

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Mourning Dove Hunting Season

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<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>March 6-7, 2014</b>	<b>Ft. Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>April 3, 2014</b>	<b>Oacoma</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>April 3-4, 2014</b>	<b>Oacoma</b>

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Season Dates:** September 1 – November 9, 2014

**Open Area:** Statewide

**Daily Limit:** 15 mourning doves

**Possession Limit:** 45 mourning doves

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
2. Doves may only be shot while in flight.
3. All areas within 50 yards of public roadways are closed to dove hunting.
4. Persons younger than 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible adult while dove hunting.
5. That portion of Angostura State Recreation Area lying west of the dam is open to dove hunting.
6. All other state parks and state recreation areas are closed to dove hunting.

**Recommended changes from last year:**

1. Increase the possession limit for mourning doves from two times (2x) the daily limit to three times (3x) the daily limit as approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Doves Harvested
2008	7,346	373	132,152
2009	6,892	285	121,519
2010	6,035	258	97,628
2011	6,112	332	88,854
2012	5,984	366	95,107

**APPROVE** \_\_\_\_\_ **MODIFY** \_\_\_\_\_ **REJECT** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO ACTION** \_\_\_\_\_