



# SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

400 WEST KEMP AVENUE | WATERTOWN, SD 57201

## Outdoor Report

The week of June 11, 2018

- **HuntSAFE classes are available for registration online.**
- **Visit <https://gfp.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/hunter-education/ClassList.aspx>**
- **A reminder since it is spring and we are seeing many different young animals around – please leave them where you found them.**

### Aberdeen Area

#### Fishing Report:



Anglers fishing any body of water are reminded that they can only have one walleye over 20 inches in their daily limit, this is a statewide regulation. Anglers fishing the James and Elm Rivers are reminded that there is no minimum length limit on walleye.

**James River:** Anglers are catching walleye and catfish. Anglers are having better luck in the evenings fishing.

**Elm River:** Anglers have been catching a few walleye and northern pike. Anglers are having better luck in the evenings fishing.

**Richmond Lake:** Anglers have been catching walleye, bullhead, and the white bass bite is hot right now. Anglers are reminded that Richmond Lake has a 15 inch minimum length limit on walleye.

**Elm Lake:** Anglers are catching walleye, northern pike, and catfish. Anglers are catching lots of walleye in the 13-14 inch range, so bring your measuring board. Anglers are reminded that Elm Lake has a 15 inch minimum length limit on walleye.

### Clark County

#### Fishing Report:



**Dry 2:** Fishing picked up this weekend. There has been a little more activity on the lake than the past few weeks. Switching to live bait leeches and pulling plugs.

**Bailey's:** Little activity. Starting to see quite a few panfish coming in shallow. Still a few walleye if you're lucky.

**Swan:** Bite is still slow, but signs that it may start to pick up.

**Antelope:** Few bigger walleye but that's it.

Boat Safety Reminder - make sure to have all required PFDs, throwable and fire extinguisher.

### Codington County

#### Fishing Report:



**Kampeska:** A few walleye are still being caught in the mornings and evenings. Fishermen are still catching a few smallmouth bass and white bass as well.

**Pelican:** The walleye bite has slowed down, but fishermen are still picking up a few nice walleye after dark.

**Goose:** A few nice walleye are being caught; mornings and evening continue to be the best time. The dock still has not been put in due to high water.

### Day County

#### Fishing Report:



**Bitter Lake:** A few walleye were harvested this past week. Working the islands seems to be the key there.

**Waubay Lake:** Off and on bite with best success on live bait. Leeches and crawlers seem to be the bait of choice on a bright spinner and bottom bouncer.

**Blue Dog:** Still a decent bite taking place here. Mornings and evening seem to be optimal time frames for catching walleye.

**Enemy Swim:** Anglers having fun catching some bass. Few walleye observed.

**Rush Lake:** South side been good for walleye. Pulling cranks works best any time.

**Lynn Lake:** Some walleye being caught. Not a hot bite but a fun lake to fish.

**Hazeldon Lakes:** Some walleye are being caught on north and main lake. Not a consistent bite.

**Pickerel Lake:** Anglers have had some success on walleye. Best luck on live bait.



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## Hamlin County



### Fishing Report:

**Poinsett:** Weather was good for fishing this past week. Dakota Sportsman tournament was held and success for small walleye under 15" were fair. Other fishermen were seen bringing in a mix bag of walleye and a few crappies. **Walleye size limit is the state wide limit of 4 fish with 1 being over 20".**

**Lake Albert:** When the wind is out of the east the fishing pressure tends to increase for the usable ramp. Success rates for larger walleye were fair.

## Marshall County



### Fishing Report:

**Roy:** Good bass bite near main lake points. Some nice walleye and pike have been caught in the morning and evenings.

**Clear:** The bass bite has been really good in shallow water near structure. The panfish bite has been decent near main lake structure. The walleye bite has been slow, but the fish being caught are very quality fish.

**South Red Iron:** Some really nice walleye have been caught in the evenings; sounds like crawlers have been the best bet.

**Opitz:** The walleye bite has been really good, the anglers seems to be doing the best with jigs and minnows or casting plugs into the timbered shorelines.



### Park Report:

- The 2017 Park Entrance License is now *expired*. You can get your 2018 Park Entrance License from a number of different GFP licensing vendors, online, the GFP regional office in Watertown, or at any state park entrance booth.
- Be sure to check out the event calendar at <http://gfp.sd.gov/calendar.aspx> to see upcoming events in the area.
- There are still a number of campsite and cabin openings. Make your reservations today for a weekend vacation this summer!