



AGENDA (Revised)

Game, Fish and Parks Commission

August 4-5, 2016

RedRossa Convention Center
808 W. Sioux Ave., Pierre, SD

Call to order 1:00 PM

Division of Administration

Action Items:

1. Conflict of Interest Disclosure
2. Approve Minutes of the July 2016 Meeting
<http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/commission/docs/2016/july-meeting-minutes.pdf>
3. Additional Commissioner Salary Days
4. License List Request
5. Land Acquisition plan

Information Items:

6. Strategic Plan Update
7. Updated Smartphone App
8. Call Center
9. Watertown Office

Proposals

10. Bobcat Hunting/trapping Season
11. Fishing Limits, Seasons, and Regulations
12. Fishing Tournaments
13. Bait Trapping and Use
14. Fish Health Inspections
15. Game Fish Spearing and Archery
16. Fisheries Management Authorization
17. Elk Depredation Permits

2:00 PM Public Hearing

Open Forum

Division of Wildlife

Action Items:

18. Elk Contingency Licenses
19. Gamefish Spearing between Oahe Dam and Highway 14

Division of Wildlife (continued)

Information Items:

20. Land Acquisition Update
21. Bobcat Harvest and Population Update
22. Resident Canada Goose Management Plan
23. State Wildlife Action Plan Update
24. Missouri River Reservoir Fishing Update
25. Fish Ladder Project Update
26. HuntSAFE Instructor Awards
27. License Sales

Division of Parks and Recreation

Action Items:

28. Dock 44 Concession Prospectus Issuance Request
29. Lewis and Clark Marina Contract Amendment Request to Allow Video Lottery

Information Items:

30. Good Earth State Park Update
31. Good Earth Land Acquisition
32. Spearfish Canyon Proposed State Park Update
33. Reservation System Request for Proposal
34. Parks Visitation, Revenue, and Camping Reports

Adjourn

Next meeting information:

October 6-7, 2016

Wrangler Inn

820 W Grand Crossing, Mobridge, SD

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
July 7-8, 2016

Chairman Petersen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CST at the RedRossa Convention Center in Pierre, South Dakota. Commissioners Cathy Peterson, MaryAnne Boyd Barry Jensen, H. Paul Dennert, Gary Jensen, Russell Olson, W. Scott Phillips, and Jim Spies were present. Secretary Kelly Hepler was present along with approximately 25 public, staff, and media.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Chairperson Peterson called for conflicts of interest to be disclosed. None were presented.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Peterson called for any additions or corrections to the June 2-3, 2016, minutes or a motion for approval.

Motion by G. Jensen with second by Olson TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2-3, 2016, MEETING WITH MINOR REVISIONS. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Commissioner Salary Days

Commissioners Phillips and Peterson each requested two additional salary days and G. Jensen, Spies and Olson each requested one additional salary day.

Motion by Dennert with second by Boyd TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL SALARY DAYS AS REQUESTED. Motion carried unanimously.

License List Requests

Chris Petersen, Administration Division Director presented a license list request for resident small game licenses within South Dakota excluding Mitchell Alexandria, Letcher, Plankinton, Ethan, etc. from Precision Reloading of Mitchell, South Dakota to be used in the distribution of postcards for the marketing of reloading supplies and equipment.

Motion by Spies with second by Olson TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST. Motion carried unanimously.

Department Land Acquisition Priorities and Guidelines

Secretary Hepler provided history on the development of department guidelines and priorities for land acquisitions including the recommendation to add a Commissioner to be part of process prior to the decision making portion of the process at Commission meetings.

Paul Coughlin, Program Administrator and Al Nedved, Assistant Director provided the Commission a comprehensive land acquisition priorities document similar to what was provided several months ago with the addition of Parks & Recreation priorities.

Secretary Hepler stated the document will not only serve as a guide for the Department, but allow us to continue to operate very transparently.

Coughlin stated the policy went out for public comment when it was specific to the wildlife division and the feedback received was positive.

Motioned by G. Jensen second by B. Jensen TO ADOPT THE AS PROPOSED AND PUT OUT FOR 30 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT FOR APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING. Motion carried unanimously.

Officer Body Cameras

Division Director Tony Leif provided an overview in regards to body camera for GFP law enforcement staff to increase safety and preserve evidence.

Conservation Officer Specialist Brandon Gust presented a powerpoint presentation explaining how video provides critical evidence. Gust noted they began researching body cameras in 2013 and have tested strict body cameras and point of view cameras with the preferred model being the Taser Axon Flex. Gust and Chris Neubeck, Field Representative for Taser provided a demonstration showing how the camera is easy to operate and sits in a buffer mode and has a 30 sec pre-record. They also detailed the video management system offered by Taser where officers categorize the video and have an app to view live feed and obtain video. The plan is to purchase cameras, train officers and implement use yet this fall. Costs will be broke down over a 5 year period contract including camera costs, warranties, secure data management and video retention.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing began at 1:58 p.m. and concluded at 2:05 p.m. and the minutes follow these minutes.

FINALIZATIONS

Time Restrictions for State Parks

Katie Ceroll, Parks and Recreation Director presented the proposed changes to the use of parks and public lands adding the language "use or occupy" to be clear in addressing people who continue to use an area.

Motioned by G. Jensen seconded by B. Jensen TO APPROVE THE FINALIZATION TO TIME RESTRICTIONS IN STATE PARKS AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Bicycle Use Restriction

Ceroll presented the recommended change to repeal the rules applying to bicycle use in Newton Hills and Lewis and Clark State Parks as it is redundant and only applies to two state parks.

Motioned by Dennert, seconded by Phillips TO APPROVE THE FINALIZATION TO REPEAL THE RULE IN REGARDS TO BICYCLE USE IS SPECIFIC PARKS ARE RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Camping Registration

Ceroll presented the recommended changes to the camping registration procedures to reflect current practices with the on-line point of sale system as specified below.

~~Display of registration card.~~ Upon receipt of the daily camping permit fee, the department shall provide each camper unit with a registration card. The card shall be placed on the pad post specifically provided for that purpose or conspicuously displayed otherwise if pad posts are not provided. The receipt section of the registration card shall show the amount paid and the date and shall be signed by a department representative.

~~All campers must reserve a campsite prior to occupying the site in the park. Reservations can be placed either by using the on-line service at campsd.com or by calling 1-800-710-2267 or using the park reservation hot phone. Campers must be in possession of their confirmation information for that site. Individual campgrounds may have additional check-in procedures that the campers must follow~~ Self-registration may be used at any campground. At campgrounds using this a self-registration system, the department shall post camping fees and provide registration forms for campers to complete. Each camper shall insert the correct fee in the envelope provided with the form and insert the envelope in the security box provided. The camper shall display the provided registration slip card as described in this section on a provided site post or in a conspicuous place.

Any camper unit desiring to extend occupancy of a site beyond the nights for which the camper unit is paid, up to the limits set in § 41:03:01:15, shall reregister ~~at the entrance booth~~ may extend the reservation by 4:00 p.m. on that last day and pay the camping fees for the additional nights desired, only if the site is available for the duration of the extended stay, except at Custer State Park where a camper shall reregister ~~extend the reservation~~ by noon on the last day. A Camper staying on a Same-Day reservation site located at Center Lake in Custer State Park and the Yankton section of Lewis and Clark Recreation Area must extend the reservation prior to 12:00 AM (Midnight) on the last registered night's stay.

Motioned by Olson, seconded by B. Jensen TO FINALIZE THE CHANGES TO CAMPING REGISTRATION PROCEDURES AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Length of Camping Stay

Ceroll presented the recommended changes to the length of camping stay as specified below.

Nonprofit youth groups with adult supervision may reserve a designated group camping area for up to ~~45~~ **14** consecutive ~~days~~ **nights**.

A person may reserve an available campsite at any state park, recreation area, or lakeside use area for up to ~~15~~ **14** consecutive ~~days~~ **nights**. Once the person has occupied the campsite the 14th night, they must remove their camping unit from the state park, recreational area, or lake side use area, by check-out time the next day, for at least one night, before reserving that site, or another site, at that location.

Motioned by Boyd seconded by Dennert TO FINALIZE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE LENGTH OF CAMPING STAY AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Sage Grouse Hunting Season

Program Administrator Chad Switzer and Senior Wildlife Biologist Travis Runia presented the recommended changes to the sage grouse hunting season as specified below.

1. Change the season dates from the Wednesday and Thursday prior to the start of the firearm antelope season to a two-day season beginning on the third Saturday of September.
2. Offer 40 resident-only hunting permits available through a limited drawing. Applicants will need to have a small game or combination license to be eligible for the drawing.
3. Permits remaining after the first drawing will be available to resident and nonresident hunters on a first-come first-serve basis.

Motioned by B. Jensen seconded by Olson TO FINALIZE THE CHANGES TO THE SAGE GROUSE HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED.

Fall Turkey Hunting Season

Switzer presented recommended changes to the fall wild turkey hunting season as detailed below.

1. For limited draw units, offer 105 less resident one-tag licenses for Prairie Units compared to 2015.
2. Dissolve the West River Prairie Unit and align fall units with spring unit boundaries where licenses will be allocated. For 2016, this will include Unit 30A (Gregory County); Unit 50A (Mellette County), and Unit 53A (Perkins County and that portion of Meade County north of US Hwy. 212).
3. Change the name of Unit NE1 (Northeast SD) to Unit 48A (Marshall and Roberts counties) and retain the same geographic area open for fall season.
4. Remove the language in administrative rule depicting the license type and number of licenses from each hunting unit.

Motioned by B. Jensen seconded by Phillips TO FINALIZE THE CHANGES TO THE FALL WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Switzer presented the recommended changes to the fall turkey hunting license allocations with changes for multiple units and the elimination of units where no licenses were allocated.

Motioned by Dennert seconded by Spies TO FINALIZE THE NUMBER OF FALL TURKEY HUNTING LICENSE ALLOCATED FOR EACH UNIT AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Antelope Hunting Season

Deputy Director Tom Kirschenmann presented the recommended change to the antelope hunting season as detailed below.

1. Add language in administrative rule which clarifies that if no licenses are allocated for a specific hunting unit, that unit is dissolved for the purposes of designating areas open to hunting under the provisions of codified law which describes reduced fee licenses for landowner on own land licenses.
2. Remove the language in administrative rule depicting the license type and number of licenses from each hunting unit and substitute with the cumulative number of single and multiple tag licenses.

Motioned by Olson, seconded by G. Jensen TO FINALIZE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE ANTELOPE HUNTING SEASON. Motion carried unanimously.

Switzer presented the antelope license allocations with no changes for any units thus the same number of license will be allocated for 2016 as was 2015.

Motioned by B. Jensen seconded by Dennert TO FINALIZE THE NUMBER OF ANTELOPE LICENSE ALLOCATED FOR EACH UNIT AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Allowance for Bird Processing Records to be Included in Shooting Preserve Records and Number of Processed Birds Allowed Per Package

Andy Alban, program administrator presented the recommended changes to exempt licensed private shooting preserves from certain records requirements for wildlife processing facilities and increase the number of birds taken on a licensed private shooting preserve that may be packaged to two without identifying plumage.

Motioned by G. Jensen, seconded by Spies TO AMEND THE PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE "AND PROCESSED BY THE PERMITTEE". Motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by G. Jensen, seconded by Spies TO APPROVE THE FINALIZATION TO THE PROPOSAL AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Requirements and Eligibility for Disabled Veteran Pheasant Hunts

Alban provided the recommend changes to eligibility requirements for disabled veterans to hunt pheasants to align with legislation passed in 2016 per senate bill 71as specified below

1. A special pheasant hunting season for qualifying disabled veterans may be established anytime during the ~~month~~ months of October ~~or November~~ upon application by a sponsoring non-profit organization. A special pheasant season for disabled veterans is valid only on private lands.
2. ~~The season length for a special pheasant season for disabled veterans is one day.~~ The shooting hours ~~for a special pheasant season for disabled veterans~~ are sunrise to sunset except that after the start of the regular state pheasant season established pursuant to chapter 41:06:08, shooting hours are the same as those established for the regular state pheasant season. The bag limit is three cock pheasants. No hunting license or fee is required of qualifying disabled veterans.
3. ~~A person is eligible to hunt in a special pheasant season for disabled veterans if the person is a veteran who is confined to a wheelchair.~~ Repealed.

Motioned by Boyd with second by Olson TO APPROVE THE FINALIZATION THAT PERTAINS TO THE PHEASANT HUNTING SEASON FOR DISABLED VETERANS AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Jim Schaeffer, Southeast SD Deer Management Association spoke to the Commission about radio collars for whitetail doe's they provided funding for to be used in the spring to do ultrasounds and track fawns to be radio collared before they are too mobile. Stated he was recently told that they cannot use the radio tracking units and would like further information. Schaeffer also said he would like to see an increase in the fee for illegal take of trophy big game.

Steve Rounds, Oahe Marina and Resort requested the opportunity to have a spearfishing tournament on August 13th to raise funds for the Make a Wish Foundation in coordination with a community celebration to commemorate the dam on the 17th. His preference would be for a three day tournament, but would happy with one day. Rounds recommends holding the tournament above the bridge where it is less congested than below the bridge.

Director Leif explained the administrative rule 41:07:06:03 which limits places where game fish can be speared. Leif noted the rule states that upon written request the Commission can grant permission through resolution. Leif stated staff will work with Rounds to submit the request.

Rounds said concessionaires have a tough time and would like more opportunities. They work hard to get people to come out to the parks and would like opportunities such as hosting meetings and are open to ideas.

Commissioner Dennert said other states ban shed hunting during certain times of the year and inquired South Dakota regulations.

Leif said South Dakota has a rule that prohibits removal of items from GPA's which has recently been discussed and may be brought forward to the commission in the future for review. He also said sheds can be collected in the Black Hills National Forest and private lands. Leif noted disturbance factor is a concern.

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Capital Campout & Outdoor University Event Review

Lynn Spomer informed the Commission on the Capital Campout and Outdoor University Event that was held June 10-11. The campout hosted 58 families providing tents and sleeping bags to family as needed. Campers participated in traditional camping experiences such as roasting marshmallows and singing campfire songs. On Saturday the campers were joined by the public at the Outdoor University which included free activities such as air rifle shooting, archery, kayaking, canoeing, fishing, campfire cooking and more.

Parks Revenue, Camping and Visitation Reports

The park revenue and camping reservation report was provided by Ceroll. The report includes a year to date comparison of revenue by line and June 2016 year to date comparison by district item. Ceroll stated they are seeing an overall increase in revenue of 10 percent, camping units 6 percent and visitation 4 percent.

Spearfish Falls Master Plan

Nedved provided details on the establishment of Spearfish Falls as a new state park that was announced during the Governors state of the state. In 2006 the Department acquired Roughlock Falls and Savoy fishing areas and immediately began improvements to clean up and provide better access. This year the Department acquired Spearfish Falls to create a place to provide the experience and protect the area. Nedved stated the Department is currently initiating master planning effort to identify opportunities by obtaining public input and cooperation as well as a vision for as a state park and role in the economy. Nedved also explained the operations plan in regards to staffing, income sources, and alternative income sources to offset operation expenses and the implementation plan to move forward with the concept. They will advertised for proposal on June 23 for 30 days and will hold an onsite visit on July 11 then work with a building committee to select a consultant. He stated it will be 6-9 month process to complete master planning effort.

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

2017 Elk Raffle License

Kirschenmann presented the application submitted by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) to conduct a raffle during the 2016-2017 fund raising period. Kirschenmann explained how funds from the raffle of licenses are used for research, habitat, radio collars and more to aid in elk management in South Dakota. Kirschenmann asked the Commission to take formal action to approve REMF to conduct the Elk Raffle for 2017.

Motioned by Spies with second by Phillips TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION TO OBTAIN AN ELK LICENSE TO BE RAFFLED OFF. Motion carried unanimously.

Elk Habitat Condition in the Black Hills

Mike Kintigh, Regional Supervisor provided information to the Commission on the forest ranger assessment in regards to elk habitat in the Black Hills. He explained the area is split into the area north of deadwood that is suffering from drought and having to bring in water for livestock and the central hills area with heat concerns. Kintigh stated they have received comments on widespread elk grazing in the Roubaix Lake area and that the current plan references contingency tags which are only for individual events. He noted the Crow Peak area fire may also affect contingency tags and as of now they have no impact on permittees and will create good elk habitat.

Elk Depredation

Secretary Hepler provided the Commission information on the recent visit he, Commissioner Phillips and John Kanta had with landowners in southern hills who have 150-250 elk winter on their property. He noted they discussed depredation hunts and asked if this is the most efficient way to target elk on private lands hoping to find a compromise.

Commissioner Phillips indicated landowners have different perspectives on the issue and inquired about a way to strategically remove elk noting it may require the use of staff.

Kintigh noted that it is time consuming to utilize staff, but they will make it a priority if necessary. He also mentioned other hunting possibilities and the option of donating the meat to Sportsmen Against Hunger.

Deer Fawn Collaring

Kevin Robling, Wildlife Biologist provided the Commission information on the recent deer fawn collaring and population objectives. Robling indicated the need for survival data on three age classes. He highlighted capture methods and locations noting this was the 4th year of survey. Robling also provided statewide fawn survey survival results.

Breeding Bird Atlas

Eileen Dowd Stukel, Senior Wildlife Biologist provided the Commission and update on recently completed project the SD Breeding Bird Atlas 2. Dowd Stukel explained that a breeding atlas documents distribution of all breeding species in a specific area, identifies their habitat associations, and assess distribution changes from the first atlas. Dowd Stukel further detailed how sampling is done and how information is categorized using specific codes. She also indicated 13 species were confirmed during the 2nd atlas that was not detected during the 1st. Dowd Stukel noted the final report can be found on the GFP website and hardcopy available later in the year.

Winter Owl Banding in Central SD

Casey Heimerl, Wildlife Biologist provided information on the winter owl banding noting the 6 banding location around the Oahe Dam and the methods used to capture the owls for banding. She indicated they conducted banding captures on 8 evenings in December – February resulting in 12 females, no males and 4 unknown. Heimerl stated

they will continue banding efforts by adding bandings stations and doing captures across the season. She also noted they plan to attach transmitters to track winter movements in central South Dakota to identify habitats.

West River Fisheries Management Plan Progress Report

Jake Davis, Senior Wildlife Biologist updated the Commission on the progress of the west river fisheries management plan noting work has been done on 4 of the 7 objectives. Davis provided an overview of large area that makes up the west river fisheries management area. Within the area 2 habitat access projects were recently completed with 5 new projects upcoming. Davis also highlighted several research projects specifically the creel and mussel surveys.

2016 License Sales Update

Staff Specialist Shon Eide provided the license sales report as of June 28, 2016 for all license types' resident and nonresident noting general license sales are slightly above last year due to sales of resident and nonresident combination licenses.

Eide informed the Commission on the 2016 Black Hills Elk Draw indicated everyone who utilized their preference drew a license and all tags have been distributed.

Adjourn

Motioned by Spies with second by B. Jensen TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Public Hearing Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
July 7, 2016

The Public Hearing Officer Cindy Longmire began the public hearing at 1:58 p.m. at the RedRossa Convention Center in Pierre, South Dakota with Commissioners Peterson, Jensen, Boyd, Jensen, Olson, Phillips, Dennert, and Spies present Longmire indicated written comments were provided to the Commissioners prior to this time and will be reflected in the Public Hearing Minutes. Longmire then invited the public to come forward with oral testimony.

Time Restrictions for State Parks

No oral or written testimony was received.

Bicycle Use Restriction

No oral or written testimony was received.

Camping Registration

No oral or written testimony was received.

Length of Camping Stay

No oral or written testimony was received.

Sage Grouse Hunting Season

No oral or written testimony was received.

Fall Turkey Hunting Season

No oral or written testimony was received.

Antelope Hunting Season

No oral or written testimony was received.

Allowance for Bird Processing Records to be Included in Shooting Preserve Records and Number of Processed Birds Allowed Per Package

No oral testimony was received.

Dave Olsen, Pheasant Phun, Inc. "Dear Sirs; This note is in regards to the letter dated June 13, 2016 about proposed rule changes for shooting preserves.

We are thankful to have a preserve license and will abide by whatever rules and laws come from the SDGFP office. It is our hope that your office might keep the paper work to a minimum for the folks who own and hold Preserve licenses, but we understand the need for good record keeping.

One issue I would like to address in this note is the fact that with the record keeping, all Preserve License holders provide you folks important info about each year's harvest, the number of clients, released to wild ratios, etc. Preserve license holders are not the only ones in the state releasing birds or cleaning birds.

There is no license needed to own and operate a hunting lodge/guide service, there is no data collected, no standard for the State of South Dakota to maintain a quality experience for our in and out of state guests. Why wouldn't the SDGFP office require all hunting operations in the state to be licensed? Why wouldn't your office want to gather the info from all hunting operations that we do as Preserve license holders?

If you are going to have Preserves that hunt off-preserve acres keep a second set of records, I would surely like to see your office make all Hunting Operations in the state be permitted to do business, inspected as we are as preserves, and keep similar records for every hunter that comes through their doors as Preserve license holders have to.

I implore your office to set fair standards for all hunting operations in the state and do not discriminate against preserve license holders when it comes to permitting, licensing, and paper work that your office requires. If off preserve hunting acres are going to be scrutinized, all of those acres state wide need to be looked at and governed with equality.

Thank you so much for your time and understanding in this matter. We are very proud of the outdoor opportunities South Dakota has to offer and we are thankful that your office partners with great operations state wide to ensure these opportunities will continue for generations to come.

Requirements and Eligibility for Disabled Veteran Pheasant Hunts

No oral or written testimony was received.

The public Hearing concluded at 2:05 p.m.

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission Governance Meeting
July 7, 2016

Chairperson Peterson called the Governance meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. CDT at the RedRossa Convention Center in Pierre, South Dakota. Commissioners Cathy Peterson, Jim Spies, Mary Anne Boyd, Gary Jensen, H. Paul Dennert, and W. Scott Phillips were present. Secretary Kelly Hepler was present along with the Division of Parks and Recreation Director Katie Ceroll, Division of Wildlife Director Tony Leif, Director of Administration Chris Petersen, Staff Attorney Richard Neill, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Executive Director Wayne Winter, Engineer Manager John Ullmann and Executive Secretary Rachel Comes.

The purpose of the governance meeting was to discuss administrative issues and provide an overview of the Department and Commission. Discussion items included handling incoming correspondence, public comments, land acquisitions, petitions for rule changes, open forum verses public hearing, Commissioner assignments to workgroups and management plans, meeting location criteria and fees for wildlife licences.

Other discussion included conflict of interest and the waiver request procedures.

The Governance meeting concluded at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly R. Hepler, Department Secretary



DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

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Land Acquisition Priorities and Guidelines

Last Updated :: August 4, 2016

The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks offers diverse opportunities for people to experience the outdoors. The foundation of these opportunities is the special lands and waters entrusted to the Department through the South Dakota Legislature's foresight in authorizing acquisition of property for public use and recreation. These lands are classified and managed accordingly by the Divisions of Wildlife and Parks and Recreation.

Division of Wildlife

- Game Production Areas
- Water Access Areas

Division of Parks and Recreation

- State Parks
- Recreation Areas
- Lakeside Use Areas
- Nature Areas
- Trails

Today

Private property dominates the South Dakota landscape, accounting for more than 80 percent of the state's acreage, and is important in conserving our natural resources. Every year, hundreds of thousands of outdoor enthusiasts enjoy the bounty of our vast natural resources - a strong testament to the high quality of land stewardship provided by South Dakota landowners.

South Dakota's public lands and waters provide residents and visitors with a great number of outdoor recreational opportunities; as well as, places to enjoy wildlife and the beauty of the South Dakota landscape. In addition to recreation, Department lands provide high quality habitat for hundreds of species of resident and migratory wildlife, including rare and declining species.

Department lands are an important part of the South Dakota landscape, as they exist exclusively for the use and enjoyment of all citizens. Found across the vast South Dakota landscape, these areas

often provide a county or region with its most important and readily available outdoor recreation opportunities.

Tomorrow

This document serves to guide the Department in its land acquisition activities over the next decade. In doing so, it sets forth and describes the Department's land acquisition guiding principles and priorities. These guidelines and priorities are based upon the expertise of Department staff, and the input of users and other interests who have shared their thoughts about Department land acquisition direction over the years.

When the Department began purchasing public hunting lands in the late 1930s, efforts were centered on obtaining Game Production Areas and Water Access Areas to provide management and recreational opportunities for individual species rather than specific habitat types. Over time the Department shifted its land acquisition efforts to securing native habitat types that support resident and migratory wildlife species and preserving areas of historical, geological, and natural significance. Eventually parcels were also added that improve management efficiency and effectiveness, while still providing a variety of recreational opportunities. This approach has resulted in a widely distributed land inventory of high quality habitat types, preservation areas, and recreation sites that are both biologically sound and publicly acceptable.

Land Acquisition Guidelines

The Department utilizes the following guidelines when conducting land acquisitions:

Regarding process, the Department will:

- Utilize existing and long-standing land acquisition procedures, based in Department Policy, South Dakota Administrative Rule, and South Dakota Codified Law, in acquiring property.
- Ensure an open public acquisition process through early involvement by the GFP Commission in potential acquisition projects.
- Work only with willing sellers.
- Utilize a property's market value, as determined by an independent appraisal, in negotiating a purchase price.
- Ensure that property appraisals conducted on behalf of the Department are completed by State-Certified General Appraisers and conform to Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) or Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions (UASFLA) as applicable.

Regarding economics, the Department will:

- Carefully consider the economic impacts of proposed land acquisition projects, and champion only those projects with minimal financial burdens and maximum conservation and public use benefits.
- When available as an option, evaluate the costs/benefits of leasing a property for wildlife habitat management and public access opportunities over purchasing it.

- Identify anticipated land management operation, maintenance, and development needs and their associated costs, and develop strategies for meeting these needs prior to acquiring new properties.
- Utilize financial support offered from partners for acquisition and management activities, making the most efficient use of these resources as potential matching funds through grant programs such as the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Regarding land ownership and stewardship, the Department will:

- Strive to be a good neighbor in communities in which it owns land, and involve communities when discussing land management issues.
- Work to identify existing Department lands that could be considered surplus to its mission and potentially available for disposal via exchange or sale.
- Utilize carefully evaluated land exchanges above the sale of surplus lands to improve management efficiency and effectiveness in addition to ensuring overall wildlife conservation values and public use opportunities are maintained.
- Ensure compliance with all applicable state and federal laws, rules, regulations, and policies regarding disposal of Department lands.
- Only consider accepting land donations that serve its mission, meet or exceed standards for state ownership, and do not impose significant management, liability, or financial concerns on the Department.

Land Acquisition Priorities

Additions to existing: Game Production Areas | Water Access Areas | State Parks | Recreation Areas | Lakeside Use Areas

- Parcels that improve public use on and access to existing Department lands.
- In-holding and round-out parcels that consolidate or connect existing Department lands or other public lands open to hunting, fishing, or other recreational related activities.
- Parcels that facilitate more efficient and effective wildlife habitat or recreation management and development activities on existing Department lands.
- Parcels that provide buffers or are necessary for maintaining or enhancing the integrity of existing Department lands.

Lake Access | River Access

- Parcels necessary to address public access needs to newly developed fisheries and popular water-based recreation resources.
- Parcels that can replace currently obsolete or deteriorating resources due to forces such as erosion, sedimentation, landslides, flooding, drought, etc.

Habitat types | Landscapes | Recreation | Educational Opportunities

- Parcels necessary to expand existing or develop new administrative facilities.
- Parcels containing significant habitat and hunting opportunities for pheasants.
- Parcels containing significant wetland habitat complexes.
- Parcels that represent intact native prairie grassland systems.
- Parcels of undeveloped lakeshores and riparian corridors.
- Parcels associated with planned and coordinated flood mitigation buyout projects.
- Parcels containing rare, unique, or significant plant or animal species or their habitats.
- Parcels necessary to preserve sites of geological, historical, natural, and cultural significance to the people of South Dakota.
- Parcels that have potential for high demand levels of outdoor recreation such as hunting, fishing, camping, trails, wildlife observation, water-based recreation.

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

**Bobcat Trapping and Hunting Season
Chapter 41:08:01**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 4-5, 2016	Pierre
	Public Hearing	October 6, 2016	Rapid City
	Finalization	October 6-7, 2016	Rapid City

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2016-17 and 2017-18 trapping and hunting seasons

Season Dates:	Area:
December 26, 2016 – February 15, 2017	All counties west of the Missouri River.
December 26, 2016 – January 22, 2017	Bon Homme, Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Clay, Hughes, Hutchinson, Hyde, Union and Yankton counties.

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Trappers or hunters who participate in the bobcat season east river are limited to one bobcat per trapper or hunter.
2. A bobcat taken must be presented to a conservation officer or wildlife damage specialist for registration and tagging of the pelt within 5 days of harvest. Additionally, once the season has closed, an individual has 24 hours to notify a conservation officer or wildlife damage specialist of any untagged bobcats harvested during the season. The pelt must be removed from the carcass and the carcass must be surrendered to the conservation officer or wildlife damage specialist. After the pelt has been tagged, it shall be returned to the hunter or trapper. Upon request, the carcass may be returned to the hunter or trapper after the carcass has been inspected and the lower jaw has been removed. A person may only possess, purchase or sell raw bobcat pelts that are tagged through the eyeholes with the tag provided by the department.

Recommended changes from last year:

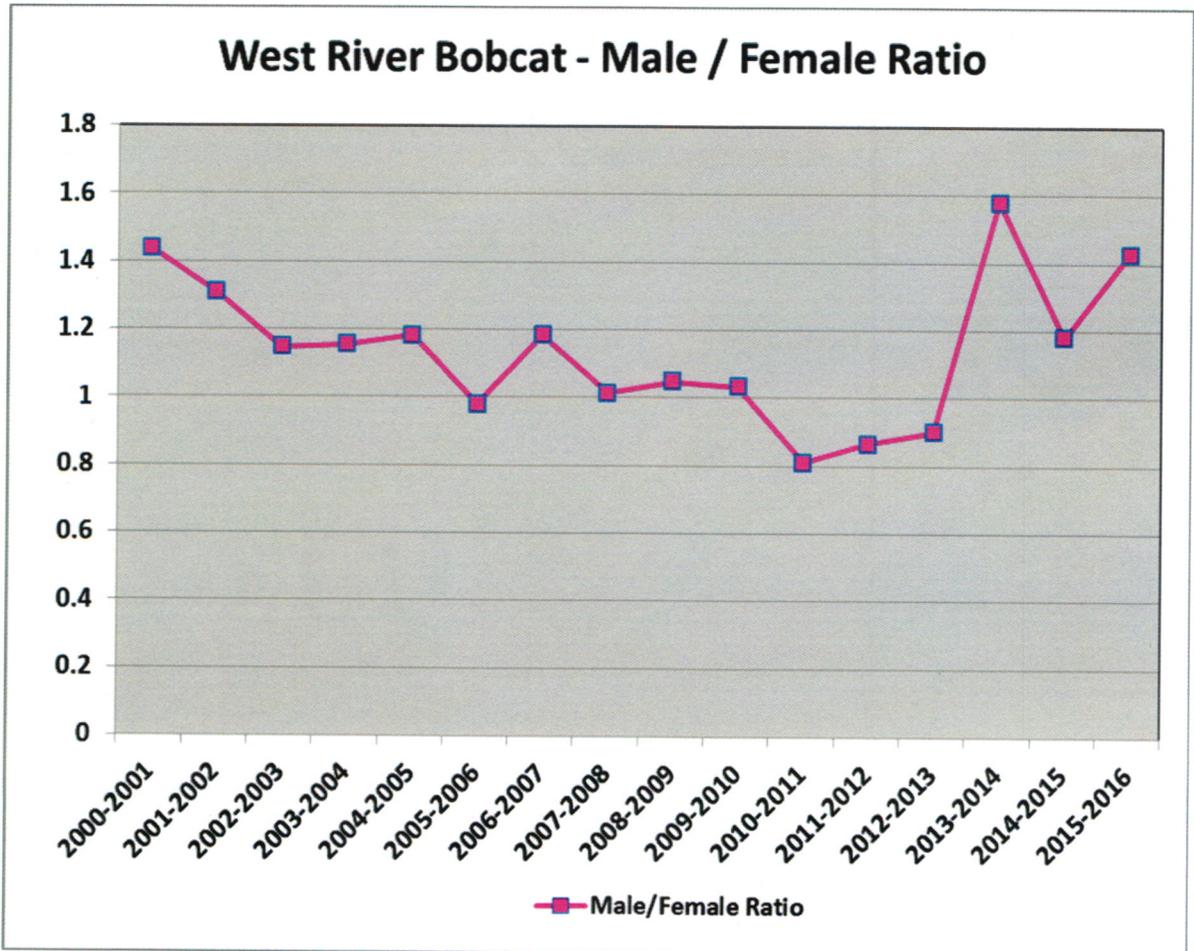
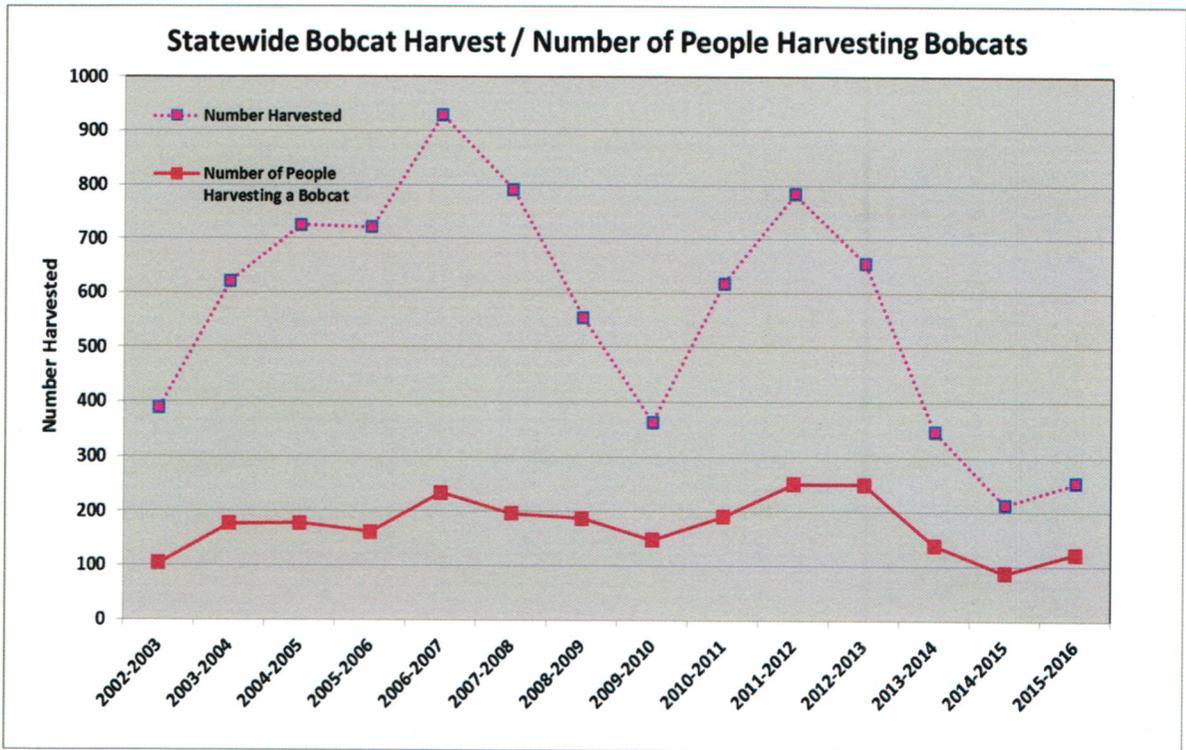
No recommended changes.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Bobcat Harvest Statistics

	West River	East River
2009-2010	363	
2010-2011	618	
2011-2012	784	
2012-2013	615	40
2013-2014	323	24
2014-2015	206	8
2015-2016	242	12

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____



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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

GENERAL PROVISIONS 41:07:01, BAIT 41:09:04, FISH LIMITS 41:07:03

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 4 – 5, 2016	Pierre
	Public Hearing	October 6, 2016	Mobridge
	Finalization	October 6 – 7, 2016	Mobridge

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

1. Modify **41:07:01:03. "Baitfish use restricted."** To allow for baitfish use within the Black Hills Fish Management Area.
2. Modify **41:09:04:03. "Waters closed to taking of bait."** to allow non-commercial take of bait in the Black Hills Fish Management Area.
3. Repeal **41:07:01:15. "High-grading of fish prohibited on South Dakota-Minnesota boundary waters."** to remove high-grading restrictions specific to SD/MN border waters and replace them with the SD inland water regulations.
4. Modify **41:07:03:03. "Daily, possession, and length limit restrictions on special management waters -- Additional restrictions described."** to:
 - a) remove 15 inch minimum size restrictions for black bass (largemouth and smallmouth bass) on Carthage, Dim ock, Vermillion, Hanson and Staum Lakes,
 - b) remove 14 to 18 inch protected slot limit for black bass on Enemy Swim and Pickerel Lakes and
 - c) remove the 15 inch minimum size restriction for walleye and the 14 to 18 inch protected slot limit for black bass from Campbell Slough.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. This regulation will improve law enforcement and fisheries management by allowing the use of live baitfish in all waters within the Black Hills Fish Management Area (BHFMA) except those closed due to invasive species issues. Currently, it is only lawful to use baitfish or minnows for the purpose of taking fish in Stockade, Sheridan and Pactola Reservoirs. Additionally, the possession of baitfish is currently not allowed anywhere in the BHFMA, except when adjacent to these waters, thus, making it unlawful for anglers to even transport bait from a bait dealer to any of the exempted waters.
2. This regulation will improve fisheries management and law enforcement as it will standardize the Black Hills Fish Management Area (BHFMA) with the rest of the state in regards to the non-commercial taking of bait. Currently, only creek chubs may be taken from waters within the BHFMA, however, there is no reason why the BHFMA should be any different than other areas of the state. Additionally, any concerns over AIS or sportfish species being taken are covered by other regulations.

APPROVE

MODIFY

REJECT

NO ACTION

3. Minnesota is changing their regulation to allow MN licensed anglers to high-grade all species on SD/MN border waters. That move would match their existing inland waters rules. Repealing the high-grading regulation specific to the SD/MN border waters would mean the high-grading regulation for SD inland waters (no high-grading for WAE only) would apply to all border water and inland waters.
4. a) **Carthage, Dimock, Hanson** - Repeated attempts over many years to increase bass abundance by stocking and length restrictions have failed. Angler use has been low (anecdotal observation). These waters will be stocked with walleyes and yellow perch in an attempt to increase angler use on these underutilized waters.

Vermillion - This large impoundment has always produced a small number of trophy-length largemouth bass without any management strategies except the 15-inch minimum length restriction. However, since very few people target largemouth bass on this water.

Staum - This small impoundment is significantly silted-in and becomes nearly impossible to fish by early summer due to excessive submerged aquatic vegetation. In addition, winter fish kills have become more frequent in recent years. Removal of this length limit will allow bass to be harvested before they are lost to fish kills.

b) **Enemy Swim and Pickerel** - Growth rates have decreased on these populations for the past 5 years and current growth rates are way behind the regional averages. These populations are at very high abundances and the quality of fish is lower than in many of our other smallmouth bass fisheries. With many years of creel information on these lakes it is obvious anglers are not willing to harvest bass below the protected slot which essentially makes this regulation ineffective. These regulations have been in place for over ten years now and fisheries have not benefitted.

c) **Campbell Slough** - Does not have a public boat ramp on the lake so access is limited. The lake has a maximum depth of only 9 ft. and is considered a warm water marginal fishery; therefore, restrictive regulations are unnecessary.

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

11B

SNAGGING OF SALMON 41:07:04, SNAGGING OF PADDLEFISH 41:07:05

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 4 – 5, 2016	Pierre
	Public Hearing	October 6, 2016	Mobridge
	Finalization	October 6 – 7, 2016	Mobridge

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

1. Modify **Chapter 41:07:04** to eliminate the language repealing the “Snagging of Salmon” chapter and add new provisions that would allow for the snagging of salmon on Lake Oahe in October and November.
2. Modify **41:07:05:02. “Snagging season in special management areas.”** to clarify the hours during which snagging can occur on portions of the Big Sioux River included in the fall paddlefish snagging season.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. Chinook salmon in Lake Oahe attempt to spawn and subsequently die. As this is a put-grow-take fishery, return to angler is one of the most important metrics in how successful the program is. Allowing for the snagging of salmon in the months of October and November, when there are very few other species in shallow water in the back end of bays, would add opportunity and allow people to better utilize this resource without negatively impacting other fisheries resources.
2. There is some confusion as to if the snagging hours for paddlefish on the Missouri River below Gavins Point Dam also apply to the open area in the Big Sioux River. This will clarify the snagging hours.

APPROVE **MODIFY** **REJECT** **NO ACTION**

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

Fishing Tournaments 41:09:15

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 4 – 5, 2016	Pierre
	Public Hearing	October 6, 2016	Mobridge
	Finalization	October 6 – 7, 2016	Mobridge

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

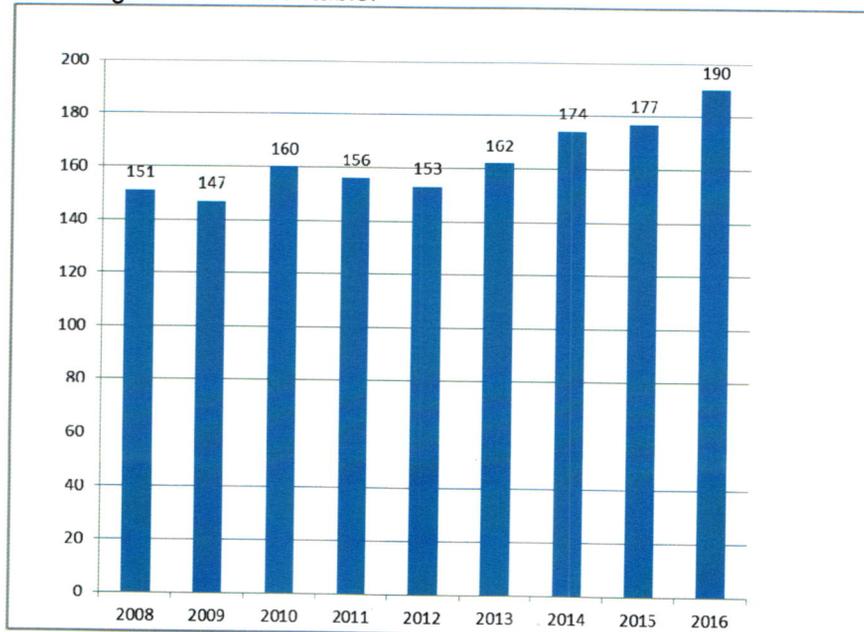
1. Establish an application fee for fishing tournaments with the fee increasing as the number of tournament participants increases. Recommended fees are:

Number of:		Tournament Fee
Boats	Participants	
20-49	50-99	\$200
50-74	100-149	\$350
75-99	150-199	\$525
100 or more	200 or more	\$800

2. Establish that participation in a non-permitted fishing tournament is a violation.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. There is currently no application fee for fishing tournaments. The number of fishing tournaments has steadily increased since 2008. In 2016, there will be nearly 200 events. All of these events require staff time to review, research, approve and record the applications. Large tournaments with more than 100 participants and those that donate the fish to organizations require much more time for law enforcement officers to monitor and for Parks crews to clean up after. This recommended change is brought forward in an attempt to provide compensation to the Department for the added staff time associated with fishing tournaments.
2. To make this fee rule enforceable it is necessary to make it a violation for an angler to fish in a tournament that is not permitted. Without this provision it would be difficult to identify and hold the tournament organizers accountable.



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PRIVATE HATCHERIES 41:09:07, IMPORTATION OF FISH 41:09:08

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 4 – 5, 2016	Pierre
	Public Hearing	October 6, 2016	Mobridge
	Finalization	October 6 – 7, 2016	Mobridge

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

1. Modify 41:09:07:06.04. "Fish health inspection required." and 41:09:08:03.04. "Importation requirements for fish or fish reproductive products." To allow fish health inspections to be conducted according to the "World Animal Health Organization (OIE) Aquatic Code 19th Edition, 2016 ISBN: 978-92-95018-12-7" or according to The American Fisheries Society Fish Health Section's "Suggested Procedures for the Detection and Identification of Certain Finfish and Shellfish Pathogens 2014 edition"

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. Adding (OIE) inspection protocols will allow state hatcheries, fisheries managers, the bait and private aquaculture industries and importers of fish flexibility in available sampling protocols and allow them to use the method of inspection that best fits their situation while still protecting the fisheries resources of South Dakota.

APPROVE MODIFY REJECT NO ACTION

SPEARING 41:07:06

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 4-5, 2016	Pierre
	Public Hearing	October 6-7, 2016	Mobridge
	Finalization	October 6-7 2016	Mobridge

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Modify 41:07:06:03. Areas open to spearing of game fish -- Additional permit required.

Recommended changes include:

1. Lengthening the spearing/archery season for game fish (except paddlefish and sturgeon) in inland waters open to game fish spearing from current dates of June 15 through March 15 to May 1 through March 31, inclusive.
2. Changing hours from sunrise to sunset to ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
3. Adding crossbows as a legal method of take for game fish on inland and border waters.
4. Opening all inland waters (including rivers and streams during open seasons), except those managed for muskies or closed elsewhere in administrative rule, to take of catfish and northern pike during established season dates.
5. Closing Middle Lynn Lake to the spearing of catfish and northern pike due to it being a newly-stocked muskie water.
6. Opening Waubay and Bitter Lakes in Day County, Swan and Dry #2 Lakes in Clark County, Albert, Henry, Thompson, and Whitewood Lakes in Kingsbury County, to spearing of all game fish except paddlefish and sturgeon during established season dates.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. Department staff met with a group of individuals in April 2016 who use spear guns to take game fish and a group of individuals in May 2016 who use bow and arrow to take game fish. Conditions needed for realistic take of game fish using these methods was discussed as were possible ideas for increasing opportunities.
2. The group that uses spear guns to take game fish was interested in increasing opportunities in eastern South Dakota to take walleyes. Currently, no waters in eastern SD are open to the taking of walleyes. Current game fish season dates of June 15 through March 15 are not conducive to taking game fish in Eastern SD waters with a spear gun, as water conditions by June 15 are too turbid. Moving the season start date to May 1 would increase the likelihood of water clarity suitable for spearfishing.
3. The eight eastern SD lakes recommended for addition to the list of waters open to spearing of all game fish species includes waters with established walleye fisheries, large surface acres, minimal shoreline development, potential for clear water at some times of the year, minimal recreational boating traffic, and a good boat ramp.

APPROVE

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NO ACTION

4. The behavior of most game fish make them difficult to successfully take with a bow and arrow. Game fish species of interest to bow fishers are northern pike, catfish, and Chinook salmon. Adding rivers and streams to the list of waters open for take of northern pike and catfish would significantly increase opportunity for those using bow and arrow as a method of take.
5. Individuals in the bow fishing group who met with department staff did not use crossbows but had no issue with adding it as a legal method of take to provide opportunity for those who may have an interest in doing so. Crossbows are currently a legal method of take for rough fish.
6. Changing hours for take of game fish to begin one-half hour before sunrise would greatly increase the ability of individuals using a bow and arrow to take Chinook salmon in the fall from Lake Oahe.

Landowner Fisheries Management Authorization (GENERAL PROVISIONS 41:07:01)

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 4-5, 2016	Pierre
	Public Hearing	October 6-7, 2016	Mobridge
	Finalization	October 6-7 2016	Mobridge

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Create a new rule in **41:07:01** to provide authorization for landowners to perform fisheries management activities on created, man-made impoundments on land they own or lease.

Activities allowed would include:

1. the use of special sampling equipment including nets, seines, and electrofishing equipment
2. stocking permitted species of fish
3. chemical control of vegetation
4. fish removal beyond the allowance of applicable fish limits
5. allowance for an agent, contractor, or employee to conduct fisheries management activities

Requirements would include:

1. the landowner control all the land surrounding the created impoundment by ownership, easement, or lease
2. involvement of a Conservation Officer whenever live fish are transported off the property
3. notification of a Conservation Officer whenever fish in excess of applicable limits are transported

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. South Dakota statute requires Game, Fish and Parks authorization for certain activities typically used to manage fisheries including use of special sampling equipment, stocking and removal of fish, and applying chemicals to control vegetation.
2. Landowners have expressed a desire to be able to manage the fisheries on created, man-made impoundments on land they own or lease. Currently, these activities are permitted on a case by case basis, with each management activity on a water requiring submission of a separate application each time a landowner wishes to conduct a specific management action. Creating an administrative rule that would serve as a continual authorization to conduct the designated management actions would facilitate landowner management of created, man-made impoundments on land they control.
3. Private companies have expressed an interest in offering fisheries management services to landowners for created, man-made waters but there is not currently a mechanism for them to do so. This administrative rule would establish that mechanism in association with the landowner's authorization to conduct fisheries management activities.
4. Lists of species that could be stocked, allowable sampling gear that could be used, and conditions under which chemicals could be applied would be specified in individual landowner authorizations.

APPROVE **MODIFY** **REJECT** **NO ACTION**

Landowner Pond Management Authorization Fact Sheet

General:

- Authorization is only for created, man-made impoundments surrounded by private land
- Authorization is free and does not expire
- The landowner must control access by ownership, lease, or easement
- The landowner's agent or designee may perform these activities and possess authorized gear
- All ponds managed can be included in one authorization
- Fish may be transferred from one authorized water to another on the same property
- Notification of a Conservation Office is required when:
 - removing of fish in excess of applicable limits
 - moving live fish away from the property
- Sale of game fish is not authorized
- Statewide fish limits and licensing requirements apply to anglers fishing in authorized waters

Authorizations Granted Include:

- Use of special equipment
- Stocking allowable fish species or eggs
- Fish removal beyond applicable limits
- Chemical vegetation removal (on waters not spilling)

Allowable special equipment:

Gill nets	Fyke nets	Trap nets	Seines
Cast nets	Hoop nets	Electrofishing gear	

*Sampling gears not listed would require separate consideration by the department

**mesh sizes allowed could be larger than legal for taking of bait

Allowable fish species:

Rainbow trout	Legal baitfish	Largemouth bass	Channel catfish	Walleye
Brown trout	Pumpkinseed	Smallmouth bass	Bullhead	Yellow perch
Brook trout		Bluegill	Black crappie	White crappie

*Species not listed would require separate consideration by the department

Separate permitting requirements would be required for:

- Chemical renovation with fish toxicants (Rotenone)
- Fish importation
- Stocking fish species other than those listed above

Activities requiring permitting from other agencies

- Chemical vegetative removal (DENR)

All AIS regulations, in particular, water transportation restrictions must be adhered to.

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

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Depredation Permits

Chapter 41:06:46

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 4-5, 2016	Pierre
	Public Hearing	October 6, 2016	Rapid City
	Finalization	October 6-7, 2016	Rapid City

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Requirements and Restrictions:

Residents Only

Deer, Antelope, and Turkey:

1. By resolution, the GFP Commission may determine the number of big game depredation permits and authorize the Secretary to issue big game depredation permits where appropriate.
2. Big game depredation permits may be used between December 1 and March 31.
3. Hunters that register for the pool from December 1-31 will be randomly selected to determine the order in which they are contacted if a depredation hunt is needed in a county where they are willing to hunt. After December 31, additional hunters will be registered in the pool in the order that they enroll.
4. The maximum number of landowner/operator depredation permits that may be issued is four permits per household or ranch.
5. No person may register for more than 10 counties.
6. There is no fee for depredation permits.

Elk:

1. By resolution, the GFP Commission may determine the number of elk depredation permits and authorize the Secretary to issue elk depredation permits where appropriate.
2. Elk depredation permits may be used between January 1 and December 31.
3. Hunters that register for the pool from December 1-31 will be randomly selected to determine the order in which they are contacted if a depredation hunt is needed. After December 31, additional hunters will be registered in the pool in the order that they enroll.
4. Requires a \$50 permit fee except, for landowner permits which are no-charge.
5. The maximum number of landowner/operator depredation permits that may be issued is one per household or ranch.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Combine the elk depredation hunt registration and selection process with the deer, antelope and turkey registration and selection process.
2. Require online registration for all depredation hunts.
3. Require that landowners receiving big game depredation assistance must allow hunting access to hunters that possess a big game depredation permit without charge.
4. By resolution, the GFP Commission may determine the number of elk depredation permits and authorize the Secretary to issue permits where and when appropriate.
5. Elk depredation hunts may be utilized throughout the year if necessary.
6. Hunters that register for the elk pool from December 1-31 will be randomly selected to determine the order in which they are contacted if a depredation hunt is needed. After December 31, additional hunters will be registered in the pool in the order that they enroll.
7. Only a resident who was not issued an elk license from the current regular elk drawing may register for an elk depredation hunt.

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- 8. Establish a \$50 fee for an elk depredation permit. There is no charge for landowner permits.
- 9. The maximum number of landowner/operator elk depredation permits that may be issued is one per household or ranch.
- 10. Elk depredation hunts may be used in an established elk hunting unit as well as areas outside an established elk hunting unit. Elk depredation hunts will not occur within an established elk hunting unit during any open elk hunting season.
- 11. Landowner preference or preference points do not apply.
- 12. Participation in an elk depredation hunt does not affect future eligibility or preference points in future lottery drawings for elk seasons. The nine year waiting period for a person does not apply.
- 13. The pool of registered elk hunters expires on December 31 of the following year.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

GFP would like to modify the process which elk depredation hunts are administered and combine these processes with other big game depredation hunt registration and selection processes.

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

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Elk Depredation Permits
Chapter 41:06:52

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 4-5, 2016	Pierre
	Public Hearing	October 6, 2016	Rapid City
	Finalization	October 6-7, 2016	Rapid City

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. The commission by resolution shall specify the number and type of elk depredation permits that may be issued.
2. For any hunt conducted in a geographic area lying outside of an established elk hunting unit, the hunt may be conducted within any time period determined by the department.
3. For any hunt conducted in a geographic area lying within an established elk hunting unit, the hunt may be conducted anytime except during the regular elk season.
4. Landowners are eligible for 1 permit for each ranch unit if they are qualified for landowner preference and if they have not received an elk license for the current elk season.
5. Any elk depredation permit holders would not lose any preference points they accumulated over the years; landowners who participate in a hunt would not lose their eligibility to apply for a license for the subsequent elk season.

Recommended changes from last year:

Repeal entire chapter and combine applicable elements with depredation hunt chapter.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Moving forward, GFP would like to combine the registration and selection process with the other species (i.e. deer, antelope, and turkey) depredation pool hunt process.

APPROVE MODIFY REJECT NO ACTION

RESOLUTION 16 - 09

WHEREAS, by rule the public is prohibited from spearfishing game fish other than catfish on the waters of Lake Sharpe between the upstream edge of the Highway 14/34 bridge at Pierre/Ft. Pierre and the Oahe Dam; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ARSD § 41:07:06:03, upon request the Game, Fish and Parks Commission (Commission) may by resolution temporarily open waters which are closed to the public for game fish spearfishing; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has received a written request from an interested party to temporarily open the waters of Lake Sharpe to spearfishing of all game fish species between the Oahe Dam and the upstream edge of the Highway 14/34 bridge in Pierre/Ft. Pierre from August 12, 2016, at 6:00 o'clock A.M. through August 14, 2016, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., inclusive; and

WHEREAS, the requesting party will place restrictions on tournament participants to help reduce congestion, allow for unencumbered boat navigation, and address safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, prior to the Commission's consideration of the request at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 4-5, 2016, the public was provided with notice of the request and invited to submit both written and oral testimony concerning whether the request should be granted; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has carefully considered the request as well as written and oral testimony from the public concerning whether the request should be granted and based thereon has determined that the request should be granted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission does hereby grant the request to temporarily open the waters of Lake Sharpe between the Oahe Dam and the upstream edge of the Highway 14/34 bridge in Pierre/Ft. Pierre to spearfishing of all game fish species from August 12, 2016, at 6:00 o'clock A.M. through August 14, 2016, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., inclusive.

7-17-16

Request to open boundaries above HI way 14, 34 and 83 bridge (between Pierre and Ft. Pierre) to Oahe Dam, for spearfishing of game fish.

South Dakota Game Fish and Parks:

We are requesting that the boundaries between the Hi way 14 bridge and the Oahe Dam be open to the taking of game fish by spearfishing for 3 days: August 12 (6am) through the 14th (8pm). The Oahe Marina and Resort would like to hold a spearfishing tourney on the 13th of August from 7am to 3 pm. during this open time.

Working with the SD Game Fish and Parks, we have identified some critical areas with in these boundaries that could cause congestion or restrict boat access to public ramps or navigation. These areas are: The mouth of the Oahe Marina, the mouth of the Stilling basin, and between the Hi Way Bridge and the Train Bridge crossing from Pierre to Ft. Pierre. Therefore, during our Spearfishing Tourney will request that no diving take part in these areas. We will mark these areas (with permission from the Corp of Engineers) with buoys so boat captain will be aware of these areas and keep their divers out. During the tourney no spearfishing will be allowed from the Ice Breaker Pillar above the train bridge to the south side of the Hi Way 14 Bridge. We will also recommend that all boats responsible for divers be at least 150 yards apart to keep congestion at a minimum.

We are expecting around 30 teams. (Teams are two divers and a boat captain). But we are not limiting the entries. We would request SD Game Fish and Parks provide a Conservation Officer at our safety meeting at 7am on Saturday August 13th to go over laws and safety tips to our teams. The boundaries of the tourney includes: Open areas on Lake Oahe and Lake Sharpe (except in the areas identified above).

All game fish taken during this tourney will be the responsibility of the spear fisher; all rough fish taken at this tourney will be taken to local farm field and deposited as fertilizer.

A map of open areas and areas of concern will be given to all teams. Also a brochure for the tourney will be given to all interested parties.

Scuba Diving and Spearfishing is a very unique sport in South Dakota. We need to encourage this activity and promote it to other states to bring more guests to our great state.

Thank you for considering this request.



Steven Rounds,

Oahe Marina and Resort.

**South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks - Wildlife Division
Land Acquisition and Disposal Report
August 2016**

Action Items

None

Information Items

Kirschenman Addition to Ulmer GPA

Location: Seven miles northeast of Lesterville in Yankton County

Description: 175 acres

Management Objective: Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting

Cost: \$665,000.00 (P-R grant program funding)

Expected Closing: November 2016

Early Development Projects

Southeast Beadle County Property

Location: Beadle County

Description: 320 acres

Management Objective: Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting access

Acquisition Cost: Property is being appraised (P-R grant program funding)

Expected Closing: Unknown

Carthage Area Property

Location: Miner County

Description: 160 acres

Management Objective: Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting access

Acquisition Cost: Property is being appraised (P-R grant program funding)

Expected Closing: Unknown

Hayes Area Property

Location: Stanley County

Description: 106 acres

Management Objective: Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting access

Acquisition Cost: Property is being appraised (P-R grant program funding)

Expected Closing: Unknown

Wetlands Reserve Program Property

Location: Day County

Description: 687 acres

Management Objective: Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting access

Addition to Ash-Moe WPA

Location: Clark County

Description: 174 acres

Management Objective: Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting access

Addition to Renziehausen Slough GPA

Location: Brown County

Description: 58 acres

Management Objective: Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting access

Addition to Helgeson GPA

Location: Clark County

Description: 2 acres

Management Objective: Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting access

Stanley Corner area property

Location: McCook County

Description: 160 acres

Management Objective: Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting access

Addition to Payne WAA

Location: Lake County

Description: 1 acre

Management Objective: Public Water Access Area addition at Lake Madison

Addition to Spring Creek GPA

Location: Pennington County

Description: 5 acres

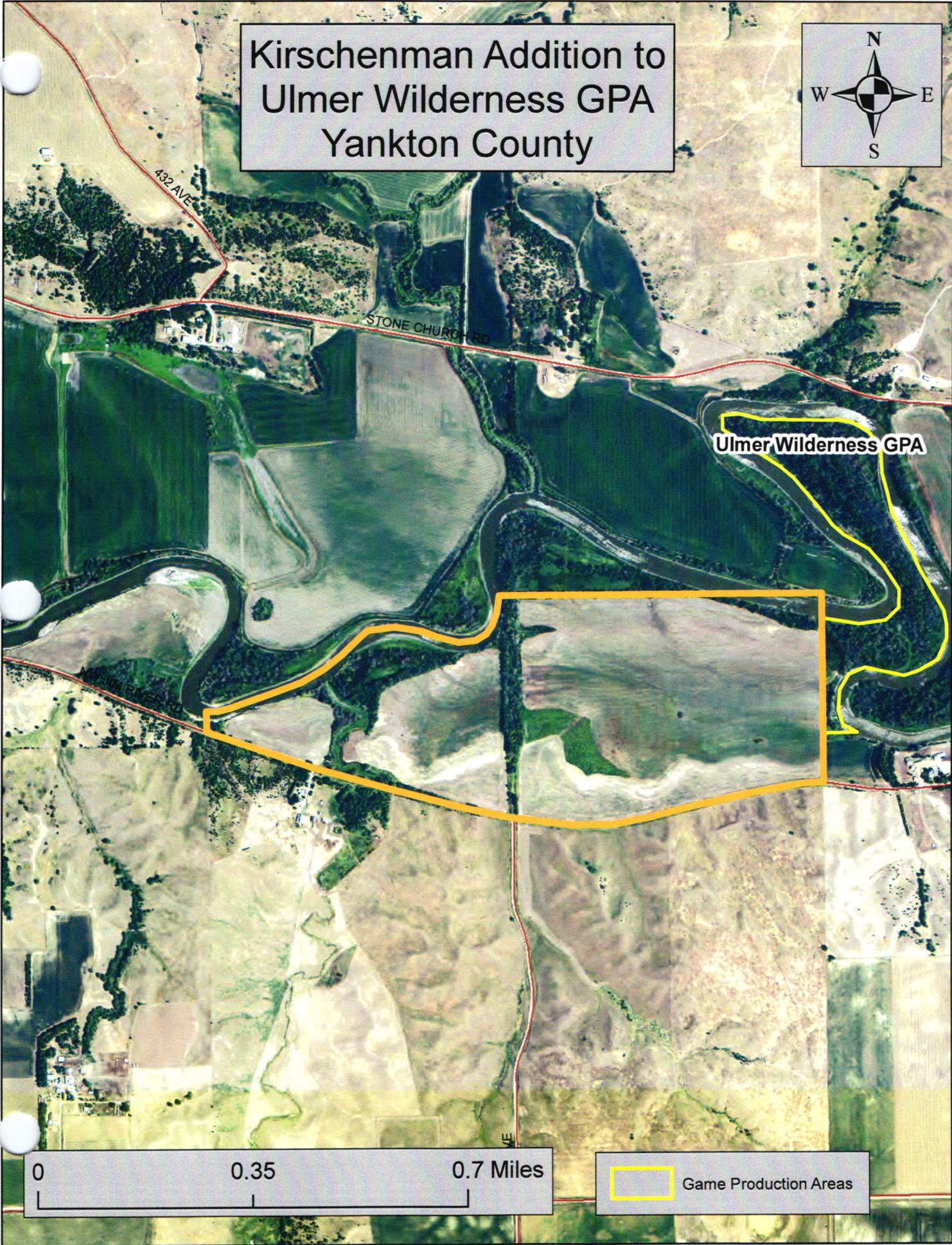
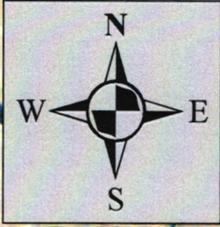
Management Objective: Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting access

Disposal of Deadwood Lots

Location: Lawrence County

Description: 0.15 acres

Kirschenman Addition to Ulmer Wilderness GPA Yankton County



License Sales Totals

(as of July 29)

date updated: 29 July 2016

Resident	2016	2015
Combination	42,504	41,528
Junior Combination	6,296	6,189
Senior Combination	7,678	7,022
Small Game	1,842	1,838
Youth Small Game	893	952
1-Day Small Game	234	198
Migratory Bird Certificate	14,021	14,888
Predator/Varmint	1,393	1,179
Furbearer	2,325	2,477
Annual Fishing	58,323	59,212
Senior Fishing	12,032	11,938
1-Day Fishing	4,056	3,934
Gamefish Spearing/Archery	2,550	2,556

Nonresident	2016	2015
Small Game	3,259	3,258
Youth Small Game	268	230
Annual Shooting Preserve	78	99
5-day Shooting Preserve	589	563
1-day Shooting Preserve	302	228
Spring Light Goose	3,968	4,249
Youth Spring Light Goose	138	161
Migratory Bird Certificate	323	229
Predator/Varmint	3,740	3,661
Furbearer	3	4
Annual Fishing	25,572	24,384
Family Fishing	8,846	8,508
Youth Annual Fishing	1,470	1,311
3-Day Fishing	18,560	17,319
1-Day Fishing	17,016	14,540
Gamefish Spearing/Archery	627	574
TOTAL ON FILE =	238,906	233,229

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONCESSION AGREEMENT
LEWIS AND CLARK RECREATION AREA**

This FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONCESSION AGREEMENT between the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks ("Department") 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota, 57501 and Donlin Marine, LLC., ("Concessionaire") P.O. Box 19, Pickstown, SD 57367.

WHEREAS, the Department entered into a concession agreement on the 18th day of March, 2015, to facilitate the private operation of Lewis and Clark Marina located at Lewis and Clark Recreation Area, hereinafter referred to as the "Marina"; and

WHEREAS, The Concessionaire desires to provide video lottery in addition to the existing services offered at Lewis and Clark Marina; and

WHEREAS, The Concession Agreement does not authorize video lottery at Lewis and Clark Marina; and

WHEREAS, the Concessionaire desires and the Department is agreeable to authorize video lottery and set forth all terms and conditions thereof.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED that the Concession Agreement dated March 18, 2015, between the Department and the Concessionaire is amended as follows:

1. To authorize video lottery within the Marina, Section 3(b) "Additional Authorized Accommodations, Facilities and Services", subsection 10 shall be added as follows:
 10. Video Lottery in Department approved locations only
2. To define and make final video lottery proceeds subject to all fee and reserve requirements of the Concession Agreement, Section 2(j) is amended as follows:
 - (j) "Gross Receipts" means all revenue received, to be received, or realized by Concessionaire from all sales for cash or credit, of services, accommodations, materials and other merchandise made pursuant to the rights granted under this Agreement, Gross Receipts of SubConcessionaires, commissions earned on leases or agreements with other persons or companies operating in the Marina, video lottery revenue, and revenue earned from sales through electronic media, mail order or otherwise. Concessionaire shall report all of its revenues to the Department without allowances, exclusions, or deductions of any kind. For purposes of calculating franchise fees and other fees and

reserve amounts identified in this agreement, revenue received from park entrance license sales, and hunting and fishing license sales (excluding agent fees), will be excluded from Gross Receipts. Gross Receipts from video lottery subject to fee and reserve amounts shall be limited to proceeds after payouts and minus Concessionaire's remittance to the South Dakota Lottery Commission.

3. Video Lottery machines must be enclosed and separated from other concession services and managed so as to not conflict or distract with the experience of other patrons to the concession or Lewis and Clark Recreation Area. Any building modifications required for Video Lottery shall be at the expense of the Concessionaire and are subject to Department approval. Any restoration requirements of the Concessionaire shall be determined prior to construction.
4. Except as modified by this First Amendment to Concession Lease Agreement, all other terms and conditions of the Concession Lease Agreement dated March 18, 2015, shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this First Amendment to Concession Agreement on this _____ Day of _____, 2016.

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

BY: _____ DATE: _____
Katherine Ceroll, Director, Division of Parks and Recreation

DONLIN MARINE, LLC, DBA LEWIS AND CLARK MARINA

BY: _____ DATE: _____
Christopher Donlin, its President

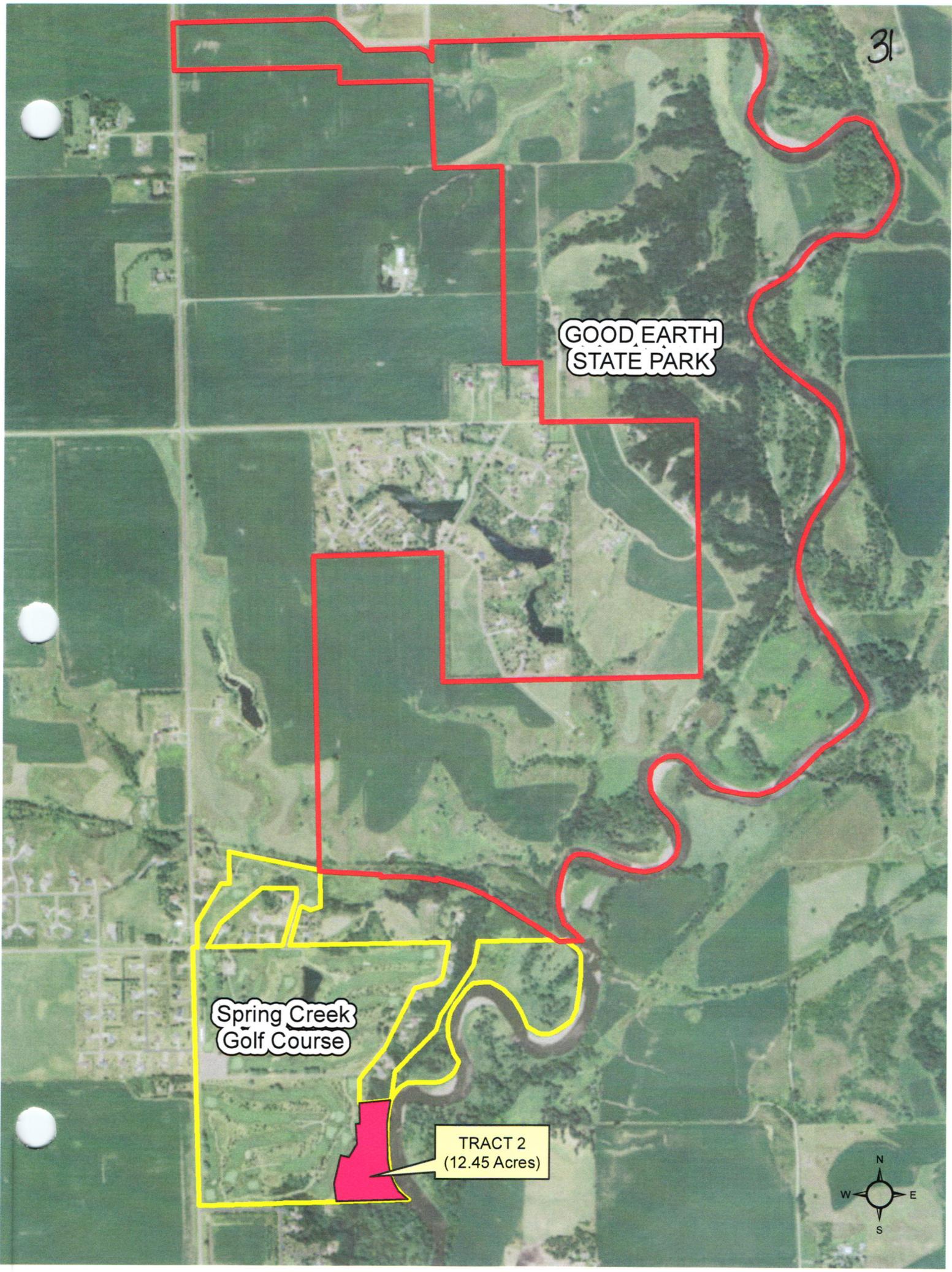
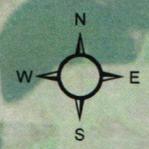
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

BY: _____ DATE: _____

GOOD EARTH
STATE PARK

Spring Creek
Golf Course

TRACT 2
(12.45 Acres)



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DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION
January to July 2016 Revenue Comparison by Item

	2015		2016		%
	Number	Dollar	Number	Dollar	
Annual	38,941	\$ 1,168,224	43,717	\$ 1,311,514	12%
Second Vehicle	10,240	\$ 153,601	11,604	\$ 174,057	13%
Combo	20,502	\$ 922,592	20,985	\$ 944,305	2%
Transferable	1,340	\$ 87,129	1,503	\$ 97,707	12%
Daily / Person	22,641	\$ 90,564	22,800	\$ 91,200	1%
Daily / Vehicle	54,418	\$ 326,510	56,470	\$ 338,817	4%
Unattended Vehicle Daily	1,258	\$ 12,580	1,242	\$ 12,417	-1%
Motorcoach Permit	4,430	\$ 13,290	4,091	\$ 12,273	-8%
GSM Annual Trail Pass	1,855	\$ 27,825	2,159	\$ 32,385	16%
GSM Daily Trail Pass	9,098	\$ 27,294	7,802	\$ 31,208	14%
CSP Temp Daily / Vehicle	91,320	\$ 1,369,793	98,768	\$ 1,975,353	44%
Bike Band	22,666	\$ 226,661	11,407	\$ 114,071	-50%
One-Day Special Event	N/A	\$ 4,415	N/A	\$ 6,035	37%
PERMITS	278,709	\$ 4,430,478	282,547	\$ 5,141,343	16%
Camping Services Permits	-	\$ 6,548,919	-	\$ 6,923,269	6%
Gift Card	-	\$ 4,600	-	\$ 3,670	-20%
Picnic Reservations	-	\$ 15,319	-	\$ 16,869	10%
Firewood	23,034	\$ 115,169	20928	\$ 104,638	-9%
LODGING	23,034	\$ 6,684,007	20928	\$ 7,048,445	5%
TOTAL	301,743	\$ 11,114,485	303,474	\$ 12,189,788	10%

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DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION
January to July 2016 Revenue Comparison by District

LOCATION	2015	2016	%
Fort Sisseton			
Pickereel Lake			
Roy Lake			
Sica Hollow			
DISTRICT 1	\$ 400,846	\$ 410,695	2%
Richmond Lake			
Mina Lake			
Lake Louise			
Fisher Grove			
Amsden			
DISTRICT 2	\$ 209,200	\$ 215,698	3%
Sandy Shore			
Hartford Beach			
Lake Cochrane			
Pelican Lake			
DISTRICT 3	\$ 334,887	\$ 349,043	4%
Oakwood Lakes			
Lake Poinsett			
Lake Thompson			
DISTRICT 4	\$ 632,611	\$ 665,777	5%
Lake Herman			
Walkers Point			
DISTRICT 5	\$ 245,888	\$ 248,566	1%
Snake Creek			
Platte Creek			
Burke Lake			
Buryanek			
DISTRICT 6	\$ 372,729	\$ 366,304	-2%
Palisades			
Lake Vermillion			
Big Sioux			
DISTRICT 7	\$ 589,777	\$ 640,324	9%
Newton Hills			
Lake Alvin			
Union Grove			
Adams			
DISTRICT 8	\$ 399,308	\$ 394,528	-1%

LOCATION	2015	2016	%
Lewis & Clark			
Springfield			
Chief White Crane			
Pierson Ranch			
Tabor			
Sand Creek			
DISTRICT 9	\$ 1,560,845	\$ 1,625,636	4%
White Swan			
South Scalp			
Randall Creek			
South Shore			
North Point			
Pease Creek			
Whetstone			
North Wheeler			
DISTRICT 10	\$ 567,552	\$ 560,131	-1%
Farm Island			
West Bend			
DISTRICT 11	\$ 412,287	\$ 433,874	5%
Okobojo			
Spring Creek			
Oahe Downstream			
Cow Creek			
DISTRICT 12	\$ 442,538	\$ 472,644	7%
WalthBay			
East Whitlock			
West Whitlock			
Lake Hiddenwood			
Swan Creek			
Indian Creek			
Revheim Bay			
West Pollock			
DISTRICT 13	\$ 339,180	\$ 341,308	1%
Mickelson Trail			
Bear Butte			
DISTRICT 14	\$ 93,606	\$ 104,731	12%
Shadehill			
Llewellyn Johns			
Rocky Point			
DISTRICT 15	\$ 348,558	\$ 390,441	12%
Custer			
DISTRICT 16	\$ 3,468,598	\$ 4,216,657	22%
Angostura			
Sheps Canyon			
DISTRICT 17	\$ 527,118	\$ 573,355	9%
PIERRE OFFICE	\$ 168,957	\$ 180,077	7%
TOTAL:	\$ 11,114,485	\$ 12,189,788	10%

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**DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION
JANUARY TO JULY 2016 CAMPING UNIT COMPARISON BY DISTRICT**

Park	2015 Units	2016 Units	%
Fort Sisseton	1,027	1,091	6%
Pickerel Lake	4,073	4,058	0%
Roy Lake	4,336	4,449	3%
Sica Hollow	76	91	20%
District 1	9,512	9,689	2%
Richmond Lake	963	955	-1%
Mina Lake	1,558	1,585	2%
Lake Louise	1,138	1,219	7%
Fisher Grove	615	602	-2%
Amsden	215	185	-14%
District 2	4,489	4,546	1%
Sandy Shore	761	856	12%
Hartford Beach	3,198	3,320	4%
Lake Cochrane	1,293	1,269	-2%
Pelican South	3,245	3,305	2%
District 3	8,497	8,750	3%
Oakwood Lakes	5,234	5,525	6%
Lake Poinsett	4,460	5,169	16%
Lake Thompson	4,459	4,503	1%
District 4	14,153	15,197	7%
Lake Herman	3,427	3,631	6%
Walkers Point	1,640	1,829	12%
Lake Carthage	422	520	23%
District 5	5,489	5,980	9%
Snake Creek	6,366	6,503	2%
Platte Creek	1,185	1,172	-1%
Burke Lake	23	29	26%
Buryanek	1,829	2,042	12%
District 6	9,403	9,746	4%
Palisades	2,740	2,868	5%
Lake Vermillion	5,086	5,325	5%
Big Sioux	2,932	3,592	23%
District 7	10,758	11,785	10%
Newton Hills	6,025	6,159	2%
Union Grove	916	845	-8%
District 8	6,941	7,004	1%

Park	2015 Units	2016 Units	%
Lewis & Clark	25,683	25,748	0%
Tabor	54	65	20%
Sand Creek	111	68	-39%
Springfield	710	684	-4%
Chief White Crane	6,674	6,892	3%
Pierson Ranch	2,722	2,695	-1%
District 9	35,954	36,152	1%
North Point	6,568	6,501	-1%
North Wheeler	518	619	19%
Pease Creek	999	980	-2%
Randall Creek	4,949	5,028	2%
South Shore	268	260	-3%
Whetstone Bay	441	352	-20%
White Swan	184	192	4%
South Scalp	21	32	52%
District 10	13,948	13,964	0%
Farm Island	4,494	4,771	6%
West Bend	5,810	6,690	15%
District 11	10,304	11,461	11%
Oahe Downstream	8,763	9,584	9%
Cow Creek	1,757	1,926	10%
Okobojo Point	785	1,040	32%
District 12	11,305	12,550	11%
West Whitlock	3,458	3,299	-5%
Lake Hiddenwood	192	268	40%
East Whitlock	42	72	71%
Swan Creek	453	572	26%
Indian Creek	4,706	4,774	1%
Walth Bay	14	25	79%
West Pollock	624	639	2%
District 13	9,489	9,649	2%
Bear Butte	490	491	0%
District 14	490	491	0%
Shadehill	3,307	3,836	16%
Llewellyn Johns	301	340	13%
Rocky Point	2,992	3,554	19%
District 15	6,600	7,730	17%
Custer	28,068	29,238	4%
District 16	28,068	29,238	4%
Angostura	9,936	11,067	11%
Sheps Canyon	920	1,092	19%
District 17	10,856	12,159	12%
TOTAL FEE AREA			
CAMPER UNITS	196,256	206,091	5%

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**DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION
JULY YTD 2016 VISITATION COMPARISON**

Park	2015	2016	% Change
Fort Sisseton	41,155	42,487	3%
Pickerel Lake	20,043	14,410	-28%
Roy Lake	106,954	107,655	1%
Sica Hollow	6,496	9,101	40%
District 1	174,648	173,653	-1%
Richmond Lake	20,074	20,871	4%
Mina Lake	29,916	32,269	8%
Lake Louise	17,266	19,924	15%
Fisher Grove	12,990	13,359	3%
District 2	80,246	86,423	8%
Sandy Shore	14,587	16,942	16%
Hartford Beach	67,201	48,002	-29%
Lake Cochrane	10,312	6,674	-35%
Pelican	14,247	17,587	23%
District 3	106,347	89,205	-16%
Oakwood Lakes	41,173	51,436	25%
Lake Poinsett	28,860	38,750	34%
Lake Thompson	29,647	28,461	-4%
District 4	99,680	118,647	19%
Lake Herman	56,053	58,345	4%
Walkers Point	24,628	22,731	-8%
District 5	80,681	81,076	0%
Snake Creek	115,373	102,627	-11%
Platte Creek	73,362	77,979	6%
Burke Lake	9,759	11,490	18%
Buryanek	27,763	31,034	12%
District 6	226,257	223,130	-1%
Palisades	47,207	56,198	19%
Lake Vermillion	64,466	66,544	3%
Big Sioux	28,164	33,677	20%
Beaver Creek	13,883	13,449	-3%
District 7	153,720	169,868	11%
Newton Hills	73,422	58,783	-20%
Good Earth	15,478	14,462	-7%
Lake Alvin	28,300	17,636	-38%
Union Grove	9,914	6,166	-38%
Adams	11,824	20,181	71%
Spirit Mound	9,965	7,295	-27%
District 8	148,903	124,523	-16%

Park	2015	2016	% Change
Lewis & Clark	451,722	437,312	-3%
Springfield	65,989	56,510	-14%
Chief White Crane	40,806	40,412	-1%
Pierson Ranch	40,630	40,232	-1%
District 9	599,147	574,466	-4%
North Point	80,359	77,405	-4%
North Wheeler	10,117	16,323	61%
Pease Creek	15,714	24,548	56%
Randall Creek	34,358	24,699	-28%
Ft. Randall Boat Club	12,523	13,240	6%
District 10	153,071	156,215	2%
Farm Island	84,208	87,935	4%
West Bend	31,407	38,875	24%
LaFramboise Island	49,566	47,613	-4%
District 11	165,181	174,423	6%
Oahe Downstream	207,591	269,934	30%
Cow Creek	128,986	122,504	-5%
Okobojo Point	17,375	21,515	24%
Spring Creek	82,452	84,595	3%
District 12	436,404	498,548	14%
West Whitlock	66,356	55,589	-16%
Lake Hiddenwood	14,281	14,741	3%
Swan Creek	34,066	41,274	21%
Indian Creek	57,466	49,682	-14%
Revheim Bay	26,923	28,949	8%
West Pollock	42,404	41,724	-2%
District 13	241,496	231,959	-4%
Bear Butte	27,806	25,638	-8%
District 14	27,806	25,638	-8%
Shadehill	24,205	26,809	11%
Llewellyn Johns	3,113	3,154	1%
Little Moreau	7,798	8,659	11%
Rocky Point	52,658	60,337	15%
District 15	87,774	98,959	13%
Custer	1,047,604	1,183,275	13%
District 16	1,047,604	1,183,275	13%
Angostura	112,636	128,917	14%
Sheps Canyon	29,144	31,877	9%
District 17	141,780	160,794	13%
TOTALS:	3,970,745	4,170,802	5%