

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Sandhill Crane Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:18

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

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: September 27 – November 23, 2014

Open Area: That portion of South Dakota west of U.S. Highway 281

Daily Limit: 3 Sandhill cranes

Possession Limit: 9 Sandhill cranes

Requirements and Restrictions:

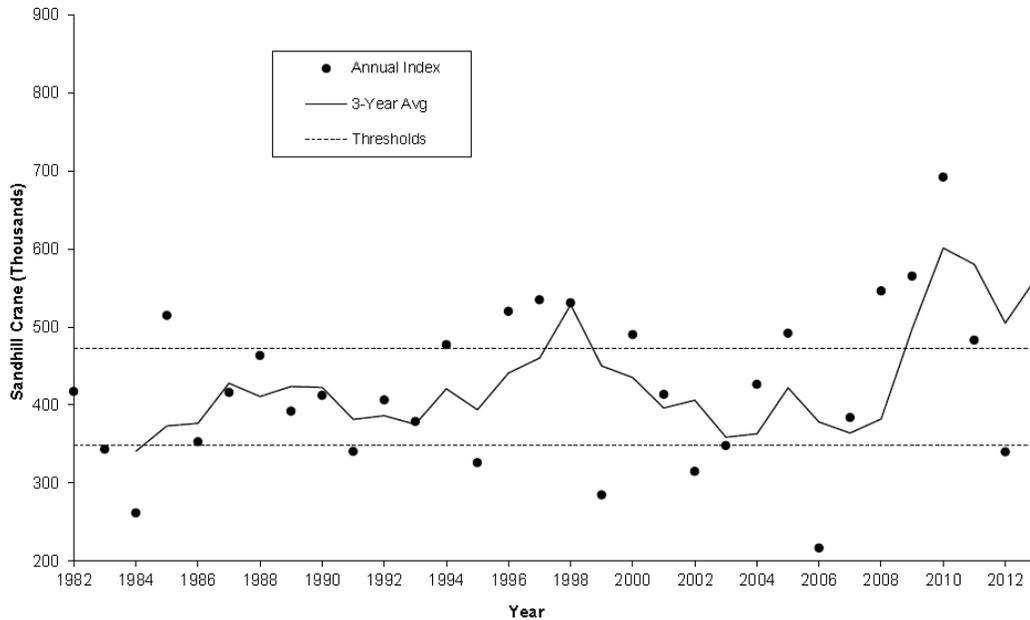
1. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
2. Nontoxic shot rules apply to Sandhill crane hunting.

Recommended change from last year:

1. Increase the possession limit for sandhill cranes 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

Annual and three-year average photo-corrected ocular transect spring population indices and population objective thresholds for mid-continent sandhill cranes. South Dakota's average annual harvest for the previous 10 years is 130 sandhill cranes.



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 MODIFY
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 NO ACTION