



Outdoor Report

The week of March 19, 2018

- **The 2018 snow goose conservation order is open statewide from Feb 19th-May 8th. Only snow geese, blue geese and Ross' geese may be harvested during the conservation order.**
 - **Special Buck applications are available online – deadline is April 13.**
 - **HuntSAFE classes are 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.

Brown County

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 warm weather the ice has become unsafe to fish.

Edmunds County

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

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

Spink County

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

Redfield: Fishermen are catching crappie, walleye, and northern pike.



Hunting Report:

Light Goose: Only small flocks of snow geese have been observed in the southern part of Brown County.

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.





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Day County

Fishing Report:

Waubay: Minimal activity this last weekend on Waubay. Anglers that did try it caught some perch and the occasional walleye.

Bitter: There has been very little pressure as of recently. A few anglers are drilling a lot of holes and are catching some nice perch and walleye.

Enemy Swim: Anglers did well this past weekend catching a few nice crappie and bluegill.



Hunting Report:

Light Goose: Very few light geese have moved into the area. The migration has not reached Day county.

Hamlin County

Fishing Report:

Poinsett: Fishermen have reported catching a few walleye and perch.



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. The anglers willing to move and drill lots of holes have found success.

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

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

Nine Mile: Slow, a few walleye and perch have been caught.



Hunting Report:

Light Goose: A few small groups of snow geese have arrived in the county. The main push of snow geese is still at least a week or so away.



Park Report:

- The 90 Day reservation window for campsites and camping cabins are now open for an arrival date of June 20 or earlier.
- March 17 was 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. Activities start at 11 and the egg hunt will begin at Noon. A *Park Entrance License will be required!*
- **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





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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.

