



Outdoor Report

The week of October 9, 2017

Aberdeen Area

Fishing Report:



Richmond: Anglers have been catching white bass and an occasional walleye. Anglers pulling spinners with worms or plugs from boats are having the best luck.

Elm: Anglers have been catching the occasional crappie, walleye, and perch, but the bite has been inconsistent. Most anglers are fishing from boats pulling spinners with worms.

Mina: Anglers have been catching perch and walleye. Anglers fishing from boats, pulling spinners with worms, have been having the best success.

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.



Hunting Report:

Duck: Hunters had decent success this weekend. Most hunters hunted over water. Hunters were harvesting green-winged teal, mallards, gadwall, and pintails. Scouting is the key to success.

Canada Goose: Sportsmen that hunted harvested silage fields had the best success this weekend. With some of the wetlands drying up the geese are moving to bigger water. Scouting is the key to success.

Swan: There is decent numbers of Tundra swans in NE Brown County.

Dove: Most of the doves have migrated south.

Deer: Deer hunting has been slow with the recent weather.

Clark County

Fishing Report:



Indian Springs: A few bigger walleye are being caught, but 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. **Boat closure starts October 20th.**

Dry Lake #2: Fishing continues to be slow; fishermen are catching a few walleye.



Hunting Report:

Waterfowl: There are still a few decent fields of geese around. There is still a good number of ducks and it appears a few have moved down from the north.

Mourning Dove: Not much for mourning doves left around.

Archery Deer: Deer numbers look good. Some daylight movement, but movement is still primarily during the night hours.

Codington County

Fishing Report:



Kampeska: Shore fishing by Lunkers has been popular again this week. Most of the fish being caught are smaller walleye and white bass. There are some big walleye being caught from time to time.

Goose Lake: Very little fishing pressure this week. A few shore fishermen are trying their luck on the Grover road since the water levels have risen significantly. Success has been limited this week to a few fish per angler.



Park Report:





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400 WEST KEMP AVENUE | WATERTOWN, SD 57201

Pelican Lake, Sandy Shore and Lake Cochrane Recreation Areas: Fall weather is upon us. There is still plenty of great fall camping available. Reservations can be made at campsd.com. Water is still on and facilities are still open for another couple of weeks.

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



Hunting Report:

Pheasants: Youth pheasant season this weekend had good weather. The number of youth hunters out on the landscape was very few and far between. Success was pretty minimal.

Geese: Still very quality numbers of geese in Codington County. Field hunters have had good success especially on the western edge of the county.

Deer: Youth and archery deer hunters saw much nicer weather this weekend. Most hunters reported seeing good numbers of antlerless deer and smaller bucks.

Ducks: Duck hunters had tough luck this weekend with the warm temps and lack of wind. There are still good numbers in the county especially gadwall and wigeon.

Day County



Fishing Report:

Bitter: Anglers are reporting some decent success catching a few walleye both from boats and shore.

Waubay: Fishing pressure increased this last week with more anglers trying their luck on the south end of the lake and putting on at the Kanago boat ramp.



Hunting Report:

Canada goose: Hunters who put in the time to scout this past week did very well on harvesting geese. The bean harvest is in full swing offering some possible new opportunities for hunters.

Duck: Mixed bags of ducks continue to get harvested. Small pockets of teal remain in the southern portion of the county but most have moved out of the area.

Mourning Dove: Very few remain in the area.

Deer: With the recent cooler temperatures, deer have become more active during the early morning and evening hours.

Hamlin County



Fishing Report:

Poinsett: There have been a lot of anglers chasing the perch. Success rates remain low to fair. Anglers seen with fish have been of good quality. **Anglers are reminded that there is a 15 inch minimum on walleye.**

Lake Albert: The fishing pressure has really slowed down this past week. There have been a few reports of some small perch and a few walleyes being caught.

Clear Lake: There is some fishing pressure here in the evenings. The success rate for large walleyes remains low.



Park Report:

Lake Poinsett Recreation Area: We have successfully moved cabin 3 from its location at the swim beach to its new location near site 54 in campground 1. We still have a few things to fix up on it before it will be available for reservations, but we are hoping to have it ready by the end of the week.

We are also planning on shutting down comfort station 1 on October 5 (in campground 1 near site 12) for the season.

The dump station and the fish cleaning station all remain open. Comfort Stations 2 and 3 are still open for public use as well.



Hunting Report:





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Waterfowl: Lots of hunters out and about on the duck opener weekend. There are good numbers of ducks and geese in the northwestern part of the county along with Mickelson Marsh in the southeast.

Deer: There have been good reports from hunters seeing plenty of deer throughout the county. Deer movement continues to remain in the mornings and evening.

Marshall County



Fishing Report:

Opitz: Anglers found a few walleye in shallow water toward evening. It sounds like the fall bite has started.

Buffalo lakes: Slow, A few northern's caught.



Hunting Report:

Pheasant: Youth pheasant was this past weekend. I did observe a few youth hunters with decent success in the western portion of the county. This coming weekend is resident only pheasant season on public land only.

Deer: The archery deer season is open. The deer are really moving in the mornings and evenings. A few rubs and scrapes have been observed.

Goose: The geese are really using freshly harvested bean fields. Hunters utilizing good cover are finding success.

Duck: The duck hunters found high duck numbers in the eastern half of the county with very good success. Be sure to obtain permission before entering private land, good luck and be safe!!



Park Report:

Fort Sisseton: Saturday, Oct. 14th; 1pm-8pm: Haunted Fort

1-4: an open house format, trick or treat event for the entire family to enjoy.

5-8: Reservation required haunted tours. Reservations must be made in advance by calling the park office: 605-448-5474.

