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FILINGS WITH THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COUNCIL

Notice of Proposed Rules

Date in parentheses indicates when rules were filed with the Legislative Research Council.
Copies of proposed rules may be obtained for no charge at <https://rules.sd.gov> or from the agency directly.

Department of Game, Fish and Parks: (February 12, 2026) intends to amend rules to restrict Iron Creek Lake in Lawrence County to a no-wake zone; remove refuge status for the Lake Albert State Waterfowl Refuge; and remove the specific number and types of licenses available for bison, deer, and elk with no more than the maximum number of licenses authorized by statute. The general authority for these rules, as cited by the department, is SDCL [32-3A-1](#), [41-2-18](#), and [41-6-84](#).

A public hearing at which persons may present amendments, data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules will be held at the State Library Commons, 800 Governors Drive, Pierre, South Dakota, on March 5, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. (CT). Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from, and written comments on the proposed rules may be sent to, the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota 57501. Comments may also be submitted at <http://gfp.sd.gov/forms/positions>. All written and email comments must include the name, city, and state of the person submitting them. The comment period will close 72 hours prior to the date of the hearing. This hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Persons with special needs for whom the department can make arrangements may call (605) 773-3718.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

3-5-2026	<u>Department of Game, Fish and Parks:</u> (February 12, 2026) intends to amend rules to restrict Iron Creek Lake in Lawrence County to a no-wake zone; remove refuge status for the Lake Albert State Waterfowl Refuge; and remove the specific number and types of licenses available for bison, deer, and elk with no more than the maximum number of licenses authorized by statute; 52 SDR 82, February 17, 2026
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RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Interim Rules Review Committee will meet in March of 2026 to set their meeting schedule for the 2026 Interim. Notices of future committee meetings will be posted in this publication, on the [LRC website](#), and at the Capitol. The Drafting Manual for Administrative Rules in South Dakota is available on the [Administrative Rules Manual page](#) of the LRC website and is updated regularly to reflect changes in drafting styles and procedures.

SDCL 1-26A-1. Information from the Register is available free of charge on the LRC website (www.sdlegislature.gov/).
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