



## Outdoor Report

The week of September 17, 2018

- **Reminder – hunting is not allowed in any state park or lakeside use area until October 1<sup>st</sup>.**
  - Archery deer opened September 1.
  - Grouse season opened September 15.
- **There are still a few HuntSAFE classes available for registration online only.**
- **Visit <https://gfp.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/hunter-education/ClassList.aspx>**

### Aberdeen Area

#### Fishing Report



**James River:** Fishing has been slow. The water levels have dropped making fishing difficult.

**Elm River:** The water flow on the river has slowed down and the fishing has been slow.

**Richmond Lake:** Anglers have been catching perch and crappie.

**Elm Lake:** Anglers are catching walleye, crappie, and catfish. Anglers are catching lots of walleye in the 12-14 inch range, so bring your measuring board. **Anglers are reminded that Elm Lake has a 15 inch minimum length limit on walleye.**



#### Hunting Report

**Dove:** We are seeing good numbers of doves in the area. Hunters that scouted the harvested wheat fields had good success.

**Goose:** Hunters that scouted the harvested wheat fields had the best success. The geese are moving around and using several different fields. Scouting is the key to have success during this season.

### Clark County

#### Fishing Report



**Dry 2:** A few walleyes are being caught along with a few northern and perch. Most of the boats are either anchored up west of the boat ramp or trolling the northwest shoreline.



#### Hunting Report

**Dove:** There are a few small flocks of doves in the area, mostly near open areas with roosting sites nearby.

**Goose:** There are still local birds hanging around the area, but there is little hunting pressure due to crops being in.

### Codington County

#### Fishing Report



**Kampeska:** Little to no activity.

**Pelican:** Fishermen are catching a few small walleye.

**Goose:** Little to no activity

**Dry Lake:** Little to no activity



#### Hunting Report

**Dove:** Dove hunters continued to have decent success this past weekend, but cooler temps. This week may push them out.

**Goose:** There are still a good number of geese in the area. Hunters continue to have the best success in harvested wheat fields. There have been quite a few silage fields being harvested this past couple weeks, that geese may start to use.



## Day County

### Fishing Report

**Bitter:** Anglers have had OK success catching walleye.  
**Waubay:** Anglers are picking up a few perch and walleye.



### Hunting Report

**Dove:** Some birds have moved out of the area, but there are still huntable numbers.  
**Goose:** Birds still remain scattered throughout the county. I expect them to start grouping up within the next week or two.

## Hamlin County

### Fishing Report

**Poinsett:** Beginning to see more fishing pressure this week. Anglers are reporting mix bags of small walleye, perch and crappie. **Walleye size limit is the state wide limit of 4 fish with 1 being over 20".**  
**Clear Lake:** Been seeing a few boats out trying their luck. Anglers have reported catching small perch and a few walleye.



### Hunting Report

**Dove:** Still plenty of doves around to bag a good hunt. Usually the first cold snap will send them south.  
**Goose:** There has been a fair amount of silage come out this past week. Still seeing a below average amount of birds being harvested.

## Marshall County

### Fishing Report

**Roy:** The fishing has really picked up, the bass bite is going very strong with the occasional walleye and pike being caught.  
**Clear:** The panfish bite is decent; the bass bite remains very good. The walleye and pike bite is slow.  
**Opitz:** The fall bite is going strong, lots of nice sized walleye and the occasional perch are being caught near timbered points close to deep water.



### Hunting Report

**Dove:** We still have some decent sized pockets of birds around to hunt. The doves can be found near wheat fields or water sources.  
**Goose:** The Northeast portion of the county is holding the most geese. The majority of birds are using corn fields cut for silage.



### Park Report:

- **We are looking for some fall seasonal employees. If you're interested, please contact your local park.**
- **State Parks:** a reminder to watercraft users that all boats, personal water craft, canoes, kayaks, paddleboats, and other similar vessels are not allowed inside zoned swim beaches (inside "swim area" buoys). They are allowed on other beach areas that are not buoyed off for your enjoyment.
- **Reminder** – hunting is not allowed in any state park or lakeside use area until October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Camping season does not have to end after Labor Day! All state parks in the area have campsites open for the remaining weekends in September and through October. Fall is a great time to enjoy cool nights around the campfire and hike our trails to see the changing leaf colors!
- Be sure to check out the event calendar at <https://gfp.sd.gov/events/> to see events happening near you!