

NDG&F March 2nd Newsletter

Darkhouse Spearfishing Season Closes March 15

Anglers are reminded that North Dakota's darkhouse spearfishing season closes March 15.

Individuals who would still like to get out for the first time this year must register with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. Registration is available through the department's website, gf.nd.gov, or through any Game and Fish Department office.

March 15 is also the deadline for anglers to remove permanent fish houses from state waters.

Remove Permanent Fish Houses

Anglers have until mid-March to remove permanent fish houses from North Dakota waters, and from any state wildlife management area or federal refuge land.

State law requires permanent fish houses must be removed from North Dakota waters by midnight March 15. In addition, it is illegal to leave fish houses on any state-owned or managed land, and federal refuge land, after March 15.

Anglers are advised to use caution while accessing area lakes because mild weather conditions can quickly result in unstable ice conditions.

Fish houses may be used after March 15 if they are removed daily.

Spring Turkey Drawing Held, Licenses Remain

The 2015 spring wild turkey lottery has been held and hopeful hunters can check [individual results](#) by accessing the North Dakota Game and Fish Department website at gf.nd.gov.

A total of 700 licenses remain in nine units. The governor's proclamation allows a maximum of two licenses, and hunters who did not apply in the first drawing are also eligible.

Licenses remain in unit 06, Bowman County; unit 13, Dunn County; unit 19, Grant and Sioux counties and portions of Morton County; unit 25 McHenry County and portions of Pierce and Ward Counties; unit 31, Mountrail County; unit 45, Stark County; unit 47, Eddy, Foster, Kidder, Sheridan, Stutsman and Wells counties; unit 51, Burke County and portions of Renville, Bottineau and Ward counties; and unit 99, Mercer and Oliver counties.

Licenses are issued on a first-come, first-served basis beginning March 18. Applicants can [apply online](#), or print an application to mail at the Game and Fish website. In addition, applications can be requested by calling 701-328-6300. Only North Dakota residents are eligible to apply.

The spring turkey season opens April 11 and continues through May 17.