

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

A Public Hearing will be held at The Galley, 230 US-12 East, Webster, SD 57274 at 2:00 pm (Central Time) on Thursday, July 9, 2026, to consider adoption, amendment and repeal of Administrative Rules of South Dakota numbered

1. ARSD 41:09:01:04.01. Private shooting preserve transportation permit – Exception.

Effect: Modify to allow transportation of birds prior to tagging

Reason: This change aligns with the revised tagging requirement by ensuring birds can be legally transported to cleaning facilities before tags are applied. It maintains regulatory consistency while supporting practical handling procedures and improved meat quality.

2. ARSD 41:09:01:04. Tagging of bagged birds.

Effect: Delay tagging until birds are cleaned to prevent contamination.

Reason: Immediate tagging can result in tags coming into contact with meat during cleaning, creating potential contamination issues. Allowing tagging after processing improves food safety and enhances the overall experience for hunters and operators, while still maintaining proper accountability

Persons interested in presenting amendments, data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may appear in-person at the hearing, or mail or e-mail them 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. All written and email comments must include the name, hometown/city, and state of the person submitting the comments.

After the written comment period, the Commission will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rules. The Commission may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

For Persons with Disabilities: This hearing will be located at a physically accessible place. Please contact the Department of Game, Fish & Parks at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have special needs for which arrangements can be made by calling 605-773-3718.

Copies of the proposed rules 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 by calling 605-773-3718..

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