



# Outdoor Report

The week of October 7, 2019

## Aberdeen Area

### Fishing Report



**Richmond:** Anglers are catching perch, bluegill, crappie, and white bass. Anglers fishing from docks are having good luck catching perch, bluegill, crappie, and white bass.

**Elm:** Anglers have been catching a walleye, perch, and crappie. Most of the anglers have been fishing from boats on the south end of the lake. The bite has been inconsistent lately.

**James River:** Anglers are catching a few walleye in the evenings. The bite has been a little slow to start the fall, but hopefully the walleye bite will pick up with the cooler weather.



### Hunting Report

**Dove:** The doves have migrated south for the winter.

**Geese:** Hunters hunting in harvested wheat fields are having the best success. Scouting is the key to success for this season. There are good numbers of geese in NE Brown County.

**Ducks:** Hunters that hunted small bodies of water had the best success this weekend. The water conditions in the area look great for duck hunting.

**Deer:** Starting to see a few more archery hunters out with the cooler weather. Mosquitos are still terrible, need a good frost.

The Game, Fish and Parks have recently installed archery targets on the east side of Mina Lake by the spillway. The archery range has targets from 5 yards to 70 yards. **No firearm shooting is allowed in this area.**

## Clark County

### Fishing Report



Clark County fishing seems to be slowing down with the cool temps and windy days. Current weather reports will probably stop fishing for a while.



### Hunting Report

**Waterfowl:** Waterfowl hunters are still struggling across the county as most are struggling to find the ducks and geese with most waterfowl locating to somewhere else outside the county.

## Codington County

### Fishing Report



**Kampeska:** Fishing has slowed down due to the inconsistent weather. With the high water, boaters are asked to keep the speeds at slow no wake when boating close to shore.

**Pelican:** Little activity.

**Goose:** Boat fishermen are still picking up a few walleye. 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 continue to pick up a few nice walleye.

**Blythe Slough:** There are no boating restrictions on Blythe from Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020.



### Hunting Report

**Dove:** Most doves have moved out of the area and with snow possible at the end of the week which should force out any that are left.



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**Deer:** Starting to see a little more day activity with the cooler temperatures.

**Goose:** Still a few decent fields with geese hanging out in them.

**Duck:** We could really use a push of ducks into the area as hunters continued to struggle finding birds. Hopefully the cooler temperatures at the end of the week will push a few more ducks into the area.

## Day County

### Fishing Report

**Bluedog:** Some shore fishing over the past week has been successful for some.

**Antelope:** Fishing pressure slowed due to the weather but anglers were still catching a fair amount of little walleye

**Waubay:** Tough weather kept a lot of the anglers off of the water. White bass and walleye have been slow for most.

**Bitter:** Tough weather kept a lot of anglers off of the water.



### Hunting Report

**Dove:** There are still a few stragglers in the area but not many overall.

**Deer:** Have been seeing a lot more movement of deer moving around in daylight hours this past week.

**Geese:** More fields have been harvested over the past week allowing more opportunity to find geese. Still good numbers in the area

**Ducks:** Plenty of ducks in the area with the majority being puddle ducks.

## Hamlin County

### Fishing Report

**Poinsett:** With the colder temps moving in there has been less traffic on the lake. Reports are still coming in of a few perch and walleye being caught. **There is a 300ft NO-WAKE zone restriction around the entire lake.**



### Hunting Report

**Canada Geese:** Beginning to see some larger groups of geese around. Silage cutting has begun around the area and good fields to focus on.

**Duck:** There is a fair amount of ducks around. Water hunting has been the focus this year.

**Deer:** Deer movement can be seen in the early morning and late evening hours towards the food sources.

**Doves:** With the colder weather there are not many doves.

## Marshall County

### Fishing Report

**Roy:** A few walleye have been caught along with pike and bass, overall slow.

**Clear:** Anglers targeting walleye and bass had decent success near main lake points.

**Opitz:** The walleye bite has picked up a bit. Sounds like lots of small fish under 15 inches. Please check the 2019 fishing handbook for lake specific regulations. Good luck and be safe.



### Hunting Report

**Deer:** The deer are really moving in the morning and evenings. I've seen some very nice sized bachelor groups of bucks in the county.

**Dove:** Most huntable numbers of doves have left the county.

**Goose:** Geese are scattered around the county. Scouting seems to be the key for success. I have noticed geese feeding in corn fields cut for silage.

**Ducks:** Hunters found good numbers of ducks across the county. Keep a close eye on the weather this week as things look to be changing very fast. Please refer to the 2019 hunting handbook for regulations



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**Swan:** Decent swan numbers in the north half of the county using public land. Right now would be a great time to attempt to fill your swan tag.



## Park Report:

**Pelican, Sandy and Lake Cochrane Recreation Areas:** Parks are still open, even with the impending weather!! However, with the freezing temps, a few facilities will be shut down. The dump stations at Lake Cochrane and Pelican Lake will be turned off starting Thursday, October 10 and will remain off to prevent damage to these facilities. The comfort stations and frost free water hydrants are open at all three of these parks, and the heaters are on in the comfort stations. Don't let the weather deter you from getting out and enjoying our State Parks this weekend!

**Fort Sisseton State Park:** Haunted Fort starts at 5pm on October 19, however, things get spooky! Walking tours, sure to tingle the senses, offer guests a look at some of the history that never left. This event may not be suitable for anyone under the age of 10. Money raised will go to the Fort Commission to help purchase an outdoor sound system. A Park Entrance License is required. There is a \$5 fee for this event.

**Richmond Lake Recreation Area:** Join us Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Forest Drive warming shelter from 1pm until 8pm for games, hayride and a scavenger hunt. Treats and warm drinks will be provided and prizes will be awarded. This event is free to attend. A Park Entrance License is required. For more information, please call (605)626-3488.