

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS**

A Public Hearing will be held at the Holiday Inn Express, 110 East Stanley Road, Ft. Pierre, South Dakota, on August 7, 2014, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. (CDT), to consider adoption, amendment and repeal of Rules pertaining to:

1. ARSD 41:06:16 – Waterfowl Hunting Seasons (Duck Hunting Season).

Effect: The proposed amendments would decrease the daily bag limit for canvasback from 2 to 1 and allow 2 bonus blue-winged teal for the first 16 days of the duck season.

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service recently approved a 3-year bonus blue-winged teal experimental season for production states as an alternative to early teal seasons.

2. ARSD 41:06:16 – Waterfowl Hunting Seasons (Goose Hunting Season).

Effect: The proposed amendments would increase the daily bag limit for light geese from 20 to 50 and change Unit 2 so the season is open for 105 days preceding (and including) the Sunday closest to February 15.

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved the daily bag limit increase in 2013 after the GFP Commission had finalized the 2013 goose seasons. Changing the season dates for the Unit 2 goose unit as above described would result in the season opening on a Monday and closing on a Sunday (current season opens on a Saturday and closes on a Friday) and would provide hunters with an additional weekend to hunt later in the season when Canada geese are staging on the Missouri River and urban ponds and feeding in fields.

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Proposed modifications to the rule chapter pertaining to the existing fall wild turkey

hunting season (ARSD Chapter 41:06:14) were presented to the Commission at its July 2014 Commission meeting. After publication of notice, a public hearing was conducted on July 8, 2014, following which the Commission took no final action to adopt the proposed amendments to the rules pertaining to the fall wild turkey hunting season but instead chose to amend the original proposal by adding an amendment which would reduce the total fall turkey licenses to which a person is entitled from 5 licenses to 2 licenses, and continued the public hearing to August 7, 2014, at Holiday Inn Express, 110 East Stanley Road, Ft. Pierre, South Dakota, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. (CDT), at which time interested persons will be given an additional opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments and their views on the proposed amendments to the fall wild turkey hunting season rules as follows:

3. ARSD 41:06:14 – Fall Wild Turkey Hunting Season.

Effect: The proposed rule amendments would adjust the number of licenses/tags available to include offering resident hunters 205 more one-tag licenses and 650 fewer two-tag licenses in the East River Prairie Units than were offered in 2013; offer resident hunters 750 fewer one-tag licenses and nonresident hunters 60 fewer one-tag licenses for Unit BH1 than were offered in 2013; offer no licenses in the NE Unit and in Brookings, Deuel, Lincoln, Minnehaha and Moody counties; change the season dates from October 1-January 31 to November 1-January 31; modify Unit BH1 unit to include those portions of Custer, Fall River, Lawrence, Meade, and Pennington counties within a line beginning at the junction of U.S. Hwy. 85 and Interstate 90 at exit 17, south on U.S. Hwy. 85 to U.S. Hwy. 385, south on U.S. Hwy. 385 to S.D. Hwy. 89, south on S.D. Hwy. 89 to Pilger Mountain Road, west on Pilger Mountain Road to Dewey Road, west on Dewey Road to the WY/SD line, south on the WY/SD line to U.S. Hwy. 18, east on U.S. Hwy. 18 to the Cheyenne River, east along the Cheyenne River to S.D. Hwy. 79, north on S.D. Hwy. 79 to Interstate 90, north and west on Interstate 90 to exit 17, the point of beginning; change the unlimited West River Prairie

licenses from a two-tag license to a single tag license; close Bennett, Corson, Custer, Fall River, Haakon, Jackson, Lawrence (south of Interstate 90), Meade, Pennington, Shannon and Ziebach counties to fall turkey hunting in the West River Prairie Unit; and reduce the total number of fall wild turkey licenses a person may obtain from 5 licenses to 2 licenses.

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives.

The above rule proposals may be modified or amended following receipt of public comment at the hearing to include or exclude matters that are described in this Notice of Hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time until its business has been completed and may be rescheduled.

Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) at the hearing. Persons unable to attend the hearing may mail data, opinions, arguments, and their views to the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, or transmit by email to Wildinfo@state.sd.us. All persons who desire to submit written data, opinions, arguments, and their views by mail or email are encouraged to mail or transmit the same in sufficient time so that it is received by and in the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks on or before 12:00 o'clock P.M. three (3) days prior to the date of Hearing. Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) to the Commission for their consideration. All written and email comments must include the name, home town/city and state of the person submitting the comments.

Copies of the proposed rules may be requested from the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501. Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is

being held in a physically accessible place. Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the hearing should submit a request to the undersigned at 605-773-3718 or 605-223-7684 (Telecommunication Device for the Deaf).

Dated this 14th day of July, 2014.

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Jeffrey R. Vork, Secretary

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