

Main Themes

Demand for Licenses

R3 – Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation

Species Abundance

Demand for Access

Social Carrying Capacity of Residents and Nonresidents

Economics

Species Abundance

Criteria:

- Fewer restrictions should be placed on nonresidents when populations are abundant or above population objectives found in specific species management plans.
- Opportunities for species of limited abundance (i.e. elk, bighorn sheep, mountain goat) will allow for little or no nonresident participation.
- Opportunities for abundant species (i.e. walleyes, pheasants) will allow for liberal, and in some cases, unlimited nonresident participation.
- Current and future populations of species should be taken into consideration.
- Habitat (aquatic and terrestrial) is the driving force in the population of many species. GFP commission should consider quantity and quality of habitat when allocating opportunity to residents and nonresidents.

Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation (R3)

Criteria:

- The commission should look to continue to expand both youth and new participants regardless of age.
- When possible, regulations should be simplified and streamlined.
- Expansion of resident outdoor activities should be encouraged.

Demand for Licenses

Criteria:

- The commission should consider demand by residents for limited licenses when allocating nonresident opportunities.
- Increased participation in activities where licenses are unlimited may require future limitations on both residents and nonresidents.

Demand for Access

Criteria:

- When limiting access for one opportunity or user group, limiting access for all opportunities and user groups should be considered.
- As competition for public land access becomes greater, limitations on resident and/or nonresidents may be needed.
- Some specific geographic locations may require limited access due to hunting pressure or management objectives.
- Temporal/Spacial distribution of hunters and anglers may ease public access concerns.
- Crowding can have a negative impact on resident hunting experience.

Social Carrying Capacity of Residents and Nonresidents**Criteria:**

- There is a point where the conflict between residents and nonresidents causes a decline in resident participation.

Economics**Criteria:**

- Economics should not trump management decisions.
- Impact to GFP budget should be considered when allocating opportunity.
- GFP Commission should recognize the economic impact to local communities, landowners (farmers/ranchers), outfitters and the state of SD.
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