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NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION: WATER RULE WILL PROTECT DRINKING WATER AND WILDLIFE

Late May, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers finalized a rule restoring Clean Water Act protections to more than half of the nation’s streams and millions of acres of wetlands. Collin O’Mara, president and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation, issued the following statement on announcement of the final rule:

“Clean water is essential for people and wildlife everywhere. The rule released will benefit wildlife across the country—from manatees in Florida to mallards in Minnesota. We were particularly pleased that the EPA listened to scientific input and increased protections for some of the Prairie Potholes in the upper Midwest. These wetlands provide critical breeding grounds for millions of ducks every year—more than half of the nation’s waterfowl.

“The process worked as it should, with the Army Corps and the Environmental Protection Agency making numerous improvements and clarifications to the rule based on the public comments. The final rule balances the urgent need to protect our nation’s essential water resources with landowners’ desire for clarity. It is steeped in the large body of science clearly documenting the connections between these streams and wetlands and larger water bodies, such as rivers, lakes and bays. Given the significant improvements to the rule, we encourage members of Congress to end legislative efforts to undermine it and to support clean drinking water and healthy wildlife habitats.”

21 GUN GIVEAWAY WINNERS ANNOUNCED

After the Spring Board Meeting held in Pierre, SDWF’s Executive Director drew the winning names of those who had purchased 21 Gun Giveaway tickets. There were 1414 tickets sold for this annual fundraising event. SDWF gave away 14 guns or cash settlements to the winners.

1. Justin Meyer, SD
2. Ron Pruell, SD
3. Dan Kuyper, SD
4. Loyal Messerschmidt, SD
5. T Cleve King, MI
6. Floyd Kittelson, SD
7. Kay Don Jons, SD
8. Doug Lowe, SD
9. Chuck Berry, SD
10. Michael Pettebone, AZ
11. Brian Collier, MN
12. Dennis Uttecht, SD
13. Ray Martinmass, SD
14. Tom Parquet, SD

I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO PURCHASED TICKETS FOR THIS RAFFLE. YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES SDWF WHAT IT IS TODAY.

THANK YOU!

Farmers- need a tax deduction this year? Consider donating some grain or land to the SDWF.
You will get a tax break and your support of the SDWF will help protect the land and wildlife you love.
Now that’s what I’m talking about! SDWF members and associates wrote in, testified, stood up and took on yet another attempt to ruin our hunting in South Dakota. And once again, we won because we are the watchdog for sportmen and sportswomen in South Dakota and will always stand guard against those that attempt to destroy our hunting, fishing and outdoors paradise.

The issue of more Non-Resident Waterfowl licenses raised its ugly head again, but with your help, was overwhelmingly defeated 7-0 at the GF&P commission meeting on June 4th. The commissioners agreed to let 100 non-resident youth hunters hunt in the youth season, which was great—indeed, it was our idea—but voted down every other proposal that came from the unbalanced working group.

As you may or may not know, the very reason that SDWF was formed in the first place was to give our citizens and returning veterans in 1945 places to hunt waterfowl. At that time, most of the good hunting land had been bought or leased by wealthy out-of-state hunters or corporations, leaving almost no opportunity for South Dakota residents. But you know what happened? The state voted to kick out non-residents, and it stayed that way until some agreements were made so that now both residents and non-residents can enjoy our world-class waterfowl hunting. The key is to limit pressure on the ducks and geese, and everybody wins.

During testimony, the commissioners not only heard from us, but from several hunters from other states who traveled a long way to tell the commission to keep South Dakota the way it is. They had seen how granting too many non-resident licenses in their states had destroyed once-great hunting, and they wanted everyone to know that our state does it right. Even with our restrictions, out-of-state waterfowlers can still get licenses; they get at least two out of three years, and every year if they want to hunt around Pierre. We have to keep in mind that we’ve lost 50% of our wetlands in the last five years, and if we increase licenses, we’ll pressure our waterfowl population. They’ll leave, and nobody will be happy.

A big THANK YOU to Chuck Dieter and his South Dakota Waterfowl Association, along with SDWF Executive Director Chris Hesla and all the SDWF/SDWA members who wrote in and took the time to travel to Pierre to testify! Now, we all have buddies who love to hunt waterfowl but who still aren’t members of SDWF. If they don’t join after what we’ve done for them now, I give you permission to punch them in the face! OK, maybe violence isn’t the best approach, but for the love of God—what’s wrong with these people? Are they the type that mooch off you at the bar and say they’ll get you later, but never pay you back? Are they the ones that use your boat, gas and decoys, and even eat your snacks, but conveniently forget to leave a little dough to help pay for your time and trouble? Are these the same people that say, “Oh, SDWF will just do it for us, so why do we have to join?” If so, I give you permission to punch ‘em in the face!

Maybe I seem to be getting overly worked up about this, but because WE NEED MORE MEMBERS! The same folks can’t be expected to continually shoulder the burden for the other 150,000 sportmen and sportswomen in this state and beyond! So what can you do? Ask “JUST ONE” outdoors enthusiasts you know to join. In more than just your dues so that you can become a Legacy member. Buy the raffles, like us on Facebook, and tell everyone you know about SDWF. If we can get the word out and increase our membership, we will become a lot stronger and won’t have to fight so many battles ever again.

And you fellow fishermen and fisherwomen need to remember that you would not be able to fish all those non-mean- dered waters if SDWF hadn’t defeated the water bill brought to the legislature by those wealthy out-of-staters three years ago. If we lost that, there will always be people out there who will try to privatize our water and commercialize our wildlife for their profit at the cost of all South Dakotans. God help us all if SDWF isn’t around to fight them!

I want to ask you to do something for me, your SDWF President.

If you enjoy my columns, if you appreciate what SDWF does as a non-profit organization, or if you love your wife, kids or pet(s), make a check out to SDWF CAMO for $100 and send it in today with your current column (poem, essay, etc) explaining why.

I’ll pick out two winners for the best column (poem, essay, etc) and print them in the next Out Of Doors. Plus, the winners will get $100 worth of 21 Gun, $100 worth of Buffalo Shoot, and $100 worth of Pheasant Hunt raffle tickets. All checks and written submissions must be in by July 31st.

If you don’t want to send in a column, just send in an extra $10 today (and punch your non-SDWF-member buddy in the face)
Executive Director’s Update by Chris Hesla

South Dakota has been fortunate this year and received a lot of moisture. It’s very green and there many pheasant broods running in the road ditches. I believe the drought is over for most of SD. I look forward to the end of August for results of the GF&P’s annual pheasant brood survey.

This month’s Out-of-Doors features winners of the annual South Dakota Wildlife Week Poster Contest. Year after year, the unique posters from affiliates never cease to amaze me. This year there were 35 entries, which made it difficult to pick the winners. I want to thank the affiliates and schools that choose to participate in our contest.

The front page also includes the names and states of our 21-Gun Annual Giveaway gun winners. Thank you to all who bought tickets and took a chance on a new gun.

As I write this column, there are over 110 young adults and many volunteers recuperating from a week at Camp Bob Marshall, enjoying the camp’s 52nd year. I cannot say thank you enough to the many volunteers that give their time to teach conservation to our young adults. I also want to thank the sponsors for financially supporting our camp and campers.

SDWF will be sending out the 2015 Pheasant Hunt and Buffalo Shoot raffle tickets very soon. Please support SDWF and purchase some tickets when you receive the offer in the mail, or use the tickets in this issue.

The 70th Annual SDWF Convention will be August 21-23, 2015 in Huron with the business, banquet, and auction to be held at the Beadle County Sportsman’s clubhouse. A block of rooms is available at the Crossroads, (605) 352-3204.

On Saturday the 22nd, SD GFP Secretary Kelly Hepler will address the convention with several other speakers yet to be determined. The evening’s meal and auction is a fun time to come together with great items for bidding. Please show your support of the SDWF and attend your convention. The full schedule will be in a future Out-of-Doors.

Last month’s GF&P Commission meeting and decision to hold the line on out of state waterfowl licenses was epic. I want to thank SDWF members, the South Dakota Waterfowl Association, and Izaak Walton groups and members for your efforts. Many stakeholders wrote testimonial letters, attended at least 3 different meetings, testified across the state, and/or came to Pierre to voice your opposition to an increase in non-resident waterfowl licenses. I want to thank all of you.

It is not that the residents are against non-residents. It is the struggle to keep a way of life alive and special to those of us who choose to call SD home. Speaking for myself, I’ve chosen to forego benefits found in other states and have lived mostly my life in SD for the hunting, fishing, the Missouri River, the wetlands, the miles of prairie, the ability to go somewhere and possibly not see another person, and the other real benefits of our beautiful state. Our hunting and fishing heritage and future are special and need to be protected for those who call South Dakota home.

At a minimum, South Dakota annually offers 6,000 waterfowl licenses to non-residents. In the very recent past, the non-resident who plans and applies for these waterfowl tags could expect to draw a tag one to three years after applying. Those are not bad odds and are actually better than some resident deer tag draws in certain counties.

What I am trying to say is South Dakota shares our waterfowl resources: SD supplies the majority of the ducks for the Central Flyway, we share at least 6,000 tags, and you have the chance at world class waterfowl hunting when you do draw a tag. SDWF doesn’t believe that we need to provide everyone with a place to hunt. If you want to hunt yearly, move here, make it your home, and enjoy what we fight to protect.

We can and do make a difference.

52nd Youth Conservation Camp

For the 52nd consecutive year, young campers from across South Dakota and a few from Minnesota traveled to the Black Hills to attend camp. This year’s camp was close to full with 107 campers in attendance. Campers, along with counselors and staff, gathered at Camp Bob Marshall to spend the week of May 31 to June 6 learning about wildlife and conservation. The annual SDWF Youth Conservation Camp provided these young people an opportunity to select from the following hikes: Prairie Trail, the Lover’s Leap Trail, Little Devil’s Tower, and because of our numbers and outdoor cooking, trap cooking, fishing, waterfowl hunting, boating safety, can you cut a cord, wilderness survival, and outdoor cooking, trap cooking, fishing, waterfowl hunting, boating safety, can you canoe, wilderness survival class, solve the case, birding in the Black Hills, dutch oven cooking, trap cooking in South Dakota, nature photography, trout fishing, meat treats, GPS and turkey hunting. Because campers selected which programs they wanted to attend, the response was overwhelmingly positive.

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On Friday, campers traveled to Hot Springs. Campers again were divided into two groups. One group visited the Mammoth Site where they first watched a short video on the site and then toured the facility. The second group traveled south of Hot Springs to the Whitney Preserve at Cascade Creek. Upon their arrival, the campers hiked the preserve. The Whitney Preserve is a unique Nature Conservancy site. Both groups met at a new facility at the preserve for lunch. Friday's program was new to camp and they enjoyed the day.

The evenings were also filled with interesting presentations. Monday evening, Dan Streifel, an avid wildlife photographer from Aberdeen, showed an awesome PowerPoint on birds that he has photographed in South Dakota. Dan has photos of over 300 species of South Dakota birds. Tuesday evening, our own Dan Opp along with his grandson's Josh and Joe presented the campers with a taste of what life was like in the trapper, mountain man era. Wednesday evening, all campers traveled to Mt. Rushmore for the spectacular lighting ceremony. Thursday evening, Maggie Engler and her assistant of Black Hills Raptors brought several birds of prey including a ferruginous hawk, a great horned owl, and several smaller birds of prey and described each bird in detail. On Friday night, our campers showcased their talent with music, comedy and fun awards followed by a warmly received PowerPoint presentation of the week's activities.

Every year the camp is proud to present awards to outstanding individuals and campers. The Roehr Conservation Award is presented to the outstanding girl camper The Erdman Conservation award is presented to the outstanding boy camper.

Each year, awards are presented to individuals who have made a significant contribution to camp. The Larson Conservation Award, presented to an individual who is not a member of the camp staff, went to Dan Streifel from Aberdeen. Dan’s passion is bird photography and he has shown his work the past several years. The McClellan Conservation Award is presented to a staff member who has made a contribution to camp. This year the award was presented to Ron Firewall from Aberdeen. Ron is an avid fisherman and has great rapport with the campers.

We want to thank all the presenters and volunteers who worked so hard to make camp a success. A special thanks to the professionals of the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks and Custer State Park. They devoted their time and expertise to make the SDWF Youth Conservation Camp a unique learning experience.

I would like to give a special thanks to Dan Opp. Dan and I have been working as a team for many years to make sure Conservation Camp runs smoothly. Dan handles all the counselors and is a big part of the success of the camp. I also want to thank some of the individuals who make contributions to the camp. Bob Schaeffer, who is an EMT, filled in and did a great job with all the cuts, scraps and other health issues. Bob Erdman made it back this year from Minnesota and brought a camper with him. Both the Bobs have been a great help in running the camp. I would like to give a special thank you to all the preceding individuals. A big thank you to Maggie Lindsey, Education Services Coordinator for G.F&P. Maggie coordinates and lines up all the classes from Custer State Park and Game, Fish & Parks and does an outstanding job.

I also want to thank all the counselors, CIT’s, and the clubs and individuals who helped make the 2015 edition of Conservation Camp a success. Thanks to Chuck Rokuske, an avid supporter of our camp, who recruits kids in the Sioux Falls area and raises the money to send them to camp. Also thank you to SDWF Executive Director Chris Hesla for all his help and support. Thank you to Great Plains Outdoorsmen for the generous grant in support of the camp. Thanks to Scheels All Sports for providing T-shirts for the campers. We proudly wore them to Mt Rushmore. And finally, thanks to Gary and Karen and the staff at Camp Bob Marshall for taking such good care of us. Check us out on our facebook page, SDWF Youth Conservation Camp. The entire camp staff is privileged to have spent a week with a group of great young people from all across South Dakota, and we are looking forward to next June 5 – 11.

“There is nothing in which the birds differ more from man than the way in which they can build and yet leave a landscape as it was before.”

Robert Lynd
PIERRE, S.D. -- As of May 11, 2015, boaters and anglers, residents and nonresidents, are required to comply with new rules to help slow the spread of aquatic invasive species in water bodies across the state.

These new rules require boaters and anglers to clean all vegetation and aquatic invasive species from a boat, trailer or other watercraft. The rules also require all drain plugs or similar devices to be opened or removed, except when in the boat ramp parking lot or when the boat is being launched or loaded. A boat may have these devices closed or in place while en route to a fish cleaning station immediately adjacent to where the boat was loaded, but they must be opened or removed before leaving the fish cleaning station.

Transporting bait or fish in water taken from a lake, river or stream is not allowed. Bait may only be transported in water taken from a lake, river or stream while en route to a fish cleaning station located immediately adjacent to the lake, river or stream, but must be drained prior to leaving the fish cleaning station. Anglers may still transport bait away from a lake, river or stream if bait is in well water or treated tap water.

Anglers have three options for transporting whole fish for cleaning at home or at a cleaning station not immediately adjacent to the boat ramp.

1. In a container (not a part of the boat), that is filled with domestic water (tap water, well water, bottled water, ice).
2. On ice - in a cooler or pull the plug on their livewell and fill it with ice (plug must remain out).
3. Dry - put fish in an empty bucket or pull the livewell plug before leaving the boat ramp and let it drain when traveling.

If there is not a cleaning station at the site where anglers are fishing, drain plugs must be opened and bait containers must be free of lake water before leaving the boat launch area.

“We realize these are big changes for boaters and anglers across the state,” concluded Kelly Hepler, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Secretary. “And we thank those who have already started to comply with these new rules and for helping us spread the message about how others can do their part to slow the spread of aquatic invasive species in South Dakota. If each of us takes responsibility to do what we can to protect our resources today, these outdoor activities will continue to be enjoyed by future generations for years to come. Thank you again.”

For more information on the newly effective aquatic invasive species rules and how to help slow their spread in South Dakota water bodies, please refer to the newly launched website at: http://sdleastwanted.com/. For easy reference, rack cards outlining these rules are also available at nearby licensing agents, GFP offices and in state parks and recreational areas.


**Proposal to Remove Bald Eagles from the State Threatened and Endangered List**

A proposal from the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks’ (GFP) Commission would remove the bald eagle from the state’s threatened and endangered list. The bald eagle was listed as a federal endangered species in 1978, but was down listed as a state endangered species in 1993 to more than 100 nests today. A subset of nests is monitored each year by state, federal, tribal and private entities to estimate production and survival rates. This species was listed as a state threatened species in 1988 and as a state endangered species in 1993. Bald eagles recolonized South Dakota in 1978.

**GFP Commission Rejects Nonresident Waterfowl Proposal**

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks’ (GFP) Commission unanimously rejected the nonresident waterfowl proposal, with the exception of creating 100 nonresident youth licenses valid during the two-day youth hunting season. The Commission also established an associated fee of $10 for nonresident youth who draw a license valid for the youth season only. Youth who receive a nonresident license valid for the regular season would continue to pay the same fee as adults. - See more at: http://gfp.sd.gov/news/news/june/5.aspx#sthash.4x74mpgB.dpuf

“One may as well dam for water tanks the people’s cathedrals and churches, for no holier temple has ever been consecrated by the heart of man.” John Muir. 1838-1914-Naturalist and Founder of the Sierra Club.
SD Wildlife Federation Donors

At the 2003 Winter Board Meeting, the SDWF Board created the SDWF Wildlife Legacy Council. The Council was created to allow recognition of the people who support SDWF above and beyond their membership and offering donations.

Thank you to the following donors for their contributions to the SDWF. Please consider becoming a member of the Wildlife Legacy Council. SDWF is a 501(c)3 non-profit, all donations are tax deductible. These tax-deductible contributions will speak volumes for the future of the SDWF’s Wildlife Legacy Council! Please consider your donation today. Donations can be sent to SDWF, PO Box 7075, Pierre, SD 57501.

The Legacy Council consists of five different donation levels. These donation levels were revised October 2011: Level V Eagle $1,000.00 & Above; Level IV Buffalo $501 - $999; Level III Elk $301 - $500; Level II Deer $201 - $300; and Level I Pheasant $100 - $200.

Love the outdoors and need a tax deduction this year? If you have a car, van, truck, ATV, or boat that’s in reasonably good shape and you aren’t using it, donate it to the SDWF. You’ll get a nice tax break and will feel great knowing you helped our great organization protect South Dakota’s outdoors.

SDWF Membership Application

To continue our conservation efforts - we need your help! Please donate generously.

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SDWF Camo-Coalition lobbying donation: $____

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P.O. Box 7075
Pierre, SD 57501-0952

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PIERRE, S.D. -- The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks’ (GFP) would like to remind anglers of the new rules regarding fish and bait transportation.

Bait can only be transported away from a water body in domestic water (tap water, well water, bottled water, ice). Boat anglers can wait until they reach an immediately adjacent fishing station to put their bait in domestic wa-
ter. They can dump out the lake water and fill their bait bucket up with water from the fish cleaning station or water they brought with them.

A shore angler can do the same if they are able to access the domestic water source at a fish cleaning station that is immediately adjacent or if they bring domestic water with them.

Unused minnows should be poured into the fish grinder at a cleaning sta-
tion or drained and disposed of in the trash containers at the boat launch or cleaning areas. It is a violation of state statute to dump unused minnows into a water body in South Dakota.

The new regulations are featured online at sdleastwanted.com; here anglers can also learn more about transporting their bait through a three minute video tutorial. GFP staff and volunteers are also available to help answer any ques-
tions.

“As much information as we provided up front on the implementation of these new regulations, we know there are still going to be questions,” said Kelly Hepler, GFP Secretary. “I would encourage people to call our offices or ask a GFP employee if they are in any way uncertain of how to comply with these new regulations. We are trying to ensure everyone who wants to enjoy South Dakota’s waters can do so with the confidence that they know these new rules. These are big changes and our staff are a great resource and willing to help field customer concerns.”

- See more at: http://gfp.sd.gov/news/news/june/4.aspx#sthash.VHg1b3nb.dpuf

Mowing Regulations For The State Right of Way

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Transportation would like to remind landowners of mowing regulations for the state rights of way.

Administrative Rule 70:04:06:06 states: No mowing of the right of way may begin in the west river counties of Gregory, Lyman or Tripp before June 15 and east of the Missouri River before July 10. All mowing by permit must be completed by Sept. 1 each year.

Mowing of the median by contract may begin on the date the contract is ap-
proved and must be performed during the hours between sunrise and sunset.

The contractor shall notify the department 24 hours before beginning mowing.

The department may mow medians and areas within the rights of way prior to June 15 to control noxious weeds and provide increased safety to the travel-

If a person who is not the abutting landowner wishes to mow the interstate highway right of way, he must apply for a permit and include a waiver signed by the abutting landowner.

Contact information for the region engineer is available on the DOT website at http://sddot.com/contact. The application/permits needed for mowing the right of way for interstate, state-owned railroad right of way and the abutting landowner waiver are lo-
cated on the DOT website at http://sddot.com/resources/forms/. For questions, please contact the appropriate region or area engineer or the office of Operations Support at 605.773.3571.

2015 South Dakota Wildlife Federation Buffalo & Wings Shoot

Pheasant Hunt

Winner’s Choice Of:

❖ A four-day pheasant hunt for two hunters
❖ A three-day pheasant hunt for three hunters
❖ A two-day pheasant hunt for four hunters
❖ A cash prize of $700

Private land located in Central South Dakota • Drawing to be held Huron, SD, Aug. 21-23, 2015

SDWF, PO Box 7075, Pierre, SD 57501 • (605) 224-7524

2015-2016 South Dakota Wildlife Federation Buffalo & Wings Shoot

Custer State Park Buffalo Shoot

Winner’s Choice Of:

❖ A guided buffalo shoot during the 2016 Fall Season.
❖ A four-day pheasant hunt for two hunters
❖ A cash price of $1,500

Private land located in Custer State Park located in southwestern South Dakota • Drawing to be held at Convention in August 2016

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When we heal the earth, we heal ourselves.” David Orr
SDWF Announces Wildlife Week Poster Winners

SDWF announces the winners of the annual Wildlife Week Poster Contest. Many of our affiliates from across the state selected their local winning posters and entered them into the statewide competition. This year’s contest had a lot of entrants and the winning selections were made with great difficulty.

SDWF pays $25, $15, and $10 to each 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner, respectively, from all six grades.

1st grade:
1st place: Bridger Babcock, St. Joseph School, Grade 1
2nd place: Natasha Huppler, Grass Lake Conservation Club
3rd place: Paisly Bray, Marshall County Sportsman

2nd grade:
1st place: Andrew Kirsch, Herreid School, Grade 2
2nd place: Luke Olson, High Plains Wildlife Federation
3rd place: Johanna Knipping, Jerauld County Game and Fish

3rd grade:
1st place: Sophia Kitter, Herreid School, Grade 3
2nd place: Haeleigh Mulder, Jerauld County Game and Fish
3rd place: Evelynn Tschappat, Marshall County Sportsman

4th grade:
1st place: Sarah Poncelow, Jerauld County, Grade 4
2nd place: Chance Huppler, Grass Lake Conservation Club
3rd place: Braydon Goehring, Lake Campbell Wildlife Club

5th grade:
1st place: Isaak Rombough, High Plains Wildlife Federation
2nd place: Catherine Reiter, Grass Lake Conservation Club
3rd place: Isabelle Brandner, Lake Campbell Wildlife Club

6th grade:
1st place: Isabelle Kooker, Lake Campbell Wildlife Club
2nd place: Kenzee Schaefer, Jerauld County Game and Fish
3rd place: Adeline Abernathy, High Plains Wildlife Federation

Sportsmen/women—Want to help fund SDWF and the Youth Conservation Camp plus reduce your taxes this year? Donate stocks and land to the SDWF. You not only won’t have to pay taxes on those assets, you will pay less tax because of your generosity!

JUST ONE