



Outdoor Report

The week of September 4, 2017

- There are still a few HuntSAFE classes available for registration online. Visit <http://gfp.sd.gov/hunt-ed> to register.

Aberdeen Area

Fishing Report:



Richmond: Anglers are catching white bass from the shore and boats. Anglers are pulling spinners with worms or pulling plugs and catching white bass.

Elm: Anglers have been catching the occasional crappie and perch, but the bite has been inconsistent.

Mina: Anglers have been catching perch and bluegill.

James River: Anglers are catching walleye and catfish. The walleye bite has been inconsistent lately. Anglers are having the best success in the evenings.

Mud: (Spink County) Anglers have been catching walleye and crappie. Most of the walleye being caught are 14-15 inches. The water levels have dropped making it difficult to get a large boat into the water.



Park Report:

Still plenty of good camping weather left come join us at the South Dakota State Parks.



Hunting Report:

Canada Goose: Hunters that hunted harvested wheat fields had the best success this weekend. The geese seem to be moving around a lot in Brown and Spink Counties. With some of the wetlands drying up the geese are moving to bigger water. Scouting is the key to success.

Mourning Dove: Hunters that hunted in harvested wheat fields and by water had the best success. There are great numbers of doves in the area.

Clark County

Fishing Report:



Indian Springs: Fishing continues to be slow.

Bailey's Lake: Fishermen are catching perch and bluegill. Both continue to be on the smaller side, less than 9 inches. A few largemouth bass are being caught as well, most are 10-14 inches.

Reid/Round Lake: Fishing continues to be slow.

Dry Lake #2: Fishing continues to be slow, mornings and evenings continue to be the most productive. Fishermen are still finding a few perch.



Hunting Report:

Canada Geese: There are still a few good fields around the county, particularly the eastern half of the county.

Mourning Dove: Hunters that hunted in harvested wheat fields and by water had the best success. There are great numbers of doves in the area.

Codington County

Fishing Report:



Kampeska: Walleye bite was a little better this weekend. Most of the walleye are still smaller and going back in the lake however we did see a few more keepers over Labor Day.

Pelican: Fishing success has been limited to a few small walleye or bullhead.

Dry: The walleye were biting pretty good again this weekend. They seem to be growing a little bit so we are seeing a few more keepers. However the average seems to be around 12 inches and most of them are being thrown back. Anglers are not reporting much of a perch bite yet.



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Goose: A strong walleye bite over Labor Day weekend on Goose Lake. Anglers had good luck catching walleye in the 14 inch range. They did catch some fish in the 19 inch range as well. A few perch mixed in some live wells also.

Long: Not much for fishing pressure over the weekend. However a few walleye did get caught.



Park Report:

Pelican Lake Recreation Area We had a great Labor Day Weekend at the state park with a full campground and some nice weather. It looks like another beautiful weekend coming up and there are still quite a few campsites open this weekend. All facilities are still open and will be at least through the beginning of October, so keep your camper out of storage and enjoy another weekend of camping! Fall also provides some excellent weather for hiking and Pelican offers 5.5 total miles of trails for you to experience.

Sandy Shore Recreation Area is full as of right now for the upcoming weekend. Please continue to check back at 1-800-710-CAMP.

Lake Cochrane Recreation Area also has plenty of good camping left. Visit www.campsd.com to reserve.

Park entrance licenses are required year-round. Please remember that all sites are back-in only.



Hunting Report:

Canada Goose: The small grain has been harvested and birds have been feeding in them for a couple weeks already. Hunters should have no problem scouting and patterning birds for a good hunt this weekend. Goose Lake, Long Lake, and the city limits seem to be holding the most birds.

Mourning Dove: Cooler temperature have the doves grouped up earlier than usual. Dove numbers look to be on par with the last few years giving hunters good opportunity to bag some birds. Public land with food plots and harvested small grain seem to be the best places to hunt opening weekend.

Day County



Fishing Report:

Bitter: The bite on Bitter has been good over the past week. Anglers have had to locate fish but those that had have had luck in deeper water along structure as well as near established weed lines.

Waubay: Many anglers had reported good fishing success over the weekend. Most anglers were catching a variety of fish including walleye, perch, white bass and smallmouth bass.

Enemy Swim: The pan fish bite has been slowing down over the past few weeks on Enemy Swim.



Hunting Report:

Canada Goose: Hunters in Day County were concentrated in the central portion of the county over the opening weekend. Many groups had success with a hunter/bird average of around 3 geese per hunter. Hunter success seemed to loom primarily on scouting activity prior to the hunt.

Mourning Dove: Very few dove hunters reported any success over the weekend. Hunters were able to bag a few birds during each outing but most hunters averaged less than three birds/ outing.

Hamlin County



Fishing Report:

Poinsett: Anglers have been seen picking up a few walleye and perch yet the results are still sporadic. Overall result would be low to fair. Anglers that have been seen with perch are of nice quality. **Anglers are reminded that there is a 15 inch minimum on walleye.**

Albert: Showed some increase in fishing pressure this past week. There have been some reports of a perch being caught around that 8-10 inch range.

Clear: A few boats trying their luck on this lake. Success rates this week was minimal to fair for small walleye and perch.



Park Report:

Lake Poinsett Recreation Area: All facilities remain open at this time. We do plan on pulling buoys sometime this week.





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Hunting Report:

Canada Goose: Good populations of Canada Geese have been spotted throughout the county. There was plenty of activity throughout the county and many had some successful hunts.

Doves: There were plenty of hunters out and about chasing doves. Population continues to look good for some successful hunts early in the season.

Marshall County



Fishing Report:

Roy: Anglers targeting walleye and bass had decent success.

Clear: Good panfish bite close to main lake structure. Anglers fishing with a bobber and a worm are having the best luck.

Opitz: The walleye bite slowed down a bit. Anglers found a few walleye near timbered points close to deep water.

Buffalo Lakes: The panfish bite has slowed down a bit. A few nice pike have been caught.



Park Report:

Fort Sisseton Harvest Fest will be held on Sunday, September 17th from 1pm-5pm.



Hunting Report:

Canada Goose: Goose hunters had great success over the weekend hunting cut wheat fields in the mornings. The hunters that scouted and found geese the evening before had the best success. Be sure to obtain permission before entering private land, good luck and be safe!!

Mourning Dove: The dove hunters found good success hunting near wheat fields in the morning or evenings. Bring the bug spray as the mosquitos are terrible. We do have some cooler weather forecasted for mid-week that may push some doves out of the area.