

AGENDA
Game, Fish, and Parks Commission

August 2-3, 2012
Milbank Community Center
1001 East Fourth Ave, Milbank, SD

Call to order 1 PM CDT

Division of Administration

Action items:

1. Approve minutes of the July 9, 2012, meeting
<http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/commission/docs/minutes.pdf>
2. Additional Commissioner Salary Days
3. License List Requests

Information items:

4. License Sales Report
5. Draft 2013 Schedule

Open Forum

Public Hearing at 2 PM

Finalizations

6. Duck Hunting Seasons
7. Goose Hunting Seasons
8. Muzzleloading Restrictions
9. Hunting Accompaniment
10. Wildlife Rehabilitators Permit And Rules
11. Closure of Waters to Taking of Bait
12. Trapping Regulations

Hunting Season Proposals

13. Mountain Lion Hunting Season

Division of Parks and Recreation

Action item:

14. Angostura Concession Contract

Information items:

15. Angostura Private Trailer Sewer Project
16. 2013 Fees Review
17. July Visitation and Revenue Report

Division of Wildlife

Action item:

18. Proposal Bighorn Sheep Auction Tag

Information items:

19. Boating Officer Award
20. Mountain Lion Population Status Update
21. Elk Research Update
22. Bighorn Sheep Opinion Survey Results
23. Lake Francis Case Paddlefish Snagging Season Summary
24. Goose Hunter Recruitment Initiative
25. 2013 Fees Review
26. Miscellaneous updates

Adjourn

Next meeting information: October 4-5, 2012
Americinn in Deadwood, 360 Main Street, Deadwood

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
July 9, 2012

Chairman Jeff Olson called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM at the Ramkota RiverCentre in Pierre, South Dakota. Commissioners Jeff Olson, Susie Knippling, Jim Spies, Barry Jensen, John Cooper, Cathy Peterson, Duane Sather, and William Cerny were present. Secretary Jeff Vonk was present along with media, staff, and public numbering approximately sixty.

Division of Administration

Chairman Olson called for additions or corrections to the June 6-7 meeting or a motion for approval. Motion by Cooper with second by SPIES TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 6-7 MEETING AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Olson called for additions or corrections to the June 18 Teleconference meeting. Motion by Cerny with second by Peterson TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18 TELECONFERENCE AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Olson asked for any additional salary days from Commissioners and none were claimed.

License List Requests

Director Chris Petersen presented a license list request from Rebekah Craddock of Calamity Peak Lodge near Custer for a list of Unit H-3 and Custer State Park elk license holders to send a letter of invitation to stay at the Lodge. This would be a full fee request.

Motion by Jensen with second by Cooper TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST FROM REBEKAH CRADDUCK AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Petersen presented a list request from Rhonda Else of Lee's Meats & Sausage, Inc. of Tea, SD, for a list of 4000, county specific, resident east river deer license holders to mail a Wild Game Processing Flyer. This would be a full fee request.

Motion by Spies with second by Jensen TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST FROM RHONDA ELSE AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

License Sales Report

Director Petersen provided the License Sales Totals Report ending June 29 indicating fishing licenses sales are at 100% or above the total sales levels from last year.

Sheps Canyon Outdoor Recreation Complex development plan

The development plan for Sheps Canyon was presented by Directors Leif and Hofer including a map of the area showing the different types of property ownership including Federal property and potential development to the area. The complex will provide a variety of opportunities for residents and visitors year around.

Director Leif provided information about current and future projects at the Hill Ranch Game Production Area that include developing access and parking areas, irrigation improvements, marking the hiking trails, food plots, woody plantings, native grass planting, small dam repair, habitat development, horse trails, and boundary fencing.

Hofer indicated the focus in 2012 was the main road through the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) land and the campground development at Sheps Canyon. Boat ramp parking has been improved along with 22 campsites with electricity, a comfort station, and basic facilities for the campground. Trees were planted with drip irrigation and should grow well for future campground development. Projects identified for next year include an additional boat ramp lane at Sheps Canyon, primary water service, and develop the horse camp and trails to include amenities associated with ten campsites, water, vault toilets, and 14.25 miles of developed horse trail. The trail development will need to be coordinated with the Forest Service and the BOR and necessary permits secured before work can proceed. The goal is to begin work in July of 2013 on these projects.

Hofer indicated 2014 projects would include 40 lakeside campsites where primitive camping now exists. Future development will happen as public demand warrants and including the replacement of the comfort station at Sheps Canyon Recreation Area.

Discussion ensued about lakeshore primitive camping with boats on shore overnight on BOR property and at lakeside use areas along with primitive camping for overnight horseback trips on Forest Service land.

Director Leif provided a brief update on the Hill GPA indicating a joint effort is ongoing and with dry conditions irrigation is taking place. Grasshopper spraying has happened twice to insure a crop for fall hunting and efforts are going well. Fires are burning about ten miles away from this area.

Mountain Lion protocol

Emmett Keyser and Matt Snyder provided information from the lion management plan that outlines response protocol for mountain lion sightings or reports. Keyser indicated a form is completed for each event and defined the different types of events. It is important to educate the public and a brochure is used for education. Events are compiled and classified by action under different circumstances. Keyser explained personnel response and chain of communication, media guidelines, and protocol for radio-collared lions.

Snyder indicated Custer State Park has a protocol similar to the Wildlife Division and definitions are the same. CSP staff has opportunity for mountain lion safety education with the public especially with visiting campers on a daily

basis. Injured and sick lions are removed as they may cause problems. CSP staff follows guidelines for acceptable behavior of lions and complete a report on the lion's action when observed especially during the camping season.

Tom Kirschenmann indicated there are 43 active collared lions hills wide from Spearfish to Hot Springs and will provide more information at the August meeting including inactive collars. Discussion included kittens and if the public was involved in developing the protocol. This protocol will be revised following additional staff training and would be a great time for public comment and provides additional opportunity for educating the public. It was mentioned that "may be removed" should be clarified that the lions are not moved but are euthanized.

Comments from the Governor's office

Dusty Johnson Chief of Staff from the Governor's office stated the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks is a great wildlife agency with tremendously talented men and women doing a difficult job on many contentious issues. It is good news that South Dakotans care about these issues and in recent months there have been questions about what GFP has done. The public and staff have asked "Is there room for improvement?"

Johnson indicated that Secretary Vonk asked for a fresh set of eyes to validate "what we do really well and to identify areas that have room for improvement." This can be a really healthy thing and makes sense, Jason Glodt will lead the process as he has exposure and experience with this type of thing. The selection of "an independent set of eyes" will include: who it should be, issues to be studied, and what should the reviewer look for or at. Glodt will accept public input as well as input from staff. Dusty provided email and phone number for Jason Glodt and wants comments provided to Glodt by the end of July. This will not be successful without Commission involvement.

Jason Glodt, Policy Advisor for the Governor, provided an outline of the review process beginning with input received from the Commission, the public, and GFP staff and is to include topics for review such as management of certain wildlife, damage control issues, and management of the Department and stakeholder interests. An Request For Proposal (RFP) will be drafted in August, September will be reserved for questions from possible vendors regarding the submittal of a proposal, and proposals will be due in October with the selection of a provider in late fall. The review should begin the first of the year and take four to six months to complete.

Discussion and questions included input from commission as group or individually, staff, and input from the public. Glodt indicated all input or comments will remain private as it is a working document and the RFP will be presented to the Commission in mid-August with specific guidelines for work and responsibility of the vendor. The RFP will outline what the Department, Commission, and other stakeholders think is important and should be reviewed. Glodt will be the hub for this process and will cover issues of concern of the Commission and the final product for study, results, and final report will be a

public document. The Commission will need to approve the RFP and finance the review.

Open Forum

Chris Hesla Executive Director of the Wildlife Federation provided testimony about the sale of the Wall Lake property at the June meeting and wants the Commission to provide opportunity for the public to comment about the sale of land - similar to when land purchases are made.

Dr. Tom Huhnerkoch stated his concern when considering prey numbers, prey population growth rates, and prey population recovery. One cannot draw a straight line to predators as is a multifaceted and complicated issue.

Public Hearing

The public hearing began at 10:14 AM and concluded at 10:26 AM complete minutes follow these minutes.

Finalizations

Antelope Hunting Season 41:06:23

Andy Lindbloom provided a PowerPoint presentation on antelope surveys and population status prior to action. Kirschenmann presented a recommended change to proposal adjusting the number of resident and nonresident licenses as a result of the completed surveys.

Offer resident hunters 80 less single-tag licenses and 500 less two-tag licenses (1,000 tags) than currently proposed. Overall, offer resident hunters 245 less single-tag licenses and 1,515 less two-tag licenses (3,030 tags) than 2011.

Motion by Knippling with second by Spies TO AMEND CHANGES TO PROPOSAL ADJUSTING LICENSES AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Offer resident hunters 80 less single-tag licenses and 500 less two-tag licenses (1,000 tags) than currently proposed. Overall, offer resident hunters 245 less single-tag licenses and 1,515 less two-tag licenses (3,030 tags) than 2011.
2. Antelope hunting season open to residents only.

Motion by Knippling with second by Spies TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO THE ANTELOPE HUNTING SEASON 41:06:23 AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

East River Deer Hunting Season 41:06:21

Chad Switzer presented proposed changes with no recommended changes to proposal.

1. Offer 170 more one-tag, 1,740 less two-tag licenses, and 4,350 less three-tag licenses (overall decrease of 16,360 tags) than 2011.
2. Only unfilled "antlerless deer" and "antlerless whitetail deer" tags are valid during the antlerless deer season extension beginning on the Saturday after Christmas.

Motion by Jensen with second by Cerny TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO THE EAST RIVER DEER HUNTING SEASON 41:06:21 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Refuge Deer Hunting Season 41:06:36

Switzer presented the proposed changes with no additional recommendations.

1. Issue zero licenses for the 4th deer season for the Sand Lake NWR rifle season.
2. Replace the 150 "any deer + any antlerless deer" licenses and the 50 2-tag "any antlerless deer" licenses issued in 2011 with 80 "any deer" licenses and 40 "any antlerless deer" licenses for resident hunters hunting at Sand Lake NWR.
3. Replace the 15 "any deer + any antlerless deer" licenses and the 5 2-tag "any antlerless deer" licenses issued in 2011 with 8 "any deer" and 4 "any antlerless deer" licenses for nonresident hunters hunting at Sand Lake NWR.
4. Offer resident hunters 10 more "antlerless whitetail deer + antlerless whitetail deer" for Lacreek NWR than 2011.
5. Offer resident hunters 15 less "any deer" licenses for Waubay NWR than 2011.

Motion by Peterson with second by Cooper TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO REFUGE DEER HUNTING SEASON 41:06:36 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Early Fall Canada Goose Hunting Season 41:06:50 and 41:06:16

Chief Tom Kirschenmann presented the proposed changes indicating the US Fish and Wildlife Service approved an increase of the daily bag limit of 15 and a possession limit of 30 to the states of South Dakota and North Dakota only.

Increase the daily bag limit to 15 and the possession limit to 30.

Motion by Cooper with second by Spies TO AMEND THE PROPOSED CHANGES AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Increase the daily bag limit to 15 and the possession limit to 30.

Motion by Cooper with second by Peterson TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO EARLY FALL CANADA GOOSE HUNTING SEASON 41:06:50 AND 41:06:16 AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season 41:06:49

Kirschenmann presented the proposed change with the recommendation to keep the current season start date as the US Fish and Wildlife Service indicated that geese can only be donated to Sportsmen Against Hunger (SAH) when no other seasons are occurring. Therefore, to maximize the time period

allowed for geese to be donated to SAH and increase harvest it is recommended to keep the youth season as currently in rule.

Motion by Spies with second by Sather TO REJECT THE PROPOSED CHANGE TO YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON 41:06:49. Motion carried unanimously.

Elk License Raffle 41:06:26

Kirschenmann presented the proposed change with a recommendation to indicate the change would take effect for the 2013 hunting season.

Kirschenmann stated the Rocky Elk Mountain Foundation supports the rule changes.

This rule would go into effect for the 2013 elk hunting season.

Motion by Cooper with second by Knippling TO AMEND THE PROPOSAL TO REFLECT THE ADDITIONAL HUNTING AREA FOR THE ELK LICENSE RAFFLE WOULD TAKE AFFECT FOR THE 2013 SEASON. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Create a rule within the Black Hills elk Hunting Season that would validate the winner of the annual Elk License Raffle to also hunt in any unit within the Black Hills where "Any Elk" licenses are issued.
2. This rule would go into effect for the 2013 elk hunting season.

Motion by Cooper with second by Knippling TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO THE BLACK HILLS ELK HUNTING SEASON 41:06:26 AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Dog Training 41:09:13

Andy Alban presented the four proposed changes to dog training indicating the department has no changes to proposal.

Eliminate dog training daily bag and possession limit requirements that are currently imposed during hunting seasons and amend additional rules to differentiate between captive game birds that are taken by hunters and those taken during dog training, field trials, and similar events/contests.

Motion by Jensen with second by Peterson TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO DOG TRAINING 41:09:13 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Hunting Requirements and Prohibitions 41:06:04

Alban presented the proposed changes with no changes. Discussion included salt licks used in farming operations and "the zone of influence".

Amend 41:06:04:03 to further define "bait station" and place additional restrictions on the times when they are prohibited for attracting big game for the purpose of hunting.

Motion by Cooper with second by Sather TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO HUNTING REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITED METHODS 41:06:04 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Pet Prohibition Amendment (Big Sioux dog training area) 41:03:01

Bob Schneider presented the proposed rule with no changes recommended and this would provide for future dog training areas should more be developed.

Modify 41:03:01 to add: A person may allow or possess a dog or dogs that are not on a leash, while maintaining reasonable control of the dog(s), within any designated dog training area.

Motion by Knippling with second by Spies TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO USES OF PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS 41:03:01 FOR DOG TRAINING AREAS AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheps Canyon Campground Fee 41:03:03 Park Licenses

Schneider presented the proposed rule changes to include Sheps Canyon added to the list of parks where the park entrance license and camping fees are required.

Modify 41:03:03:03 Park entrance license required for admission to state parks and certain recreation areas and lakeside use areas; and 41:03:04:03 Camping permit fees.

Motion by Sather with second by Cerny TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO PARK LICENSES 41:03:03 FOR CAMPING FEES AND PARK ENTRANCE LICENSE REQUIREMENTS AT SHEPS CANYON AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

August Management Take Emergency Rule

Chief Kirschenmann presented the Emergency Rule to allow for the increased harvest of resident Canada geese and to begin on the first Saturday of August due to changes granted from the US Fish and Wildlife Service for the Early Fall September Season. The rule remains in effect for 90 days and will be consistent with other season harvest limits, assist with crop depredation, and reduce resident geese populations. To date there have been 945 goose depredation complaints from 500 landowners with 30 staff focused on this work.

Motion by Peterson with second by Spies TO ADOPT THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT EMERGENCY RULE AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Hunting Season Proposals

Duck Hunting Seasons

Kirschenmann presented a recommended change following the waterfowl population status report given by Rocco Murano to increase the daily limit of

redhead from 2 to 3 as discussed with Central Flyway and will require approval of the US Fish and Wildlife Agency prior to the August meeting. Discussion included the different zones, seasons, and season dates.

Increase the redhead daily limit from 2 to 3.

Motion by Knippling with second by Spies TO PROPOSE INCREASING THE REDHEAD DAILY LIMIT TO 3 AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Goose Hunting Seasons

Kirschenmann presented changes to the goose season to increase the daily and possession limits and correct a boundary description. The limits are contingent upon approval from the Central Flyway Council and US Fish and Wildlife Service.

1. Increase the Canada goose daily bag limit from 3 to 5 and the possession limit from 6 to 10.
2. Correct boundary descriptions for Unit 1 removing Perkins and Unit 2 correct the Highway number.

Motion by Knippling with second by Spies TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE GOOSE HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Division of Parks and Recreation

Blood Run update

Director Doug Hofer indicated the Blood Run Nature Area was designated in 1995 and with additional property added to the area, improvements include temporary parking, signage, special events, and a seasonal naturalist. The area is open for public use on trails. Governor Dugaard toured the area last week and the Parks and Wildlife Foundation continue to give tours to potential donors to raise an additional \$2 million to implement Phase 1 of the Master Plan. Hofer indicated negotiations continue with adjacent landowners.

Angostura Private Trailer Sewer Project

Director Hofer presented survey results from the private trailer owners at Angostura with 59 of the 86 owners indicating a willingness to participate in the centralized sewer system that includes a bond package with a 20-year repayment period. The next step is to develop final estimates for construction for the participating trailer owners and to prepare for a bond package before the 2014 Legislature convenes. An in-depth presentation will be given at the August meeting.

Chairman Olson called for a recess at 12:09 PM and meeting resumed at 1:20 PM with all Commissioners present along with Secretary Vonk and public, staff, and media numbering approximately forty.

Sean Blanchette indicated the Angostura Concession Contract is due to expire at the end of this year. A new proposed contract has been drafted and will go out for bid following the appraisal of personal property that will transfer with a new concessionaire. Blanchette will present a request for Commission approval to move forward with a Request for Proposal at the August meeting.

June Visitation and Revenue Report

Hofer provided the January-June Revenue Report indicating a “banner year” is on tap with 16% increase of revenue over the best year ever 2010. Camping units are 14% above 2010 and 27% above 2011. Visitation in the parks is up 19.6% above the June 2011 totals.

Director Hofer indicated Leisure International was selected as the new vendor for park reservations and they have subcontracted with Lawrence & Schiller as their instate call center.

Division of Wildlife

Proposals

Closure of waters to the taking of bait

Chief John Lott presented a recommendation to make the emergency rule closing the East Vermillion River, West Vermillion River, and Firesteel Creek below Lake Mitchell to the taking of bait a permanent rule to prevent the spread of Asian carp to other waters of the state.

Modify 41:09:04:03 Waters open to taking of bait to include the East Vermillion River, the West Vermillion River and Firesteel Creek below Lake Mitchell in the list of waters that are closed to the commercial and noncommercial taking of bait.

Motion by Cerny with second by Jensen TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO CLOSURE OF WATERS AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Muzzleloading restrictions

Andy Alban presented a recommended change allowing additional types of sights for the muzzleloader season only. The Department continues to receive requests for use of additional types of sights during the muzzleloader season that do not magnify but do provide for additional light other than just open sights which are the only type of sight currently allowed in rule.

Amend 41:06:04:14 to allow for the use of smokeless powder and peep sights and other optics that do not employ magnification during seasons restricted to muzzleloading rifles.

Motion by Sather with second by Cooper TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO MUZZLELOADING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Hunting accompaniment

Alban presented a change that would place responsibility for adherence to rules on the unlicensed big game hunter when accompanying another hunter that does have a big game license. Small game hunters accompanying big game hunters must use a shotgun with shotshells and cannot use dogs.

Amend 41:06:04:04 to create accompaniment allowances for big game hunters and place the responsibility for adherence to the rule on the unlicensed big game hunter.

Motion by Peterson with second by Sather TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO HUNTING ACCOMPANIMENT AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Wildlife rehabilitators permit and rules

Chief Kirschenmann indicated the Department often gets requests by individuals wanting to rehab injured animals. Chad Switzer indicated this is a new rule for wildlife species that are non-migratory species. Staff began in 2009 by researching what other states do and this permit will provide for the temporary care and release of certain species. The rule defines terms and a permitting process that includes inspection and veterinary involvement. This is to rehabilitate resident species and release them back into the wild by South Dakota residents using an annual permit. It is a requirement that a report is provided to the Department annually and these changes could begin in January of 2013.

To initiate a formalized Resident Wildlife Rehabilitation Program for the temporary care, rehabilitation, and release of certain resident wildlife species.

Motion by Cooper with second by Peterson TO PROPOSE THE NEW RULE FOR WILDLIFE REHABILITATION AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Possession of live furbearers

Chad Switzer presented a recommendation to repeal the rule allowing for the possession of one live furbearers or raccoon, rabbit, skunk, fox, or coyote per household. This was discussed with furbearers, trappers, and health professionals and Switzer provided two letters of support for the repeal of the rule from the SD Animal Industry Board and the SD Department of Health.

Motion by Spies with second by Sather TO PROPOSE THE REPEAL OF POSSESSION OF LIVE FURBEARERS. Verbal response had a no vote. Discussion ensued about landowners, farmers, and ranchers having rabbits, coons, and other small animals in their possession. Roll call vote: Cerny-no; Cooper-no; Jensen-no; Knippling-no; Peterson-no; Sather-no; Spies-no; Olson-no. Motion failed unanimously.

Depredation Hunts

Keith Fisk presented information about depredation permits and hunts as they are used as a type of hazing permit for big game from December until March

31. Fisk indicated no hunts were permitted during January, February, and March of this year and had no recommended changes to the rule. Two elk depredation hunts occurred during the winter of 2011-2012 resulting in the harvested of two cow elk by unsuccessful elk license holders. Fisk had no recommended changes to the rule.

Depredation Hunt Resolutions

Fisk presented Resolutions 12-09 and 12-10 that allow Secretary Vonk to issue depredation hunt permits within the established depredation hunt guidelines.

Motion by Jensen with second by Cerny TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS 12-09 AND 12-10 AS PRESENTED (Appendix A and B). Motion carried unanimously.

Land Acquisition Resolutions

PWF land donation in Lyman County Salzman GPA

Paul Coughlin presented Resolution 12-11 to accept a donation of 160 acres in Lyman County from the Parks and Wildlife Foundation (PWF) known as the Salzman property to be used as a Game Production Area and to acknowledge the PWF for their generosity. This donation was presented at the December 2011 meeting and upon review of the original donor's intended use, this area will provide hunting and fishing opportunities similar to all Game Production Areas under Department management. The structures have been removed and the Wildlife Division will reimburse the Foundation for approximately \$4,000 of expenses incurred that include real estate taxes, weed control, and renovations.

Motion by Knippling with second by Cerny TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 12-11 AS PRESENTED (Appendix C). Motion carried unanimously.

Zdenek Property in Bon Homme County

Coughlin presented information and Resolution 12-12 requesting authorization for the Department to complete negotiations to purchase 199 acres in Bon Homme County from Joseph G. Zdenek as part of the Tony Dean initiative. The property has farmland, grassland, trees, wetland, and two ponds that provide fishing and hunting opportunities to be managed as a Game Production Area.

Motion by Cooper with second by Spies TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 12-12 AS PRESENTED (Appendix D). Motion carried unanimously.

Rocky Mountain Elk Annual Report

Tom Slowey Regional Director for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation provide a handout showing raffle results for the last ten years that included tickets sold and expenses from eighteen chapters in South Dakota. Slowey thanked the Commission for the change to open all the Black Hills elk units for

the 2013 tag as it will bring additional interest from sportsmen and increase ticket sales.

Antelope Surveys And Population Status

Andy Lindbloom gave a PowerPoint presentation indicating how recruitment surveys are conducted and information gleaned from the survey. Aerial surveys were conducted on a third of each of the management unit and information obtained from the survey. Should the recruitment be similar to last year the 2012 herd would be about 32,000 with a management objective of 60,000.

Waterfowl Population Status Report

Rocco Murano gave a PowerPoint presentation showing another banner year for waterfowl production and reviewed habitat conditions and population status including all duck species population estimates and breeding duck populations. The report included Canada goose breeding index, 2011 harvest estimates, and bird banding programs to determine survival rates across the Central Flyway.

Duck hunters have leveled off the last few years, habitat conditions are down 46% yet well above the national average. Water conditions are good, yet there is a 2% loss of grassland for waterfowl, and we are trying to hold onto the million acres we currently have in light of all the new drainage and tiling going on. The Canada pond data indicated good production in Canada as well as in South Dakota.

2012-2013 Private Shooting Preserve permits

Janelle Blaha presented the annual Private Shooting Preserve Report indicating 203 permits were issued with 175 operators and 203,168 acres of private shooting preserve available for the fall season. Last season 243,196 birds were harvested and three preserves utilized the additional harvest opportunity of 16 or more birds on a single day with 65.3 days of additional harvest taken.

2012 Antler Auction report

Andy Alban indicated the Antler Auction at the Outdoor Expo in Huron on June 9th had approximately 85 bidders for deer and elk antlers, bighorn sheep skulls and horns, trees stands, bobcat pelts, and mountain lion skulls and hides to raise \$28,165.

Missouri River reservoir fisher update

Chief John Lott reported fish kill reports in northeast South Dakota were due to oxygen depleted water and included carp at Roy Lake, northern pike on the James River near the North Dakota border, Lake Norden, Marion, and John lakes lost some perch and pike.

Mark Fincel gave a PowerPoint presentation on Lakes Sharpe and Oahe that outlined TV and newspaper interviews, coffee talk sessions, and cooperation with tourism and outfitters.

Fincel shared larval survey results, creel survey results, angling pressure, and harvest numbers for Lake Sharpe and Lake Oahe. Lake Oahe salmon harvest is better than expected with most of the salmon coming from North Dakota. Prey fish in Lake Oahe is good with reports of clouds of bait fish and gizzard shad were stocked as well. Anglers and walleye harvest on Lake Oahe are at record levels even above the 400,000 in 2001 when there was a walleye limit of 14 on Lake Oahe.

Elk Calf Survival Study Update

Chad Switzer and Andy Lindbloom gave a PowerPoint that provided the movement patterns of forty Custer State Park collared elk with 95% pregnancy rates and 36 collared calves with three cows yet to deliver calves. Eight of the calves have been taken by lions, two by coyotes, one died at birth, and one lost its collar when crossing a fence; thus leaving 24 calves to monitor. Staff continues to monitor three collared lions in the park on a daily basis and document their eating habits. One collared male lion has killed four elk calves.

The Jewel Cave study area in Unit 2 have similar numbers with forty cows collared with a 95% pregnancy rate and 36 collared calves with two cows yet to deliver. Three calves were taken by lions and two calves slipped their collars.

The Bighorn Sheep survey currently has a 48% response rate with a third reminder scheduled tomorrow.

The July 25-26 dates reserved for the Commission for hearings are not needed and the next meeting will be in Milbank on August 2-3.

Motion by Sather with second by Spies to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Vonk, Department Secretary

Appendix A

RESOLUTION 12-09

**BIG GAME OTHER THAN ELK AND MOUNTAIN LION
DEPREDAATION HUNTER POOL**

WHEREAS, the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission has promulgated rules to provide for a big game depredation pool of hunters designed to assist in reducing wildlife damage to property by big game species other than elk and mountain lion, and;

WHEREAS, applications for depredation pool permits have been received and a random drawing held to establish the lists of depredation pool hunters for each county, and;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that high populations of game animals coupled with severe winter weather conditions may cause property damage, which in some instances cannot be resolved by any other method except by reducing the number of game animals in a specific geographic area;

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks or his designee to issue no more than the maximum number (600 permits plus an additional 200 landowner/operator permits) of depredation pool permits to depredation pool hunters to respond to property damage caused by game animals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in issuance of the depredation pool permits, the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks or his designee is authorized to establish when and where each permit is valid and the number, species and sex of the game animals other than elk and mountain lion permitted to be taken by the holder of each depredation pool permit.

Appendix B

RESOLUTION 12-10

ELK DEPREDAATION HUNTS

WHEREAS, the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission has promulgated rules to provide for elk depredation hunts designed to assist in reducing wildlife damage to property, and;

WHEREAS, applications for elk permits have been received and a list of elk applicants is available in Game, Fish, and Parks license application records, and;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that high populations of elk have caused property damage, which in some instances cannot be resolved by any other method except by reducing the number of animals in a specific geographic area;

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks or his designee to issue up to 50 elk depredation permits (as approved in rule) to respond to property damage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in issuance of the elk depredation permits, the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks or his designee is authorized to establish when and where each permit is valid and the number, species and sex of the game animals permitted to be taken by the holder of each elk depredation permit.

Appendix C

RESOLUTION 12-11

WHEREAS, South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation owns real estate (Property) described as:

The Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of Section Twelve (12), Township One Hundred-one (101) North, Range Seventy-Two (72) West of the 5th P.M., Lyman County, South Dakota.

WHEREAS, South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation desires to gift to the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (Department) the Property for use as a Game Production Area; and

WHEREAS, the Department has evaluated and determined that the Property would serve very well as a Game Production Area, offering wildlife habitat and public hunting and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Department is authorized to accept gifts of property for Game Production Area as per SDCL 41-2-19; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks Commission desires to acknowledge the Department's acceptance of this gift of property from the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation, as a Game Production Area, and further acknowledge the extreme generosity of South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks Commission does hereby confirm the decision by the Department to accept the gift of the Property from South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation, to be used as a Game Production Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks Commission, on behalf of the citizens and sportspersons of South Dakota, does hereby acknowledge and express its deepest appreciation and gratitude to South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation for its generosity, and further acknowledge the outdoor recreation opportunities this gift will provide to South Dakotans for many years to come.

Appendix D

RESOLUTION 12-12

WHEREAS, the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) has expressed an interest in acquiring real property presently owned by Joseph G. Zdenek, 43028 303rd Street, Lesterville, SD 57040, which property is described as:

Southwest one quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) and South half of the South half of the Northwest quarter (S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$) in Section two (2) of Township Ninety-four North (T94N) Range fifty-eight West (R58W) of the 5th P.M., Bon Homme County, South Dakota.

WHEREAS, said property is to be acquired by and utilized by the Division of Wildlife as a Game Production Area; and

WHEREAS, SDCL 41-4-1.1 requires that before GFP acquires and purchases property, GFP must notify owners of land located adjacent to the property sought to be acquired by publishing notice of the same once in each legal newspaper of the county in which the property to be purchased is located; and

WHEREAS, GFP has published the required legal notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of action by the Commission authorizing the intended purchase, which notice included the time and location of the meeting at which Commission action is expected and by giving notice of instructions for presenting oral and written comments to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed any and all comments that may have been received relative to the intended purchase and after consideration of the same, the Commission approves of the purchase of said property for use as a Game Production Area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that GFP is authorized to complete negotiations for the purchase of the above described real property and execute and consummate an agreement with Joseph G. Zdenek, which is acceptable to GFP to acquire by purchase, at the price of \$500,000.00, the above described real property for use as a Game Production Area.

Public Hearing Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
July 9, 2012

Public Hearing Officer Chuck Schlueter welcomed everyone to the Public Hearing at 10:14 AM. Schlueter indicated testimony will be received in the order of items 9-18 listed under Finalizations on the agenda. Written comments were provided to the Commissioners last week and anyone wanting to share oral testimony today will need to provide their name and address when addressing the Commission.

Antelope Hunting Season

John Hafley of Dassel, MN, emailed: "I am very much opposed to closing antelope hunting to non-residents. If there are tags available to residents, there should be at least 1 or 2 % available to non-residents and this should still meet your hunting opportunity objectives."

Kelly Hourscht of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: "I would like to state my opposition to the proposal to eliminate non-resident antelope licenses. I realize the antelope population is low right now but I don't think eliminating non-resident licenses is the answer. Instead, keep the proposed number of licenses the same, offer some non-resident tags like in the past, and reduce the resident licenses accordingly. More money comes from the sale of non-resident tags. Also, because they are not here to scout I would have to assume that the success rate for non-residents is lower than for residents. Each year we have been bringing non-resident youth antelope hunters into our camp. It is a great way to expose them to their first western big game hunt. I would hate to lose the opportunity to expose them to hunting in South Dakota."

Robert Fox of Oda, Ohio, emailed: "I have been coming to South Dakota for the past two years to hunt antelope with a resident party of three or four hunters. In both of the previous years our party has been successful in filling our double tags with the exception of two doe / fawns in 2010. These same hunters have had similar success rates in the several years before 2010 as well. The point I want to make here is that at no time since 2008 has your department contacted any of these hunters regarding their harvest of antelope. Why would your commission completely cut off all of the out of state revenue you get from licenses, not to mention all of the other revenue that non residents bring to your state, when there is a less drastic means of easing the hunting pressure? Why not issue a reasonable number of both resident and non resident "single animal" tags in proportion to the populations in each area? You should consider the loss of future revenues and the related management problems when many of the non resident hunters that you force to alternative states decide they are as well off there, and don't come back to South Dakota when the antelope population comes back."

No oral testimony was received.

East River Deer Hunting Season

Ryan Johnson of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: "Please consider starting the rifle season after the peak of the rut. It would be a great opportunity to improve the quality of the bow hunting season while maintaining the quality of the rifle season."

David Wegleitner of Lake City, SD, emailed: "The deer herd in Marshall county has been diminished greatly, harsh winters, over abundance of coyotes, disease over harvest, tribal tags without limit, youth tags to non residents without limit, It just appears that because Marshall co. has so much GFP land as well as federal production area the whole world has decided this is where we will hunt because there is ample access. The right to hunt is to be cherished, but lets not over sale tags to keep bugets at all time highs and end up killing off the deer. Please consider reducing double tags, limit out of state tags , limit youth doe tags to 1 tag eliminate the special buck tag, If drastic measures are not taken in the near future there will be no deer left to harvest."

Barc Smith emailed: "I would like to see the east river rifle deer season later in November as the mature deer are very vulnerable (in rut) during the earlier season. As you know, mature deer are very important in passing the best genetics on to future generations of deer and deer hunters."

Mike Bakken of Watertown, SD, emailed: "Due to the reduced population of Whitetail deer in the eastern part of South Dakota I feel the East River Rifle season should be moved back to the weekend after Thanksgiving as it was years ago."

Justin Broughton of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: "I feel it is unnecessary to continue with the January antlerless season extension. This season puts unnecessary stress on the herd during harsh winters and increases buck harvest after they have shed their antlers. Antlerless deer numbers are at targeted levels in most east river counties or slightly below. The antlerless extension was a good season when deer numbers were high however now that management goals have been met in reducing herd size it is time to eliminate this season."

No oral testimony received.

Refuge Deer Hunting Season

No written or oral comments were received.

Early Fall Canada Goose Hunting Season

Tony Leonard emailed: "I support the idea of increasing the Canada goose limit from 8 to 10. What about increasing the limit from 3 to 4 in the later part of the season?"

Don Doty of Woodland Park, CO, emailed: "I live in Colorado but own property in Charles Mix County. I just don't understand and NOT in support of the season closing date North of Hwy 50? I have been applying and receiving my out of state Waterfowl licenses for over 25 years. I am not able to return until after January 1 every year. I am not in favor of this date change and would like to have it changed to match the season date of South of HWY 50. Even it you would

move the boundary line North to HWY 18 this would allow me to hunt my own property. Please hear my frustration.”

No oral testimony was received.

Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season

No oral or written testimony was received.

Elk License Raffle

Steven Atkins of Sioux Falls, SD, phoned and emailed: “The proposal Black Hills Elk Season / Chapter 41:06:26 would be unfair to those that hold non-Custer State Park Elk License Raffle Tag. Unless the G.F.P Commission made it fare for an Any Elk License Tag holder to hunt inside the Custer State Park due the declining numbers of Elk on outside of the park also.”

No oral testimony was received.

Dog Training

Jeff Bickel of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: “the proposed rules on dog training has several elements that I...find objectionable ! first the requirement that all game bird be purchased from a SD Game Bird License holder ? Many times early in the spring there are not sufficient Chukar or Quail in the upper midwest states (because of the cold weather) and they must be found farther south to conduct feild trials, hunt tests, and sporting dog events in early spring. I further reviewed the administrative rules regarding game preserves and did **not** find similar wording as to the requirement for purchasing from only SD Game Bird License holders, we are only asking for equal standing. Second a club with over 100 menbers purchases many birds at one time to facilitate training by all its members therefore the club holds the recipt and individuals are left liable to this rule, I would suggest that all game birds that are propeerly marked or tagged be considered safe to posses. Finally administrative rule 41;09;02;04 exempts Chukar Partridge & Quail from toe clipping for game preserves but the rule is different for dog training and again we are asking only for equal standing, Many other states have leg bands that are attached on young chicks to mark pen raised birds.”

No oral testimony received.

Hunting Requirements and Prohibitions Bait stations

No written and no oral testimony was received.

Pet Prohibition Amendment Big Sioux dog training area

No written or oral testimony was received.

Sheps Canyon Campground Fees

Georgia Byram emailed: “I do have a trailer spot at Shep's canyon. We have all the amenities we need without the help of the state. Please take us off the list of this proposed change”.

No oral testimony was received.

August Management Take Emergency Rule

Heath Stone emailed: "What is the emergency rule for the august management season about? If the commission is considering opening the season earlier, I am opposed. I feel the season should start with the initial date of August 11, but go until August 31. I have heard arguments that the week off between seasons give the birds a break and gives hunters a chance to pattern them for the opener of September, but it is unnecessary because hunting pressure is minimal during the week anyways, and geese seem to pattern quickly after the weekend hunts. I would like to hear your opinion on the issue and discuss it further."

Zdenek Property

Letters of support for the purchase of the Zdenek property in Bon Homme County were received from Eric Shoemaker of Sioux Falls, SD; Jeff Young of West Fargo, ND; and Kevin Heiman of Yankton, SD.

The public hearing concluded 10:26 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Vonk, Department Secretary

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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Type of List Requested Resident Archery

Number of Licenses in list 10,000

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:
Rock Communications, Ltd. - Jamie Carter

Phone Number 800-464-9833

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:
1117 E. 14th St. North
Newton, IA 50208

How would you like your list sent to you: (email or disk)
Email

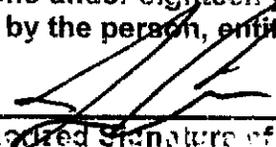
Email Address:
Jamiec@rock-com.com

Purpose for which list will be used:
List will be used For a direct Mail piece
For Schools.

This list is Names and Mailing Addresses ONLY

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Authorized Signature of Purchaser Date 7-12-12

Date of Commission Action

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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Type of List Requested Resident Big Game / Deer

Number of Licenses in list 10,000

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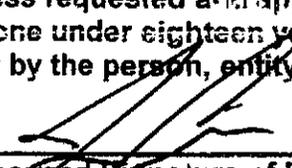
Email Address:
Jamiec@rock-com.com

Purpose for which list will be used:
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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Type of List Requested Resident Upland

Number of Licenses in list 10,000

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Phone Number 800-464-9833

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:
1117 E. 14th St. North
Newton, IA 50208

How would you like your list sent to you: (email or disk)
Email

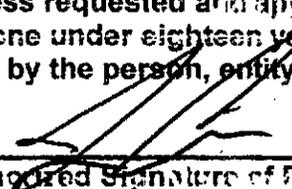
Email Address:
Jamiec@rock-com.com

Purpose for which list will be used:
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7-12-12
Date

REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Type of List Requested Fishing license holders, 500 from Glacial Lakes area, another 500 from northern border area of Nebraska _____

Number of Licenses in list _____ 1,000 _____

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list: Dakota Country Magazine

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization: PO Box 2714, Bismarck, ND 58502

Purpose for which list will be used: For direct mail to promote subscriptions to Dakota Country Magazine.

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Authorized Signature of Purchaser
William A. Mitzel

Date 7/13/12

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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Type of List Requested Hunters (pheasant hunting in particular)

Number of Licenses in list ?

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:
Maroney Commons

Phone Number
(605) 772-4700

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:
103 S. Main St. (PO Box 160)
Howard, SD 57349

How would you like your list sent to you: (email or disk)
Email

Email Address: management@maroneycommons.com

Purpose for which list will be used:
To send out information about our hotel, restaurant
and bar to people who will be traveling to hunt
near our location.

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Rebecca Mammatt 7-26-12
Authorized Signature of Purchaser Date

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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Type of List Requested 2012 Archery Any Elk and 2012 Rifle Any Elk License Holders

Number of Licenses in list all that are available

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:
Dakota Plains Taxidermy - Dale Houser (Owner)

Phone Number
605-778-6381

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:
PO Box 342
133 W. Main St.
Kimball SD 57355

How would you like your list sent to you: (email or disk) EMAIL

Email Address: dptaxidermy@hotmail.com

Purpose for which list will be used:
would like to send out brochures to the successful applicants to promote business

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Dale Houser
Authorized Signature of Purchaser

7-24-12
Date

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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Application for exception to regular fee

Type of List Requested South Dakota General Small Game License holder

Number of licenses in list 10,000

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:

South Dakota Youth Hunting Adventures c/o Joe Reinart

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:

950 Nicole St.
Rapid City, SD 57701

How would you like your list sent to you: (email or disk) EMAIL, Please

Email Address: jnreinart@rap.midco.net

Phone Number

605-342-2296

Purpose for which list will be used:

South Dakota Youth Hunting Adventures is a non-profit group that takes kids on hunting / fishing excursions. We are partnered with Big Brothers / Big Sisters of the Black Hills to pair mentors with kids in need of someone to take them out of doors. We do incur costs as we try to cover all the associated costs for the kids to go. Our request to obtain the license list is so we might send those license holders an opportunity to purchase a raffle ticket in one of our fund raising efforts. We are trying to raffle 100 guns this year, with the drawing to occur at the Northern Plains Expo in February. SDYHA host the Expo, as another fundraiser for our program.

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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Application for exception to regular fee

Type of List Requested 2012 Spring Turkey Hunter List

Number of licenses in list _____

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:

National Wild Turkey Federation, Randy Gaskins – Senior Regional Director

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:

13424 Stoney Creek Trail

Sturgis, SD 57785

How would you like your list sent to you: (email or disk)

Email in a Excel program form, rgaskins@nwtf.net

Phone Number

Office 605-347-0244 Cell 605-391-1386

Purpose for which list will be used:

Mailings to announce local chapter fundraising banquets

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Randy C. Gaskins

7/31/12

Authorized Signature of Purchaser

Date

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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Type of List Requested Antelope, Elk, Deer, Archery

Number of Licenses in list See attached for requested zip codes

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:

Country Meats & Specialties

Phone Number

605-941-4956

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:

27197 SD Hwy 115
Harrisburg, SD 57032

How would you like your list sent to you: (email or disk)

email

Email Address: Kerrydb@sis.midco.net

Purpose for which list will be used:

To send a flyer to hunters that list our wild game
processing information and prices.

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Kerry Bonney
Authorized Signature of Purchaser

7/30/12
Date

License Sales Totals

(as of July 26)

date updated: 26 July 2012

	2011	2012	% Change
Resident Predator/Varmint	1,234	1,298	5.2%
Furbearer	2,021	2,784	37.8%
Combination	37,195	41,230	10.8%
Junior Combination	5,100	6,175	21.1%
Senior Combination	0	4,755	
Resident Small Game	5,768	2,480	-57.0%
Resident 1-Day Small Game	173	218	26.0%
Resident Youth Small Game	860	790	-8.1%
Resident 1-Day Fishing	3,503	4,256	21.5%
Resident Annual Fishing	52,116	64,131	23.1%
Senior Fishing	14,635	12,577	-14.1%
Resident Migratory Bird Certificate	15,417	16,363	6.1%
Resident Gamefish Spearing/Archery	1,853	1,888	1.9%
Nonresident Predator/Varmint	3,983	4,291	7.7%
Nonresident Furbearer	82	9	-89.0%
Nonresident Small Game	3,547	3,511	-1.0%
Nonresident Annual Shooting Preserve	170	148	-12.9%
Nonresident 5-day Shooting Preserve	533	484	-9.2%
Nonresident 1-day Shooting Preserve	210	187	-11.0%
Nonresident Youth Small Game	253	268	5.9%
Nonresident Spring Light Goose	3,643	2,736	-24.9%
Nonresident Youth Spring Light Goose	130	107	-17.7%
Nonresident Annual Fishing	12,686	18,437	45.3%
Nonresident 1-Day Fishing	10,727	14,246	32.8%
Nonresident 3-Day Fishing	10,951	14,548	32.8%
Nonresident Family Fishing	5,779	7,275	25.9%
Nonresident Youth Annual Fishing	536	985	83.8%
Nonresident Migratory Bird Certificate	157	166	5.7%
Nonresident Gamefish Spearing/Archery	198	208	5.1%
TOTAL ON FILE =	193,460	226,551	17.1%

2013 Game, Fish, and Parks Commission Schedule

*Meeting times are Thursday 1 – 5 pm; Friday 8 am – noon
Unless otherwise indicated*

January 10-11, 2013	Ft Pierre-AmericInn Scotty Phillips Room 312 Island Drive, Ft. Pierre, 57532
February 2013	No meeting
March 7-8, 2013	Ft Pierre-AmericInn Scotty Phillips Room 312 Island Drive, Ft. Pierre, 57532
April 4-5, 2013	Huron Crossroads 100 Fourth St SW, Huron, SD 57350
May 2-3, 2013	CSP – Creekside Lodge US Hwy 16A, Custer, SD 57730
June 6-7, 2013	Lewis and Clark RA Yankton, SD 57078
July 8-9, 2013 Monday-Tuesday	Pierre-Ramkota 920 West Sioux Ave, Pierre, SD 57501
July 25-26, 2013	Reserve for possible Contested Case Hearing-Pierre
August 1-2, 2013	Watertown Event Center 1901 Ninth Avenue SW, Watertown, SD 57201
September 2013	No meeting
October 3-4, 2013	Spearfish Holiday Inn Express 305 North 27 th Street, Spearfish, SD 57783
Nov. 7-8, 2013	Pierre Ramkota 920 West Sioux Ave, Pierre, SD 57501
Dec. 5-6, 2013	Pierre Ramkota 920 West Sioux Ave, Pierre, SD 57501

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION

Duck Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:16

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 9, 2012	Pierre
	Public Hearing	August 2, 2012	Milbank
	Finalization	August 2-3, 2012	Milbank

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Season Dates and Open Areas:

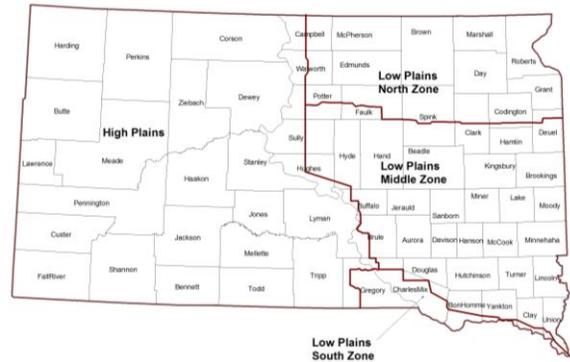
- High Plains October 13, 2012 – January 17, 2013
- Low Plains North & September 29 – December 11, 2012
Low Plains Middle
- Low Plains South October 13 – December 25, 2012

Daily Duck Limit: 6

The duck limit may be comprised of no more than:

- 5 mallards (which may include no more than 2 hens)
- 3 wood ducks
- 3 redheads
- 2 scaup
- 2 pintails
- 1 canvasback

Duck Hunting Zones



Daily Coot Limit: 15

Daily Merganser Limit: 5

The daily bag may contain no more than two hooded mergansers.

Possession Limits: Twice the daily bag limits

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Increase the redhead daily limit from 2 to 3.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

1. Reject the current proposal to increase the redhead daily bag limit.
2. Increase the scaup daily bag limit from 2 to 6.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The US Fish and Wildlife Service did not approve a change in the daily limit for redhead ducks, however a change was made to scaup as their population estimate is 21% higher than 2011 and above the long term average of 5.0 million with a breeding population estimate of 5.24 million in 2012.

With the changes to the scaup daily bag limit, the daily limit may be comprised of no more than the following:

- 5 mallards (which may include no more than 2 hens)
- 3 wood ducks
- 2 redheads
- 2 pintails
- 1 canvasback

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

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Ducks Harvested
2007	14,519	3,853	228,000
2008	13,376	4,058	219,125
2009	13,873	4,010	252,882
2010	14,038	4,123	262,302
2011	13,394	4,132	264,740

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

Goose Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:16

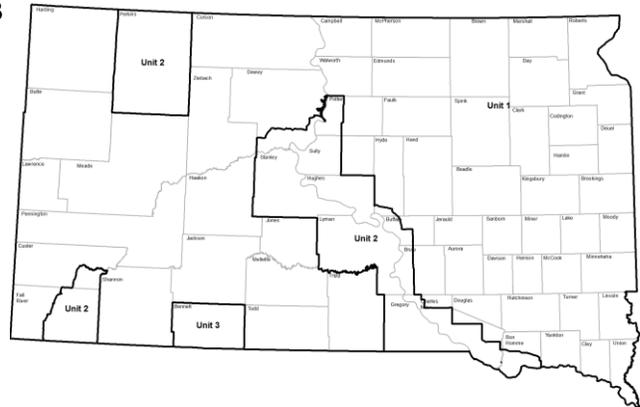
Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 9, 2012	Pierre
	Public Hearing	August 2, 2012	Milbank
	Finalization	August 2-3, 2012	Milbank

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Light Geese and White-fronted Geese
September 29 – December 23, 2012, Statewide

Canada Geese (and Brant)
Unit 1 October 1 – December 16, 2012
Unit 2 November 3, 2012 – February 15, 2013
Unit 3 January 12-20, 2013

Canada Goose Units



Daily Limits:

Canada geese: 5
Light geese: 20
White-fronted goose: 1

Possession Limits:

Light geese: Unlimited
All other geese: Twice the daily limit

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Increase the Canada goose daily bag limit from 3 to 5 and possession limit from 6 to 10.
2. Correct boundary descriptions for Units 1 and 2 as found below:

The dark goose season is open statewide as specifically provided for in this section and the special Canada goose hunting units in § 41:06:16:08:

(1) Unit 1: the counties of Campbell, Marshall, Roberts, Day, Clark, Codington, Grant, Hamlin, Deuel, Walworth, that portion of Dewey County north of Bureau of Indian Affairs Road 8, Bureau of Indian Affairs Road 9, and the section of U.S. Highway 212 east of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Road 8 junction, that portion of Potter County east of U.S. Highway 83, that portion of Sully County east of U.S. Highway 83, portions of Hyde, Buffalo, Brule, Charles Mix, and Bon Homme counties north and east of a line beginning at the Hughes-Hyde county line on State Highway 34, east to Lees Boulevard, southeast to the State Highway 34, east 7 miles to 350th Avenue, south to Interstate 90 on 350th Avenue, south and east on State Highway 50 to Geddes, east on 285th Street to U.S. Highway 281, south on U.S. Highway 281 to State Highway 50, east and south to State Highway 50 to the Bon Homme-Yankton county boundary, McPherson, Edmunds, Kingsbury, Brookings, Lake, Moody, Miner, Faulk, Hand, Jerauld, Douglas, Hutchinson, Turner, Lincoln, Union, Clay, Yankton, Aurora, Beadle, Davison, Hanson, Sanborn, Spink, Brown, Harding, Butte, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, ~~Perkins~~, Shannon, Jackson, Mellette, Todd, Jones, Haakon, Corson, Ziebach, Tripp, McCook, and Minnehaha. The season is open for 107 consecutive days, less the number of days set aside for the Early Fall Canada Goose season as established in chapter 41:06:50 beginning October 1;

(2) Unit 2: the counties of Perkins, Gregory, Charles Mix, Brule, Bon Homme, Buffalo, Lyman, Stanley, Hughes, that portion of Hyde County south of U.S. Highway 3444, that portion of Sully County west of U.S. Highway 83, that portion of Potter County west of U.S. Highway 83, those

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portions of Hyde, Buffalo, Brule, Charles Mix, and Bon Homme counties south and west of a line beginning at the Hughes-Hyde county line on State Highway 34, east to Lees Boulevard, southeast to State Highway 34, east 7 miles to 350th Avenue, south to Interstate 90 on 350th Avenue, south and east on State Highway 50 to Geddes, east on 285th Street to U.S. Highway 281, south on U.S. Highway 281 to State Highway 50, east and south on State Highway 50 to the Bon Homme-Yankton county boundary, that portion of Fall River County east of State Highway 71 and U.S. Highway 385, that portion of Custer County east of State Highway 79 and south of French Creek, and that portion of Dewey County south of Bureau of Indian Affairs Road 8, Bureau of Indian Affairs Road 9, and the section of U.S. Highway 212 east of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Road 8 junction. The season is open for 105 consecutive days beginning on the Saturday closest to November 1;

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

1. Reject the Canada goose proposal to increase the daily bag and possession limit.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The Service Regulation Committee (SRC) of the US Fish and Wildlife Service did not approve the Central Flyway Council recommendation of increasing the daily bag limit from 3 to 5 for the Canada goose season.

Year	Canada Geese			Light Geese (fall season only)			White-fronted Geese		
	Res Hunters	NR Hunters	Geese Harvested	Res Hunters	NR Hunters	Geese Harvested	Res Hunters	NR Hunters	Geese Harvested
2007	14,026	2,349	100,783	4,377	754	47,023	971	357	853
2008	13,463	2,483	103,449	5,165	849	63,477	903	343	1,767
2009	12,927	1,986	104,453	4,298	733	55,823	902	240	1,534
2010	13,552	2,198	129,628	4,031	551	36,259	985	261	891
2011	13,376	2,167	107,537	3,614	883	42,657	973	288	1,010

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**MUZZLELOADING RESTRICTIONS
CHAPTER 41:06:04**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 9, 2012	Pierre
	Public Hearing	August 2, 2012	Milbank
	Finalization	August 2-3, 2012	Milbank

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Amend 41:06:04:14 to allow for the use of smokeless powder and peep sights and other optics that do not employ magnification during seasons restricted to muzzleloading rifles.

Proposed changes:

41:06:04:14. Muzzleloading restrictions. In seasons restricted to muzzleloading rifles, ~~only rifles with open sights may be used. Telescopic~~ telescopic sights and smokeless powder are not allowed. Telescopic sights are those sights that utilize magnification.

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: NONE

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The Department has received additional requests to allow peep sights and other optics that do not utilize magnification on muzzleloading rifles during seasons restricted to those weapons. Currently, only open sights may be utilized. Peep (aperture) sights are not considered open sights and are therefore illegal to use during the muzzleloader season. Past advancements in muzzleloader technology have improved the effectiveness of these hunting weapons. No longer a primitive weapon, muzzleloader enthusiasts desire the use of optics (red dot scopes, aim points, etc.) that improve their sight picture but do not magnify the object (i.e. 1x maximum).

Additionally, the Department feels that the prohibition on smokeless powder has outlived its purpose and would like to allow commonly marketed products such as Blackhorn 209 to be used during muzzleloader-only seasons.

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION

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HUNTING ACCOMPANIMENT
CHAPTER 41:06:04

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 9, 2012	Pierre
	Public Hearing	August 2, 2012	Milbank
	Finalization	August 2-3, 2012	Milbank

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Amend 41:06:04:04 to create accompaniment allowances for big game hunters and place the responsibility for adherence to the rule on the unlicensed big game hunter.

Proposed changes:

~~41:06:04:04. Accompaniment by nonlicensee~~ Nonlicensee armed accompaniment prohibited -- Exception. While hunting in the field during a big game season, no licensee possessing a firearm big game license may be accompanied by another person carrying No person possessing a firearm, including a muzzleloading firearm, or a bow and arrow may accompany a big game hunter in the field or cooperate as part of a big game hunting group unless the accompanying person possesses a firearm big game license that is valid for the same geographic area and time of year as the licensee. For the purposes of this section, firearm big game license means any license that authorizes the licensee to use a firearm, including a muzzleloading firearm, in the taking of big game animals. The provisions of this section do not apply to any person who is carrying a pistol and possesses a valid concealed pistol permit as provided in SDCL chapter 23-7-, nor do they apply to a person who is legally licensed to hunt small game (or exempt from license requirements as provided by SDCL 41-6-2) and hunting only with a shotgun using shotshells. A person hunting small game and accompanying a licensed firearm big game hunter in the field may not use dogs while accompanying a big game hunter.

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: NONE

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Currently, a person licensed in a firearm big game season cannot be accompanied in the field by another person carrying a firearm or bow and arrow unless that individual has a firearm big game license valid for the same geographic area and time of year as the licensee. The licensed big game hunter is held as the responsible party if other armed individuals accompany him/her and do not have the same type of license. The proposed amendment would place the responsibility for adherence to the rule on the unlicensed big game hunter(s). In addition, the rule would allow a person who is legally licensed to hunt small game the ability to accompany a licensed big game hunter in the field provided the person hunting small game uses only a shotgun and shotshells. This rule would also clarify that a person hunting small game may not use dogs in the field while accompanying a licensed firearm big game hunter.

APPROVE

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION

10

Wildlife Rehabilitation
Chapter 41:09:18

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 9, 2012	Pierre
	Public Hearing	August 2, 2012	Milbank
	Finalization	August 2-3, 2012	Milbank

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

To initiate a formalized Resident Wildlife Rehabilitation Program for the temporary care, rehabilitation, and release of certain resident wildlife species.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

1. See language change below for 41:09:18:01.
2. Include language that identifies the exact version of the Minimum Standards for Wildlife Rehabilitation (4th Edition, 2012) within the Inspection of Facilities rule.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

SD Game, Fish and Parks (SDGFP) does not presently have a formalized process to allow temporary care, rehabilitation and release of resident wildlife species. Wildlife Division administrative regions have handled this in various ways but do not satisfy the needs of rehabilitation efforts. The task of developing a framework for a wildlife rehabilitation system was to meet the needs of non-migratory species. Migratory bird rehabilitation is authorized by federal permits issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, thus SDGFP recognizes federal permits for these rehabilitation activities.

Create a new chapter 41:09:18 (Wildlife Rehabilitation)

41:09:18:00 Definition of terms. Terms used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, mean:

- (1) "Rehabilitation," is the process of rescuing, raising, or arranging for veterinary medical care of orphaned, sick, displaced, or injured wild, non-migratory animals with a goal of releasing them back to their natural habitats.
- (2) "Rehabilitator," an individual legally permitted to carry out the act of rehabilitation.
- (3) "Nonreleasable animal," an animal that cannot be released back into the wild because of physical injuries or behavioral problems.
- (4) "Veterinarian commitment", a signed declaration that a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine will assist the permitted rehabilitator in such activities as assessing initial health and injury status and potential for rehabilitation, determining the need for and administering humane euthanasia tools, and in assessing health status and survival potential prior to release to the wild.

41:09:18:01 Wildlife Rehabilitator Permit Required - Expiration. It is unlawful to ~~hunt or~~ possess any wildlife species, except migratory birds, for the purpose of rehabilitation without obtaining and complying with the terms and conditions of a valid wildlife rehabilitator's permit issued by the Department. A wildlife rehabilitator permit expires on January 31st. A wildlife rehabilitator permit is not required for a person to provide temporary care of migratory birds

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for rehabilitation purposes, provided the person possesses a valid Migratory Bird Rehabilitation Permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

41:09:18:02 Application for wildlife rehabilitator permit. Only residents of South Dakota at least 21 years of age may apply for a wildlife rehabilitator permit. Applicants for wildlife rehabilitator permits shall fill out application forms furnished by the department and have a veterinarian commitment. The department reserves the right to limit the number of permitted wildlife rehabilitators.

41:09:18:03 Permit Renewal - Required documentation. A wildlife rehabilitator may renew a wildlife rehabilitator permit upon submission to the department of a permit renewal application together with a report of all wildlife rehabilitated, released, and euthanized during the previous calendar year on forms furnished by the department. A permit holder shall maintain a log of each animal taken into custody to include date the animal was received, county of origin, treatment, condition and disposition.

41:09:18:04 Inspection of Facilities. Before issuance of a permit allowing the rehabilitation of wildlife, a department representative shall inspect the applicant's facilities for rehabilitating wildlife. The facilities and equipment shall comply with the ~~most current edition of the~~ Minimum Standards for Wildlife Rehabilitation (4th Edition, 2012) compiled by the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association and International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council. A permitted wildlife rehabilitator shall allow any department representative to enter the rehabilitation facilities during normal hours of operation for the purpose of inspecting the facilities, logs, and wildlife held in the facilities to assure compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

41:09:18:05 Allowed Wildlife Species. Only those wildlife species allowed by the Department listed on a permit are approved for temporary care.

41:09:18:06 Release of Wildlife. Successfully rehabilitated individuals may not be released without approval from the department's respective regional wildlife manager.

41:09:18:07 Temporary care of Wildlife. Wildlife under the temporary care of wildlife rehabilitation permits remain the property of the state of South Dakota. Permitted wildlife rehabilitators may not permanently possess animals that are deemed nonreleasable. Rehabilitators may not display animals in their temporary care. When necessary, humane euthanasia must be administered.

41:09:18:08 Financial Assistance – Wildlife Rehabilitation Fees. The department assumes no financial obligations for and shall not provide any financial assistance to a permitted wildlife rehabilitator. Permitted wildlife rehabilitators shall not charge any fees for wildlife rehabilitation services.

41:09:18:09 Indemnification and Liability. A person providing temporary care for animals under the authority of a rehabilitation permit is neither an employee nor agent of the State of South Dakota. By accepting a wildlife rehabilitator's permit, a rehabilitator assumes all liability for and indemnifies and holds harmless the State of South Dakota, its officers, representatives and employees, against liability for personal injury, death and property damage caused by any animal or bird under the rehabilitator's care and control.

41:09:18:10 Suspension and revocation of permits. The Department may pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26 revoke or suspend a wildlife rehabilitator for any violation of the provisions of this chapter or any other state or federal wildlife laws and regulations committed by the permitted wildlife rehabilitator or any person involved in the operation of the wildlife rehabilitation facilities.

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**Waters open to taking of bait
41:09:04:03**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 9, 2012	Pierre
	Public Hearing	Aug 2, 2012	Milbank
	Finalization	Aug 2-3, 2012	Milbank

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

1. **Modify 41:09:04:03** "Waters open to taking of bait" as noted below.

Proposed changes:

1. **Modify 41:09:04:03 Waters open to taking of bait** to include the East Vermillion River, the West Vermillion River and Firesteel Creek below Lake Mitchell in the list of waters that are closed to the commercial and noncommercial taking of bait.

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: none

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

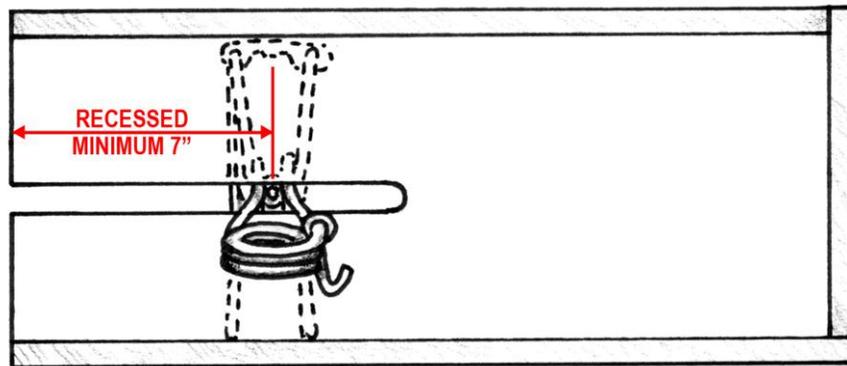
ARSD Emergency rule 41:09:04:03 was adopted by the Commission at a conference call meeting on June 18 to include the East Vermillion River, the West Vermillion River and Fire Steel Creek below Lake Mitchell in the waters that are closed to the commercial and noncommercial taking of bait. The emergency rule will expire 90 days after adoption by the Commission. This action is to adopt the emergency rule as the standard rule to prevent these waters from becoming open to the taking of bait once the emergency rule expires. This rule change is recommended to prevent the spread of Aquatic Nuisance Species (e.g., Asian carp) to waters of the state where they are not currently present.

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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The recommended change regarding muskrat colony traps are to clarify the dimensions for round and square muskrat colony traps as the current rule only refers to round traps.

The recommend change regarding body grip trap restrictions is to address growing concerns from upland bird hunters that utilize hunting dogs on public lands and public road right-of-ways. As fur prices have increased over the last several years, GFP has seen a significant increase in the number of baited box traps or bucket traps that are used on public lands and public road right-of-ways. These cubbies, baited box traps, or bucket traps are very effective at taking raccoons, opossum, and skunk; however, GFP had two reported cases in 2011 of dogs being killed in these trap sets. By adopting these recommended changes, the possibility of unintentionally killing a dog in these types of sets should be significantly reduced. The use of 220 conibears/body grips for trail-sets for raccoon would not be affected.



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**GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL**

Mountain Lion Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:61

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 2-3, 2012	Milbank
	Public Hearing	October 4, 2012	Deadwood
	Finalization	October 4-5, 2012	Deadwood

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: December 26, 2012 – March 31, 2013

Open Area: Statewide

Licenses: Unlimited resident only

Harvest Limit: 100 mountain lions or 70 female mountain lions (includes Custer State Park)

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Residents may harvest no more than one (1) mountain lion in a season.
2. No person may hunt mountain lions with the aid of traps or bait. The use of dogs is allowed in Custer State Park during specified hunting intervals.
3. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
4. No mountain lion with a spotted coat (kitten) and no mountain lion accompanying another mountain lion may be harvested.
5. A person may use an electronic call to hunt mountain lions.
6. All firearms, muzzleloaders, and archery equipment must meet the same minimum requirements as established in rules for deer hunting.
7. The Game, Fish, and Parks Commission, by resolution, may authorize the mountain lion season to extend beyond March 31.
8. All mountain lions harvested within the Black Hills must be presented to a department representative at the Rapid City regional office within 24 hours of harvest for inspection and pelt tagging. Any person who harvests a mountain lion outside of the Black Hills region must present the mountain lion to a conservation officer, wildlife damage specialist, or other department representative within 24 hours of harvest.
9. Any properly licensed hunter can harvest one mountain lion year round outside the Black Hills Fire Protection District.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Increase the total mountain lion harvest limit from 70 to 100 and the female harvest limit from 50 to 70.
2. Change the season start date from January 1 to December 26.
3. Any properly licensed hunter (both landowners and non-landowners) may hunt mountain lions outside of the Black Hills Fire Protection District from January 1 to December 31.
4. Custer State Park is closed to mountain lion hunting except during established hunting intervals for 162 mountain lion licensees who possess a valid mountain lion license and a temporary access permit issued free of cost. This structure includes five (5) hunting intervals (14-16 days in length) with each having 30 access permits (no dog hunting allowed) and three (3) intervals (7 days in length) with each having 4 access permits (dog hunting allowed). The temporary access permits may be issued by a random drawing. See attached calendar for length and rotation of hunting intervals.
5. Make an allowance for the use of dogs during specified hunting intervals in Custer State Park.

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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**Mountain Lion Harvest Statistics**

Year	Licensed Hunters		Mountain Lions Harvested		
	Black Hills	Prairie	Males	Females	Total
2005	2,294	303	6	7	13
2006	3,016	290	8	8	16
	Statewide				
2007	4,070		3	16	19
2008	No Season				
2009	2,428		11	15	26
2010	2,082		16	24	40
2011	2,335		22	27	49
2012	3,482		27	46	73

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2013 CSP Mountain Lion Hunting Season Interval Schedule

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			26	27	28	29
30	31					

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	14 Days 2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	14 Days 16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	15 Days 30	31		

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	7 Days 13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	16 Days 27	28		

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	7 Days 6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	16 Days 20	21	22	23
24	25	26	7 Days 27	28	29	30
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Five (5) hunting intervals with 30 access permits (no dog hunting allowed).
 Three (3) hunting intervals with 4 access permits (dog hunting allowed).

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Angostura Resort
Concessionaire transfer and issuance of new lease
Key Points and summary

Current Concession Contract

The current concessionaire, Angostura Resort Management, has operated the business under a Concession Lease with the Department since 1991. This business has been operating under one-year lease extensions since 2009. The lease expires on December 31, 2012.

As per ARSD 41:13 (1990), the Concession facilities have been appraised. The appraisal has been accepted by ARM and a Settlement Agreement has been reached, the terms and conditions of which must be met by any prospective concessionaire.

The Concession

Angostura Resort is located at Angostura Recreation Area 10 miles southeast of Hot Springs in Fall River County. Currently, the following services are offered there:

- Cabin rental: Currently, 5 of the 6 cabins are owned by individuals and managed as timeshares which results in units available 50% of the time for rental to the general public.
- Marina at 3 separate locations with approximately 140 total slips available for seasonal and nightly rental
- Floating convenience store offering grocery items, ice, fishing and camping supplies, fishing and Park entrance licenses, bait and tackle sales
- On-the-water fuel sales
- Beachside food and beverage service
- Two seasonal private trailer areas with a total of 86 trailers
- Sanitary boat pump out

Recommended Requirements of New Concession Agreement

The terms being sought by the Department for the new Concession agreement at Angostura Recreation Area are as follows:

- **Term:** will be set at ten (10) years
- **Required Minimum Services:**
 - A minimum of 140 rental boat slips at water elevation 3175 MSL or higher. The Department has the right to alter this to a lesser amount should low reservoir water levels dictate. All slips longer than 30' shall be provided with electrical service
 - Housekeeping cabins and lodge units for daily rental. (In accordance with the settlement agreement, the ownership of two timeshares would transfer to a new concessionaire resulting in 3 cabins now open for rental at all times to the public. Additionally, the remaining 3 timeshares would be required to be open to the public at least 50% of the time including weekends)

- A convenience store offering grocery items, ice, fishing and camping supplies, fishing and park entrance licenses, basic first-aid supplies, and miscellaneous items
- Food service
- Fishing bait and tackle sales
- Fishing license sales
- On the water fuel sales at the main marina
- Oil and grease sales
- Operation of a marina sanitary pump station at no cost to users
- Management of 2 private exclusive trailer areas consisting of no more than 86 total trailers.
- **Franchise Fee:**
 - Five and one half percent (5.5%) of annual gross receipts less gasoline sales and less revenue from docks attached to Department-owned structures; **-AND-**
 - 35 percent (35%) of revenues from docks attached to Department-owned structures; **-AND-**
 - Three cents (\$0.03) per gallon of gasoline sold.
- **Repair and Maintenance Reserve:** Concessionaire will be required to establish a minimum Repair and Maintenance Reserve in the amount of two (2%) of all Gross Receipts

Prospectus and Draft Lease Agreement

The Division of Parks and Recreation is currently finalizing the prospectus and draft concession agreement for the operation of Angostura Resort. The Department's goal is to advertise a new concession agreement with the intent of bringing a recommendation for concessionaire approval and new concession agreement to the commission for consideration at the December meeting.

The prospectus will require the successor concessionaire to purchase all facilities and that personal property contained in the Appraisal and Settlement Agreement. The sale price for the facilities and property necessary for the concession has been appraised at \$550,000.00.

Process Subject to Commission Approval

Per the lease administrative rules, the Game, Fish and Parks Commission holds the authority to publish and publicly advertise a prospectus which contains the draft concession agreement as well as instructions for submitting proposals for the concession opportunity. The Division of Parks and Recreation is requesting approval to advertise the Prospectus with the proposed minimum requirements contained in the above sections.

State Park Fee History 2004-2012

Park Entrance License	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Annual	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$23.00	\$23.00	\$23.00	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$28.00
Second Vehicle	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$11.50	\$11.50	\$11.50	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00
Combo	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$34.50	\$34.50	\$34.50	\$42.00	\$42.00	\$42.00	\$42.00
Transferable	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Daily/Person	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
Daily/Vehicle	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00
George S. Mickelson Trail Annual Pass	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
George S. Mickelson Trail Daily Pass	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
CSP 7-Day/Person	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	N/A	N/A
CSP 7-Day/Vehicle	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
CSP Motorcycle Band/Person	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
CSP Motorcycle Band/Motorcycle *							\$10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Camping Fees									
Preferred Campgrounds	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Modern Campgrounds	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$16.00	\$16.00
Lewis & Clark Waterfront Campsites	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Basic campgrounds	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$14.00	\$14.00
CSP Modern Campgrounds	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$22.00*	\$22.00*	\$22.00*	\$24.00	\$24.00
CSP Equestrian Campground	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$25.00*	\$25.00*	\$25.00*	\$27.00	\$27.00
CSP Center Lake Campground	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
CSP French Creek Natural Area	\$2/person	\$2/person	\$2/person	\$2/person	\$4/person	\$4/person	\$4/person	\$6/person	\$6/person
CSP Game Lodge & Stockade Group Areas	\$3/person	\$3/person	\$3/person	\$3/person	\$4/person	\$4/person	\$4/person	\$6/person	\$6/person
Youth Group Camping Statewide	\$.50/person								
Camping Cabin except CSP and L&C	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$37.00	\$37.00
L&C Camping Cabin	\$37.00	\$37.00	\$37.00	\$37.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$42.00	\$42.00
CSP Camping Cabins	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$47.00	\$47.00
Group Lodge - Mina, Shadehill	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$160.00	\$160.00
Group Lodge - Lake Thompson	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
Group Lodge - Newton Hills	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$175.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
Group Lodge - Palisades	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
Group Meeting Lodge - Oahe Downstream	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
Miscellaneous									
Picnic Reservation	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Firewood	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
Non-Resident Reservation Fee	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$7.70	\$7.70	\$7.70	\$7.70
Resident Reservation Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Boat License Fees									
1-year <19 ft motorized	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
3-year <19 ft motorized	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
1-year 19 & over motorized	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
3-year 19 & over motorized	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$110.00
1-year non-motorized/electric	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50
3-year non-motorized/electric	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00

* CSP Motorcycle Band changed from Rally only to year round 7-day in 2011.

** Electrical cost is included in all camping fees listed above.

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JANUARY- JULY 2012 REVENUE COMPARISON BY PRODUCT

	2011		2012		% Change
	# Sold	\$ Sold	# Sold	\$ Sold	
Annual	34,298	\$ 960,357.00	39,671	\$ 1,110,798.10	15.7%
Second Vehicle	10,853	\$151,945.00	11,668	\$ 163,351.00	7.5%
Combo	11,808	\$495,943.00	14,554	\$ 611,287.00	23.3%
Transferable	749	\$44,912.00	887	\$ 53,218.76	18.5%
Daily / Person (\$4)	17,905	\$71,618.77	21,175	\$ 84,699.03	18.3%
Daily / Vehicle (\$6)	37,613	\$225,680.05	48,196	\$ 289,175.86	28.1%
Unattended Vehicle Daily (\$4)	209	\$834.00	187	\$ 746.00	-10.6%
Unattended Vehicle Daily (\$10)	482	\$4,819.75	986	\$ 9,860.00	104.6%
Motorcoach Permit	2,160	\$6,480.00	2,611	\$ 7,834.00	20.9%
GSM Annual Trail Pass (\$15)	1,229	\$18,441.00	1,259	\$ 18,885.00	2.4%
GSM Daily Trail Pass (\$3)	8,545	\$25,635.00	8,952	\$ 26,856.00	4.8%
CSP Temp Daily / Person (\$6)	399	\$2,394.00	0	\$ -	-100.0%
CSP Temp Daily / Vehicle (\$15)	64,623	\$969,349.00	74,894	\$ 1,123,405.00	15.9%
CSP Unattended (\$15)	0	\$0.00	0	\$ -	
Bike Band (\$10)	7,315	\$73,150.00	9,941	\$ 99,410.00	
One-Day Special Event	N/A	\$5,120.00	N/A	\$ 9,960.00	94.5%
	<u>198,189</u>	<u>\$3,056,678.57</u>	<u>234,981</u>	<u>\$3,609,485.75</u>	<u>18.1%</u>
Camping Services Permits		\$4,147,699.67		\$ 4,797,105.46	15.7%
Picnic Reservations		\$6,796.30		\$ 8,949.50	31.7%
Firewood	18,406	\$73,624.70	19,740	\$ 78,958.10	7.2%
		<u>\$4,228,120.67</u>		<u>\$4,885,013.06</u>	<u>15.5%</u>
Totals:		\$7,284,799.24		\$8,494,498.81	16.6%

JANUARY - JULY 2012 REVENUE COMPARISON BY DISTRICT

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Dis' Park	2011	2012	% Change	Dist Park	2011	2012	% Change
1 Roy Lake Sica Hollow	\$144,206.70	\$152,290.87	5.6%	10 North Point North Wheeler Pease Creek Randall Creek South Shore Whetstone Bay	\$270,130.40	\$403,960.52	49.5%
2 Richmond Lake Mina Lake Lake Louise Fisher Grove Amsden Fort Sisseton	\$191,910.35	\$212,027.40	10.5%	11 Farm Island West Bend	\$184,783.51	\$300,413.20	62.6%
3 Sandy Shore Hartford Beach Lake Cochrane Pelican South Pickerel Lake	\$351,364.88	\$380,981.80	8.4%	12 Oahe Downstream West Shore Cow Creek Okobojo Point Spring Creek East Shore	\$125,429.82	\$337,851.63	169.4%
4 Oakwood Lakes Lake Poinsett Lake Thompson	\$417,988.98	\$485,438.20	16.1%	13 West Whitlock Lake Hiddenwood East Whitlock Swan Creek Bush's Landing Indian Creek Revheim Bay Little Bend Bob's Landing Walth Bay West Pollock	\$270,853.10	\$299,217.60	10.5%
5 Lake Herman Walkers Point	\$211,214.46	\$206,265.41	-2.3%	14 GSM Trail Bear Butte Rocky Point	\$171,888.84	\$187,816.61	9.3%
6 Snake Creek Platte Creek Burke Lake Buryanek	\$252,360.24	\$310,903.40	23.2%	15 Shadehill Llewellyn Johns	\$100,654.30	\$106,042.10	5.4%
7 Palisades Lake Vermillion Big Sioux	\$375,327.00	\$459,571.15	22.4%	16 Custer	\$2,389,661.20	\$2,656,275.49	11.2%
8 Newton Hills Lake Alvin Union Grove Adams	\$285,411.20	\$307,565.56	7.8%	17 Angostura	\$341,760.26	\$381,100.56	11.5%
9 Lewis & Clark Tabor Sand Creek Springfield Chief White Crane Pierson Ranch	\$1,160,496.00	\$1,273,088.31	9.7%	20 Pierre Office	\$39,358.00	\$33,689.00	-14.4%
				TOTALS:	<u>\$7,284,799.24</u>	<u>\$8,494,498.81</u>	<u>16.6%</u>

JANUARY- JULY 2012 CAMPING UNIT COMPARISON REPORT BY DISTRICT

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Dist	Park	2010 Units	2011 Units	2012 Units	Dist	Park	2010 Units	2011 Units	2012 Units	
1	Roy Lake	4,003	3,901	3,958	9	Lewis & Clark	22,783	22,385	23,612	
	Sica Hollow	117	61	68		Tabor	43	30	42	
		<u>4,120</u>	<u>3,962</u>	<u>4,026</u>		Sand Creek	94	31	54	
2	Richmond Lake	1,004	862	889		Springfield	849	359	723	
	Mina Lake	1,561	1,451	1,549		Chief White Crane	6,294	5,792	6,339	
	Lake Louise	1,026	966	1,160		Pierson Ranch	<u>2,820</u>	<u>2,431</u>	<u>2,785</u>	
	Fisher Grove	448	40	0			32,883	31,028	33,555	
	Amsden	230	196	260	10	North Point	2,830	1,675	4,771	
	Fort Sisseton	<u>609</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,122</u>		North Wheeler	392	125	307	
		4,878	4,515	4,980		Pease Creek	811	670	843	
3	Sandy Shore	635	634	644		Randall Creek	4,399	4,180	4,019	
	Hartford Beach	1,462	1,886	2,482		South Shore	186	153	160	
	Lake Cochrane	1,290	1,273	1,303		Whestone Bay	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>252</u>	
	Pelican South	2,652	2,662	2,632			8,618	6,803	10,352	
	Pickrel Lake	<u>3,769</u>	<u>3,821</u>	<u>4,090</u>	11	Farm Island	4,472	435	3,626	
		9,808	10,276	11,151		West Bend	<u>5,010</u>	<u>4,630</u>	<u>4,875</u>	
4	Oakwood Lakes	4,781	4,716	4,894			9,482	5,065	8,501	
	Lake Poinsett	3,886	3,345	4,307	12	Oahe Downstream	8,230	1,188	6,938	
	Lake Thompson	<u>3,468</u>	<u>3,123</u>	<u>3,836</u>		Cow Creek	1,407	1,892	1,980	
		12,135	11,184	13,037		Okobojo Point	<u>567</u>	<u>868</u>	<u>678</u>	
5	Lake Herman	3,259	2,899	2,992			10,204	3,948	9,596	
	Walkers Point	1,629	1,501	1,689	13	West Whitlock	3,361	3,784	3,668	
	Lake Carthage	<u>413</u>	<u>437</u>	<u>0</u>		Lake Hiddenwood	131	76	140	
		5,301	4,837	4,681		East Whitlock	43	37	70	
6	Snake Creek	6,050	5,227	5,880		Swan Creek	360	338	483	
	Platte Creek	1,050	591	1,023		Indian Creek	3,677	3,441	4,091	
	Burke Lake	58	48	44		West Pollock	<u>546</u>	<u>726</u>	<u>733</u>	
	Buryanek	<u>1,613</u>	<u>730</u>	<u>1,675</u>			8,118	8,402	9,185	
		8,771	6,596	8,622	14	Bear Butte Lake	409	363	339	
7	Palisades	2,230	2,131	2,469		Rocky Point	<u>2,276</u>	<u>2,288</u>	<u>2,651</u>	
	Lake Vermillion	3,386	3,329	4,449			2,685	2,651	2,990	
	Big Sioux	<u>2,496</u>	<u>2,252</u>	<u>2,766</u>	15	Shadehill	2,465	2,559	2,628	
		8,112	7,712	9,684		Llewellyn Johns	<u>127</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>148</u>	
8	Newton Hills	5,258	4,999	5,329			2,592	2,658	2,776	
	Union Grove	<u>678</u>	<u>746</u>	<u>775</u>	16	Custer	<u>24,523</u>	<u>24,475</u>	<u>25,922</u>	
		5,936	5,745	6,104			24,523	24,475	25,922	
					17	Angostura	<u>8,295</u>	<u>8,069</u>	<u>9,186</u>	
							8,295	8,069	9,186	
					TOTAL FEE AREA					
					CAMPER UNITS			166,461	147,926	174,348

JANUARY - JULY 2012 VISITATION COMPARISON

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Dist Park	2011	2012	% Change	Dist Park	2011	2012	% Change
1 Roy Lake	137,630	119,046	-13.5%	9 Lewis & Clark	519,300	549,382	5.8%
Sica Hollow	19,055	10,016	-47.4%	Springfield	52,613	53,041	0.8%
	<u>156,685</u>	<u>129,062</u>	<u>-17.6%</u>	Chief White Crane	77,230	78,193	1.2%
2 Richmond Lake	33,945	40,662	19.8%	Pierson Ranch	<u>42,581</u>	<u>43,235</u>	<u>1.5%</u>
Mina Lake	22,984	27,563	19.9%		691,724	723,851	4.6%
Lake Louise	22,055	22,920	3.9%	10 North Point	64,439	68,989	7.1%
Fisher Grove	3,230	3,768	16.7%	North Wheeler	10,477	7,699	-26.5%
Fort Sisseton	48,991	52,318	6.8%	Pease Creek	14,354	15,009	4.6%
	<u>131,205</u>	<u>147,231</u>	<u>12.2%</u>	Randall Creek	56,137	53,727	-4.3%
3 Sandy Shore	22,750	27,275	19.9%	Ft. Randall Marina	<u>3,295</u>	<u>3,981</u>	<u>20.8%</u>
Hartford Beach	44,942	50,967	13.4%		148,702	149,405	0.5%
Lake Cochrane	21,641	22,495	3.9%	11 Farm Island	34,473	97,716	183.5%
Pelican South	30,473	45,352	48.8%	West Bend	<u>18,046</u>	<u>20,582</u>	<u>14.1%</u>
Pickerel Lake	35,659	40,657	14.0%		52,519	118,298	125.2%
	<u>155,465</u>	<u>186,746</u>	<u>20.1%</u>	12 Oahe Downstream	76,582	235,423	207.4%
4 Oakwood Lakes	54,215	51,000	-5.9%	LaFramboise Island	5,585	0	-100.0%
Lake Poinsett	43,326	46,594	7.5%	Cow Creek	140,421	247,061	75.9%
Lake Thompson	35,505	37,659	6.1%	Okobojo Point	23,355	27,642	18.4%
	<u>133,046</u>	<u>135,253</u>	<u>1.7%</u>	Spring Creek	<u>78,026</u>	<u>80,803</u>	<u>3.6%</u>
5 Lake Herman	56,770	70,438	24.1%		323,969	590,929	82.4%
Walkers Point	32,620	34,226	4.9%	13 West Whitlock	47,857	57,299	19.7%
	<u>89,390</u>	<u>104,664</u>	<u>17.1%</u>	Lake Hiddenwood	7,008	9,587	36.8%
6 Snake Creek	107,925	120,273	11.4%	Swan Creek	19,664	20,982	6.7%
Platte Creek	28,653	40,650	41.9%	Indian Creek	64,158	59,081	-7.9%
Burke Lake	11,888	13,615	14.5%	Revheim Bay	29,729	27,790	-6.5%
Buryanek	18,951	26,513	39.9%	West Pollock	<u>21,049</u>	<u>19,720</u>	<u>-6.3%</u>
	<u>167,417</u>	<u>201,051</u>	<u>20.1%</u>		189,465	194,459	2.6%
7 Palisades	39,896	47,612	19.3%	14 Bear Butte	21,194	22,788	7.5%
Lake Vermillion	65,184	87,086	33.6%	Rocky Point	<u>40,754</u>	<u>41,006</u>	<u>0.6%</u>
Big Sioux	34,798	49,102	41.1%		61,948	63,794	3.0%
Beaver Creek	17,295	20,000	15.6%	15 Shadehill	29,955	49,815	66.3%
	<u>157,173</u>	<u>203,800</u>	<u>29.7%</u>	Llewellyn Johns	2,327	2,023	-13.1%
8 Newton Hills	56,139	60,337	7.5%	Little Moreau	<u>3,310</u>	<u>3,175</u>	<u>-4.1%</u>
Lake Alvin	30,503	30,092	-1.3%		35,592	55,013	54.6%
Union Grove	9,024	10,755	19.2%	16 Custer	<u>968,248</u>	<u>1,045,553</u>	<u>8.0%</u>
Adams	35,271	40,878	15.9%		968,248	1,045,553	8.0%
Spirit Mound	7,795	8,494	9.0%	17 Angostura	<u>124,901</u>	<u>127,589</u>	<u>2.2%</u>
	<u>138,732</u>	<u>150,556</u>	<u>8.5%</u>		124,901	127,589	2.2%
				TOTALS:	3,726,181	4,327,254	16.1%

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Black Hills Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:56, 41:06:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 2-3, 2012	Milbank
	Public Hearing	October 4, 2012	Deadwood
	Finalization	October 4-5, 2012	Deadwood

COMMISSION REQUESTED RULE CONSIDERATION

Establish the process to designate one (1) Bighorn Sheep license for auction

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. An auction license will be made available if at minimum three (3) Bighorn Sheep licenses are allocated in the area outside of Custer State Park, with the third license designated as an auction license.
2. A person previously issued a Bighorn Sheep license is not eligible in future drawings or auctions.

Action Required:

Propose rules that establish the process of approving the allocation of a Bighorn Sheep license that can be sold at auction.

- 1) Annual designation of an auction license – The commission will designate one (1) bighorn sheep license to be used as an auction license providing at least three (3) total bighorn sheep licenses are issued. The third license will be the auction license.
- 2) Criteria for selecting an organization – A nonprofit organization devoted to providing big game management, preservation, propagation, habitat, and research may be considered for receiving the auction license by the commission on annual basis through resolution.
- 3) Application procedures and deadline – The applicant will submit to the department secretary an application letter detailing the federal nonprofit status, goals and objectives pertaining to big game management, and experience in fundraising and objective accomplishments related to big game management.
- 4) Selection process - The commission shall review all applications and determine the appropriate entity to auction the bighorn sheep license.
- 5) Execution and content of agreement – The applicant will notify the department of the successful bidder and the department will issue the license to that individual, the applicant will provide the department a report and proceeds of the auction which will be placed in a Bighorn Sheep Enhancement Account, the applicant will submit to the department the appropriate license fee, and the applicant may deduct a 5% conservation fee from the proceeds of the auction revenue.
- 6) Establish a license and fee for a Nonresident Bighorn Sheep license - \$750

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

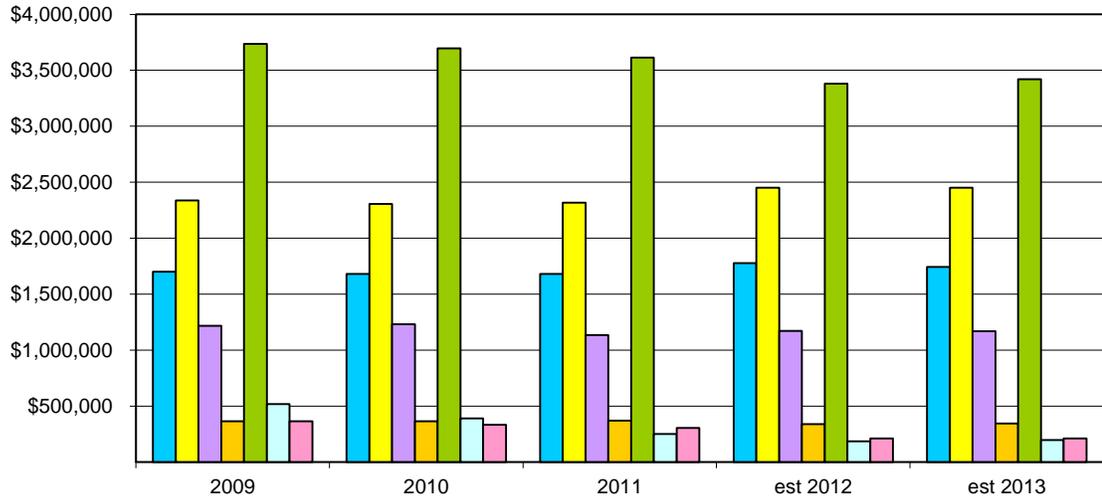
A group of sportsmen and the Midwest Sheep Foundation Chapter approached the Department and Commission to enhance Bighorn Sheep conservation, with one main emphasis of generating outside funding to assist in these management activities. The request of an auction tag to generate outside funding has been brought forward as a means of supplementing current Department resources and efforts.

The suggested rules promulgation process would follow similar format and content of the established process used to conduct the elk license raffle. That process has been successfully proven, with modifications being added to more accurately fit an auction license and bighorn sheep rules.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE REVENUE

RESIDENT	2009	2010	2011	est 2012	est 2013
Fishing	\$ 1,700,288	\$ 1,680,185	\$ 1,679,657	\$ 1,777,025	\$ 1,742,275
Combination	\$ 2,336,991	\$ 2,305,587	\$ 2,316,332	\$ 2,451,500	\$ 2,451,500
Small game	\$ 1,218,662	\$ 1,231,164	\$ 1,135,018	\$ 1,171,500	\$ 1,170,250
Turkey	\$ 364,305	\$ 365,610	\$ 371,545	\$ 338,080	\$ 344,000
Deer	\$ 3,735,995	\$ 3,696,130	\$ 3,613,800	\$ 3,381,225	\$ 3,419,600
Antelope	\$ 518,690	\$ 390,150	\$ 251,205	\$ 185,125	\$ 198,775
Other big game	\$ 365,915	\$ 332,640	\$ 304,360	\$ 211,570	\$ 212,275
TOTAL	\$ 10,242,855	\$ 10,001,466	\$ 9,671,917	\$ 9,516,025	\$ 9,538,675



NONRESIDENT	2009	2010	2011	est 2012	est 2013
Fishing	\$ 2,288,286	\$ 2,215,472	\$ 2,162,914	\$ 2,376,700	\$ 2,482,700
Small game	\$ 12,218,290	\$ 12,599,790	\$ 12,099,855	\$ 12,097,875	\$ 11,776,250
Turkey	\$ 391,265	\$ 391,095	\$ 362,475	\$ 369,925	\$ 369,500
Deer	\$ 1,889,310	\$ 1,839,465	\$ 2,122,140	\$ 1,925,710	\$ 1,990,740
Antelope	\$ 386,535	\$ 260,290	\$ 199,410	\$ 70,725	\$ 74,775
TOTAL	\$ 17,173,686	\$ 17,306,112	\$ 16,946,794	\$ 16,840,935	\$ 16,693,965

