

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

National Wildlife Refuge Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:36

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| Commission Meeting Dates: | Public Hearing | June 6, 2013 | Pierre |
| | Finalization | June 6-7, 2013 | Pierre |

COMMISSION PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS

Season Dates:

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| Sand Lake NWR | November 9-13, November 14-18, November 19-24, Nov. 25—December 1, December 2-8, and December 28, 2013-January 5, 2014. |
| Lacreek NWR | October 16-22 and November 27 – December 3. |
| Waubay NWR* | November 15-19, November 20-24, and November 25 – December 8. |

* includes Waubay State Game Refuge

Licenses:

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| Sand Lake NWR | Resident: 80 “any deer” and 40 “any antlerless deer” licenses Nonresident: 8 “any deer” and 4 “any antlerless deer” licenses |
| Lacreek NWR | Residents: 30 “any whitetail deer” and 20 “antlerless whitetail deer + antlerless whitetail deer” licenses Nonresidents: 4 “any whitetail deer” and 2 “antlerless whitetail deer + antlerless whitetail deer” licenses |
| Waubay NWR | Residents: 45 “any deer” licenses Nonresidents: 6 “any deer” licenses |

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. The first season on Sand Lake NWR, both seasons on Lacreek NWR and the first 2 seasons on Waubay NWR are restricted to muzzleloaders.
2. Applicants may apply for only one refuge unit (season) in the first application period.
3. 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:

1. Adjust the start date for Unit RFD-SL1 from the Saturday before East River deer hunting season to the second Saturday of November. Start dates for all other Sand Lake units would adjust accordingly.
2. Only unfilled Sand Lake “Antlerless Deer” licenses are valid during the 9-day season starting on the first Saturday after Christmas.
3. During any Refuge Deer seasons that are restricted to muzzleloaders, make an allowance for optics that do not employ magnification as defined in **41:06:04:14 Muzzleloading Restrictions**.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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

| Year | Licenses | Success | Bucks Harvested | Does Harvested | Total Harvest |
|------|----------|---------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 2008 | 508 | 33% | 114 | 123 | 237 |
| 2009 | 384 | 45% | 93 | 79 | 172 |
| 2010 | 384 | 23% | 89 | 73 | 162 |
| 2011 | 329 | 37% | 55 | 67 | 122 |
| 2012 | 248 | 38% | 64 | 31 | 95 |