

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Use of Parks and Public Lands Chapter 41:03:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Public Hearing	March 6, 2014	Ft. Pierre
	Finalization	March 6-7, 2014	Ft. Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS

Recommended change:

1. Prohibit bait stations (as defined in ARSD 41:06:04:03) on lands owned by the department and on properties managed and classified by the department as Game Production Areas, State Parks, State Recreation Areas, State Lakeside Use Areas, State Nature Areas, and State Water Access Areas.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Current rule does not allow a person to establish, utilize, or maintain a bait station (as defined in 41:06:04:03) from August 15 through February 1 to attract any big game animal. In recent years, there have been instances where persons have placed a bait station on a Game Production Area (GPA) or other department lands and later resulted in enforcement actions as individuals hunting over the stations have claimed not to be maintaining them. There are also instances where a hunter may not be aware of a bait station and place themselves in a precarious situation. To eliminate these situations and other associated concerns with bait stations, it is recommended by the Department that bait stations be prohibited on those lands described above.

41:06:04:03. Methods prohibited. A person may not establish, utilize, or maintain a bait station from August 15 to February 1, inclusive, to attract any big game animal, including wild turkey, and a person may not use an electronic call when hunting any big game animal except a mountain lion. A bait station is a location where grains, fruits, vegetables, nuts, hay, minerals, or any other natural food materials, commercial products containing natural food materials, or by-products of such materials are placed or maintained as an attractant to big game animals for the purpose of hunting. The use of scents alone does not constitute a bait station.

This section does not apply to foods that have not been placed or gathered by a person and result from normal environmental conditions or accepted farming, forest management, wildlife food plantings, orchard management, or similar land management activities.

A person is exempt from the bait station restrictions while participating in any depredation management activities directed by the department.