



Outdoor Report

The week of November 20, 2017

- Track the waterfowl in the area with the GFP hunting opportunity thunderstorm map online at <http://gfp.sd.gov/hunting/waterfowl/migration/default.aspx>. This map is updated every Thursday afternoon and should provide a good indicator of duck and goose activity in your area of interest.

Aberdeen Area

Fishing Report:



No fishing activity has been observed.



Hunting Report:

Pheasant: Hunters have had to put in time to find pheasants. Hunters that are willing to walk found some birds. With the corn harvest almost complete pheasants are getting pushed into sloughs and grass plantings.

Duck: Hunters had good success this weekend. Hunters are field hunting harvested corn fields and having success. With the cold weather up north, Brown County has noticed a good migration of ducks into the area. Scouting is the key to success.

Goose: Sportsmen that hunted harvested corn fields had the best success this weekend. There are good numbers of white-fronted geese and snow geese in NE Brown County. Scouting is the key to success.

Swan: The swans have migrated out of the area.

Deer: Deer hunters had good success this weekend. The bucks are rutting hard and we are seeing good deer movement in the mornings and evenings. **Deer hunters are reminded that it is against the law to hunt deer from the road right-of-ways.**

Clark County

Fishing Report:



No fishing pressure has been observed throughout the county. Fishing is not recommended at this time.



Hunting Report:

Waterfowl: Plenty of waterfowl in the area as the lakes have open back up. The largest concentration of ducks and geese are found on the larger bodies of water.

Swans: There are still a few swans around the area.

Archery Deer: Hunters are seeing good numbers of deer; a few good bucks have been harvested.

Codington County

Fishing Report:



Not much fishing activity observed yet with the lakes beginning to form ice.



Hunting Report:

Pheasants: Very few pheasant hunters around over the weekend due to opening weekend of rifle deer season. The few hunters out walking continue to see a few birds in the area.

Geese: Some bodies of water opened up around the county making more roost areas for geese. The western part of the county is holding more snow geese this week and a few more dark geese. The field hunters have been doing well on both darks and light geese.

Deer: ERD opener was very windy. Hunters reported seeing plenty of deer and conditions were right for spot and stalk type hunting. Hunters reported good rutting activity and plenty of opportunities to shoot bucks.

Ducks: We have a few roost areas in the county still holding ducks. Most of what is left around are mallards, but some divers are mixed in. Hunters targeting mallards have had better luck on windy days when the birds seem to leave the roost earlier to feed.





Day County

Fishing Report:

Very little fishing activity observed in the county. Ice has started to form around the edges of the lakes.



Hunting Report:

Canada goose: Most geese are still concentrated to the large bodies of water that still have open water. Flights seem to be taking place both morning and evenings.

Duck: There are still some ducks in the area which are also concentrated on large open bodies of water.

Deer: Deer movement has increased with deer moving most of the day. A good number of nice bucks have been harvested in the last week with the rut still in full swing.

Pheasant: Hunters are having some luck harvesting a pheasant or two walking slough edges near harvested corn fields.

Hamlin County

Fishing Report:

No fishing pressure observed in the area.



Hunting Report:

Waterfowl: With lakes beginning to ice over there are still good waterfowl numbers holding some larger bodies of water still open. (Poinsett, Dry Lake, Marsh, and Albert) Field hunting should begin to pick up for in these areas.

Deer: Opening weekend was good weather and plenty of deer were seen and harvested. There are still some reports of the rut being in full swing.

Pheasant: There were plenty of hunters out and about. Hunters are doing the best in the last hour of the day or in areas where the corn has been harvested.

Marshall County

Fishing Report:

Very little fishing activity observed in the county.



Hunting Report:

Pheasant: Majority of the birds are located in the western portion of the county. Hunters focusing efforts near harvested fields seem to be having the best success.

Deer: The deer hunters experienced great success over the last week. The deer are moving in the morning and evenings.

Goose: A few pockets of geese across the county. The highest concentrations of geese are in the eastern portion of the county.

Duck: A few groups of ducks remain in the county. Waterfowl numbers are changing daily. Scouting is key to success.

Be sure to obtain permission before entering private land, good luck and be safe



Park Report:

Park entrance licenses are required year-round. The 2018 Park Entrance Licenses are available at a number of local licensing agents. Gift cards are also available from your local park office and make great gifts for the holidays.

Reminder electricity in the campground stays on year-round and the cabins have heat, so there are still camping opportunities to be had.

