

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

A Public Hearing will be held at National Field Archery Association, 800 Archery Lane, Yankton, SD, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm (Central Time), to consider adoption, amendment and repeal of Rules pertaining to:

1. ARSD 41:06:01:07.03. Landowner own land license types.

Effect: The proposed change would describe a new prairie elk season license type.

Reason: Currently, there are landowners that are not successful in drawing an “any elk” license in the Prairie Elk hunting season units where GFP is seeking to mitigate depredation and landowner conflicts with elk.

2. ARSD 41:06:01:15. Elk application requirements.

Effect: Describe a qualifying landowner or landowner-operator.

Reason: The proposed change offers units that are almost exclusively privately owned and have a high potential for elk-landowner conflicts from agricultural crop depredation.

3. ARSD 41:06:02:03. Hunting license fees.

Effect: Establish the fee for the landowner on own land antlerless elk license.

Reason: Upon receipt of an application the department shall issue a landowner-on-own-land license.

4. ARSD 41:06:27:02.07. Eligibility of successful entrant for other elk licenses.

Effect: Repeal § 41:06:27:02.07 in order to allow an individual to obtain more than one elk raffle license in a lifetime.

Reason: With only one elk license available for draw from a nonprofit organization the odds of drawing this license are very low, and it is difficult for the nonprofit organization to determine whether or not an individual has obtained one of these licenses in

the past and bar them from purchasing raffle tickets.

5. ARSD 41:08:01:12. Nonresident restrictions.

Effect: Modify the restrictions of nonresidents in the taking of a raccoon.

Reason: The proposed change may result in additional raccoon harvest which, in turn, may result in benefits to waterfowl and upland bird nesting success.

Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit amendments, data, opinions, arguments, and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) at the hearing. Persons unable to attend the hearing may mail amendments, 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 amendments, 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 amendments, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.



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Kevin Robling, Secretary

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