

NDG&F April 1st Newsletter

Landowners Invited to Attend CRP Workshop

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department invites landowners interested in qualifying land for the next Conservation Reserve Program general signup to attend an informational session held prior to the upcoming district advisory board meetings.

Eight district advisory board meetings are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. the week of April 15-18. At 6 p.m. before each meeting, Game and Fish along with other conservation partners, will discuss options with producers to enroll land for the CRP general signup May 20-June 14. A short formal presentation will begin at 6:30.

Landowners who attend the CRP workshop are invited to stay for the advisory board meeting. Meetings are scheduled in Esmond, Belfield, Watford City, Fordville, Minot, Valley City, Casselton and Tuttle.

A [complete list of statewide advisory board meetings](#) is available on the Game and Fish website, gf.nd.gov.

NASP State Archery Tournament

The State Game and Fish Department invites all North Dakota schools participating in the National Archery in the Schools Program to register for the annual state tournament. The 2013 tournament is April 12-13 at the VFW Sports Center in Bismarck.

Schools can enter teams and individuals in the following grade level divisions: elementary (4-6), middle (7-8), and high school (9-12). Teams must have 16-24 members, with a minimum of five from each gender. If smaller schools wish to form a team, archers may participate up one grade division for team competition, but still be considered in their true division for the individual category.

Small schools of 100 students or fewer (all grades combined) may also assemble teams from NASP schools in the same town, county or district. Schools that cannot form a team may register students for individual competition.

Recognition will be given to the top placing team in each division, the top five males and females in each division, and the top scoring male and female regardless of division. Top scoring individuals are given early registration and receive priority in flights for the national tournament, held May 10-11 in Louisville, Ky.

For more information regarding the tournament, schools should contact Jeff Long, NASP state coordinator, by email at jrlong@nd.gov, or call (701) 328-6322. To learn more about the archery in the schools program, visit the NASP website at nasparchery.com.

Bighorn Sheep Auction License Breaks Record

North Dakota's 2013 bighorn sheep auction license sold for a record \$75,000 at the March 23 Midwest Chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation annual meeting in Bloomington, Minn. The previous high of \$50,000 was set in 2007.

In addition, a 5 percent conservation fee for all auction licenses generated an additional \$3,750 from the sale of North Dakota's license.

North Dakota's auction license allows the winning bidder the rare privilege of pursuing a North Dakota bighorn on a self-guided hunt.

One hundred percent of the auction license proceeds are used to enhance bighorn sheep management in North Dakota. Since 1986, more than \$1 million has been raised for wild sheep conservation through the sale of the license.

District 3 Advisory Board Meeting Set

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department advisory board meeting for District 3 is scheduled April 15 at the Fire Hall in Esmond. District 3 includes Benson, Cavalier, Eddy, Ramsey, Rolette and Towner counties.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m., and is hosted by the Buffalo Lake Wildlife Club. At 6 p.m., Game and Fish along with other conservation partners, will hold an informational session for landowners interested in qualifying land for the Conservation Reserve Program general signup May 20-June 14. A short formal presentation will begin at 6:30.

For more information contact Wanda Bullinger, (701) 249-3306, or advisory board member Tom Rost, (701) 662-8620.

Spring Turkey Opens April 13

North Dakota's spring turkey season opens Saturday, April 13 and continues through May 19.

Hunters are reminded a 2013-14 hunting license is required, as last year's 2012-13 licenses expired March 31. In addition to the spring turkey license, hunters must have a fishing, hunting and furbearer certificate, and a general game and habitat license. Also, hunters ages 16 and older must possess a small game license, or combination license.

All spring turkey licenses for 2013 have been issued.