



Outdoor Report

The week of February 12, 2018

- **Tree stands need to be removed from public lands by this Friday, February 16, 2018.**
- **The deadline to apply for Spring Turkey and Lake Francis Case Paddlefish is February 16th.**
- **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, northern pike, and the occasional walleye. Anglers are catching some walleye under 15 inches so bring your measuring board.

James River: Fishermen have been catching some walleye up by Sand Lake Refuge and the state line bridge.

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

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

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

Clark County

Fishing Report:



Bailey's Lake: A few perch and bluegill are being caught. Both continue to be less than 8 inches long. Fishermen are also catching the occasional largemouth bass and walleye. If you're looking for a place to take the kids to catch some fish, this is it.

Cottonwood Lake: A few walleye and perch are being caught. Walleye range in size from 16-19 inches and Perch range in size from 10-14 inches. Fishermen are catching northern pike in the shallow water. Fishing continues to be slow.

Dry Lake #1: Fishermen are picking up a walleye here and there and the occasional perch.

Dry Lake #2: Fishermen are catching the occasional perch and walleye. Ice heaves make travel and searching difficult across the lake.

Indian Springs: A few walleye over 20 inches are being caught, along with the occasional perch.

Swan Lake: Fishermen are catching northern pike and the occasional walleye over 20 inches.

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: Still very little success.

Goose: Fishing success continues to be hit or miss, with only a few walleye and perch being caught. Mornings and evening continue to be best.

Dry: The early mornings have been decent for walleye. Most of the walleye are smaller in the 12 inch range.

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.

Stink: Fishermen are catching perch and small walleye. Perch range from 7-11 inches.

Day County

Fishing Report:



Waubay: Anglers are catching a few perch with the occasional walleye, best fishing in the morning and late evenings.

Bitter: Anglers are having some success catching walleye and the occasional perch, best fishing in the morning and late evenings.

Enemy Swim: Anglers are catching a few blue gills, crappies, perch, and the occasional walleye.

Pickereel: Little Activity.

Hamlin County

Fishing Report:





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Poinsett: Fishing success continues to be sporadic. Anglers have been catching a fair amount of small walleyes and a few perch.

Marshall County



Fishing Report:

White: Slow, crappie and walleye bite in the morning and evenings.

Roy: Good, decent pike and good numbers of small perch are being caught.

South Buffalo: Slow, a few pike with the occasional walleye being caught near main lake points.

Piyas: Slow, A few perch and walleye have been caught.

Cottonwood: Slow, a few pike have been caught, all other species slow.

Opitz: Slow, a few nice walleye and perch are being caught.

Six Mile: Slow, A few anglers spearing northern pike.

Nine Mile: Slow, A few small perch and the occasional pike.



Park Report:

- Open House Weekend (May 19-21) reservations open on February 17, 2018.
- Memorial Day Weekend reservations open on February 24, 2018.
- 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.

