

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

**POSSESSSION, PROCESSING & TRANSPORTATION OF GAME
Chapter 41:06:03**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	June 5-6, 2014	Yankton
	Public Hearing	July 9, 2014	Ft. Pierre
	Finalization	July 9, 2014	Ft. Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Establish a new rule that defines the terms and legal process under which a wildlife processing facility may deem game left at their facility to be 'abandoned'. The new rule would also dictate the terms under which the wildlife processing facility could turn over possession of such abandoned, processed game to a non-profit organization or to any charitable organization that distributes food or other services to the needy.

41:06:03:13. Process of abandonment for game left at a wildlife processing facility. A wildlife processing facility and a person who deposits lawfully taken game with the facility for processing may agree upon a period of time following which the facility may consider the game to be abandoned by the person. With the exception of waterfowl, the facility may donate abandoned game to a non-profit organization or to any charitable organization that distributes food or other services to the needy. At no time shall any abandoned game be considered the property of the wildlife processing facility.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The Department has been approached by members the Sportsmen Against Hunger Board of Directors who have asked the Department to consider developing a rule that would clarify the process under which game left at a wildlife processing facility could be deemed legally abandoned. Once the game is deemed abandoned, the wildlife processing facility could then donate the game to a non-profit organization or charitable organization that distributes food or other services to the needy.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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