AS PASSED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION, MARCH 28TH, 2015

National Wildlife Federation
Conservation Congress
We Believe

America’s experience with cherished landscapes and wildlife has helped define and shape our national character and identity for generations. Protecting these natural resources is a cause that has long united Americans from all walks of life and political stripes. To hunters, anglers, hikers, birders, wildlife watchers, boaters, climbers, campers, cyclists, gardeners, farmers, forest stewards and other outdoor enthusiasts, this conservation ethic has evolved and is now integral to our heritage and fundamental to the very pursuit of happiness enshrined at the founding of this great country. It is this heritage that we will defend and pass on to our children. And for all Americans, whether they venture into nature or not, whether they live in the middle of our most densely populated cities or in small towns or rural communities or somewhere in between, we all depend on clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment. Our ties to the land provide spiritual sustenance and a path to virtue; they suggest a perfection in nature that exceeds anything humans can create. As Americans we share a sacred duty and obligation to protect and build upon our conservation heritage for the sake of native wildlife, ourselves, our neighbors, and most of all for future generations.

To this end, we believe...

Our nation’s wildlife, fish, healthy waters, clean air, and public lands are a birthright of all Americans.

Government has a sacred duty to conserve and steward these public trust resources for all, including future generations, using the best available science and providing robust financial resources.

Conservation on private land plays an essential role in supporting healthy fish and wildlife populations and providing and connecting their habitat.

Our nation’s healthy lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands, marine and coastal waters, forests, and other wild lands are vital to our public health, economy, wildlife, and quality of life.

Diverse and abundant wildlife habitat is essential for urban, suburban and rural communities.

We all have a right to enjoy sustainable and responsible outdoor recreation including: hunting, fishing, camping, birding, wildlife watching, hiking, climbing, swimming, boating, and gardening.

Our nation must address climate change, continue moving toward cleaner energy sources, and make wildlife habitat and communities more resilient to such change.

We have a national responsibility to get our children outdoors, for their health, their intellectual enrichment, their daily happiness, and to instill a conservation ethic in future generations.

As the National Wildlife Federation – a nationwide federation of state and territorial affiliate organizations and nearly six million members and supporters across the country:

We stand as a nationwide federation of state and territorial affiliate organizations and nearly six million members and supporters across the country:

We embrace a national responsibility to conserve wildlife and wild places wherever they may be and to broaden the conservation movement so that it encompasses America in all its diversity.

We dedicate ourselves to share respectfully with our neighbors our understanding and appreciation of our natural environment, of conservation, of cultural preservation, and of America’s outdoor heritage.

We commit to nurturing with resources, attention, and talent a diverse national conservation movement that inspires local, state, and national action and engagement on issues that transcend political boundary.

And we fully accept our profound responsibility to speak up, to advocate, and to engage on behalf of America’s wildlife.

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.
How can you tell if you really have a passion for hunting and the outdoors? How about if you drive five hours one way to spend two days getting up at 4 a.m. and walking six miles through rain and 30-mile-an-hour wind and not even getting a shot at your prey?

That was my experience on my first Black Hills turkey hunt with my brother and a college buddy … and I loved it! Sure, it helped that we stayed at my new best friend’s gorgeous 116 acre ranch on top of a high peak where we enjoyed great food and drink, not to mention a hot tub overlooking the distant lights of Rapid City. As a bonus, we were treated to visits by six trophy bighorn sheep each night. Sure, we were sore from all the staking up and down the big ravines, and disappointed that the toms were all “henned up” already so they wouldn’t come to our calls, but at the end of the day it was a good trial; helped by the jokes, stories and laughter of the hunt.

This was the first time I’d met our guide, Adam, and his wife, Stephanie, and I hope we were tolerable as guests so they might be invited back. Adam likes his Hennessey (you could substitute for gas if needed), knows at least 1,000 jokes off the top of his head, and loves to hunt. Stephanie is a world-class banjo player, raises champion horses, and also loves to hunt. Along with 8-month-old Oliver, I’m sure they’ll be hunting for years to come! I’m glad we got to know them. We truly appreciated their hospitality, and we’ll always cherish the memories.

One thing my brother learned from this hunt in the Hills is that you should never get separated from the group because you could get lost and run across a mountain lion. He did both. After he cleaned his shorts, he texted a slightly fuzzy picture of a dead lion in front of what was probably its den. We all asked why he didn’t get a closer picture, and he said, “I wasn’t going to find out if there was another one in the den!” What a wuss!

Speaking of the Black Hills, the 51st SDWF Youth Conservation Camp runs from May 31 to June 6 at Camp Bob Marshall just outside of Custer. Thousands of young people, myself included (a few years ago), have enjoyed this week-long adventure, and thousands of parents have enjoyed sending their children! We have many volunteers to thank for giving of their time and knowledge, but I especially want to recognize one such individual for his many years of leadership. Mike McKernan has been Camp Director since 2001 and has been involved with the camp since 1989. Now that’s commitment!

Mike has mentioned that it’s time to find his replacement, so here’s a Help Wanted ad.

“Camp Director position: No experience required. Current Director will train. Must love the outdoors and teenagers. Must be available first week of June each year. No pay, but the benefits are priceless!” Let us know if you are interested in applying for this wonderful opportunity.

Executive Director Chris Hesia and I attended the 79th Annual National Wildlife Federation meeting in Shepherdstown, WV in late March. It’s nice to get together with like-minded individuals and know we are not alone in our fight to protect our air, land, water, wildlife, and fellow humans, along with the outdoors traditions and heritage that we all love.

At the convention, NWF delegates voted unanimously to accept the “We Believe” statement as seen on the front page. I encourage you all to read it and “fully accept our profound responsibility to speak up, to advocate, and to engage on behalf of America’s wildlife.” Remember to ask ‘JUST ONE’ buddy to join SDWF and take a kid fishing, hiking, hunting, or just throw ‘em in a mud puddle to get ‘em outside!”
“Revitalization” was the recent theme of the 2015 NWF Annual Convention held in Shepherdstown, WV. SDWF President Rich Widman and I both attended the Convention as the delegate and alternate delegate. The meeting was held at the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Conservation Training Center.

NWF new CEO Collin O’Mara spoke about the revitalization of the NWF and its state affiliates. Citing cartoonist Ding Darling original vision of NWF as a big tent conservation organization, O’Mara said “if we could mobilize the power of our entire membership, we can move mountains.”

Dan Ashe, Director of the USFWS one of the speakers, said “many of the most amazing species on our planet face extinction.” Ashe pointed to the Monarch Butterfly as one of those amazing species that has seen a 90% population decline over the last two decades.

“We know what the problem is.” Ashe said “we know what the solution is. What we need is a modern army of monarch warriors out there on the landscape.”

Your SDWF President and I attended several different sessions some of the topics were Clean Water Act, developing young leaders, Mt. Sheep Conservation, how to administer a state wide campaign. We also had ample time to talk and meet the NWF staff and its family of 49 state and territorial affiliates.

NWF affiliates adopted policy resolutions that will guide NWF actions in the future;

• Helping schools teach outdoor skills
• Restoring pollinator populations
• Opposing sulfide mining in the Boundary Waters
• Protecting Wild Sheep populations from domestic sheep herds
• Recovery plans for Sage Grouse
• Support for the de-listing of the Gray Wolf in Michigan and Wisconsin

One of our newer members was re-elected to the NWF Board of Directors. Brian Bashore recently moved from Nebraska to SD and was re-elected to the NWF Board as a Regional representative for Nebraska, SD, ND and Iowa. SDWF congratulates Brian on his re-election and look forward to him being one of our newest members.

Remember we can and do make a difference!

I would also like to welcome SDWF’s newest affiliate, the South Dakota Conservation Officers Association. The SDCOA is a dedicated group of men and women, the heart of the GF&P. These officers have made a career of protecting and ensuring the fair distribution of our state’s natural resources. The SDWF does the work needed at the legislature and the GF&P commission, and the members of the SDCOA enforce those decisions. You will also see these men and women at Hunt SAFE classes, or teaching school children about wildlife habitat, or at sportsmen’s club meetings, and even at the local grocery stores and churches. They are a valuable part of the communities they live in, and will make the SDWF a stronger, better informed organization.

Alison Fenske of Heartland Pheasants Forever receives donation check from Beadle County Sportsmen’s Club for “Youth Pollinator Habitat Program”. Alison is a Junior at Huron High School and is conducting a program with over 200 fourth graders to plant pollinator plants locally that will help with bees, butterflies, songbirds as well as pheasants and waterfowl. She is receiving check from SDWF Board Member Ross Jensen (R) and BCSC President Dave Eichstadt
New Aquatic Invasive Species Website Launches

PIERRE, S.D. - With spring well underway, so is this year’s fishing season. The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) launched a new website today to help inform anglers and boaters about the new statewide aquatic invasive species rules; expected to take effect in the middle of May. “In an effort to slow the spread of aquatic invasive species in South Dakota, anglers and boaters, residents and non-residents, will soon be required to change their old ways of transporting bait and fish and comply with newly established regulations,” stated Kelly Hepler, GFP Secretary.

“With that, we have launched a new website that serves as the hub of all information related to aquatic invasive species in our state. The website, http://sdleastwanted.com/, features information on the new laws and regulations; species information related to zebra and quagga mussels, Asian carp and invasive plants; boat washing techniques and locations; a map depicting water bodies and any invasive species it may contain; frequently asked questions and a media gallery with images and videos. The website is also designed to be responsive; meaning that it will render on any smartphone or tablet device in an effort to meet the growing needs of digital customers. In addition to this website, a new hashtag campaign called #sdleastwanted has also been implemented allowing anglers and boaters, along with their friends and family, an opportunity to share what they are doing to help slow the spread of aquatic invasive species in South Dakota. Digital users can share their images using #sdleastwanted via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. New laws will require boaters and anglers to: Clean all vegetation and aquatic invasive species from the boat, trailer or other watercraft. Open or remove all drain plugs or similar devices; 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 in 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. Not transport bait or fish in water taken from a lake, river or stream. Bait may be transported in water taken from a lake, river or stream only while in 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. Fishing, boating and other outdoor recreational activities are deeply engrained in the culture of this state. 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. Many thanks to South Dakota’s anglers and boaters for their patience and cooperation with the implementation of these new regulations,” concluded Hepler. The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks will continue to keep anglers, boaters and other outdoor enthusiasts informed as to the exact date of when the new laws take effect. For more information on aquatic invasive species and how to help slow their spread in South Dakota water bodies, please visit http://sdleastwanted.com. - See more at: http://gfp.sd.gov/news/news/april/1.aspx#sthash.Zx71zTfM.dpuf

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

JUST ONE
The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission formally adopted the Elk Management Plan for South Dakota (2015-2019) at their April meeting last week. “This plan serves as the guiding document to ensure elk populations and their habitats are managed appropriately; addressing both biological and social tolerances while considering the needs of all stakeholders,” stated Tony Leif, director of the GFP division of wildlife. “Staff will continue to work closely with private landowners, the Black Hills National Forest, Wind Cave National Park along with sportsmen and women to overcome challenges and take advantage of opportunities regarding the future of elk management in South Dakota.” The elk management plan provides important historical background and significant biological information for the formulation of elk management over the next five years. Current elk survey methods and management tools are presented, along with a thorough discussion of objectives and strategies to guide management of this resource. This plan is a working document for staff that will be amended as new biological and social data provide opportunities to improve management of elk resources in South Dakota. The plan outlines a Black Hills population objective (excluding Custer State Park and Wind Cave National Park) at 7,000 winter elk, with a range of 6,000 to 8,000 elk depending on habitat conditions. The Custer State Park population objective is at 800 winter- ing elk, with a range of 700 to 900 elk. The plan, in its current and final version, benefitted greatly from the elk stakeholder work group and the public comment period held Dec. 10, 2014, through March 22, 2015. For more information, and to download the Elk Management Plan for South Dakota (2015-2019), visit http://gfp.sd.gov/wildlife-management/plans/default.aspx. - See more at: http://gfp.sd.gov/news/news/april/7.aspx#sthash.GzVlUr59.dpuf

WASHINGTON - (April 2, 2015) – Recent land-use changes across the nation have caused the conversion of 7.34 million acres of grasslands, wetlands and forests to cropland, while 4.36 million acres of cropland were taken out of production according to a new report by the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Cropland Expansion Outpaces Agricultural and Biofuel Policies in the United States1 details the extent and location of land-use changes during the build-out of the corn build industry.

The first crop and spatially-explicit nationwide assessment of its kind, the report uses remote sensing and other data to assess nationwide land-use changes between 2008 and 2012 and discusses the policy implications of such changes. The new, peer-reviewed study was published today in the journal Environmental Research Letters and addresses debate on whether the recent boom in demand for common biofuel crops and other agricultural policies have led to the carbon-emitting conversion of natural areas.

“We realized there was remarkably limited information about how croplands have expanded across the United States in recent years,” said Tyler Lark, lead author and PhD student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. “Our results are very surprising because they show large-scale conversion of new landscapes, which most people didn’t expect.”

The report finds that 5.7 million acres of grasslands, including native prairie, planted pasture, CRP and more, were the largest sources of converted cropland, with 77 percent of new annual cropland coming from these perennial grass covers. These lost grasslands are now emitting significant quantities of carbon and no longer providing critical wildlife habitat. Grasslands are one of the fastest declining ecosystems in North America, with less than 10 percent of native grasslands left on the landscape. Of biggest concern, the report finds that an area of undisturbed prairie and range the size of South Dakota was lost between 2008 and 2012.

“Grasslands are one of the fastest declining ecosystems in the world,” said Lark. “Our results suggest a nationwide Sodsaver is needed.”

State-specific estimates of cropland expansion and abandonment as well as their conversion of forests, wetlands and prairies for feedstock production are available in the supplement to this report.

Other policy implications may also be involved with the results of the study. The report recommends that Congress consider reevaluating the RFS2 to ensure that the conversion of cropland is causing. The report notes that the RFS2 has caused the expansion of cropland to non-arable lands and that converting non-arable lands to cropland will also increase conversion costs to taxpayers; with higher pay-outs for crop failure and lower yields on marginal lands.

The authors found that conversion to corn and soy alone may have emitted as much carbon dioxide into the atmosphere as 34 coal-fired power plants operating for one year or 26 million more cars on the road.

“Cropland expansion is causing some the most significant environmental impacts of any policy in recent history,” said Julie Sibbing, Senior Director of Agriculture and Forestry programs at the National Wildlife Federation. “It’s also concerning that most of the land converted to cropland was not likely well suited for agriculture, which could lead to increased erosion, flooding and drought, while millions of acres of cropland were abandoned, many of which should never have been brought into crop production in the first place. Our federal biofuel and agricultural policies are obviously broken and it is costing the taxpayers billions.”

Since the passage of the Renewable Fuel Standard 2 (RFS2) in 2007, environmental impacts of corn ethanol production have been hotly debated. The RFS2 mandated the greatly expanded use of biofuels as part of the nation’s fuel supply, and was designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from liquid transportation fuels. The regulation continues to provoke conflict between the conversion of forests, wetlands and prairies for feedstock production, but have not been enforced to their full potential. The results of the study may guide policymakers as Congress debates whether to reform or repeal parts of the RFS2.

Other policy implications may also be involved with the results of the study. The Sodsaver provision of the 2014 Farm Bill currently reduces federal subsidies to farmers who grow on previously-uncultivated land, yet the provision only applies in six Northern Plain states. However, results from the study show that roughly two-thirds of the previously-uncultivated lands converted to cropland have been in states not covered by the Sodsaver provision.

“In order to protect remaining native ecosystems and critical wildlife habitat, our findings suggest a nationwide Sodsaver is needed,” said Lark.


"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

JUST ONE
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 andaffle 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 & above; Level IV Buffalo $501 - $999; Level III Elk $301 - $500; Level II Deer $201 - $300; and Level I Pheasant $100 - $200.

March 2015

LEVEL I PHEASANT
KNOX, JAMES - SD
LEVESEN, ARLO - SD
LUNDQUIST, ROB - TX
MADISON, CARL - SD
METCALF, ROBERT - MN
MELNICK, DONALD - SD
NEISIL, ED - AR
OLSON, JEFF - SD
OLSON, JEFF - SD
PATAK, GARY - SD
PELAR, RANDY - SD
RICHMOND, ROBERT - SD
SCHOFIELD, SCOTT - SD
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SEMMER, SCOTT - SD
SHERMAN, SCOTT - SD
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ZIMMERMAN, ROBERT - SD

February 2015

No legacy donations for this month.

January 2015

LEVEL I PHEASANT
ERNST, BILL - SD
HARRIS, JOHN - SD
HUMPHREYS, BILL - SD
HUMPHREYS, BILL - SD
KNOX, JAMES - SD
LUNDQUIST, ROB - TX
MADISON, CARL - SD
METCALF, ROBERT - MN
MELNICK, DONALD - SD
NEISIL, ED - AR
OLSON, JEFF - SD
PELAR, RANDY - SD
RICHMOND, ROBERT - SD
SCHOFIELD, SCOTT - SD
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SEMMER, SCOTT - SD
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WICKSTROM, RON - SD
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November 2014

LEVEL I PHEASANT
MILLS, RICHARD - SD
MOORE, RAY - SD
NAYLOR, JOHN - SD
OBERLE, GARY - SD
REIFF, BILL - SD
SCHMIDT, BILL - SD
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SHERMAN, SCOTT - SD
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ZIMMERMAN, ROBERT - SD

October 2014

No legacy donations for this month.

September 2014

LEVEL I PHEASANT
AYLER, JOHN - KS
HARRIS, BILL - SD
HUMPHREYS, BILL - SD
KNOX, JAMES - SD
LUNDQUIST, ROB - TX
MADISON, CARL - SD
METCALF, ROBERT - MN
MELNICK, DONALD - SD
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WICKSTROM, RON - SD
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August 2014

No legacy donations for this month.

July 2014

LEVEL I PHEASANT
BRENNER, THOMAS - MI
HUMPHREYS, BILL - SD
KNOX, JAMES - SD
LUNDQUIST, ROB - TX
MADISON, CARL - SD
METCALF, ROBERT - MN
MELNICK, DONALD - SD
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June 2014

No legacy donations for this month.

May 2014

LEVEL I PHEASANT
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BRENNER, THOMAS - MI
HUMPHREYS, BILL - SD
KNOX, JAMES - SD
LUNDQUIST, ROB - TX
MADISON, CARL - SD
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ZIMMERMAN, ROBERT - SD

April 2014

No legacy donations for this month.

SDWF Membership Application

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

Name: ____________________________
Address: _________________________
City: __________________ State: ______ Zip: ______
Phone: __________________________
e-mail ____________________________
SDWF $20/Yr Membership Fee $________
SDWF Camo-Coalition Lobbying donation:$________

Send Donation and Membership Application to: SDWF
P.O. Box 7075
Pierre, SD 57501-0952

☐ Check - make checks payable to SDWF

“JUST ONE”

New Member Program

The SDWF has approximately 3,000 members. We are constantly fighting to keep our outdoor heritage and to conserve our natural resources. We can’t continue without our members and we can’t keep fighting unless we grow our membership.

Encourage your friends that enjoy the outdoors to join the SDWF directly or through a local affiliate club. “JUST ONE” new member can make a world of difference!

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, 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.

888-OVERBAG
2014/2015 South Dakota Wildlife Federation’s Custer State Park Buffalo Shoot

Winner’s Choice Of:

♦ A guided buffalo shoot during the 2015 Fall Season. Rifle or bow allowed for the event.
♦ A cash prize of $1,500.
♦ This is a guided shoot in Custer State Park located in southwestern South Dakota.
♦ These bulls average two years old.

*Drawing to be held at Annual Convention, September 2015.

Void where prohibited by law. Your presence or contribution not necessary to win.

SDWF, PO Box 7075, Pierre, SD 57501
(605) 224-7524 • www.sdwf.org

2015 South Dakota Wildlife Federation’s 21 Gun Giveaway

$20 each

1. Remington 700 ADL .270.
2. Remington Super Mag 12 ga.
4. Remington 597 Scoped .22 combo .22
5. Ruger 77R 25.06
6. Remington 870 Express 12 ga.
7. Ruger 77R 25.06
8. Savage 9317-DXP 17 cal
11. Ruger 77R 25.06
12. Savage 9317-DXP 17 cal
13. Remington BDL 22-250
14. Remington 597 Scoped .22 combo .22
15. Remington 870 Exp. 20 ga.
16. Ruger 77R 338
17. Savage 9317-DXP 17 cal
20. Savage 9317-DXP 17 cal
21. Remington 597 Scoped .22 combo .22

♦ One gun will be awarded for each 100 tickets sold.
♦ 21 guns will be awarded if 2,100 or more tickets are sold.
♦ SDWF reserves the right to offer a cash settlement or substitute a gun of equal or greater value.

*Drawing to be held at Spring Board Meeting, May, 2015.

Void where prohibited by law. Your presence or contribution not necessary to win.

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When we heal the earth, we heal ourselves.” David Orr
2015 Fish Consumption Advisories

PIERRE, S.D. - The South Dakota departments of Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) and Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) are reminding anglers to check the current list of fish consumption advisories as the 2015 fishing season begins.

Based on testing results from 2014, two advisories have been added to the list: Hazeldon Lake in Day County for walleye greater than 21 inches. Lynn Lake in Day County for walleye greater than 16 inches.

A complete list of all lakes and sizes of specific species within those lakes, for which advisories have been issued, can be found at: http://doh.sd.gov/fish/Fish-Advisories.aspx.

Annual testing of fish for metals, pesticides and polychlorinated biphenyl or PCB's is a collaborative effort of the South Dakota Departments of Game, Fish and Parks, Environment and Natural Resources and Health. When test results exceed established values for certain sizes of fish in a water body, a consumption advisory is issued. - See more at: http://gfp.sd.gov/news/news/april/15.aspx#sthash.bB3q5kSD.dpuf

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