Charging $2.00 for making reservations on the phone is so wrong!!!!!! Some folks, example senior citizens, do not have a way to do it on line... Shoving that down our throats is wrong!!!!!!! I do not like to make reservations for anything on line and being charged two dollars because I prefer to call is wrong!!!!

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 23, 2016, at 1:25 PM, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks <sdgfinfo@state.sd.us> wrote:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 23, 2016
CONTACT: Emily Kiel at Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us

Make State Park Camping Reservations Online at camps.com

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) wants to remind state park campers of features available when reserving sites online at camps.com. View campground maps, campsite photos and decrease checkout time by creating an account and flagging favorite campsites.

“We encourage campers and park users to make their reservations online at camps.com. By doing so, they will avoid a $2 fee that is charged to reservations made over the phone,” stated Doug Hofer, division director for parks and recreation.

A video tutorial is available at camps.com to assist users with making online reservations.

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From: Justin Murphy [mailto:huntaholic123@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 11:13 AM
To: SDGFPINFO; GFP Wild Info
Subject: South Dakota Super Tag Raffle

South Dakota GFP Commission,

I would like to propose a change to your current policy of auctioning off a big horn sheep tag. I feel that a Super Tag raffle would drive much more interest and lead to more revenue for the state wildlife department. Allowing a raffle gives equal odds to everyone and has proven to be successful in other states. Wyoming super tags raised $641K in 2015. Both Montana and Wyoming have shown an increase in sold raffles each year since implementing the program. By looking at how these neighboring states run their super tag programs, I feel the state could bring in more revenue. The program itself could also expand to the other big game species our state has to offer. It provides an opportunity to average hunters to obtain difficult to draw hunting licenses.

I hope you consider adopting this program and hope to receive a response on your thoughts. Thanks for listening!

Justin Murphy
Crooks, SD
Comes, Rachel

From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2016 2:27 PM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: Dont Forget to Purchase your 2016 SD Hunting/Fishing License

Categories: Commission

From: James Klukas [mailto:jamesklukas27@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2016 2:00 PM
To: SDGFPINFO
Subject: Re: Dont Forget to Purchase your 2016 SD Hunting/Fishing License

Don't forget you are public employee and are accountable for your actions/inactions....... 

On February 2, 2016, at 3:27 PM, "South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks" wrote:

Angulars, Hunters Reminded to Purchase 2016 License

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department is reminding outdoor enthusiasts that their 2015 hunting and fishing licenses have expired.

2016 licenses can be purchased at their local authorized license dealers or by clicking here. A list of licensing options and prices can be viewed here.
Comes, Rachel

From: Miller, LouAnn
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2016 9:12 AM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: West River Deer Hunting

Categories: Commission

-----Original Message-----
From: Mike Williams [mailto:koon1963@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2016 8:43 AM
To: SDGFPINFO
Subject: West River Deer Hunting

The whitetail deer hunting in 2015 was very disappointing!! Myself, and my hunting partner had only whitetail tags in 2015. We only saw one whitetail buck, and we both chose to not harvest the buck. I love to hunt, but the blue tongue disease has really affected the whitetail numbers to the point I feel there should be no whitetail tags issued for a couple years in Tripp County south of Highway 18. If we don't make right choices to allow the numbers to recover we could hugely affect future hunting experiences. And I don't think any avid outdoorsmen want that to happen.

Your truly

Sent from my iPhone. Mike Williams
To whom it may concern......the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks is starting to price licenses to the point where it is starting to become difficult for the average South Dakotan to afford buying and applying for multiple licenses especially if they have a family. You are legislating it into a rich mans sport! Just warning you....charging to apply, paying for preference points etc. is really starting to add up for the guy that wants to try and hunt multiple species and fish in South Dakota. I know whoever is going to receive this isn't really the one that needs to read this, but PLEASE pass it on to the appropriate person. You all work for us still...not the rich out of state hunter and fisherman. But most of us feel that is the main content of the gf and p which is to cater to the rich and believe me that is not the average South Dakotan.

Sent from my iPhone
Please see incoming correspondence to Commissioner Spies.

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From: Spies, Jim  
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 9:19 AM  
To: Leif, Tony; Comes, Rachel  
Subject: Fw: License Fees

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From: Thomas Engebretson <tengebre@firstpremier.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 12:22 PM  
To: Spies, Jim  
Subject: License Fees

Jim, Tom Engebretson here, I would like to give you my .02 on the talk of raising fees for SD licenses. I understand the relatively untouched abundance of game and fish the state of SD allows us to view on a daily basis and hunt/fish when time allows. The reason I choose to raise my kids here and pass on the hunting and fishing traits are because of the entire state's wildlife. I am not opposed to raising the resident fees, I think we owe it to ourselves and our grandkids and the kids of the future to lock up as much public/walk in/ hunting and fishing opportunities as we can. However, as a resident I think the out of state people are allowed to come in and utilize these opportunities WAY too cheap. I think the fees for those out of state should be 2x3 times the price of the residents of SD. Along with that I would propose just as the pheasant hunting goes, we have a resident season for fishing AKA (No out of state people) for a period of time each year too. I fully understand they bring in money to the economies/state. But the impact of out of state people is beginning to be ridiculous, all because they can come here cheap, shoot the wildlife and catch the fish and go home. Thanks for listening, just my .02. Have a good day!

Tom Engebretson

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How about electing someone who isn’t a rancher or farmer? Maybe we should elect hunters and fisherman so things can been seen through the eyes of the sportsman. These same farmers and ranchers only see what benefits them. It is time we as sportsman have a say in the decisions made by GFP. Maybe we would then not allow programs for ranchers and farmers that put money in their pockets to open up land to hunters. This same land that has nothing to hold wildlife. Their is a reason that they always put just the land that has nothing to hold the wildlife and they never put the prime wildlife land into these programs. You know it and we know it as hunters. Maybe look at programs that offer quality hunting ground, not just programs that put even more money into the farmer and ranchers pocket! It will never change because you just keep putting the very people on the board who want the money, but don’t want to open the quality hunting land open to the public. Instead they just put their poor land that they know does not hold any wildlife into the programs and get paid for it. It is just about as bad as our elected officials on Washington!

A hunter who respects the land / laws and just wants a place to hunt with the kids and grandkids!
GFP Commission Elects Officers

PIERRE, S.D. - Recently, the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission elected new officers for the chair and vice-chair positions.

Commissioner Cathy Peterson will serve as chairwoman; she previously served as vice-chairwoman. Peterson and her family farm and run a cow-calf operation near Salem and Avon. She also works in her family financial services business, Garry Associates.

Commissioner Barry Jensen will serve as vice-chairman. Jensen and his family own a ranching operation near White River.

Each of their terms expire in 2019.

“We greatly appreciate the working partnership our agency has with the GFP commission and its members,” stated Kelly Hepler, GFP Department Secretary. “Their input and willingness to serve the state of South Dakota in these public roles is invaluable.”

For more information, visit http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/commission/default.aspx.

Media Note: Images of Cathy Peterson and Barry Jensen are attached. Images for all other GFP commission members can be found online at: http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/commission/commission-members.aspx.
PLEASE SUMIT MY COMMENT AT YOUR
March 3-4, 2016, meeting at the Pierre RedRossa meeting room.
GFP Commission Proposes License Allocation Change

I am a Non-Resident Big Game Hunter. I have no chance of hunting your Firearms Deer Season with a Buck Tag due to your application process.

I hunt Brule County and see a lot of Mule Deer in the area I hunt. South Dakota used to offer Mule Deer Only License but have since increased the Any Deer License and took away the Mule Deer License.

I am asking you to reconsider the License you offer for Brule County. I would like to see you once again offer Mule Deer Only License. The Any Deer License are always sold out to Residents on the first and second drawing. If you offer Mule Deer License there was always some left in the third drawing to give Non-Resident Hunters a chance to purchase one.

At least enable us non residents a way to build preference points so that we may draw a buck tag every few years, we spend a lot of money in the state of SD on fishing, turkey, and archery deer licenses and numerous trips to the state to pursue game and fish. Looking into a change for non resident firearms deer would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration,

Thank you!!

Charlie Flood
Cell-(507)-381-2496
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From: Jeff Flood [mailto:jflood@hickorytech.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 6:32 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Cc: Charlie@reichelinsulation.com
Subject: GFP Commission Proposes License Allocation Change

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