

NDG&F June 3rd Newsletter

Deer Gun Application Deadline is June 5

North Dakota deer hunters are reminded the deadline for submitting applications for the 2013 gun season is June 5. Hunters are encouraged to [apply online](http://gf.nd.gov) at the State Game and Fish Department website, gf.nd.gov.

The deadline applies to muzzleloader, regular gun, gratis and nonresident landowner, and youth antlered mule deer applications (specifically for antlered mule deer in units 3B1, 3B2, and 4A-4F). Gratis applications received on or before the regular deer gun lottery application deadline (June 5) will be issued an any-legal-deer license. Gratis applications received after the deadline will be issued based on licenses remaining after the lottery – generally only antlerless licenses remain.

The deadline for regular statewide youth licenses is Sept. 1.

Family Fishing Days at Bismarck OWLS

Family fishing days return this month to the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's Outdoor Wildlife Learning Site.

The catch-and-release only fishery is stocked with trout, bluegill, largemouth bass, catfish and other species.

Family fishing days are Saturdays and Wednesdays through the end of August. Fishing equipment can be checked out at the OWLS Pond, located adjacent to the Department's Bismarck office, on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Fishing rods and basic tackle are available for use free of charge.

Trained volunteers or Game and Fish staff will be in the area to answer questions and check out equipment, but there will be little or no direct supervision. Children who aren't old enough to get to the pond on their own should not be left unattended.

The OWLS area is fairly primitive, but includes a picnic shelter and benches upon entering the site, and a portable restroom. The area has no running water. Users should bring water, sunscreen, folding chairs and appropriate clothing.

The Game and Fish Department is seeking volunteer instructors to assist with the program. Individuals at least age 18 with an interest in teaching kids to fish should contact the Game and Fish Department at (701) 328-6300.

The OWLS pond is open to fishing year-round during daylight hours. There are no bait restrictions and anglers must practice catch-and-release only. The area is designed for wheel chair accessibility. Pets, glass bottles and alcohol are not permitted on the site.

State Record Fish is a Saugeye

Lab results confirm Dan Faiman’s state record fish is a saugeye. The Fairview, Mont. angler caught the 12 pound record fish on Jan. 16 from the Yellowstone River. Because the fish had identifying characteristics of both species, genetic material was sent to a lab to determine whether the fish was a walleye, sauger or saugeye, which is a cross between the two. Faiman’s catch broke the previous record, set in 1984, by 4 ounces

Game and Fish Pays \$539,000 in Property Taxes

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department recently paid more than \$539,000 in taxes to counties in which the department owns or leases land. The 2012 in-lieu-of-tax payments are the same as property taxes paid by private landowners.

The Game and Fish Department manages more than 200,000 acres for wildlife habitat and public hunting in 51 counties. The department does not own or manage any land in Traill or Renville counties. Following is a list of counties and the tax payments they received.

County	Tax Due	County	Tax Due	County	Tax Due
Adams	156.91	Grant	823.81	Ramsey	13,647.41
Barnes	4,957.53	Griggs	103.84	Ransom	1,416.28
Benson	3,699.49	Hettinger	3,598.01	Richland	16,963.09
Bottineau	4,871.77	Kidder	10,867.00	Rolette	20,967.06
Bowman	1,365.13	LaMoure	7,741.94	Sargent	15,236.55
Burke	782.10	Logan	1,565.99	Sheridan	58,920.64
Burleigh	29,156.80	McHenry	1,753.85	Sioux	260.03
Cass	6,791.70	McIntosh	7,740.47	Slope	1,246.71
Cavalier	25,297.98	McKenzie	27,847.85	Stark	227.18
Dickey	19,919.70	McLean	58,906.05	Steele	8,845.88
Divide	1,541.01	Mercer	14,854.56	Stutsman	4,630.45
Dunn	6,458.41	Morton	19,821.76	Towner	2,139.34
Eddy	4,591.21	Mountrail	10,242.93	Walsh	9,477.86

Emmons	3,880.35	Nelson	2,853.03	Ward	117.23
Foster	3,799.73	Oliver	2,855.34	Wells	53,680.86
Golden Valley	334.20	Pembina	17,754.61	Williams	7,048.21
Grand Forks	15,220.69	Pierce	2,569.11		