



# Outdoor Report

The week of October 29, 2018

## Aberdeen Area

### Fishing Report



Fishing has been slow. For some reason the fall bite hasn't started yet. Must be because of our unusual weather we have had.



### Hunting Report

**Goose:** There has been a steady migration of Canada geese, white-fronted geese, and snow geese into the area. Hunters having the best success are field hunting harvested corn fields.

**Ducks:** Over the last couple weeks we have had a good migration of ducks into northern Brown County. I am seeing good numbers of green-winged teal, gadwall, wigeon, redheads, scaup, buffleheads, pintails, and mallards. Hunters that hunted harvested corn fields had the best success on mallards. Hunters that hunted water had the best success at shooting a mixed bag of ducks.

**Swans:** There are 1,000 plus swans in northern Brown County.

**Deer:** With the colder weather, I have been seeing good deer movements in the mornings and evenings. Archery hunters have been having some success.

**Pheasants:** Hunters had decent success over the weekend hunting pheasants. Hunters that are willing to put in some time walking did well. With the harvest well underway the pheasant are getting to be more accessible, since the corn fields are disappearing.

## Clark County

### Fishing Report



There has been little to no fishing activity happening throughout Clark County.



### Hunting Report

**Goose:** Still not a ton of dark geese around, but starting to see snows and a few specs around the area. Be patient the birds are headed south.

**Ducks:** There are a few ducks in the area. Sounds as if the Ducks are starting to move in up North and work their way down. Duck hunting has been tough with the ducks not keeping patterns for feeding. Go North to find more birds.

**Deer:** There are lots of deer moving around the area and starting to see a lot of road kills. Get in the stand the rut is around the corner.

**Pheasants:** Hunters are finding a few birds and more corn is starting to get harvested. Lots of road hunting traffic, make sure to read the handbook on regulations.

## Codington County

### Fishing Report



Very little fishing activity in the area.

**Goose:** Fishermen are still catching a few walleye.



### Hunting Report

**Goose:** Still good numbers of geese around the area. A few snow geese and white-fronted geese have moved into the area.

**Duck:** Still a good number of ducks in the area. More ducks can be found along the western edge of the county.

**Deer:** Deer are starting to move more during the daylight hours. The pre-rut is in full swing.



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**Pheasant:** Hunters continue to average about 1 bird per hunter. As the crops continue to be harvested, hunting success should increase.

## Day County

### Fishing Report

There has been little to no fishing activity happening throughout Day County.



### Hunting Report

**Goose:** Farmers continue to harvest crops, this is allowing for more opportunity for field hunting. Geese are starting to congregate more as the cooler temperatures and migration filter in.

**Duck:** There has not been a big push of ducks as of yet. Most are still in the far northern portion of the county.

**Deer:** Deer movement has increased over the past week. The rut should start picking up more next week.

**Pheasant:** Success is mostly being found in habitat next to harvested fields.

## Hamlin County

### Fishing Report

**Poinsett:** Fishermen are catching a few fish from shore in the evening hours. Success is fair. **Walleye size limit is the state wide limit of 4 fish with 1 being over 20".**



### Hunting Report

**Goose:** Hunters are having some success in fields since the corn harvest is in full swing now.

**Duck:** Hunters are having some success over both fields and water. The colder it gets the more ducks we will begin to see hopefully.

**Deer:** Beginning to see a few people having some success in the archery season. There have been a few reports of some Pre-Rut activity.

**Pheasant:** There are plenty of hunters out this past weekend. Most success is in the grass late evenings near harvested corn fields.

## Marshall County

### Fishing Report

Very little fishing activity observed in the county.

**Clear:** A few anglers have caught some really nice smallmouth bass around main lake points.

**Opitz:** Anglers have caught a few walleye in the evenings.



### Hunting Report

**Goose:** High concentrations of geese can be found in the Northeastern portion of the county.

**Duck:** Ducks are spread out all over the county, most of the ducks have been here a while and are becoming harder to harvest. Looking at the weather, we should have a push of birds in the next few weeks.

**Deer:** The bucks are really moving around right now with some chasing activity observed. Great time to be in the stand.

**Swan:** We do have a few swans spread thinly across the county.

**Pheasant:** Looks like the harvest is nearing the halfway point. Hunters focusing efforts on CRP-type habitat near harvested fields are finding success.





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## **Park Report:**

- All state parks in the area have campsites open for the rest of the year. A lot of facilities are still open and fall is a great time to enjoy cool nights around the campfire and hike our trails to see the changing colors! Be sure to contact your local park with any questions.
- Check out the event calendar at <https://gfp.sd.gov/events/> to see other events happening near you!

