

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

A Public Hearing will be held at the Cedar Shores Resort, 1500 Shoreline Drive, Oacoma, South Dakota, on April 3, 2014, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. (CDT), to consider adoption, amendment and repeal of Rules pertaining to:

1. ARSD 41:06:18 – Sandhill Crane Hunting Season.

Effect: The proposed amendment would increase the possession limit for sandhill cranes from two times (2x) the daily limit to three times (3x) the daily limit as approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives.

2. ARSD 41:06:22 – Archery Deer Hunting Season.

Effect: The proposed amendments would move the starting date for the archery deer hunting season up from the fourth Saturday of September to the second Saturday of September and eliminate that portion of the season which runs from January 1-15.

Reason: An interested party petitioned the Commission to propose these amendments for the reasons that such changes would provide bow hunters who hunt public land extra time to do so before the various waterfowl and pheasant seasons begin, and provide bow hunters a limited combination hunt for antelope and deer.

3. ARSD 41:06:26 – Black Hills Elk Hunting Season.

Effect: The proposed amendments would adjust the number of licenses available from 445 "any elk" and 175 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 620 licenses) to 420 "any elk" and 350 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 770 licenses), and modify the boundary of Unit 7 to remove that portion of the unit east of Interstate 90.

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives.

4. ARSD 41:06:27 – Custer State Park Elk Hunting Season (Any Elk)

Effect: The proposed amendment would adjust the number of licenses available from 4 "any elk" to 3 "any elk" licenses.

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives.

5. ARSD 41:06:28 – Custer State Park Early Archery Elk Hunting Season.

Effect: The proposed amendment would adjust the number of licenses available from 3 "any elk" to 2 "any elk" licenses.

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives.

6. ARSD 41:06:40 – Mourning Dove Hunting Season.

Effect: The proposed amendment would increase the possession limit for mourning doves from two times (2x) the daily limit to three times (3x) the daily limit as approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives.

7. ARSD 41:06:43 – Archery Elk Hunting Season.

Effect: The proposed amendments would adjust the number of licenses available from 92 "any elk" and 15 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 107 licenses) to 92 "any elk" and 40 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 132 licenses), and modify the boundary of Unit 7 to remove that portion of the unit east of Interstate 90.

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives.

8. ARSD 41:06:59 – Prairie Elk Hunting Season.

Effect: The proposed amendments would adjust the number of licenses available from 45 "any elk" and 51 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 96 licenses) to 57 "any elk" and 36 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 93 licenses), modify the boundary of Unit 9 to add two hunting areas located east of Interstate 90, and adjust the season dates for Unit 9 from September 15-October 31 and December 1-15 to September 15-October 31 and

December 1-31.

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives.

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 Wildinfo@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. three (3) days prior to the date of 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.

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. Handicapped persons may contact the undersigned for assistance.

Dated this 10th day of March, 2014.

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Jeffrey R. Vork, Department Secretary

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