



Hello Divers

Great news for those of you that enjoy spearfishing here in the great state of South Dakota!

We have lobbied for the last 12-years to get the entire state opened to spearfishing of all species. It has been a long process and little by little more areas have been opened to spearfishing. Now divers can spear closer to where they live rather than having to drive 3-5 hours to get to an area that is open.

At the last GFP Commission meeting GFP Fisheries director John Lott and the GFP Commission made some great changes to areas for spearing (THANK YOU). Attached below is the list of changes that come into effect January 1, 2019.

I know that I am very excited to be able to spear below Big Ben and OAHE dams!! Just to prove it I have set a day of spearing below BIG BEN on March 31, 2019 hope you can join us. I'll have the hot coco ready!

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GFP Commission Finalizes Modifications to Nebraska Border Waters and Fish Spearing and Archery Rules

PIERRE, S.D. - The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission opened up the spearing of rough fish year-round on South Dakota/Nebraska border waters and added crossbows and legal spearguns to the list of legal methods of take for rough fish.

The Commission also made the following changes to spearfishing regulations:

- Opened up the entirety of Lake Sharpe and Lake Francis Case to gamefish spearing and archery during established season dates.
- Removed the requirement to purchase a game fish spearing and archery permit.
- Changed spearing season dates for northern pike and catfish on inland waters, except those managed for muskie, to year-round.
- Changed gamefish spearing and archery season dates on the South Dakota/Nebraska border waters to July 1-Dec. 1 to match Nebraska's season.
- Allowed for the take of gamefish below Gavins Point Dam during established season dates.
- Prohibited spearing and archery fishing in Angostura and Lewis and Clark Lake marinas.