

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Refuges Chapter 41:05:02

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>March 7, 2013</b>	<b>Ft. Pierre</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>March 7-8, 2013</b>	<b>Ft. Pierre</b>

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS

**41:05:02:68. Missouri River refuges.** (16) The North Shore State Waterfowl Refuge comprises an area on Lake Sharpe enclosed by a line beginning at the Corps of Engineers take line and the south section line of section 36, township 108 north, range 73 west of the fifth principal meridian, Buffalo County; then northerly along the Corps of Engineers take line to the north section line of section 24, township 108 north, range 73 west, Buffalo County; then west along the section line to the water's edge; then southerly along the water's edge to the south section line of section 35, township 108 north, range 73 west; then east along the section line to the point of beginning.

#### Recommended changes from last year:

1. Remove the North Shore State Waterfowl Refuge.

### STAFF COMMENTS

Department staff has determined the North Shore State Waterfowl Refuge along the Missouri River in Buffalo County no longer meets its objective as when initially designated as a waterfowl refuge. The North Shore State Waterfowl Refuge is the only take line waterfowl refuge on the Missouri River that does not also include a water line waterfowl refuge. Without a water line waterfowl refuge in place, hunters can already legally hunt the bays within the refuge. Therefore, a take line waterfowl refuge is not necessary. There is currently no access to the refuge, other than by boat. Therefore, by removing this take line refuge it will likely not increase the hunting pressure by pass shooters. While the use of this area is expected to be minimal, this would open up additional public hunting opportunities for waterfowl hunters. Adjacent landowner is supportive of this recommendation.

# North Shore State Waterfowl Refuge

**Legend**

- State Refuges
- City/Limit Boundaries
- Lakes and Missouri River
- County Boundaries
- State Highways
  - Interstate
  - US Highway
  - SD Highway

