

## **NDG&F October 27th Newsletter**

### **Donate Deer to Sportsmen Against Hunger**

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department is reminding deer hunters to keep in mind the Sportsmen Against Hunger program this fall.

While this year's deer proclamation allows only one deer gun license per hunter, families with more than one license might want to consider donating a deer to this worthy cause. In addition, hunters with an archery and muzzleloader license can help as well.

The list of [participating processors](#) is available on the Game and Fish Department website at [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov), and at the North Dakota Community Action Partnership website, [www.capnd.org](http://www.capnd.org).

Sportsmen Against Hunger is a charitable program that raises money for processing of donated goose and deer meat, and coordinates distribution of donated meat to food pantries in North Dakota. It is administered by NDCAP, a nonprofit agency that serves low-income families across the state.

For more information, visit the NDCAP website, or contact program coordinator Sarah Hasbargen at 701-232-2452.

### **Game Warden Exam Set for Dec. 29**

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department has scheduled an examination to select candidates for the position of district game warden. The test is at 10 a.m., Dec. 29, at the department's main office in Bismarck.

Applicants must register to take the exam by submitting an [online application](#) through the North Dakota State Job Openings website.

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and have a bachelor's degree. Other requirements are a current North Dakota peace officer license, or eligibility for a license, and a valid driver's license. Candidates must have excellent interpersonal skills in communications and writing, and must not have a record of any felony convictions.

Game wardens enforce game and fish laws and related regulations in an assigned district and other locations as determined by the department. Wardens normally work alone under varied conditions, at all hours of the day, night and weekends. In addition to law enforcement duties, wardens assist in the areas of public relations, education programs, and hunter and boat safety education.

Selection procedures following the test may include an evaluation of the application, a structured oral interview, background and reference checks, and psychological and medical examinations.

The salary for beginning game wardens through training is \$3,500 per month. Upon successful completion of training, the salary is \$4,016 - \$6,693 per month. Wardens also receive the state benefits package, including travel allowance. Uniforms and other equipment are provided.

### **All Deer Gun Licenses Issued**

The 48,000 deer gun licenses that were allocated by proclamation for the 2014 hunting season have all been issued, according to Randy Meissner, licensing manager for the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

Meissner said according to state law, the number of deer gun licenses issued, including those licenses issued as gratis, cannot exceed the number of licenses authorized by the governor's proclamation.

"This is the first time in more than a decade that all licenses were issued before opening day," Meissner said.

The deer gun season opens Friday, Nov. 7 at noon central time.

Archery licenses can still be purchased through the end of the bow season on Jan. 4.

### **CWD Surveillance Continues**

The state Game and Fish Department will continue its [Hunter-Harvested Surveillance program](#) during the 2014 hunting season, by sampling deer for chronic wasting disease and bovine tuberculosis from 10 units in North Dakota. In addition, all moose and elk harvested in the state are eligible for testing.

Samples from hunter-harvested deer taken in the central portion of the state will be tested from units 2H, 2I, 2J1, 2J2, 2K1, 2K2, 3A4, 3B3 and 3C. In addition, deer will be tested from unit 3F2 in the southwest.

Every head sampled must have either the deer tag attached, or a new tag can be filled out with the license number, deer hunting unit and date harvested.

Hunters are encouraged to drop off deer heads at the following locations:

- Ashley – Ashley Super Valu Store
- Bismarck – Game and Fish Department headquarters, Call of the Wild Taxidermy, West Dakota Meats
- Bottineau – Mattern Family Meats
- Carrington – Barton Meats
- Devils Lake – Devils Lake Game and Fish district office, Goldade Processing
- Ellendale – Oxenrider Motel
- Granville – S&E Meats

- Harvey – Lonetree Game and Fish district office
- Heaton – Miller Game Processing
- Jamestown – Jamestown Game and Fish district office
- LaMoure – LaMoure Lockers
- Linton – Bosch’s Meat Market, Schmaltz Meats
- Mandan – Butcher Block Meats
- McClusky – Bentz Supply Store
- Minot – Johnson Taxidermy
- Moffit – Long Lake National Wildlife Refuge office
- Parshall – Myers Custom Meats
- Riverdale – Riverdale Game and Fish district office
- Rolette – Meat Shack
- Rugby – Cenex C Store
- Sheyenne – Brenno Meats, Wild Things Taxidermy
- Streeter – Reister Meats
- Towner – B&L Electric
- Turtle Lake – Main Street Market
- Upham – J. Clark Salyer NWR office
- Washburn – Enerbase
- Wilton – Cenex
- Wing – Terry’s Sales and Service
- Woodworth – Chase Lake NWR office.

Drop off locations for deer taken from unit 3F2:

- Elgin – Gunny’s Bait and Tackle, Melvin’s Taxidermy
- Glen Ullin – Kuntz’s Butcher Shop
- Hettinger – Dakota Packing
- New Leipzig – Hertz Hardware

Moose and elk heads should be taken to a Game and Fish office.

CWD affects the nervous system of members of the deer family and is always fatal. Scientists have found no evidence that CWD can be transmitted naturally to humans or livestock.