

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

A Public Hearing will be held at the AmericInn & Convention Center, 3112 Island Drive, Fort Pierre, SD 57532 at 2:00pm on July 8, 2019 to consider adoption, amendment and repeal of Rules pertaining to:

1. 41:06:22:02. Restricted areas -- Exceptions. (Archery Deer Hunting)

Effect: The effect of the proposed change would move the start date for hunting on Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Brown County to an earlier date.

Reason: The proposed start date aligns with other archery hunting start dates and provides for consistency for easier understanding.

2. 41:06:23:01. Antelope hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses.

Effect: The proposed change decreases the overall number of West River one-tag licenses and increases the total number of two-tag licenses. The proposal also decreases the total amount of East River one-tag licenses.

Reason: Periodically, population numbers are assessed and evaluated. Based on those findings, it is necessary to adjust license availability in order to meet the Antelope management plan.

3. 41:06:23:02. West River units -- Exceptions. (Antelope Hunting)

Effect: The proposed change would add Todd County to Unit PRA-50A.

Reason: The addition of Todd County to Unit PRA-50A will create more hunting opportunities.

4. 41:06:23:03. East River units -- Exceptions. (Antelope Hunting)

Effect: The rule change would remove Hyde County from Unit PRA-36A. The rule change would also create Unit PRA-38A which would include Buffalo, Hand, and Hyde Counties.

Reason: The creation of the new unit adds to the overall number counties available to hunt and therefore increases hunting opportunity.

5. 41:06:24:01. Archery antelope hunting season established -- Open area -- Number and type of licenses available.

Effect: The proposed change aligns the open units of the archery antelope hunting season with those units in the firearm antelope hunting season.

Reason: Consistency with unit boundaries across the various hunting seasons creates uniformity and makes rules easier to understand and follow.

6. 41:03:01:16.05. Restrictions on use or possession of centerfire rifles on lake and fishing access areas and game production areas.

Effect: The proposed change would exclude centerfire rifles and muzzleloaders on the Oacoma Game Production Area and other immediate adjacent public land in Lyman County.

Reason: The issue was brought by a concerned citizen that there may be some safety concerns using centerfire rifles and muzzleloaders in the area.

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 by going to the GFP website at <http://gfp.sd.gov/forms/positions>. 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 72 hours prior to 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 13 day of June 2019.



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