed for wild turkey management (i.e., start spring hunting seasons at median incubation dates).
- Median incubation dates range from May 10-16 in the Black Hills. Many hens start incubation around May 1-3rd in the southern Black Hills.
- Modeling suggests that harvesting $\leq 30\%$ of the male population allows for continued population growth and higher quality hunting.
- Research in the Black Hills indicates that annual survival of radio-collared adult males was 42% and spring harvest was the primary mortality factor in the Black Hills.
- Intensive hunting in southern Alabama caused a shortage of males and lowered female turkey productivity through infertile clutches.

- Current unpublished research in Georgia and Tennessee indicates dominance hierarchies in adult gobblers may be important in maintaining for turkey productivity. Disruptions in these dominance hierarchies can delay nesting and reduce nest survival in the southeast.
- Harvest management should try to not disrupt breeding of older males until they have a chance to breed which should be around median incubation dates.
- Less than 5% of younger male turkeys will breed under normal dominance hierarchies.

The proposed maximum number of turkey licenses will be established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission via administrative action will determine specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation amongst hunting units.

Year	Licenses	Applications	Harvest	Success	Ave. Days Hunted
2012	135	540	64	47%	2.2
2013	135	574	57	43%	2.2
2014	135	540	78	58%	2.7
2015	135	574	50	37%	2.6
2016	100	564	49	49%	2.1
2017	100	563	58	58%	1.9
2018	100	563	43	43%	2.2
2019	100	594	48	48%	2.2
2020	98	597	55	57%	2.2
2021	100	705	47	47%	2.8

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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

41:06:15:01. ~~Season Custer State Park spring wild turkey hunting season established –~~ Number and type of licenses available. The spring wild turkey hunting season in Custer State Park is open from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day from the ~~second~~ fourth Saturday of April through eight days prior to Memorial Day. No more than 200 one-tag male turkey licenses may be issued to residents.

41:06:15:02. Open unit. Unit CST-CU1: Custer State Park is open for spring wild turkey hunting.

~~—— (1) Unit CST-CU1-32: A maximum of 100 "male turkey" licenses may be issued for the season;~~

~~—— (2) Unit CST-ZZ-99L: No turkey licenses may be issued. However, an applicant for this unit shall accrue a preference point as provided in § 41:06:01:09.~~

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue
 - Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented?
 - i. While the effect of the change is unknown, the objectives are to increase turkey population performance and to increase hunter satisfaction.
 - ii. Input will be solicited during the public comment period and GFP Commission public hearing.
2. Historical Considerations – Licenses are only available to South Dakota residents.
3. Biological Considerations
 - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?
 - i. Turkey populations are stable across most of South Dakota, but not observing the reproduction level desired in the central and northern Black Hills and a few prairie units. Recommendation is to have consistency amongst season dates as much as possible.
4. Social Considerations
 - Shortened season.
5. Financial considerations – Not Applicable

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user’s ability to participate? No.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users?
 - The recommended changes would shorten length of seasons, with objectives to increase turkey population performance and to increase hunter satisfaction.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists?
 - a. Not applicable.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact is expected to the Department.

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

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:13; 41:03:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 7-8, 2022	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	October 6, 2022	Rapid City
	Finalization	October 6-7, 2022	Rapid City

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2023 and 2024 seasons (only 2023 season dates listed below)

Season Dates:	April 8 – May 31, 2023	Single-season Prairie units
	April 22 – May 31, 2023	Black Hills
	April 8 – April 30, 2023	Split-season early Prairie units
	May 1 – May 31, 2023	Split-season late Prairie units

*Depending on the geographic area being hunted, the mentored and archery spring seasons align with the prairie and Black Hills seasons, respectively.

Licenses:	Black Hills:	Unlimited resident and nonresident one-tag "male turkey" licenses
	Prairie:	6,332 resident and 700 nonresident one-tag "male turkey" licenses 260 resident and 56 nonresident two-tag "male turkey" licenses
	Archery:	Unlimited resident and nonresident one-tag "male turkey" licenses
	Mentored:	Unlimited resident and nonresident one-tag "male turkey" licenses

Access Permits:	Access permits valid April 8-30
	Good Earth State Park: 5 archery turkey access permits
	Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve: 30 archery turkey access permits
	Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve: 20 mentored turkey access permits

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Turkey hunters may apply for and receive one license in each of the Black Hills, Prairie, and Archery Units in the first and second lottery drawings.
2. Turkey hunters may purchase only one Black Hills and one archery turkey license.
3. One-half of the licenses in each prairie unit are available for landowner/operator preference.
4. Excluding that portion of Fall River County within Unit PST-27A, prairie units adjoining the White River and Cheyenne River also include an adjacent area one mile wide on the opposite side of the river.
5. No person may shoot a turkey in a tree or roost.
6. A person may use only bow and arrow, a shotgun using shot shells or a muzzleloading shotgun to hunt turkeys during the spring turkey season.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Adjust the maximum number of licenses available in administrative rule from no more than 5,807 to 10,000 one-tag "male turkey" licenses and from no more than 600 to 2,500 two-tag "male turkey" licenses.
2. Change the proposed season start date from the 3rd Saturday in April to the 4th Saturday in April for the Black Hills spring turkey season.
 - a. April 22 – May 31, 2023
 - b. April 27 – May 31, 2024
3. Eliminate Unit BST-BH2, which provides for a second Black Hills spring turkey licenses for resident hunters.
4. For archery and mentored spring turkey licenses, season start dates would align with the prairie and Black Hills seasons, respectively.
5. For the Fall River prairie hunting unit, remove the allowance to hunt within one mile of the Cheyenne River in the Black Hills hunting unit.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Results from recent research indicates poor reproduction, primarily within the Black Hills (central and northern Hills) but is difficult to ascertain the direct cause/s due to numerous variables involved, such as predation, nutrition, weather, grouse dominance/behavior. Based on nesting chronology and gobbling activity, the recommendation to start seasons later is to increase population performance. In addition, negative feedback from hunters regarding their hunting experience (i.e., lack of gobbling activity, difficult time finding turkeys) is a justification for this recommendation. See below for other supportive information to justify recommendation:

- Post-breeding management is the primary strategy that should be imposed for wild turkey management (i.e., start spring hunting seasons at median incubation dates).
- Median incubation dates range from May 10-16 in the Black Hills. Many hens start incubation around May 1-3rd in the southern Black Hills.
- Modeling suggests that harvesting $\leq 30\%$ of the male population allows for continued population growth and higher quality hunting.
- Research in the Black Hills indicates that annual survival of radio-collared adult males was 42% and spring harvest was the primary mortality factor in the Black Hills.
- Intensive hunting in southern Alabama caused a shortage of males and lowered female turkey productivity through infertile clutches.
- Current unpublished research in Georgia and Tennessee indicates dominance hierarchies in adult gobblers may be important in maintaining for turkey productivity. Disruptions in these dominance hierarchies can delay nesting and reduce nest survival in the southeast.
- Harvest management should try to not disrupt breeding of older males until they have a chance to breed which should be around median incubation dates.
- Less than 5% of younger male turkeys will breed under normal dominance hierarchies.

The alignment of all turkey seasons seems appropriate to meet the objectives of the change. Since the elimination of rifles for spring turkey hunting, archers have no disadvantage to shotgun hunters when it comes to the distance, etc. and it's difficult to justify one week only available to archery turkey hunters.

Unit BST-BH2 is currently closed via administrative rule and under the low abundance harvest strategy found within the wild turkey management plan. With a shortened season and increasing sales of unlimited archery turkey licenses, it is difficult to justify this second turkey license for South Dakota residents in the future.

The proposed maximum number of turkey licenses will be established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission via administrative action will determine specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation amongst hunting units.

Year	Licenses			Harvest			Success		
	BH	Prairie	Archery	BH	Prairie	Archery	BH	Prairie	Archery
2017	4,401	6,577	3,847	1,701	3,328	912	39%	45%	28%
2018	4,274	6,510	3,264	1,441	2,733	719	32%	38%	22%
2019	4,545	6,375	3,467	1,365	2,727	915	30%	39%	26%
2020	4,733	6,455	4,459	1,287	3,113	1,340	27%	44%	30%
2021	6,303	6,699	4,899	1,776	3,748	1,607	28%	51%	33%

*Includes both resident and nonresident harvest statistics.

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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

41:06:13:01. Spring wild turkey hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses available. The spring prairie wild turkey hunting season is open from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day from the ~~first~~ second Saturday of April through May 31. The spring Black Hills wild turkey hunting season is open from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day from the fourth Saturday of April through May 31. The spring archery and mentored wild turkey hunting seasons are open from on-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day and the season dates align with the prairie and Black Hills, respectively. ~~in Unit AST-ST1, and from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day from the second third Saturday of April through May 31, or as otherwise provided in § 41:06:13:02, in all other units. Units BST-BH1 ~~is~~ and BST-BH2 are the Black Hills units. Unit AST-ST1 is the archery unit. All other units are prairie units.~~ The number of one-tag male turkey licenses issued is unlimited for residents and nonresidents in both the Black Hills and archery spring turkey hunting seasons. No more than ~~5,807~~ 10,000 one-tag male turkey and ~~600~~ 2,500 two-tag male turkey licenses may be issued to residents for the prairie spring turkey hunting season.

41:06:13:02. Open units -- Exceptions. The following is a description of the open spring turkey hunting units:

(1) Unit BST-BH1: excluding Custer State Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, and Jewel Cave National Monument, that portion of Lawrence County south of Interstate 90; that portion of Meade County west and south of Interstate 90; those portions of Pennington and Custer Counties west of State Highway 79; that portion of Fall River County north and west of a line beginning at the junction of the South Dakota-Wyoming border and U.S. Highway 18, then east along U.S. Highway 18 to its junction with the Cheyenne River, then east along the Cheyenne River to its junction with State Highway 79, then north along State Highway 79 to its junction with the Custer County line;

~~(2) Unit BST-BH2: the same boundaries as Unit BST-BH1; Unit BST-BH2 is closed;~~

(7) Unit PST-08A: Davison and Hanson Counties; Unit PST-08A is open beginning on the second Saturday of April through April 30;

(8) Unit PST-08B: Davison and Hanson Counties; Unit PST-08B is open beginning on May 1 through May 31;

(33) Unit PST-44A: Lincoln County; Unit PST-44A is open beginning on the second Saturday of April through April 30;

(34) Unit PST-44B: Lincoln County; Unit PST-44B is open beginning on May 1 through May 31;

(43) Unit PST-58B: that portion of Stanley County located at the Oahe Downstream Recreation Area to include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Land which is east and southeast of Powerhouse Road. This unit is bordered by the Missouri River to the east and the emergency spillway canal to the south. Unit PST-58B-is open beginning on the second Saturday of April~~5~~ through April 30, but only to licensed persons who use a wheelchair;

~~Licensees~~ Excluding that portion of Fall River County within Unit PST-27A, licensees in prairie units that utilize the Cheyenne or White Rivers as unit boundaries may hunt within one mile of either side of the river boundary, as well as in the remainder of the unit for which the license is issued.

41:06:13:04. Application requirements and restrictions. The following apply to all applications for license and licenses issued under this chapter:

(1) A resident may apply for no more than one prairie unit license, one Unit BST-BH1 license, ~~one Unit BST-BH2,~~ and one Unit AST-ST1 license during the first license application period. A resident

may not apply for or receive more than one Unit BST-BH1 license, ~~one Unit BST-BH2~~, or one Unit AST-ST1 license;

(5) Good Earth State Park is closed to spring turkey hunting except for five turkey licensees who possess a valid spring turkey archery license and an archery turkey access permit. Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve is closed to spring turkey hunting except for 30 licensees who possess a valid spring turkey archery license and an archery turkey access permit and 20 licensees who possess a valid mentored spring turkey archery license and access permit. The access permits may be issued by lottery drawing. Each access permit is valid from the second ~~first~~ Saturday of April through April 30.

41:03:01:16. Restrictions on use of firearms, air guns, crossbows, and bows in the state park system -- Exceptions. Uncased firearms, air guns, crossbows, and bows are prohibited in the state park system with the following exceptions:

(5) From October 1 through April 30, uncased firearms, air guns, crossbows, and bows are authorized for licensed hunters in the state park system during established hunting seasons with the following restrictions:

(d) A person who possesses a valid turkey license for Unit PST-48A, as described in chapter 41:06:13, is permitted to have an uncased shotgun using shotshells, a crossbow, a bow, or a muzzleloading shotgun within the boundary of Sica Hollow State Park from the second ~~first~~ Saturday of April through May 31; and

41:06:13:05. Turkey hunting recruitment license -- Open area and eligibility. A turkey hunting recruitment license is valid statewide, excluding Custer State Park, and is open from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day beginning on the first Saturday of April through May 31 during the spring turkey hunting seasons the open dates for the prairie and Black Hills seasons, respectively. A turkey hunting recruitment license is for a designated mentored youth as provided in SDCL 41-6-81.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue
 - Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented?
 - i. While the effect of the change is unknown, the objectives are to increase turkey population performance and to increase hunter satisfaction.
 - ii. Input will be solicited during the public comment period and GFP Commission public hearing.
2. Historical Considerations – Not Applicable
3. Biological Considerations
 - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?
 - i. Turkey populations are stable across most of South Dakota, but not observing the reproduction level desired in the central and northern Black Hills and a few prairie units.
4. Social Considerations
 - Shortened season.
5. Financial considerations – Not Applicable

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

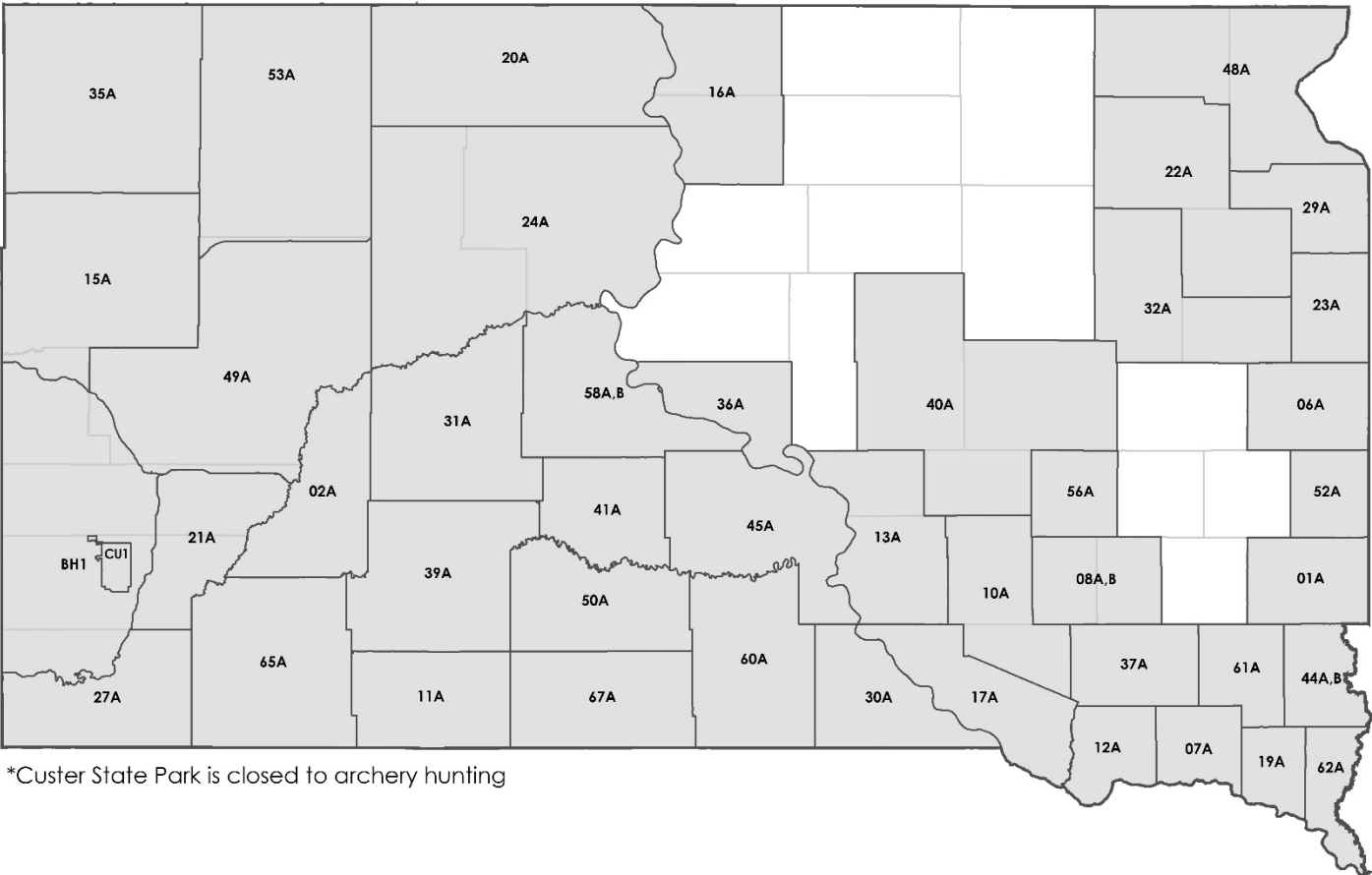
1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user’s ability to participate? No.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users?
 - The recommended changes would shorten length of seasons, with objectives to increase turkey population performance and to increase hunter satisfaction.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists?
 - Not applicable.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact is expected to the Department.

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

SPRING TURKEY UNITS



*Custer State Park is closed to archery hunting

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

Spring Turkey Hunting Seasons – Hunting Unit License Allocations

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 7-8, 2022	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	October 6, 2022	Rapid City
	Finalization	October 6-7, 2022	Rapid City

LICENSE ALLOCATION BY UNITS

See Attached Spreadsheets

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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2023-2024 SPRING PRAIRIE TURKEY

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident		Nonresident		License Totals							
		TomT 32	2 TomT 35	TomT 32	2 TomT 35	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Licenses	NR Tags
01A	Minnehaha	80		0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
02A	Pennington	250		20	0	250	0	250	250	20	0	20	20
06A	Brookings	40		0	0	40	0	40	40	0	0	0	0
07A	Yankton	300		0	0	300	0	300	300	0	0	0	0
08A	Davison/Hanson	100		0	0	100	0	100	100	0	0	0	0
08B	Davison/Hanson	100		0	0	100	0	100	100	0	0	0	0
10A	Aurora/Douglas	50		0	0	50	0	50	50	0	0	0	0
11A	Bennett	30		3	0	30	0	30	30	3	0	3	3
12A	Bon Homme	300		0	0	300	0	300	300	0	0	0	0
13A	Brule/Buffalo	175		0	0	175	0	175	175	0	0	0	0
15A	Butte/Lawrence	350		28	0	350	0	350	350	28	0	28	28
16A	Campbell/Walworth	20		0	0	20	0	20	20	0	0	0	0
17A	Charles Mix	350		0	0	350	0	350	350	0	0	0	0
19A	Clay	120		0	0	120	0	120	120	0	0	0	0
20A	Corson	75		6	0	75	0	75	75	6	0	6	6
21A	Custer	150		12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12
22A	Day/Codington	125		0	0	125	0	125	125	0	0	0	0
23A	Deuel	150		0	0	150	0	150	150	0	0	0	0
24A	Dewey/Ziebach	150		12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12
27A	Fall River	100		8	0	100	0	100	100	8	0	8	8
29A	Grant	300		0	0	300	0	300	300	0	0	0	0
30A	Gregory	700		56	0	700	0	700	700	56	0	56	56
31A	Haakon		250	0	20	0	250	250	500	0	20	20	40
32A	Hamlin/Clark	20		0	0	20	0	20	20	0	0	0	0
35A	Harding	100		8	0	100	0	100	100	8	0	8	8
36A	Hughes	30		0	0	30	0	30	30	0	0	0	0
37A	Hutchinson	70		0	0	70	0	70	70	0	0	0	0
39A	Jackson	200		16	0	200	0	200	200	16	0	16	16
40A	Jerauld/Beadle/Hand	20		0	0	20	0	20	20	0	0	0	0
41A	Jones	75		6	0	75	0	75	75	6	0	6	6
44A	Lincoln	50		0	0	50	0	50	50	0	0	0	0
44B	Lincoln	50		0	0	50	0	50	50	0	0	0	0
45A	Lyman	150		12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12
48A	Marshall/Roberts	450		0	0	450	0	450	450	0	0	0	0
49A	Meade		350	0	28	0	350	350	700	0	28	28	56
50A	Mellette	350		28	0	350	0	350	350	28	0	28	28
52A	Moody	60		0	0	60	0	60	60	0	0	0	0
53A	Perkins		100	0	8	0	100	100	200	0	8	8	16
56A	Sanborn	10		0	0	10	0	10	10	0	0	0	0
58A	Stanley	40		4	0	40	0	40	40	4	0	4	4
58B	Stanley	2		1	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	1
60A	Tripp	400		32	0	400	0	400	400	32	0	32	32
61A	Turner	30		0	0	30	0	30	30	0	0	0	0
62A	Union	120		0	0	120	0	120	120	0	0	0	0
65A	Oglala Lakota	40		4	0	40	0	40	40	4	0	4	4
67A	Todd	75		6	0	75	0	75	75	6	0	6	6
	TOTAL	6,357	700	262	56	6,357	700	7,057	7,757	262	56	318	374
	Unit	TomT 32	2 TomT 35	TomT 32	2 TomT 35	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
		RES & NR:				6,619	756	7,375	8,131				

SPRING PRAIRIE TURKEY
2021-2022 and 2023-2024 Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2021-2022 Resident Licenses	2023-2024 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2021-2022 Resident Tags	2023-2024 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
01A	Minnehaha	80	80	0	0%	80	80	0	0%
02A	Pennington	200	250	50	25%	200	250	50	25%
06A	Brookings	20	40	20	100%	20	40	20	100%
07A	Yankton	260	300	40	15%	260	300	40	15%
08A	Davison/Hanson	80	100	20	25%	80	100	20	25%
08B	Davison/Hanson	80	100	20	25%	80	100	20	25%
10A	Aurora/Douglas	30	50	20	67%	30	50	20	67%
11A	Bennett	30	30	0	0%	30	30	0	0%
12A	Bon Homme	250	300	50	20%	250	300	50	20%
13A	Brule/Buffalo	150	175	25	17%	150	175	25	17%
15A	Butte/Lawrence	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
16A	Campbell/Walworth	10	20	10	100%	10	20	10	100%
17A	Charles Mix	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
19A	Clay	120	120	0	0%	120	120	0	0%
20A	Corson	50	75	25	50%	50	75	25	50%
21A	Custer	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
22A	Day/Codington	90	125	35	39%	90	125	35	39%
23A	Deuel	110	150	40	36%	110	150	40	36%
24A	Dewey/Ziebach	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
27A	Fall River	75	100	25	33%	75	100	25	33%
29A	Grant	260	300	40	15%	260	300	40	15%
30A	Gregory	700	700	0	0%	700	700	0	0%
31A	Haakon	200	250	50	25%	400	500	100	25%
32A	Hamlin/Clark	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
35A	Harding	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
36A	Hughes	30	30	0	0%	30	30	0	0%
37A	Hutchinson	60	70	10	17%	60	70	10	17%
39A	Jackson	150	200	50	33%	150	200	50	33%
40A	Jerauld/Beadle/Hand	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
41A	Jones	75	75	0	0%	75	75	0	0%
44A	Lincoln	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
44B	Lincoln	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
45A	Lyman	100	150	50	50%	100	150	50	50%
48A	Marshall/Roberts	440	450	10	2%	440	450	10	2%
49A	Meade	300	350	50	17%	600	700	100	17%
50A	Mellette	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
52A	Moody	60	60	0	0%	60	60	0	0%
53A	Perkins	100	100	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
56A	Sanborn	10	10	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
58A	Stanley	40	40	0	0%	40	40	0	0%
58B	Stanley	2	2	0	0%	2	2	0	0%
60A	Tripp	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
61A	Turner	20	30	10	50%	20	30	10	50%
62A	Union	120	120	0	0%	120	120	0	0%
65A	Oglala Lakota	40	40	0	0%	40	40	0	0%
67A	Todd	75	75	0	0%	75	75	0	0%
TOTAL		6,407	7,057	650	10.1%	7,007	7,757	750	10.7%

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

Division of Parks and Recreation
September YTD 2022 Camping by District

LOCATION	2021	2022	%	LOCATION	2021	2022	%
Pickereel Lake	5,716	6,050	6%	North Point	10,617	11,566	9%
Fort Sisseton	1,419	1,526	8%	North Wheeler	1,024	969	-5%
Roy Lake	8,504	8,577	1%	Pease Creek	2,005	2,085	4%
Sica Hollow	256	221	-14%	Randall Creek	7,825	6,907	-12%
DISTRICT 1	15,895	16,374	3%	South Shore	406	328	-19%
Richmond Lake	1,838	1,870	2%	South Scalp	105	74	-30%
Mina Lake	3,340	3,443	3%	Whetstone	511	409	-20%
Fisher Grove	1,274	1,438	13%	White Swan	185	181	-2%
Amsden	276	152	-45%	DISTRICT 10	22,678	22,519	-1%
Lake Louise	2,217	2,019	-9%	Farm Island	8,342	8,774	5%
DISTRICT 2	8,945	8,922	0%	West Bend	9,098	9,415	3%
Pelican Lake	6,617	6,623	0%	DISTRICT 11	17,440	18,189	4%
Sandy Shore	1,825	1,862	2%	Oahe Downstream	14,935	14,364	-4%
Lake Cochrane	2,361	2,376	1%	Cow Creek	3,788	3,107	-18%
Hartford Beach	6,648	6,848	3%	Okobojo	2,067	1,582	-23%
DISTRICT 3	17,451	17,709	1%	Spring Creek	1,024	3,168	209%
Oakwood Lakes	9,759	9,626	-1%	DISTRICT 12	21,814	22,221	2%
Lake Poinsett	8,841	8,984	2%	West Whitlock	5,485	5,470	0%
Lake Thompson	7,861	8,164	4%	East Whitlock	76	45	-41%
DISTRICT 4	26,461	26,774	1%	Swan Creek	972	802	-17%
Lake Herman	6,339	6,633	5%	Indian Creek	8,233	8,985	9%
Walker's Point	3,301	3,185	-4%	Lake Hiddenwood	-	123	
Lake Carthage	947	819	-14%	Walth Bay	16	24	50%
DISTRICT 5	10,587	10,637	0%	West Pollock	1,303	910	-30%
Snake Creek	8,917	9,109	2%	DISTRICT 13	16,085	16,359	2%
Platte Creek	1,839	1,768	-4%	Bear Butte	1,491	1,491	0%
Buryanek	2,834	2,916	3%	DISTRICT 14	1,491	1,491	0%
Burke Lake	74	87	18%	Shadehill	6,865	7,212	5%
Dude Ranch	-	121		Llewellyn Johns	586	486	-17%
Elm Creek	-	10		Rocky Point	7,138	7,177	1%
DISTRICT 6	13,664	13,880	2%	DISTRICT 15	14,589	14,875	2%
Palisades	5,215	5,967	14%	Custer	54,654	55,851	2%
Big Sioux	7,194	7,153	-1%	DISTRICT 16	54,654	55,851	2%
Lake Vermillion	12,161	12,264	1%	Angostura	21,060	20,144	-4%
DISTRICT 7	24,570	25,384	3%	Sheps Canyon	2,384	2,110	-11%
Newton Hills	11,688	11,270	-4%	DISTRICT 17	23,444	22,254	-5%
Good Earth	-	-		TOTAL YTD	369,371	374,572	1%
Union Grove	1,662	1,382	-17%	TOTAL for Month	55,157	59,056	7%
DISTRICT 8	13,350	12,652	-5%				
Lewis & Clark	45,787	48,200	5%				
Chief White Cran	13,518	13,495	0%				
Pierson Ranch	5,332	5,216	-2%				
Springfield	1,488	1,477	-1%				
Sand Creek	91	61	-33%				
Tabor	37	32	-14%				
DISTRICT 9	66,253	68,481	3%				

Division of Parks and Recreation					
September Revenue by Item					
	2021		2022		%
	Number	Dollar	Number	Dollar	Change
Annual	5,790	\$ 208,432	4,519	\$ 162,684	-22%
2nd Annual	627	\$ 11,278	623	\$ 11,214	-1%
Combo	3,447	\$ 186,128	2,500	\$ 134,982	-27%
Transferable	33	\$ 2,640	24	\$ 1,920	-27%
Daily License	15,668	\$ 125,342	13,073	\$ 104,584	-17%
Unattended Vehicle Daily	239	\$ 3,580	194	\$ 2,910	-19%
GSM Annual Trail Pass	619	\$ 9,285	337	\$ 5,055	-46%
GSM Daily Trail Pass	3,693	\$ 14,772	2,772	\$ 11,088	-25%
Motorcoach Permit	3,735	\$ 11,206	2,647	\$ 7,941	-29%
CSP 7 Day Pass	38,362	\$ 767,242	30,378	\$ 607,560	-21%
CSP 7 Day Bike Pass	2,782	\$ 55,640	2,058	\$ 41,160	-26%
Rally Bike Band	-				
One-Day Special Event		\$ 1,450	0	\$ -	-100%
PERMITS	74,994	\$ 1,396,995	59,125	\$ 1,091,098	-22%
Camping Services		\$ 890,439		\$ 950,788	7%
Picnic Reservations		\$ 561		\$ 660	18%
Firewood	6,699	\$ 40,193	6,443	\$ 38,658	-4%
Gift Card		\$ 505		\$ 342	-32%
Boat Slips		\$ 361		\$ -	-100%
LODGING	6,699	\$ 932,058	6,443	\$ 990,448	6%
TOTAL	81,693	\$ 2,329,053	65,568	\$ 2,081,546	-11%

Division of Parks and Recreation					
September YTD 2022 Revenue by Item					
	2021		2022		%
	Number	Dollar	Number	Dollar	Change
Annual	60,552	\$ 2,179,884	57,661	\$ 2,075,782	-5%
2nd Annual	11,500	\$ 207,000	9,563	\$ 172,134	-17%
Combo	34,714	\$ 1,874,564	33,562	\$ 1,812,366	-3%
Transferable	2,341	\$ 187,254	2,325	\$ 186,000	-1%
Daily License	109,082	\$ 872,655	96,688	\$ 773,502	-11%
Unattended Vehicle Daily	1,769	\$ 26,542	1,140	\$ 17,105	-36%
GSM Annual Trail Pass	5,439	\$ 81,585	4,500	\$ 67,500	-17%
GSM Daily Trail Pass	15,761	\$ 63,044	13,105	\$ 52,420	-17%
Motorcoach Permit	19,031	\$ 57,092	10,315	\$ 30,945	-46%
CSP 7 Day Pass	216,236	\$ 4,324,727	168,056	\$ 3,361,120	-22%
CSP 7 Day Bike Band	21,990	\$ 439,790	16,226	\$ 324,520	-26%
Rally Bike Band	31,760	\$ 635,200	29,558	\$ 591,160	-7%
One-Day Special Event		\$ 6,250		\$ 1,800	-71%
PERMITS	530,175	\$ 10,955,587	442,699	\$ 9,466,354	-14%
Camping Services		\$ 11,646,730		\$ 12,912,962	11%
Picnic Reservations		\$ 14,992		\$ 11,265	-25%
Firewood	40,438	\$ 242,625	34,178	\$ 205,068	-15%
Gift Card		\$ 7,835		\$ 8,645	10%
Boat Slips		\$ 216,250		\$ 182,739	-15%
LODGING	40,438	\$ 12,128,431	34,178	\$ 13,320,678	10%
TOTAL	570,613	\$ 23,084,018	476,877	\$ 22,787,032	-1%

License Sales Totals

(as of Sept 27)

date updated: 28 Sept 2022

Resident	2019	2020	2021	3-yr Avg	2022	2022			+/- Licenses		+/- Revenue		% Change from 3-yr Avg
						Revenue	2021 vs 2022	3-yr Avg vs 2022	2021 vs 2022	3-yr Avg vs 2022			
Combination	40,830	45,047	46,246	44,041	45,446	\$ 2,499,530	-800	1,405	\$ (44,000)	\$ 77,275	3%		
Junior Combination	5,784	7,941	5,649	6,458	0	\$ -	-5,649	-6,458	\$ (152,523)	\$ (174,366)	-100%		
Senior Combination	9,164	10,139	10,919	10,074	10,965	\$ 438,600	46	891	\$ 1,840	\$ 35,640	9%		
Small Game	3,792	4,282	4,057	4,044	6,078	\$ 200,574	2,021	2,034	\$ 66,693	\$ 67,133	50%		
Youth Small Game	1,820	2,085	2,445	2,117	3,361	\$ 16,805	916	1,244	\$ 4,580	\$ 6,222	59%		
1-Day Small Game	288	282	427	332	206	\$ 2,472	-221	-126	\$ (2,652)	\$ (1,516)	-38%		
Migratory Bird Certificate*	19,634	21,414	20,980	20,676	18,954	\$ 94,770	-2,026	-1,722	\$ (10,130)	\$ (8,610)	-8%		
Predator/Varmint	1,262	1,360	1,159	1,260	1,800	\$ 9,000	641	540	\$ 3,205	\$ 2,698	43%		
Furbearer	3,030	3,073	3,622	3,242	3,305	\$ 99,150	-317	63	\$ (9,510)	\$ 1,900	2%		
Annual Fishing	51,692	66,851	54,890	57,811	52,500	\$ 1,470,000	-2,390	-5,311	\$ (66,920)	\$ (148,708)	-9%		
Senior Fishing	12,553	14,466	13,768	13,596	13,413	\$ 160,956	-355	-183	\$ (4,260)	\$ (2,192)	-1%		
1-Day Fishing	5,242	6,659	5,942	5,948	5,954	\$ 47,632	12	6	\$ 96	\$ 51	0%		
RESIDENT TOTALS =	155,091	183,599	170,104	169,598	161,982	\$ 5,039,489	-8,122	-7,616	\$ (213,581)	\$ (144,473)	-4.5%		

Nonresident	2019	2020	2021	3-yr Avg	2022	2022			+/- Licenses		+/- Revenue		% Change from 3-yr Avg
						Revenue	2021 vs 2022	3-yr Avg vs 2022	2021 vs 2022	3-yr Avg vs 2022			
Small Game	5,112	5,527	9,064	6,568	9,150	\$ 1,107,150	86	2,582	\$ 10,406	\$ 312,462	39%		
Youth Small Game	200	254	423	292	518	\$ 5,180	95	226	\$ 950	\$ 2,257	77%		
Annual Shooting Preserve	117	121	175	138	205	\$ 24,805	30	67	\$ 3,630	\$ 8,147	49%		
5-day Shooting Preserve	2,384	2,202	2,949	2,512	3,605	\$ 273,980	656	1,093	\$ 49,856	\$ 83,093	44%		
1-day Shooting Preserve	358	308	415	360	431	\$ 19,826	16	71	\$ 736	\$ 3,251	20%		
Spring Light Goose	2,810	2,961	4,486	3,419	4,251	\$ 212,550	-235	832	\$ (11,750)	\$ 41,600	24%		
Youth Spring Light Goose	94	122	161	126	325	\$ 8,450	164	199	\$ 4,264	\$ 5,183	159%		
Migratory Bird Certificate*	856	1,240	2,851	1,649	2,176	\$ 10,880	-675	527	\$ (3,375)	\$ 2,635	32%		
Predator/Varmint	4,263	3,843	3,899	4,002	3,764	\$ 150,560	-135	-238	\$ (5,400)	\$ (9,507)	-6%		
Furbearer	7	7	4	6	3	\$ 825	-1	-3	\$ (275)	\$ (825)	-50%		
Annual Fishing	22,388	26,979	31,669	27,012	37,707	\$ 2,526,369	6,038	10,695	\$ 404,546	\$ 716,565	40%		
Family Fishing	7,959	9,797	7,560	8,439	0	\$ -	-7,560	-8,439	\$ (506,520)	\$ (565,391)	-100%		
Youth Annual Fishing	1,094	1,454	1,142	1,230	0	\$ -	-1,142	-1,230	\$ (28,550)	\$ (30,750)	-100%		
3-Day Fishing	21,128	20,300	18,340	19,923	17,409	\$ 644,133	-931	-2,514	\$ (34,447)	\$ (93,006)	-13%		
1-Day Fishing	18,137	28,063	34,296	26,832	34,639	\$ 554,224	343	7,807	\$ 5,488	\$ 124,912	29%		
NONRESIDENT TOTALS =	86,907	103,178	117,434	102,506	109,607	\$ 5,538,932	-7,827	7,101	\$ (110,441)	\$ 600,627	6.9%		
GRAND TOTALS =	241,998	286,777	287,538	272,104	271,589	\$ 10,578,421	-15,949	-515	\$ (324,022)	\$ 456,154	-0.2%		

	2021	2022	+/- Licenses	+/- Revenue	2022 Revenue
Resident Habitat Stamp	146,296	141,082	-5,214	\$ (52,140)	\$ 1,410,820
Nonresident Habitat Stamp	90,091	88,691	-1,400	\$ (35,000)	\$ 2,217,275
Totals =	236,387	229,773	-6,614	\$ (87,140)	\$ 3,628,095

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

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

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

THURSDAY – October 6, 2022, at 1 pm MT / 2 pm CST

Zoom Meeting Link <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/93912915359?pwd=RDVwK3B2eEk1b2w1dWxzNEhaNzNBUT09>
or join via conference call Dial 1 669 444 9171 Meeting ID: 939 1291 5359 Passcode: 9502333

FRIDAY – October 7, 2022, at 9 am MT / 10 am CST

Zoom Meeting Link <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/93912915359?pwd=RDVwK3B2eEk1b2w1dWxzNEhaNzNBUT09>
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Public Input: To provide comments, join the meeting in person, via zoom, or via conference call per the info above. To conduct the public hearing and/or open forum as efficiently as possible, we ask those wishing to testify to **register by 1:00 pm MT the day of the meeting by email to Liz.Kierl@state.sd.us**. **Testifiers should provide their full names, whom they represent, their city of residence, and which proposed topic they will address.**

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

Dated this 28th day of September 2022.

s/b Russell Olson

Russell Olson, GFP Commission Chair

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

A Public Hearing will be held at the Outdoor Campus West, 4130 Adventure Trail, Rapid City, South Dakota 57702, October 6 at 2:00 pm (Mountain Time). Individuals wishing to participate may attend in person or by teleconference. Teleconference information can be found at <https://gfp.sd.gov/commission/information/>. The public hearing is to consider adoption, amendment, and repeal of Rules pertaining to:

1. ARSD 41:03:01:16. Restrictions on use of firearms, air guns, crossbows, and bows in the state park system -- Exceptions.

Effect: Modify the time during the season when hunters can have uncased weapons within certain parks in the state park system.

Reason: The objectives are to increase turkey population performance and to increase hunter satisfaction with a later start date to the season.

2. ARSD 41:06:13:01. Spring wild turkey hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses available.

Effect: Changes the start date of the spring turkey hunting season and increases the maximum number of licenses available to residents.

Reason: Turkey population status is monitored based on harvest success in most units across South Dakota but based on recent research we are not observing the reproduction level desired in the central and northern Black Hills and a few prairie units. In addition, negative feedback from hunters and their hunting experience led to the justification for these proposed changes. The objectives are to increase turkey population performance and increase hunter satisfaction with a later start date to the season.

3. 41:06:13:02. Open units – Exceptions (Turkey).

Effect: The proposed change would modify the hunting units within the Black Hills.

Reason: With a shortened season and increasing sales of unlimited archery turkey

licenses, it is difficult to justify this second turkey license for residents in the future. The objectives are to increase turkey population performance and increase hunter satisfaction with a later start date to the season.

4. ARSD 41:06:13:04. Application requirements and restrictions.

Effect: Removes a unit from the spring wild turkey hunting season and revises the valid date of access permits for Good Earth State Park and Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve.

Reason: The objectives are to increase turkey population performance and increase hunter satisfaction with a later start date to the season.

5. ARSD 41:06:13:05. Turkey hunting recruitment license – Open area and eligibility.

Effect: The proposed change will align start dates for this season with other turkey season start dates.

Reason: The proposed change will align turkey hunting recruitment season start dates with current proposed spring turkey season start dates. The objectives are to increase turkey population performance and increase hunter satisfaction with a later start date to the season.

6. ARSD 41:06:15:01. Spring wild turkey hunting season established – Number and type of licenses available.

.Effect: Establishes a later Custer State Park spring wild turkey season and sets the number of available licenses to residents.

Reason: Turkey population status is monitored based on harvest success in most units across South Dakota but based on recent research we are observing the reproduction level desired in the central and northern Black Hills and a few prairie units. In addition, negative feedback from hunters and their hunting experience led to the justification for these proposed changes. The objectives are to increase turkey population performance and increase hunter satisfaction with a later start date to the season.

7. ARSD 41:06:15:02. Open unit (turkey).

Effect: The proposed change would remove the preference point unit from turkey hunting in Custer State Park.

Reason: This preference point unit is no longer needed and applicants will still have the option to purchase preference within the licensing system.


Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments, and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) at the hearing. Persons unable to attend the hearing may mail data, opinions, arguments, and their views to the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, or by going to the GFP website at <http://gfp.sd.gov/forms/positions>. All persons who desire to submit written data, opinions, arguments, and their views by mail or email are encouraged to mail or transmit the same in sufficient time so that it is received by and in the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks 72 hours prior to the date of the hearing. Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments, and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) to the Commission for their consideration. All written and email comments must include the name, hometown/city, and state of the person submitting the comments.

The above rule proposals are available for review on the internet by going to <https://rules.sd.gov/> and copies of the proposed rules may be requested from the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501. Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the hearing should submit a request to the undersigned at 605.773.3718 or 605.223.7684 (Telecommunication

Device for the Deaf).

Dated this 12 day of September, 2022.

(SEAL)



Kevin Robling, Secretary

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Public Comments

Fall Turkey

Aaron Punt

Armour SD

Position: other

Comment:

There should not be a fall turkey season with the numbers as low as they are...especially in the black hills

Other

Andy Vandel

Pierre SD

Position: other

Comment:

I support changing the spring turkey shotgun season opening day to the 3rd Saturday in April. I oppose doing the same for archery. I would support shifting both seasons one week later making the archery opener the 2nd Saturday. This will continue to give archery hunters an additional weekend while also keeping the harvest on mature gobblers low until later in April like the research recommends. This will be a good compromise to Dr. Lehman's recommendations.

Thanks,

Andy Vandel
Pierre, SD

L Anderson

Rapid City SD

Position: other

Comment:

I feel it is discrimination that only disabled Vets with 100% disability can receive a Lifetime Pass to Custer State Park. ??

My husband served our country and WAS injured!! IT SHOULD BE ALL VETS!! Shame that it isn't!! He's a injured VET

Tom Melick

Sioux Falls SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

Starting a turkey season that late in the Black Hills is poor thinking. Based on your studies your using is like comparing apple tree blossoms in Alabama to South Dakota. First of all weather is the biggest factor we can and will get snow in the hills and South Dakota in April and May. 2022 a tom turkey was shot April 10 they were very active strutting and we saw young and old birds active. Snow came into the hills that day. If your making the season shorter WHY? Revenue is revenue when there are unlimited tags. If your looking at population increases cut back on tags. GFP is in a funk right now get the website fixed so a 12 year old and a 62 year old can apply for a tag. Make small changes to seasons that need it. When George W. Bush was Governor of Texas he got a ticket for possession of too small of a bass. He crossed the county line on the same lake had a different bass size. He paid his fine but overhauled the GFP department and got simple rules and seasons to follow not based on another states findings 1000 miles away.

Darvin Dickhaut

Redfield SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

I strongly oppose the closing of cottonwood lake that Robert Rober is suggesting. It's a great recreation lake that a lot of people use. It's a great fishery. Thank you for listening. Darvin Dickhaut

Scott Olson

Mission Hill SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

Spring Turkey proposal dates for Black Hills and CSP are too late. Some of the best gobbling and hunting is two weeks prior to the proposed opening date. Leave the season dates correspondingly the way they were the last several years. I'm an archery hunter. We don't need an earlier start date, and let us hunt with a crossbow.

Lisa Hagemann

Mission Hill SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

In the July 2022 Commission Meeting a proposal was brought forth to modify the Turkey season by decreasing it by one week. The reasoning behind this is supported by low reproduction levels in the Black Hills. The comments at the bottom of the proposal state, "Turkey populations are thriving across most of South Dakota", so why are we looking to decrease the season statewide instead of supporting a change in a very specific area. Adjusting the season state wide could lead to turkey over burden in areas that are currently thriving. South Dakota has many topographical variations and more than one variety of turkey. Managing the entire turkey population across the state in the same manner is like managing the lakes in South Dakota the same with out regard to the variance of what each body of water can support. Rejecting this proposal offers SD GFP the opportunity to come back with hard numbers to support change in both license numbers and season dates within a location instead. South Dakota has a variety of turkeys and the turkey burden from one area to the next can vary significantly. Proposing license restrictions may be necessary at times, but it is detrimental to make changes to an entire season state wide without regard to the topographical variation, game volume, and subspecies variation in South Dakota. The identification of separating out seasons (Black Hills Season and Split Prairie Units) shows that the season should have some variation in regard to game management itself.

Regards,
Lisa Hagemann

Leslie Dake

North Sioux City SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

Mr. Chiquine has submitted plans to dig a canal from McCook Lake, SD (North Sioux City) in order to develop property for homes. An environmental study has not been done regarding the affect this would have on McCook Lake and the fish and water fowl

John Hauge

Deadwood SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

I am in complete opposition to:

1. Your nest predator bounty program. This program has no basis in fact or science, only in the mind of a misguided Governor.
2. Your hound hunting of lions (This is not hunting in any sense of the word.
3. Beaver trapping in the Black Hills. There aren't any. There needs to be a moratorium so they can recover
4. Your lead management plan for the shooting range. Just not adequate.