

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

A Public Hearing will be held at The Outdoor Campus – West, 4130 Adventure Trail, Rapid City, September 5th, 2024 at 1:00 (MDT), to consider adoption, amendment and repeal of Rules pertaining to:

1. 41:06:13:01. Spring wild turkey hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses available.

Effect: Cap the number of nonresident turkey licenses in the Black Hills.

Reason: The rule change would balance the number of licenses sold to nonresidents with the number of licenses sold to residents.

2. 41:06:13:02. Open units -- Exceptions.

Effect: Modify the statewide Archery Spring turkey hunting units.

Reason: The rule change would make it more logical as well as increase hunter opportunity.

3. 41:07:03:03. Daily, possession, and length limit restrictions on special management waters.

Effect: Modify the existing fish harvest regulation on Belle Fourche Reservoir.

Reason: Annual lake surveys have documented a lack of younger age classes, resulting in few fish available to anglers under 15 inches and a need to increase harvest of fish over 15 inches.

4. 41:07:04:01. Snagging season in special management waters.

Effect: Modify snagging on Lake Oahe.

Reason: Other salmon species may exhibit similar life history strategies as Chinook salmon where they die after spawning and allowing take by snagging may increase utilization of these fish.

5. 41:08:01:08:01. Bobcat trapping and hunting season established -- Hunting

restrictions -- Tagging requirements.

Effect: Modify bobcat trapping and hunting.

Reason: Follows The South Dakota Bobcat Action Plan 2024-2028 including harvest strategies.

6. 41:09:04:02.02. Species that may be taken as bait for commercial use.

Effect: Modify scientific names for certain species of crayfish to reflect updates in taxonomic classification.

Reason: Updated classification of freshwater crayfishes resulted in multiple scientific name changes for genus of crayfish.

7. 41:09:04:02.04. Species that may be taken as bait for noncommercial use.

Effect: Modify species of crayfish that could be taken.

Reason: Updated classification of freshwater crayfishes.

8. 41:09:07:05. Records required.

Effect: Modify annual reporting requirements for private hatcheries by requiring an annual summary to be submitted rather than individual records

Reason: By requiring an annual summary rather than individual records it makes the reporting process easier. An annual summary rather than individual records is more compatible with online submission platforms utilized by the Department.

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 8th day of August, 2024.

(SEAL)



Scott Simpson, Deputy Secretary

This Notice of Public Hearing is published at the approximate cost of \$_____.