



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

400 WEST KEMP AVENUE | WATERTOWN, SD 57201

Outdoor Report

The week of September 7, 2020

- **REMEMBER:** AIS regulations are in place for a reason. Pull ALL boat plugs and drain all water out of the boat before leaving the boat ramp.

Aberdeen Area



Fishing Report

Richmond: Anglers have been catching bluegill, crappie, and perch. The perch bite has seemed to be taking off. Fishermen have been using minnows and a bobber. Lots of small ones being caught. Great opportunity to take a kid fishing.

Elm: Anglers have been catching walleye, perch, and northern pike. Anglers that have been pulling plugs and spinners with worms, seem to be having the best luck.

Wylie: The Game, Fish and Parks has recently stocked bluegill, smallmouth bass, and white bass into the lake. This is a great area to take kids fishing. Reminder this is a youth fishing lake only.

Elm River: Anglers have been catching northern pike and a few walleyes from time to time.

James River: Anglers are catching northern pike and good-sized channel catfish. The walleye bite has been slow.

Mina: Anglers have been catching walleye, northern pike, catfish, perch, and bluegill. The perch and bluegill bite seem to be better earlier in the morning.



Hunting Report

Dove: The dove population in Brown county is still looking good. With freshly harvested wheat fields in the area, there has been plenty of doves using those areas. Hunters have been successful on both private and public land. Great idea to get out and take advantage of the great resources in the Aberdeen area. Hunters are having the most luck hunting with spinning decoys

Goose: The Canada Goose season is now open. There are quite a few birds in Brown, Day, Marshall, and Clark counties. Again, they seem to be similar with doves during this early season and are targeting the wheat fields during the mornings and evenings. Hunters have been successful hunting over decoys.

Clark County



Fishing Report

Fishing seems to be picking up a bit with the cooler temps now. Fish are starting to be caught while casting in the early mornings and late evening.



Hunting Report

Goose: Plenty of geese in Clark County for the opener this past weekend. High harvest numbers were observed throughout the weekend.

Dove: The cooler temps have really pushed the doves around and it appears that there are more doves that have headed south for the winter already.

Codington County



Fishing Report

Goose: Boat fishermen are still catching a few walleyes, most of which have been under 15 inches. A few perch are getting mixed in as well.

Kampeska: Fishermen are still catching a mixed bag of fish from shore and by boat, including (northern pike, white bass, perch, crappie and walleye.)

Pelican Lake: Little fishing activity.

Blythe Slough: Opened to boating on September 1st.



Hunting Report

Dove: There are a few good wheat fields around the area, that are loaded with doves still.

Geese: There are a hand full of harvested wheat fields, that are holding good numbers of geese. Also, starting to see a few harvested silage fields.

Day County



Fishing Report

Due to the high water and safety hazard of a potential vehicle and pedestrian accident, the county is no longer allowing pedestrians on the Grenville grade, Day Co 1 north of Hwy 12 to 140th St., and Yellowstone trail from Main St. to Day Co 1. Also, if you are shore fishing make sure you are parked in a legal parking spot and it is not posted as no parking.

North Rush: Fishing pressure has increased this past week with anglers catching a few walleye and perch.

Enemy Swim: Anglers are catching the occasional bluegill.

Waubay: Anglers have been catching a few walleye, northern pike and white bass.

Bitter: Angler success has been slow.



Hunting Report

Dove: With the recent cold temperatures, some birds have pushed out of the area. However, there are still some good opportunities out there to get your limit.

Deer: A few hunters have been trying their luck in the early archery season but have had little success so far.

Goose: Hunters were spread out for the opener and had moderate success.

Hamlin County



Fishing Report

Poinsett: There have been a few reports of nice walleye being caught, numbers have been limited though.



Hunting Report

Doves: There are a fair number of doves around. Wheat fields have been productive areas to hunt.

Canada Geese: Pressure for geese was low but still a few groups giving it a shot. As more silage is cut the opportunity to harvest geese will grow.

Marshall County



Fishing Report

Roy: A few bass and walleyes being caught by the south point.

Clear: A few bluegills being caught in traditional spots.

White: A few crappies have been caught.

Opitz: A few limits of walleyes being caught, but nothing consistent.



Hunting Report

Dove: Hunters saw good success this past weekend. Shooting from the road right of way is not legal for hunting doves.



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Deer: A few hunters have been trying their luck in the early archery season. With the cooler weather, we should start seeing some more movement.

Goose: Hunters were spread out for the opener and had excellent success



Park Report:

Richmond Lake Recreation Area:

- Pheasant opener is a little over a month away. Book your lodging today at Mina Lake Recreation Areas 3 bedroom modern cabin.