



Outdoor Report

The week of November 5, 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, redhead, scaup, bufflehead, pintail, and mallard ducks. 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 movement 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 pheasants are getting to be more accessible.

Clark County

Fishing Report



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



Hunting Report

Goose: Still seeing some snow geese come into the area and hanging around. Not many dark geese around yet but seeing a few trickle in.

Ducks: Still some ducks in the area, waiting for the migration to occur.

Deer: Seeing better deer numbers and it appears pre-rut activity is starting.

Pheasants: More corn has come out which is moving birds to the grass areas. Rainy weekend kept the hunters at bay with a slower weekend for hunter harvest.

Codington County

Fishing Report



Very little fishing activity in the area.



Hunting Report

Goose: Still good numbers of geese around the area. A few snow geese and white-fronted geese can be found.

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

Swan: A few Swans can be found in the western portions of Codington County.

Deer: Rut is getting underway and day time buck movement is picking up. Drivers are reminded to use caution when driving dusk and dawn hours.

Pheasant: Hunters continue to average about one 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: Hunters struggled this past week harvesting geese. With the weather being inconsistent, birds have been hard to pattern.

Duck: Hunters are reporting that there has been a decrease in bird numbers in the area. We are still waiting on a big push of mallards.

Deer: Deer movement continues to increase. Hunters are starting to harvest a few deer.

Pheasant: Hunters concentrating on habitat next to harvested fields are having the best luck.

Hamlin County

Fishing Report

Poinsett: Little fishing pressure has been seen around the county due to the weather. There are a few anglers still trying their luck on stone bridge. **Walleye size limit is the state wide limit of 4 fish with 1 being 20" or longer.**



Hunting Report

Canada Geese: Hunters are continuing to have success when targeting them in harvested fields.

Duck: The colder temperatures are going to begin setting in. We should begin to see more ducks move into the area soon.

Deer: Some of the best hunting time is right now. Plenty of rut activity and successful hunts been reported.

Pheasant: Lots of crops have been harvested and people are having some good success in grass plantings.

Marshall County

Fishing Report

Very little fishing activity observed in the county.



Hunting Report

Goose: Good Canada goose numbers in the northeast portion of the county. The geese are mainly feeding in harvested corn fields. Some snow geese have been observed in the county.

Duck: The birds are moving south quickly. The strong north winds and low overnight temps will have the majority of birds located near larger bodies of water.

Deer: Great deer movement throughout the day. Good time for archery hunters to be in the stand

Swan: A few swans have been observed in the northern portion of the county.

Pheasant: Hunters are finding good success hunting CRP type habitat near harvested agricultural fields.



Park Report:



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- 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.
- **Pelican Lake:** The comfort stations and dump stations have all been winterized for the year. The campground and cabins are open year round for reservations. There are water hydrants and vault toilets around the park for your convenience.
- **Sandy Shore:** The comfort station has been winterized for the year. The campground and cabins are open year round for reservations. There are water hydrants and vault toilets around the park for your convenience.
- **Lake Cochrane:** The comfort stations and dump stations have all been winterized for the year. The campground and cabins are open year round for reservations. There are water hydrants and vault toilets around the park for your convenience.
- Check out the event calendar at <https://gfp.sd.gov/events/> to see other events happening near you!