



Outdoor Report

The week of September 2, 2019

- Register now for the 2019 Glacial Lakes Youth Sportsfest. Deadline is this Friday, September 6 2019. Contact the Watertown GFP office for questions and registration forms at 605-882-5200.
 - Fall Turkey applications are available online only.
- 4th deadline for deer applications is September 13 for paper, September 18 by 8am online.

Aberdeen Area

Fishing Report



Richmond: Anglers are catching perch, bluegill, crappie, and white bass. Anglers fishing from docks are having good luck catching perch, bluegill, crappie, and white bass.

Elm: Anglers have been catching a walleye and crappie. The bite has been inconsistent lately.

James River: Anglers have been catching walleye. The bite has been better in the evenings. With the recent warm weather the bite has been inconsistent lately. The bow fishermen have been having good luck shooting gar and carp.



Hunting Report

Dove: Dove hunters hunting in harvested wheat fields had the best success. There are good numbers of doves throughout Brown County.

Deer: With the warm weather and lots of mosquitos there was very low participation. The deer have not been moving much with the warm weather.

Clark County

Fishing Report



Dry 2: There has been quite a few boats sitting on the lake, but the fishing is day to day.



Hunting Report

Dove: Pretty sporadic right now and not a lot bunched up.

Goose: I have been seeing some flying now that most of the wheat fields are out. I've seen a couple fields with 100 – 150 geese in them for opening day.

Codington County

Fishing Report



Kampeska: Fishermen are still catching walleye and a few perch. Early mornings and late evenings continue to be the most productive for walleye from the boat. With the high water, boaters are asked to keep the speeds at slow no wake when boating close to shore.

Pelican: Fishermen are catching a few walleye from the boat.

Goose: Boat fishermen are still picking up a few walleye. The boat dock is still not in, due to high water. Fishermen are reminded not to park in the no parking zones.

Long Lake: The north end is now open to boating, fishermen continue to pick up a few nice walleye.

Blythe Slough: There are no boating restrictions on Blythe from Sept. 1st, 2019 to Feb. 31st, 2020.



Hunting Report

Dove: Hunters found some birds this weekend. I didn't see any limits, but everyone seem to get some shooting in. It could be a short season with the cold nights that are predicted in the extended forecast.

Deer: A few archery hunters ventured out for the opening day of season. Patterning deer seems to be a must at this time in the season.



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Goose: The September goose season opens on Sept. 7th, 2019. There appears to be quite a few fields around that are holding geese.

Day County

Fishing Report

Bluedog: Boaters and anglers are reminded that there is a temporary no wake zone 300 feet from the shoreline due to high water.

Antelope: Anglers are having good catch success for walleyes but have been doing a lot of sorting through the little ones.

Waubay: Again Anglers who are putting in the time are having the best success.

Bitter: It is pretty slow for any targeted species.



Hunting Report

Dove: Plenty of doves in the area with little hunting pressure.

Deer: Archery opener was pretty quiet. The hunters that did go out were either fighting off the mosquitos or on the move trying to play the high winds we've had.

Geese: Good numbers of geese in the area should provide ample opportunity for the goose opener on the 7th.

Hamlin County

Fishing Report

Poinsett: Fishermen are continuing to pick up a few walleye and perch. **There is a 300ft NO-WAKE zone restriction around the entire lake.**



Hunting Report

Dove: There are a fair amount of doves around. Wheat fields continue to be good places to see them.

Geese: There are a good number of geese around so the opportunity is out there.

Marshall County

Fishing Report

Roy: A few walleye have been caught along with pike and bass, overall slow.

Clear: Anglers targeting walleye and bass had decent success near main lake points.

Opitz: The walleye bite has picked up a bit. Sounds like lots of small fish under 15 inches. This would be a great lake to take a kid fishing and introduce them to fishing from a boat. Please check the 2019 fishing handbook for lake specific regulations. Good luck and be safe.



Hunting Report

Dove: Good numbers of doves can be found near harvested wheat and oat fields.

Goose: Canada goose season opens on Saturday, September 7th. Please refer to the 2019 hunting handbook for regulations and limits. Harvested wheat and oat fields seem to be holding some geese.



Park Report:

- **Pelican Lake Recreation Area** has installed 3-D targets at the archery course. This is a great opportunity to come have a fun shoot or get ready for fall hunting seasons. Targets include deer, antelope, an elk, and



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more! Please be respectful of these targets so everyone can enjoy them for years to come. A Park Entrance License is required to use the archery range and course.

