

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

A Public Hearing will be held at the Holiday Inn Spearfish-Convention Center located at 305 North 27th Street, Spearfish, SD 57783 at 2:00 pm (Mountain) on July. 7th, 2022. Individuals wishing to participate may attend in person or by teleconference. Teleconference information can be found at <https://gfp.sd.gov/commission/information/>. The public hearing is to consider adoption, amendment, and repeal of Rules pertaining to:

1. ARSD 41:06:01:12 – Mentored youth big game license – Restrictions.

Effect: The proposed change will modify where a mentored antelope license is valid.

Reason: The proposed change will decrease overall harvest of doe-fawn antelope to account for herd management objectives after recent survey results were obtained.

2. ARSD 41:06:03:19 – Carcass disposal for wildlife processing facilities.

Effect: The proposed change will address an administrative rule clean up that was overlooked during the rule-making process when the GFP Commission modified cervid carcass transportation and disposal regulations in May of 2021.

Reason: The proposed change will simplify regulations for hunters and other stakeholders, implement proactive versus reactive regulations to reduce the spread of chronic waste disease, and to provide hunters the option to transport harvested deer and elk to their choice of game facilities by regulating the disposal of carcass parts.

3. ARSD 41:06:13:05 – Turkey hunting recruitment license – Open area and eligibility.

Effect: The proposed change will establish new rules within the Spring Turkey Hunting Season chapter that provides for Mentored Youth Turkey Recruitment licenses. Furthermore, the proposed rule will establish the areas that are open and outline who is eligible for the license.

Reason: This proposed rule is part of a group of rule proposals that are meant to provide a

means of encouraging youth participation with non-governmental organizations (NGO) that promote wildlife conservation and the recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters.

4. ARSD 41:06:13:06. Number and types of licenses available -- Application process.

Effect: The proposed change will establish new rules within the Spring Turkey Hunting Season chapter that provides for Mentored Youth Turkey Recruitment licenses. Furthermore, the rule proposal will establish the number and types of licenses available.

Reason: This proposed rule is part of a group of rule proposals that are meant to provide a means of encouraging youth participation with non-governmental organizations (NGO) that promote wildlife conservation and the recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters.

5. ARSD 41:06:13:07. Criteria for selection by commission of non-governmental organization.

Effect: The proposed change will establish new rules within the Spring Turkey Hunting Season chapter that provides for Mentored Youth Turkey Recruitment licenses. Furthermore, the rule proposal will establish criteria for the commission to consider when awarding licenses to NGOs

Reason: This proposed rule is part of a group of rule proposals that are meant to provide a means of encouraging youth participation with non-governmental organizations (NGO) that promote wildlife conservation and the recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters.

6. ARSD 41:06:13:08. Application deadline.

Effect: The proposed change will establish new rules within the Spring Turkey Hunting Season chapter that provides for Mentored Youth Turkey Recruitment licenses. Furthermore, the rule proposal will establish an application deadline.

Reason: This proposed rule is part of a group of rule proposals that are meant to provide a means of encouraging youth participation with non-governmental organizations (NGO) that

promote wildlife conservation and the recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters.

7. ARSD 41:06:13:09 Selection of non-governmental organization by commission.

Effect: The proposed change will establish new rules within the Spring Turkey Hunting Season chapter that provides for Mentored Youth Turkey Recruitment licenses. Furthermore, the rule proposal will require the commission to select awardees of the licenses.

Reason: This proposed rule is part of a group of rule proposals that are meant to provide a means of encouraging youth participation with non-governmental organizations (NGO) that promote wildlife conservation and the recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters. Currently for youth hunters, an unlimited number of mentored spring and fall turkey licenses are available for those youth under the age of 16 and valid statewide wherever a spring or fall turkey season is open. A mentored youth turkey recruitment license sponsored by an NGO would be available to those youth 15 years of age and younger that do not already possess any type of spring turkey hunting license.

8. ARSD 41:06:14:01 - Fall Wild Turkey Hunting Season.

Effect: The proposed rule change modifies the number of turkey licenses available for this season.

Reason: The proposed maximum number of fall turkey licenses will be established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission via administrative action will determine specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation amongst hunting units.

9. ARSD 41:06:14:02.01 – Prairie Units (Fall Turkey).

Effect: The proposed change will revise Prairie Units for prairie fall turkey hunting.

Reason: Harvest management strategy and updated unit-specific population objectives provide the basis for the recommended changes to the respective fall turkey hunting units.

10. ARSD 41:06:22:01.01 – Archery and General Muzzleloading Deer Hunting Seasons.

Effect: Adjust administrative rules to correct and simplify deer units for archery and general muzzleloading deer hunting seasons and to exclude Custer State Park from the archery and muzzleloader deer hunting seasons.

Reason: Only those deer hunting units that offer firearm antlerless deer licenses are open for both the archery and muzzleloader deer hunting seasons and Custer State Park is closed to the statewide archery and muzzleloader deer hunting seasons. These rule modifications simplify rule by reducing cross references of specific units.

11. ARSD 41:06:23:01 - Antelope Hunting Season.

Effect: The proposed change will adjust the maximum number of one-tag "any antelope" licenses and two-tag antelope licenses.

Reason: The proposed maximum number of antelope licenses will be established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission via administrative action will determine specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation amongst hunting units.

12. ARSD 41:06:23:02. Open units -- Exceptions. (Antelope).

Effect: The proposed change will modify units for the antelope hunting season.

Reason: Based on updated population estimates, a modification to the units that are open for hunting is justified. The modification will also provide additional hunter opportunity.

13. ARSD 41:06:24:01 – Archery antelope hunting season established – Open area – Number and type of licenses available.

Effect: The proposed change will modify the types of antelope tags available for the archery antelope season.

Reason: The proposed change will account for herd management objectives after recent survey results were obtained.

14. ARSD: 41:06:40:05. Restrictions. (Mourning Dove).

Effect: The proposed change will allow for mourning dove hunting at Shadehill State Recreation Area in Perkins County.

Reason: Department staff have determined that mourning dove hunting can occur at Shadehill State Recreation Area to provide additional hunting opportunities.

15. ARSD 41:06:45:02. Open units. (Muzzleloading Deer).

Effect: The proposed change will simplify those deer units that are open for antlerless white-tailed deer licenses and will exclude Custer State Park from the archery and muzzleloader deer hunting seasons.

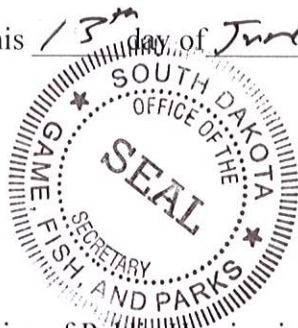
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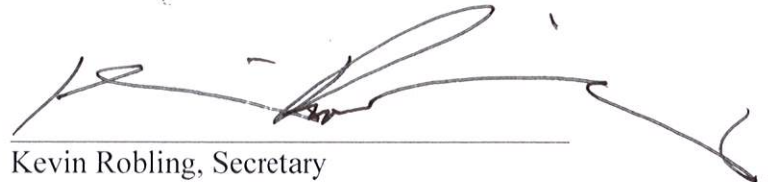
Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments, and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) at the hearing. Persons unable to attend the hearing may mail data, opinions, arguments, and their views to the office of the Secretary of the Department 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, hometown/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 15th day of June, 2022.

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Kevin Robling, Secretary

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