
James Slater

Bellevue NE

Position: other

Comment:

My wife and I are from Nebraska and retired. We are coming up to fish for a week at the end of this month. First time visiting South Dakota. We have checked the fishing licenses and noticed appears there are the whole year, 1 day and 3 day. No options for a week or 7 days.

A great number of people vacation for a week. A whole season wouldn't be so bad if purchased at the beginning of the year, and may return again that year, in which we may in the future return if we enjoy our time. But this late in the season having to pay the full price is sort of ridiculous when we only need 7 days. Also Senior Citizens don't much get a break anywhere. Another thing is why nonresident need to pay more when states are trying to get people to vacation and visit their state. With all due respect I guess we have no choice at this time and have to pay the price.

License Fee Package

Todd Anderson

Miles City MT

Position: support

Comment:

I would like to comment on my strong support for the proposed fee increase for fishing, hunting, and camping fees. Specifically I strongly support fee increases for non-residents. SD provides quality opportunities and should be proud of those of those opportunities by valuing them because we do. In fact, they are not increased enough in proposed language. If passed please use additional license fees for access and employee pay. Thanks.

Tina Bradley

Rapid City SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

WHY DO YOU NEVER SEE ANY FOREST RANGER OR PARK OFFICER OUT ON THE ROADS MAKING SURE TGE ATVS ARE LICENSED AND NOT TEARING UP THE ROADS, OR ON BOATS MAKING SURE THE WATER RULES ARE BEING FOLLOWED. WHY NOT TAX THE OUTER STATERS OR THE COMPANIES THAT RENT ATV . WHY ARE YOU WANTING TO CHARGE MORE FEES FOR THE PEOPLE OF SD WHEN YOU NEVER EVER SEE AND OFFICAL OUT IN THE AREAS, YES EVEN ON WEEKENDS AND EVENINGS,? I DONT SEE WHERE THE FISH ARE IN ABUNDANCE, OR THE PARKING LOTS ARE MAINTAINED, OR ANY THING ELSE. TO ME YOU JUST WANT MORE MONEY TO PAY FOR THE DEAD BEAT OFFICSLS IN THOSE DEPARTMENTS.

Michelle Deyo-Amende

Pierre SD

Position: other

Comment:

I fully support fee increases. It seems more than reasonable to do so every 5 years.

Regarding the increase in firewood fee: Please increase by even increments, to \$7 per bundle not \$6.72. It may not seem like a big deal, but it will be a pain in the rump for campground hosts, staff, and people purchasing firewood to have to deal with the odd dollar amount.

Mark Smedsrud

Hartford SD

Position: support

Comment:

I support the license fee increase proposal. However, I feel the nonresident fishing license fee should be increased at least as much as the NR small game hunting license fee (\$21) or more. This license is valid for the entire year as opposed to the small game license (10 days) and is still a small cost when considering all the expenses to go on a fishing trip. I spent my career working as a SDGFP Conservation Officer and have always felt this license fee was under-valued for the opportunities it provides. Thank You, Mark Smedsrud

Robert Koski

Spearfish SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

I have seen GFP spending increase so much. Why do you do things like completely repave the road into Rocky Point when it was a good road? Too much needless spending is going on in my opinion. South Dakota is still a wage poor state for the working class. At some point you will tip the scales and people will stop hurting and fishing. I can camp in the National Forests for a fraction of what a State Park costs. All I can say is think before you spend! Thanks for your time, Bob Koski

John Reints

Rapid City SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

The large fee increases for various recreational activities and areas are not simply "reaching into people's pockets," as your official tries to excuse them. RATHER, THEY ARE EXCLUDING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME SOUTH DAKOTANS FROM THESE AREAS AND ACTIVITIES.

The greed of some of you is what lies behind these proposed fee increases. You are placing expansion of a bureaucracy before actually serving ALL the people of South Dakota. You should be ashamed of yourself. DIMINISH YOUR BUREAUCRACY!!

Sherry Spicer

Sturgis SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

People coming from out of our state one of the major draws are the state parks. That's in any state. If you keep raising the entrance prices people will stop visiting the parks. How long does anyone really stay maybe a day or two. I believe with prices of gasoline and hotels our state parks should be reasonably priced to draw tourists into them.

Wade Morris

Deadwood SD

Position: other

Comment:

I understand the reasoning for raising rate BUT I am wondering why aren't the NON RESIDENT rates being raised substantially? The non resident influx during fishing season is getting increasingly frustrating, especially on the Missouri. I get the State tourism focus on Pheasant season but at least that is managed in some ways but the out of state fishing arrivals is overwhelming at times. Wyoming and Montana non resident annuals are over \$100. I think the non resident fees should be increased more than than resident fee increases

Rodney Putnam

Piedmont SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

\$10 million increase in fees??? Guess that will be used to finish gun range north of Rapid???

Michael Shafer

Sioux Falls SD

Position: support

Comment:

I support the fee increases for parks and recreation as proposed by the GF&P Commission. The fee schedule seems fair and the increases are targeted appropriately. In particular, I would gladly purchase an outdoor-themed license plate for my vehicle.

Todd Crownover

Tyndall SD

Position: support

Comment:

I know that its been a long time since SD has had a license fee package increase. Everything in the last 10 years that we need has increased and this is needed for the state to continue to keep giving us the same great quality of service they have been. I do hear folks saying that the Non-residence fees should be increased even more. Firewood should just be increased to \$7 not \$6.72, no one, even the camper wants to make change. Thank you for all you do.

Allen Zent

Rapid City SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

Stop with the fee increase initiative. I couldn't be more opposed to this idea. Find a way to perform the mission within the budget. Here's a novel thought— how about looking at places where fees can be reduced?

Doug Wanttie

Aberdeen SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

You are getting into the pockets of the already stressed out sportsman. By doing this you will be ending some people's adventure in the outdoors as it is to costly. It may only be a small increase but no guarantee it is the last, only a hope and prayer it will last five years. Just another way to deplete resident hunters is all this is appearing to be.

Bill West

Hartford SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

You expect the sportsmen of South Dakota to pay more when you continue to use a [REDACTED] website that won't even allow people to buy a license and then when you call you have to talk to someone in Florida? I don't think so. I will be contacting every legislator and the governor to stop this. Give me a break, I'll pay more for licenses when the GFP starts to use our license money responsibly!!!!

Justin Allen

Pierre SD

Position: support

Comment:

Overall i support the increase in the license, camping fees. However I believe the cost of the Non resident year long fishing license is still way, way to cheap. It should be closer to \$100. Too many NRs take severe advantage of the cheap license cost. Glad to see the large increase in NR big game license.

Rick Meere

Dell Rapids SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

Who is asleep at the wheel? How about before you start asking us sportsmen to pay more for hunting licenses when the cost of inflation is at a 50 year high, you start doing a better job of managing our money. I mean come'on! GFP has spent millions on a [REDACTED] Florida website that never works and a bounty program that is a complete waste of money. Before you increase costs, tighten the belt or find a director that knows how to effectively manage a multimillion dollar budget. Unreal. I plead the commission to vote these increases down and reexamine the existing budget and save face for the people that will have to pay for this.

John Zarycki

Brookings SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

I oppose the increase unless the money is going to get more acres of public land to hunt. Some of the counties have little public land to hunt and its almost impossible to get permission to hunt form the landowners, they want you to pay for access and they get their tags for free.

Mark Peterson

Aberdeen SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

Cut the increases in half, people are struggling with inflation, this will reduce people in the outdoors.

Andrew Ferris

Wall SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

I can go to other states surrounding and residents prices are lower however nr tags are much higher

Dylon Schaeffer

Sioux Falls SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

Why are you asking for more money when you are unable to manage the current funding? Stop wasting money on your pathetic outdoors site and get a website that actually works.

Renee Allen

Pierre SD

Position: support

Comment:

I support the license fee increase but NR big game and NR fishing licenses need to be increased even more.

Renee Allen

George Vandel

Pierre SD

Position: support

Comment:

I support the fee increase package. A couple of suggestions, you may want to consider some fee increases annually, especially nonresident fees, to adjust annually for increased costs so as not to fall behind and then require larger increases. It's also time to reconsider funding for the nest predator bounty program -it's simply biologically unjustifiable. These funds should be used for programs that have proven scientific and data supported increases to wildlife habitats and their populations.

Black Hills Flyfishers Olson

Rapid City SD

Position: support

Comment:

The Black Hills FlyFishers Board of Directors, 300 plus strong in membership, have voted in favor of the proposed License Fee Package

Jeff Olson
Co-Chairman

Susan Sanders

Rapid City SD

Position: support

Comment:

I learned this summer that you are not going to charge people to enter part of the new shooting range east of Rapid City. If someone wants to use it, they should have to pay for an entrance pass to support the costs of the facility, just like everyone who drives through Custer State Park.

Aaron Rogers

Huron SD

Position: support

Comment:

The preference points for residents should also see the same increase as non residents

Tate Gulliker

Tea SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

Worst time to raise prices when people already cannot afford groceries. I hunt for meat to feed my family of 6. Please do not raise fees for residents. Cut out the unnecessary spending like the worthless website that never works to buy licenses, shooting range that is not needed and the bounty program. Poorly managed money has led to the need for a price hike and why aren't you looking at better budgeting. Please do not raise these fees.

Paul Lepisto

Pierre SD

Position: support

Comment:

Please see the attached comments in support of this proposal.

Attachment 13292

Stetson Lippert

Sturgis SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

No comment text provided.

Mountain Lion Action Plan

Joshua Rosenau

Lake Forest Park WA

Attachment 13019