

NDG&F June 9th Newsletter

Violations Up during Paddlefish Season

A snagging season that lasted a few more days than last year led to a slightly higher number of citations during the recent paddlefish snagging season.

From opening day May 1 until the season closed May 22, North Dakota Game and Fish Department game wardens issued a record 190 citations as part of an annual saturation effort in Williams and McKenzie counties, according to enforcement chief Robert Timian. Last year the citation total was 177. The most prevalent violation was fishing without a license, involving 36 nonresidents and 13 residents. Only 14 violations were directly related to paddlefishing.

Wardens also patrol several thousand acres of state wildlife management areas in the two counties. Altogether, 53 citations were issued for WMA rule violations, with 27 for possession of glass beverage containers.

In addition, wardens also cited numerous individuals with minor in possession of alcohol, littering and possession of nonprescription drugs and/or paraphernalia.

Enforcement saturation efforts aren't only done in the northwest during the paddlefish season, but are conducted statewide depending on the need. Timian said wardens are brought in from across the state for additional support for short-term, specific operations where needed.

Paddlefish/WMA operation at Williston, ND May 1-22, 2014

Summary of violations

Paddlefishing -- 14 Citations

- 6 – Paddlefishing before or after legal hours
- 4 – Failure to have paddlefish tag in possession while snagging
- 2 – Paddlefishing without a tag
- 2 – Paddlefishing in a closed area

Fishing -- Other than Paddlefish -- 68 Citations

- 36 – Nonresident fishing without a license
- 13 – Resident fishing without a license
- 13 – Failure to carry fishing license on person
- 3 – Fishing with an excessive number of lines
- 3 – Illegal manner of taking

Boating -- 15 Citations

- 11 – Boating with inadequate number of personal flotation devices
- 2 – Operate motorboat without lights when required
- 1 – Operating a motorboat without current registration

1 – Towing without an observer

Wildlife Management Areas -- 53 Citations

- 27 – Possession of glass beverage containers on a WMA
- 9 – Failure to obey posted WMA regulations – violate nighttime hour restriction
- 7 – Prohibited use of a motor vehicle on WMA
- 5 – Failure to obey posted WMA regulations – camping when restricted
- 5 – Unlawful use of firearms in a reckless or indiscriminate manner on WMA

Miscellaneous -- 40 Citations

- 13 – Minor in possession of alcohol
- 9 – Littering
- 8 – Possession of nonprescription drugs and/or paraphernalia
- 3 – Contributing alcohol to a minor
- 2 – Ingestion of a controlled substance
- 2 – Loaded firearm in or on a motor vehicle
- 1 – Open receptacle containing alcohol in or on a motor vehicle
- 1 – Operate a motor vehicle without a driver’s license
- 1 – Misrepresentation in application for a license

2014 – Total Citations Issued: 190
2013 – Total Citations Issued: 177 and 2 warnings
2012 – Total Citations Issued: 82 and 7 warnings

Game and Fish Pays \$481,000 in Property Taxes

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department recently paid more than \$481,000 in taxes to counties in which the department owns or leases land. The 2013 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	159.93	Grand Forks	13,677.20	Pierce	2,462.99
Barnes	4,498.29	Grant	760.55	Ramsey	13,319.73
Benson	3,733.27	Griggs	94.47	Ransom	1,200.62
Billings	0.00	Hettinger	3,238.83	Richland	13,377.25
Bottineau	4,625.51	Kidder	6,702.47	Rolette	30,328.98

Bowman	1,252.33	LaMoure	7,437.76	Sargent	14,681.78
Burke	916.16	Logan	1,443.58	Sheridan	52,356.81
Burleigh	25,365.00	McHenry	1,552.81	Sioux	245.27
Cass	6,302.19	McIntosh	6,771.80	Slope	1,108.77
Cavalier	22,402.93	McKenzie	24,771.20	Stark	182.49
Dickey	12,838.10	McLean	46,584.62	Steele	9,059.31
Divide	1,522.44	Mercer	12,741.08	Stutsman	3,721.00
Dunn	5,695.77	Morton	17,060.51	Towner	2,080.31
Eddy	4,104.66	Mountrail	8,806.71	Walsh	10,051.22
Emmons	3,532.65	Nelson	5,303.69	Ward	87.56
Foster	3,420.05	Oliver	2,357.02	Wells	48,677.99
Golden Valley	245.40	Pembina	13,467.93	Williams	4,846.26