



Outdoor Report

The week of March 5, 2018

- **The 2018 snow goose conservation order is open statewide from Feb 19th-May 8th. Only snow, blue and Ross geese may be harvested during the conservation order.**
 - **Permanent ice shacks need to be removed from the ice daily.**
 - **HuntSAFE classes are still available for registration online.**
 - **Visit <https://gfp.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/hunter-education/ClassList.aspx>**

Aberdeen Area

Fishing Report:



With the recent warm weather conditions we are starting to see bad spots in the ice starting to form. Anglers are advised to be extremely cautious if they are going to ice fish.

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

Elm: Fishermen have been catching a few perch, northern pike, and the occasional walleye.

James River: With the recent rain and warmer weather the ice has become unsafe to fish.

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

Roscoe: (Edmunds County) Fishermen are catching perch in the 10-12 inch size range. The bite has been inconsistent lately.

Twin Lakes: (Spink County) Fishermen have been catching walleye and the occasional crappie. The bite has been better in the evenings.

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



Hunting Report:

Light Goose: At this time there are no light geese in the northern portion of the state. With the nice weather this week we could see some snow geese migrate into the state.

Clark County

Fishing Report:



Dry Lake #2: Fishermen are catching the occasional perch and walleye. The walleye bite has been at dark and after.

Indian Springs: A few walleye over 20 inches are being caught. Most of the walleye are being picked up in 5 feet of water or less. Early mornings and evenings are best.

Reid Lake: Fishermen are catching walleye. Evenings and after dark have been the best. Use caution around the ice heave in the middle of the lake.



Hunting Report:

Light goose: No light geese have moved in yet.

Codington County

Fishing Report:



Kampeska: Fishing pressure has slowed down and success has been limited to a couple small walleye and a few crappies. Evenings continue to be the best.

Pelican: Fishing has slowed over the past couple weeks. But a few nice walleye are still being picked up.

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.



Hunting Report:

Light Goose: No light geese have moved in yet.





SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

400 WEST KEMP AVENUE | WATERTOWN, SD 57201

Day County

Fishing Report:

Waubay: Anglers are spread out over most of the lake trying several different locations. Anglers are having some success catching walleye and the occasional perch.

Bitter: Anglers are catching some good numbers of walleye in the 14"-16" range. Anglers on the move are also picking up some nice perch.

Enemy Swim: Anglers are reporting they are still catching a few crappie and bluegill. Fishermen trying their hand at spearing northern pike are also having some luck.



Hunting Report:

Light Goose: No light geese have moved in yet.

Hamlin County

Fishing Report:

Poinsett: Perch bite remains slow yet the nighttime walleye bite for under 15" walleye remain fair.



Hunting Report:

Light Goose: No light geese yet.

Marshall County

Fishing Report:

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

Roy: Pike and small perch are being caught.

South Buffalo: Nice pike and the occasional walleye being caught near main lake points.

Piyas: Nice walleye have been caught in the evenings along with some decent perch.

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

Opitz: Some nice walleye and perch in the mornings and evenings.

Nine Mile: Slow, A decent walleye and perch bite.



Hunting Report:

Light Goose: No light geese have been observed in the county. This may change by end of the week.



Park Report:

- The 90 Day reservation window for campsites and camping cabins are now open for an arrival date of June 13 or earlier.
- March 17 is the first day to make campsite and cabin reservations for a Friday, June 15 arrival, which is the Friday of Father's Day weekend. Reservations open at 7 a.m. CT on the first day of the 90-day window.
- **Pelican Lake Recreation Area** is hosting their annual Easter Egg Hop in the Park program and egg hunt on Saturday, March 24th from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the picnic shelter. There will be crafts, games, and Easter Bunny photo opportunities starting at 11 and the egg hunt begins at Noon. *Park Entrance License will be required!*
- The boat ramp access in **Lake Poinsett Recreation Area** on the south side of Lake Poinsett is still in rough shape. The Hwy 81 access near Lake View on the west side of the lake is still in good condition as well as the Prestrudes access on the far east side of the lake. Anglers are encouraged to utilize these ramps.





SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

400 WEST KEMP AVENUE | WATERTOWN, SD 57201

- **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).
- With spring around the corner, be sure to check out the event calendar at <http://gfp.sd.gov/calendar.aspx> to see upcoming events in the area.

