



# Outdoor Report

The Week of September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- September 1<sup>st</sup> Resident Archery Opens, Dove season opens.
- September 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Early Fall Canada Goose season opens.
- September 11<sup>th</sup> Youth Duck, Apprentice, Youth and Mentored Deer opens.

## Aberdeen Area

### Fishing Report

**Richmond Lake:** Anglers have been catching crappie, white bass, perch, and walleye. Fishermen are having good luck using a bobber and a plain hook baited with worms or minnows.

**Elm Lake:** Anglers have been catching walleye, northern pike, crappie, and perch. Anglers fishing from boats, pulling spinners with live bait have had the best luck. The south boat dock and handicap fishing pier have been pulled. The water level is too low to use these docks.

**James River:** North Dakota has been releasing some water. There is a slow flow of water in the river. Anglers are catching northern pike and catfish.

**Mina Lake:** Anglers have been catching walleye, northern pike, bluegill, and perch. The walleye bite is better in the evenings.

**Elm River:** Anglers have been catching crappies at some of the dams along the river.

### Hunting Report

**Canada Goose:** This season opened on September 1<sup>st</sup> and closes on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Hunters can harvest 15 geese per day. Hunters have been having luck hunting over water and cut wheat fields.

**Mourning Dove:** There are good numbers of doves in the area. Hunting in the harvested wheat fields or stock dams will provide some good hunting opportunity. Dove season opened on September 1<sup>st</sup> and closes on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Archery Deer Season:** Is open, eligible nonresidents **cannot** hunt public land until October 1<sup>st</sup>. The deer appear to be more mobile during the morning hours.

## Clark County

### Fishing Report

**Dry 2:** The perch bite seems to be good; and not to say the walleye bite is below fair.

**Indian Springs:** Slow on the bite for walleye and perch.

**Reid:** The lake has not seen much action this week.

**Swan:** Anglers report very slow activity on the lake.

### Hunting Report

**Canada Goose:** In Southern Clark county, they are still seeing a decent number of geese.

## Codington County

### Fishing Report

**Goose:** Fishermen are primarily catching walleye from the boat, as the weeds make shore fishing difficult. The walleye continues to be 14 to 16 inches, with a few over 20 inches being caught as well.

**Kampeska:** Fishing has remained consistent over the past couple weeks. Fishermen pulling the center of the lake are finding a few walleye and perch, while other fishermen are still reporting a mixed bag of fish.

**Pelican Lake:** Little fishing pressure.

**Blythe Slough:** Little fishing pressure.

**Long Lake:** Little fishing pressure.

**Dry Lake:** Little fishing pressure.



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## Hunting Report

**Mourning Doves:** Doves are bountiful in the area; providing hunters with great hunting opportunities.

**Canada Goose:** Some pre-scouting will increase your likelihood for an outstanding goose hunt.

**Archery Deer:** The rut is not of season yet; the deer are still somewhat elusive.

## Day County

### Fishing Report

**Waubay:** The walleye and perch bite continues to be up and down.

**Bitter:** Anglers are finding a few perch and crappies; the walleye bite continues to be day to day.

**North Rush:** Anglers are experiencing heavy fishing pressure starting mid-morning through the day for perch. Anglers are having the most success vertical jigging.

### Hunting Report

**Canada Goose:** Minimal hunting pressure; with an abundance of geese present.

**Mourning Doves:** The numbers are still very good; if you want to have a successful hunt you must put some time and effort into scouting.

## Hamlin County

### Fishing Report

**Lake Poinsett:** Fishing has slowed down over the past few weeks. The best reported times have been early in the morning; anglers are landing walleye, perch, crappie, and northern pike. The white bass bite continues to be steady.

**Three Buck:** On this lake anglers are seeing some luck on catching walleyes. Anglers are having the best success pulling bottom bouncers, and spinners tipped with a night crawler.

**Lake Albert:** Fishing pressure has been slow. An occasional walleye is being caught.

**Clear Lake:** Very little fishing pressure, small walleyes are being caught. On this lake the fishing has slowed.

### Hunting Report

**Canada Goose:** Hunting pressure has been minimal. Cooler weather continues to aid in patterning the geese as they make way for the harvested small grain fields and silage fields.

**Mourning Dove:** The mourning dove population is currently plentiful; some scouting will produce good results this year.

**Archery Deer:** Deer activity is expected to increase here in the next few weeks as temps start to fall.

## Marshall County

### Fishing Report

**South Buffalo Lake:** Anglers had some line activity with some smallmouth bass. Few bullhead keepers.

**North Buffalo Lake:** Cooler weather reeled in crappie and bluegill.

**Piyas Lake:** Little to no activity.

**Opitz Lake:** Reports of anglers having a stringer or two of rock bass.

**Cattail / Kettle Lake:** The perch and northern pike are small but seem to be showing interest in the line.

**Clear Lake:** A few anglers reported bullheads, along with crappie, and a minimal sized walleye being caught.

**Roy Lake:** Good bass bite with a few northern pike mixed in.

### Hunting Report

**Canada Goose:** Hunting pressure was low this last week due to wet and rainy conditions. The geese seemed to be moving on and out for the time being.



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## Parks Report:

**Pelican Lake Recreation Area:** The 3D targets are now up at the archery course! These are a different option to shoot and help get ready for this fall's adventures! A park entrance license is required to shoot the archery range and course. These can be purchased at our new self-service kiosks at the entrance booth.

**Hartford Beach State Park:** Don't forget to get ready for this fall's hunting seasons at our new archery range and course! The range offers targets from 10 to 50 yards to get bows sighted in. We also have wood targets set up for anyone that wants to try axe throwing. The 28-target walking course winds through some of the parks wooded areas for different challenging shots. Hartford Beach also has miles of scenic trails, a disc golf course, and great picnic spots in the beach area!

**Harvest Festival at Fort Sisseton:** We invite everyone to our annual Harvest Festival! There will be - Arts and Craft Booths, Live Demonstrations, family events, hands on history, and much more!

**Date:** Saturday- September 18th

**10:00 AM - 4:00PM:** Antique Tractor Show; Arts and Craft Booths; Children Crafts; BuckHorn Rodeo for kids in the arena; Hands-on Demonstrations

**10:30 AM - 11:30 AM:** Old Time Music with Chuck

**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM:** Garden Plowing with horses

**11:30 AM -12:30 PM:** "Medical Attention during the Fort Years." Listen to what it was like as a doctor at a Frontier Fort during the nineteenth century.

**1:30 PM - 2:30 PM:** "Surviving the Winter from the Pantry." by Melinda Johnson. The history of how canning and preservation of food would help families survive the winter.

**2:30 PM - 3:30 PM:** "A Taste of War: Culinary History of the Civil War." Enjoy the history of the Civil War while tasting the food from the time-period during this hands-on event.

More items are added weekly to this wonderful event so return often to see what is being added.