

NDG&F March 16th Newsletter

Moose and Elk Applications Due March 25

Applications for this fall's moose and elk hunting seasons must be in the mail and postmarked before midnight March 25.

To [apply online](#), or to [print out an application](#) to mail, access the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's website, gf.nd.gov. Applications are also available at Game and Fish offices, county auditors and license vendors.

Residents age 18 or older are reminded to prove residency on the application by submitting a valid North Dakota driver's license number or a North Dakota nondriver photo identification number.

Individuals mailing applications to the department are advised to mail early because some post offices use the following day's postmark for mail received after regular hours. The department's online application feature will be deactivated March 25 at midnight.

Hunters who have received a license through the lottery in the past are not eligible to apply for that species again.

2014 Deer Season Summarized

A total of 43,500 North Dakota deer hunters took approximately 26,300 deer during the 2014 deer gun hunting season.

The State Game and Fish Department made available 48,000 deer gun licenses in 2014, and all licenses were issued. Overall hunter success was 60 percent, with each hunter spending an average of 4.4 days in the field.

Hunter success for antlered white-tailed deer was 60 percent, and antlerless whitetail was 56 percent.

Mule deer buck success was 82 percent. No mule deer doe licenses were issued in 2014.

Hunters with any-antlered or any-antlerless licenses generally harvest white-tailed deer, as these licenses are predominantly in units with mostly whitetails. Buck hunters had a success rate of 65 percent, while doe hunters had a success rate of 63 percent.

A total of 932 muzzleloader licenses were issued in 2014, and 814 muzzleloader hunters harvested 356 white-tailed deer (171 antlered, 185 antlerless). Hunter success was 44 percent, with each hunter spending an average of 5.4 days in the field.

In addition, a record 23,450 archery licenses (21,500 resident, 1,950 nonresident) were issued in 2014. All total, 19,918 bow hunters harvested 6,046 deer (5,593 whitetails, 453 mule deer), for a success rate of 30 percent. Bucks accounted for 78 percent of the harvest. Archers spent an average of 10.7 days afield.

The department is in the process of determining recommendations for licenses in the 2015 deer proclamation. These recommendations will be discussed at the upcoming spring Game and Fish public advisory board meetings, scheduled for March 30-31 and April 6-7. The proclamation will be sent to the governor's office for approval in late April.

In addition to harvest rates and winter aerial surveys, the department monitors a number of other population indices to determine license numbers, depredation reports, hunter observations, input at

advisory board meetings, and comments from the public, landowners and department field staff.

Fargo Angler Sets Cisco Record

Jack Fletcher's catch on Feb. 28 broke a state record for cisco that was established nearly 15 years ago. The Fargo angler reeled in a 2-pound, 9-ounce cisco from Beaver Bay, Lake Oahe, breaking the old record by 1 ounce.

The previous record was held since 2000 by two family members from Pick City, Tylor and Scott Borup Jr., who each reeled in a 2-pound, 8-ounce cisco from the Garrison Dam Tailrace on the same day.

Advisory Board Meetings Announced

Outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend a North Dakota Game and Fish Department spring advisory board meeting in their area.

These public meetings, held each spring and fall, provide citizens with an opportunity to discuss fish and wildlife issues and ask questions of their district advisors and agency personnel.

The governor appoints eight Game and Fish Department advisors, each representing a multi-county section of the state, to serve as a liaison between the department and public.

Any person who requires an auxiliary aid or service must notify the contact person at least five days prior to the scheduled meeting date.

District 3 – Counties: Benson, Cavalier, Eddy, Ramsey, Rolette and Towner

Date: March 30 – 7 p.m.

Location: Chautauqua Room, Lake Region State College, Devils Lake

Host: Lake Region Pheasants Forever

Contact and advisory board member: Tom Rost, Devils Lake, 662-8620

District 8 – Counties: Adams, Billings, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley, Hettinger, Slope and Stark

Date: March 30 – 7 p.m.

Location: St. John Lutheran Church, Dickinson

Host: Boy Scout Troop 32

Contact: Richard Stradling, 483-0019

Advisory board member: Dwight Hecker, Fairfield, 575-4952

District 1 – Counties: Divide, McKenzie and Williams

Date: March 31 – 7 p.m.

Location: Broadway Commons, Williston

Host: Upper Missouri United Sportsmen

Contact: Wayne Aberle, 770-6902

Advisory board member: Jason Leiseth, Arnegard, 586-3714

District 6 – Counties: Barnes, Dickey, Foster, Griggs, Logan, LaMoure, McIntosh, Stutsman and Wells

Date: March 31 – 7 p.m.

Location: VFW Club, Valley City

Host: Barnes County Wildlife Federation
Contact: Perry Kapaun, 490-1797
Advisory board member: Joel Christoferson, Litchville, 973-4981

District 4 – Counties: Grand Forks, Nelson, Pembina and Walsh
Date: April 6 – 7 p.m.
Location: Memorial Union, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks
Host: UND Chapter of Wildlife Society
Contact: Marty Egeland, 739-6982
Advisory board member: Vacant

District 5 – Counties: Cass, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele and Trail
Date: April 6 – 7 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Casselton
Host: Cass County Wildlife Club
Contact: Doug Madsen, 238-3087
Advisory board member: Duane Hanson, West Fargo, 367-4249

District 2 – Counties: Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville and Ward
Date: April 7 – 7 p.m.
Location: Verendrye Electric Cooperative, Velva
Host: Velva Sportsmen's Club
Contact: Wade Howe, 626-1055
Advisory board member: Robert Gjellstad, Voltaire, 338-2281

District 7 – Counties: Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sheridan and Sioux
Date: April 7 – 7 p.m.
Location: Civic Auditorium, Garrison
Host: Garrison Chapter of Pheasants Forever
Contact: Pat Stockdill, 337-5462
Advisory board member: Dave Nehring, Bismarck, 214-3184

New Licenses Needed April 1

Spring light goose hunters, anglers and trappers are reminded that 2015-16 licenses are required starting April 1.

The 2015-16 small game, fishing and furbearer licenses are effective April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016. [Licenses can be purchased online](#) by accessing the online services link at the North Dakota Game and Fish Department website, gf.nd.gov.