

Conservation Permit Rule Changes Summary

Add section establishing procedures for issuing Special Antelope Island Conservation Permits as directed by Legislative Intent Language included in H.B.3:

“The Legislature intends that the proceeds of the hunts for bison, deer and bighorn sheep on Antelope Island, up to the amount of \$200,000, be used on Antelope Island State Park. Both conservation and regular hunts will be coordinated through a cooperative agreement between the Division of State Parks and the Division of Wildlife Resources.”

Special Antelope Island Conservation Permit Provisions

1. One special conservation permit for mule deer and one permit for bighorn sheep will be designated for marketing.
2. The Wildlife Board must authorize hunt for species on Antelope Island and Parks Board would need to OK a hunt before this rule would function.
3. Permits will be issued for one year.
4. Special Antelope Island Conservation Permits are outside of normal conservation permit program.
5. Permits will be marketed at the Wildlife Convention by the conservation group selected by the Wildlife Board to market the convention permits.
6. Conservation group can keep 10% of the funds raised from the marketing of the permits with 90% returned to DWR.
7. Division of Wildlife Resources and Division of Parks will enter into a cooperative agreement to coordinate the details of hunts on Antelope Island.
8. DWR will forward all of the funds received from the marketing of the permits to the Division of Parks according to the cooperative agreement between the agencies.
9. Any public hunting permits will be provided to hunters through the Division’s Big Game Permit Drawing.

Housekeeping Items

Two minor changes are being made to the conservation permit rule while it is open:

1. The reference to Merriam’s and Rio Grand turkeys is being removed and it is clarified that the statewide conservation permit holder and sportsman permit recipient can take two wild turkeys with this permit.
2. The time to turn in vouchers for conservation permits is being changed from a maximum of 10 days to 30 days.

Thank-you.