



Outdoor Report

The week of April 9, 2018

- Please use caution if venturing out on the ice. It has been deteriorating quickly.
- Find our waterfowl opportunity map online at <https://gfp.sd.gov/maps/#6>
- 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>
- 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.

Aberdeen Area

Fishing Report:



Fishing pressure has been low on all area lakes due to deteriorating ice. Please use caution.



Hunting Report:

Light Goose: With the recent wintery weather the snow geese have pushed south again. There are still a few small flocks of snow geese in the Scatterwood Lake area.

Turkey: Archery season only – there's a few turkeys up in the Hecla area and over by the Willow Dam GPA. No turkey hunting activity has been observed this past week due to the weather.

Clark County

Fishing Report:



Dry Lake #2: Fishermen are catching a few perch. The walleye bite has been at dark and later.

Indian Springs: The walleye bite has been good at dark in 4-6 feet of water.

Reid Lake: Fishermen are finding a few good walleye at dark and later.



Hunting Report:

Light goose: There are still a good number of snow geese moving through the area. Recent storms have pushed some geese back south. With warmer temperatures later this week, there should be a good movement of geese through the area.

Turkey: Turkey season is off to a slow start due to recent weather events.

Codington County

Fishing Report:



Fishing pressure still low on all area lakes.



Hunting Report:

Light Goose: Recent storms have pushed a lot of geese back south, but there are still a few good flocks around the area. Warmer temperatures later in the week may bring in a few more flocks of geese.

Turkey: Turkey season is off to a slow start due to recent weather events.

Day County

Fishing Report:



Fishing pressure has been low on all area lakes due to deteriorating ice. Please use caution.



Hunting Report:





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Light Goose: Very few snow geese in the area, the recent snow pushed most birds back south.

Hamlin County



Fishing Report:

Poinsett: Fishing activity has picked up some due to nice weather. Fishermen are picking up some walleye in the mornings and evenings.



Hunting Report:

Light Goose: There are very few light geese left in the area. With better weather to come hopefully more will move back in.

Turkey: The Turkey population looks good this year for harvesting some birds. Birds have been seen moving in the morning and evening hours.

Marshall County



Fishing Report:

Very little fishing activity has been observed in Marshall County.



Hunting Report:

Light Goose: A few pockets of snow geese have been observed in the county. Hopefully, in the next few weeks the majority of Snow geese will come back north.

Turkey: Hunters had limited success. Sounds like birds are not being responsive to calls. The birds observed are still in winter flocks and have not spread out yet.



Park Report:

- The 90 Day reservation window for campsites and camping cabins will be open April 13 for an arrival date of July 12th and earlier.
- **Pelican Lake Recreation Area** there has been an influx of hawks, falcons, and owls in the park following the migration of waterfowl and prairie bird species. This has been a cool sight and worth coming to the park to see! The trails are a great place to go for a walk and see these birds up close.
- The recent snowfall still provides a little cross country skiing and snowshoeing on the trails at our parks in the area. The parks are a great place to see migrating eagles, waterfowl and other birds.
- With spring hopefully coming shortly, be sure to check out the event calendar at <http://gfp.sd.gov/calendar.aspx> to see upcoming events in the area.

