

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

400 WEST KEMP AVENUE | WATERTOWN, SD 57201

Outdoor Report

The week of July 29, 2019

Archery Deer applications are available online only.

Aberdeen Area

Fishing Report

Richmond: Anglers are catching walleye, perch, bluegill, crappie, and white bass. Anglers fishing from docks are having good luck catching bluegill, crappie, and white bass. The morning bite has been pretty good.

Elm: Anglers have been catching walleye and crappie. The bite has been inconsistent lately. Bite has been better in the mornings and the evenings.

Mina: Anglers have been catching walleye, bluegill, and the occasional perch. There was a fish die off, but it looks to be mostly drum, from a large algae bloom.

James River: Anglers have been catching walleye. The bite has been better in the evenings. With the recent warm weather the bite has been inconsistent lately. The bow fishermen have been having good luck shooting gar and carp. Anglers are reminded to dispose of shot fish appropriately. It is against the law to leave shot fish on the shoreline or to throw shot fish back into the river.

Clark County

Fishing Report

It appears that the walleyes still want to bite on certain lakes. The weeds, low water clarity and warm weather has definitely made it more of a grind to find the fish on all the lakes. Some nice fish still being caught off **Indian Springs** and **Swan Lake**.

Codington County



Fishing Report

Kampeska: Fishermen continue to catch a mixed bag of fish. Early mornings and late evenings are producing a few walleye from the boat.

Pelican: Fishing pressure has slowed do to algae blooms.

Goose: Boat fishermen are still picking up a few fish. The boat dock is still not in, due to high water. Fishermen are reminded not to park in the no parking zones.

Long Lake: The north end is now open to boating, fishermen are catching a few nice walleye.

Day County



Fishing Report

Bitter: Angler success increased this past weekend with anglers faring well on walleye.

Rush Lake: Minimal activity with anglers catching a few walleye and northern pike.

Waubay: Anglers are having some success catching northern pike, white bass and walleye. **Enemy Swim:** Anglers can report tagged fish online at http://tags.sd.gov or by calling (605)345-3381.

Please park responsibly and do not park along highways or on private property! Anglers are reminded to use common sense when parking at boat ramps. Please allow for flow of traffic; do not block other vehicles in.

Hamlin County



Fishing Report

Poinsett: Fishermen are picking up a few nicer walleyes. **There is a 300ft NO-WAKE zone restriction around the entire lake.**

Marshall County



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Clear: A few walleye and bass being caught.

Roy: Some nice pike being caught along with a few bass and walleye.

Buffalo lakes: Sounds like the panfish bite has picked up a bit near main lake points.



Park Report:

- **Pelican Lake and Sandy Shore Recreation Areas**: Lakes Pelican and Kampeska are still experiencing algae blooms. People and pets are encouraged to avoid teal blue shorelines and "pea soup" waves. Depending on the weather these blooms can last a few days to a couple weeks. Swimming, boating and playing in the lakes in areas without the concentration of algae poses no concern. Conditions have been changing daily on the lakes.
- Our pollinator plots are in full bloom right now at **Pelican Lake Recreation Area**. The weather this weekend looks great for a walk on the trails and enjoy the beauty of these native wildflowers!
- **Fort Sisseton State Park** is celebrating 60 Years as a state park. All day long there will be events to celebrate this special occasion including the grand opening of TWO new exhibits "The Fort Sisseton Kid" and "Looking Through the Windows of 60 Years of History", living history demonstrations, cake and ice cream social and much more! **Highlight:** The Colorado Vintage Baseball Association is driving to Fort Sisseton to answer a challenge put out there by the Fort Sisseton Soldier Baseball team...who will win the trophy in this 1864 baseball tournament? Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and cheer on the soldiers. This event takes place on August 3rd, 2019 at 5 PM. Go to https://gfp.sd.gov/events to view all times and events for the day. The Britton Lion's Club will be having a "Take me out to the Ballgame" concessions during the game. All proceeds will be going to raising money for a playground at the Fort.
- Stop in to your local Game, Fish and Park office for your 2019 Park Entrance License needs.

