

NDG&F February 13th Newsletter

2014 Bighorn Sheep, Moose and Elk Harvests

Harvest statistics released by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department show overall hunter success during the 2014 season for bighorn sheep was 100 percent, 88 percent for moose and 67 percent for elk.

The department issued four bighorn sheep licenses and auctioned one. All five hunters harvested a bighorn ram.

The department issued 110 moose licenses last year. Of that total, 106 hunters harvested 93 animals – 82 bulls and 11 cows/calves. One additional license was raffled by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the hunter was successful in harvesting a moose. Harvest for each unit follows

Unit	Hunters	Bulls	Cow/Calf	Success Rate
M5	5	3	0	60
M6	14	1	7	57
M8	14	12	1	93
M9	24	21	3	100
M10	49	45	0	92

The department issued 274 elk licenses last year. Of that total, 249 hunters harvested 166 elk – 97 bulls and 69 cows/calves. One additional license was raffled by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the hunter was successful in harvesting an elk. Harvest for each unit follows:

Unit	Hunters	Bulls	Cow/Calf	Success Rate
E1	61	12	17	48
E2	117	37	49	74
E3	48	32	3	73
E4	23	16	0	70

Pronghorn Hunters Successful in 2014

Hunter success during last fall's limited pronghorn hunting season was 89 percent, according to statistics provided by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

The first open season since 2009 was held only in unit 4-A, the far southwestern corner of the state.

Game and Fish issued 249 licenses, and 235 hunters took 210 pronghorn, consisting of 199 bucks, five does and six fawns.

Hunters who received a lottery or gratis pronghorn license could participate in an early bow-only portion of the season, and in a later part of the season when legal firearms were allowed. Ten percent of the harvest occurred during the early bow-only part of the season, and 90 percent occurred during the 16.5 days when hunters could use firearms.

Boats Need Current Registration

Boat owners purchasing watercraft from private individuals this winter are reminded to register it in their name with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

[Registering a used watercraft](#) purchased from an individual must include proof of transfer of ownership, such as a photocopy of the previous owner's registration card, a canceled check or a signed note from the previous owner stating transfer of ownership.

The prorated price to register motorboats under 16 feet in length, and all canoes, is \$12, motorboats from 16 feet to less than 20 feet in length, \$24, and motorboats at least 20 feet in length, \$30.

The current three-year boat registration cycle runs through Dec. 31, 2016.

In addition, boat owners who need to [renew their registration](#) can renew online at the Game and Fish website, gf.nd.gov, by clicking the online services link, and "watercraft registration and renewals" under the watercraft heading.

Also, anyone buying a new or used watercraft can register online and generate a 10-day temporary permit that is valid until the registration is processed

Regulations require the boat number to be in contrasting color to the hull in plain vertical block letters at least 3 inches in height, excluding any border, trim, outlining or shading, and must be maintained in a legible condition so the number is clearly visible in daylight hours. The number must read from left to right, and groups of numbers and letters must be separated by a space or hyphen equivalent in width to the letter "M."

In addition, a validation sticker issued by the Game and Fish Department must be displayed on the boat within 6 inches of the number toward the rear of the boat. No other numbers should be displayed in this area.