



Outdoor Report

The week of January 22, 2018

- **The 2017 licenses expire on January 31, 2018.**
- **Tree stands need to be removed from public lands by February 16, 2018.**
- **You can find seasonal applications at <http://bhr.sd.gov/workforus/gfp.aspx>**

Aberdeen Area

Fishing Report:



Richmond: Fishermen have been catching some crappies. The bite has been inconsistent.

Elm: Fishermen have been catching a few perch and the occasional walleye. Anglers are catching some walleye over 20 inches.

James River: Fishermen have been catching some walleye up by Sand Lake Refuge.

Mina: (Edmunds) Fishermen are catching perch in the 8 to 12 inch size range.

Mud: (Spink) Fishermen have been catching walleye in the 15-18 inch range. The bite has been inconsistent.

Redfield: (Spink) Fishermen are catching crappie and northern pike.

Clark County

Fishing Report:



Bailey's: Fishermen are still catching small perch and bluegill. Both are primarily less than 8 inches long.

Cottonwood: Fishermen are catching a few walleye and perch. Walleye range in size from 16-19 inches and Perch range in size from 10-14 inches. Fishing has slowed down the past couple of weeks.

Dry #1: Fishermen are catching walleye and the occasional perch. Most walleye being caught are less than 13 inches, but a few in the 15 inch range are being caught.

Dry #2: Fishermen are catching a few perch and walleye.

Indian Springs: Fishermen are catching a few nice walleye and the occasional perch.

Swan: Fishermen are catching northern pike.

Codington County

Fishing Report:



Kampeska: Still plenty of fishing pressure on the weekends but success has been limited to a couple small walleye and the occasional panfish.

Pelican: Very little success. A few anglers with permanent shacks have caught some nice walleye after dark.

Goose: Quite a few anglers over the weekend fishing Goose with the warmer weather. Fishing success was minimal with only a few walleye and perch being caught.

Dry: The early mornings have been decent for walleye. Most of the walleye are smaller in the 12 inch range. Tip ups seem to be working better than jigging.

Bailey's Slough: Still a good place to go and catch a few perch. Most of the perch are smaller and going back in the water, however if you are willing to sort you may go home with some keepers.

Day County

Fishing Report:



Waubay: Angler pressure has increased over the last week, however anglers are struggling to find fish.

Bitter: Fishing pressure remains high with anglers having some success catching walleye and the occasional perch.

Enemy Swim: Anglers are catching a few crappie, perch and the occasional nice walleye.

Hamlin County

Fishing Report:



Poinsett: There was high angler pressure but success was minimal for perch and walleye. **Walleye size limit is the state wide limit of 4 fish with 1 being over 20".**

Clear Lake: Fishermen are catching a few perch and walleye.





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Marshall County



Fishing Report:

White: Decent Crappie and Walleye bite in the morning and evenings.

Roy: A few Pike and small perch are being caught.

South Buffalo: A few Pike with the occasional Walleye being caught near main lake structure.

Piyas: Nice Perch and Walleye have been caught, very little pressure.

Cottonwood: Some good sized Pike have been caught, all other species slow.

Opitz: Overall slow, a few nice Walleye being caught in the evening.



Park Report:

- Do you enjoy working outdoors? Are you interested in a future career within Game, Fish and Parks? Then consider a summer seasonal job or Intern position with South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks! The State Parks currently have positions available and many include housing options. You can find seasonal applications at <http://bhr.sd.gov/workforus/gfp.aspx> or stop in at the Watertown Regional office and pick one up today! The closing date for the GFP Seasonal positions is February 16, 2018.
- **Ice Anglers:** A reminder that electricity in the campground stays on year-round and the cabins have heat. Cabins make a great base camp for the weekend and sleep 3-5 depending on how friendly your group is with each other. Cabins are available at Roy Lake, Fort Sisseton, Pickerel, Richmond, Mina, Lake Louise, Pelican, Hartford Beach, Lake Cochrane, Poinsett, Thompson, Oakwood Lakes, Lake Herman and Walkers Point. Reservations available through www.campsd.com or 1-800-710-2267(CAMP).
- Be sure to check out the event calendar at <http://gfp.sd.gov/calendar.aspx> to see upcoming events in the area.

