



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

400 WEST KEMP AVENUE | WATERTOWN, SD 57201

Outdoor Report

The week of June 19th, 2022

- We will be collecting tails for the Nest Predator Bounty Program at the Watertown GFP office Tuesdays from 3-6 pm until July 1st or until we hit \$500,000.
- View schedules and sign up for HuntSAFE classes at gfp.sd.gov.
- The camping reservation window is open through Labor Day Weekend.

Aberdeen Area

Fishing Report

Elm Lake – Anglers have been catching walleye, crappie, and northern pike. The dock at Elm Lake Resort has been fixed and is useable. The dock at the south end of the lake is still closed.

Elm River – Anglers have been catching walleye and crappie by some of the dams. The water has gone down and the current isn't as strong.

James River – Anglers have been catching walleye and catfish. The bite has been better south of Hwy 12. Anglers are reminded that some of the bridges along the river are under water.

Mina Lake- The walleye bite has been inconsistent, extreme heat made fishing even tougher. Very minimal activity.

Richmond Lake- Anglers struggled this past week due to extreme heat. Some anglers were able to find a few crappie and bluegills. Overall slow

Scatterwood Lake – Anglers are catching walleye. The bite has slowed down and become more inconsistent.

Clark County

Fishing Report

Dry 1: The bite has been good for walleye.

Dry 2: The bite has been fair for walleye, good for northern pike, and slow for perch.

Indian Springs: The bite has been fair for walleye.

Reid: The bite has been fair for walleye.

Swan: The bite has been slow.

Codington County

Fishing Report

Blythe Slough: Little activity.

Dry Lake: Fishermen are catching walleye and northern pike; mornings continue to be the most productive.

Goose: Fishermen are catching a few walleye and northern pike while working the shore lines.

Kampeska: Fishermen are catching a mixed bag of fish.

Long Lake: Fishermen are catching a few walleye and northern pike.

Pelican Lake: Fishermen are catching a few walleye.

Day County

Fishing Report

Bitter: The walleye bite continues to be good

Bluedog: Anglers are having success with a mixed bag of fish.

Rush: The fishing pressure is still low with some anglers having success with walleye.

Enemy Swim: The bluegill bite and northern pike bite have been consistent.

Pickerel: Anglers are having marginal success on a mixed bag of fish.

Waubay: Has been a spotty walleye bite with a lot of small ones

Lynn Lake: Road (132A St) to east state ramps is closed due to high water and erosion. Bypassing road closed sign and moving barriers is being strictly enforced.





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Hamlin County

Fishing Report

Clear Lake: A few smaller walleyes are being caught. The bite has been slow so far.

Lake Albert: Northern pike are being caught from the north end of the lake and at the state boat landing. The walleye bite has picked up throughout the last week.

Lake Poinsett: The crappie bite throughout the last week was decent. The walleye bite has picked up a bit throughout the last week. Anglers are having the best luck pulling bottom bouncers and spinners with night crawlers.

Three Buck: The walleye bite continues to remain decent.

Marshall County

Fishing Report

Buffalo Lakes: The walleye bite has been slow, but the northern pike, crappie and bluegill bite has been good.

Cattail / Kettle Lakes: Anglers were finding a few northern pike and walleye; the bass bite continues to be slow.

Clear: Anglers picked up a few bluegill and crappie; very good success on bass.

Opitz: The walleye bite has been good and anglers are finding a few nice perch mixed in.

Piyas Lake: Anglers are finding a few walleye and perch. The tribal landing has been improved; don't forget to pick up a tribal fishing license.

Roy: The northern pike and bass bite has been fair; the bluegill and crappie bite has been good.

West Stink Lake: Little to no activity.



Parks Report

Pelican Lake Recreation Area: Join us at Pelican Lake Recreation Area for an outdoor adventure every other Thursday evening from June 2nd through August 25th at 7 PM. We will have hands-on lessons, fun activities, and something to engage the entire family. We will meet by the picnic shelter near the boat ramp. A park entrance license is required. Next week's event (June 30th) will be shore fishing and jig making.