



# Outdoor Report

The week of December 3, 2018

- **The lakes are frozen over. Please use extreme caution if venturing out.**
- **We would like to remind deer hunters only 2018 antlerless tags are eligible for the antlerless season December 8 – 16, 2018.**

## Aberdeen Area

### Fishing Report



The lakes, sloughs, and rivers are almost completely frozen over with a thin layer of ice. The ice is not safe for ice fishing.



### Hunting Report

**Waterfowl:** The ducks and geese have migrated out of Brown County.

**Deer:** There has been good deer movement throughout the day. Deer hunters have had decent success. East River deer season is now closed, but antlerless is opening up this weekend!

**Pheasants:** With the cold weather and the harvest winding down the pheasant hunting has improved. Hunters that hunted cattail sloughs are having the best success. If you are willing to put some time into walking, you will find birds.

## Clark County

### Fishing Report



Fishing is starting to pick up in places, but exercise extreme caution as there is many big holes of open water on many of the lakes and sloughs



### Hunting Report

**Waterfowl:** There are still some lingering waterfowl in the area. Go towards the bigger bodies of water to find birds. Some waters that were frozen did open up, but with the weather coming in I am guessing it won't take long to freeze up again.

**Deer:** East River Deer season is now over. Muzzleloader and archery are still going until January 1 2019.

**Pheasants:** Target sloughs and heavy cover. Seeing good numbers.

## Codington County

### Fishing Report



**Goose:** A few fishermen have been venturing out onto the ice.



### Hunting Report

**Waterfowl:** With the snow cover and colder temperatures, most of the geese have moved out of the area. Reminder, that December 16<sup>th</sup> is the end of the Canada goose season. Haven't seen much for ducks around the area, except for within the city limits. Reminder that the duck season closes on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Deer:** The ERD season has come to a close and the muzzleloader season is in full swing.

**Pheasant:** Hunters continue to average about 1 to 2 birds per hunter. Pheasants are starting to group up around areas with good cover and a nearby food source.

## Day County

### Fishing Report



**Bitter:** little activity, few anglers trying the bays.

**Waubay:** catching some good perch with the occasional walleye.

**Enemy Swim:** little activity



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## Hunting Report

**Deer:** Deer activity is starting to slow down but there are still some good opportunities for archery or muzzleloader.  
**Pheasant:** the recent cold weather and snow has the birds bunched up, hunters are doing well walking thick cover.

## Hamlin County



### Fishing Report

There have been a few anglers venturing out onto the ice. There has been a lot of ice opening back up this past week. Use extreme caution on this early ice.



## Hunting Report

**Waterfowl:** Looks like most waterfowl have moved on. There are still some light geese being spotted in the west part of the county.

**Deer:** East river rifle deer season comes to a close this past weekend. It was a successful year for most. For the archery and apprentice deer hunters it is time for them to focus on the food sources.

**Pheasant:** Plenty of hunters out hunting winter cover. There has been fair success out there.

## Marshall County



### Fishing Report

**Roy:** Anglers have found some nice northern pike and the occasional perch and walleye.

**Clear:** Anglers have been out searching for the nice panfish with a few being caught near main lake points. Anglers have also caught a few bass and walleye.



## Hunting Report

**Deer:** The deer are moving to food sources and starting to herd up across the county.

**Pheasant:** Hunters are having success in the western portion of the county near harvested crop fields and cattails sloughs. Good luck and be safe.



## Park Report:

- Come get your 2019 Park Entrance Licenses and gift cards for the holiday season. They make great gifts!
- **Fort Sisseton State Park:** On December 8, celebrate the season in classic frontier fashion with Christmas crafts, homemade bread, hands-on activities, sleigh rides and caroling. This year we are bringing roasted chestnuts to the Frontier! Lunch will be served from 11am-2pm or until gone. This event is a fun time for the whole family! Park License is required.
- Check out the event calendar at <https://gfp.sd.gov/events/> to see other events happening near you!