

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

A Public Hearing will be held at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel (Watertown Event Center), 1901 9th Avenue SW, Watertown, South Dakota, on August 1, 2013, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. (CDT), to consider adoption, amendment and repeal of Rules pertaining to:

1. ARSD 41:06:16 – Waterfowl Hunting Seasons (Duck Hunting Season).

Effect: The proposed amendment would increase the daily bag limit for scaup from 4 to 6 and increase the possession limit for ducks, coots, and mergansers from two times (2x) the daily limit to three times (3x) the daily limit as recently approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives.

2. ARSD 41:06:16 – Waterfowl Hunting Seasons (Goose Hunting Season).

Effect: The proposed amendments would increase the Canada goose daily bag limit from 3 to 5 contingent upon approval from the US Fish and Wildlife Service; increase the white-fronted goose daily bag limit from 1 to 2; modify the white-fronted goose season from 86 to 72 consecutive days beginning the last Saturday of September; and increase the possession limit for geese from two times (2x) the daily limit to three times (3x) the daily limit as recently approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives.

3. ARSD 41:06:46 – Depredation Permits.

Effect: The proposed amendment would allow an individual who wishes to participate in depredation hunts to register for no more than 10 counties.

Reason: In recent years, it has been difficult for the Department to find registered individuals who are willing to respond to the Department's request for a depredation hunt in an adequate timeframe, primarily because of weather conditions or the distance needed to travel. By limiting the number of counties to a maximum of 10 counties per individual, the

Department anticipates that individuals that entered themselves for depredation hunts will participate at a higher level when called upon to do so.

4. Amend ARSD 41:05:02 – Refuges.

Effect: The proposed amendment would remove approximately 62.5 acres of privately owned real estate from the Renziehausen Slough State Game Bird Refuge in Brown County.

Reason: A private landowner who owns a portion of the land included in this refuge has requested that his land be withdrawn from the refuge.

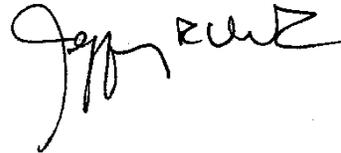
The above rule proposals may be modified or amended following receipt of public comment at the hearing to include or exclude matters that are described in this Notice of Hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time until its business has been completed and may be rescheduled.

Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) at the hearing. Persons unable to attend the hearing may mail data, opinions, arguments, and their views to the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, or transmit by email to Wildinfo@state.sd.us. All persons who desire to submit written data, opinions, arguments, and their views by mail or email are encouraged to mail or transmit the same in sufficient time so that it is received by and in the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks on or before 12:00 o'clock P.M. three (3) days prior to the date of Hearing. Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) to the Commission for their consideration. All written and email comments must include the name, home town/city and state of the person submitting the comments.

Copies of the proposed rules may be requested from the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501. Handicapped persons may contact the undersigned for assistance.

Dated this __8th__ day of July, 2013.

(SEAL)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey R. Vonk". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Jeffrey R. Vonk, Secretary

This Notice of Public Hearing is published at the approximate cost of \$_____.