

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Beaver Trapping and Hunting Season

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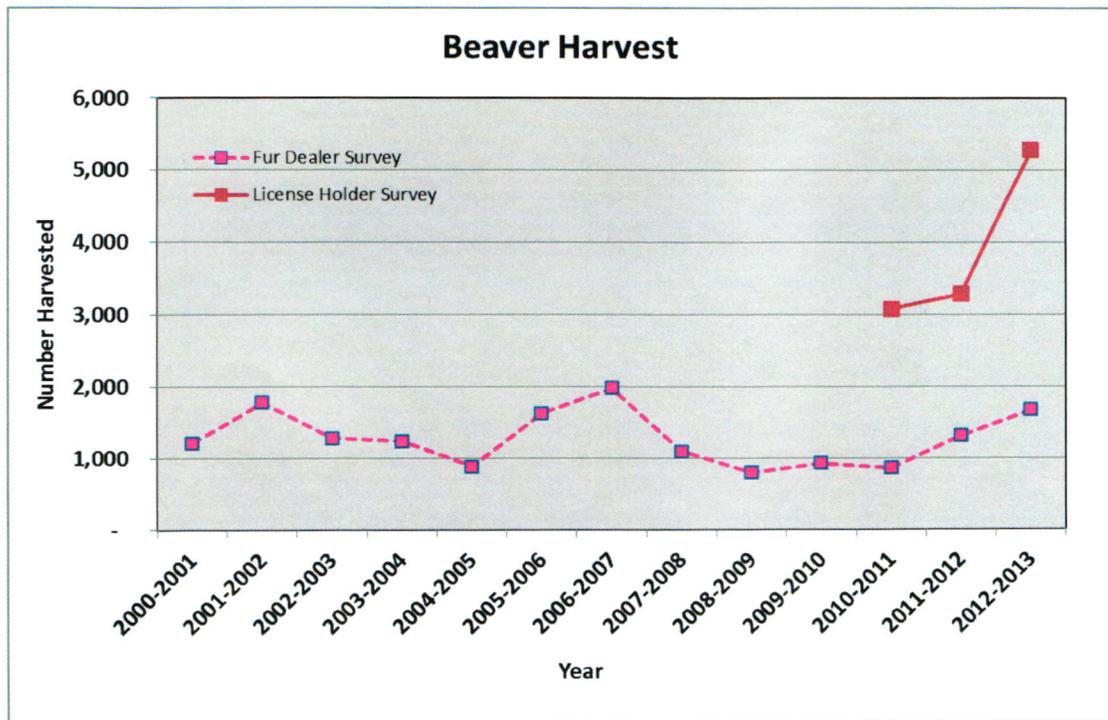
Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal May 1-2, 2014 Public Hearing June 5, 2014 Finalization June 5-6, 2014	Custer State Park Yankton Yankton
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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates:	Area:
Year-round	Counties west of the Missouri River except that portion of the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west SD Highway 79.
November 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015	All counties east of the Missouri River and portions of the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west of SD Highway 79 that are not owned by the US Forest Service.
January 1 – March 31, 2015	US Forest Service land in the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west of SD Highway 79.

Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION



*New harvest survey methodology used since 2010-11.

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

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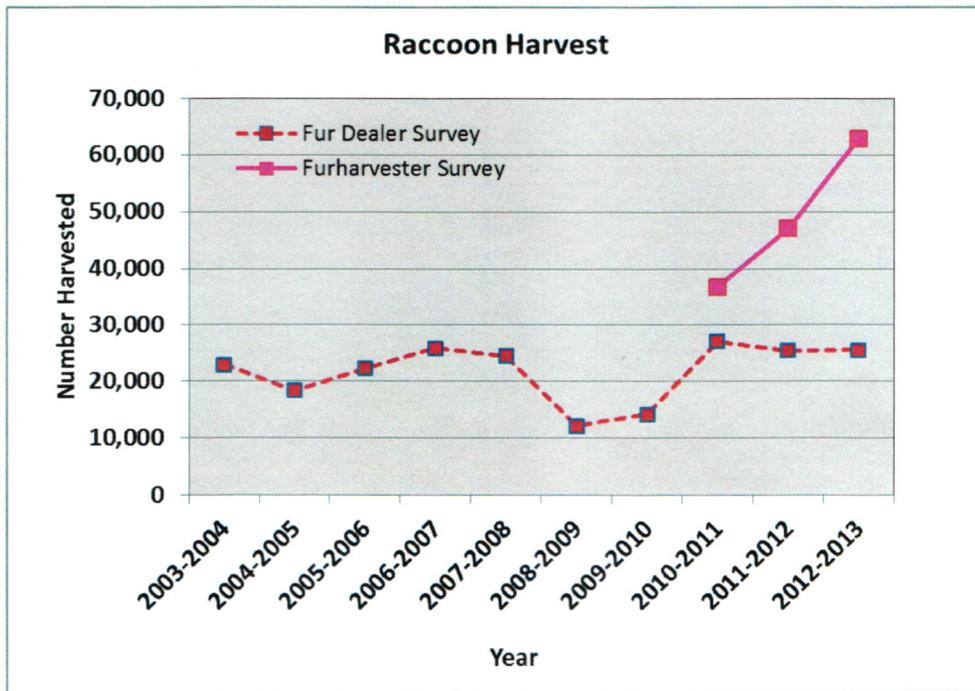
DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: Year-round

Open Area: Statewide

Recommended changes from last year: None

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION



Harvest Year	Red Fox	Badger	Skunk	Opossum	Jackrabbit
2001-2002	1,424	590	891	70	1,490
2002-2003	1,617	958	1,367	63	3,627
2003-2004	1,178	1,091	533	210	4,442
2004-2005	726	1,124	714	261	1,703
2005-2006	1,128	1,589	251	149	1,309
2006-2007	1,325	1,911	328	326	1,312
2007-2008	906	1,160	747	68	2,556
2008-2009	631	686	208	8	2,853
2009-2010	525	616	504	16	3,764
2010-2011*	1,618	1,647	9,459	2,797	4,252
2011-2012*	1,776	1,634	17,085	3,349	4,333
2012-2013*	2,695	3,149	24,752	4,313	3,921

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Mink, Weasel and Muskrat Trapping Season
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Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 1-2, 2014	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 5, 2014	Yankton
	Finalization	June 5-6, 2014	Yankton

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Mink and Weasel

Season Dates: November 1, 2014 – January 31, 2015

Open Area: Statewide

Muskrat

Season Dates:

Area:

Year-round

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

November 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015

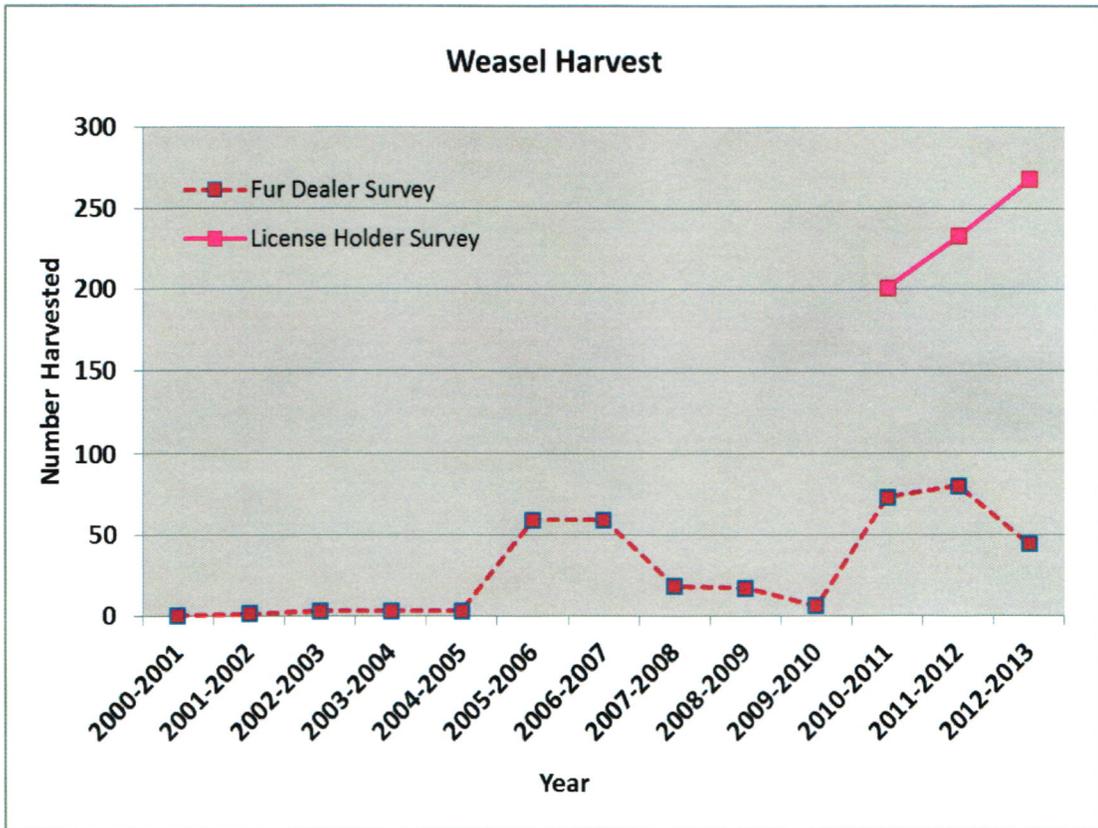
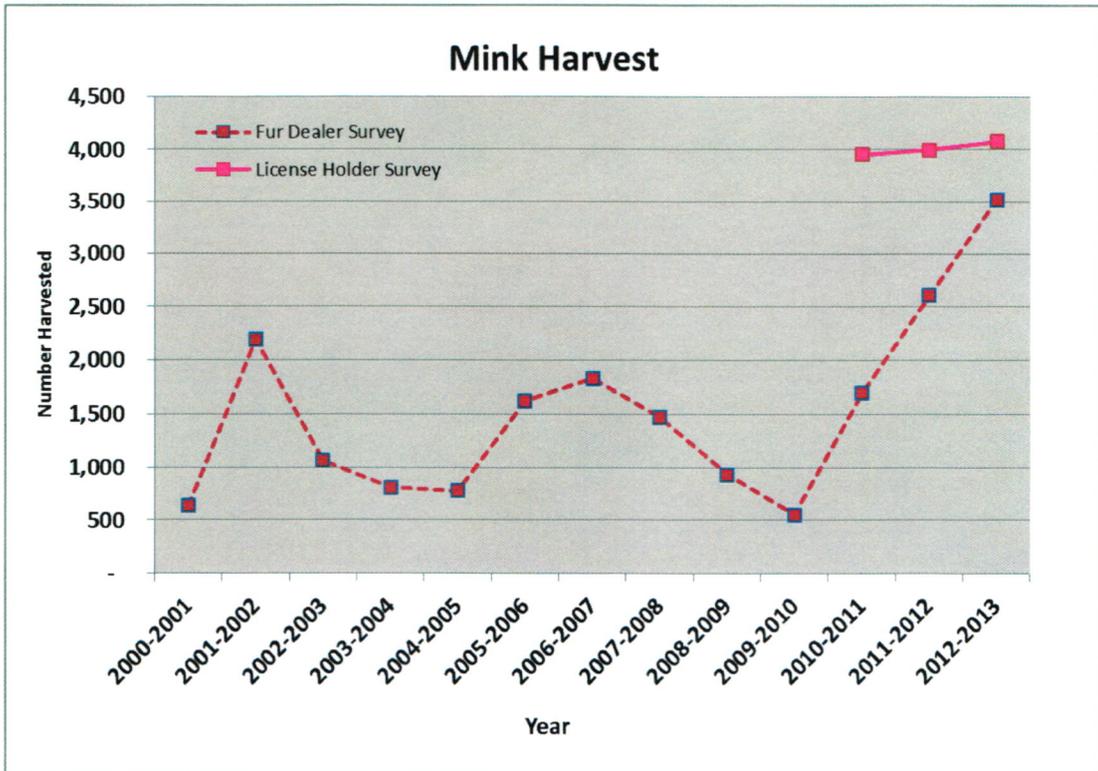
All areas of the state, east of the Missouri River and portions of the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west of SD Highway 79.

Requirements and Restrictions:

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

Recommended changes from last year: None.

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Muskrat Hunting Season Chapter 41:08:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 1-2, 2014	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 5, 2014	Yankton
	Finalization	June 5-6, 2014	Yankton

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

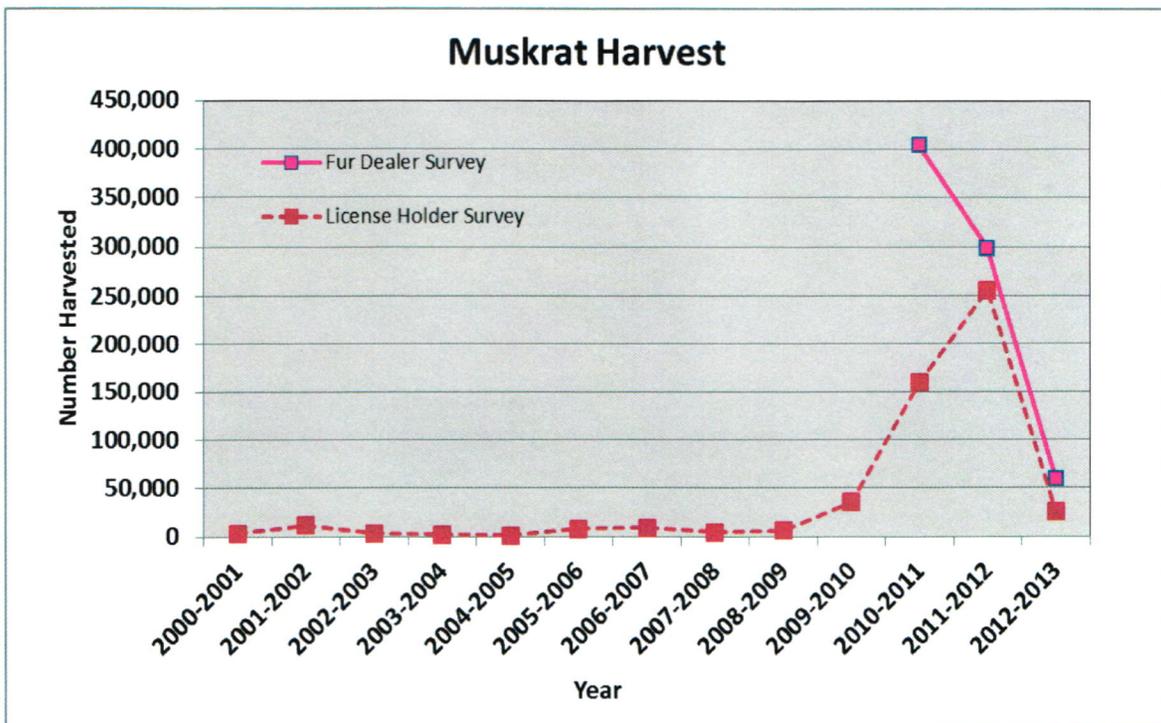
Season Dates: April 1, 2015 – August 31, 2015

Area: Statewide

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

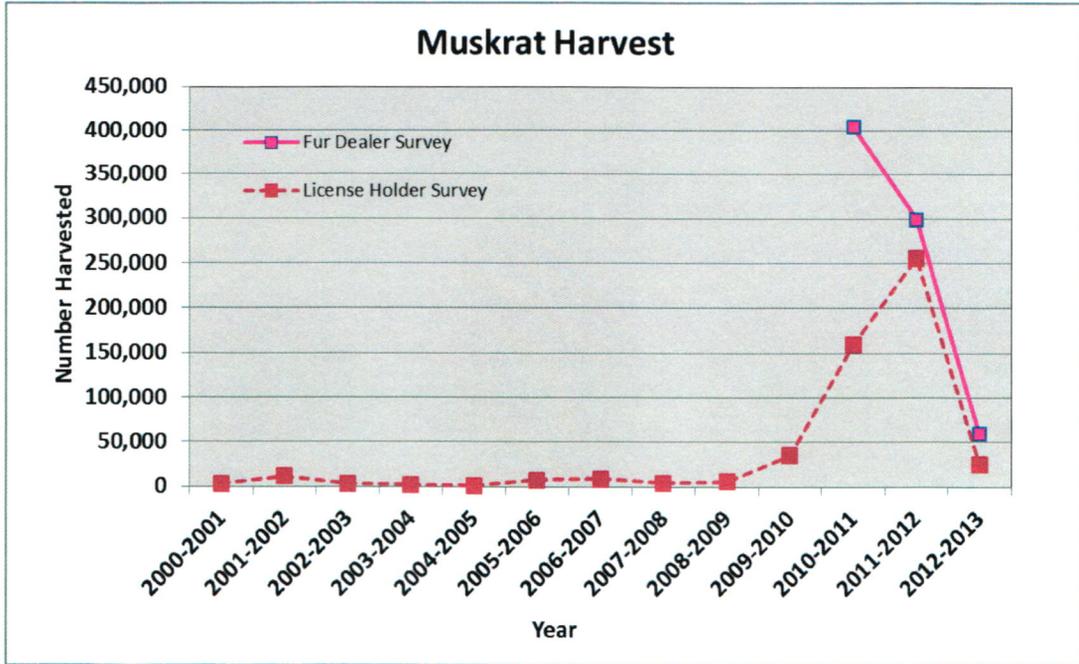
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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
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Trapping Prohibitions
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Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 1-2, 2014	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 5, 2014	Yankton
	Finalization	June 5-6, 2014	Yankton

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Prohibit the use of live mammals or live birds to aid in the taking of furbearers, predators, and varmints via traps and snares.
2. Clarify that all trapping equipment needs to be removed from public lands and public road right-of-ways prior to May 1. This includes traps and snares (set and unset), stakes, cables, chains, wires, or other devices used for the purpose of attaching a trap or snare.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The use of live mammals and birds (i.e. rabbits, quail, and domestic cats) to aid in the taking of furbearers and predators via trapping has increased in the last few years as more people pursue furbearers and GFP has responded to several public complaints. This recommended change would address these public concerns and reduce potential conflict between the general public and the trapping community.

Due to the popularity of new stakes and other equipment as well as people continuing to attempt to claim or mark trapping locations on public lands and public road right-of-ways from the previous year, this recommend change would require that all equipment associated with trapping or snaring be removed from these areas prior to May 1.

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