



Outdoor Report

The week of March 23, 2020

- **The Light Goose Conservation Order is open from Feb 17 – May 15, statewide. View the current opportunity map at www.gfp.sd.gov/maps/ Click on Waterfowl Opportunity Maps**

Aberdeen Area



Fishing Report

The ice on all area lakes and rivers is deteriorating quickly with this spring weather. The ice is breaking away from the shoreline making ice fishing dangerous. There are some open areas along the James River where anglers can do some shore fishing.



Hunting Report

Snow Geese: Snow geese have arrived in South Dakota. The current location of the snows are around northern Spink county and into southern Brown County.

Clark County



Fishing Report

Clark County has been fairly quiet for fishing activity lately. A lot of shore access is already worsening and melting. Some anglers walking out but be cognizant of day to day ice change.



Hunting Report

Most snow geese are pushed through the county with the occasional flocks requesting a fly by.

Codington County



Fishing Report

With warmer temperatures, fishermen are reminded to use caution when accessing and moving around on the ice.

Goose: Fishermen continue to catch a few walleyes in the mornings and evenings. Most walleye continue to be under 14 inches long. Fishermen are still finding a few perch; the perch are in the 11-13 inch range when you find them.



Hunting Report

Snow Geese: A few small flocks of snow geese can be found around the county, if the warm weather this week holds true, we could have a larger push into the area by this weekend.

Day County



Fishing Report

Fishing has slowed down although there may be some open water fishing opportunities near culverts around the area.



Hunting Report

Snow Geese: A few smaller flocks have been seen in the area. There may be some opportunity for some pass shooting if you put some miles on. Flocks are more concentrated on the western side of the county.



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Hamlin County

Fishing Report

Poinsett: Few fishermen traveling out by foot. Use caution as ice conditions can change quickly this time of year. Reports of a few walleyes still being caught on the ice and from shore.



Hunting Report

Snow Geese: There are a few geese around. The opportunity to bag some snow geese is still out there.

Marshall County

Fishing Report

Ice conditions are changes quickly; foot traffic only is advised.



Hunting Report

Snow Geese: Good numbers of snow geese have pushed into the county. Right now would be a great time to get out and harvest some geese.



Park Report:

Pelican Lake Recreation Area:

- Check out our Facebook page for our e-learning programs. There, you will find YouTube links and google drive links for activity packets for each session.
- Pelican Lake Recreation Area is hosting Becoming an Outdoor Family July 15-17. Registration is open. The event website with more information on the program and registration can be found at gfp.sd.gov/outdoors-family.

Fort Sisseton State Park:

- The Easter Escape Room has been cancelled.
- The Bunnies got loose at Fort Sisseton and are causing some trouble! Ten bunnies got out and are having a lot of fun causing some trouble... Can you stop them? Go for a bunny "hunt" and shoot the bunnies with your camera. When you find all ten, email your photos to Fort Sisseton at fortsisseton@state.sd.us or message us your photos on Facebook. Each photo entered is good for an entry into our drawing which includes a gift basket and weekend of Free Camping at any South Dakota State Park! This event is great to get outside and enjoy the outdoors while protecting you and your family at this time.
Go to <https://facebook.com/events/s/outdoor-bunny-hunt-at-fort-sis/2810112085731698/?ti=icl> for some hints on where to find the bunnies (GPS coordinates)

Roy Lake State Park

- At Roy Lake- West Park, ten bunnies got loose and are now running around causing trouble. Can you stop them? Go for a bunny "hunt" and shoot the bunnies with your camera. When you find all ten, email your photos to Roy Lake at roylake@state.sd.us or message us your photos on Facebook. Each photo entered is good for an entry into our drawing which includes a gift basket and weekend of Free Camping at any South Dakota State Park! This event is great to get outside and enjoy the outdoors while protecting you and your family at this time.
Go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/203208244341296/> for some hints on where to find the bunnies (GPS coordinates)

Richmond Lake Recreation Area:

- The gates to Forest Drive are open for the season, come enjoy some hiking, biking or disc golf.

