From: Miller, LouAnn

Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 7:48 AM

**To:** Comes, Rachel **Subject:** FW: [EXT]

Categories: Commission

From: JOHN GORS [mailto:JAGPAG1@msn.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2017 5:14 PM

To: GFP Wild Info Subject: [EXT]

Dear GF@P

I respectfully request that you DO NOT expand and increase the number of out of state waterfowl licenses issued in Eastern South Dakota. This will overly burden already heavily hunted areas of the State to the detriment of resident hunters and serve to increase the commercialization of hunting. If the current trends continue South Dakota will be an entirely "pay to play" state.

Thank You

John Gors Vermillion, SD jagpag1@msn.com

From: Miller, LouAnn

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:51 AM

**To:** Comes, Rachel

**Subject:** FW: [EXT] A Closer Look at AIS Issues with SD Public Broadcasting

From: Randy Mink [mailto:randyrmink@yahoo.com]

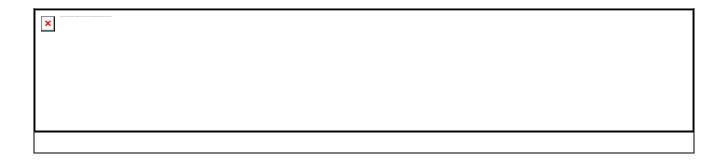
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:21 AM

To: SDGFPINFO

Subject: Re: [EXT] A Closer Look at AIS Issues with SD Public Broadcasting

How about you quit messing with the hunting seasons, let us kill the lions and quit raising prices. 'Stakeholders' what a joke. A bunch of rich people deciding how and what and when I should hunt. For instance, the blackpowder season. I told you guys years ago that it should be called a primitive weapon season. What is primitive about an inline muzzleloader? Nothing, I can load my 264 thru the muzzle. Crossbows, give me a break. For handicapped 'arms and shoulders' OK nobody else.. Worried about not getting data back from the hunter surveys????Here is a clue, add a column to the computer that registers whether or not the hunter filled out a survey. If No, no license that year. And please don't tell me that would cost to much Most hunters I know would not want to miss a year of hunting their favorite game. A simple requirement of every hunter to fill out a survey for every big game season, bird or fish season. No computer, no problem go to your public library, they will even help.. And another thing I have to by a fishing license to take fish and then another fish license to spear fish. What is next? a spincast season,an open bail season, and out of a boat season, off shore season. please get a clue, talk to real people that don't have a ton of money and don't own land. your walk in program is excellent for my money I would like to see more spent on good walk in habitat and more field agents. (game wardens) Randy

On Thursday, June 1, 2017 3:51 PM, "South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks" <sdgfpinfo@state.sd.us> wrote:



For the past few weeks, we have (re)introduced you to some Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) that are threaten the use and recreational opportunities of South Dakota's waterways.

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From: Miller, LouAnn

Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 2:11 PM

**To:** Comes, Rachel

**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Early Mellette Deer season

Categories: Commission

----Original Message-----

From: Shon Ford [mailto:shon.ford.1955@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 2:00 PM

To: GFP Wild Info Cc: Flor, Cory

Subject: [EXT] Early Mellette Deer season

Dear Commissioners and involved parties,

I am writing in response to the proposed elimination of the early Deer season for Mellette county. Please do not eliminate this season. This season, much like east river counties pheasant season, holds a long standing tradition for myself and hopefully my daughters as well. It is the first date marked on the new calendar every year and it it responsible for many cherished relationships I would not enjoy today if this season was eliminated.

I understand fully the many aspects of a decision like this. I also understand that in South Dakota tradition weighs heavy on decisions your department makes. My children are now old enough to start traveling with me on this trip and have been looking forward to it as long as they've know what it is. This is the most important aspect of my writing. I could go on and on attempting to justify leaving the season alone but I'm sure others have issues as well. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

Shon Ford

427 N Broadway Ave Miller, SD 57362

From: Miller, LouAnn

Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 7:45 AM

**To:** Comes, Rachel

**Subject:** FW: [EXT] No more non-resident waterfowl licenses.

Categories: Commission

From: Nancy Hilding [mailto:nhilshat@rapidnet.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 5:21 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: [EXT] No more non-resident waterfowl licenses.

Nancy Hilding 6300 West Elm Black Hawk, SD 57718

**Dear Commission** 

I am opposed to more non-resident waterfowl licenses.

The current proposal will add 250 3-day licenses to eastern South Dakota. That means there will be 250 more hunters crowding the already heavily hunted areas such as Brookings, Kingsbury, Hamlin, Codington and Clark counties.

The proposal would also add 500 3-day licenses to Brown County. These licenses in Brown county will be moved from the Missouri River corridor to increase the commercialization of waterfowl hunting for the benefit of one outfitter who leases land near Sand Lake Refuge.

With an additional 500 licenses, massive new areas will likely be leased.

I would like some waterfowl left for birders to watch...especially near a wildlife refuge.

I don't want commercialization and overhunting of waterfowl.

Thank you,

Nancy Hilding

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Nancy Hilding 6300 West Elm, Black Hawk, SD 57718 Black Hawk, SD 57718 <a href="mailto:nhilshat@rapidnet.com">nhilshat@rapidnet.com</a> 605-787-6779, does not have voice mail 605-787-6466, has voice mail

Skype phone -605-787-1248, nancy.hilding

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From: Miller, LouAnn

Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 7:44 AM

**To:** Comes, Rachel

**Subject:** FW: [EXT] No to more non-resident waterfowl licenses

Categories: Commission

From: Scott Hed [mailto:scotthed@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2017 4:37 PM

To: Peterson, Cathy; Jensen, Barry; Boyd, Mary Anne; Dennert, Paul H.; Jensen, Gary; Olson, Russell; Sharp, Doug;

Phillips, W. Scott Cc: GFP Wild Info

**Subject**: [EXT] No to more non-resident waterfowl licenses

Members of the GF&P Commission,

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I firmly oppose the idea of adding additional non-resident waterfowl licenses. South Dakota has tremendous waterfowl hunting opportunities, and it is in part due to the fact that it's not a "free for all" as far as hunting areas being crowded. Actually, some places are already experiencing crowded conditions, making it already difficult to find spots to hunt. Adding additional non-resident licenses will only exacerbate this problem.

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Resident hunters will be the most impacted, as an increase in non-resident licenses will only serve the interests of commercial operators who seek to profit from the public's resource. More hunting lands and waters will be leased up and made off limits to the average South Dakota resident. The days of a parent taking their son or daughter on their first hunt will become even less possible, as more land is tied up by guides and outfitters who charge top dollar to hunt.

Please vote against the proposal to increase non-resident waterfowl licenses.

Thank you for considering my feelings on this matter, and thank you also for your service to South Dakota sportsmen and women.

Scott Hed Sioux Falls

From: Miller, LouAnn

Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 7:45 AM

**To:** Comes, Rachel

**Subject:** FW: [EXT] No to more non-resident waterfowl licenses

Categories: Commission

From: Jensen, Gary

Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 5:46 PM

To: Scott Hed; Peterson, Cathy; Jensen, Barry; Boyd, Mary Anne; Dennert, Paul H.; Olson, Russell; Sharp, Doug; Phillips,

W. Scott

**Cc:** GFP Wild Info; Hepler, Kelly; Leif, Tony; Kirschenmann, Tom **Subject:** Re: [EXT] No to more non-resident waterfowl licenses

Dear Scott:

I am writing on behalf of the GFP Commission to thank you for your email. We sincerely appreciate you writing.

We will give your comments careful consideration as we make decisions this week. We will continue to ask for public input; as you know, we take public sentiment very seriously as we do our very best to make reasoned, balanced, and fair decisions.

Please continue to communicate with us on this and other issues of importance to you, and encourage your friends and family to do the same. Its helpful.

Gary Jensen

From: Scott Hed <<u>scotthed@hotmail.com</u>>

Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 3:36 PM

To: Peterson, Cathy; Jensen, Barry; Boyd, Mary Anne; Dennert, Paul H.; Jensen, Gary; Olson, Russell; Sharp, Doug;

Phillips, W. Scott Cc: GFP Wild Info

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From: Miller, LouAnn

Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 9:50 AM

**To:** Comes, Rachel

**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Non resident waterfowl licenses

Categories: Commission

From: Ron CFS [mailto:ronkerher@cfsbd.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 9:14 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: [EXT] Non resident waterfowl licenses

I, and my family members and most of my hunting friends, do not support more nonresident waterfowl licenses. These are the most crowded areas already. Two other issues that could greatly affect these areas are the meandered/non meandered water issue and the current dry conditions. (If we get into a drought cycle most of the potholes are going to be gone...and we are probably due!) We are resident hunters and fisher's that do almost all of our hunting and fishing in SD and spend 95% of our recreation money here. I hear from the older generation that state that many "hung it up" over competition and tougher access. I hear these comments from some of the younger generation. Accessing ground and water for opportunity is getting tougher all the time. Commercial Outfitters are the scourge of the resident outdoorsman as they lease up many acres. Please Vote No.

Thank you, Ronald Kerher

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From: Miller, LouAnn

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 07, 2017 9:51 AM

**To:** Comes, Rachel

**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Non-Resident Waterfowl

Categories: Commission

----Original Message----

From: epaulson [mailto:epaulson@nvc.net] Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 9:35 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: [EXT] Non-Resident Waterfowl

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- Banded Gandr Outfitters - The Goose Guys
- Migrator Valley Outfitters
- Maxxed Out Guides
- Eagle Head Outdoors
- Goose and Duck Smackers
- Neu outdoors
- Outdoor Adrenaline
- Migration X Outfitters
- Pepper Slough Outfitters
- First Light Finishers
- Prairie Storm Outfitters
- Whiteout Outfitters
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- Big Guns
- Up North Outdoors
- Flatland Flyways
- Midwest Migrators
- Snow Goose Commander
- AWA Waterfowling Adventures
- Black goose Outfitters
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- Snow Goose Specialists
- Goose Grinders
- Drift Prairie Outfitters
- Goose Xperts

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:11 AM

**To:** Comes, Rachel

**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Non-Resident Waterfowl

Categories: Commission

----Original Message-----From: Jensen, Gary

Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:42 AM

To: epaulson; GFP Wild Info

Cc: Peterson, Cathy; barryj@gwtc.net; Phillips, W. Scott; Dennert, Paul H.; Olson, Russell; Boyd, Mary Anne; Sharp, Doug;

Hepler, Kelly; Leif, Tony; Kirschenmann, Tom Subject: Re: [EXT] Non-Resident Waterfowl

Good morning, Eric -

I am again responding on behalf of the GFP Commission to thank you for your latest email.

We understand that work meetings can take precedence; that is true for everyone, including all of us.

We again very much appreciate hearing from you, and will give your comments careful consideration. There is no reason to promise this is your last communication; on the contrary, we encourage you to continue communicating with us. It's always helpful.

Good luck at your work meeting.

**Gary Jensen** 

From: epaulson <epaulson@nvc.net>
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To: GFP Wild Info

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Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 9:50 AM

To: Comes, Rachel

**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Please do not increase non-resident waterfowl license numbers

Categories: Commission

From: Colette Hesla [mailto:colette@communityhealthcare.net]

Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 9:31 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: [EXT] Please do not increase non-resident waterfowl license numbers

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Thank you,

Colette Hesla, Pierre



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From: Miller, LouAnn

Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 7:46 AM

To: Comes, Rachel

**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Proposal to amend ARSD 41:06:16 - Nonresident waterfowl licenses

Categories: Commission

From: <a href="mailto:tolson@pie.midco.net">tolson@pie.midco.net</a>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 9:47 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: [EXT] Proposal to amend ARSD 41:06:16 - Nonresident waterfowl licenses

#### **SDGFP Commissioners:**

I respectfully ask that you reject the current proposal to amend the allocation of nonresident waterfowl licenses. For brevity sake, I will refrain from reiterating the arguments already presented against the proposal, which will most assuredly result in further erosion of opportunity for resident, as well as some non-resident waterfowl hunters.

# Regards,

Tim Olson 215 S Buchanan Ave Pierre, SD 57501

From: Miller, LouAnn

Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 7:46 AM

**To:** Comes, Rachel

**Subject:** FW: [EXT] To GFP Commission; RE: Comments on Non-resident Waterfowl proposal

ARSD 41:06:16

Categories: Commission

From: David J Ode [mailto:daveode@mncomm.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 6:35 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: [EXT] To GFP Commission; RE: Comments on Non-resident Waterfowl proposal ARSD 41:06:16

TO: SD Game, Fish & Parks Commission

FR: Dave Ode, 21044 Cattail Place, Pierre, SD 57501

DATE: 5 June, 2017

RE: Comments on Non-resident Waterfowl Proposal, ARSD 41:06:16

Dear Commissioners,

Regarding the finalization of your 2017 non-resident waterfowl license proposal – Bad Idea, don't do it.

Except for my time in the military, I've hunted ducks in South Dakota, as a resident, for almost 50 years. Even in a rural state like South Dakota, duck hunting is not that easy, and it hasn't gotten any easier. Adding more non-residents isn't going to help anything but make it more crowded. When I first started hunting waterfowl in 1968, goose hunting was hard; duck hunting was easy, i.e. access was easy, ducks were abundant, and limits were generous (possibly overly generous, with10 pintails a day).

Today, goose hunting is easy (Canada geese are everywhere, and snow goose populations are at record highs), but duck hunting is hard. Access to private land is no longer easy. Rural South Dakota has depopulated, some counties losing more than half their rural population every decade. You can no longer go to the nearest farm place and find a duck slough's owner. Public land provides some great duck hunting opportunities, but they are limited – and it's a zero sum game – there are only so many "honey holes" and once they're occupied – everybody else is out.

When I moved to Pierre in 1981, Antelope Island in the Missouri River was a truly great place to hunt ducks. It annually provided hundreds if not thousands of man-hours of duck hunting opportunity every

year. Not anymore. The river has changed, the cattails have thinned out, it's now a better place to hunt geese than ducks.

Federal Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) are great places to raise ducks, but many of them are lousy places to hunt ducks, either because they don't have fall water, do not have enough not emergent cover, or because hunter access to the water is next to impossible. Go look for yourself!

I've introduced my son and other kids to duck hunting. Allowing even more non-resident waterfowl hunters into South Dakota will only make it harder for young South Dakota kids to find a place to hunt ducks. Let these non-residents kill geese, but don't reduce duck hunting opportunity for residents, by letting in even more non-resident duck hunters.

Most sincerely,

David J. Ode

From: Miller, LouAnn

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 07, 2017 12:40 PM

**To:** Comes, Rachel

**Subject:** FW: [EXT] waterfowl proposals

From: TJ Johnson [mailto:drtjjohnson@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 12:34 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: [EXT] waterfowl proposals

Good morning or afternoon and I hope you are having a wonderful day. I'm writing because I am very concerned about the proposal of adding 250 3-day licenses to eastern South Dakota along with the proposal to add 500 3-day licenses to Brown County. I am Dr. TJ Johnson with Living Life Chiropractic in Aberdeen. We do not have enough room for all of these extra hunters. I do have some experience hunting in the Brookings area, however I'm most concerned about the Brown County proposal. It is already very difficult to find a field to hunt, adding these extra licenses would make it even harder and it would deter myself, along with many other South Dakota residents, who voted for you,, from hunting the fields and sloughs we have grown up hunting. I am aware that there are basically two commercial outfitters that are pushing these proposals, Flatland Flyways and the SD Opportunity Group. Approving either of these would help the commercial openers, however would be horrible for the rest of the waterfowl hunters in the state. Residents hunters bring in much, much more money to South Dakota versus nonresident hunters. I have written multiple of these letters and, through legislation, we have said, time and time again, no more nonresident licenses. Please listen to the majority, not the two commercial outfitters, and oppose both of these proposals.

Thank you for time,

Dr. TJ Johnson. Living Life Chiropractic Aberdeen, SD 57401 605-380-1599.

From: Miller, LouAnn

Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 8:10 AM

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From: Jason Schuchard [mailto:jschuchard@pie.midco.net]

Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 8:05 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject:

# Please withdraw the proposal to move nonresident waterfowl licenses from the Missouri River to the northeast part of the State.

I feel this plan would be detrimental to the very successful Lower Oahe Waterfowl Access Ares.

This change would be detrimental to the hunting experience of both residents and non-residents by shifting more hunting pressure to an already crowded part of our state.

Please put the interests of the people above the interests of commercial hunting and withdraw this proposal.

Sincerely, Jason Schuchard Pierre, SD

Sent from my iPhone