

# SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

400 WEST KEMP AVENUE | WATERTOWN, SD 57201

## **Outdoor Report**

The week of April 8, 2019

- The deadline to apply Special Buck and Archery Paddlefish via paper is April 12 or online by 8am CST on April 17, 2019.
- View our Thunderstorm Map at www.gfp.sd.gov/maps/ for the greatest light goose opportunities.

#### Aberdeen Area



#### **Fishing Report**

With the recent warm weather and flowing water the area lakes and rivers have become unsafe to ice fish.

There are some open spots on the James River, Richmond Lake, and Mina Lake for shore fishing opportunity.



#### **Hunting Report**

**Snow Geese**: Lots of snow geese pushed north over this past weekend due to the warmer weather. But there are still a few flocks of snow geese around.

#### Clark County



#### Fishing Report

Ice conditions are deteriorating quickly. Lakes are opening up around the edges and open water will happen soon.



#### **Hunting Report**

**Snow Geese**: some snow geese are still moving through in smaller concentrations. Majority of the migration has moved through.

## **Codington County**



#### Fishing Report

**Kampeska**: A few fishermen have been casting at Lunkers. **Pelican**: A few shore fishermen have been trying their luck. **Blythe**: A few shore fishermen have been trying their luck.



#### **Hunting Report**

Snow Geese: Most snow geese have moved north, not many around currently.

## **Day County**



#### Fishing Report

Fishing along rush lake grade and Grenville grades are good places for shore fishing right now.



## **Hunting Report**





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**Snow Geese**: Very few birds in the area. Most have migrated north.

### **Hamlin County**



#### 🚵 Fishing Report

**Poinsett**: Fishermen have reported catching a few walleyes and crappie from shore. There are a few small boats getting out. Do not forget to do a safety equipment check prior to taking the boat out.



#### **Hunting Report**

**Snow Geese**: Snow goose numbers a low throughout the area.

## **Marshall County**



#### **Fishing Report**

Be very careful venturing onto the ice. Not recommended.

Clear: Anglers have caught some nice panfish and the occasional walleye.

Six mile: A few anglers have found some Northerns.



### **Hunting Report**

**Snow geese**: The geese are moving through the western edge of the county. Area roads and fields are going to be extremely wet, please use caution and good common sense. Make sure to have permission before entering private lands, good luck and be safe.



#### Park Report:

- Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hop in the Park on April 13th! The event will be held at the picnic shelter. There will be crafts, games, and goodies beginning at 11:00 AM. Our annual Easter Egg hunt will begin at 12:00 Noon with eggs hidden around the park for different age groups. There will also be special golden prize eggs for those who are eggselent hunters. The Easter Bunny will be hippity hopping around alll day for pictures and to ensure everyone is having a great time. Hope to see you there!
- **Oakwood Lakes State Park**: At this time, the main (south) entrance to the park still has water going over the road. We are encouraging people to come in from the north to get into the park.
- Stop in to your local Game, Fish and Park office for your 2019 Park Entrance License needs.
- The 90 Day reservation window for campsites and camping cabins will be open April 12 for a July 11 arrival. Holiday weekends require a three-night stay at all parks except Custer, which does not require a minimum stay.
- Check out the event calendar at https://gfp.sd.gov/events/ to see events happening near you!

