

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

A Public Hearing will be held at the AmericInn, 301 Centennial Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, on August 6, 2015, 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 amendment would decrease the daily bag limit for scaup from 3 to 2 contingent upon approval by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives.

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

Effect: The proposed amendment would increase the number of hunting days for white-fronted geese from 72 to 86 consecutive days contingent upon approval by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives. The 3-year average for white-fronted geese is over 800,000, which allows for a liberal harvest package indicated in the national management plan. Accordingly, the number of hunting days can be increased from 72 to 86 days with a daily bag limit of 2 birds.

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 either wildinfo@state.sd.us or

gfpadminrules@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. on the date of the 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.

The above rule proposals are available for review on the internet by going to <https://rules.sd.gov/> and 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 ~~10th~~ day of July, 2015.

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Kelly R. Hepler, Secretary

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