



# Outdoor Report

The week of December 7, 2020

- Ice depths vary around 0-4 inches. There are still quite a few areas of open water. Please use extreme caution if you decide to venture out; bring appropriate safety gear and don't go alone.
- Duck season closed on December 8, 2020 in the Northeast.
- Deer season closed December 6, 2020. The antlerless deer season starts December 12-20, 2020. Only antlerless deer tags are valid for this season. Any deer tags do NOT convert.



## Aberdeen Area Fishing Report

All of the area lakes are covered with a thin layer of ice. It's that time of year to put the open water fishing gear away and get the ice fishing gear ready. Looking at the forecast, we will not be ice fishing for a while.



## Hunting Report

**Waterfowl:** There are still huntable numbers of snow geese and Canada geese throughout the area. The large concentrations of snow geese are around Scatterwood Lake and the western side of Day County. The Canada goose season closes on Dec 20, 2020 and the snow goose season closes on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Pheasants:** Hunters that are walking cattail sloughs are having the best luck. The Sand Lake Refuge pheasant season opens on Dec 14, 2020.

**Deer:** The regular deer season closed on Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The antlerless deer season starts Dec 12-20. **Only antlerless deer tags are valid for this season and any deer tags are not valid during this season.**

## Clark County



### Fishing Report

Ice depths vary from open to 3 inches. Please use extreme caution if you decide to venture out on your own risk. Be safe, let someone know where you are going, carry a rope or lifejacket and ice picks.



## Hunting Report

**Waterfowl:** Canada goose season will close December 20, 2020. Snow goose seasons ends January 8, 2020. There is snow geese still around just not the numbers compared to three weeks ago. Some Canada geese have moved into the area but not in very good numbers. Water is locking up pretty good so concentrate around the big waters.

**Pheasant:** Pheasant season continues to push on. No change in the last month

**Deer:** Regular deer season is now over. Remember only ANTLERLESS TAGS are good for the antlerless extended season December 12-20. **Any deer tags don't convert over to this season.**

## Codington County



### Fishing Report

Fishing pressure has been minimal on all area lakes. Ice thickness varies.



## Hunting Report

**Geese:** There are still a few snow geese hanging out around the area. Hunters can also, still find a few good fields of Canada geese around the area.

**Swan:** Not much in the way of swans left in the area.

**Deer:** Muzzleloader and archery deer season are going on currently.



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**Pheasant:** Hunters continue to average about 1.5 – 2 birds per hunter this past week.

## 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 140<sup>th</sup> 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.**

Fishing pressure has been minimal on all area lakes.

### Hunting Report

**Waterfowl:** All numbers of waterfowl are getting smaller as big bodies of water are starting to close up.

**Deer:** Several large bucks harvested in the county during the rifle season that has closed. Antlerless tags will open up again. Plenty of time to fill muzzleloader and archery tags.

**Pheasant:** Still seeing good number of birds. Try changing tactic if you are not having luck, as of lately seems hunters are having a tough time finding rooster.

## Hamlin County

### Fishing Report

Fishing pressure has been minimal.

### Hunting Report

**Deer:** Need some cold weather to get the deer moving again. Time to focus on winter food sources.

**Canada Geese:** Still a few geese in the area.

## Marshall County

### Fishing Report

Little to no fishing activity has been observed in the county. Ice conditions are not good.

### Hunting Report

**Waterfowl:** Decent pockets of Canada geese can be found in the eastern portion of the county.

**Pheasant:** Hunters are having good success hunting grass and cattails next to harvested corn fields.

**Deer:** The deer are moving late in the evening. Be sure to have permission before entering private land, good luck and be safe.



### Park Report:

#### Fort Sisseton State Park

- Christmas Light Display December 4<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-11pm nightly. Enjoy a slow drive through the campground and enjoy the beautiful light displays sponsored by local businesses, groups and friends.
- Feel like sending your own Christmas cheer? There will be a food pantry drop off site for nonperishable foods and letters to Santa, Law Enforcement, First Responders and Military Personnel.